



Cornerstone

FEBRUARY 2020

Our Congregational Council sets our Direction for 2020

The new year and the first meeting of the 2020 Christ Lutheran Church Council brought discussion and focus on the possibilities for moving Christ Lutheran forward in its mission. After months of reflection and discussion by the Vision Team and Church Council, over 20 different needs and possible missions were presented before the council to see where they believed our priorities were and what would be most helpful for our congregation to grow.

There was a feeling of unity and conviction about going forward now. The council members were asked to list what they believe were the top five needs and missions. They were as follows; 1. Renew our congregation by having a new bible study for all our people, that would function for a short time of 3-4 months and meet 3-4 times in host homes and/or at church. The

Bible study would be engaging and would give us a foundation for who we truly are as God's people and our mission.

2. Create opportunities for our younger adults (20-40) to get together for fellowship, and mission, and for making an impact on their families.

3. To support the Mission Outreach team in local ministries that would help us to get to know the neighbors in our community and for them to get to know us. For example; a monthly community supper and fellowship event, driving people for groceries or appointments, supporting and helping young parents.

4. To keep our Vision Team active and help engage the congregation to be involved in growing kingdom DNA in all we do as a congregation. Training us to be friends with our neighbors

and natural evangelists.

5. To empower our youth and their parents in VBS, Mission Trip to Puerto Rico, and the weekly and monthly youth and children events.

There were of course other needs that were close to these top five such as; calling of new staff 1. to support music in worship with a new keyboard person as Joan retires and 2. to support parents and children with a possible intern pastor or associate pastor, as Molly seeks a full-time job in counseling after her graduation in May. There are also the interests to support the new Haven Home in its services to seniors and to supporting faith and ministry at the new Haven Home.

One of the priorities is to grow our actual relationships and membership, while not letting

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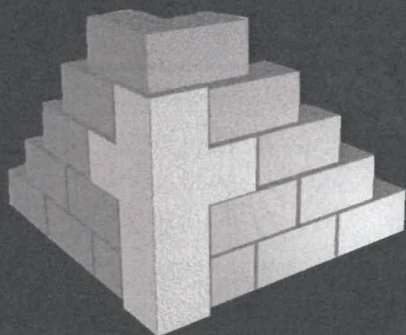
the building needs become the main focus. The main thing is to keep the main thing the main thing. While there are some thoughts and plans going into updating our church entry and bathrooms and a new street sign to share our congregation with people, we really believe God is leading us to be free to be involved with people first. What is amazing is that there are many opportunities for all of us to find new energy and love by serving in a new way. All our teams and committees need new

people and they invite you to join! The Prayer Team, the Vision Team, Mission and Outreach, the Building Committee, Youth Committee, Worship and Music, Memorial Committee and more invite you! Please pray about God working his good will in us and guiding us as a congregation. God is faithful and leads us. Not by our power or by our might but by his Spirit. Pray for our council, staff, and congregation that we might enter into all the good plans God has for us.

the Cornerstone

Our vision is that we would be so connected with Christ our Cornerstone that others would want to know the secret of our lives. For often we are taught we have to make our way in the world, that the world is against us. But God is for us and calls us into life in Him. We have a rock and

Psalms 62 says it best, "My soul finds rest in God alone; my salvation comes from him. He alone is my rock and my salvation; he is my fortress, I will never be shaken." We have to remind ourselves daily that God is for us, that God opens the paths of life to us.



A Message from our Council President

Happy New Years!

Hope everyone had a blessed Christmas celebrating the birth of our sweet Jesus. Thank you to all who made Christmas a special time; those who helped decorate the church, provided special music, to our children and their leaders who provided a heartwarming Christmas program, our organists, our choir and choir director, sound board operator, clickers, CLW for serving the traditional Lutefisk dinner, the list goes on and on.

As we look forward to the New Year, we are eagerly anticipating worshipping together and reaching out to our community to bring Christ's love and forgiveness to them. Vision Team will continue to inspire us and to bring Kingdom DNA into our church life, Mission and Outreach is making plans to host fellowship time for the extended community, expanding our bible studies so more are able to participate, painting/remodeling the church, Love Out Loud Concert, trip to Puerto Rico in July (how exciting!) and plans to develop a Young Adult Fellowship group; just a few year-long plans for 2020. The council members are always available to all, please feel free to discuss ideas you may have to enhance our worship and our community outreach.

Please keep our church, church leaders, our nation and its' leaders, and our church members in your prayers. Prayer is the most important thing any of us can do – prayer develops a relationship with our Father – He is on our side!

In Christ's Love,

Nancy
Council President

Serving Team Blue - February Schedule

Readers

Feb 2 Dale Anderson
Feb 9 Dale Anderson
Feb 16 Nancy Wood
Feb 23 Paula Weis

Leader: Nancy Wood

Ushers

Feb 6 Rich & Linda Mickschl
Feb 9 _____
Feb 16 Larry & Nancy Wood
Feb 23 _____

Leader: Rich Mickschl

Greeters

Feb 2 Tony & Erin Pollock
Feb 9 Gene & Mary Couser
Feb 16 Sue Pedersen
Feb 23 Jean Flatten

Leader: Nancy Wood

Altar Care

Feb 6 Shari Rennebohm
Feb 9 Shari Rennebohm
Feb 16 Shari Rennebohm
Feb 23 Shari Rennebohm

Leader: Shari Rennebohm

Coffee Servers

Feb 2 Wade & Vicki Burlet
Feb 9 _____
Feb 16 Mona Hawkinson
Feb 23 _____

Leader: Rich Mickschl

Clicker

Feb 6 Dale Anderson
Feb 9 Dale Anderson
Feb 16 _____
Feb 23 Paula Weis

Leader: Mark Mundahl

Serving Teams - We encourage every member to serve our congregation by being on a serving team.

ORANGE - serving in October, January, April, and July

YELLOW - serving in September, December, March, and June

BLUE - serving in November, February, May, and August

Sign ups are at the Christ Corner Bulletin Board by the Fireside Room.

The Sign up sheets for March are ready.

FEBRUARY

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Inspiration Point Christian Camp

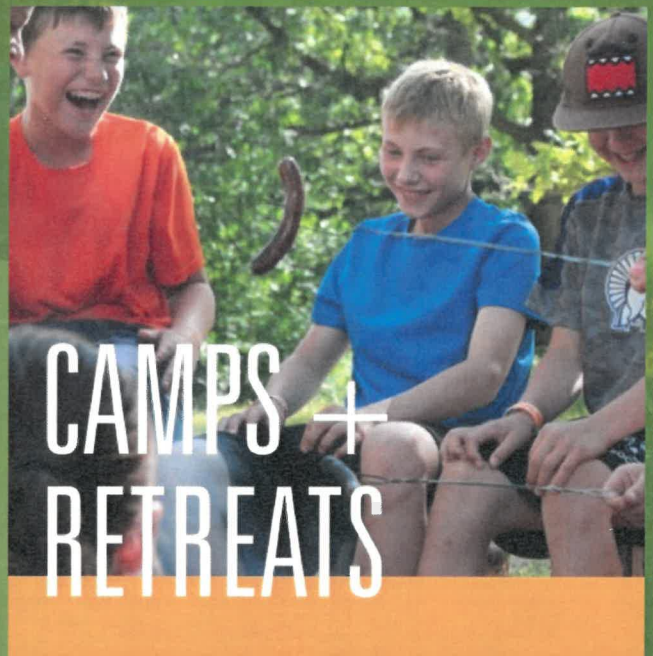
Dear Friends of Christ Lutheran,

For the past decade our church has been blessed to have a partnership with Inspiration Point Christian Camp and Retreat Center located in Clitherall, MN near Fergus Falls. It is set in a beautiful landscape of Minnesota and has as its mission "to provide time and space for people to encounter Christ."

I Point offers Family Camps (infants welcome), Men's and Women's retreats, Marriage weekend, and a variety of camps for youth and let us not forget the amazing Vacation Bible School they help to facilitate at Christ Lutheran each summer! God changes lives through I Point's mission of faith!

I can assure you with complete confidence that God is at work at camp. We know that when the gospel is preached God will bear fruit! Camp has outgrown itself!!! After 57 years of growth they had to turn away campers because of space limitations. So as God does, through faith, he provided a new property for camp to grow into. God has chosen the way and timing by which camp has had to "relocate". Greg Anderson will be sharing camp's quest with us Sunday March 8th. This is a very exciting time to watch God's plans unfold. I pray that as a congregation we can come alongside them and serve God in their growing ministry. For without faith it is impossible to please God!

Shelly Anderson



<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
Feb 7-9	Winter Family Camp
Feb 14-16	Sr. High Winter Weekend
Feb 21-23	Sr. High Winter Weekend
Feb 28 - Mar 1	Marriage Weekend
Mar 6-8	Confirmation Retreat
Mar 13-15	Confirmation Retreat
Mar 27-29	Quilt, Scrap & Stamp
Apr 3-5	Quilt, Scrap & Stamp
Apr 17-19	Women's Retreat
Apr 29 - May 2,	Hands 2 Help

Charis Women's Bible

February 6, Charis begins a 12-week study of Ecclesiastes by Mark Copeland. We begin at 9:00am with coffee and treats, followed by prayer and the study, ending at 11:15. All women are welcome! Bible experience not necessary; we learn together! Study materials will be provided at no cost!! Through Solomon's personal experience, observations, and counsel, his treatise in Ecclesiastes help point us to our purpose in life. Solomon wants us to learn from his mistakes. Joan Murphy will be leading this the study.

Mission *of the* Month



When you tithe to Christ Lutheran Church you are supporting not only CLC but also Sharing & Caring Hands. This wonderful ministry was "established to be a bridge from the caring, concerned community to the people in need of their help."

Sharing & Caring Hands provide the following:

- 3,300 beds
- Transitional shelter
- 240,000 meals each year
- Bathing facility
- Free dental clinic
- Clothing
- Food
- Eye exams and glasses
- Emergency needs such as health expenses, food, clothing, shoes, travel expenses, job related costs and much more.

91% of all money donated goes to the needs of the poor; 9% goes to management and fundraising.

YOUTH UPDATE

Hi there, friends!

February is here! January has been busy month for the kids, and many of our older kids just wrapped up finals week and are beginning a new quarter. Please pray for them as they begin new classes and as Libby, Elliot, Kylie, and Noah prepare to graduate high school in May. Also, please keep our college students in your prayers as they enter into their Spring semester. If you would like any of their addresses, please reach out to me.

The youth will be going to Puerto Rico this summer for the annual mission trip! There are 13 of us going on this trip: Greg Rietow, Becky Rietow, Sam Rietow, Elliot Anderson, Nolan Anderson, Leyton Udstrand, T.J. Carlson, Taylor Michael, Sharon Michael, Hannah Ricke, Sydney Stansberry, and Molly Sartor. Please be praying for those who have committed to serving on this trip, as well as those we will be serving. A few weeks ago there was an earthquake that struck Puerto Rico, leaving a lot of damage. YouthWorks support staff are working alongside Puerto Rico as you read this to ensure our safety and see how we can be of help while we are down there. Mission trips would not be possible without your support. We thank you!

On February 2nd the youth will be selling baked goods after the church service. Bring your loose change and your sweet tooth. We thank you for always supporting and believing in the youth of CLC. On February 29th at 6 p.m. the youth will be heading to the Roller Gardens in St. Louis Park to roller-blade/roller skate at Christian music night. Join us if you are interested! We look forward to all that February has in store.

Blessings on your month,

Molly

Verse of the Month:

Jesus is all about calling us!

On hearing this, Jesus said, "It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. But go and learn what this means: 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners." - Matthew 9:12