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Worship Schedule

9:30am Sunday Worship

5:00pm Saturday Worship

We are:

The People of Christ Church - Ministers in the World

Our Staff:

Rev. Deborah Taylor—Pastor

Patterson Derr - Minister of Music/Treasurer

Cynthia Derr-Church Secretary/Cong. Council Secretary

Margie Yost - Sexton

Congregation Council – Helen Badamo, Joyce Bradbury, Donna Broadt, Tom DeRemer (vice-president), Jean Frye, Dave Getz, Deb Jones, Marty Kellow, Jessica Thorne, Ken Welsh (president), Mike Ziegler

MISSION STATEMENT

Christ Lutheran Church is a redeemed family of God's people empowered by the Holy Spirit to proclaim the love of God in Jesus Christ in this community and in the world.

As an active and growing congregation, we share ourselves, our time, and our possessions to serve the Lord by serving others.

Inspired in worship, nurtured through teaching, supported with fellowship, and strengthened by prayer, we reach out to others with the Gospel, now in and in future generations.

Greetings!

Genesis 1:27 & 31 tell us “ So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. 31 God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good....” (Gen 1:27,31, NRSV)

We are all created in God’s image, and loved entirely by God. And not only all of us, but all of creation, even those bugs with a million legs, are created by God, and called very good by God.

As we grow in Christ throughout our lives, we may find that we increasingly place more value on kindness, forgiveness, connection, and relationship. We may find ourselves growing in gratitude, forgiveness, and acceptance of others, and of our circumstances whatever they are.

Because we’re human, we also sometimes make mistakes, bad decisions, and even choose wrong on purpose.

Since we all have weaknesses, and fall short, why is it so easy for us to point a finger at another person’s issues, or mistakes, or the differences between us? Doesn’t it make more sense for us to look at all that we have in common, all that we share, and those things that connect us as family and community?

In Romans 14:19 Paul writes, *“Let us therefore make every effort to do what leads to peace and to mutual edification.” (Romans 14:19, NRSV)*

We can know who we are, and what we believe, and still love and respect others who don’t share some, or most, or any, of our beliefs. We can seek to accept one another in mutual understanding, which allows us to be different and yet, form relationships and be able to care for one another and work together.

In many areas of life, we may find ourselves on opposite sides of any number of issues with even friends and family members. There’s a lot of division and finger pointing in the world right now, with a lot of us counting up the ways we are different. That makes now an important time to ask ourselves what really matters. Is it our differences around one or a couple of things?

Instead of counting our differences, can we make a list of all the things we have in common, all that we share?

Can we start with the fact that we are all made in God's image?
God created diversity in humankind and in all of creation. We have different world views and perspectives, and that is good – it keeps balance.
As followers of Jesus the incarnate God who loves, heals, and saves, let us be encouraged to love and practice inclusion. Let us be unified and reconciled with one another rather than divided. Let us be who we are with confidence and grace while allowing others to do the same. Today, let us be for one another in the name of Christ.

Your Sibling in Christ,
Pastor Deb

LAY EUCHARISTIC VISITOR TRAINING

This event will take place here at our church for a one-day session on **Saturday October 23rd from 9:30am-4:00pm**. The cost is \$30, which the church will cover for you if you wish to attend. Lutheran Congregational Services' training ministry engages learners in the Biblical and theological background of the Sacrament of Holy Communion and teaches potential Eucharistic Visitors about visitation and administration of the sacrament. *Registration is required. Contact Julia Menzo, jmenzo@libertylutheran.org.* Please register as soon as possible.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL HELP NEEDED!!!!!!

We still need substitute teachers and helpers. Enough helpers will allow us to 'team teach' in each section, so Sundays can be split according to your schedule. All material is provided, and we have a room full of craft items if you wish to do a special project. Please contact Cindy or Pastor Deb if you are willing to serve.

NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER

Please note the deadline for all articles, information, etc. for the November newsletter is **October 17th!!**

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STEPHEN MINISTRY NEWS

Congratulations to Diana Jessel, Marty Kellow, and Anita Urso for being selected as our first class of Stephen Ministers. Following the training which begins in October, these women will be commissioned as Stephen Ministers to carry out ministries of caring within our congregation with people experiencing hospitalization, grief, divorce, job loss, and many other life crises.

One of the most powerful ways of affirming our Stephen Ministers is to pray for them. Whether you are thanking God for the gift of that person's presence and friendship or asking God to care for and watch over them, we ask for your prayers as they undertake this new training.

There is a cost to training our Stephen Ministers and running our Stephen Ministry. If you would like to donate to help defray these costs, you can place any donations in the offering plate and mark it for Stephen Ministry. For more information, contact Deb Jones at msjonesnce@gmail.com or 570-233-7675 or Pastor Deb.

WORSHIP HELPERS – OCTOBER 2021 - SATURDAY – 5PM

October 2

Reader	Ashley Marsicano
Acolyte	Ashley Marsicano
Greeters/Ushers	Ian & Dylan Chegwidden

October 9

Reader	Christine Chegwidden
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Acolyte Ian Chegwidden
Greeters/Ushers Ian & Eli Chegwidden

October 16

Reader Tom Chegwidden
Acolyte Dylan Chegwidden
Greeters/Ushers Julie Varner & Dylan Chegwidden

October 23

Reader Deb Jones
Acolyte Dennis Mallams
Greeters/Ushers Deb Jones & Dennis Mallams

October 30

Reader Millie Beach
Acolyte Scott Steiner
Greeters/Ushers Lori & Scott Steiner

WORSHIP HELPERS – OCTOBER 2021 – 8AM & 10:30AM

October 3

8:00am

Asst Minister Cindy Derr
Acolyte Maizie Kurtz
Reader Margie Yost
Greeters/Ushers Elizabeth Lloyd & Megan Makara

10:30am

Asst. Minister Marty Kellow
Acolyte Chayce Yazeinsky
Reader Fred Jaxheimer
Greeters/Ushers Ken & Shirley Ikeda

October 10

8:00am

Asst Minister Jean Frye
Acolyte
Reader Donna Broadt
Greeters/Ushers Adrienne Mangler & Hadley Brutosky

10:30am

Asst. Minister Cindy Derr

Acolyte
Reader
Greeters/Ushers

Julia Bobrowski
Shirley Ikeda
Barbara Hunsinger & Doiane Kulengosky

October 17

8:00am

Asst. Minister

Ashley Marsicano

Acolyte

Reader

Barry Simmons

Greeters/Ushers

Jude Salko & Jeff Smith

10:30am

Asst. Minister

Cindy Thorne

Acolyte

Frankie Martinelli

Reader

Cindy Thorne

Greeters/Ushers

Fred & Marian Jaxheimer

October 24

8:00am

Asst. Minister

Cindy Derr

Acolyte

Reader

Jim Schneider

Greeters/Ushers

Margie Yost & Sue Oliver

10:30m

Asst. Minister

Tom Toth

Acolyte

Addison Bobrowski

Reader

Bonnie Floryshak

Greeters/Ushers

Danielle & Jack Mariano

October 31

8:00am

Asst. Minister

Ashley Marsicano

Acolyte

Erica Salko

Reader

Mary Topolski

Greeters/Ushers

Edna Kisenwether & Sandy Marchetti

10:30am

Asst. Minister

Fred Jaxheimer

Acolyte

Chayce Yazwinskiy

Reader

Diana Jessel

Greeters/Ushers

Frank & Frankie Martinelli

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

10/1 Harry Mallams
10/3 Matthew Fickner
Arielle Stine
10/4 Dorothy Heckrote
10/6 Brady Antolick
Jeff Schmidt
10/7 Mary Precora
10/9 Olivia Hall
Sophia Moran
10/10 Piper Brutosky
Jonathan Sachs
10/11 Eileen Buchinsky
Ryan Hyduke
10/12 Tony Formica
Dolores Yost
10/13 Marilyn Filozof
Cathy Kisenwether
10/14 Brett Antolick
Beth Brown
10/18 Rusty Beishline
10/20 Valerie Bein
10/21 Maura Dryfoos
10/22 Linda Geibfried
Zack Stefanick
10/23 Lorelai Derr
10/24 Madelyn Dryfoos
10/25 Natalie Esposito
Caitlyn Moran
10/26 Mary Topolski
10/29 Marcella Burger

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

10/1 Fred & Marian Jaxheimer
Jay & Claudine Kurtz
10/2 Scott & Sheri Boyle
Jim & Ginger Rodechko
10/3 Eldon & Nancy Diatterick
10/4 Nancy Sandutch & Gus
Marini
10/10 Don & Diane Stefanick
10/16 Jarrod & Dawn Smith
10/17 Gordon & Grace Boyer
10/19 Ron & Tammy Heller
10/21 Jeff & Trina Marencin
10/25 Donna & Emmett Nestor

Address Changes

Has your address changed or will it be changing? If so please take a moment to fill out this form and return it to the church. You may mail it, put it in the collection plate or place it in the secretary's mailbox outside the office door.

Thank you for helping keep our mailing list up to date.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____

Zip Code: _____ Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Birthday/Anniversary Date Information

Name _____

Birth _____ / _____ / _____

Wedding Anniversary Date _____ / _____ / _____

Please help us keep our birthday and anniversary dates up to date. If you do not see your special date noted on the birthday/anniversary page, please use this form to let us know. Return the form to the office or drop it in the collection plate. We want to be sure to include everyone's birthday and/or anniversary in the newsletter and we apologize if yours may have been missed.