

# **CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH**

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### Worship Schedule

8:00am & 10:30am Sunday Worship/Sunday School 9:15am

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, Julia Bobrowski, 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, out 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.

As we move past the seasons of Christmas and Epiphany in the church year, we get to the stories of Jesus life and ministry with his first disciples. In the upcoming months in church, we'll be hearing stories about Jesus and the people, about all of the ways that the earliest followers of Christ grew in faith, learned from Jesus, shared God's love with others, and ministered to the community.

This is a gift and blessing shared by disciples throughout time, that we get to work in community, as Christ's body in the world, sharing His gospel of love with all we meet. Howard Thurman wrote a poem called the Work of Christmas, which I enjoy sharing, because it reflects on our calling to share the path of love and service as Christ's disciples:

When the song of the angels is stilled,  
When the star in the sky is gone,  
When the kings and princes are home,  
When the shepherds are back with their flock,  
The work of Christmas begins:

To find the lost,  
To heal the broken,  
To feed the hungry,  
To release the prisoner,  
To rebuild the nations,  
To bring peace among brothers,  
To make music in the heart.  
(Thurman, The Work of Christmas)

I am grateful to have shared these past couple of years on the disciples' path, with all of you. It has been a joy and a blessing, that will always be music in my heart, to share Christ's love and do God's good work together with you.

The Lord bless you and keep you;  
the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be  
gracious to you;  
the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you  
peace. (Numbers 6:24-26, NRSVUE)

Your Sibling in Christ,  
Pastor Deb

### **GODSPEED AND FAREWELL**

Pastor Deb's final worship service will be **Sunday February 12<sup>th</sup>**. **There will be one service that weekend at 10:30am. (Sunday school will be at 9:15am).** During that service there will be the *Order for Godspeed and Farewell*. Following the service, a time of fellowship will be held.

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### **CONGREGATION MEETING**

A Congregational Meeting will be held **Sunday February 26<sup>th</sup> following the 10:00am service (one service that day). Sunday School will meet at 9AM (note earlier time).** This meeting will have reports from all the Committees for 2022 and a final treasurer's report of the year. *Please plan to attend this meeting!*

PARSONAGE – The use of the unoccupied parsonage will be discussed at the February Congregational Meeting. Now that Pastor Deb has resigned the council has decided to put any major decisions on hold. It is possible that our next pastor may want to live in the parsonage or perhaps live there for just a few months while looking for a permanent location. For the immediate future we could use it for small group meetings i.e. Bible Study, Willing Workers, Council, etc. If you have other thoughts on this matter please let council know.

**NOTE: All reports from committees must be in the church office by Sunday February 12<sup>th</sup> to be included in the report.**



## AN INVITATION

The congregation is invited to a **Community Leaders Forum** where we hope to have a panel of community leaders speak to the following questions:

- \* From your perspective, what are the primary needs of this community?
- \* How might a church like ours make a positive difference?

**Date is Wednesday February 15<sup>th</sup> at 7pm (snow date Tuesday February 21<sup>st</sup> at 7pm)**

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### Give It Up for Lent!

**Everyone is invited to Wednesday evening Lenten gatherings in Roth Hall beginning on March 1. The evening starts at 6:00 PM with a 'covered dish' or 'potluck' dinner followed by time for discovery, discussion, and brief closing worship ending by 7:30 PM.**

Some of the topics we'll explore are what it means to give something up for Lent; how our experiences affect our understandings of Lenten sacrifices; how a Lenten discipline might overflow into a life changing habit; who benefits from our discipline(s); and whether we really need to stick to them when they do not necessarily have to be followed.

We will root our gatherings in remembrance of uncomfortable events in Jesus' life which led to his ultimate sacrifice for our sins and our salvation.

A commitment to a Lenten discipline is not a prerequisite for attendance! Come and 'Give It Up for Lent'!

## WILLING WORKERS INDOOR YARD SALE

This event will take place **Saturday March 25<sup>th</sup> from 9am-2pm**. Here is how it works: Congregation members may purchase a table for \$10. You **MUST STAY** at your table and sell your items. The proceeds are yours to keep. Unsold items may be donated to the Apple Fest Flea Market in October (except clothing, books and electronics that you had at your table).

Food will be available for sale and a bake sale will be held. Donations of baked goods are appreciated.

Several vendors will have displays (TBA).

For more information or to reserve a table call Sue Oliver at 570-788-4292 or the church office at 570-788-1572 as soon as possible as space is limited. *Set-up will be Friday March 24<sup>th</sup> from 10am-2pm and 4pm-7pm*

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## RED CROSS BLOODMOBILE

The Red Cross Blood Mobile will be held here at Christ Church (in the building) on **Tuesday March 21<sup>st</sup> (NEW DATE) from 1pm-6pm**. Please mark this date on your calendar and donate blood as supplies are very low in the winter. Call 1-800-REDCROSS or visit [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org) to make an appointment.

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## **DAFFODIL SALE**

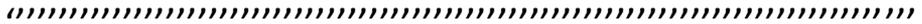
The American Cancer Society will be holding a daffodil sale. More details will be coming, but the usual date is mid-March. Watch the bulletins and newsletter for dates and prices. Contact is Margie Yost at 570-788-1690 to order.

## Stephen Ministry

Training for our new class of Stephen Ministers began in January. Please keep Betty Anne Bernstein, Helen Badamo, Maura Dryfoos, and Russ Nyblade in your prayers as they nurture their gifts and expand their knowledge in learning about becoming a Stephen Minister.

A key part of Stephen Minister training is learning how to rely on God for results and not ourselves. They are learning how to use a process approach in how to care for their care receivers. That means that rather than trying to bring about specific results, they are learning how to use their caring skills with their care receiver—listening, helping process feelings, remaining assertive, and so on—while trusting God for the results.

We ask the congregation to continue to pray and lift up our Stephen Ministry. For more information or questions please contact Deb Jones at 570-233-7675 or through email at [msjonesncc@gmail.com](mailto:msjonesncc@gmail.com)



### EMMAUS ROAD DRIVERS NEEDED!

We are in dire need of drivers to take our travelers to grocery stores, the Valley Food Pantry, and to routine medical appointments.

Some of our most dedicated drivers are unavailable due to having surgery, physical rehab or other acute health issues or needing some time off the roster to be family caregivers.

We need a larger pool of drivers to meet the needs of those we help and also so as not to overload our ministry team.

This valuable outreach ministry which brings the Gospel to life out in the community could possibly collapse if we do not increase driver availability. Please consider if the Spirit is calling you to work with us to help provide access to food and medical services for those who have no or very limited access to transportation.

To find out more or request an application, call or email Brother Fred at 570 956-5991 or [f3jaxheimer@gmail.com](mailto:f3jaxheimer@gmail.com)

## **WORSHIP HELPERS – FEBRUARY 2023**

### **Saturday – 5pm**

*February 4– no service*

*February 11 – no service*

#### ***February 18***

Reader	Deb Jones
Acolyte	Dennis Mallams
Comm. Asst..	Deb Jones
Ushers	Deb Jones & Dennis Mallams

#### ***February 25***

Reader	Chris Kuba
Acolyte	Scott Steiner
Comm. Asst.	Lori Steiner
Ushers	Lori & Scott Steiner

### **Sunday – 8am & 10:30am**

#### ***February 5***

*8:00am*

Asst. Minister	Ashley Marsicano
Reader	Ashley Marsicano
Comm. Asst.	Ashley Marsicano
Ushers	Edna Kisenwether & Ashley Marsicano

*10:30am*

Acolyte	Hadley Brutosky
Asst Minister	Fred Jaxheimer
Reader	Dawn Smith
Comm. Asst.	Noney Yazwinsky
Ushers	Mary Lou Keck & Carol Crawford

**February 12***10:30am - one service*

Acolyte	Addison Bobrowski
Asst Minister	Marty Kellow
Reader	Cindy Thorne
Comm. Asst.	Betty Anne Bernstein
Ushers	Craig Dillman & Rick Walck

**February 19***8:00am*

Asst. Minister	Nancy Centrella
Reader	Margie Yost
Comm. Asst.	Dave Getz
Ushers	Rusty & Linda Beishline

*10:30am*

Acolyte	Julia Bobrowski
Asst Minister	Cindy Thorne
Reader	Carol Crawford
Comm. Asst.	Fred Jaxheimer
Ushers	Fred & Marian Jaxheimer

**February 22 – Ash Wednesday – 7:00pm**

Asst. Minister	Tom Toth
Acolyte	Brynn Lenko
Reader	Jo Cvammen
Comm. Asst.	Shirley Ikeda
Ushers	Ken & Mabel Welsh

**February 26***10:00am – one service*

Acolyte	Eden James
Asst Minister	Cindy Derr
Reader	Donna Broadt
Comm. Asst.	Tom Toth
Ushers	Maria Smith & Anita Urso

## **FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS**

- 2/1 Michael Heeman, Jr.  
Jennifer Welch
- 2/2 Steven Boyer  
Kathryn Hunsinger
- 2/4 Susan Licurgo
- 2/5 Bette Berger  
Christopher Heeman
- 2/6 Mary Catherine Wolfe
- 2/7 Jan Dillman
- 2/8 Bob Belusko  
Elizabeth Davis
- 2/9 Erica Boyle  
Reed Floryshak  
Owen Pollock
- 2/10 Victoria Bernstein  
Catherine Sachs
- 2/11 Daneen Pazdon
- 2/13 Kyra Antolick
- 2/16 Misty Keck
- 2/17 Jordan Pick  
Scott Stefanick  
Tom Toth
- 2/18 Miranda Matz  
Dawn Smith
- 2/20 Beth Henderson  
Lucinda Jordan  
Rowan St. Clair
- 2/21 Donna Broadt
- 2/23 Jim Rodechko
- 2/25 Grace Skalla
- 2/28 Ron Burger  
Levi Kurtz
- 2/29 Ryan Hare

## **FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES**

- 2/4 Patt & Cindy Derr
- 2/9 Blake & Beth Brown

Dear Pastor Herb and friends  
from Christ Lutheran Church,  
we wish to thank you for the  
many wonderful gifts that  
we received in a lovely  
Christmas bag and delivered  
by Pastor Herb. We are  
grateful for the blessings  
received through prayers  
and communion during her  
visits. Peline and Guerge  
Friedrich

Dear Friends at  
Christ Lutheran,

Thank you for  
the Christmas  
gifts. They were  
appreciated —  
by both of us.

Love,

Bob & Pat Noon

I am so grateful too  
to be remembered by my friends  
at Christ Lutheran Church for  
Xmas.

The Xmas bag had so many  
precious things inside. I  
found in the bag a small  
block of wood, painted blue  
with the Nativity scene.

I'm sure it was put in  
the bag to tell me it is Jesus  
and baby Jesus is born to  
save us all. Pray for peace.

Many thanks  
God Bless you all  
Happy Healthy 2023

D. Kloss

Pastor Tom Cvammen sends his  
thanks for the  
Christmas gift bag from the church.

To everyone at  
Christ Lutheran  
Church

for remembering  
me on Christmas  
with a bag of  
gifts and remember  
me in your weekly  
prayers.

Sincerely,

Wilma Stein

To my CLC Family:

This is not the first time you have helped,  
supported and sent prayers in my time of need.

It means so much to me to know people truly care  
God Bless you all      Sincerely, Margie Yost

## ***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.