## **CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH**

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Worship Schedule

10:30am Sunday Worship/Sunday School 9:15am

(9:30am Sunday Worship June-Labor Day-No Sunday school)

5:00pm Saturday Worship

We are:

The People of Christ Church - Ministers in the World

Our Staff:

Patterson Derr - Minister of Music/Treasurer

Cynthia Derr-Church Secretary/Cong. Council Secretary

Margie Yost - Sexton

Rev. Wayne Lupole—Designated Pastor

Congregation Council – Betty Anne Bernstein, Julia Bobrowski, Joyce Bradbury, Beth Brown, Barbara DeLong, Jean Frye, Deb Jones, Marty Kellow (president), Dave Kisenwether, Tyler Russell, Scott Steiner, Jessica Thorne(vice-president)

#### 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 and in future generations.

#### **CONGREGATION MEETING**

A Congregational Meeting will be held **Sunday February 25<sup>th</sup> following the 10:30am service.** This meeting will have reports from all the Committees for 2023 and a final treasurer's report of the year. <u>Please plan to attend this meeting!</u>

PARSONAGE – The use of the unoccupied parsonage will be discussed at **NOTE: All reports from committees must be in the church office by Sunday February 4<sup>th</sup> to be included in the report.** 

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#### **CHOIR REHEARSALS**

Choir rehearsals are **Thursdays at 1pm** to prepare for the Lent and Easter worship services. Join us each week or talk with Patt about singing with the choir. 570-956-2068. Come and sing praises to the Lord!!

#### THE ANNUAL PORK AND SAUERKRAUT DINNER

will be held **Saturday February 3<sup>rd</sup> from 3:00pm-7:00pm. The dinner will be served both in-house and take-out.** Tickets are \$12.00 for adults and \$4.00 for children 12 and younger. You may call Mary Lou Keck at 453-5969 or the church office at 788-1572 weekdays between 9am-Noon to make reservations. Sales at the door are limited as to prior sales. You may purchase tickets at the church office.

#### **THANKS!**

Thank you to everyone who helped make our Epiphany celebration a success. We shared the good news that Jesus is the Light of the World, even though the wintry weather didn't exactly cooperate! A heart-felt "thank you" to anyone who participated in any way. Over 40 nativities, all differently unique, were displayed in our Sanctuary and Roth Hall. Thanks!

#### **LET'S MAKE SOME NOISE IN CHURCH!**

What, make noise in church? Yes, exactly! **On Super Bowl Sunday, February 11<sup>th</sup>**, we will have our own *'Super Bowl of Caring and Sharing'* as we have a special "noisy" offering designated to help end hunger through the ELCA's Hunger Appeal.

Bring your loose change to church that day to see just how much noise we can make as we toss our coins into the soup pots. Remember....the noisier our offerings, the less hunger there will be!

#### **CASTING OUR NETS MINISTRY**

The next gathering of the Casting Our Nets ministry group will be on **Sunday February 11**<sup>th</sup> after the 10:30am worship service.

This ministry continues to grow in many ways. Gatherings are held the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of each month right after the 10:30am service and last about 1 hour. Come and see what "Casting Out Nets" is all about! All are welcome!

#### WILLING WORKERS

The Willing Workers will meet on **Tuesday, February 13 at 1:00pm**. We will be discussing and planning for events in the upcoming year, including getting ready for our Spring Fling on March 23 from 9:00 to 2:00. Yearly membership dues of \$5.00 will be collected. All women of the church are invited to attend. For more information, contact Deb Jones at 570-233-7675 or msjonesncc@gmail.com

## 2024 FLOWERS AND BULLETIN SPONSOR DATES ARE AVAILABLE

Look for the sign-up charts on the bulletin board in the parlor to choose your dates to sponsor. Special flower pieces need to be ordered through the office (i.e. altar piece).

#### **MARCH NEWSLETTR**



#### **SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS NEEDED**

Dates are open for volunteers to teach Sunday School in 2024. Open dates are: March 17, April 14, 21 & 28 and May 12, 19, & 26 for the Pre-K-4<sup>th</sup> grade class and February 11 & 18, March 10 & 17 and May 12 for the 5<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> grade class. Please consider helping by picking one of the dates. All material is provided. See the sign-up sheet on the table in the parlor.

# ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP - February 14<sup>th</sup> at 7pm

### WEDNESDAY NIGHT LENTEN GATHERINGS

Everyone is invited to Wednesday evening Lenten gatherings in Roth Hall beginning on February 21<sup>st</sup>. 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.

#### **STEPHEN MINISTRY**

Would you like to become involved in Stephen Ministry? This one-to-one lay caregiving ministry is named for Stephen, one of the first seven laypeople called by the church to assist the apostles in caring for others. (You can read Stephen's story in Acts 6 and 7.) Stephen Ministry is truly ministry—that is, service to others, caring for others in Jesus' name, doing the work that God has both called and gifted his children to do. Do you feel a calling to care for others who are hurting? Do you desire the personal joy that comes from sharing Christ's love with people? If you're interested, contact Deb Jones or any of our Stephen Ministers for more information.

#### WILLING WORKERS INDOOR YARD SALE

This event will take place on **Saturday March 23<sup>rd</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. *Setup will be Friday March* 22<sup>nd</sup> from 10am-2pm and 4pm-7pm

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#### **BIBLE STUDIES**

Wednesday night Bible Study is each week at 7pm. As long as the roads are clear, we will have class. Currently, we are wrapping up Exodus and will be starting Leviticus shortly.

Wednesday morning Bible Study meets the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays of the month at 11am. We use the "Wired Word" current affairs material and discuss how it relates to the Bible and our lives.



#### **FAMILY FUN & GAME NIGHT**

The next game night will be **Sunday March 10<sup>th</sup> at 5pm**. Bring your favorite game and a snack to share. Everyone is invited.

#### **NEW E-MAIL**

Pastor Richard Hinkle has a new e-mail address to share: rlhinkle@breezeline.net

#### RED CROSS BLOODMOBILE

The Red Cross Blood Mobile will be held here at Christ Church (in the building) on **Tuesday March 19<sup>th</sup> 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 to make an appointment.

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#### **VALLEY FOOD PANTRY NEEDS**

The pantry is in need of *powdered drinks mixes*, *jelly and coffee*. Please place your donation sin the grocery card in the vestibule.

#### WORSHIP HELPERS – FEBRUARY 2024

#### Saturday – 5pm

#### February 3- no service

February 10

Reader Karen Kuba Acolyte Tom Boock

Ushers Jay & Lisa Budgeon

Comm. Asst. Tom Boock

February 17

Reader Ashley Marsicano Acolyte Ashley Marsicano

Ushers Tom Chedwidden & Julie Varner

Comm. Asst. Ashley Matsicano

February 24

Reader Deb Jones Acolyte Dennis Ma

Acolyte Dennis Mallams

Ushers Deb Jones & Dennis Mallams

Comm. Asst. Deb Jones

#### Sunday -10:30am

February 4

Acolyte Addison Bobrowski
Asst Minister Fred Jaxheimer
Reader Shirley Ikeda
Comm. Asst. Gary Houseknecht

Ushers Russ & April Nyblade

February 11

Acolyte Elizabeth Davis
Asst Minister Cindy Derr
Reader Cindy Derr
Comm. Asst. Carol Crawford

Ushers Jo Cvammen & Arline Friedrich

February 14 – Ash Wednesday – 7:00pm

Asst. Minister Marty Kellow
Acolyte Ava Badamo
Reader Nancy Centrella
Comm. Asst. Marty Kellow

Ushers Rusty & Linda Beishline

February 18

Acolyte Julia Bobrowski
Asst Minister Cindy Thorne
Reader Dawn Smith
Comm. Asst. Rosalie Wright

Ushers Ava Badamo & Addison Bobrowski

February 25

Acolyte Eden James

Asst Minister Ashley Marsicano Reader Cindy Thorne Comm. Asst. Noney Yazwinsky

Ushers Gary Houseknecht & Ken Ikeda

#### FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

2/1	Jennifer Welch	2/17	Scott Stefanick
2/2	Steven Boyer		Tom Toth
	Kathryn Hunsinger	2/18	Dawn Smith
2/4	Susan Licurgo	2/20	Lucinda Jordan
2/5	Bette Berger		Rowan St. Clair
2/6	Mary Catherine Wolfe	2/21	Donna Broadt
2/7	Jan Dillman	2/23	Jim Rodechko
2/8	Bob Belusko	2/28	Levi Kurtz
	Elizabeth Davis	2/29	Ryan Hare
2/9	Erica Boyle		
	Reed Floryshak		
	Owen Pollock	<b>FEBR</b>	<b>UARY ANNIVERSARIES</b>
2/10	Victoria Bernstein		
2/11	Daneen Pazdon	2/4	Patt & Cindy Derr
2/13	Kyra Antolick	2/9	Blake & Beth Brown
2/16	Misty Keck		

CHRIST LUTHERAN Family

To thank you for your kindness and sympathy at a time when it was deeply appreciated

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## **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.

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	niversary Date Information
Birthday/Ani	niversary Date Information

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.