

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH
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A Church of the Missouri Synod

FEBRUARY 2016 NEWSLETTER

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WORSHIP AND BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

Saturdays – Worship - 5:30 pm

Sundays – Worship - 8:00 and 10:45 am

Sunday School and Bible Classes – 9:25 am

Mondays – Sharing Joys, 10:00 am

Wednesdays – Lenten Services 12:15pm & 7:00pm

Thursday, February 4 – Women's Bible Study, 7:00 pm

**FROM THE DESK OF
PASTOR HUEHN**

**FEBRUARY 2016
NEWSLETTER**

“Plans are established by counsel” (Proverbs 20:18)

It's been said, "If you fail to plan, you plan to fail."

Whether going to war, preparing for a big exam, or planning for the future of a congregation, plans for the future are established by counseling with one another. What is our five year plan? Does God's Word reveal that we should only think about today? It says don't worry about tomorrow, but does that mean we don't plan? No. For "without counsel plans fail, but with many advisers they succeed." (Proverbs 15:22) "Where there is no guidance, a people falls, but in an abundance of counselors there is safety." (Proverbs 11:14).

I am encouraging our leadership to work with me on an answer to where we want Christ Lutheran Church to be in five years and how we are going to get there. It's important that we work together in this process so we can have a clear understanding of our **Mission Statement** (the purpose of our congregation), a **Vision Statement** (our focus for the future), **Core Values** (what do we value most as a congregation). All of these elements will provide a strategy, a plan that will be established by good and thorough counsel with one another. This will take patience and persistence to accomplish, but all throughout this process, we will continue to find our safety in Christ.

As we continue in this time of transition, let us not be stagnant, but always moving forward by God's grace as we continue to receive His good gifts in Word and Sacrament for the forgiveness of our sins. That is the foundation and fuel for our future together. Let us use it to keep us acting in love for one another and for our community. Look for opportunities to get involved and be a part of the "counsel," as we "succeed" together following God's Word.

God didn't rely on mere chance for His plan of salvation. Rather, He had a specific and detailed plan for earning our salvation. We didn't contribute anything to that plan, but as we are led by the Holy Spirit and given direction and guidance through His Word, we can be proactive as His redeemed children as we plan for the future. Let us be diligent in our plans for the next five years. "The plans of the diligent lead surely to advantage, but everyone who is hasty comes only to poverty." (Proverbs 21:5)

God's grace and mercy be with you all in Christ Lutheran. I'm encouraged as we continue in the wisdom of the Lord, engaged in God's Word daily, receiving His gifts, strengthened by His Word for action and working together as we move forward by Grace in Christ.

I'm thankful to be your shepherd as we make plans together.

In Christ's love,

Pastor Huehn

**DECEMBER 2015
FINANCIAL REPORT**

GENERAL FUND

<u>INCOME</u>		<u>EXPENSES</u>	
<u>December</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>	<u>December</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
\$ 59,911	\$470,287	\$ 35,289	\$394,400

BUILDING FUND

\$ 12,340	\$182,523	\$ 3,269	\$ 41,910
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CID Loan Balance as of 12-31-2015 - \$871,154

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NEWS AND NOTES

SPECIAL WORSHIP TIMES IN FEBRUARY – LENTEN SERVICES

- February 10 – Ash Wednesday/ Holy Communion – 12:15 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.
- February 17 – Lenten Service - 12:15 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.
- February 24 – Lenten Service - 12:15 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.

COMING IN FEBRUARY

Sweetheart Party: Sun, Feb. 14th 2:30-4:00 pm

All members who are 55 years and older are invited to be our guest at the annual Sweetheart Party. This party is sponsored by the HS and Jr. High YAIC and it is our chance to visit with you and provide an afternoon of music, fellowship, desserts and more. Please sign up on the sheet outside the secretary's office if you will be attending. We look forward to spending an afternoon with you

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Annual Reports for 2015 are ready and available to be picked up in the Christian fellowship area as you enter the church or in the entry to the Parish Hall.

Greeters for Sunday Services Many thanks to the happy, smiling people who greet us and shake hands when we enter for Sunday Services. Several of our members have been greeters over the past year, and we thank them for helping to welcome everyone to Christ Lutheran on Sunday mornings. We have filled our opening for the first Sunday of the month! We now have an opening for greeters in the 8:00 am service for the fourth Sunday in the even months (February, April, June, August, October and December).

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE JANUARY VOTERS MEETING

Motions Approved

Actions at the Voters meeting included:

*Amending the budget to reflect head pastor salary, housing and benefits.

*Ratifying Tim Kraft as a Trustee.

*Forming a call committee to pursue an associate pastor. If you are interested in being part of the Call Committee please contact a member of the Executive Board by January 31st.

BIBLE STUDY FOR ALL WOMEN OF THE CONGREGATION

All women of the congregation are invited to join the Women's Bible Study to learn together through the series "Living a Chocolate Life" (CPH) where we have the opportunity to savor God's rich and endless supply of grace in Christ.

Schedule for February:

February 4, 7 – 8:30 pm at the church

Please contact Karen Duran (karen.duran.7@gmail.com) of the Small Group Ministry Board if you have any questions.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL CHILDREN will begin the new year, with a mission project to support Lutheran World Relief.

Each student will receive a small coin box to take home, to use thru February. Our coins will be collected and used to purchase assorted farm animals – Goats, Chickens, and Pigs for people around the world.

We will enjoy sharing examples of how the animals will help others. Here's an example:

Hens produce eggs to eat and to sell. Chicks grow up and produce more eggs, which make a flock! With our friends at Lutheran World Relief, Hens & Chicks have been sent to El Salvador to help farmers. They sell eggs, which help them to earn money to support their family and save money for a better life. Chickens also provide eggs and meat for their family to eat and stay healthy!

We look forward to sharing God's love and praying for those that we will be reaching.

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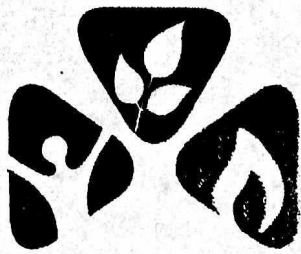
Summer Camp Counselors Needed! What are you doing this summer? Have you considered serving the Lord as a summer camp counselor? Camp CILCA is now accepting applications for summer 2016! Find out how to apply at www.cilca.org.



February 2016

Christ Lutheran Church, Normal, IL

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Sharing Joys (library), 10a C/Y Board, 6:30pm CARPET INSTALLATION – Parish Hall	2 Pastoral Conf, 9am (CLC library) Preschool Board, 6:30p CARPET INSTALLATION	3 YA Choir, 5:30 pm Handbells, 6:10 pm Youth Conf.,6:30p YAIC, 6:30 pm Trustees, 6:30 pm Adult Choir, 6:50p CARPET INSTALLATION	4 Women's Bible Study, 7pm (CLC Library) CARPET INSTALLATION	5 Jr YAIC Lock- In Begins, 8pm CARPET INSTALLATION	6 Worship/HC,5:30pm Jr YAIC Lock-in, ends 8am YAIC – Starved Rock, 2pm
7 Worship, 8am & 10:45am SS/Bible Class,9:25a	8 Sharing Joys, 10a	9 Handbells, 5:30pm Exec. Bd., 6:15pm Council, 7 pm	10 Lydia Circle - 10 a Soup Supper, 5 p YA Choir, 5:30 pm Youth Conf.,6:00p Adult Choir, 6:00p ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP, 12:15 & 7PM	11 Preschool – Parish Hall Use Miriam Circle, 9am Mary Martha Circle, 7 pm (Sharon Haughey home)	12	13 Worship/HC,5:30pm
14 Worship, 8 & 10:45am SS/Bible Class,9:25a Youth Conf. review, 9:25 am Sweetheart Party, 2:30 pm	15 Sharing Joys, 10a	16 Handbells, 5:30pm	17 Soup Supper,5p YA Choir, 5:30 pm Youth Conf, 6:00p Adult Choir, 6:00p Mission/Evangelism, 6:30PM Lenten Worship, 12:15 & 7 PM	18 LWR Quilters – 9am Parish Hall	19	20 Worship/HC,5:30pm (Pastor Lubkeman)
21 Worship, 8 & 10:45am SS/Bible Class,9:25a (Pastor Lubkeman) LWR Quilters – 1-4pm Parish Hall	22 Sharing Joys, 10a	23 HCE, 8:30am –3pm Parish Hall Ladies' Guild Board Mtg, 4:30pm Handbells, 5:30pm B/N Quilters – 6pm – Parish Hall Elders, 6:30 p	24 Soup Supper, 5p Adult Small Grp, 5:30pm YA Choir, 5:30 pm Youth Conf., 6p Adult Choir, 6:00p Lenten Worship, 12:15 & 7 PM	25	26	27 Worship/HC,5:30pm
28 Worship, 8 & 10:45am SS/Bible Class,9:25a NYG Meeting, Noon	29 Sharing Joys, 10a Men's Night Out @ Joe's Station House Pizza Pub, 6:30PM					



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Director, Family Life

Christy Malinowski
Director, Youth

Scott Hoeft
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Shawn Hoffmann
School Principal

Mark Heidloff
Director, Contemporary Music

Nancy Fuemmeler
Director, Music

Stephanie Davingman
LCFS Counselor

Worship Schedule

Sundays

Traditional Worship
8:00 & 11:00 am

Contemporary Worship
9:30 am

Wednesday Worship
6:00 pm

Bible Study

Sundays

Adults, Children & Youth
8:15 & 9:30 am

January 8, 2016

Dear Members of Christ Lutheran Church, Normal, Illinois, and Pastor Jonathan Huehn,

What a joy came upon our hearts upon receiving the invitation to Pastor Huehn's installation on January 10, 2016! Although we will not be able to be with you all that day, please know that you will be much in the hearts and minds of Trinity's people and pastors.

Members of Christ Lutheran, you have been mightily blessed by the Lord leading Pastor Huehn to you. He is a faithful and loving shepherd who will care his very best for you. In response, our prayer is that you love and care for him and his family as a congregation should love and care for their pastor.

Pastor Huehn, you are embarking and transitioning on an amazing calling. Serving as a shepherd of God's people will be fraught with challenge and hard work. But it will, even more, be filled with joy, satisfaction, and depth in knowing that you are caring for the spiritual souls of God's people, your people. Just remember: LOVE THE LORD; LOVE HIS PEOPLE. If you do that, they and you will be amazingly blessed.

God bless you all,

Pastor Tom Wirsing,
Pastor Billy Newell,
Pastor Terry Strom,
Trinity Lutheran Church,
Bloomington, Illinois

The mission of Trinity Lutheran Church is to share the forgiveness and love of the resurrected Christ and to make disciples by the power of the Holy Spirit through prayer, teaching, worship, care and concern, and fellowship.

THOSE WHO SERVE IN FEBRUARY 2016

	<u>8:00 a.m.</u>	<u>10:45 a.m.</u>	<u>MIDWEEK LENTEN ELDERS</u>	
ELDERS:			<u>12:15 p.m.</u>	<u>7 p.m.</u>
Feb. 7	Jim Martin	Aaron Hambleton	Feb 10 Doug Grovesteen	John Clausen
	Henry Scheltens	Rob Oakley	Feb 17 Aaron Hambleton	Chuck Cagley
Feb. 14	Norm Hester	Eric Baker	Feb 24 Doug Grovesteen	Steve Trimpe
	Bob Myrvold	Steve Trimpe		
Feb. 21	John Clausen	Phil Allyn		
	Henry Scheltens	Chuck Cagley		
Feb. 28	Norm Hester	Rob Oakley		
	Jim Martin	Eric Baker		
SAT. ELDERS:		SAT. USHERS:	SAT. ORGANISTS:	
Feb. 6	Phil Allyn	Dan Wellenreiter	Tim Fredstrom	
Feb. 13	Jim Martin	Garry Smith	Tim Fredstrom	
Feb. 20	Norm Hester	Esther Brokaw	Patty Downey	
Feb. 27	Bob Myrvold	Jan Imig	Patty Downey	
USHERS:	Jan Imig	Ron Krueger		
	Nick Myrvold	Nyle Wiechmann		
	Sam Sheltons	Lance Baade		
	Alex Marvel	Don Holzhauer		
	Daniel Timm	Paul Couillard		
	Everett Laesch	Kent Bohnhoff		
ACOLYTES:			MONEY COUNTERS:	
Feb. 7	Zach Marvel	Owen Pogge	Jeanie Wager	Donna Grovesteen
	Jake Marvel	Ella Badorek		
Feb. 14	Marissa Turner	Megan Manning	Loren Ehling	Luella Ehling
	Anna Myrvold	Tyler Livingston		
Feb. 21	Nathaniel Sobery	Dylan Wert	Mary Rustemeyer	Vanette Schwartz
	Emma Nerby	Cadence Hambleton		
Feb. 28	Cameron Boettcher	Jacob Baker	Don Holzhauer	Gary Baumhardt
	Nicholas Paez	Megan Baker		
NURSERY:			KITCHEN DUTY:	
Feb. 7	Lisa Scheltens	_____	Clyve & Alice Baade, Mari Turrentine	
	Arianna Scheltens	_____		
Feb. 14	Gale Imig	Gretchen Quistgaard	Gary & Linda Gabbrants	
	Karie Wright	_____		
Feb. 21	Lisa Cunningham	Tricia Walker	Doug Grovesteen, Jeannie Wager	
	_____	Annie Downey		
Feb. 28	Jennifer Dameron	Leslie Mathias	_____, _____, _____, _____	
	Alyssa Nerby	David Mathias		
GREETERS:			FLOWERS:	
Feb. 7	_____	Loren & Luella Ehlings	Bob Laskowski	
Feb. 14	G & L Gabbrants	F & S Gunter	_____	
Feb. 21	A & N Sobery	P & W Bocock	_____	
Feb. 28	Stuart & Robin Nerby	W & Karla Timm	_____	

ALTAR CARE: Jean Baumhardt & Marilyn Wiechmann

FILL CANDLE OIL: Jeff Schroeder



HAPPY BIRTHDAY FEBRUARY

- 1 – Isaac Baker
Annette Cherry
Keegan Vest
- 2 - Sara Brokaw
Jacob Marvel
- 3 – Brian Hess
Rosemary Laesch
- 5 – Anne Dameron
- 6 – Mari-Lynn Bostic
- 7 - Ryan Leischner
- 8 – Aaron Knoll
- 9 – Sandra Lee
- 10 – Megan Baker
- 11 – Joseph Couillard
Jersey Katz
- 12 – Jackson Cherry
- 13 – Natalia Sobery
Demetrius Turrentine
- 14 – Ramona Christensen
Dillon Crosier
Allene Laesch
- 15 – Jennifer Bartnik
- 16 – Jean Bodien
Sarah Vest
- 18 - Cloe Turrentine
- 19 – Brittney Cavinder
- 20 - Sherm Peck
- 22 – Anthony Duran
- 23 - Scott Newberry
- 25 – Andrea Haughey
Elaine Hester
Rosella Limback
Carleigh
Wellenreiter
- 26 – Ashley Brownfield
- 28 - Jay Laesch
Elna Siron
Colton Turner
- 29 – Brice Weigelmann
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- ## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY
- 5 - Steve & Sharon
Quiram
- 9 - Paul & Andrea
Couillard
- 14 - Whitey & Bonnie
Leischner
- 21 - Loren & Luella
Ehling
- 23 - Jim & Esther
Brokaw
- 25 - Frank & Gretchen
Quistgaard
- ## BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAYS
- 1 – Leslie Mathias
John Pogge
Eric Sadlo
- 2 – Stuart Nerby
David Timm
- 3 – Nicholas Paez
- 4 – Annie Downey
Fox Hamann
- 5 – Linda Walker
- 6 – Hayden Judy
Emma Nerby
- 7 – Morgan Knuckey
- 8 – Paul Haughey
Ethelyn Wager
- 9 – Alexis Lee
Brock Weigelmann
- 10 – Katrina Fifer
- 11 – Russell McKinney
- 13 – Tori Back
- 15 – Nick Werneburg
- 16 – Maren Bartnik
Tyler Brown
Karl Flinspach
Kaitlyn Winowiecki
- 17 – Lance Baade
Debbie Katchmar
- 18 – Lorelie Mathias
Sandi McKean
- 19 – Seth Woodard
- 20 – Jonathan Krueger
- 21 – Brandy Capsel
Alyssa Nerby
- 22 – Kylie Personette
Amy Wert
- 23 – Sara Brokaw
Mark Lee
- 24 – Samantha Patton
- 25 – Jennifer Bartnik
Susan Boisseau
- 27 – Priscilla Matthews
- 28 – Brian Runyon



Preschool News February 2016

Winter is here and we had lots of fun participating in Lutheran School Week activities last month. We also had a great time with Kevin Buettmann when he came to lead us in fun songs!

This month we will celebrate Valentine's Day and learn about how to stay healthy. Dr. Allison Beehner, a local dentist, is coming this month to show us how to take good care of our teeth, too.

On Wednesday, February 24th, we will be participating in a Avanti's Fundraiser. 20% of dine-in, carry-out and delivery orders will be donated to Shining Lights Preschool. A flier must accompany the order for donation. Forms can be found on our website, Facebook page, and throughout the church as the date approaches.

It's time to register for the 2016-2017 Shining Lights Preschool Program! Registration forms are located on the table in the Christian Fellowship Area. For more information, please contact Shannon Stadnik at 309-452-5609 X 3, send an email to ashiningstart@frontier.com, visit our website at www.shininglightspreschool.com, or 'like' us on Facebook.

If you have items to be recycled, we collect the following items in the container by the church office, as part of the Eco Recycling Fundraiser: cell phones (please no chargers or accessories), inkjet cartridges (ones that contained liquid, not powder), MP3 Players, digital cameras, handheld game systems,

laptop computers, ipads and tablets, portable GPS devices, radar detectors, E-Book readers, and graphing calculators

There are many volunteer opportunities throughout the year at the preschool such as cutting out projects, sorting lessons, copying papers, stapling books together, washing toys, organizing our library and helping out at special events. We especially need someone who has an interest in scrapbooking to assemble portfolios for our preschoolers.

If you are a State Farm employee or retiree and you volunteer for 40 or more hours during the year, you can raise \$500.00 for the preschool through the State Farm Good Neighbor Grant Program. This is also a great opportunity to help the church and preschool staff.

We have really enjoyed building relationships with our volunteers. We are thankful for all their hard work throughout the year. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Shannon at the preschool.

We also want to thank everyone who designated Thrivent Choice Dollars to the preschool throughout the year. The contributions have been a great blessing. We really appreciate the financial support!

We appreciate all the ways you help support our ministry including prayer. Please pray for our staff in leading our preschoolers to Jesus. "Again I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything they ask, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven." (Matthew 18:19, ESV)

Stay Warm!

In Him,
Shannon Stadnik



The Youth of the Church

February 2016

GOD SQUAD (5TH & 6TH)

God Squad will meet at church **Sunday, February 7, 2016 from 1:00-3:00 p.m.** We will be **baking cookies** for some of our shut-in members. Friends are always welcome! Sign-up on the youth board if you can come bake up some fun with us!

JR. HIGH YAIC (7TH & 8TH)

- ❖ During Lent confirmation class will be from 6:00-6:50pm on Wednesdays starting February 10th!
- ❖ **Catechism Review!** February 14th during the Adult Sunday School class at 9:25am, please let Pastor Heuhn know if you will not be able to make it!
- ❖ **Church Lock-In!** Due to remodeling in the Fellowship Hall our Church Lock-In has been moved to February 5th-6th!!! We will meet at the church at 8:00pm on Friday the 5th and will be done at 8:00am on Saturday morning! There will be lots of games, fellowship, studying God's Word and a late night trip to somewhere! If you cannot make this lock-in, let Pastor Huehn or Annie know as soon as you can. Please eat dinner before you come. Please bring a snack to share and a 2 liter of soda or juice, a sleeping bag, pillow, PJ's, personal items, Bible, hymnal, and wear comfortable clothes! **Parents helping with this retreat so far include: Myrvold, Clausen, Badorek, Dameron, and Turner. IF YOU HAVE NOT HELPED WITH A LOCK-IN or RETREAT YET, THEN WE WILL NEED YOU TO ASSIST AT THIS ONE PLEASE!**

HIGH SCHOOL YAIC

- ❖ Youth Group will meet on **Wednesday, February 3rd from 6:30-8:00 pm.** Come out and join us for food, fellowship, a bible study, games, and fun!
- ❖ We will be going to **Starved Rock to hike, have dinner, and watch the Mardi Gras parade in Utica on Saturday, February 6th from 2:00-9:00 p.m.** Be sure to sign up on the youth board.
- ❖ **Soup Suppers** begin on Ash Wednesday, **February 10th.** Share in dinner and fellowship before the church service!
- ❖ **Y-Team** will meet on **February 14th from 12:00-1:30 p.m.** in the Fellowship Hall.

MANDATORY MEETING

National Youth Gathering Youth & Parents

We will be meeting on **Sunday, February 28th from noon-2:00 p.m.** Lunch will be served. **Youth** will do an NYG bible study and build community with a game or two. **Parents will join us at 1:30 p.m.** for an auction update and Gathering News.

All Youth attending the NYG and HT will be working Soup Suppers! Be sure to check the schedule that was emailed to parents!

JUNIOR HIGH AND HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH

The Sweetheart Party is on **Sunday, February 14th!** We will be sharing stories, playing games and entertaining our older members of the congregation. Set up is at **2:00 p.m.** We will be done by 4:15 p.m.

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