ONE IN CHRIST

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FEBRUARY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday worship is held at 8:00 and 10:30 am with Sunday School and Adult Forum at 9:15 am. Coffee fellowship follows the 10:30 am service.

Feb 3 Fourth Sunday After Epiphany, 8:00 & 10:30 am services
Presiding: Mark Roock; Preaching: Stephanie Doeschot

Feb 10 Fifth Sunday After Epiphany, 8:00 & 10:30 am services
Preaching and presiding: Jim Bennett

Feb 17 Sixth Sunday After Epiphany, 8:00 & 10:30 am services
Presiding: Mark Roock; Preaching: Stephanie Doeschot

Feb 24 Seventh Sunday After Epiphany, 8:00 & 10:30 am services
Preaching and presiding: Stephanie Doeschot

Altar Flowers

The 2019 sign-up chart for flowers is posted on the bulletin board in the narthex to the left of the doors into the sanctuary. If you wish to underwrite the cost of the altar flowers for a particular week, please write your name next to the date and take a form from the pocket below to be completed and turned in with your check. The cost is $40 per Sunday; it can be shared with someone else if you wish.

Pastor's Word

“In the bleak mid-winter” starts the poem by Christina Rosetti. It continues, “frosty wind made moan, Earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone….”

We know the poem later set to music by Gustav Holst as a Christmas Carol, revealing that Christ is the Light who comes into our darkness. Especially now in the cold, darkness of winter (as I write this), coupled with the darkness of the stories that fill our news feeds, we long to see light and feel its warmth.

Seasonal Affective Disorder is a real thing. Without adequate light, things not only look dismal, they feel dismal to many people. As followers of Christ, we experience his light, bringing hope and comfort even in the darkest of circumstances. We affirm that he is “the light of the world,” and spend our lives seeking his light by which we live.

As you know, Christ shares his light with us to guide our lives, but also to use our lives as reflectors of his light so others might see his light operating in us. In the Sermon on the Mount, he says, ““***Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.***” Matthew 5:16

The recent congregational meeting displayed how Christ Lutheran Church continues to desire to reflect the light of Christ in the way it lives out its calling. Both within the church body and as we go about our daily lives, the light of Christ shows us the way to be the light by which others can see something of the grace of our Lord through us.

I was recently reminded of the following statement by Madeleine L’Engle:

“We draw people to Christ not by loudly discrediting what they believe, by telling them how wrong they are and how right we are, but by showing them a light that is so lovely that they want with all their hearts to know the source of it.”

I like that phrase, **“a light that is so lovely that they want with all their hearts to know the source of it.”**

I think I will read Matthew 5:16 and this quote daily throughout the month of February, praying for this to become reality more and more for myself and also for CLC. We have the opportunity to positively impact so many people when you stop to think about the many places we live and work. Recognizing that others experience Seasonal Affective Disorder of the soul if they don’t see enough light, let’s let our light shine so they will see something of the beauty of Christ in us and want to know its source for themselves.

Pastor Stephanie

CLC Member Spotlight

The intention of this feature is to provide enough information on church members to foster conversational connections, and maybe even learn something new about each other. Here is what Steve and Sherry Mitchler have to share with us:

We have been married for 30 years after meeting each other at church! We have three kids, our daughter Laura lives in Florida and our son Andy is a student at SEMO and our son Ben is a student at Mizzou.

Sherry is currently working at Big Brothers Big Sisters and will be starting a new job in March as a social worker at Ranken Jordan Pediatric Hospital. Steve works as a project director for L. Keeley Construction and enjoys the companionship of his co-workers.

We appreciate the fellowship at Christ Lutheran and the cooperation and shared mission that the members of the church have.

We are both big Cardinals fans and are looking forward to a trip to Florida for Spring Training in March.

Christ Lutheran Church is grateful for your participation and friendship, Steve and Sherry!

ADULT FORUM

February 3 - **Jim Bennett** recently retired after 37 years of ordained ministry. For the last 26 years Jim served in specialized ministry as a hospital chaplain and Clinical Pastoral Educator. Hospital chaplains are committed to providing spiritual care and support to patients and their families during times of health crisis. Perhaps the most gut-wrenching crisis in any one's life might be when a physician pronounces that your health condition is terminal! Jim will lead a discussion intended to help participants explore ministries of hope during times of potential despair.

February 10 - **Szu-Ching Fu** will give her testimony.

February 17- **Roger Rose**, our story teller, tells us a love story for Valentine's Day.
"The Courtship of Sir Gawain" (also called "The Sovereignty of Women")
"What is it that all women most desire?" King Arthur needed to find the answer to that riddle, and the one person who gave him the right answer was Lady Ragnell -- called "The Loathly Lady." (Poets have claimed this was because she was hideously ugly, but I think it was because she was a strong-willed, independent, outspoken woman, and the rest is a thousand years of poetic exaggeration.) How would you answer the riddle? Sir Gawain got it right.

February 24 - **Mark Ruff**, Professor of History at Saint Louis University will give us another look at the life and work of Reinhold Niebuhr. This time from a historical perspective.

March 4 - **Roger Rose** and **Jan Roock** will lead a discussion of *Inspired: Slaying Giants, Walking on Water, and Loving the Bible Again* by Rachel Held Evens Roger says:

How do we reconcile the Scriptures we love and revere with the results of modern scientific, historical, archeological, and literary scholarship? Is our world fixed and immovable in the center of creation or a beautiful blue marble circling the sun in endless space? Do we believe in the Garden of Eden on Sunday and Ice Ages and dinosaurs the rest of the week? Is God a loving and forgiving Father or the wrathful Lord of Hosts? Do we welcome women into the Ministry or tell them to cover their hair and be silent?

Rachel Held Evans faced questions like this in her own life. She tells us about her struggles and how she learned to love the Bible again, by allowing herself to accept the Bible as what it is and not what she -- and others -- want it to be.

The book is available on Amazon for $11.59; 215 pages. It can also be purchased in Kindle, iTunes, and Audio versions.

Beyond Confirmation: Connecting in Christ
Our recent confirmands will meet following worship on Sunday, February 24 for lunch and time to connect with each other and leaders in the church as they explore places of service for them to use their gifts and opportunities to continue growing in faith.

Worship Team Mini-Retreat
Planning for worship services through Lent will be taking place on Saturday, Feb. 2 from 9:00 - 11:00 am. Please keep the team in prayer as plans are being made and carried out for continued meaningful worship services at CLC.

Lutheran Campus Ministry--St Louis invites us to their Trivia Night on Saturday, Feb. 2. Doors open at 5:45 pm, play begins at 6:30 pm. Cost is $20/person, tables of eight, with proceeds benefitting Lutheran Campus Ministry. Held at Bethel Lutheran Church, 7001 Forsyth, University City. Register online: www.lcmstl.org/trivia.

New Member Class

Since some interest has been shown in providing a New Member Class and scheduling is always a "dance," please let Pastor Stephanie know if you are interested in exploring what membership at Christ Lutheran means and what it has to offer in addition to what you see on Sunday mornings. The class has typically been held over a four week period, but she is willing to have a single seminar type meeting, or another arrangement if that would help all those interested to participate without missing any sessions. She can be reached at pastor@christwg.org or through the church office at 314.962.6011.

If this is something you would like to check out, we would love to work out a convenient schedule with you. We are planning to receive new members on either Palm Sunday, April 14 or on Easter Sunday, April 21 (again, depending on when those joining can be present).

We look forward to welcoming any and all who would like to be more connected with Christ Lutheran Church!

2018-2019
ELCA South Cluster Youth Schedule
(Note: this schedule does not include Joint Confirmation classes/activities)

Sunday, February 10th	**St. Thomas-Holy Spirit**	**6-8pm**	**High School Youth**
Sunday, March 10th	**St. Mark's**	**6-8pm**	**High School Youth**
Sunday, April 14th	**Trinity in Kirkwood, MO**	**6-8pm**	**High School Youth**
Sunday, April 28th	**Bowling at Tropicana Lanes**		**Middle & High School**
June 23-29th	**Coalition Youth Mission Trip, (details coming soon) 8th Grade through College, Indianapolis, IN**		

Prayer of Blessing used for Chalking the Door on Jan 6

May all who come to our church this year rejoice to find Christ Living among us; and may we seek and serve, in everyone we meet, that same Jesus who is your incarnate Word, now and forever.

God of heaven an earth, you revealed your only begotten One to every nation by the guidance of a star. Bless this church and all who will enter it in 2019. Fill us with the light of Christ, that our concern for others may reflect your love. We ask this through Christ our Savior.
Amen.

GIVE-A-MEAL-A-MONTH

FEBRUARY, 2019
Canned Tuna in water or olive oil
Box of Tuna Helper, any variety
Canned Carrots, low sodium or No salt
Canned fruit in light syrup/own juices
Powdered milk or ground coffee
Return to Church by Sunday
February 17, 2019

MARCH, 2019
Canned ham or chicken
Boxed macaroni & cheese mix
Canned green vegetables, low or no sodium
Canned fruit in own juice or light syrup
Powdered milk or shelf-stable boxed milk or soy milk
Return to Church by Sunday,
March 27, 2019

Please fill a yellow shopping bag or two (available in the Fellowship Hall) with food items and return them to CLC. Any donation is appreciated. Diapers, wipes, and formula are always welcome. Thank you for remembering your neighbors.

It was a blessing to see so many members turn out at the Annual meeting January 27th!

If you have not obtained a copy of the annual report please let the office know and we can mail one to you! 314-962-6011. With a grateful heart we thank the Council members who completed their 2018 term: President -Brett Bussler, Treasurer–Larry Hill, Christian Services—Sherry Mitchler, Worship–Rachel Helton, In-reach—Jody McCarty. Christ Lutheran Church has been blessed by your service.

We'd like to welcome the new 2019 Council Members: President: Kevin Drollinger, Treasurer: Tore Stole, Worship: John Heerboth, Inreach: Mike Wagner, Christian Services: Erin Eftink, and Stewardship Co-Leader: Alena Horn

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BLOOD PRESSURE AND BLOOD SUGAR SCREENINGS

Carolyn Crowe, Faith Community Nurse and Director of Senior Adult Ministries, will do blood pressure and blood sugar screenings on Sunday, February 10th. You can find her in the Fellowship Hall after the worship service. You can also make an appointment with Carolyn for a blood pressure or blood sugar check up, by calling her at 314-277-2164.

LET'S CELEBRATE FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES AND BIRTHDAYS!

Congratulations and Best Wishes! Your Christ Lutheran family wants to celebrate you! Every month we will honor anniversaries and birthdays with a special cake, party fun, and decorations after the service. This month we will celebrate on Sunday February 3, 2019.

LET'S CELEBRATE!

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ANNIVERSARIES

2/14 Joan & Robert Rivas
2/14 Mari & Travis Roberts

BIRTHDAYS

2/1 Calvin Ciorba
2/1 Shirley Wolf
2/2 Julia Bruns
2/2 Helga Hayes
2/3 Kevin Drollinger
2/3 Sarah Ely
2/3 Joseph Fortney
2/3 Larry Hill
2/4 Aishlyn McCarty
2/6 Kathy Kuziel
2/7 Sarah Keifer
2/9 Carol Brockelmeyer
2/9 Patty Hopper
2/10 Hanna Lauer
2/10 Mark Roock
2/13 Sylvia Rogers
2/19 Christine Austin
2/19 Henry Knapp
2/20 Robert Crowe
2/22 Irene Kalnins
2/23 Bob Brockelmeyer
2/25 Caitlin McMullen
2/27 Chloe Bolhafner
2/28 Sally Wachtman

SAVE THESE DATES!

Choir practice will be held at 7:30 p.m. Feb. 6,13,20, and 27.
Sunday, February 10th - 4:00 p.m. Confirmation Class at St. Mark's.
Sunday, February 10th - 6:00 p.m. HS Youth Cluster meet at St. Thomas Holy Spirit.
Sunday, February 13th - 6:00 p.m. Worship Committee meeting.
Sunday, February 24th - 4:00 p.m. Confirmation Class at St. Mark's.
Thursday, February 28th - 7:00 p.m. Stephen Ministers meeting.

FEBRUARY 2019 "WHO-DO" LIST

February 3	**8:00 a.m.**	**10:30 a.m.**
Key Person	Alan Richter	Matt Bender
Assisting Minister		Carolyn Crowe
Acolyte	John Hoffmann	TBA
Ushers		Bob & Joan O'Brien
Lector	Flo Saeger	Harriet Scholle
Presenters	Jim & Sally Wachtman	The Bender Family
Altar Guild		Matt & Sarah Bender
Flower Team		Sarah Bender
Nursery		Lynnae Ruff
Counters		Sarah Bender/Joan O' Brien
Refreshments	Carolyn Crowe/John Hoffmann/Sandy Hoyer	

February 10	**8:00 a.m.**	**10:30 a.m.**
Key Person	Jerry Kuziel	Keith Lissant
Assisting Minister		Kersten Horn
Acolyte	Shalom Yee	James Gilliland
Ushers		Joe Bartek/Mike Wagner
Lector	Larry Hill	Annika Bartek
Presenters	Larry Hill	Donna Munger/ Gale Nunn
Altar Guild		Kathy Kuziel/Angela Bratcher
Flower Team		Joan Rivas
Nursery		Lynnae Ruff
Counters		Dave Austin/Joe Bartek
Refreshments	Erin Eftink/Sarah Keifer/Janet Roock/Judy Wessler	

February 17	**8:00 a.m.**	**10:30 a.m.**
Key Person	John Hoffmann	Mike Hoyer
Assisting Minister		Flo Saeger
Acolyte	John Hoffmann	TBA
Ushers		Jim Bennett/Roger Rose
Lector	John Hoffmann	Kim Donermeyer
Presenters	Linda Elkin & Mark Smith	Becca Jordan & Sylvia Rogers
Altar Guild		Janet Roock/Carolyn Lange
Flower Team		Sandy Hoyer
Nursery		Lynnae Ruff
Counters		Susan DeBusk/Dave Fey
Refreshments	Carolyn Lange/Ellen Mead/Flo Saeger/Brianna Schmidt	

February 24	**8:00 a.m.**	**10:30 a.m.**
Key Person	Bill Griffith	Peter Jordan
Assisting Minister		Sandy Hoyer
Acolyte	Nesiah Yee	Luther Ciorba
Ushers		Peter & Becca Jordan
Lector	Vic Saeger	Katie Ciorba
Presenters	Vic & Flo Saeger	Mike & Kristin Hill
Altar Guild		Nancy Lissant & Harriet Scholle
Flower Team		Nancy Lissant & Harriet Scholle
Nursery		Lynnae Ruff
Counters		Susan DeBusk/Sarah Kiefer
Refreshments	Alena Horn/Jadee Lauer/Sarah Ringkor/lLynnae Tanner Ruff	

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Humanitri | REACHING OUT WITH HELP AND HOPE

January 4, 2019

Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church
1 Selma Ave
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Dear Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church:

With your support, **Janay,** is making excellent progress in our program. Though she struggled at first to follow through with program requirements (she is our youngest client who had difficulty with comprehending and following program rules). with the help of our Family Support Specialist, Ashley, she has made great strides. Ashley was able to solicit family support for Janay which contributed greatly to her turnaround. At her most recent home visit, she shared the good news that she had enrolled in school, obtained a job, and had even completed her Humanitri-assigned "homework" for the week.

Your recent gift of $2,500.00 will help to move more families into homes of their own with much-needed furnishings, including beds for each member of the household. You have helped to restore their dignity and given them a chance at a new start through your investment.

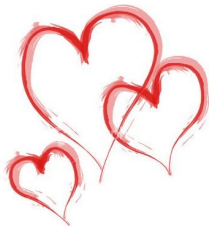
We look forward to sharing the program's continued success with you in future communications. In the meantime, if you would like to schedule a visit to see firsthand the difference your gift is making, please don't hesitate to contact me at (314) 772-7720, ext. 1006, or k.schave@humanitri.org.

We are grateful for your generosity as we seek to bring hope and healing to even more families facing homelessness. Your partnership with us in fulfilling our mission is greatly valued.

Sincerely,

Kim Schave

Kim Schave, PhD Candidate, CPA



February 2019

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WORSHIP SCHEDULE:
SUNDAY AT 8:00 A.M. AND 10:30 A.M.
CHILDCARE:
7:45 A.M. - NOON

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:
TUES/THUR 8:30-3:30.
WED/FRI 8:00-4:00

RESIDENT INTERIM PASTOR
PASTOR STEPHANIE DOESCHOT OFFICE HOURS:
TUE-THUR 8:00-4:00, APPTS BY ARRANGEMENT

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February 2019 Highlights

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