



# ONE IN CHRIST

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## Worship in February

**February 4** is the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after the Epiphany. We continue to see Jesus revealed to the world. Pastor Mark Rook will conduct the services and Pastor Tom Schoenherr will be the preacher, since Pastors Penny and Keith will be on vacation.

**February 11** is Transfiguration Sunday. Jesus is shown in his glory in transfiguration, as he turns towards Jerusalem for the final time. Graham Hoerchler will be baptized on this Sunday. Recognition will be given to outgoing and current Church Council members, and newly elected council members will be installed. A reception will follow the service.

**Ash Wednesday is February 14.** Enjoy the loving fellowship of Valentine's Day with a pancake supper served by men of the congregation at 6:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Then come to Ash Wednesday worship at 7:00 p.m. and receive the imposition of ashes as we are mindful of our status without the grace of a loving God.

**The First and Second Sundays in Lent are February 18 and 25** as we contemplate what it means to walk with Jesus in serving love as we follow his way.

## Ash Wednesday Pancake Supper

Join the fellowship as men of the congregation serve a pancake supper on February 14. They will put their loving touch on the pancakes and sides. The supper begins at 6:00 p. m.



## Midweek Lenten Meals



**Wednesday, Feb. 21** the CLC Youth will be providing an Italian feast. All free will donations will benefit the youth this evening.

**Lenten dinners will continue on Wednesday evenings through March 28th.** Sign up to help with part of the meal on the sign up sheet hanging in the fellowship hall. All dinners begin at 6:00 p.m. and are followed by service at 7:00 p.m.



## Altar Flowers

The sign-up sheet for altar flowers is now on the right side of the doors into the sanctuary. Anyone interested in donating the flowers for a par-

## 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 4th. 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 either the church, 314-962-6011, or her cell phone 314-277-2164.

Don't forget to get your FLU SHOT this month—flu is a dangerous disease that can be made less so by a simple shot, which is available at your doctor's office, hospitals and many pharmacies, including ones located in grocery stores.



## **Parents and Caregivers BE our Guest!**



### **1st Annual Christ Lutheran's Valentine's Night Out!**

Friday, Feb 16th 5:30 pm - 8 pm

Drop off starts at 5:30 pm and pick up starts at 7:30 pm

Located at the Mead Center (across from WGHS) 17 Selma Ave, 63119

This is a no cost event. Why? What's the catch?

We have been a part of Webster for 120 years

and want to give back to the community that we love.

Register by February 8th and Space is Limited to 30 kids.

Age 4 (toilet trained) - 4th grade

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/be-our-guest-parents-and-caregivers-night-out-tickets-42176741770>

We will serve, pizza and fruit with water or lemonade.

Cookie cake for dessert. Kids will have dinner, craft and a movie.

Most likely Despicable Me 3 or something very similar.

Allergies: We can accommodate with a week notice or bring own meal.

Please note: We will have a wristband system. Parent or caregiver and child will have matching bracelets. They must be matched for the child to be picked up. **Questions? Please contact Sarah Ringkor @314-452-7129 or [pno.clwg@gmail.com](mailto:pno.clwg@gmail.com)**

## **Calling ALL Musicians!**

The worship committee has decided to create a log of musicians in the congregation. By adding your name to the log you are not making a commitment, just making us aware of your talent so that we could call you in the event that we were looking for a certain instrument (i.e. a flute to accompany a choir anthem). So... If you play an instrument, **please email Rachel Helton at [RLHelton17@gmail.com](mailto:RLHelton17@gmail.com) to be added to the list.** Thanks!



## **Junior High Evening at the Mead Center On Saturday, February 3**

Junior high youth from the five Cluster congregations will gather on Saturday, February 3, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. for an evening of games, food and faith enrichment. The Christ Lutheran confirmation class will present a puppet show on diversity which one of their members wrote. Following the show, they will lead the group in discussion.

## **High School Youth Meet February 11 for Cluster Event**

High school youth from our five "Cluster" congregations will gather on Sunday, February 11, at St. Thomas/Holy Spirit Lutheran Church (3980 S Lindbergh Blvd, St Louis, MO 63127) for their monthly gathering led by shared youth director Aaron Elliott. As usual, the night will include unique games, good food and faith-enriching experiences.



## **Pastor's Word**

The early Lent this year fits well with the Gospel of Mark which is our theme Gospel for the church year. Often Lent does not begin until March, but this year it comes quickly to us in the new year. Not only may that seem a bit brusque to us, but it does not have the courtesy of avoiding Valentine's Day, too! It's here and upon us, ready or not.

Our first Sunday in Lent reading from Mark's Gospel is only nine verses into the book, and Jesus is being baptized by John the Baptist and goes into the wilderness for 40 days. Mark doesn't tell us about the childhood of Jesus at all. As is the style of his "to the point" book, right away in Mark Jesus is preparing himself for his mission.

This "to the point" style conveys a sense of mission and of urgency. Much is at stake. Mark's audience was no doubt under duress. They needed encouragement to carry on. They were tempted to leave the cause; he urges them to hear the healing and saving word of Jesus and to be active in spreading the word.

There is a sense of uneasiness and anxiety in our time, too. Even though the stock market is breaking limits and unemployment figures are low, there is a sense of a shifting culture, not all are doing well, and institutions relied upon the past aren't working like they used to. There is still a need to find real peace and to help the world know it, too.

In the season of Lent we know that Jesus is in our world with us. He suffered more than any of us ever have. He came to be with us in our world, tough as it is for us and as it was for him. In the middle of his duress, he could focus on his mission and the promise of the Father to be centered on what was important and the main thing.

It's a challenge to us, but Jesus calls us and inspires us to keep our focus on him, his promises, and the ways of God of love and mercy in our time, too. Lent is a time to collect our focus, and then keep our focus. Let us focus on Jesus who taught us how to love in the most difficult of circumstances, preserve a sense of peace in the middle of chaos, and to rely on the promise that God has given us.

Pastor Keith

## **Midweek Lenten Services to Feature Plays Actors Are Needed**



Each Wednesday during Lent, starting the week after Ash Wednesday which is on February 14, the congregation will gather to share a meal at 6 p.m. and then come together at 7 p.m. for a short, family-friendly Lenten service which will feature a play in the series "Amen: Pray Like Jesus," written by Rev. John Trump. Each play requires several actors. Please contact Pastor Penny if you are interested in being in one or more of these plays. Memorization is not required.

Prayer is critical in the ministry of Jesus. He prays every chance he gets, alone or with others. What might it mean to pray like Jesus? The five plays will explore several ideas based in scripture, with some humor as well as serious moments.

**On February 21**, in the play "That All May Be One," a mother intentionally challenges her children to consider what it means for them to be "one" as family.

**On February 28**, in the play, "Father Forgive Them," the conversation between a priest and a death row prisoner teaches us about forgiveness and grace.

**On March 7**, in the play "Pray for Our Enemies," we listen in on a psychiatrist and a patient as they explore what it might mean when our "enemies" are our loved ones!

**On March 14**, the play "Pray for the Children" takes a comical look at what some people might do to pray "for" the children. What happens in the TV Show "Shark Tank" when someone suggests an "app" that will do just that?

Finally, on **March 21** the play "Sweat Blood Like Jesus" will be performed. Sometimes we may think we simply have to pray "harder," even to the point of sweating blood as Jesus did as he prayed in Gethsemane! Sometimes we may forget that Jesus prayed "Your will be done"?

## **Adult Forum**

**February 4: Division in America: competing world views.** Mark Ruff will moderate a discussion following two brief presentations. Bill Scholle will talk about "Our Political Nature: The Evolutionary Origins of What Divides Us," by Avi Tuschman and Jesse Helton, a Professor of Social Work at Saint Louis University, will highlight arguments from "The Righteous Mind," by Jonathan Haidt.

**February 11: The Lutheran Church in Siberia.** Gary Kallansrud, a member of Good Shepherd Lutheran, will report on his visit to Siberia as a member of the Central States Synod delegation to our Companion Synod there.

**February 18: How "Room at the Inn" Works.** We partner with First Congregational Church to provide one night a month for Room at the Inn. We will hear from Mark Cereghino, from First Congregational who leads the effort; Sandy Hoyer, our representative; and Sherry Mitchler, Christian Service Chair.

**February 25: Dealing with Violence in the Hebrew Scriptures in light of Contemporary Christian Values.** Our presenter, Laurel Koepf-Taylor, Assistant Professor of Old Testament at Eden Seminary, says, "The violence depicted in the Bible can be disturbing and alienating to our modern sensibilities, especially when it appears to be divinely sanctioned....We will look at the ancient context from which this violence arises, seeking to better understand the impetus behind the violence and discern a life-giving interpretation of texts with a death-dealing history."

**Do you have a heart for serving others?**

Service Committee is recruiting new members to help plan for the future regarding the agencies we will support with our time and treasures. Please contact Sherry Mitchler at [s.mitchler@sbcglobal.net](mailto:s.mitchler@sbcglobal.net) if you have questions or are interested in being part of this committee.



**GIVE-A-MEAL-A-MONTH**

**FEBRUARY, 2018**

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 18, 2018**

**Small, canned hams are often found at Walgreens, Walmart and Sam's Club.. A meal a month for you, a meal a month for your neighbor.** 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. Peanut butter, jelly, fruit rolls always welcome. And young families often appreciate the donation of disposable diapers.

Thank you for remembering your neighbors.



## FEBRUARY WHO-DO

<b>Sunday, February 4</b>	<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	<b>10:30 a.m.</b>
Key Person	John Hoffmann	Mike Hoyer
Assisting Minister	Sandy Hoyer	
Acolyte	Marc Horn	
Ushers		Peter & Becca Jordan
Lector	John Hoffmann	Kersten Horn
Presenters	Jim & Sally Wachtman	Dianne Deck & Tom Palazzolo
Altar Guild		Sandy Hoyer & Sally Wachtman
Flower Team		Dianne Deck
Counter		Susan DeBusk & Dave Fey
Refreshments		Sarah Keifer, Suzie McIntyre, Janet Rook, Judy Wessler

<b>Sunday, February 11</b>	<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	<b>10:30 a.m.</b>
Key Person	Bill Scholle	Joan O'Brien
Assisting Minister	Carolyn Crowe	
Acolyte	Luther Ciorba	
Ushers		Jim Bennett & Jadee Lauer
Lector	Andrew Schleicher	Jim Bennett
Presenters	The Schleicher Family	Bob & Joan O'Brien
Altar Guild		Nancy Lissant & Harriet Scholle
Flower Team		Nancy Lissant & Harriet Scholle
Counters		Dave Austin & Joan O'Brien
Refreshments		Carolyn Crowe, John Hoffman, Sandy Hoyer, Tiggerr & Katie Schleicher

<b>Sunday, February 18</b>	<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	<b>10:30 a.m.</b>
Key Person	Vic Saeger	Peter Jordan
Assisting Minister		John Hoffmann
Acolyte		Harrison Ringkor
Ushers		Ray McIntyre & Alan Richter
Lector	Vic Saeger	Mike Wagner
Presenters	Vic & Flo Saeger	Joe Bartek & Peter Jordan
Altar Guild		Janet Rook & Carolyn Lange
Flower Team		Lent - No flowers
Counters		Joe Bartek, Susan DeBusk, & Sarah Keifer
Refreshments		Alena Horn, Jadee Lauer, Sarah Ringkor, Lynnae Tanner Ruff

<b>Sunday, February 25</b>	<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	<b>10:30 a.m.</b>
Key Person	Bill Griffith	Matt Bender
Assisting Minister		Flo Saeger
Acolyte		Micah Ruff
Ushers		Brett Bussler & Mike Hoyer
Lector	Larry Hill	Sarah Bender
Presenters	Larry Hill & Irene Kainins	The Bender Family
Altar Guild		Matt & Sarah Bender
Flower Team		Lent - no flowers
Counters		Sarah Bender & Tore Stole
Refreshments		Melissa Allen, Katie Ciorba, Kate Dopuch, Jodi McCarty

# LET'S CELEBRATE!

## CELEBRATING FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES & 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.



## ANNIVERSARIES

02/14 Joan & Robert Rivas

02/14 Mari & Travis Roberts

## BIRTHDAYS

02/01	Calvin Ciorba	02/09	Carol Brockelmeyer
02/01	Gloria Higginbotham	02/09	Patty Hopper
02/01	Shirley Wolf	02/10	Hanna Lauer
02/02	Julia Bruns	02/10	Mark Roock
02/02	Helga Hayes	02/13	Sylvia Rogers
02/03	Kevin Drollinger	02/19	Christine Austin
02/03	Sarah Ely	02/19	Keith Holste
02/03	Joseph Fortney	02/19	Henry Knapp
02/03	Susan Habegger	02/20	Robert Crowe
02/03	Larry Hill	02/22	Irene Kalnins
02/04	Aishlyn McCarty	02/23	Bob Brockelmeyer
02/06	Kathy Kuziel	02/27	Chloe Bolhafner
		02/28	Sally Wachtman



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Sunday at  
8:00 & 10:30 a.m.  
CHILDCARE  
7:45 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Church Office Hours  
Monday 9 a.m. - noon  
Tuesday-Friday  
9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Pastors  
Penny and Keith Holste

Council President  
Brett Bussler  
Pastoral Assistant  
Mark Roock

Southside Cluster shared youth  
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Aaron Elliot

Director of Senior Adult Ministries  
and  
Faith Community Nurse  
Carolyn Crowe

Director of Choirs  
Diane Drollinger

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