



## News & Notes for Christ Lutheran Church

February 18, 2024

### Mission Statement of CLC



*Welcoming all with grace, Worshiping God through praise, Witnessing Christ through service*

Good Morning! Welcome to the Lenten Season. Each Sunday during Lent will feature a different emotion. Today is Temptation.

Today is the First Sunday in Lent.

Two services this week with communion at both.

Sunday School is in session this week. Younger students report to the sanctuary. Older students report directly to your classroom.

#### **Congregational Meeting-Sunday, March 17<sup>th</sup>**

There will be a special Congregational Meeting held on Sunday, March 17<sup>th</sup> at approximately 10:30am. Because of this meeting, there will be

**ONE (1)** service at 9:30am that day. Please make every effort to attend this meeting. A quorum of 50 voting members is needed. A zoom link will be provided as the date gets closer.

#### **The purpose of this meeting will be the following:**

1. Discuss the recently presented motion from the Homelessness Task Force, which outlines protocols for individuals seeking sanctuary on the Church property. This motion has been temporarily approved by the Council, as of the February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024 meeting. Copies of these protocols are available at the ushers station as you enter the sanctuary.
2. In accordance with the Church Constitution, Chapter 5 (C5.03-g), found below, the Congregation will vote upon whether or not it approves the use of Church property for this purpose.
3. If approved, the Homelessness Task Force will seek guidance from legal counsel, the township (zoning), insurance company and any other relevant entities regarding hosting up to 2 individuals.

#### **Excerpt from Church Constitution: Chapter 5.**

##### POWERS OF THE CONGREGATION

\*C5.03. Only such authority as is delegated to the Congregation Council or other organizational units in this congregation's governing documents is recognized. All remaining authority is retained by the congregation. The congregation is authorized to:

- a. call a pastor as provided in Chapter 9;
- b. terminate the call of a pastor as provided in Chapter 9;
- c. call or terminate the call of associates in ministry, deaconesses, and diaconal ministers in conformity with the applicable policy of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America;
- d. adopt amendments to the constitution, as provided in Chapter 17, and amendments to the bylaws, as specified in Chapter 16, and continuing resolutions, as provided in Chapter 18.
- e. approve the annual budget;
- f. acquire real and personal property by gift, devise, purchase, or other lawful means;
- g. hold title to and use its property for any and all activities consistent with its purpose;***
- h. sell, mortgage, lease, transfer, or otherwise dispose of its property by any lawful means;
- i. elect its Congregation Council and require them to carry out their duties in accordance with the constitution, bylaws; and continuing resolutions; and
- j. terminate its relationship with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America as provided in Chapter 6.

#### **Council President Resignation**

Please be advised that Julie Munden has resigned as Council President effective February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Allison Healy will be acting President as she was Vice President prior to the resignation.

From Julie "Please accept my resignation from Council effective Feb 12, 2024. While I have enjoyed my time over the past 4 1/2 years serving as a council member, Vice President, and President, it is my decision to now focus on my family and health. Sincerely, Julie Munden"

#### **Blood Drive**

CLC did it again, donors exceeded the goal set by the American Red Cross for the number of

units collected! Each time we exceed our goal the Red Cross bumps up our goal, and each time we have exceeded that goal. None of our success would be possible without generous donors like you. The Social Ministry Team thanks you for your commitment and kindness. Stay tuned for a new date coming soon!

### **Holiday Marketplace**

After many years of organizing and running a successful tradition at CLC, Social Ministry has decided to step back from spearheading Holiday Market Place and would like to pass on the leadership of this event to our church community in the hopes that it doesn't go away for good. There are a few members of the Social Ministry team that would like to help. but they are looking to get a committee together to run this event. Ideally, there should be someone to head up running this event and others to volunteer to be on the committee. This event has brought hundreds of community members through our front doors as well as raised thousands of dollars for various charities. If you would like to be part of this great event, please email Steph at [sharkeys2013@gmail.com](mailto:sharkeys2013@gmail.com) or talk to anyone on the Social Ministry team. The plan is to have a committee in place so planning can begin in April.

### **Youth Candy Sales**

It's that time of year again. Time to start thinking about Easter Candy. The youth and adult helpers have already started hand rolling, hand dipping and tap, tap tapping those chocolate covered pretzels (if you know, you know!) If you are interested in purchasing these famous yummy candies, there are order forms in the table in Weaver Hall. Any questions, please feel free to call the office.

### **Women's Group March Event**

Back by popular demand, we will be doing trivia again in March, so mark your calendars for March 11. This time we are going to try

trivia at Lansdale Tavern. If you are planning on coming, please let Steph know by March 4, so we know how big of a table to get. Trivia starts at 7:30, but I hear it gets busy, so some of us plan to get there around 5/5:30 to save room.

### **Soup Suppers**

Soup Suppers have started! Thank you celebrations for kicking things off. Each week a ministry team or two will host a simple and delicious meal of soup and bread. All Wednesdays have been scooped up by ministry teams - thank you! If you have a favorite soup that you've had in the past, here's who is assigned to each Wednesday so you can find when it's going to be served! Finance & Stewardship/Communications/Social Ministry Teams - 2/21; 2/28 - Council; 3/6 - Property Team; 3/13 - Mutual Ministry Team; 3/20 - Faith Formation (Christian Ed/Youth). Even if you are not a part of one of these ministry teams, you are welcome to sign-up to bring a soup, some bread or desserts. Here is the sign-up genius link to do that.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0D48A9AE22A31-47286866-lenten#/> Not comfortable with sign-up genius? Call the office and I'll get you on the list.

### **Welcome Home Kits**

Transitioning into a home can be overwhelming and daunting for someone coming from homelessness. The Welcome Church is collecting NEW items to make up Welcome Home Kits for people who are ready for this step. If you'd like to help, sign up on the Sign-Up Genius:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080F4DAEAC2DA57-46466822-welcome> The collection will run until Palm Sunday (March 24). A box is in Weaver Hall for your donations.

### **Stewardship Corner**

*"All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and faithfulness, for those who keep his covenant and his decrees."* – **Psalm 25:10**

God's commandments and Jesus' teachings are not optional for Christians; they are given for the purpose of our growth in Christ. In turn we share Christ's love with our neighbors and steward carefully all of God's good gifts.

## Shepherd's Shelf



Plans for the 2024 Richard D. Stephens Memorial Golf Outing are under way. The team is always seeking

more committee members to help plan this year's outing. If you are interested in helping, please contact Steph via email:

[shepherdsshelf@christlc.org](mailto:shepherdsshelf@christlc.org)

You are welcome to drop food at the office any day of the week, Monday through Thursday. Or if you would like, bring it along to church on Sunday. If it makes it in the building, someone will be sure to get it over to the Shelf for distribution.

The button with the most up to date list is on our website under the Shepherd's Shelf tab. Always remember to check the sign-up genius if you would like to volunteer at the Shepherd's Shelf.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0f4da9a62ea3f85-shepherds>

Distribution occurs on Mondays from 6:30pm – 8pm, Tuesdays from 10am – 11am or Wednesdays from 6:30pm – 8pm. Adults and youth 12 and older are welcome to help. No experience necessary. Training will be provided. Any questions contact Steph or call the church office.

## In our Larger Church Community Synod Mission Profile

As you may or may not know, the Southeastern Pennsylvania Synod (which CLC is a part of) will be electing a new bishop at the Synod Assembly in May. Use this link to keep up to date with the latest information:

<https://ministrylink.org/2024-bishop-election/>

The Synod Mission Profile, which is based on the results of a survey of synod members and leaders and interviews with Bishop Davenport and other key leaders, was published by the Transition Team on January 8, 2024. You can access that Mission profile by clicking on this link: <https://ministrylink.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/01/FINAL-SEPA-MISSION-PROFILE.pdf>

## Prayer List

### Bereavement:

The family and friends of Joan Martin as they grieve her death, mother-in-law of Chris Martin

The family and friends of Carol Masseli as they grieve her death, mother of Jerri Riemers

The family and friends of Mary Lou Young as they grieve her death, friend of Jane Dettra

### Joy:

Ezekiel Ray Gipe, born to Samanth & Ben Gipe, proud grandparents John & Carole Stoler

### Please Pray for:

Val Holzauer, friend of Karen Johnson

Jeff Stoler, brother of John Stoler

Those affected by gun violence

Those affected by natural disasters

Scott Appel, relative of Steph Sharkey

Doug Bailey, friend of CLC

Pauline Baymor, mother of Mike Baymor

Doris Bleam, aunt of Connie Baymor

Colleen Brown, sister-in-law of Chris Martin

Ron DeStefani

Lou Farrell, friend of Pastor Sellers

Gary Faut

Andy Funk, friend of Michelle Martin

Theresa Gerstemeier

Collins Gibson, great niece of Pastor Sellers

Sandy Giza, sister of Kathy Benjamin

Deb & Dave Haberle, brother-in-law of Kathy Benjamin

Tricia Hanna, friend of Dawn Baxter

John Hart, brother of Laurie Hart

Bob Hentschel, neighbor of the Elliotts

Beth Hesley, friends of Jane & Dennis Sharkey

Charlie Hoffman  
Bryan Hoover, friend of Ed Lightkep  
Amy Ivory, friend of Allison Healy  
Heather Johnson-McNutt  
Charlotte Kenreich, step-mom of Karolin Brechbill  
Ed LaFonde, family member of Karolin Brechbill  
Virginia Laudeman, mother of Patti Welsh  
Declan McGovern, nephew of Courtney Katz  
Brock McMahon, cousin of Allison Healy  
Colin Murray, friend of Ed Lightkep & Deb Freece  
Michael Noble  
Fred Nocera, brother of Diane West  
Matthew Page, friend of Linda N. Landis  
Donna Parks  
Coale Peace, grandnephew of Deb Freece  
John Peterson, friend of Neil Benjamin  
Kim Popple, cousin of Steve Houseal  
Charlotte Schick  
Petey Schlatter, friend of Deb Freece  
Karl Scholz  
Craig Schwartz, neighbors of the Baymors  
Randy Smith  
Harry Stover  
Jakob Strohl  
Jim Troxel  
Carole Ann Vogel, friend of Lynne Martino  
Dave Williams  
Tom Wolfe, father of Greg Wolfe  
Ruth Ann Worrell, sister of Rick Metz  
Barbara Wynne, friend of Laurie Hart  
Dottie Wynne, sister of Laurie Hart  
Steve Young, relative of Julie Munden  
**Military:**  
Specialist Joe Shiflett, in VA, fiancé of Sara Mathe  
CTT2 Amanda Milus stationed at naval base San Diego, CA, niece of John & Carole Stoler  
Sgt. Samantha Stoler, stationed at Ft. Stewart, GA  
Capt. Garrett Knauss, U.S. Marines,

stationed in Cherry Point, NC, grandson of Bonnie & Ted Knauss  
Capt. Chuck Richards, USAF, now stationed in New Mexico, son of Beth & Steve Richards  
Sgt. Jonathan Bloss, grandson of Mary Reinoehl, stationed in Misawa, Aomori, Japan with his family  
Col. Mike, friend of Jane Dettra  
Chris, now serving with the US Security Force in Baghdad, friend of Jane Dettra  
Stephen Elmer, friend of Jane Dettra  
Jon Kohl & family: neighbor of the Johnson & Gerlach families, friend of Amanda West

### **Birthdays and Anniversaries For This Week**

Lori Valovage – 2/18    Amy Tyczkowski – 02/18  
Charlotte Schick – 2/20  
Danial Bonsignore – 2/20  
Marie Kennedy – 2/21    Kathleen Katz – 02/22  
Colleen Burr – 02/22    Megan Stoler – 02/23  
Pete Cabbage – 02/24    Brian Itterly – 02/24  
Dave Heim – 02/24  
Scott & Sue Bardman – 02/18 – 29 years  
Bill & Marge Blum – 02/19 – 47 years  
Larry & Edie Landes – 02/24 – 28 years  
**Lay assistants for this week – 2/18/24**

9:00am Service

**Lay Reader:** Gary Johnson-McNutt

**Communion Assistants:** Karolin Brechbill, choir member

**Ushers:** Malinda Griffin

**Greeter:** Ann Sheasley

**Sound Board:** Scott Swindells

**Camera:** Marlys Thomas

10:30am Service

**Lay Reader:** Walt Hoyer

**Ushers:** Jim Keyser

**Greeter:** Ann Sheasley

**Sound Board:** Michael Hillegas

**Lay assistants for next week – 2/25/24**

9:00am Service

**Lay Reader:** Karolin Brechbill

**Ushers:** Debra Stott

**Greeter:** Lisa DeLong

**Sound Board:** Dann Stephens

**Camera:** Brooke Kuhlen

10:30am Service

**Lay Reader:** Lisa DeLong

**Ushers:** Steve Landis

**Greeter:** Lisa DeLong

**Sound Board:** John Stoler

**Attendance:** 2/11 9:00am – 38 in-person, 11 on-line; 10:30am - 22



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