



## News & Notes for Christ Lutheran Church

March 3, 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 Anger.

Today is the Third 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.

Easter flower orders are now being taken.

Forms are available at the usher's station.

Tulips, daffodils, hydrangeas and lilies are available for purchase. Orders will be taken until 3/21.

### 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.

### Welcome Walk

It's that time of year again for the annual Welcome Walk to two new/newer developments. Volunteers will gather in Weaver Hall at 10 am on **Saturday, March 16** to stuff the Welcome Bags with invitations to upcoming events, a Welcome letter from Pastor Serena, and some Easter goodies. Just hang on the door handle. It's that easy! With the volunteers we had for the Christmas Walk, the group was completed by about noon. If there is extreme inclement weather, we'll postpone till the following Saturday, March 23.

Please contact Paula Morris at 267-261-4564 to volunteer. That will give a better idea of how many bags we should anticipate filling.

### **Usher & Usher Coordinator Needed**

Just like with the call for the Greeters I sent out - each Sunday as you enter the Sanctuary you are greeted by a smiling face and someone ready to hand you your preference of bulletin. That person also assists with collecting offering and guiding folks to receive communion during worship. If you are interested in possibly volunteering in this role, please reach out to the office or Michael Hillegas. Michael is acting coordinator for the ushers right now. Previously Cory Brechbill coordinate the ushers - thank you to Cory for handling it for the many years that you did. Any questions, please contact the office.

### **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.

### **Rise Against Hunger**

Mark your calendars for **Saturday, April 6th from 10am - noon**. Meal Packaging Event!

This event was hosted here back in 2019 and those that participated remembered what a great day it was. Details and opportunity to official sign-up will be coming soon. Stay tuned! Lenten midweek offerings will be supporting this event, and the event is free for participants but a free-will donation can be made on the registration page (coming soon) to help us meet the fundraising goal.

### **Homeless Task Force – Message from Education Team**

**Verse: Mark 9: 36-37** He took a little child and set him in the middle of them. Taking him in his arms, he said to them, " whoever receives one such little child in my name, receives me, and whoever receives me, doesn't receive me, but Him who sent me."

**Fact:** From the American Institute for Research: Every year 2.5 million children experience homelessness. That is almost the entire population of the city of Chicago.

### **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)

Registration for the 2024 golf outing is now live. The outing is Monday, June 24th at Indian

Valley Country Club. Click here to register: <https://richard-d-stephens-memorial-golf-outing.perfectgolfevent.com/>

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.

### **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 process has entered the second phase, discernment. This means the people of the synod have time to review the mission profile and participate in prayerful conversation under the leadership of the Discernment Team. The team will host an in-person discernment session and offers a video Bible study for your use pre-identifying persons for consideration. attendees. seating is limited. Register here: 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 Andy Funk as they grieve his death, friend of Michelle Martin

The family and friends of Justin Hager as they grieve his death, friend of the Sharkey's

The family and friends of Denise Spier as they grieve her death, family member of Steph Sharkey

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

#### **Please Pray for:**

The O'Leary children, friends of the Kagarise family

Bob Stanley, friend of the Taylor family

David Taylor

Kris Williams, sister of Karolin Brechbill

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

Dottie Elliott

Lou Farrell, friend of Pastor Sellers

Gary Faut

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

Val Holzauer, friend of Karen Johnson

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 McMahan, 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

Janice Smith, friend of Steve Richards

Randy Smith

Jeff Stoler, brother of John Stoler

Harry Stover

Jakob Strohl

Jim Troxel

Carole Ann Vogel, friend of Lynne Martino

Gerry Walsh, friend of Steve Richards

Pastor Erika Wesch, friend of Pastor Sellers

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**

Alison Grebe – 2/25      Gary Faut – 2/26  
 Walt Griffin – 2/26      Pastor Ray Miller – 2/27  
 Tristan Landis – 2/28      Amelia Carpenter – 2/28  
 Karen Johnson – 3/2

**Lay assistants for this 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  
**Lay assistants for next week – 3/3/24**  
 9:00am Service  
**Lay Reader:** Courtney Katz  
**Communion Assistants:** Karolin Brechbill, Jane Dettra  
**Ushers:**  
**Greeter:** Ginny Ward  
**Sound Board:** Skip Dodge  
**Camera:** Andrew Dodge  
 10:30am Service  
**Lay Reader:** Courtney Katz  
**Ushers:** Ed Childs  
**Greeter:** Ginny Ward  
**Sound Board:** Maddie Bingley  
**Attendance:** 2/18 9:00am – 42 in-person, 20 views; 10:30am - 22



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