



News & Notes for Christ Lutheran Church

March 17, 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 Anguish.

Today is the Fifth Sunday in Lent.

One service this week with communion.

No Sunday School this week. It will resume next week with more planning to be done for Youth Sunday coming up soon!

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 17th

Immediately following this service there will be a special Congregational Meeting. Please make every effort to stick around after the service for this meeting. A quorum of 50 voting members is needed. At the usher's station is the Agenda for this meeting as well as an updated version of the Letter of Expectations. The Mutual Ministry team proposed a change to this document at the council meeting held on Tuesday 3/12/24. This change is regarding item 10, times the lot must be vacated. The council temporarily approved.

- The original Letter of Expectation listed the hours as follows:

Mondays from 8 am to 4pm , & 6:00-8:30 pm

Wednesdays 6:00 -8:30 pm

Thursdays 8 am to 4pm

Whenever snow plowing is being done.

When requested by the pastor or a member of the relationship team.

- The revised Letter of Expectation lists the hours as follows:

Monday from 8am-4pm and 6pm-8:30pm

Tuesday from 8am - 4pm

Wednesday from 8am-4pm and 6pm-8:30pm

Thursday from 8am-4pm

Whenever snow plowing is being done.

Whenever requested by the pastor or a member of the relationship team. An exception to this would be if the person(s) are participating in a church event (including but not limited to soup suppers, chili cookoff, game night, Shepherd's Shelf)

The vote will be by paper ballot where the voter will check one and only one box "YES" or "NO."

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 12th, 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:

- call a pastor as provided in Chapter 9;
- terminate the call of a pastor as provided in Chapter 9;
- 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.

Red Cross Blood Drive

The need for blood is constant. The gratification is instant.

On **April 18, 11am to 4pm, (Please note the new time for this drive!** the Social Ministry Team is hosting another blood drive at Christ Lutheran Church.

You can sign up by following this link:

<https://www.redcross.org/>

If you not able to sign up through the link or have any questions, please contact Marlys Thomas at marlystomas1@gmail.com and she will answer your questions and help you with your appointment.

Please sign up and help make our blood drive successful! Thank you.

Youth Candy Sales

Time is running out to think about Easter Candy! Now is the time to BUY! 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.

Soup Suppers

Soup Suppers are almost over!! One more to go on 3/20 hosted by Faith Formation (Christian Ed/Youth). If you haven't made it to one yet, next Wednesday is your last chance for this year. Starts at 6pm with Holden Evening prayer service at 7pm.

Welcome Home Kits

Only a couple more weeks to help out with these 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

As part of our year of "Witnessing Christ Through Service" we're excited to invite you to a special meal packaging event. Together, volunteers aim to create up to 10,152 meal kits for those in need.

Date: Saturday, April 6th Time: 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM

This event is not only an opportunity to serve our community but also a chance to extend a warm invitation to friends and neighbors. Sometimes, it's easier to introduce someone to the church through a service event rather than traditional worship. This fun-filled occasion offers a relaxed atmosphere for newcomers to get acquainted with the community and witness firsthand how CLC strives to follow Jesus.

Please note that space is limited, so early registration is encouraged. Use this link to register: <https://rah.my.salesforce-sites.com/events/homepage?id=701Pj0000074EzfIAE>

The cost for this event is \$4,100, which will be

covered by the Lenten offerings and contributions from the community. Participation is free, but if you wish to contribute, you can donate directly on our Rise Against Hunger registration page by clicking the button below.

Let's come together in service and fellowship, spreading the love of Christ through our actions. Can't wait to see you there!

April Women's Group Event

Join the group at Sip and Scent to make a product with a fragrance you create. You can make candles, body care products, home fragrances, hair care products, personal fragrances, or bath and shower products. You will have one hour to make your products, so we will need to be there on time. I am told that is plenty of time. You can find a list of products and pricing by going to their website:

www.scentandsip.com

If you decide to make a candle, Marlys will be happy to pick it up for you the following day. As the name suggests, we can bring snacks and drinks.

We need to let them know how many are attending so they can set up for us. So please sign up through the Signup Genius.

If we decide we haven't had enough fun after the one hour we can move down the street to the Stove and Tap.

RSVP here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4DA9A62EA3F85-48343133-scent> if you are able to attend.

Homeless Task Force – Message from Education Team

Verse: Luke 10:25-37 In the parable of the Good Samaritan Jesus challenges all of us to be attentive to those who need our help, whether they have been wounded by violence, misfortune, or poverty.

Luke 10:25 "Teacher", he asked, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?"

Luke 10:27 He answered "Love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and love your neighbor as yourself. "

Fact: Lack of connection to a church or religious communities increases homelessness. "The lifetime incidence of homelessness is reduced by 60 percent for people with strong ties to family, religious communities, and friends." Source: Acton Institute

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

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/>

NEW! Shepherd's Shelf is celebrating **20 years** of helping our community! You and your family are invited to stop by Shepherd's Shelf on **May 17** anytime between 6pm - 8pm for a night of food and fellowship to celebrate. The Shelf couldn't have done it without the help of all our wonderful volunteers and countless donors throughout the years. Please RSVP here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A054FAEA723A5FD0-48275451-2024> by May 8.

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 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 Caroline Childs as they grieve her death, mother of Ed Childs

The family and friends of Pastor Arlene Greenwald as they grieve her death, friend of Pastor Sellers

The family and friends of Jake Strohlein as they grieve his death, neighbors of The Swanson Family

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

Please Pray for:

Lisa Hall, relative of Connie Baymor

James Lowe, friend of Karen Williams

Sherri Moyer, friend of Karen Williams

Marc Pelych, friend of Karen Williams

Ava Reicher, granddaughter of Dottie Elliott

Trever Rentzel, friend of Karen Williams

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

Betty Eastlack, sister of Shepherd's Shelf volunteer

Dottie Elliott

Lou Farrell, friend of Pastor Sellers

Gary Faut

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

Beth Hesley, friends of Jane & Dennis Sharkey

Charlie Hoffman

Val Holzhauer, friend of Karen Johnson

Bryan Hoover, friend of Ed Lightkep

Amy Ivory, friend of Allison Healy

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

The O'Leary children, friends of the Kagarise

family
Matthew Page, friend of Linda N. Landis
Donna Parks
Coale Peace, grandnephew of Deb Freece
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
Bob Stanley, friend of the Taylor family
Jeff Stoler, brother of John Stoler
Harry Stover
Jakob Strohl
David Taylor
Carole Ann Vogel, friend of Lynne Martino
Gerry Walsh, friend of Steve Richards
Pastor Erika Wesch, friend of Pastor Sellers
Dave Williams
Kris Williams, sister of Karolin Brechbill
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

Bob DiNenno – 3/17 Peg Walker – 3/17
Natalie Peterson – 3/18 Dawn Baxter – 03/19
Skip Dodge – 03/19 Sarah Bardman – 3/19
Jackie Swanson – 03/20 David Dilks – 03/21
Tom Wolff – 03/21 Maggie Wilson – 3/22
Trent Donnelly – 03/23 Aidan Frye – 03/23
David & Barbara Dilks – 03/17 – 33 years

Lay assistants for next week – 3/17/24

9:30am Service

Lay Reader: Linda Landis

Ushers: Malinda Griffin

Greeter: Deb Freece & Ed Lightkep

Sound Board: Dann Stephens

Camera: Brooke Kuhlen

Lay assistants for next week – 3/24/24

9:00am Service

Lay Reader: Gary Johnson-McNutt

Ushers: Debra Stott

Greeter: Ann Sheasley

Sound Board: Jim Laguna

Camera: Brooke Kuhlen

10:30am Service

Lay Reader: Lisa DeLong

Ushers: Ed Childs

Greeter: Ann Sheasley

Sound Board: John Stoler

Attendance: 3/10 9:00am – 38 in-person, 72
views; 10:30am – 25



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