

March 2019
Christ Chronicles

Christ Lutheran Church

A Word from our Pastor:

From the Pastor's Desk;

Lent begins on Wednesday, March 6th. Maybe I'm strange but I've always liked Lent. Even as a kid, I enjoyed the Wednesday evening services when we would sing the service of "Evening Prayer" or "Vespers" from the green hymnal. "Jesus Christ is the light of the world, the light no darkness can overcome. Stay with us Lord, for it is evening, and the day is almost over." There was something about singing those words in a dimly lit church as we gathered to hear the Word. Even as a teenager, I never missed those services. I found in the singing and reading a peace which stayed with me. Even today, the words and music of Lent are something I turn to in times of struggle to find a little peace.

As we gather for Wednesday evening services this year, we will again be using "Holden Evening Prayer" as our service. The lessons will be based on "The Jesus-Centered Life: The life you didn't think was possible, with the Jesus you never knew". Come and join us for this opportunity to center ourselves on Christ our Lord and allow the music of our worship to bring peace to our hearts and praise to our God.

Go with God,
Pastor John



"The Lord, your God, is in your midst, a mighty savior, who will rejoice over you with gladness, and renew you in his love."

Zephaniah 3:17

"I came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly."

John 10:10

"Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. After fasting forty days and forty nights, He was hungry. The tempter came to him and said, "If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread."

Matthew 4:1-11

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

John 3:16

Grace Notes



Photo Credit-Times News
[Click here to read the whole article!](#)

Our band here at Christ Lutheran Church were featured in the Times News in February!

Grace Notes was formed several years ago and has five members; Warren Pushaw, Dennis Moore, Pat Moore, David Repecki, and Tyler Mangold.

They play every first Sunday of the month at the 8:15 service, and every third Sunday of the month at the 10:30 service. They also have band practice once a week on Thursdays at 6:30. If you can play an instrument, or have a passion for singing consider joining them! They are always looking to expand their band!

"Many of us would agree that our talent — whatever it is — is a God-given gift. So it's no surprise when someone with a gift wants to use that gift to give back.

" Quoted by Karen Cimms of the Times News.

WORSHIP SERVICES Worship services are every Sunday at 8:15 & 10:30am.

Contemporary Services are the 1st Sunday at 8:15 and the 3rd at 10:30am.

SUNDAY SCHOOL Sundays at 9:15am.

MONTHLY EVENTS

Grocery Receipts

from Redners have once again sent a blessing. We received a check from them for \$115.89 for our church! Thank you to all who have donated your receipts to benefit our Church! Keep dropping them off in the basket in the Narthex!

Prayer Shawl

Prayer Shawl Ministry meets here at Christ Lutheran Church on the second Sunday of the month in between services in the nursery area of the Narthex. If you knit, crochet, or just enjoy the company of other women, please consider being a part of this organization. You can contact Pat Moore at 610-533-5552.

Please Pray for....

ARMED SERVICES PERSONNEL AND FAMILIES
FIRST RESPONDERS AND THEIR FAMILIES

PEOPLE WITH RECENT CONCERNS:
Penny Allison
Jane Andrews
Shirley Butcavage
Fred Dennis
Diane Hickey
James Joanne
John Schriever
Dave Shoemaker
Maggie Votsmier

PEOPLE WITH ON-GOING NEEDS AND CONCERNS:
Joann Behrens
Daniel Glen Dotter
Inger Cheryl Kovolenko
Valeria Ligenza
Scott Mitchell
Benjamin Perrin
Dennis Perrin
Tom Poehler
David Radke
Dennis Rich III
Charles Rodgers
Louise Rodgers
Mike Rossi
Betty Snyder
Kathy Schroeder
David Van Zant
Ruth Van Zant

Pub Theology

Pub Theology is an open discussion about faith, the Bible, or life in general. We will have topics to choose from or you can come with an idea of your own. Anything is open for discussion. Everyone 18 or older is welcome to attend. Held the second Thursday of every month at Trattorias 903 at 7 pm.

Free Community Dinner

Is held the second Saturday of every month from 4-6 pm in the social hall. All are welcome!

Sunday School

Is open to all ages! It is held every Sunday at 9:15 am.

Amazon Smile

If you shop on amazon, please consider shopping through our link on Amazon Smile! We get a donation for every purchase! <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/237387028>

A Word from the Choir

Our choir is small but mighty, but right now, we could use a little help. We especially need women. We have decided to change our practice time to Sunday mornings at 9 a.m. starting March 10th. It makes it easier for some of our choir members, but we are also hoping it will make it easier for some of you. If you like to sing, please consider joining the choir and singing with us at the 10:30 service. You would be serving your church, but you may also find yourself blessed! If you have questions, please call Sue Hand (325-4888) or ask any choir member. Thank you!

Family Promise

During our last Family Promise host week, we housed 4 families comprised of 6 adults and 8 children. A big THANK YOU to the many volunteers that helped by preparing food, serving meals, providing fellowship and activities in the evening and serving as an overnight host. The time and effort provided by Betty and Bob Schaffrick, Pat and Denny Moore, Linda and Steve Laudenslager, Brandon and Talon Fogal, Barbara Smith, Pastor John and Ehren, Christie Kuhn, Pam Leshner, Josephine, Alice Herbine, Ray and Rose Attewell, and Christina Borgia was greatly appreciated. The children enjoyed the one-on-one interaction with card and board games, playing ping pong, doing jigsaw puzzles, and playing with balloons. We also give thanks to our support churches for their help with the meals during the week – Grace St Paul's Methodist, St. Paul's Lutheran, St John's North St, and Sal and Jolyn LoPresti. Volunteers are the foundation of FAMILY PROMISE. There are many ways that you can help. Whether you provide a hot meal, arrange activities for the children or stay overnight, you can make a difference in the lives of families who have suffered the ordeal of losing their home. The families we seek to help are receiving help beyond safe housing and warm meals. They are getting HELP for today and HOPE for the future.

Mark you Calendar!

Pub Theology

3/14 at 7:00 pm
At Trattorias 903

Penn Kidder Helping Hands:

3/7 at 7:00 pm

Community Dinner:

3/9 from 4-6pm
This month will be roasted chicken, mashed potatoes, vegetables, fresh salad, and dessert!

Prayer Shawl:

Meets the 2nd Sunday of every month between services in the Narthex.

Bible Study:

Every Thursday in the library at 10:30 am.

Choir Practice:

Every Sunday at 9:00 am.

Men's Breakfast

Will be held on 3/27 at 8:30 am at Terra Cottage.

First Communion Classes:

Will be starting on 3/17 at 9:15 am. Their bread baking will be held 4/13 and they will make their first communion on 4/14.

Grace Notes:

Practice is held every Thursday at 6:30 pm.

Women's Luncheon

Will be held on 3/19 at 12:30 at Terra Cottage.

If you have anything you would like included in the newsletter, please get the information to Lea no later than 3/28. Thank you!

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March

| MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY | SUNDAY |
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| 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 01 | 02 | 03 Contemporary Service 8:15 am, Worship 10:30 am Choir Practice 9am Sunday School 9:15 am Confirmation Class 6:30 pm |
| 04 | 05 Girl Scouts-5:00 pm Troop 555-7:00 pm | 06 Ash Wednesday Worship-7:00 pm | 07 Bible Study-10:00 am Grace Notes Band Practice- 6:30 pm PK Helping Hands- 7:00 pm | 08 | 09 Community Dinner- 4 to 6 pm | 10 Worship 8:15 am&10:30am Choir Practice 9am Sunday School 9:15 am Prayer Shawl 9:15 am Confirmation Class 6:30 pm |
| 11 | 12 Girl Scouts-5:00 pm Troop 555-7:00 pm | 13 Worship-7:00 pm | 14 Bible Study-10:00 am Grace Notes Band Practice- 6:30 pm Pub Theology-7:00 pm | 15 | 16 | 17 Worship 8:15 am Contemp. Worship 10:30 am Choir Practice 9am First Communion Classes Begin-9:15 am Sunday School 9:15 am Confirmation Class 6:30 pm |
| 18 | 19 Girl Scouts-5:00 pm Troop 555-7:00 pm Women's Luncheon-12:30 pm | 20 Worship-7:00 pm | 21 Bible Study-10:00 am Girl Scout Event-6:00 pm Grace Notes Band Practice- 6:30 pm | 22 | 23 | 24 Worship 8:15 am & 10:30 am Choir Practice 9am Sunday School 9:15 am First Communion Class-9:15 Confirmation Class 6:30 pm |
| 25 | 26 Girl Scouts-5:00 pm Troop 555-7:00 pm | 27 Worship-7:00 pm Men's breakfast 8:30 am | 28 Bible Study-10:00 am Grace Notes Band Practice- 6:30 pm | 29 | 30 | 31 |

Church Contact Information

| Staff | | | Church Council | | |
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| Rev. John P. Hassler | Pastor office Cell Email | 570-325-3757 570-778-3898 revjp@ptd.net | Steve Heydt | President | 484-464-5878 |
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| Susan Hand | Choir Director / Organist | 570-325-4888 | Julie Rossi | Secretary / Outreach | 570-401-3438 |
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| Warren Pushaw | Property | 201-953-0434 | | | |



Weekly Worship Volunteer Schedule



IF YOU CANNOT SERVE, IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO FIND YOUR REPLACEMENT. THANK YOU.

Volunteer Schedule-8:15am Service

| Date | Ushers | Counters | Acolyte | Readers | Comm Asst | Prayers | Altar Guild |
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| March 3 | Cy | Tara | Julianna | Cy | Kim & Cy | Cy | |
| March 10 | Erik | Darlene & Bev | Rowan | Pat M | | Pat M | |
| March 17 | Jim H & Darlene | Tara | | Elizabeth | | Elizabeth | |
| March 24 | | Darlene & Bev | Lauren | Warren | | Warren | |
| March 31 | Cy | Tara | Julianna | Cy | Kim & Cy | Cy | |
| April 7 | Erik | Darlene Bev | Rowan | Elizabeth | | Elizabeth | |
| April 14 | Jim H & Darlene | Tara | | Pat M | | Pat M | |
| April 21 | | Darlene & Bev | Lauren | Elizabeth | | Elizabeth | |
| April 28 | Cy | Tara | Julianna | Cy | Kim & Cy | Cy | |

Volunteer Schedule-10:30am Service

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| March 3 | Josephine | Evelyn | | Tracey | John | Tracey | Melissa |
| March 10 | Jerry | Sue H | Abbey | John | Josephine | John | Melissa |
| March 17 | | Evelyn | Shane | Sally | Tracey & Melissa | Sally | Melissa |
| March 24 | Pat F | Sue H | Ehren | Melissa | Tracey & Melissa | Melissa | Melissa |
| March 31 | Josephine | Evelyn | | Tracey | John | Tracey | Melissa |
| April 7 | Jerry | Sue H | Abbey | John | Josephine | John | Pat M |
| April 14 | Ethel | Evelyn | Shane | Sally | Tracey & Melissa | Sally | Pat M |
| April 21 | Pat F | Sue H | Ehren | Melissa | Tracey & Melissa | Melissa | Pat M |
| April 28 | Josephine | Evelyn | | Tracey | John | Tracey | Pat M |

PLEASE NOTE THAT THERE ARE SOME CHANGES. PLEASE CHECK CAREFULLY. IF YOU ARE WILLING TO HELP DURING THE SERVICE, PLEASE CONTACT LEA IN THE OFFICE. 570-325-3757