



CHIMES NEWSLETTER



February
2019

Learning and Living Christ

As I begin to write for you in this pastor's piece, dear friends in Christ, I wondered at what I should write about. Over the past couple of pastor's pieces I have been sharing with you bits and pieces from the book "Surprise the World" and how we might re-imagine our Christian living in such a way that people are drawn to the Jesus Christ who is alive and at work in us. In this piece I'm going to touch on this subject area once again.

To recap, I first wrote to you about "blessing" others. Part of this practice is being lived out each week as we share the \$5 envelopes with the community, but you are encouraged to bless others regularly on your own as well, whether monetarily or in other ways with intentional words of affirmation, serving others, spending time with others, or any other way you think you can bless people. Last month I wrote to you about inviting people to God's table by first inviting them to yours. During Lent (next month), I will invite you all to spend time learning how to listen for God during our weekday service. I am still trying to decide a day and time for these. For this month I am going to write to you about the concept of "learning Christ". All of these aforementioned areas (blessing, eating, listening, and learning) are part of the acronym B.E.L.L.S in "Surprise the World", the last word in B.E.L.L.S being "send".

For now, "learning Christ". "Learning Christ" means not only understanding what Jesus does in general (W.W.J.D), or simply having a few stories about Jesus memorized, but being immersed regularly in who Jesus is each day as to know what would Jesus have me do and be right here and right now in my particular context, today. To live into this reality of "learning Christ", I have looked at the upcoming gospel texts for the month of February. As I looked at the gospel readings, which happen to cover Luke chapters 4-6,

I was struck by how there is a constant interweaving of "teaching" and "healing" by Jesus. Teaching and healing seem to go hand in hand. It seems as though people were either drawn to Jesus' teaching and then were also healed, OR they were healed by Jesus and then were drawn to hearing what Jesus had to teach. Either way, it seems impossible to separate teaching and healing in the early ministry of Jesus in Luke 4-6.

With this teaching/healing reality of Jesus in mind, I have a "learning Christ" question for you:

What does your life teach others about Jesus?

Keep in mind, I'm not asking you about what things you do that Jesus teaches you to do, I'm asking you, how do people learn about who Jesus Christ is through your life? And of course the only way that you can live a life that teaches who Jesus is today, is if **you** know who Jesus is for you today.

So what is something new that Jesus has taught you recently as you have been "learning Christ" that has brought you healing, and how might you embody and teach this for others as the body of Christ?

Now at this point I know that there will be some of you who read this and think, "surely I am not qualified to teach people about Jesus Christ." And if this is you, know that you are in good company, for Simon Peter himself in Luke 5:8 has a very similar attitude saying to Jesus, "Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful person!". But Jesus responds to Simon Peter, and you, in this way in Luke 5:10, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people."

Friends in Christ, as you learn Christ, Christ is with you. You need not be afraid. As you live Christ, Christ is with you. You need not be afraid. Christ simply calls you each day to ask yourself: "What would Jesus teach me today and have me embody for others so that they might learn Christ and be healed."

God bless you with the Spirit to learn Christ, live Christ, teach Christ, and heal a very broken world.

Peace,
Pastor Ryan

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

FOOD PANTRY INFO

Christ Lutheran is responsible to supply at least 15 volunteers for the third Saturday of each month at Immanuel Lutheran's Food Pantry.

Thanks to everyone who has taken time out of their day to help others who are in need. Look to the bulletin board for each months sign up.



June 16th



is our next day to man the pantry!
Hope you are able to help.

HELP WANTED!!!!

ALTAR GUILD: Volunteer(s) are needed to serve for the month of **SEPTEMBER.**

If you are interested in serving please contact the church office.

THANK YOU!

Dear Christ Lutheran,

Thank you so much for your generous donation to the Jackson Personal Needs Ministry. We serve over 100 folks each week and your donation will help a lot!

Our pantry operates out of the First Baptist Church on the corner of Cortland & Jackson St. Thursdays from 5-6:30 p.m. Feel free to visit!

Margo & John

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Ron & Joyce Bryant and Gail Cameron became members in January.
Bob Wolcott became a member in December.

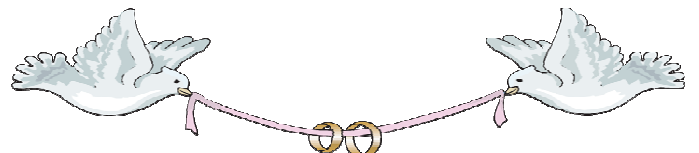
We will celebrate this in church on February 17th.

Happy Birthday to:

01 Helen Dentone	17 Elizabeth Archer
04 Jean Mikkelsen	20 Sienna Gable
06 Shirley J. Binschus	20 Jackie Hunter
06 John McCune	22 Robert Hanson
10 James Rose	25 Jennifer Irwin
12 Rosemary Karnaz	25 Kelly U'ren
14 Diana Day	27 Mark Digue

Happy Anniversary

5th Mark & Rene Digue 31 yrs
20th Mike & Jennifer Crouch 26 yrs



COUNCIL

MINI-MINUTES: December 9, 2018

- Church Vitality Team training in Las Vegas February 5th thru 9th, 2019.
- Initial discussion / analysis of “conversations” on Dec 9th, 2018 at council meeting.
- November income just +\$162; income close to budget. Have been pulling from savings to pay mortgage principle (not interest). December 2019 church has to refinance; will hit 2020 budget
- Church sign “Christ Lutheran Church” spacing of lettering under peak.
- Work in the sanctuary; need a brush to help remove the mold. Keep the ceiling fans going to air circulating. LED lights in driveway. The need “more identification” of CLC. Larger lettering on community center?
- Bob Wolcott to be “confirmed” as a member of CLC.
- Care Team established by Judy Miller Set up meeting during the ‘work’ week to review Care Team?
- Semi-annual congregational meeting; January 27th, 2019.

OUR COUNCIL:

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MINI-MINUTES: January 13, 2019

- Synod’s Renewal Team (Church Vitality) – Pastor Ryan to be attending from February 5 through February 8 in Las Vegas.
- Questionnaire for Semi-Annual Meetings – list of 5 questions presented, added ‘Would you be interested in participating in a discussion? When?’ Possibly want to combine the first two questions. Trying to discern the direction of the congregation going forward. Need to get a commitment.
- New Members – accepted – Gail Dee Cameron, Joyce Bryant, and Ron Bryant
- Office Hours at Diner – discontinued due to lack of people coming
- Theological Guide / Expert – desire to work on ‘intentional faith formation’ – need to determine how to proceed with the Pastor’s Bible Study – Adult Bible Study before or after church service?
- Mortgage Report – mortgage interest rate resets to current values every 5 years will occur for CLC in November, 2019. Presented two options for payoff assuming a new interest rate of 4.50%. Option 1 leaves the mortgage payment at \$2142.57. mortgage loan would be paid off in 15 years (if rate remains at 4.50%). Option 2 increase payment to \$3000 per month. mortgage would be paid off in less than 10 years (if rate remains at 4.50%). Decision to be made prior to November, 2019. Have a campaign to raise funds for building improvements.
- Sign letters ordered —LED Light in the driveway, call Consumers for service—check on mold removal in the sanctuary.
- Michigan Center Food Pantry outreach – received letter from MI Center Food Pantry director Marcy Merrill and Compassionate Ministries inquiring if CLC would be interested in partnering to run a ‘mobile’ food pantry. This likely would be a ‘backpack’ program which would supply young children food for weekends. Maybe the CLC facilities would be used as a staging area to store food and fill backpacks. CLC may be a satellite location for the existing back program. It was suggested that the nearby house for sale be bought by the MI Center Food Pantry. It was also noted that CLC may need a grant writer for this project. Terry, Gary, Pastor Ryan and Dan Burmeister will meet with Marcy Merrill to further discuss the issue.
- Equipping Leaders for Ministry in Mission (ELMM) – Anne to attend training on April 12th and April 13th, her scholarship has not yet gone through. This is a faith formation program and Anne wishes to join the community of disciples. Motion for CLC to provide a 2019 budgeted amount for the ELMM training to cover all the expenses for Anne
- Date for next CLC Council meeting – February 10, 2019

Serving in Love

FEBRUARY 2019

	February 3	February 10	February 17	February 24	March 3
Greeter 9:45	Richard Mikkelsen	David & Coralie Dirlam	Dawn Davis	Rick & Lynette Wyllis	
Acolyte 9:45	Jordan Wineland	Jaymason Filter	Jordan Wineland	Jaymason Filter	Jordan Wineland
Assisting Ministers	Diana Day Rodney Simons 2	Coralie Dirlam Judy Miller 3	Audrey Varland Mimi Elliott 4	Terry Wineland Mary Wilkie 5	Barb Merkel Kerry Pickett 1
Kids For Christ Leaders	Jane Schultz Linda Wineland Katie Merkel	Jane Schultz Linda Wineland Katie Merkel	Jane Schultz Linda Wineland Katie Merkel	Jane Schultz Linda Wineland Katie Merkel	Jane Schultz Linda Wineland Katie Merkel
Ushers	Terry Wineland Mark Lee Beth McCune John McCune Team #3	Richard Mikkelsen Gary Soltis Collin Soltis Ethan Soltis Team #4	Soren Anderson Nancy Spink Phil Elliott Mimi Elliott Team #5	Joe Mount Bob Schlundt Dan Burmeister Rodney Simons Team #6	Jim Woody Carol Woody Chris McDermott Dawn Davis Team #7
Counting Teams	Dan Burmeister Dawn Burmeister Joe Mount	Bob Schlundt Soren Anderson	Frank Lovejoy Judy Lovejoy Phil Elliott	Doug Prather Chris McDermott	Don Day Terry Wineland
Altar Guild	Nancy Spink Judy Wollet February	Nancy Spink Judy Wollet February	Nancy Spink Judy Wollet February	Nancy Spink Judy Wollet February	Mary Wilkie Dawn Davis March

YOUTH BRUNCH

Are you hungry? Well how about staying after service on the 1st Sunday of each month to enjoy a free will offering breakfast. **The proceeds will go to helping the youth** with future events like "The Gathering". Money well spent for enriching the minds of our very own youth here at CLC. So stay after church enjoy something to eat, and share in some fellowship all while donating to a great cause.

This months Brunch is being sponsored by Judy, Coralie & Shirley



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • C.C. = Community Center • W.W. = Weight Watchers • L.D.A.F. = Little Dresses for Africa • W.B.S. = Women's Bible Study 					1 10:00a W.W.	2 Groundhog Day
3 Super Bowl 9:45a Worship 11:00a Brunch	4 1:00p W.B.S.	5	6	7 6:30p Teen Ctr.	8 10:00a W.W.	9
10 9:45a Worship 11:15a Council 3:30p Conf. @ Imm.	11 1:00p W.B.S.	12 5:00p Comm. Dinner	13	14 Valentine's Day 6:30p Teen Ctr.	15 10:00a W.W.	16 8:45a CLC @ Imm. Pantry
17 Chimes Deadline New Members 9:45a Worship	18 Presidents Day 1:00p W.B.S.	19	20 12:45p Care Home	21 6:30p Teen Ctr.	22 10:00a W.W.	23
24 Noisy Offering 9:45a Worship 3:30p Conf. @ Imm.	25 1:00p W.B.S.	26	27	28 6:30p Teen Ctr.	Notes:	



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WORSHIP SCHEDULE

9:45 am—Sunday Worship Service

9:45 am—Kids for Christ (Sunday School)

Holy Communion Celebrated each Sunday

Pastor Ryan Prondzinski

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(ELCA) Congregation

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