

**The
CHIMES**



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PASTOR'S PIECE

For February's pastor's piece in this time of Epiphany where God's light and love is revealed to us in Jesus Christ, I give to you again my letter of thanks for your generosity this Christmas season. Through your love and generosity, you continue to show me the light and love of Jesus Christ through his body, all of you. God bless you for your generosity not only to me during this Christmas season, but at all times and to all people. God grant that you continue to grow in your generosity and love for God and His Word and world this year and always, so the words we hear at our baptisms continues to ring true and ring louder in and through you: "Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven."

Sisters and brothers of Christ Lutheran Church,

From the bottom of my heart and with my whole being, THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

WOW! I continue to be blown away by your love, support, and generosity. You have abundantly loved and blessed me this Christmas season, with gifts, cards, words of affirmation, and more. And you bless me well beyond the holidays too.

As a result I always feel moved and blessed to say to the people I meet outside of Michigan Center that I have some of the best people to serve Jesus Christ with and be pastor for.

I am so glad I am your pastor. Thank you for loving me so.

I hope that God helps me continue to bless you all as much as you have blessed me.

God grant that we all can continue to be a generous outpouring of the love of Christ for our community and world as well, as I know you all can, so that all may see this love as the light of Christ and come and receive the abundance you all have been given and give, in the name of Christ.

Thank you again.

Forever grateful,

Pastor Ryan

Also note, Lent is around the corner, and with the council and I's focus this year being on renewing the areas of evangelism and community partnerships here at CLC, I will be leading Lenten services on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 p.m. February 21-March 21 on the topic of community engagement and community outreach. So please mark your calendars and come and join in on the conversation and worship experience that will center on Christ and the word, and how they relate to community engagement and outreach this Lenten season.

Always blessed to be your pastor,

Pastor Ryan

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God Stories
A Legacy from the Church Family of
Christ Lutheran Church...Michigan Center, Michigan

A great way to proceed into 2018 is with hope, prayer and a renewal of our spirits. God is bringing people forward in church on Sunday mornings to tell their personal stories with God that take our breath away and even bring us to tears of gratitude.

A short while ago Pastor Ryan casually mentioned how nice it would be to put our stories into a book. Then during the 4th week of advent, Pastor asked our church family, "How has God helped you do something you thought was impossible, but then you did it?" He asked this question because the angel Gabriel says to Mary, "Nothing will be impossible with God" in Luke 1.

Acknowledging that nothing is impossible with God, we are going to write our own CLC Legacy book from our own God stories, and we **will** have them in print for next Christmas. This book is something to look forward to and pray about. No one is going to be asked to do something they are not comfortable doing, and we will have help for those who need it.

We are encouraging all members and everyone who was ever a minister or a member of CLC to share one of your stories. To get started on your story, think about when have you felt the presence of God in your life.

How has God helped you do something you thought was impossible, but then you did it?

Have you ever been close to a near death accident?

Ever felt the presence of someone who passed?

Ever recovered from a severe illness?

Has an old friend or acquaintance been brought back into your life?

Have prayers been answered in a way you did not expect?

How did God help you deal with grief like divorce, loss of a loved one, the disappointment of not getting a job....

Have you ever felt God's presence when you were lonely?

Please send your stories to Linda Smith, at CLC. Questions? Email lindasmith98@yahoo.com or call her at 517-764-1067. Blessings to all....



Following Christ

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.



February 17th is our next day to man the pantry! Hope you are able to help.

COUNCIL

MINI-MINUTES: January 14, 2018

- David Sprang will preach and talk to council on February 4
- Bible study resumes Tuesday, Jan. 16 at 6:30 pm through Feb. 13.
- Ash Wednesday Feb. 14th.
- Lenten services will begin Wed., Feb. 21 thru Mar. 21st at 6:30 pm.
- 3 of the 12 refugee boys have gotten their status and a new boy has been added to the house.
- Lights are complete and working on other property projects are starting.
- Terry Wineland will write up a job position for church member to open and close church when rented.
- Discussion on day camp
- Cleaning person recognition.
- Barb Merkel speaking with Coralie, Tracey and Shirley with regard to procedures for Community Dinners.
- Next council meeting is February 4, 2018 with David Sprang attending.

THE SALES ARE ON!

With all the winter sales going on, it is a great time to start buying gifts for the Food Pantry for Christmas 2018. Gifts like socks, gloves, hats and scarves. There is a long table in the second Sunday School classroom to the right in the Education Wing where you can leave your gifts. We will be collecting all year. It is a BIG project so we need the help of the BIGGEST person we know.

Start praying....

OUR COUNCIL:

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MEMORIALS

We wish to thank the following who have made contributions to our church in memory of:

Edwin Lasak:

Fred & Barbara Myall

Eric & Katy Johnson



THANK YOU NOTES

Thank you CLC!

I loved going to the 2017 Gathering. We got to enjoy many Rachel Kurtz performances and really feel the Holy Spirit during our service project. The workshops were very informational and provided insight into different problems in the world. Thank you so much for allowing me to go for a second year. It was a blast and a great, thought-provoking way to spend 3 days with God and my fellow Church family.

Sincerely,
Sienna Gable

Dear CLC,

I thank all of you for sending me to the 2017 Gathering in Lansing. It was very eye-opening and fun to spend time with our youth along with the Lutheran youth of the State of Michigan. Rachel Kurtz sang every day and we almost went out to eat with her. We made hats out of fleece for the homeless as our service project. For our workshops, we learned about human trafficking and went to the Discovery Room which had coloring, a prayer bubble for praying and a plastic tarp to write something that you will change with your talent. For my first time going to one of these, it was so much fun.

Thank you,
Pierson Gable



Thanks to everyone who helped to make the Christmas basket for the Samaritanas house a big success. Thanks to everyone who participated. God has blessed our church with those who love and have much generosity. Those young men needed to know that there are people in this world that care for each other as they find their way in the world.

Mary :)

Q. Who was the greatest financier in the Bible?

Dear Christ Lutheran,

Thanks for your recent generous donation. With our unreliable budget, your regularity really helps us accomplish our goals.

Blessings & Happy New Year,
Love, INC Finance

A. Noah; he was floating his stock while everyone was in liquidation.

SYMPATHIES

We wish to express our heartfelt Christian sympathies to:

Joene Chenery and family on the death of her husband Bruce, who passed on Dec. 26th.

Carol Paquette and family on the death of her husband, James, who passed on Dec. 28th.

Our thoughts and prayers are with them in this time of loss.



Serving in Love

February 2018

	February 4	February 11	February 18	February 25	March 4
Greeter 9:45	Dean & Barb Merkel	Dawn Davis	Jack & Jackie Hunter	Tim Belcher	
Acolyte 9:45					
Assisting Ministers	Audrey Varland Mimi Elliott 4	James Woody Rodney Simons 5	Dan Burmeister Mary Wilkie 6	Terry Wineland Barb Merkel 1	Don Day Diana Day 2
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	Jim Woody Carol Woody Chris McDermott Dawn Davis Team #7	David Dirlam Coralie Dirlam Rick Wyllis Team #8	Frank Lovejoy Judy Lovejoy Mike Crouch Jennifer Crouch Team #1	Dean Merkel Katie Merkel Jim Austin Jack Hunter Team #2	Terry Wineland Mark Lee Todd Pickett Kerry Pickett Team #3
Counting Teams	Dan Burmeister Dawn Burmeister Joe Mount	Don Day Terry Wineland	Bob Schlundt Bill Anderson Soren Anderson	Frank Lovejoy Judy Lovejoy Phil Elliott	Doug Prather Chris McDermott
Altar Guild	Nancy Spink Judy Wollet	Nancy Spink Judy Wollet	Nancy Spink Judy Wollet	Nancy Spink Judy Wollet	Mary Wilkie Dawn Davis

YOUTH BREAKFAST

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.

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE



Our next blood drive here at Christ Lutheran will be held on **Monday, February 26th** from Noon until 5:45 p.m.

Volunteers are needed to help make this a successful event. Please sign up on the sheet posted on the bulletin board in the Welcome Center if you are able to help in any way. Please share the date with family and friends so they can donate that day if they are able.

February 2018

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>ALTAR FLOWERS FOR 2018</p> <p>The cost for altar flowers will remain the same at \$35.00. The calendar is posted and you can sign up to honor that special person or occasion and help to give our altar some much needed color.</p> 				1	2 Groundhog Day 10:00a W.W. 6:00p Visitation	3 10:00a Chenery Visitation 11:00a Memorial Service & Luncheon
4 Super Bowl 9:45a Worship 11:15a Yth. Bkft. 11:00 Council mtg.	5 1:00p W.B.S	6 6:30p Bible Stdy	7 4:30p C.D. 6:30p Fairy house craft	8	9 10:00a W.W.	10
11 9:45a Worship 3:30p Conf. @ Imm.	12 1:00p W.B.S	13 Mardi Gras 5:00p Comm. Dinner 7ish Bible Stdy	14 Ash Wednesday 4:30p C.D. 6:30p Worship	15	16 10:00a W.W.	17 8:45a CLC @ Imm. Pantry
18 Chimes Deadline 9:45a Worship	19 Presidents' Day 1:00p W.B.S	20	21 Lent (1) 12:45p Greenleaf 4:30p C.D. 6:30p Worship	22	23 10:00a W.W.	24 C.C.in use
25 Noisy Offering 9:45a Worship 3:30p Conf. @ CLC	26 12:00p Blood Drive 1:00p W.B.S	27	28 Lent (2) 6:30p Worship	<p>Notes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • C.C. = Community Center • C.D. = Cardio Drumming • W.W. = Weight Watchers • W.B.S. = Women's Bible Study 		

CELEBRATIONS

Happy Birthday to:

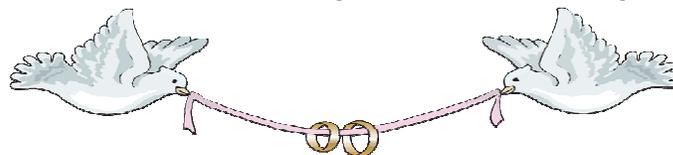


- 01 Helen Dentone
- 04 Jean Mikkelsen
- 06 Shirley J. Binschus
- 06 John McCune
- 10 James Rose
- 12 Rosemary Karnaz
- 14 Diana Day
- 17 Elizabeth Archer
- 20 Sienna Gable
- 20 Jackie Hunter
- 25 Jennifer Irwin
- 25 Kelly U'ren
- 27 Mark Digue

Happy Anniversary

This February

- 5th Mark & Rene Digue 30 yrs
- 20th Mike & Jennifer Crouch 25 yrs



KIDS CORNER

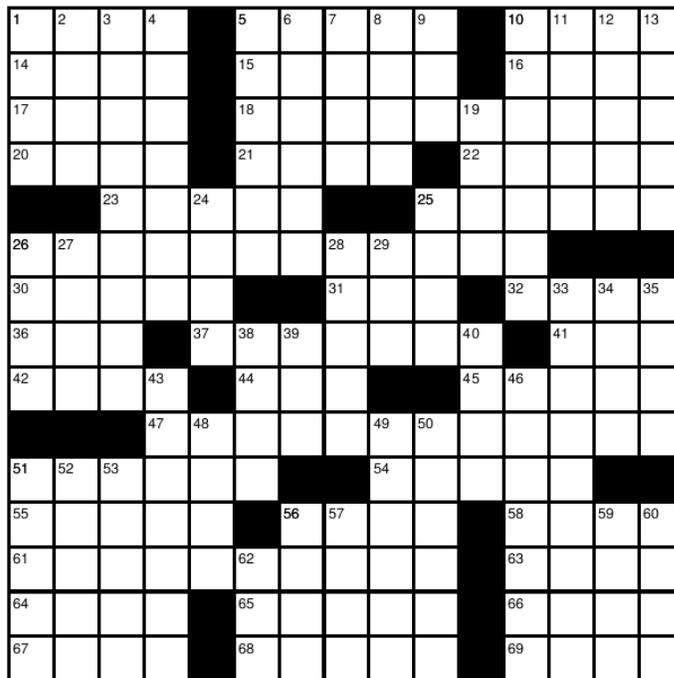
Pink Slip

ACROSS

- 1. River hazard
- 5. It aids commerce in Cancun, Kalamazoo, and Calgary
- 10. Left 21 across or 8 down
- 14. He's blue without his red or white
- 15. Offering from Google or Yahoo
- 16. He may be blue because he's in the red
- 17. Golden rule word
- 18. Princess in plum?
- 20. One might clean up at a Vegas hotel
- 21. Certain hand-outs
- 22. Coolpix camera maker
- 23. Fabric for a sundress
- 25. Creatures of clay
- 26. Share the stage with journalist Andrea?
- 30. See eye to eye
- 31. Lord's Prayer start
- 32. Blown away
- 36. Org. that sticks to its guns
- 37. Auto dealer's option, and a hint to this puzzle's theme
- 41. Greeting for Caesar
- 42. Congers and morays, e.g.
- 44. Keats creation
- 45. Novelist Joyce Carol
- 47. Caesar's boastful bon mot?
- 51. Like this clue
- 54. Pendragon of legend
- 55. Stock holding
- 56. Word with back or off
- 58. Tach readings
- 61. San Fran sportscaster?
- 63. "Piggies"
- 64. Caesar's challenge
- 65. One with grievances, perhaps
- 66. Classic Lotus model
- 67. Kind of waist
- 68. Strand in Rapunzel's rope
- 69. Oxford fellows

DOWN

- 1. Like one leg of a triathlon
- 2. First of a famous sailing trio
- 3. Like AZT
- 4. "Well said!!"
- 5. Himalayan denizen
- 6. Worn magic item
- 7. McDonald's, e.g.
- 8. Certain hand-outs
- 9. Tide alternative
- 10. Silverback, e.g.
- 11. No longer napping
- 12. Asp's output
- 13. Moran and Brockovich trio
- 19. Hydroxyl compound
- 24. "...until ____ a man with no feet."
- 25. "It's Raining Men" singer Halliwell
- 26. Heroine of a classic children's reader
- 27. Man-eater of myth
- 28. Many a software engineer
- 28. Many a software engineer
- 29. Blue, red, or white
- 33. Sport with very wet horses?
- 34. What to get after an insult
- 35. He loved Lucy
- 38. Unchangeable storage
- 39. Stir
- 40. A bagel and lox, perhaps
- 43. Buttress
- 46. Kept at bay
- 48. Mouse manipulator
- 49. You'll find many in a pound
- 50. Pronounces
- 51. How good was it?
- 52. Tony-winning Rivera
- 53. Dennis Miller specialty
- 56. Evening on the Champs-Élysées
- 57. Land of the leprechauns
- 59. Like 27 down
- 60. Apr. 15 data
- 62. Wine container



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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