



# The CHIMES



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## PASTOR'S PIECE

Greetings sisters and brothers!

It seems hard to believe that a month has already gone by! Where has the time gone? I pray you have all been having a blessed end of the summer.

Again I would like to thank you all for the warm welcome you have been offering me. I am beginning to feel very at home here in the Jackson area and at Christ Lutheran Church. Please continue to work with me on names and getting to know you all as we continue on into the fall and in ministry together.

With getting to know all of you in mind, I also ask that you all would be praying about and considering how I can get to know you; whether that is meeting you at home, at a coffee shop, or even at work! Please work with me in setting aside time to get to know each of you because that would mean much to me and is one of my priorities for the year. You don't have to do this alone either. You can find a group of people you know that would be willing to meet with me all at once as well. Thank you for your consideration.

On a different note, by the time you are reading this the council and I will already have you thinking and praying about Sunday school and Christian education here at CLC. I encourage you to continue doing that throughout the month. What is God calling CLC's Christian education to be in this time and place?

This question is important because we read in Romans 15:4-6 that we are promised great treasures in the study of scripture together. Hear what Paul writes, "4 for everything that was written in former times was written for our instruction, [education or learning] so that through endurance and through encouragement of the scriptures we may have hope.

5 Now may the God of endurance and comfort give you unity with one another in accordance with Christ Jesus, 6 so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Sunday school or Christian education is a time when we dwell in scripture and learn from scripture together. And this time in scripture together gives us hope, which gives us and those around us life. This is the promise of spending time in scripture together and learning scripture; life and hope.

Life is hard and at times can leave us feeling quite hopeless, like we cannot endure. One way to help overcome this and bring new life to these times in our lives is through the study of scripture together, so that we can encourage each other and give each other hope.

In this passage from Romans we are encouraged to praise God together with one voice. I ask all of you to be praying about how we can praise God together with one voice through the study of scripture together. In this way we will continue to strengthen our ministry of following Christ, serving in love, and sharing the journey.

God bless you this month and always,

Pastor Ryan Prondzinski

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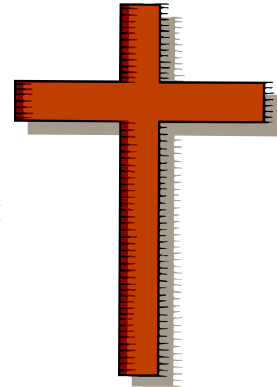
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## CONFIRMATION NEWS

All Confirmation-age students (7-8th grade or a little older) and their families should have received a letter by now or will shortly, with information on the upcoming year. If you don't get a letter, please accept our apologies for the oversight, and call the church office and ask for the information.

*Let Pastor Ryan or the church office know ASAP* whether your students will be participating in Confirmation this year.

Confirmation students will be meeting on Friday September 9. We start with our CSI (Christ, St. James, and Immanuel) Confirmation Events with an overnight retreat and orientation at St. James at 7:00 pm. Then our regular Sunday afternoon classes will begin on September 25th at 3:30 at St. James Lutheran Church, 4425 S. Jackson Rd.,. This is an important event to start the year – be there, and bring your Bible if you have one!



Following Christ's



## Need something to do on a weekend Have You Ever Wondered?

**How big was Noah's Ark? How did Noah fit all the animals on board? How did Noah feed and care for all the animals? How did Noah build the Ark?**

We built the full-size Noah's Ark to answer these questions—and more!

As you enter Noah's world aboard the massive Ark, you'll tour three decks filled with scores of world-class exhibit bays. These stunning exhibits allow you to experience what Noah's life may have been like.

### About The Ark

Ark Encounter features a full-size Noah's Ark, built according to the dimensions given in the Bible. Spanning 510 feet long, 85 feet wide, and 51 feet high, this modern engineering marvel amazes visitors young and old. Ark Encounter is situated in the beautiful Williamstown, Kentucky, halfway between Cincinnati and Lexington on I-75. From the moment you turn the corner and the towering Ark comes into view, to the friendly animals in the zoo, to the jaw-dropping exhibits inside the Ark, you'll experience the pages of the Bible like never before.

Experience the life-size Noah's Ark! *Ark Encounter* is a one-of-a-kind themed attraction the whole family will enjoy, located in Williamstown, Kentucky.

**Address:** 1 Ark Encounter Dr, Williamstown, KY 41097

The Creation Museum is closed Thanksgiving and Christmas Day.

For more information about Creation Museum hours please see the [Creation Museum](http://www.creationmuseum.org) website.

# COUNCIL

## MINI-MINUTES: August 14, 2016

Pastor Ryan will be installed at CLC on August 23 at 7:00 pm.

### Mission Outlook

#### Pastor's Report

- Ryan met with the Bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Papua New Guinea. The bishop encouraged listening to people. Hear their stories. Being in relationship to others and get people excited for God.
- New beginnings House work day on August 20 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Also Aug. 24<sup>th</sup> 5p.m. to 7 p.m. Fundraiser dinner on September 23 from 4:30-7:00 pm. Will be held at First Presbyterian Church.
- Attended Synod Assembly meeting and is hoping to find someone at CLC to be a Mission Interpreter who will help us understand what is happening within our synod.
- First Call Theological Covenant – 25 hours of educational activity throughout the year. Think of ideas for Pastor to be involved in.
- September 11 – God's Work Our Hands Day to think beyond ourselves. Get out and serve someone that day. Help local service members. Anyone in need.
- Confirmation Guide needed. Someone that likes to work with kids. Asking for list of names by end of month.
- Rally Day/Sunday School is also September 11.

#### Mission Team Report

- Tabled until next month.

Note: All motions made were approved by council.

### OUR COUNCIL:

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## IT'S A SPAGHETTI DINNER

### CSIF

(Christ Lutheran, St. James Lutheran, Immanuel Lutheran & First Presbyterian) are hosting a fundraising dinner to help furnish the **Samaritas Home for Unaccompanied Minor Refugees** on Friday, September 23 from 4:30-7:00 at First Presbyterian.



The home is in need of beds, dressers, wardrobes, dishes, pots and pans - virtually anything one would need to furnish a home.

Tickets are \$8.00 – children 5 and under are free and are on sale now. Please stop by the church office to purchase your ticket(s). Please help us in this endeavor to help children who are all alone in this world and have experienced horrors beyond anything we would comprehend.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Food Pantry Christmas Gifts

We are collecting Stuffed animals, Hats, Scarves, Gloves and Socks for Christmas gifts for our friends that use **Immanuel's Food Pantry** again this year.

Garage Sales are still going strong, so it's a great time to pick up some more nearly new items at very little cost. And, of course, loomed, crocheted or knitted items are just perfect. And then there's the Dollar Stores where the price is right. Prayers are always at the top of our list because our blessings of success come from God and flow to almost 300 people who have so many needs.

Blessings & Love  
Linda Smith



## Missing DVD's

We are not able to locate the following two DVD movies:



**Do You Believe?** &  
**God's Not Dead.**

It is possible that one or both were loaned out, but was awhile ago, and now we don't have them, or recall who may have borrowed them.

These were purchased for movie night use, and we would like to have them in the church library for others to be able to view at home.

Please return them to the church office if you have them. Thanks!

## 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.



September 17th



is our next day to man the pantry! Hope you are able to help. There is a white container in the Community Center for any donations you would like to make.

## MEIJER SIMPLY GIVE

Now through September 24th Meijer will donate \$10.00 for every \$10.00 you donate to Immanuel Lutheran (Airport Rd. Meijer) & Michigan Center Food Pantry (E. Michigan Ave. Meijer).

On September 1st, 2nd & 3rd Meijer will double their match. For every \$10.00 you donate they will donate \$20.00.

Please use the cards that are provided on the Welcome Center counter to donate to the pantries.

All you have to do is simply scan the card at check-out. These cards can be reused. Simply scan it each time you shop from now till Sept. 24th.



## U of M vs. MSU



It's Rivalry Weekend at the campground with fun activities. We are once again having a camp out at Portage Campground on October 28th - 30th. We will have a potluck for anyone who wants to join in on the fun. We do not have a time yet, because they have not posted the game time yet. If there is bad weather Miller's have volunteered their home for us to gather in.

Portage campground runs activities for kids of all ages usually Saturday late morning. They have had activities like: egg toss, punting, football toss through a tire, etc. It's usually pretty fun with some nice prizes. So if you enjoy camping please join us. We will be camping on site #95. Any questions please ask Tracey Pierce.

# Serving in Love

## SEPTEMBER 2016

	Sept. 4	Sept. 11	Sept. 18	Sept. 25	Oct. 2
<b>Greeter 9:45</b>	Mark Lee	Fred & Judy Miller	Dawn Davis	Sandy Hathaway	
<b>Acolyte 9:45</b>	Ryan Olson	Jordan Wineland	Samantha O'Dowd	Jaymason Filter	Cameron Pickett
<b>Assisting Ministers 9:45</b>	Dan Burmeister Mary Wilkie	Barb Merkel Kerry Pickett	Coralie Dirlam Judy Miller	Audrey Varland Mimi Elliott	Terry Wineland Josh Wollet
<b>Kids For Christ Leaders</b>	Jane Schultz Linda Wineland	Jane Schultz Linda Wineland	Jane Schultz Linda Wineland	Jane Schultz Linda Wineland	Jane Schultz Linda Wineland
<b>Ushers 9:45</b>	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	David Dirlam Coralie Dirlam Rick Wyllis  Team #8	Frank Lovejoy Judy Lovejoy Mike Crouch Jennifer Crouch  Team #1
<b>Counting Teams</b>	Dan Burmeister Dawn Burmeister Joe Mount	Bob Schlundt Bill Anderson Soren Anderson	Frank Lovejoy Judy Lovejoy Phil Elliott	Doug Prather Chris McDermott	Don Day Terry Wineland
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Coralie Dirlam David Dirlam	Coralie Dirlam David Dirlam	Coralie Dirlam David Dirlam	Coralie Dirlam David Dirlam	Sandy Pierce Mike Pierce

### THANK YOU!

Dear Members and Friends of Christ Lutheran Church,

Delia and I want to thank you for the wonderful Farewell Brunch on July 31 and also for your generous gift. We are grateful for all your love, kindness and support this past year. We thoroughly enjoyed being with you and worshiping and serving with you. God's love and peace be with you all.

Yours in Christ, Erick Johnson

### Dear Pastor Ryan and Friends & Family at Christ Lutheran Church

Thanks so much for the prayers, comforting words, wishes for good health and healing during Jim's many surgeries, procedures and his stay at the VA Hospital. Your good wishes by cards, calls home visits and visit to the VA Hospital by Pastor Ryan really helped us to put things in perspective.

Thank you Pastor Ryan for the surprised visit with prayer, service and communion, it was much appreciated and rewarding. It surely lifted up our spirit on a day that really needed a boost of faith. Only sorry we met under such circumstances, but also grateful. Welcome to our family Christ Lutheran Church.

Please continue with your prayers, Jim has more minor surgeries & procedures ahead of him. During times like this we are grateful for such a caring church family and friendships of so many.

Thanks to all of you from the bottom of our hearts!

Jim and Rosemary Karnaz



# SEPTEMBER 2016

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>Upcoming Events:</b> 10-9 Crop Walk 10-11 Community Dinner 10-17 Blood Drive 10-28 Camping at Portage Lake				1 7:00p Scout Mtg.	2 10:00a Weight Watchers	3
4 9:45a Worship 12:30p C.C. in use	5 Labor Day  Church Office Closed	6	7 11:00a Care Team Mtg.	8 7:00p Scout Mtg.	9 10:00a Weight Watchers  Conf. Retreat @ St. James 7:00p-12:00p	10 8:45a CLC @ Imm. Pantry
11 Rally Day God's Work Our Hands 9:45a Worship 11:15a Council Mtg.	12 1:00p Wmn's Bible Study	13 5:00p Comm. Dinner	14	15 7:00p Scout Mtg.	16 10:00a Weight Watchers	17 8:45a CLC @ Imm. Pantry
18 Chimes Deadline 9:45a Worship	19 1:00p Wmn's Bible Study	20	21 11:00a Care Team Mtg. 12:45p Greenleaf	22 7:00p Scout Mtg.	23 10:00a Weight Watchers  New Beginnings Home Spaghetti Dinner 4:30-7p	24
25 Noisy Offering 9:45a Worship	26 1:00p Wmn's Bible Study	27	28	29 7:00p Scout Mtg.	30 10:00a Weight Watchers	Notes:  Set your clock back 1 hour November 6th

- Chimes Article Deadline the third Sunday of each month.
- C.C. = Community Center

Noisy Offering the last Sunday of the month



# CELEBRATIONS



## Happy Birthday to:

1st	Linda LaRoe	17th	Lynette Wyllis
3rd	Fred Myall	18th	Dan Burmeister
4th	Matt Urbaniak	22nd	Dana Anderson
5th	Cameron Pickett		Quinn Olson
	Dale Moss	23rd	Jaymason Filter
7th	Kaelyn Thoman		Mary Wilkie
9th	Susie Sell	26th	Taylor Richey
10th	Hayden Peterson		Samuel Peterson
	Brandon Pietroytys	27th	Nedra Bunker
13th	Judi Kolewski	28th	Fred Miller
	Andrea Olson	29th	Doug Prather
16th	Rosemarie Calkins		Anthony Pietroytys

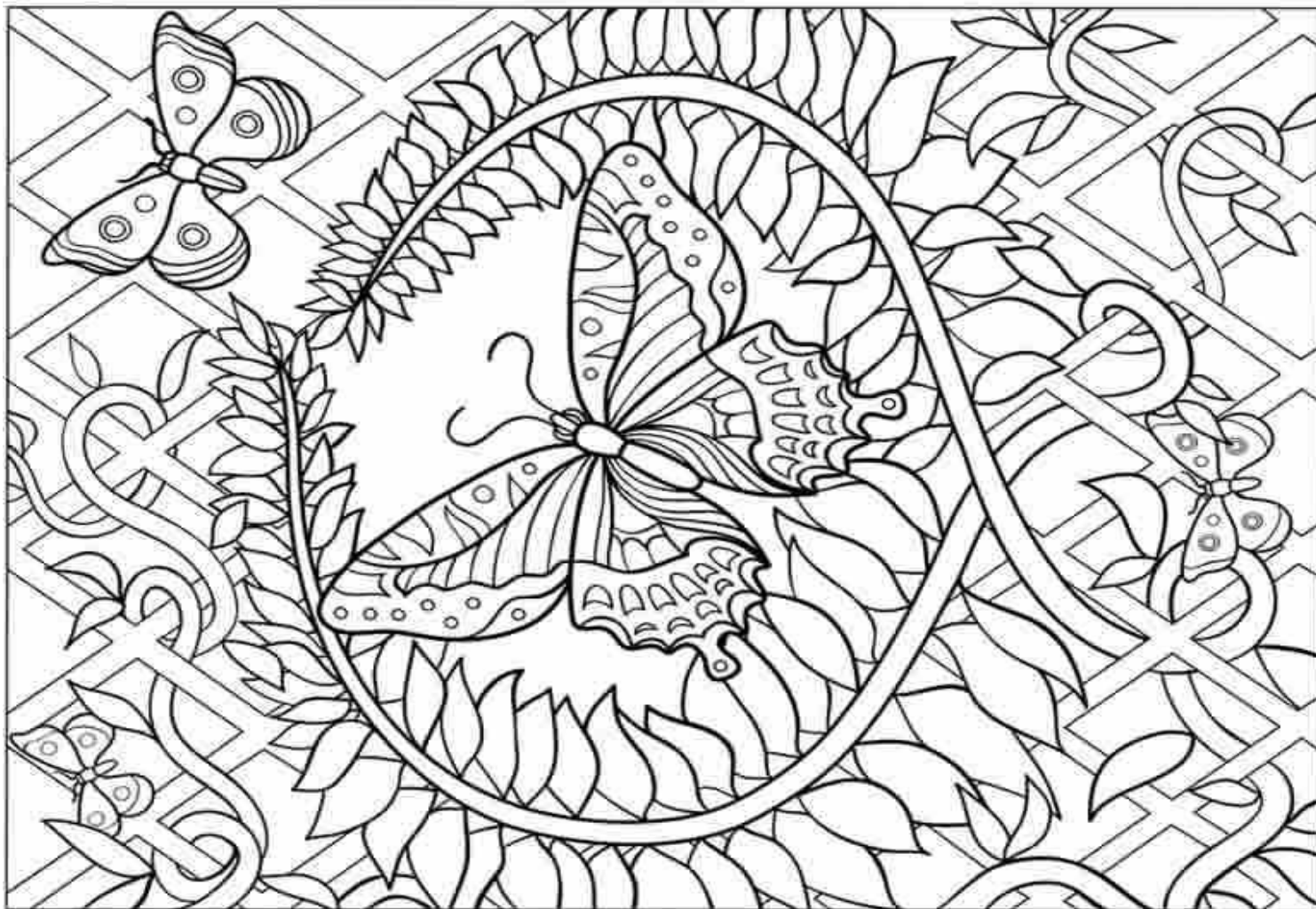


## September Anniversaries

9-5 *Shane & Faith Pierce*  
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# KIDS CORNER





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# THE CHIMES



## WORSHIP SCHEDULE

**9:45 am**—Sunday Worship Service  
**9:45 am**—Kids for Christ (Sunday School)  
**9:00 am**—Youth Education

Holy Communion Celebrated each Sunday

**Pastor Ryan Prondzinski**