

February 2019 Light & Life  
Christ Lutheran Church Newsletter

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**Our Mission Statement: As members of Christ Lutheran we gather in worship, grow in God's Word, serve in Jesus' name.**

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# ON GIVING



## The Baptismal Call of Stewardship

People who know me know just how important the baptismal marking of the cross is to me. Upon arrival in my current call, I quickly moved the font to the middle of the sanctuary: front and center, where the water is easily accessible and people are invited to play in it. And we do!

Every Sunday, congregants are encouraged to dip their finger in the font and place the invisible, yet ever-present cross on their forehead. From the new parent and their fresh-faced baby to the elder for whom this is a new and foreign practice, they do it.

We mark our foreheads. We bring our children to baptism. We see the connection between our faith and the story of Jesus Christ. We know that our baptismal call is deeply connected to God's invitation to discipleship, outreach, and sharing the Good News beyond church walls.

Yet, I wonder – how often do we consider our baptismal call to Christian stewardship?

At a recent church council meeting, I invited congregational leaders to ponder this. Studying the story of Pentecost, we explored how the earliest Christians understood generosity and its connection to their newly formed faith. In Acts 2, Peter invites those early followers to repent and be baptized, and to receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. Over 3,000 people heed his invitation and are washed in the water. Luke tells us, "They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers" (vs. 42).

He goes on in verses 44-45, "All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need."

Those first leaders took seriously their baptismal call to Christian stewardship. It was an expression of the faith they received in the water. Generosity flowed from the font of their every blessing.

As we wrapped up our devotion that night, I asked everyone to pass around a bowl of water and mark themselves with the cross. I then invited

them to place their wallets in the middle of the table before us. I reminded them that everything we have is God's – our time and talents, and, here before us, our treasures. We are not our money, but our ability to share our resources with others is a very real part of who we are. Like the apostles in Acts, we too have an invitation to distribute and share what we have with those in need.

Taking a bowl of water and a sprig of pine branch, I sprinkled the wallets before us. It was a visual reminder for us, that as you and I are marked with the cross of Christ in baptism, so are ALL of us – all that we are and all that we have.

Later in the meeting, we discussed a request from one of our local camps. They were asking for additional funding to help offset costs for campers in need. We give regularly to this particular camp and another one nearby. We are also in the middle of a capital campaign ourselves and just broke ground for an addition onto our own building. The reality of our need and the importance of others' generosity is not lost on us right now.

That's when Ryan spoke up, "Look at the table before us," pointing to the still damp wallets. "We have the ability to give. I think it's a no brainer."

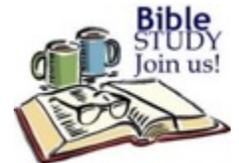
Others agreed, and they decided on an amount to share with the camp who requested and an equal amount to the one who did not.

The cross' damp residue on my forehead reminds me daily of my baptismal call to love others, care for God's creation, and steward my gifts for the benefit of my neighbor. Our baptismal call invites us into a deeper understanding of Christian stewardship. All that we have, all that we are belongs to God – damp wallets included.

*Rev. Taryn Montgomery*

## Attend a Bible study at Christ Lutheran

You are invited to attend one of several group Bible Studies each week at Christ Lutheran. For more information, contact Pr. Katherine.



✝ **Wednesday Men's Bible Study/Breakfast** – 8:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

✝ **Wednesday Morning Women's Bible Study (Naomi Circle)** – 9:30 a.m. at Grand Meadows.

✝ **Rachel Circle** – 9:00 a.m. in the Conference Room (meets the second Thursday of each month).

✝ **Friday Morning Women's Bible Study** – 10:00 a.m. in the Fireside Room.

## Abundant Table Community meal



The Abundant Table Community meal is FREE and open to everyone – families and children, elderly, and all seeking fellowship or in need of a helping hand. Meals are always served the first Wednesday of every month.

**When:** Wednesday, Feb. 6

**Serving:** Chili with all the fixings, cornbread, fruit, and brownies for dessert.

**Where:** Christ Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall

**Time:** Doors open at 4:30 p.m. for fellowship; meal served from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m.

For information, call Christ Lutheran Church at 320-864-4549.

*All are welcome to join us  
for wonderful food and fellowship!*

## Collection for Souper Bowl of Caring now through February 3<sup>rd</sup>

More than 29 years ago, the **Souper Bowl of Caring** began with a simple prayer from a single youth group:



*“Lord, even as we enjoy the Super Bowl football game, help us be mindful of those without a bowl of soup to eat.”*

Since that day, more than \$143 million has been raised for local charities across the country through **Souper Bowl of Caring**. It has become a powerful movement that is transforming the time around the Big Game into an opportunity for the nation to celebrate giving and serving.

**Our collection will take place January 14<sup>th</sup> through Super Bowl Sunday, Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup>. Drop off donations at church any time before February 3<sup>rd</sup>.**

McLeod Emergency Food Shelf has requested donations of varieties of canned, “ready-to-eat” soups, but any food donations will gladly be accepted. Christ Lutheran will also report the total donation numbers to **Super Bowl of Caring** so our giving amounts can become part of the national efforts.

Thank you for your participation and for helping make the **2019 Souper Bowl of Caring** a success!

## Noisy Pail Offering for KIDZ will be on Sunday, Feb. 10<sup>th</sup>



Missions and Social Concerns will be having a “Noisy Pail” offering on Sunday, Feb. 10<sup>th</sup>. This collection will be donated to KIDZ (formerly KIDZ Against Hunger.) Save up your change, clean out the

couches, and bring your money to church on February 10<sup>th</sup>! (Paper money and checks are welcome, too!)

## Minnesota Valley Conference Assembly will be on February 24<sup>th</sup>

The 2019 Minnesota Valley Conference Assembly will be held on Sunday, Feb. 24<sup>th</sup> at Bernadotte Lutheran Church. Registration begins at 1:30 p.m. and the session begins at 2:00 p.m. The weather back-up date will be Sunday, March 10<sup>th</sup>.



Conference Assembly representatives from Christ Lutheran include Jon and Jodi Braband, Erin and Chad Sauter, and Allie Hahn (youth representative).

## Attention all Christ Lutheran members!



If you have recently moved, changed your phone number, or have a new email address, please notify the church office so we can keep our records updated. Thank you.

## 2019 offering envelopes are here

The **2019 Giving Envelopes** are in the narthex. Please pick up your envelopes even if you use “Simply Giving.” If you are able to pick up envelopes for a family member, neighbor or friend, please do.

## Remember our TEAF mission!

CLC has a TEAF fund (temporary emergency assistance fund). We have chosen the last Sunday of each month to collect donations to this fund, but, of course, donations at any time are welcome. Please remember this mission in your giving!





Thank you to Susan Wedin for updating the children's worship bags and for cleaning and organizing the coffee bar area.

Thank you to the helpers who took down the Christmas tree, decorations, and cleaned up: Dale and Jeanne Pagel, Jim and Melba Carlson, Marv Huwe, Kathy Remus, Darrell Hansch, Brian O'Donnell, and Joanne Chrast.

Thank you to those who served refreshments in January: Jerry and Mary Jo Schimelpfenig; Nita and Eldean Enderson, Fran Huwe, and Melba Carlson for Simonson Strong Sunday; Jim and Melba Carlson, and Don and Janel Tangen.

Thank you to Marv and Gloria Gustafson, Judy Larsen, and Kathy Remus for their assistance with the January issue of Light & Life.

Thank you to Dale Pagel, Nate Stoltenburg, Marv Huwe, and Fred Stoltenburg for delivering the Reverse Advent Calendar gifts to the McLeod Emergency Food Shelf.

Thank you to Jane Larter, Duane Scharpe, Kevin and Peggy Menning, Linda Roisum, Suzann Adams, and Nita Enderson for their assistance with Elliot Gary Wieweck's Baptism on January 20<sup>th</sup>.

Thank you to Twyla Kirkeby, Louise Carlson, Melba Carlson, and Becky Olmstead for their assistance with our Worship services held at Grand Meadows and Long-term Care Regional Health Care facility.

Thank you to Cheryl McDougall for serving on the Kitchen Guild and Lynda Wagoner, Kayla Muenchow, and Shari O'Donnell for serving on the Altar Guild during January.

Thank you to Becky Olmstead and Connie Duenow for serving as Altar Guild Coordinators, insuring that everything needed for worship is properly prepared.

Thank you to Vicky Harris, Chris Starr, Twyla Kirkeby, and Peg Hatlestad for their music ministry.

Thank you to Randy Wilson and Twyla Kirkeby and the Choir and Bell Choir musicians for their enhancement of our Worship Services.

Thank you to all the Worship Assistants: Cantors, Lectors, Ushers, AV-Digital Projection Ministers, and Susie Christianson for designing our Digital Worship experiences.

Thank you to Vicky Harris for putting together the list of Worship Helpers for February and March and for organist and pianist scheduling.

Thank you to our Monday morning money counters and treasurer, Jeff Grant, for their dedication regarding CLC financial matters.

Thank you to Vonnie Husted for her ongoing care of the outdoor planters.

Thank you to Suzann Adams for the upkeep of the flowers and plants in church.

Thank you to Mark and Cindy Robertson for their ministry of caring for our church facility.

Thank you to all members who have served and are currently serving in the armed forces.

*If we have missed someone for thank you's, please contact the church office and let us know.*

## Baptism at Christ Lutheran



**Elliott Gary Wieweck**, son of Jeff and DeAnn Wieweck, and grandson of Dennis and Charlotte Dittmer (and the late Gary Wieweck), was

received into the church through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism on Sunday, Jan. 20<sup>th</sup>. Elliott's sponsors are Kyle and Kaye Kohls. Elliott was born on August 25, 2018 and joins big sister, Piper. May God bless Elliott and his family.

## Senior companion volunteers needed for LSS Senior Companion Program

Lutheran Social Services of Minnesota is looking for volunteers (age 55 and older) to serve in its Senior Companion Program. Men and women are welcome to apply.



Senior Companions assist others to maintain the highest level of dignity and independent living by being a friend who listens and cares. Volunteers receive a tax-free hourly stipend, as well as mileage reimbursement and other benefits. If you are interested, contact: Gail Sumerfelt at 507-530-2295 or [gail.sumerfelt@lssmn.org](mailto:gail.sumerfelt@lssmn.org).

## Caregiver support services are available in McLeod County



### Monthly Support and Discussion Groups

**Glencoe** – 2nd Thursday, 10:30 a.m., Christ Lutheran

**Hutchinson** – 3rd Tuesday, 10:30 a.m., Peace Lutheran

### Respite Care

Volunteers provide in-home respite care so caregivers can get a break (shop, coffee with friends, appointments).

### Afternoon Out Group Respite

Care *receivers* get the opportunity to socialize outside of their home while caregivers get a break.

**1st and 3rd Tuesday, 1:00 to 3:00 p.m., Christ the King in Hutchinson**

\*Registration required\*

**Other services available include one-on-one caregiver coaching and counseling and the Powerful Tools for Caregivers class.**

Contact Nancy Bellig for more information!

[Nancy.bellig@lssmn.org](mailto:Nancy.bellig@lssmn.org), 507-430-3536 or [www.caregiversupportandrespite.org](http://www.caregiversupportandrespite.org)

## Living Nativity thank you

Thank you to the many volunteers and groups who worked together to present the 2018 Living Nativity to the Glencoe community on December 15<sup>th</sup>. Appreciation goes to Annette Ahlfs, Val Bonderman, Jeff Bonderman, Andrew Bonderman, Savannah Bonderman, Todd Brandell, Mackenzie Breyer, Susie Christianson, Jan Conklin, Chris Davis, Dennis Davis, Cindy Eggersgluess, Neil Eggersgluess, Lynn Exsted, Dean Exsted, Samantha Exsted, Aaron Exsted, Austin Exsted, Gabby Fountain, Alex Fredin, Katie Fredin, Dave Goff, Owen Graf, Lars Ide, Scott Kuehn, Eli Kuehn, Katy Kunkel, Sandy Kunkel, Brent Litzau, John Mathwig, Dave Meyer, Tammy Meyer, Brooke Mickolichuk, Dave Milbrandt, Val Neubarth, Emily Oberlin, Linda Roisum, Diane Rupp, Tyler Schauer, Owen Schauer, Bob Scheidt, Shiloh Schnabel, Grady Schuft, Maggie Schuft, Roger Schultz, Mary Sellnow, Ted Stroming, Brianna Tabbert, Deb Tessmer, Travis Uecker, Dreyden Voight, Stephanie Welch, Pastor Dan Welch, Alyson Winn, Janice Winn, Betty Witthus, Dave Witthus Construction, LLC, Christ Lutheran Church, First Evangelical Lutheran Church, Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Glencoe Lions, Boy Scouts Troop #352 – Logan Clouse, Cole Janke, Earle Janke, Jason Clouse, Mark Janke, David Swift, Thrivent Financial Action Team Program, KGLB and KDUZ Radio, McLeod County Chronicle, Arlington Christian Community Task Force, Bergmann Interiors, Sally Custer/Glencoe Chamber of Commerce, 4 Square Builders, Fred Werth/Coldwell Banker Burnet, Brian Grochow/Temple Cleaners, Glencoe Public Works Director James Voight, the workers in the Glencoe Parks Department, and Chief of Police Jim Raiter and the Glencoe Police Department.



## Thank you from the Thrift Shop of Common Cup Ministry in Glencoe



Thank you to all the individuals who have volunteered countless hours over these past two years! These volunteers have provided a means of support to the Common Cup Ministry programs throughout the year.

We would like to thank everyone who has given of their time, provided donations, or made purchases through our Thrift Store. We have received and continue to receive wonderful high-quality donations from throughout the surrounding communities as well as generous shoppers!

The funds received from the Thrift Store support the various programs of Common Cup Ministry. Common Cup works with individuals and families in need throughout McLeod County in a discreet and respectful manner. We assist in areas of crisis such as utility assistance/rental help/auto fuel and provide resource information for the clients to consult.

The funds also support our community programs such as:

- **School Supply Distribution:** Serving 525 students in the McLeod County districts this year
- **Diaper Distribution:** Serving an average of 85 to 90 children each month in the county
- **Warm Coat Distribution:** Provides warm winter coats/snowpants/mittens/boots for all ages
- **Weekend Backpack Feeding Program:** Serving 248 students K-4th grade that are in need of food over the weekend and long school breaks (meet guidelines for free school lunch)

There are many volunteer opportunities at the Thrift Store. If you have questions about donations and time of acceptance, please contact us at the phone number or place of business listed below. All funds remain in McLeod County.

**320-854-1177 or stop at 912½ 11th St., Glencoe**

**Hours:** Closed Monday

Tuesday-Friday 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

1st and 3rd Saturday of each month:

10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.





## Are you caring for a loved one? Respite Care gives you a break

Caring for a loved one provides joy and many rewards, but being a full-time caregiver has many stresses and demands. Without proper support, the day-to-day caregiving routine can become overwhelming. **Respite volunteers provide the support and time-off you not only need but deserve!**



### Respite means “take a break”

We watch a movie. You go shopping! We take a walk. You go have coffee with friends! We play cards. You go to your appointments!

### Respite program summary

Our caring, trained volunteers provide respite care so you can get away. Providing companionship may include the following activities: playing games or cards, going on walks, watching movies, reading and reminiscing. Volunteers provide a safe environment and a pleasant experience for your loved ones.

### Respite program qualifications

Care receiver must be age 60 or older (or have a form of dementia); caregiver may be any age.

Please note:

- Our volunteers do not provide any hands-on, personal cares like monitoring vitals, giving medications, transfers, bathing or toileting.
- Cost is based on a cost share sliding scale and/or donation basis.
- We provide other caregiver support services such as one-on-one counseling and discussion groups – call for more information!

Call Nancy Bellig at 507-430-3536 or email her at [Nancy.bellig@lssmn.org](mailto:Nancy.bellig@lssmn.org).

## Glencoe Caregiver Support and Discussion Group meeting



This group meets at 10:30 a.m. on the second Thursday of the month in the Christ Lutheran Fireside Room. The next meet-

ing date will be February 14<sup>th</sup>. For more information, call Nancy Bellig at 507-430-3536 or email at [Nancy.bellig@lssmn.org](mailto:Nancy.bellig@lssmn.org).

## Crow River Habitat for Humanity needs your financial support

Crow River Habitat for Humanity has been a proud part of McLeod County since 1994. With your help, they have built 26 homes. Each of these homes has not only changed individuals' but entire families' lives. These families are invested in our community. They pay their mortgages and support our local businesses. They are employed, their children attend school here, and they bring diversity.



In order for Habitat to continue to be a vital part of this community, they need our help. Their Annual Fund Drive has fallen extremely behind compared to past years. To cut down costs, they decided to include their Annual Fund Drive envelope into their newsletter, so perhaps it was overlooked. Although the partner families pay mortgages, Habitat for Humanity still pays for the home up front and the cost of building has increased significantly. Additional costs include their staff to lead the affiliate, recruit volunteers, and manage construction, as well as for tools, storage, and more.

Habitat homes are more than buildings; they serve as a family's foundation and a doorway to stability and self-reliance. Your gift will empower Habitat to impact families in McLeod County and worldwide to help build a place they can call home. You can be a part of Crow River Habitat with your generous gift and your continued support. Thank you.

*Lori Mittelsteadt, Executive Director  
Crow River Habitat for Humanity  
1020 Hwy. 7 W., Suite A  
Hutchinson, MN 55350*

## Hospice volunteers are needed to visit and support hospice patients

Allina Health Hospice needs volunteers, 18 years of age and older, to visit hospice patients and their families in your neighborhood. They provide ongoing training and offer a flexible schedule.



Give as much as you gain in life. Join them in making a difference in the lives of others. For more information, contact Pam Ainslie at Allina Health Hospice Volunteer Services, 320-484-9211.



## February 2019 News Women of the ELCA Christ Lutheran Church Women

### *Your 2019 Coordinating Team:*

Cheryl McDougall – President  
Linda Simonson – Treasurer  
Jodi Braband – Vice President  
Jane Larter – Vice President

### **As Sisters in Christ,**

**Our Mission is achieved by action in:**

**Caring for our Church  
Growing in our Faith  
Supporting our Community**



This year we will be calling all CLC women to help with our projects and events. If you are interested in helping with any of our projects at any time, please contact a member of the Coordinating Team. We would love to have you help us achieve our mission. WELCA is open to all our Church women of all ages!

### **Come join us! We need your help!**

Many of the Coordinating Team members have been giving of their time and efforts for a very long time, yes tens of years! They are looking to find replacements for their positions, and new ideas are always welcome. Do you have an itch to be a part of the work of the women of Christ Lutheran? We would welcome you in any role you might like to participate in. Call one of us, ask about the work we do. Consider being a part of the Christ Lutheran Church coordinating team!

***Consider joining us!***

### **Sign up for Daily Grace**



Daily Grace is an on-the-go companion for your journey, offering a faith reflection every day. Encounter God's extravagant, boundless and often surprising

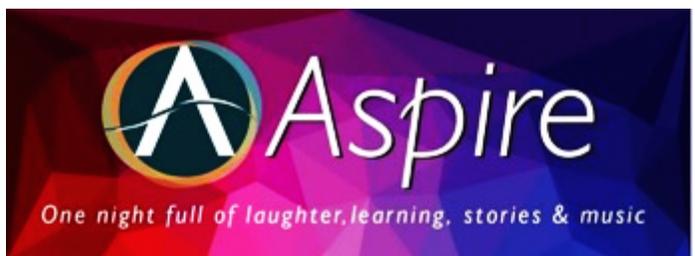
grace by signing up for a daily email message at <https://www.womenoftheelca.org/>.

### **Looking for some good reading material?**

Publications you might find valuable are the **Gather magazine** and/or **Café** online site. Both are available electronically. **Gather** articles can be accessed free as can **Café**, a publication for younger women. Consider checking out these websites: <https://www.gathermagazine.org/> and <https://www.boldcafe.org/>.

### **2019 planning retreat**

On January 17<sup>th</sup> the Coordinating Team of Christ Lutheran Women met for a four-hour retreat. The agenda included decisions on the distribution of funds to support worthy projects and organizations. The group scheduled activities and projects for 2019 that support our three missions: action, community, and growth.



### **ASPIRE 2019 is coming!**

This touring group of women will be in Golden Valley on Saturday, April 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:00. This three-hour evening with nationally known speakers, comedians, and musical performances is not to be missed. Watch for sign-up information. Check out the website at <http://aspirewomensevents.com>.

### **2019 Southwest Synod Convention**

The 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Convention of the Southwestern Minnesota Synodical Women's Organization of the Women of the ELCA will be held at First Lutheran in



Marshall on Friday and Saturday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>. The theme chosen is "Embraced by the Winds of Grace." The theme verse is from Ecclesiastes 1:6 and the theme hymn is "Spirit of Gentleness." The specified in-kind offering will be school kits for Lutheran World Relief. We hope to have the Christian Literature van there again. Consider attending. Watch for sign-up information.

*Respectfully submitted by Cheryl McDougall*

## Equal Exchange coffee items are available for purchase at the Coffee Hutch

Check out the items at the Equal Exchange Coffee Hutch! There are coffees, teas, hot cocoa, olive oil, candy bars, etc. Purchasing these items helps the small farmer co-ops around the world. Farmers earn a fair price for their crops, have access to affordable credit, and can invest in education, health care and sustainable agriculture, building a better future for their families. Take a look and, if purchasing, please place your monies in the locked box attached to the hutch.



## Grocery List

*If you are headed to the grocery store, take this list along!*

### Quick notes from Christ Lutheran

- **If you were not able to be with us on Consecration Sunday, we have the 2019 Estimate of Giving sheets in the narthex.** As we anticipate Christ Lutheran's ministry needs/opportunities for the upcoming year, we are asking our members to give a financial commitment to CLC as a witness to the mission we share and serve. Please return to them to the church office at your earliest convenience.
- **The 2019 Tithe, Time and Talent sheets are in the narthex.** Please take the time to pick up a sheet and decide on how you can help serve Christ Lutheran Church with your talents. It takes many people to help with worship services, Altar Guild, Kitchen Guild, choirs and Sunday School, etc. Return your sheets to the church office or the offering plate. Thanks for your support!
- **If you change the amount of your 2019 giving online through Simply Giving,** you need to submit a new form. Copies are available in the Narthex or on the website.

### Senior companion volunteers needed for LSS Senior Companion Program

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- Canned meats
- Soups (all varieties including cream, condensed, dry, ready to eat, etc.)
- Canned and dry meals and side dishes
- Pasta, rice, and potato varieties (un/seasoned)
- Fruits and vegies (home processed foods are not accepted) (canned, frozen, dry, and fresh)
- Tomato products and pasta sauces
- Dry and canned beans (all varieties)
- Peanut and nut butters; nuts
- Flour, sugar, oil (all varieties)
- Prepackaged baking (cake, cookie, muffin mix, Jello, pudding)
- Breakfast items (all varieties – cereal, oatmeal, granola bars, PopTarts, pancake mix)
- Snacks (chips, crackers, popcorn, fruit)
- Condiments, seasons, dressings
- Meats, cheeses, and dairy items (home processed foods are not accepted; cold/frozen storage available)
- 100 percent fruit juice
- Personal care and household care items

Please call ahead with large quantities.

**Cash donations fill in the gaps and allow for additional food, purchases, and operational expenses.** Online EFT, cash and checks accepted. All donations are tax deductible. Receipt available. Equivalency \$1.00 = 1 pound

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<http://www.mcleodemergencyfoodshelf.org/MEFS/index.html>



# Christian Education/Youth February 2019

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## Sunday School:



The third rotation lesson, Jesus Feeds 5,000, will conclude on **Sunday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>**.

The fourth rotation lesson, Fruit of the Spirit, will begin and continue on **Sundays, February 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, & 24<sup>th</sup>**.

[www.christluth.com/sunday-school](http://www.christluth.com/sunday-school)

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## First Communion for 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Students Beginning in March:



First Communion classes for the 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Students will begin on **Sunday, March 17<sup>th</sup>** and will continue on **Sundays, March 24<sup>th</sup> and April 7<sup>th</sup> from 10:20am – 11:20am, during the SS hour**.

The final First Communion class and First Communion Celebration will be held on **Palm Sunday, April 14<sup>th</sup>**.

Letters and additional information will be mailed out to all 4<sup>th</sup> grade parents at the end of February.

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## GRACE Unlimited:



Grace Unlimited will resume on **Wednesday, February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2019**, and will continue on **Wednesdays, February 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, & 27<sup>th</sup>**.

*We are in need of additional volunteers to assist with GU activities and to provide snacks for students on Wednesday afternoons. If you or someone you know might be interested, please contact Susie Christianson @ 320.292.1032 ASAP.*

[www.christluth.com/grace-unlimited](http://www.christluth.com/grace-unlimited)



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## Acolyte Schedule:

[www.christluth.com/acolyte](http://www.christluth.com/acolyte)



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## Confirmation:

**Wednesdays, February 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup>**

7<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Regular Classes @ 5:30pm – 7:00pm

**PLEASE** mark your calendars for the Confirmation Student/Parent/Mentor Orientation scheduled for **Wednesday, February 27<sup>th</sup> @ 5:30pm** in the Sanctuary. Student, parent and mentor expectations will be explained and the Lenten booklet for the students will be distributed.

2018 Easter Breakfast information, responsibilities and signups will also be covered.

[www.christluth.com/confirmation](http://www.christluth.com/confirmation)

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					<b>1</b> Women's Bible Study @ 10:00 am in the Fireside Room.	<b>2</b> NA from 6:00 to 9:00 pm in the F. Hall.
<b>3</b> Worship Service with Holy Communion @ 9:00 am – installation of new church leaders. Sunday School @ 10:10 am. Adult Ed @ 10:15 am. AA from 6:50 to 9:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Alanon from 7:50 to 9:00 pm in the "Lord's Lab" classroom.	<b>4</b> Quilting @ 1:00 pm. Televised Worship Service @ 3:00 pm on Channel 10. Cub Scouts Committee @ 7:00 pm.	<b>5</b> Ladies Fellowship @ 10:00 am @ Gert & Erma's. Ministerial Association @ 11:15 am @ Christ Lutheran.	<b>6</b> Men's Bible Study/Breakfast @ 8:00 am in the Fellowship Hall. Women's Bible Study (Naomi Circle) @ 9:30 am at Grand Meadows. Televised Worship Service @ 2:00 pm on Channel 10. Grace Unlimited from 3:15 to 5:00 pm. No bell choir. Choir @ 6:15 pm. 7-9 Confirmation from 5:30 to 7:00 pm. Wednesday Evening Worship with Holy Communion @ 7:00 pm. AA @ 8:30 pm to 10:00 pm.	<b>7</b> Grand Meadows Worship with Holy Communion @ 10:30 am.	<b>8</b> Women's Bible Study @ 10:00 am in the Fireside Room. Church Council meeting and retreat @ 5:00 pm.	<b>9</b> Amanda Anderson Birthday Party, 3:00 to 8:00 pm, F. Hall and Kitchen. NA from 6:00 to 9:00 pm in a classroom, then F. Hall.
<b>10</b> Worship Service with Holy Communion @ 9:00 am – Noisy Pail Offering for KIDZ (formerly KIDZ Against Hunger). Large Group Family Sunday School @ 10:10 am. No Adult Education. Alanon from 7:50 to 9:00 pm in the "Lord's Lab" classroom. AA from 8:00 to 9:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall.	<b>11</b> Quilting @ 1:00 pm. Televised Worship Service @ 3:00 pm on Channel 10.	<b>12</b> Ladies Fellowship @ 10:00 am @ Gert & Erma's.	<b>13</b> <b>Light &amp; Life articles are due.</b> Men's Bible Study/Breakfast @ 8:00 am in the Fellowship Hall. Women's Bible Study (Naomi Circle) @ 9:30 am at Grand Meadows. Televised Worship Service @ 2:00 pm on Channel 10. Grace Unlimited from 3:15 to 5:00 pm. No bell choir. Choir @ 6:15 pm. 7-9 Confirmation from 5:30 to 7:00 pm. Wednesday Evening Worship with Holy Communion @ 7:00 pm. AA @ 8:30 pm to 10:00 pm.	<b>14</b> Rachel Circle @ 9:00 am in the Conference Room. Caregiver Support Group @ 10:30 am in the Lounge.	<b>15</b> Women's Bible Study @ 10:00 am in the Fireside Room.	<b>16</b> NA from 6:00 to 9:00 pm in the F. Hall.
<b>17</b> Worship Service @ 9:00 am. No Sunday School. No Adult Education. Cub Scouts Pack Meeting @ 3:00 pm. Alanon from 7:50 to 9:00 pm in the "Lord's Lab" classroom. AA from 8:00 to 9:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall.	<b>18</b> Quilting @ 1:00 pm. Televised Worship Service @ 3:00 pm on Channel 10.	<b>19</b> Ladies Fellowship @ 10:00 am @ Gert & Erma's. Minnesota Valley Conference Gathering @ Scandian Grove.	<b>20</b> Men's Bible Study/Breakfast @ 8:00 am in the Fellowship Hall. Women's Bible Study (Naomi Circle) @ 9:30 am at Grand Meadows. Televised Worship Service @ 2:00 pm on Channel 10. Grace Unlimited from 3:15 to 5:00 pm. No bell choir. Choir @ 6:15 pm. 7-9 Confirmation from 5:30 to 7:00 pm. Wednesday Evening Worship @ 7:00 pm. AA @ 8:30 pm to 10:00 pm.	<b>21</b> Long-term Care Worship with Holy Communion @ 9:30 am.	<b>22</b> Women's Bible Study @ 10:00 am in the Fireside Room.	<b>23</b> Equipping Congregations Day from 8:30 am to 3:30 pm, Willmar. NA from 6:00 to 9:00 pm in the F. Hall.
<b>24</b> Worship Service @ 9:00 am – Bold Women's Sunday, Elaina Woytcke Baptism. Sunday School @ 10:10 am. No Adult Education. Conference Assembly @ Bernadotte Lutheran @ 2:00 pm (registration @ 1:30). Grand Meadows Worship with Holy Communion @ 2:00 pm. Alanon from 7:50 to 9:00 pm in the "Lord's Lab" classroom. AA from 8:00 to 9:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall.	<b>25</b> Quilting @ 1:00 pm. Televised Worship Service @ 3:00 pm	<b>26</b> Ladies Fellowship @ 10:00 am @ Gert & Erma's.	<b>27</b> Men's Bible Study/Breakfast @ 8:00 am in the Fellowship Hall. Women's Bible Study (Naomi Circle) @ 9:30 am at Grand Meadows. Televised Worship Service @ 2:00 pm on Channel 10. Grace Unlimited from 3:15 to 5:00 pm. No bell choir. Confirmation Student/Parent/Mentor Orientation @ 5:30 pm. Choir @ 6:15 pm. 7-9 Confirmation from 5:30 to 7:00 pm. Wednesday Evening Worship @ 7:00 pm. AA @ 8:30 pm to 10:00 pm.	<b>28</b> Fare for All from 5:00 to 6:00 pm.	<b>Altar Guild:</b> Jenny Kirchoff, Jan Giese, and Renee Hansch	<b>Kitchen Guild:</b> Connie Duenow