

# Christ Lutheran Lamplighter



Christ Lutheran Church and School  
400 Barclay Avenue  
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February 2016

## The Look and Feel of Repentance

Lent officially begins on Ash Wednesday, February 10, 2016. The traditional spiritual practice during Lent is repentance. This repentance works its way into our daily lives in the form of more fervent prayer, helping those in need, and fasting.

Our church assists its members toward more fervent prayer by offering Wednesday evening services, which - by the way - are services of Evening Prayer, and have a completely different tone than regular Sunday worship. These services also continue into Holy Week on Maundy Thursday and Good Friday. Special Lenten devotional booklets are also available for members that are great for private meditation and prayer during Lent.

Christ Lutheran provides assistance to people in need all year long from a special fund set aside for that purpose. Lent is the perfect time for the members of our church to come together and help those in need by filling that fund back up (As of right now, we have about \$25 left). We will be taking a special door offering for that fund after church in the coming weeks. I encourage everyone to get into the spirit of Lent, contribute to the fund, and help others!

For the Lutheran church, fasting has become a lost art. You know, we're saved by grace and all that. Many religions have fasting as part of their practice, so it's not that unusual. Fasting often brings better focus for more fervent prayer. The money we save from a lighter grocery list can be used to help those in need. The slight suffering that can come from "doing without" one or more favorite foods connects us to the greater suffering of Christ in His passion and crucifixion. Most of all, the hunger we feel while fasting reminds us of the complete satiety we will know at the great feast in the Kingdom of God now promised to us in the person and work of Christ.

God bless you in your Lenten journey, in whatever form that takes, so that you are renewed in spiritual power, faith and love.

In the peace of Christ,

Pastor Ron Bright

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# Women's Service Guild

## FEBRUARY CALENDAR DATES:

Feb. 2, 2016 – (Tues.) Quilting 10:00 AM  
Feb. 6, 2016 (Sat.) Winter Blues Luncheon – Palmieri's, Plum  
Feb. 10, 2016 (Wed.) Ash Wednesday  
Feb. 16, 2016 – (Tues.) Quilting 10:00 AM  
Feb. 17, 24, 2016 (Wed.) Lenten Midweek Worship

Just a recap of some of the things the ladies did over the holidays – thanks to all who baked and helped pack cookies for our Sonshine Kitchen. They were well received and much appreciated. Even the younger children couldn't wait for their own package of cookies. Thank you also to Pastor Bright for taking a container of cookies to our shut-ins.

Another thank you to those who purchased poinsettias to beautify our chancel area during Christmas. Dee Law takes orders, picks them up, and arranges them in church -- in other words she is in charge. Thank you Dee.

On January 25<sup>th</sup> the Women's Service Guild served dinner at the Sonshine Kitchen. The menu was ham and cheese sandwiches, fruit cocktail and potato salad. Dessert and drinks are provided by the Sonshine Kitchen Committee. We usually serve between 90 - 120. What a wonderful way to help those in need. We thank all the members of the congregation for supporting this ministry.

Our President, Mrs. Joyce Purucker underwent hip surgery a couple of weeks ago. We pray that our Heavenly Father continue to touch and heal her and soon she will be able to participate in church activities. Get well soon Joyce.

Another member of the WSG is celebrating in February. February 16<sup>th</sup> marks the "70<sup>th</sup>" anniversary for Art and Helen Mozeik. Happy Anniversary Art & Helen.

## WINTER BLUES LUNCHEON

All ladies of the congregation are invited to the Winter Blues Buffet Luncheon at Palmieri's in Plum on Saturday Feb. 6<sup>th</sup>. It is always a time for great fellowship and of course great food. Meet and greet will begin at 12:30 and lunch will be served at 1 PM. Reservations are due by Feb. 1<sup>st</sup>. Many thanks to Dee Law for all her hard work in organizing this event.

## FLOWER CHART

For 2016 is in the narthex of the church. Cost for providing flowers is \$30.00. Checks are payable to the Women's Service Guild and can be given to Kathy Sourbeer or put in the WSG mailbox in the Library area. There are dates available in March. All you need to do is sign up and indicate if they are for a special occasion. You may also share a Sunday with a friend.

## STAMPS FOR BIBLES

Hopefully you saved all those stamps from your Christmas cards. Monies from these stamps go towards purchasing Bibles in someone's native language. The stamp bin is in the Library. Just a reminder – Please leave at least a ¼ inch border around the stamps. They can't be used if they do not have at least that much border. Thanks for your help.

## OUR SEMINARY STUDENT

Tim and Shonda Wells wrote at Christmas. (Letter is posted on the bulletin board) It's been an exciting year for our family. We have been greatly blessed. After three years in St. Louis for seminary, Tim completed his classes and was assigned deferred vicarage in Aurora, Nebraska. They love the community, the school and of course their new congregation. At the end of July, Tim will have completed his vicarage and will be ordained as a pastor, God willing, he will be called to stay at Cross of Christ in Aurora, Nebraska. The girls are doing well and have adjusted to the move. They also added a four year old Chihuahua/terrier cross named Spring. He's been a good little dog and a great addition to the family. Remember to keep the family in your prayers.

## QUILTS

Women's Service Guild has given 31 quilts to 2 organizations located in Pittsburgh. The First Trinity Lutheran Church for their Homeless Ministry located on Neville Street operated by Pastor Andrae and Pastor Spittel and 16 quilts to Dr. Jim Withers with the Mercy Health Systems Institute for their Operation Safety Net located on Watson Street.

# School & Early Learning Center News

In February, we are reminded we should tell our friends and family members how much we love them by giving out Valentine cards and candy. Usually it's pretty easy to tell family and friends how much we love them because we know that they love us back. But, what about those who hurt us or talk behind our back? Those words and actions don't give us that warm fuzzy feeling. As I did my daily devotion today, I was reminded of how much God loves everyone and not just those who love Him back, but especially those who don't love Him; plus his love isn't just good in February either; it is for all times. God sent His one and only son Jesus into this world to show us what love truly is. Jesus not only showed his love to his parents and his close personal circle of friends, the disciples; but more amazingly, he showed His LOVE to his *enemies and to us* through His words and actions of forgiveness and grace – He gave of himself on the cross! He calls us to do the same, not just in February, but all year round – love others through our words and actions; not just to those who love us but those who hurt us, need us, and use us – we are to give of ourselves just like Jesus. How can we do this? We can't, at least not on our own. However, if we ask God to share His love with us, then through the Holy Spirit we then, and only then, we are able to share it with others. By his grace he freely gives his awesome love to us daily to share with others.

Each day as I walk into my office, I read the plaque that hangs in my office that reminds me of my calling here to Christ Lutheran... it reads, "Tell the kids I love them – God." Each day along with my faculty and staff, I pray that everyone we encounter will know how much God loves them.

We love our church and school prayer partners who pray for us throughout the year. We also love our parent volunteers who have put in more than 217 service hours to support our school and community. Thank you to everyone who gives of their time, talent and treasures.

If you, or a friend, would ever like a tour of our campus in action, please see me. I'd love to show you around and introduce you to our loving faculty, staff and students. We are a family of faith, hope and love in Christ! Remember, **Jesus is our greatest Valentine!**

## EVENTS YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS

Open Enrollment for PS-8 grade for next year 2016-17 – Get an early bird discount in the month of February on your registration fee. We would LOVE it if you could help us spread the word. We have brochures available for you to hand out. Please see Donna Einspahr, Principal/Director

February 6 – Family Drive-in Movie Night – "Home" 4pm we'll begin by making cardboard cars for the drive-in and then dinner/movie at 5pm. Bring money to purchase snacks at the concession stand. If you would like to volunteer or donate items for the concession stand please see Mrs. Einspahr, Mrs. Bright or Amanda Bowan.

February 28 – March 6 Our students and staff will be celebrating Lutheran Schools Week. We are proud to have a Lutheran School and Early Learning Center as part of our ministry here at Christ Lutheran where we can teach, share and live our faith each day with the families we serve. There will be various activities going on throughout the week to celebrate this blessing to our community.

## Valentine Envelopes 1-100

We are asking that people take a Valentine envelope(s) of their choice from 1-100 and give that amount in a monetary gift to the "Friends of Education" fund to help a child know the love of Jesus. The envelopes are located in the fellowship hall. It is stuffed with a valentine from a student at Christ Lutheran and directions of the project. The envelope # could represent a blessing in your life. Example: your age, the ages of your children, a special date of an event, anniversary, graduation, or just your favorite number. You may take as many envelopes as you wish. Put cash or check in matching the amount of the number on the envelope and return it to the offering plate on Sunday or to the school office by February 14, Valentine's Day. Our goal is to fill all the envelopes with a gift from the heart; and by doing so, together we will help fill a tuition bucket for another child. Invite family and friends to participate, too.

And for those that love math, as much as Mr. Stern, if every envelope was filled, how much money will go to help our students?

A pastor once stated, "I always noticed that it's the adults who choose the children's hymn 'Jesus Loves Me' (for the children of course) during a hymn sing, and it's the adults who sing the loudest because I could see they knew it the best."

Here is another version just for us who have white hair, or no hair at all. (For us over 40 (or even those almost there) and all you others...Check out this version of "Jesus Loves Me." It is quite cute, so read, sing and enjoy...

### Senior Version of "Jesus Loves Me"

Jesus loves me, this I know.  
Though my hair is white as snow.  
Though my sight is going dim,  
Still He bids me trust in Him.

CHORUS

YES, JESUS LOVES ME...  
YES, JESUS LOVES ME...  
YES, JESUS LOVES ME FOR THE BIBLE TELLS ME SO.

Though my steps are oh, so slow,  
With my hand in His I'll go.  
On through life, let come what may,  
He'll be there to lead the way. CHORUS

Though I am no longer young,  
I have much which He's begun.  
Let me serve Christ with a smile,  
Go with others the extra mile. CHORUS

When the nights are dark and long,  
In my heart He puts a song.  
Telling me in words so clear,  
"Have no fear, for I am near." CHORUS

When my work on earth is done,  
And life's victories have been won.  
He will take me home above,  
Then I'll understand His love. CHORUS

I love Jesus, does he know?  
Have I ever told Him so?  
Jesus loves to hear me say,  
That I love Him every day.

## Christmas Card Tree

Greetings have been received from the following to the members of Christ Lutheran Church.

Janice, Jim, Justin and Ryan Polidora

Gerry Hildenbrand

Ruthrauff Service

Olga Zinn

Joyce Purucker

Katherine Mastrocola

Sonshine Community Ministries

Dave, Elyse, and Noah Powell

Pastor Westgate, PALM President

Jim and Dee Law

John, Kathy, and Katie Sourbeer

Falk School

Keith Frndak, President and CEO Concordia ministries

Georgiana Hanley

Ruth Hirko

Barbara Mitchell

Tony Yates, Son of Al and Doris

Barbara Urban

Lauretta Critchlow

Marty and Cindi Hornak

Charles W. Koenig

Louise Garofolo

# News From the Flock

## WEDDINGS

Nicole Osterholm and Reuben Gonzales were married on Ft. Myers beach on November 20, 2015. Nicole was a former teacher at Christ Lutheran School and the daughter of Edith and Carl Osterholm.

## DEATH

Our Christian sympathy to the family of Margaret Sydnor. Margaret was 99 years old when she went to be with her Lord on December 4. She is the mother of Susan Wagner.

## NEWS

Congratulations to Art Mozeik who turned 95 years old on January 23. He is the oldest member of our congregation. We wish him the best as he begins his 96th year.

Helen and Art Mozeik will be celebrating their 70th wedding anniversary on February 16. What a blessing to be married for so many years.

Lauretta Critchlow is proud to announce that she is now the great-grandmother of six. Her grandson Jacob, Jim's son, is the father of Justus. Lauretta was able to travel to see him recently. May he soon be brought to the waters of Holy Baptism.

Friends of the congregation, Michaele and Simon Armstrong are now living in Portland, Oregon. Their new address is 612 NE 78th Avenue Portland, OR 97213.

Miguel Breight and Amanda Payne got engaged on Christmas Eve. They plan to be married on August 13, 2016.

Jonathan Breight had various parts in the Nutcracker performed by the Pittsburgh Ballet Theater. He played the parts in different performances of the Butler, Rat, Mr. Kaufman, Russian Dancer, and the clown. He was even pictured in the newspaper when playing the role of the Butler.

Kyle O'Connor was accepted for early decision at Virginia Tech. He plans to get his degree in Mechanical Engineering.

Megan Einspahr was accepted in the University of Pittsburgh's Masters degree program. She will be working on a degree in Social Work.

## Friends for Education Fund

We want to thank those that responded to our fall appeal letter to partner with us in filling student tuition buckets by donating to the Friends for Education Fund. If you haven't responded yet we are still accepting donations to help families meet their tuition cost of \$4,750. Our goal is to fill 10 buckets. We still have more buckets to fill.

In the spirit of THANKSGIVING this month, if you want to donate in honor/memory of a special school teacher, Sunday school teacher or mentor you had growing up and are thankful for them in some way please return the donation slip below and your financial gift to Christ Lutheran School attention: Friends for Education Fund. If you have questions, please see Donna Einspahr, Principal or Melissa Elaschat, Operations Manager.

"Make a difference & help fill a child's tuition bucket."



Cut & Return with donation

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### Friends for Education

\_\_\_ Please accept this one time donation of \$\_\_\_\_\_ in honor of a special teacher/mentor named \_\_\_\_\_. He/She is special because \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ I would like to "adopt" a student by donating \$\_\_\_\_\_ towards their annual tuition fee

\_\_\_ I will donate \$\_\_\_\_\_ monthly or \$\_\_\_\_\_ weekly to be split among multiple families, as needed.

Donor's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ Please contact me for more information    \_\_\_ I wish to remain anonymous

Make check payable to: Christ Lutheran School and on the memo line write: **Friends for Education Fund**



# Serving Christ in December & January

		Worship Assistant	Acolyte	Lector	Usher
February 7	8:15am	Paul Simpson	Allison Stephens	Paul Simpson	Bill Kolb
	11:00am	Mark Einspahr	Eric Einspahr	Mark Einspahr	Justin Polidora
February 10	7:30pm	Glenn Filler			Mark Einspahr
Ash Wednesday					
February 14	8:15am	John Hoblak	Timothy Bright	Lois Frerking	Bob Brecht
	11:00am	Cal Eggers	Meghan Elaschat	Susan Wagner	Frank Elaschat
February 17	7:30pm	Cal Eggers			Mark Einspahr
Midweek Lent					
February 21	8:15am	Al Dick	Madison Stephens	John Hoblak	John Hoblak
	11:00am	Steve Stern	Eric Einspahr	Steve Stern	Miguel Bright
February 24	7:30pm	John Hoblak			Mark Einspahr
Midweek Lent					
February 28	8:15am	John Hoblak	Jordan Stephens	Karen Hoblak	Bill Kolb
	11:00am	Glenn Filler	Meghan Elaschat	Georgi Shirley	Frank ELaschat

## Celebrating in February

### Anniversaries



- 12 Jim & Charlene Schorr
- 14 Kevin & Tammy Donaldson
- Frank & Melissa Elaschat
- 16 Arthur & Helen Mozeik
- 17 Michael & Barbara Lis

### Birthdays



- 1 Kathleen Kaclik
- Tatia fe' O'Connor
- 5 Nancy Stephens
- 6 Parker Hanley
- David Rockwell
- 7 John Chain
- Barbara Simmons
- 8 Ryder Giovanetti
- 10 Mary Ertman
- 12 Audrey Marvenko
- 13 Tristen Slaczka
- 14 Donna Goralzick
- 21 Sonny Breeger
- John Hoblak
- Howard Lehman
- Barbara Lis
- 24 Robin Schoenthal
- 27 Suzanna Lydon-George



## SHUT-INS CARDS

Most of us enjoy getting cards and letters from friends, relatives, etc. Our church shut-ins enjoy getting cards from congregational members. Be a part of the "Shut-in Card Ministry Team" at Christ Lutheran. Contact Joyce Purucker for your Shut-in Card packet.

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# Addresses for our shut-ins

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### Prayer Petition

O Christ, You walked the road our wandering feet must go. You faced with us temptation's power and fought our ancient foe.

Lutheran Service Book

Hymn 424,



## Church Service Times

Sunday

8:15am & 11:00am - Traditional services

Ash Wednesday

February 10 - 7:30pm

Mid-week Lenten Service

Wednesdays - 7:30pm

Dinner 6:15pm-7:15pm

## Bible Studies

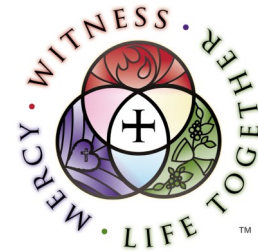
Saturday

7:45am Men's Bible Study

Sunday

9:45am Sunday School ages 0-18

9:45am Adult Bible Study Groups



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