

# Sunday Good News

Christ Lutheran, Wichita, KS

Take Home News for week of *October 21, 2018*

## WEEKLY CALENDAR:

Sunday:	9:00a Worship 10:15a Sunday School 11:00a Worship
Monday	<b>November Newsletter Items Due</b>
Tuesday:	2:00p Adult Bible Study
Wednesday:	6:00p Prayer Praise Potluck 6:30p Choir Rehearsal
Next Sunday:	<b>Commitment Sunday</b> 9:00a Worship 10:15a Sunday School 11:00a Worship 3:30p Central Kansas Conference Meeting in Salina

*Pastor Chad will be gone **Friday, October 26 – Sunday, October 28***

## Worship Notes:

- **Cell phones:** Leave them on, just turn off the ringer.
- **Social Media:** Feel free to text, tweet, Facebook, Instagram, blog, etc. during the service to let your friends know what is happening in worship and inviting them to join you next Sunday. Christ Lutheran is on Facebook. Pastor Chad Langdon is on Facebook & Twitter (@revchadlangdon). Twitter: #clcwichita
- **Wi-Fi:** Church Net Password: Christmas1225
- **Communion:** All are welcome to participate & receive the grace of God! The bulletin has further instructions & information.
- **Children:** Young people are always welcome and encouraged to participate as much as possible. There are worship jobs available for the children to do during the service. They can just pick any lanyard & it explains how they can serve today. There are also Children's Bulletins & Activity Bags in the lobby. We have a nursery available for children 5 and under, and it is staffed all morning.



The flowers on the altar are to the glory of God and in celebration of **Cheryl Shaw's** birthday.

## FALCON FELLOWSHIP TRIVIA RECAP



*thank you!*

Thank you to everyone who participated and supported our recent Falcon Fellowship Trivia Night. It was a great success. We were able to raise over \$4,400! This should fund the lunches for the entire year. We want to pay special thanks to **Cheryl Shaw**, who put together all the silent auction baskets, and **Donn Bischoff**, who procured all of our round sponsors.

## CROP Walk, StepStone and Human Needs

Thank you to all who donated or walked for CROP Walk. In addition to walkers we contributed over 150 jars of peanut butter that will be distributed to four local programs including the breakfast program at St. Paul's Lutheran Church.



Saint Francis Ministries continues to bring individual and refugee families to the Wichita area. They will have an ongoing need for home furnishings and cooking utensils. Kendra Alison is the contact for donations.

## Commitment Cards

The week of **October 14th**, the Resource Committee sent out Commitment Cards. We ask that you return those cards on Commitment Sunday, **October 28th**. These Commitment Cards are used to guide the Annual Budget process, and we ask that you prayerfully consider your financial contributions in 2019.

**Resource Committee**

## Human Needs



During the Month of October we are collecting items for StepStone. StepStone offers both transitional housing services for up to two years as well as other supportive services. Additionally, outreach services are offered to those who have safe housing but need supportive services. Contact information for StepStone is: 1329 S. Bluffview Wichita, KS 67218 info@stepstoneks.org 316-265-1611. Below are the items that have been requested by StepStone.

- Toiletries
- Pads
- Toilet paper
- Paper towels
- Dish soap
- Cleaning supplies



If you know someone who is experiencing domestic violence they may want to contact the Domestic Violence HotLine at 1-800-799-7233. Data from the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence; Thus far in 2018 there have been 444 gun related domestic violence fatalities; 10 million people a year are physically abused each year by an intimate partner; 20,000 calls a day are made to domestic violence hotlines; 20% of women in the United States have been raped.

The Sedgwick County Jail is part of the VINE project that allows for victims to be notified when a defendant is released from jail. Please visit the link attached to register for this notification. If you are needing help in registering for this service, please do not hesitate to contact one of our advocates at 316-265-1611.

<https://www.vineline.com/#/home/site/17000>

Thank you in advance for support of this program.

**Human Needs Committee**

## VISIONING RETREAT

*Do we need to add on to our building? Do we need to redo the parking lot? Do we need to plant another congregation? Do we need to add more staff? Do we need to start a pre-school or an adult day care? What does God have in store for our congregation over the next several years?*



On **Saturday, November 10**, we will be having a congregation-wide visioning retreat here at Christ Lutheran. We will be thinking, dreaming & discerning what God might be calling us to do with our facilities. Our mortgage will be completely paid off within the next 18 months and we need to figure out where God wants us to go from there. We have a team that has been meeting and doing a book study to help us in this discussion. The retreat will be led by Rev. Susan Candea from the Synod Office and she will be guiding our discernment.

We would love to have as many people as possible in attendance, whether or not you think you have much to add. Everyone's voice and perspectives will be important. We need old-timers and young folks. We need long-time members and folks who haven't even officially joined yet. We need people who are worried about our youth and people who remember our previous building. We need you!

Please plan to attend on **Saturday, November 10<sup>th</sup>**. **We'll start at 9:00am** and won't go past 2:00pm. Please mark the tear-off if you plan to attend so we can get an idea for food (which will be provided).

## Christmas-Themed CareNotes Now Available



CareNotes are a part of Christ Lutheran’s caring ministry. The small booklets located near the front door offer helpful advice and words of encouragement for people in a variety of situations. The CareNotes are intended for congregation members to use themselves, or to offer them to friends, neighbors or coworkers going through difficult times. Take time to browse through some of the CareNotes that we have available. Please share them generously (we can always order more)!

We just put out several new titles especially for the holidays and have more on order. These new CareNotes that are now available include:

- Coping with Holiday Stress
- Getting Through the Holidays When You’ve Lost a Loved One
- Rediscovering the Many Gifts of Christmas
- Overcoming the “Blues” at Christmastime
- Giving New Life to your Christmas Celebration
- Grieving at Christmas: A Family Guide
- Your First Christmas After a Loved One Dies
- How Christmas Memories Can Bring Healing to Your Grief
- Christmas: A Time to Remember Those We’ve Loved and Lost
- Finding Comfort for Your Grief in Christmas Traditions
- Making Christmas Count: A Kid’s Guide to Keeping the Season Sacred

## **Family Promise is Beginning!**

Please mark your calendars! We have been assigned our first week as hosts of Family Promise and it is **January 6-13, 2019**. We have much to do before that time.



**What is Family Promise?** Family Promise works with homeless families and asks churches to provide space for them to sleep during the week. One week each quarter, each host church is asked to provide housing for a maximum of 14 people and/or 4 families. Each family goes through a rigorous vetting process and background check. Once accepted into the program, they maintain a pretty regular routine. Each evening they are dropped off at the host church around 6:00pm. The church provides a warm dinner for them & space for each family to sleep. In the morning, the church puts out a continental breakfast & food for sack lunches. At 6:00am the families load up, leave and go to a Day Center. At the Day Center, they are provided a place to shower, classes in life skills, job training, etc, and it is where the children can catch the bus for school. There is very little financial impact for the church, but it does require volunteer commitment & in-kind donations (mainly food). Family Promise provides the cots for sleeping. The church provides sleeping space, clean linens, and volunteers to be around whenever the families are there (including overnight). Each day they are hosting, the church provides:

- 1 volunteer driver in the evening, 5:30-6:30pm
- 2 early evening volunteers that prepare & serve the meal and are available from 6:00-8:00pm
- 2 overnight volunteers who arrive around 8:00 and stay until 6:00am
- 1 volunteer driver in the morning (which can be one of the overnight volunteers), 6:00am-7:00am

Each church commits to serve as a host for 1 week each quarter for a total of 4 weeks out of the year. There is also the opportunity to work with support churches that don't necessarily have the facilities to host, but can provide food and/or volunteers to help out.

Last year we discerned that Christ Lutheran can manage being a host congregation for this exciting ministry. Now that we have our first official dates, it is time to recruit specific volunteers, get trained and begin our role in this ministry. Once we recruit our volunteers, we will have some training sessions in November & December (times TBD). **If you are available to help during our assigned week of January 6-13 and would like to be a volunteer, please mark the Tear-Off & specify which job(s) you'd be willing to help with.**  
**Thanks!**

### Thank You



Many, many thanks to the wonderful people who provided the brawn and brains (and bed) to help **Lauren** and **John** move me into an apartment at Georgetown. Thanks to **Freyja** for my best night's sleep in the last 6 weeks, to the entire **Dykstra family**, to **Donn Bischoff**, **Jean Beal**, and **Brian Miller** for all the hard work, for all the trucks that were put into service, the arranging and rearranging the furniture, for the safety bars put on the bed and in the bathroom, and for the continuing prayers, cards, and visits from so many of you -- for the faithfulness of **Pastor Chad** -- thank you all! I am most blessed.  
 From, **Norma Langner**

## **PARISH NURSE OFFICIALLY BEGINS**



**Today**, we will be installing **Mary Garrelts** as our Parish Nurse. Parish Nursing can take many different forms and it looks a little different in every congregation and setting. It can be helpful to think of a Parish Nurse kind of like a

School Nurse but for the congregation. Volunteering her time and receiving no paid compensation, she will be available to folks in the congregation for consultation, questions, education, advocacy, and support. If you're curious or have a concern about something medical, she will be a good first place to check. Everything she does will be kept confidential and she will be working under the professional guidelines that all nurses must maintain. Some possibilities of how this might benefit the congregation and you personally:

- She will be able to take/track blood pressures on a regular basis.
- She will be available to advise you to go see a doctor and seek further treatment if you have an ache or spot or other kind of problem. She'll be willing to say, "Yes, you need to go get that looked at right away," or maybe, "That's pretty normal for someone your age."
- She can translate complex diagnoses or treatment plans into lay language and, once you're outside the doctor's office, she can help you understand the ramifications of everything.
- She plans to do some hospital and nursing home visits from time to time, and can help you navigate those systems.
- She will also likely do some educational programs to raise awareness or offer prevention methods.

In no way is she a substitute for actually going to the doctor or the emergency room, but her medical knowledge and insight can be of great help to you. In many ways, Mary has already been doing this. She has offered helpful counsel to many of you who have faced cancer or chemotherapy. She'll just be doing a bit more of this in a slightly more public and available way. She's a very faithful Christian and feels a call from God to be serving us in this way.

It will be up to us to determine the best ways to utilize this new ministry. There are lots of possibilities before us and you are encouraged to ask Mary questions and engage her. It is exciting to see what God has in store for us together.

## **Excerpts from the ELCA Parish Nurse's Website**

### **What does a Parish Nurse bring to a congregation?**

*"There has been a rapid rise in the number of parish nurses in the congregations of our church. I believe that is because their value has touched a nerve – the intersection of physical care and spiritual care has shown us that these are not separate arenas, but are integrated in the care of the whole person our Lord calls us to practice. We have people of faith, trained in nursing care, who are well equipped to bring this ministry into the life of the church."*

- **Bishop Peter Rogness**, Former ECLA St. Paul Area Synod

*"A parish nurse program complements and fills out a comprehensive pastoral care strategy for a congregation and its community."*

- Rev. **Craig Johnson**, Mt Olivet Lutheran Church Minneapolis and Former Bishop of Minneapolis Area Synod-ELCA

*[Note from **Mary**: Within the registry for the ELCA's Parish Nurses – there is no one active in Kansas. Closest are two nurses in Missouri, one in Texas & one in Nebraska. But that is an old record from 2015. Minnesota – where parish nursing originated in the mid 1980's by **Granger Westberg**, a Lutheran clergyman and professor best known for his book, *Good Grief*, has dozens & dozens of parish/faith community nurses. The scope of parish nursing has expanded over the years, so it is now called [faith community nursing](#). There are approx. 15,000 participating nurses, primarily in the United States.] (per Wikipedia)]*

## All Saints Sunday Second Line



Second Line is a brass band parade tradition originated in New Orleans characterized by a band processing (first line) followed by those who join the parade (second line) and listen or dance along. One song that is identified with New Orleans is "When All the Saints," and this song is one of the first songs that beginning band students are taught. We can't really have a true second line parade in the church, but we are going to use "When All the Saints" as the closing song for All Saints Sunday (**November 4**) in the first service. We would like to have as many band members as we can get to join along. We are going to use the version that is found in Tradition of Excellence, Number 96 (E Flat Concert) and we will rehearse at 8:45 on that Sunday. If you have any questions, talk to **Brian Miller**.

## WANT TO (OFFICIALLY) JOIN CHRIST LUTHERAN?



Christ Lutheran will be officially welcoming New Members on **All Saints Sunday, November 4**.

Between now and then, if you are curious about church membership or have questions about our congregation, please mark the Tear-Off so **Pastor Chad** can contact you. He would love to sit down with you, get to know you better, and answer any questions that you may have about faith, the church, or what it means to be Lutheran. There are no formal classes or requirements to becoming an official church member...just a sit-down conversation with Pastor Chad. If you have been worshipping at CLC for a while or have questions about membership, please mark the Tear-Off and **Pastor Chad** will contact you. Thanks!

## Google Calendar



Morgan has made and will be managing a google calendar for the church. This calendar will match the wall calendar in the office and will also include the worship leaders for Sunday services among other things. This will be as up-to-date as possible and will always be available online (as well as the church website). You do not need to have a Gmail account to access the calendar so it is available to all! Here is the link:

<https://calendar.google.com/calendar/embed?src=office%40clc.kscoxmail.com&ctz=America%2FChicago>

If you would like to merge this calendar with the calendar application on your phone, please let Morgan know and she can share access with you. Mark the Tear-Off with your name and preferred email to send the link to. If you have any questions or concerns, please let Morgan know.

## AREA 5 HAS CHANGED

The very first meeting of our new Central Kansas Conference will be one week from today. We will be meeting on **Sunday, October 28** from 3:30-6:30pm at Redeemer Lutheran in Salina. This gathering is for anyone and everyone who would like to attend, hear reports from the Bishop's staff, get updates from around the Synod, and get to know some of our new Conference partners. Dinner & worship will also be included. They are asking anyone interested in attending to register online ahead of time so they know how many to expect. You can register or find more information at: [www.css-elca.org/conference-gatherings](http://www.css-elca.org/conference-gatherings). The pastors will all be meeting the following Monday at Camp Tomah Shinga.



Please see **Pastor Chad** for any questions or concerns

## ARTISTS WANTED!

We are looking for children & adults who are willing to design our bulletin covers for this fall/winter. Each Sunday we will feature one Bible story and we would love to have a piece of original art related to that story to grace our bulletin covers. Each week we'd like to feature a different person's artwork on the bulletin cover. We already have a couple people signed up! Here are the Bible stories we'll be covering this fall and that we would love to receive artwork for:

10/28 ( <b>Haley Smith</b> )	Jeremiah 31:31-34; Romans 3:19-28; John 8:31-36	Reformation Sunday
11/4 ( <b>Harper Gibbs</b> )	Isaiah 25:6-9; Revelation 21:6a; John 11:32-44	All Saints Sunday
11/11 ( <b>Casey Dykstra</b> )	Micah [1:3-5] 5:2-5a; 6:6-8	Mercy, Justice, and Peace
11/18 ( <b>Gina Christensen</b> )	Isaiah 36:1-3, 13-20; 37:1-7; 2:1-4	God's Plan for Peace
11/25 ( <b>Christopher Naranjo</b> )	Jeremiah 1:4-10; 7:1-11	Jeremiah's Call
12/2	Habakkuk 1:1-7, 2:1-4; 3: [3b-6], 17-19	Waiting and Watching
12/9 ( <b>Clara Miller</b> )	Esther 4:1-17	Esther Leads
12/16 ( <b>Abby Banta</b> )	Isaiah 42: 1-9	The Savior is Coming
12/23	Matthew 1: 18-25	Joseph Trusts God

Here are the instructions if you'd like to participate:

- 1) Mark the tear-off and let us know what week or story that you would like to do artwork for.
- 2) Read the story in the Bible. Think about it & use your imagination.
- 3) Create a picture of the story using crayons, pencils, markers, paint, etc...even computer graphic art or an original photo is welcome.
- 4) Turn your picture into the office at least 1 week before the date listed above. You can give us a hard copy or submit it electronically.
- 5) When your artwork is featured, be ready...people may want you to autograph their bulletins. ☺

Here are some examples & ideas:



**ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY: 144**

Scripture readings for October 28, 2018: Jeremiah 31:31-34; Romans  
3:19-28; John 8:31-36

**Next Week Worship leaders 10-28-18 E**

Pastor: Chad Langdon                      Praise Band  
Preacher: Rev. Maynard Peterson        Reader: Mary Garrelts  
Leader: Robin Pressnall                  PPT: Lauren McMullin  
Greeter: Rosalie Schmidt  
Communion Assistants: Elaine Miller & Kristi Zecha

**Next Week Worship leaders 10-28-18 L**

Pastor: Chad Langdon                      Choir Director: Darla Steinert  
Preacher: Rev. Maynard Peterson        Organist: Margaret Dietz  
Leader: John Muther                      Pianist: Lois Jensen  
Greeter: Paul & Beth Shaw              Reader: Jennifer Manuel  
Ushers: Donn Bischoff & Andy Hentzen PPT: Noah Becker

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