

Sunday Good News

Christ Lutheran, Wichita, KS

Take Home News for week of *January 13, 2019*

WEEKLY CALENDAR:

Sunday:	8:00a Family Promise tear-down
	9:00a Worship
	10:15a Sunday School
	11:00a Worship
	12:00p Human Needs Committee Meeting
Monday	6:30p Worship & Music Committee Meeting
	7:00p Falcon Falls HOA
Tuesday:	2:00p Adult Bible Study
Wednesday	6:00p All Ages Night
	6:30p Choir Rehearsal
Thursday	1:00p Women's Bible Study
Next Sunday:	9:00a Worship
	10:15a Sunday School
	11:00a Worship

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.

Human Needs



During the month of January the Human Needs Committee will be collecting cans of soup for the Souper Bowl of Caring sponsored by Interfaith Ministries of Wichita. Please bring your cans of soup and place them on the Human Needs table. According to Feeding America in 2016; In Kansas, 375,360 people are struggling with hunger - and of them 131,130 are children. 1 in 8 people struggle with hunger. 1 in 6 children struggle with hunger. People facing hunger in Kansas are estimated to report needing \$185,071,000 more per year to meet their food needs. The average cost of a meal in Kansas is \$2.89.

Please consider providing some low-salt cans as some people receiving the soup will benefit from less salt.

If you would like to learn more about the Human Needs Committee speak with **Forrest Ehmke**. Our annual planning meeting is today at 12:30 PM. A hot lunch will be provided. Please let **Forrest** know if you are able to attend. (Home phone 744-1577 or e-mail Fehmke@aol.com).

THANK YOU!



Thank you to **Russ Banta**, who recently refinished our baptism font. It looks absolutely gorgeous! Be sure to tell Russ thank you if you see him. You can also tell **Paul & Kenny Shaw** thank you as well, because they helped with the project.

Thank you to all who helped make Family Promise a success this past week! Our church building was used all week to provide housing for 2 families that are experiencing homelessness. Volunteers from Christ Lutheran provided food, hospitality, and transportation for these dear people. There are too many volunteers and donors to name specifically, but we do want to recognize **Elaine Miller** for being our Family Promise coordinator and for doing such a great job organizing this ministry. Thank you, Elaine and everyone else!

Baby Shower

We are so happy to announce the birth and adoption of **Zander Orion Zecha** to **Joshua and Vaughn Zecha**. Proud Grandparents **Clay and Kris Zecha**! The congregation is invited to the meet and greet shower **TODAY!**



LIGHT PARTY!
Wednesday, January 16
 6:00-8:00pm



In celebration of the season of Epiphany, we will be having a Light Party this Wednesday night for our All Ages Night. We'll be talking about how Jesus is the Light of the World and celebrating with various light-themed activities (think glow sticks, glitter, lasers, candles). It will definitely have some Messy Church elements to it.

As with any of our All Ages Night, everyone is invited to attend and the activities are designed to be fun across the generations. Our All Ages Nights always happen on the 3rd Wednesday of every month. Dinner is provided.

Updated Directories



A PDF of the updated Church Directories was sent out via email this past Wednesday (**January 9**) and there are also a few hard copies on the opportunity table (**please do not take these home**). Please look through the directory and email **Morgan** or leave a note on her desk with any changes that need to be made or anything you would like added in. Be sure to tell her the change and who it is for. Final copies of the Directories will be printed tomorrow (**Monday, January 14**) and put in every mailbox in the hallway. Morgan will also be sending out an updated PDF. If you have any questions or concerns please let Morgan or **Pastor Chad** know as soon as possible.

ARTISTS WANTED!

We are looking for children & adults who are willing to design our bulletin covers for this winter/spring. 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. Here are the Bible stories we'll be covering:

1/20 (Christopher Naranjo)	Matthew 4: 1-17	Temptation in the Wilderness
1/27	Matthew 5: 1-20	Sermon on the Mount
2/3 (Cheryl Shaw)	Matthew 6: 7-21 [25-34]	The Lord's Prayer
2/10 (Darla Steinert)	Matthew 7: 1-14, 24-29	Built on the Rock
2/17	Matthew 13:24-25	Faith Like a Mustard Seed
2/24	Matthew 14: 13-33	Feeding of the 5,000
3/3	Matthew 16:24-17:8	The Transfiguration

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

- Read the story in the Bible. Think about it & use your imagination.
- Create a picture of the story using crayons, pencils, markers, paint, etc...even computer graphic art or an original photo is welcome.
- 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.
- When your artwork is featured, be ready...people may want you to autograph their bulletins!

There are lots of great examples hanging in the hallway!

Exploration Teams

As a result of our Visioning Retreat in early November 2018, Christ Lutheran is forming 3 Exploration Teams. Each one of these teams will be heading in a slightly different direction, following the Holy Spirit's lead and discovering God's path for us. The hope is that each team will meet at least monthly in 2019, and have quarterly meeting with all the teams together to compare notes. Within each area, they will seek to answer these questions (and any others that pop up along the way):



- What are we currently doing in this area?
- Why are we doing each thing?
- Is there anything that we should stop doing?
- What other needs in these areas could we be meeting?
- What could we be doing to meet these needs if money wasn't an issue?
- What is God calling us to do in the future within this area?



#1: The OUT Team

The purpose of this team is to explore OUT in the community. They will be dealing with topics like accompaniment, identifying needs in the community, defining our "community", inviting others, and having intentional conversations with people & organizations in the community. Their goal will be to discern God's activity OUT in the community and ways that we can hook up with what God is already doing.





#2: The DEEP Team

The purpose of this team is to explore ways to DEEPen our relationship with God and with others. They will be dealing with topics like spirituality, caring for our church community, and staffing. Their goal will be to discern ways that God is calling us to DEEPen our relationships and possible ways that we can do that.



#3: The FACILITY Team

The purpose of this team is to explore ways to enlarge or improve our current FACILITY. They will be investigating topics like how we are currently utilizing our facility, if there are places that need improvement, and if there are better ways to use our physical structure to get the most out of it. Their goal will be to discern how God could better use our current structure and if God is calling us to enlarge or improve it by creating a needs list and prioritizing it.



We are currently recruiting folks to serve on these temporary, but important Exploration Teams. If you feel passionate or excited about any of these areas, we'd love to have your voice at the table. Please mark the Tear-Off in the Take Home News with your interest and we'll make sure you get included. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to ask to Pastor Chad or any of the council members.

afterglow:

middle school retreat @ Camp Tomah Shinga

February 8th—10th

Cost \$30 (student pays \$10, church pays \$20)

6th-8th graders

Friends are welcome to come!

Sample Schedule:

Friday, Feb. 8
7:00 Arrive
7:30 Ice Breakers
8:15 Campfire
10:00 Movie

Saturday, Feb. 9
8:00 Breakfast
8:30 Worship
9:00 Teambuilding
12:00 Lunch
1:00 Team Scavenger Hunt
3:00 Bible Study
4:00 Winter Safari
6:00 Dinner
7:00 Guest Speaker
9:30 Campfire
11:00 Lights Out

Sunday, Feb. 10
8:00 Breakfast
8:45 Devotion
9:30 Gaga Tournament
11:15 Closing Worship

Sign up & pay Pastor Chad or Stephanie Albright by Sunday, January 20th.





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