

# Sunday Good News

Christ Lutheran, Wichita, KS

Take Home News for week of *February 10, 2019*

## WEEKLY CALENDAR:

Sunday:	9:00a Worship
	10:15a Sunday School
	11:00a Worship
Tuesday:	2:00p Adult Bible Study
Wednesday:	10:30a Falcon Fellowship
	6:00p Confirmation
	6:30p Choir Rehearsal
Thursday:	<b>Happy Valentine's Day</b>
	1:00p Women's Bible Study
Saturday:	6:15p Partners for Wichita Trivia Night
Next Sunday:	9:00a Worship
	10:15a Sunday School
	<b>Rosalie Schmidt</b> Birthday Reception
	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.

## BULLETIN ARTISTS

2/17 ( <b>Dykstra</b> )	Matthew 13:24-25	Faith Like a Mustard Seed
2/24 ( <b>Landon Clouse</b> )	Matthew 14: 13-33	Feeding of the 5,000
3/3 ( <b>Justin Clouse</b> )	Matthew 16:24-17:8	The Transfiguration

## Just a Heads Up...

**Pastor Chad** was recently asked and appointed to be the new Secretary of the Central States Synod. This means that he is now an officer of the Synod, serving on both the Executive Committee and the Synod Council. The former Synod Secretary resigned mid-term, and **Pastor Chad** has only committed to serving as the Secretary until a new one can be elected at the Synod Assembly in June. He has not yet decided if he wants to be nominated for a full 4 year term in this role. If so, it means a few more meetings and trips to Kansas City every year.

## RETIREMENT/BIRTHDAY PARTY



**Laurie Anderson** has recently retired and is celebrating her 60<sup>th</sup> birthday! If you would like to help her celebrate, her family is hosting a party on **Saturday, February 16** at Andover Baptist Church. The party will be from 1-3pm.



## Birthday Reception



On **Sunday, February 17** there will be a reception between services for **Rosalie Schmidt's** birthday. Please join us for food, fellowship, and birthday celebrations!

## Endowment Committee Update

The endowment committee met in December to decide how to disburse this past year's funds. After reviewing the two requests, it was agreed to give a portion to quilting for quilt batting and the remainder to the Altar Guild for banners, linens, chalice cover, etc.



## THRIVENT UPDATE



**THRIVENT  
FINANCIAL**  
Connecting faith & finances for good.

In 2018 Thrivent members have designated \$1,313 to Christ Lutheran Church. Thank you to all of these people, and thank you to Thrivent! Any remaining Choice Dollars credited in 2018 can still be designated until they expire the end of March. In Sedgwick County \$33,991 Choice Dollars were directed to 43 churches and charities from Thrivent members in 2018. To learn more please contact Thrivent Financial Associate, **Justin Carlson**, at 729-2631 ext. 1 or [justin.carlson@thrivent.com](mailto:justin.carlson@thrivent.com).

## WANT TO (OFFICIALLY) JOIN CHRIST LUTHERAN?



Christ Lutheran will be officially welcoming New Members on **Transfiguration Sunday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>**. 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!

## Save the Date!

**March 24<sup>th</sup>** will be the Annual Youth Banquet. More details to follow in the coming weeks.





This Fundraiser for Family Promise is coming up soon! Which Congregation's chili will win the *People's Choice* and the *Judge's Choice*?

**Saturday, February 23**

**4-6pm**

**St. Mary Orthodox Christian Church**

**A fun time for the whole family!**

**Cost: \$10 adults, \$5 children  
Cash or check ONLY at the door.**

**Plan to bring extra money to "VOTE" for your favorite chili recipes!**

**\*\*All proceeds and donations will go directly to Family Promise of Greater Wichita.\*\***

**The congregation that gets the most votes (donations) wins the People's Choice Award & bragging rights across Greater Wichita's faith community!**

# Trivia Night

Partners for Wichita  
Fundraiser

**Saturday, Feb. 16, 2019**

First Presbyterian Church  
525 N. Broadway

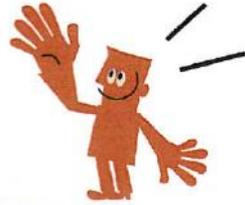
Doors open at 6:15 p.m.

Trivia begins at 7 p.m.

Snacks • Prizes • Silent Auction



**Sign up now  
for fun,  
festivities, and a  
good cause!**



Team of 8 (\$120 in advance)  
or individually (\$20 each).  
\$20 each at the door.

Email your registration form to  
[info@partnersforwichita.org](mailto:info@partnersforwichita.org).

Pay online at [partnersforwichita.org](http://partnersforwichita.org),  
under "Donate" select "Trivia Night".

Or register and pay by mail:  
Partners for Wichita, 925 N. Waco,  
Wichita, KS 67203.

Make check payable to Partners for  
Wichita with Trivia Night noted in  
the memo.

## ***It's time for Trivia Night!***

Find a group of 8! Ask members of your congregation, your co-workers, family and friends. Your team will collaborate and compete with other teams for prizes and enjoy a great evening of fun!

Announcing our "Celebrity Host" - Cathy Carrier, local radio personality.

For more information, contact [info@partnersforwichita.org](mailto:info@partnersforwichita.org) or (316) 263-1389.

Your participation will benefit Partners for Wichita including "Filling the Gap Lunches for Kids," "Bags of Blessings," Wichita Food Share, Safe Streets, Youth Corps, the GRID, and more!

## Human Needs

The Human Needs Committee thanks you for the support of the “Souper Bowl” with your donations of seventy cans of soup for Interfaith Ministries.

*Bags of Blessings*  
*From the Heart*



This month we will be collecting for “**Bags of Blessings**” a program of Partner’s for Wichita. **We will fill gallon-sized zipper plastic bags with each of these items:**

- Soap (bar or liquid)
- Lotion
- Razor
- Shampoo
- Conditioner
- Deodorant
- Comb
- Chapstick/Lip balm
- Washcloth
- Kleenex
- Emery board or clippers
- Toothpaste
- Toothbrush
- Shaving Cream
- Band-aids (3)
- White socks

These personal care items are for people in need throughout the Wichita area. Partner’s for Wichita will add a blessing and deliver bags to organizations and agencies who work closely with those who are most in need. This annual February project is a community-wide Valentine for neighbors in need. Together we make a difference! In 2018 over 1500 Bags of Blessings, filled with more than a dozen personal care items, plus many cartons of extra items were collected by about 40 congregations, groups, and individuals. The blessings were then delivered to over 35 helping places throughout the area. Please place the items on the Human Needs table. For information follow this link; <https://www.partnersforwichita.org/bags-of-blessings>

Our “Noisy Offering” collection this month will go towards another Partner’s for Wichita program, “**Filling the Gap.**” You can learn more about this program through the following link. <https://www.partnersforwichita.org/filling-the-gap>

## FIRST COMMUNION CLASSES



We will soon be offering classes for anyone wanting to receive their First Communion. Our First Communion classes are open for anyone who has questions or feels like they are ready to receive this sacrament. (Desiring to take Communion, asking questions about it, or just sticking out their hands out to receive the bread are all good indicators that a child may be ready to go through these classes.) For children, this decision is up to the parents and the child to make together. It is also important to know that taking the classes does not mean that you have to take Communion when it is all over with. There will be a time during the final class for people to make that decision and “I’m just not ready,” is a perfectly acceptable answer.

If children are already receiving Communion, but have never taken the classes or received any instruction about it, this is also a good opportunity for them to learn more about his sacred church tradition. These children are welcome and encouraged to attend the classes.

The First Communion classes are designed to reach children & adults at a variety of ages, so no one is too old or too young to participate. The classes are also highly interactive and there needs to be at least one parent/grandparent present with any child that attends the class. There will also be homework for you & your family after every class. All three classes build on each other, so attendance at all three is important. We would like to offer First Communion classes at the following times (but if our class is small, we may be flexible):

Class 1: **Sunday, March 24**, 2:00-3:30pm

Class 2: **Sunday, March 31**, 2:00-3:30pm

Class 3: **Sunday, April 7**, 2:00-3:30pm

We will then be celebrating First Communion for everyone on Easter **Sunday, April 21**. If you are interested in participating in First Communion classes or have questions about it, please contact Pastor Chad or mark the Tear-off.

## YOU ARE INVITED!

Our denomination, the ELCA (Evangelical Lutheran Church in America), has a small but significant presence here in Wichita. The ELCA churches in Wichita & the surrounding area have long partnered together for important ministries.



These partnerships have included things like *Sandwich Saturday*, *St. Paul's Breakfast*, and *Family Promise*, where each congregation takes their turn in feeding and/or housing the homeless. Our churches have also joined together to support *Partners for Wichita*, a Lutheran social service organization that works in schools for drug prevention, hands out *Bags of Blessings* to the homeless, and through *Filling the Gap* feeds children across the city during those times when school lunch is not offered. In recent years, Wichita ELCA churches have also banded together to *resettle refugees* from Myanmar, plant a new Spanish-speaking congregation in Planeview called *Mision San Juan de Dios*, and done various worshipful activities like *Beer & Hymns* and a common *Blue Christmas* service. The pastors from our ELCA congregations get together monthly for conversation and mutual support. We have provided scholarships for local seminary students, and there is even a monthly newsletter that goes out highlighting each church's activities. Whether you've realized it or not, through the ELCA, you've been part of a larger ministry that is having an impact here in the Wichita area.



Over the last 7+ years, many of these ELCA congregations have faced significant changes and transitions. Some have closed. Some are struggling financially or in their worship attendance. Pastors have come and gone. Due to a national pastor shortage, many of these churches are now without consistent pastoral leadership. And yet, some of our congregations are healthy and thriving. But due to these changes and challenges, the time has come to re-evaluate how we do ministry together and come up with some new directions, ideas and solutions. We need your help in this.

If any of these ministries have been important to you, or if you think it is valuable that we maintain these local ministry connections, you are invited to a meeting with Rev. Donna Simon (who is one of the Bishop's Associates) to brainstorm and discuss various ideas and concerns regarding the ELCA presence in Wichita and the surrounding area. **This meeting will happen at Reformation Lutheran Church (7601 E 13<sup>th</sup> Street N) on Thursday, February 21 at 6:30pm.** Representatives from all of the ELCA churches are encouraged to attend. Rumor has it that there will be wine & cheese available as we do our visioning.

If you would like to attend or have questions, please mark the Tear-Off so that we know how many to expect. Thanks!

## **SANDWICH SATURDAY**



### **FRIDAY: LUNCH ASSEMBLY**

On Friday, **February 22**, we will be gathering in the Fellowship Hall to put together sack lunches to give to the hungry & homeless of Wichita. We will be meeting on Friday evening at 5:30 pm (or whenever you can make it after that). We will be making peanut butter & jelly sandwiches and loading up the sack lunches with all kinds of other goodies (fruit, water, cookies, crackers, etc.).

### **SATURDAY: LUNCH DISTRIBUTION**

On Saturday, **February 23**, we will be distributing the lunches in downtown Wichita. We will meet at Christ Lutheran about 10:30am. We'll load up the cars with the lunches & coolers and then caravan downtown to St. John's Episcopal where we'll hand out the lunches to all of the people gathered there. We'll return to church before noon.

**These are both great opportunities for people of all ages to serve God. If you plan to help out or have any questions, please mark the Tear-Off.**

**ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY: 134**

Scripture reading for February 17, 2019: Matthew 13:24-45

**Next Week Worship leaders 2-17-19 E**

Pastor: Chad Langdon  
Leader: Robin Pressnall  
Greeter: Scott Schul  
Ushers: Scott Schul & Wes Nelson  
Communion Assistants: Mary Garrelts & Kari Clouse

Praise Band  
Reader: Jean Beal  
PPT: Lauren McMullin

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Pastor: Chad Langdon  
Leader: Bonnie Johnson  
Greeters: Paul & Beth Shaw  
Ushers: Donn Bischoff  
& Dwight Boyce

Choir Director: Darla Steinert  
Organist: Margaret Dietz  
Pianist: Lois Jensen  
Reader: Dwight Boyce  
PPT: Maynard Peterson



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