

Sunday Good News

Christ Lutheran, Wichita, KS

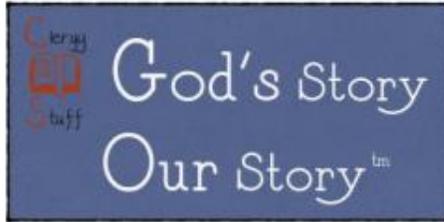
Take Home News for week of *February 24, 2019*

WEEKLY CALENDAR:

Next Sunday: 9:00a Worship
 10:15a Sunday School
 11:00a Worship
 Monday: 6:30p Worship and Music Meeting
 Tuesday: 2:00p Adult Bible Study
 Wednesday: No Youth Activities
 6:30p Choir Rehearsal
 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/cry room available in Room #5 and you can watch the service from a TV in there.



Feeding 5,000

February 24, 2019
Matthew 14:13-33

Use this resource at home to guide your household's daily devotions.



Pray: Light a candle. Open your devotion with prayer.

O Lord, you feed us on the riches of your kingdom, then invite us to feed others in kind. Spread the impulse of your generosity far and wide, that this world may see a revival of your original vision for creation. In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.



Read: Read the key verse from Sunday's reading.

Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. (Matthew 14:19)



Reflect: Reflect on the scripture summary.

Crowds throng in ever increasing numbers to see, hear and experience the great teacher/healer. But Jesus resists the impulse to keep the spotlight on himself. If anyone would follow him, they must learn the strength of their own faith, love, and generosity.



Connect: Connect in conversation with others in your household.

What was a high point of your day? What was a low point?

Who are the miracle workers and healers in your community?

How are they recognized? How are they rewarded? What is God's role in healing and the working of modern miracles?

How much authority has God given you that you are reluctant to claim? What might you accomplish if you accept responsibility for the gifts God has given you?

For the littles: What would you serve for dinner if you had very important guests coming? God is happy when all God's children are fed.



Bless: Close your devotion with a blessing.

May God fill your belly with food and your heart with love. Amen.



Do: By acting on what we learn, we make God's word come alive. Do the following activity this week.

Do one thing this week that honors the gifts God has given you that you have been reluctant to claim or use. Share your plan with someone who can hold you accountable for following through with your actions.



Go Deeper: Go to clergystuff.com/daily-devotions for devotions on the daily readings.

Monday, Psalm 95:1-5, *Psalm*

Tuesday, Matthew 12:9-21, *Teachings of Jesus*

Wednesday, Matthew 12:22-32, *Teachings of Jesus*

Thursday, Matthew 12:33-45, *Teachings of Jesus*

Friday, Matthew 12:46-50, *Teachings of Jesus*

Saturday, Matthew 13:1-23, *Parables of Jesus*

WANT TO (OFFICIALLY) JOIN CHRIST LUTHERAN?



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

Annual Youth Banquet

Parents and Youth (7th - 12th grade)...**March 3rd** in the High School Sunday school room there will be a parent/youth meeting during the Sunday school hour to discuss the details for the Youth Banquet. Please plan to attend if you would like to help with the banquet. **March 24th** will be the Annual Youth Banquet.

UPDATE ON CAROL HILL



For health and transportation reasons, **Carol Hill** has not been able to attend church much over the last several years. We continue to pray for her, **Pastor Chad** visits her regularly, and she very much still considers herself part of our community of faith. Unfortunately, Carol's health has been deteriorating over the last few weeks, and her long-term prognosis is uncertain. She is still able to have great conversations and receive letters, however. Her family has suggested that if you'd like to go visit with her or reconnect with her, now would be a good time, before her health gets much worse. Carol lives at Andover Court (721 W 21 St. N, Apt 107, Andover, KS 67002) and her phone number is 316-570-0977. She would welcome visitors, phone calls & any cards you might want to send.

BULLETIN ARTISTS WANTED

We are looking for children & adults who are willing to design our bulletin covers for this 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:

3/3	(Justin Clouse) Matthew 16:24-17:8	The Transfiguration
3/10	(Landon Clouse) Matthew 18: 15-35	The Unforgiving Servant
3/17	Matthew 20: 1-16	The Laborers in the Vineyard
3/24	(Aspen Helmick) Matthew 22: 1-14	The Wedding Banquet
3/31	(Justin Clouse) Matthew 25: 1-13	The Parable of the Talents
4/7	Matthew 25: 31-46	When Did We See You?
4/14	Matthew 21:1-17	Triumphal Entry

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!

Human Needs

TODAY is the last day to bring items to the church for the “Bags of Blessings” program through Partner’s for Wichita. Between services we will set up an assembly line to fill gallon bags with the items we have. Once each bag is filled with all the requested items these bags and left over items will be taken to the collection site at St. James Episcopal Church, 3750 E. Douglas on **Thursday, February 28**. Volunteers to assist with receiving donations and/or filling bags to be donated are needed from 9 AM – 12:30 JPM or 3:30 PM – 7 PM. If you are not able to stay the whole time that is okay.

- 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



Today we will begin 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.

afterglow:

high school retreat @ Camp Tomah Shinga

March 1 - 3

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

9th-12th 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
12:00 De-

Sign up & pay Pastor Chad or Stephanie Albright by Sunday, February 24th.



Please join us for a

Bridal Shower

Honoring Melissa Pressnall & Jason Mihalcin

Sunday March 17th at 12:15pm

At Christ Lutheran Church

Fellowship Hall

Lunch will be provided

The Couple is registered at

Bed, Bath & Beyond / Target / Amazon

Lunch RSVP's to Mary Garrelts -

mbgarrelts@cox.net or 316-640-7009



Pastor Chad will be out of town this week for continuing education. He will be gone **Monday-Thursday** but can still be reached by cell phone.

ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY: 137

Scripture reading for March 3, 2019: Matthew 16:24-17:8

Next Week Worship leaders 3-3-19 E

Pastor: Chad Langdon

Praise Band

Leader: Andrew Clouse

Reader: Jim Garrelts

Greeter: Clay & Kristi Zecha

PPT: Jack Smith

Ushers: Scott Schul & John White

Communion Assistants: Robin Pressnall & Kari Clouse

Next Week Worship leaders 3-3-19 L

Pastor: Chad Langdon

Choir Director: Darla Steinert

Leader: John Muther

Organist: Margaret Dietz

Greeters: Muthers

Pianist: Lois Jensen

Ushers: Donn Bischoff & Russ Banta

Reader: Melissa Stanton

PPT: Cheryl Shaw



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