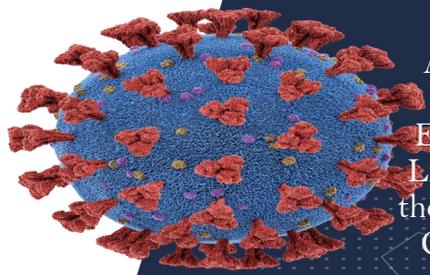


ANNOUNCEMENTS

1-31-21

Stuff to know about Christ Lutheran during the pandemic

Worship in February is at 10:00am on Facebook live.



Covid Update

At our most recent Council meeting, the Council voted to continue worshipping in February the way we have been. Every Sunday we will have 1 worship Service on Facebook Live at 10:00 am on Pastors Chad's Facebook page. Later in the afternoon, the recording of that service gets shared to the Christ Lutheran Facebook page and posted to our website www.christ-lutheran.org

LENT 2021:
Listen
STORIES & PRAYERS FROM JESUS

This year for Lent our theme will be "Listen: Stories & Prayers from Jesus." We have some exciting things in the works, including daily videos, Wednesday evening worship services, exploring various prayer forms, and some kind of a take-home Lent kit. Lent kicks off with Ash Wednesday on February 17. Be watching & listening for updates on how everything will come together this year.



ON JANUARY 31, GERALD CHRISTENSEN TURNS THE BIG 9-0! GIVEN THE PANDEMIC, HIS FAMILY IS ASKING FOR A CARD SHOWER. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO HELP HIM CELEBRATE THIS INCREDIBLE MILESTONE, YOU CAN SEND BIRTHDAY WISHES TO HIM AT:

421 BENDER LANE, NEWTON, KS 671 14

BUT THEY ARE ALSO PLANNING A LITTLE SURPRISE DRIVE-BY BIRTHDAY PARTY ON SUNDAY AFTERNOON. EVERYONE IS MEETING IN THE PARKING LOT OF KANSAS STEAKHOUSE IN NEWTON JUST BEFORE 1:30 PM. THIS IS ACROSS THE STREET, WEST OF THE BRAUM'S ON THE 1ST STREET EXIT (1209 E 1ST). ONCE EVERYONE GATHERS IN THE KANSAS STEAKHOUSE PARKING LOT, WE WILL GET A PARADE STARTED AND DRIVE BY NANCY & GERALD'S HOUSE. THEY WILL BE OUTSIDE, AND WE WILL JUST DRIVE BY, HONK & WAVE. WE HOPE YOU CAN MAKE IT AND SHARE SOME JOY WITH GERALD!

2021 COUNCIL INSTALLED

ON JANUARY 19, AT OUR FIRST MEETING OF THE YEAR, OUR NEW CONGREGATION COUNCIL WAS INSTALLED FOR 2021!

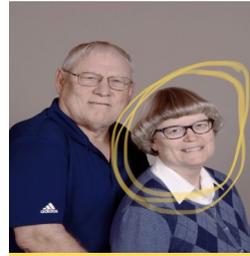
WE ARE WELCOMING 4 NEW PEOPLE TO THE COUNCIL:



Bonnie Johnson
Vice President



Russ Banta
Property Chair



Rosie Harder
Human Needs Chair



Deborah Bischoff
Outreach Chair

THESE NEW LEADERS WILL JOIN OUR CURRENT COUNCIL MEMBERS TO MAKE IMPORTANT DECISIONS AND HELP STEWARD THE MINISTRY WE SHARE AT CHRIST LUTHERAN. RETURNING COUNCIL MEMBERS AND THEIR POSITIONS INCLUDE:



DWIGHT BOYCE

PRESIDENT

JEAN BEAL

SECRETARY

CAROL DOOLEY

TREASURER

BRIAN MILLER

RESOURCE CHAIR

MELISSA STANTON

WORSHIP & MUSIC CHAIR

CHANDRA HUBBARD

YOUTH MINISTRY CHAIR

TARA BROWN

PARISH EDUCATION CHAIR

WE ALSO WANT TO PUBLICLY THANK OUR OUTGOING COUNCIL MEMBERS WHO HAVE SERVED SO FAITHFULLY OVER THE LAST FEW YEARS, ESPECIALLY FOR THEIR LEADERSHIP DURING 2020.

OUR OUTGOING COUNCIL MEMBERS ARE:

BECKY DYKSTRA

PRESIDENT IN 2020, VP IN 2019

DONN BISCHOFF

OUTREACH CHAIR 2016-2020

ALAN SCHMIDT

PROPERTY CHAIR 2016-2020

FORREST EHMKE

HUMAN NEEDS CHAIR 2016-2020

CAMP TOMAH SHINGA NEEDS YOUR HELP!

Camp Tomah Shinga will be making a big push this spring to get ready for campers to return this summer. They are asking for any Thrivent members with access to available Action Team Grants to help them by either forming an Action Team or donating their Action Team Grant giftcards to projects at Tomah Shinga during the month of March. If you know you have an Action Team Grant available and would like to help coordinate so that Camp Tomah Shinga can use it, you can contact Jacob Spilker, Director of Camp Tomah Shinga at tomahshinga@gmail.com. Thank you!

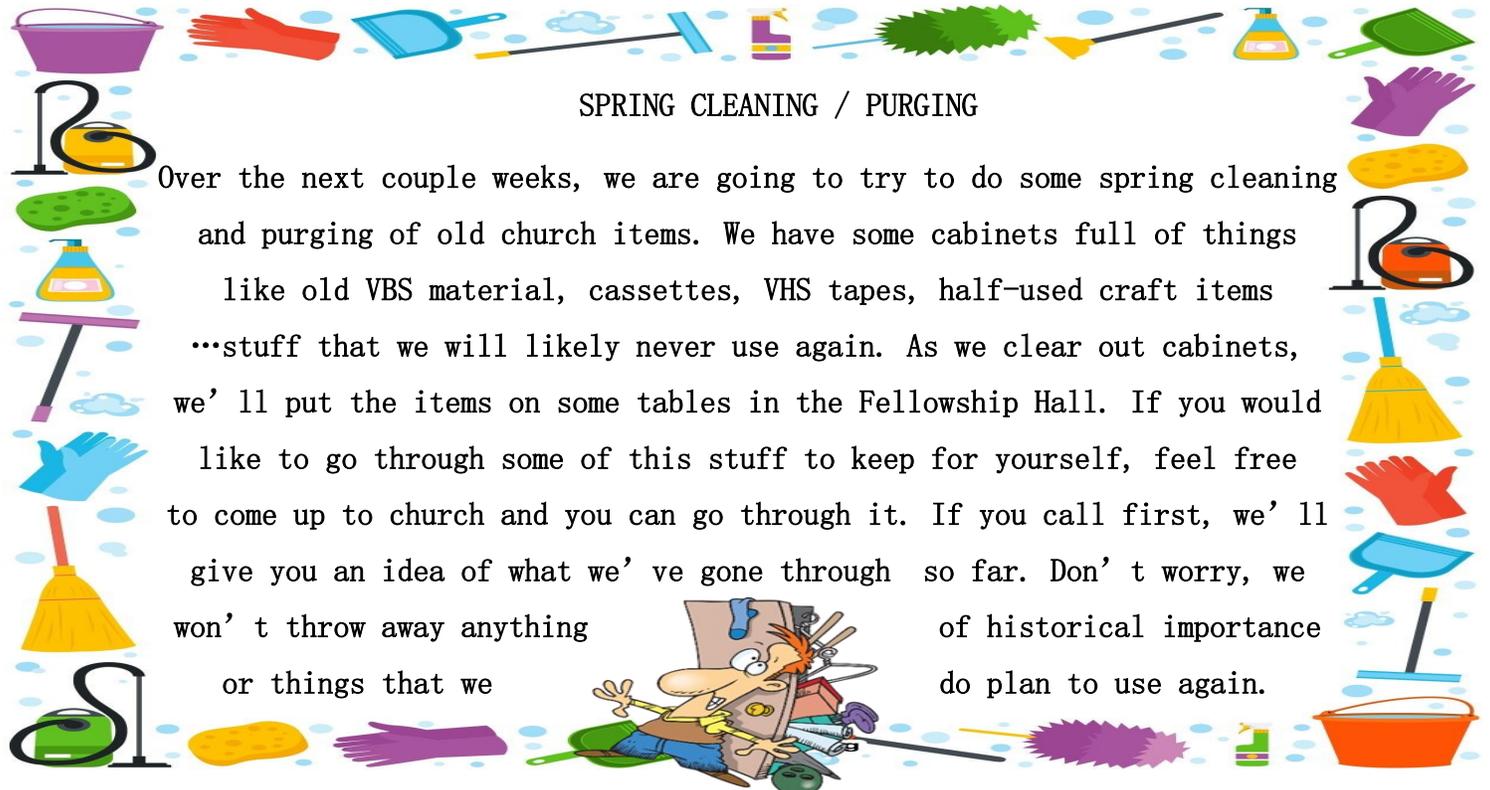
We have opened registrations for summer camp 2021!
After a summer apart due to COVID, we are thrilled to be back. As we adjust camp to keep safe and healthy for your camper, we look forward to Exploring Creation, Building Relationships, and Growing in Faith with you this summer. Register at www.camptomahsinga.com
If you have any questions reach out to Jazz Turley
jturley@tomahshinga.com

SANDWICH SATURDAY

- Our next date to provide sack lunches is Saturday, February 27. We will need help on Friday, February 26 at about 5:00pm to make the PB&J sandwiches and put together the rest of the lunches. We will practice social distancing and do everything as safely as possible.
- We will also need help delivering the lunches on Saturday morning, February 27. We will simply drop them off at St. John's Episcopal, but we do need one or two people willing to help transport the food. We will not be distributing them directly to the people because their staff will do that.

SPRING CLEANING / PURGING

Over the next couple weeks, we are going to try to do some spring cleaning and purging of old church items. We have some cabinets full of things like old VBS material, cassettes, VHS tapes, half-used craft items ...stuff that we will likely never use again. As we clear out cabinets, we'll put the items on some tables in the Fellowship Hall. If you would like to go through some of this stuff to keep for yourself, feel free to come up to church and you can go through it. If you call first, we'll give you an idea of what we've gone through so far. Don't worry, we won't throw away anything or things that we of historical importance do plan to use again.





Team Kansas City

We were victorious last year, so let's run it back again! While you are cheering on your team and celebrating with family and friends - **let's help tackle hunger together.**

From kickoff to final whistle on Super Bowl Sunday, Team Tampa Bay and Team Kansas

City will seek to outdo one another for the sake of the gospel. The fans that donate the most through their team page to ELCA World Hunger by midnight central time on February 7 will help their synod take home the title of ELCA World Hunger Champion -regardless of the outcome of the football game. We won last year and let's go for the repeat, just like our guys in red!

To donate to Team Kansas City, you can send in checks with your offering (checks can be written to Christ Lutheran) and indicate that it is for ELCA World Hunger. You can give online through church by clicking the "GIVE ONLINE" button on our website (www.christ-lutheran.org) and mark it for ELCA World Hunger. Or if you would like to read more about and give online directly through the ELCA, please go to: <http://support.elca.org/goto/Kansas>. This is competition where everyone wins!

About ELCA World Hunger

As a long-standing presence in communities in nearly 60 countries, including the United States, ELCA World Hunger is deeply relational and rooted in listening. They steer clear of "one-size-fits-all" answers and have enormous respect for local context, local expertise and local ingenuity. Your gifts support tailored solutions - in areas like health, water, income, education, food security, and more - that can put an end to hunger for the long term



For the week of January 31, 2021

God's Story @ Home

PRAYING GOD'S STORY

Mealtime Prayer: As we gather around this grateful table, give us our daily bread, O God. As we gather around this heartfelt table, give us our daily bread, O God. As we gather around this joyful table, give us our daily bread, O God. Amen.

READING GOD'S STORY

Something to ponder as you read: In these stories, what is Jesus teaching you?

Sunday	Luke 6:1-16	The Lord of the Sabbath
Monday	Deuteronomy 5:12-15	Keeping the Sabbath
Tuesday	Luke 6:17-19	Jesus Touches and Heals
Wednesday	Luke 6:20-26	Blessings and Woes
Thursday	Luke 6:27-36	Love for Enemies
Friday	Luke 6:37-45	Judging Others
Saturday	Luke 6:46-49	The Two Foundations
Sunday	Luke 7:1-17	Healing the Sick, Raising the Dead

CONTEMPLATING OR DISCUSSING GOD'S STORY

Take a moment to check in with each other or to use the questions below.

? **Highs and Lows:** What was something today that gave you energy? What is something that drained you?

? **Thinking About This Week's Story:** Jesus teaches us that a sabbath is a time for rest and healing. What has made you tired today? How have you rested?

? **Getting Ready for Next Week's Story:** Out of compassion, Jesus heals one man and raises another from the dead. Where have you seen compassion today? Where have you seen selfishness?

LIVING GOD'S STORY

SERVICE is how we enact God's great love for the entire world.

On Sunday (or a different day), take a true Sabbath. Rest, play, and enjoy your family, be in service to one another.