

Welcome to Worship

March 9, 2025

After filling this out, please tear off this entire page and place it in the offering plate.

Check the reverse side to sign up for ministry opportunities.



Members and Regular Attendees

Name(s): _____



Guests & Visitors

If you are visiting with us here at Christ Lutheran, we would love to get some information from you!

Name(s): _____

E-mail: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Please check what applies to you:

Just Visiting I want to be a member of Christ Lutheran.

I would like to know more information, please contact me.

Any change in contact info? (Email, address, phone, etc.)



Ministry Opportunities
to **SERVE & GROW**

*Check all that apply. Newly added items are in **BOLD**.
If there are multiple people in your family,
please let us know who is signing up. Thanks!*

_____ **Yes, I'm interested in helping with summer & winter holiday activities.**

_____ Yes, I'll help with St. Paul's Breakfast

_____ Friday, 3/14 _____ Saturday, 3/15

_____ Yes, I'll help with Falcon Fellowship on March 12th

_____ Yes, I'm interested in signing up for the First Communion Class.

Please include the following request to be emailed out to the Prayer Chain:

Have a Special Need/Question:



Hearing Assistance Available. You can pick up a receiver near the sound booth.

**Pastor Chad will be on
vacation from March
10th-14th.**



Take Home News

WEEKLY CALENDAR

This Sunday:

Mar 9th Daylight Saving Time
 9:00am Contemporary Worship
 10:10am Sunday School (All Ages)
 11:00am Traditional Worship



Mon 3/10 6:00pm Council

Tue 3/11 10:30am Men's Bible Study



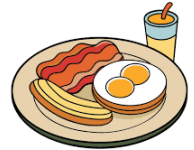
Wed 3/12 10:30am Women's Bible Study
 11:45am Falcon Fellowship
 6:15pm Meal
 7:00pm Lent
 7:45pm Justice Together Team Meeting



Fri 3/14 5:30pm St. Paul's Breakfast Prep

Sat 3/15 7:00am St. Paul's Breakfast

Sun 3/16 9:00am Contemporary Worship
 10:10am Sunday School (All Ages)
 11:00am Traditional Worship



Worship Notes:

- **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 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.
- **Cell phones:** Leave them on, just turn off the ringer.
- **Wi-Fi:** Church Net **Password:** Christmas1225
- **Social Media & Livestream:** Christ Lutheran is on Facebook and we use #CLCWichita. We livestream both of our services each week. Feel free to text, tweet, share, etc. during or after the service to let your friends know what is happening in worship and to invite them to join you next Sunday.
- **Website:** www.christ-lutheran.org or just scan →
- **To give electronically:** Scan & then scroll down →



LENT

in view of

GOD'S MERCY

a Series of Services for the Season of Lent



ASH WEDNESDAY:
Mercy in Ashes



WEEK ONE:
Mercy in Temptation



WEEK TWO:
Mercy in Suffering



WEEK THREE:
Mercy in Betrayal



WEEK FOUR:
Mercy in Relationships



WEEK FIVE:
Mercy in Service

Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God. Romans 12:1

LENT 2025

Our theme for Lent this year is called, “In View of God’s Mercy,” as we explore the depths of God’s mercy for us displayed through Jesus Christ, and then ask how we can extend that same mercy to others. Lent will begin on Ash Wednesday, March 5, and our worship service will be at 7:00pm.

We will continue our tradition of Lenten meals & worship services every Wednesday after that. The meals will begin on Wednesday, March 12th. Each meal will begin at 6:15pm, followed by a short worship service at 7:00pm. There is a meal sign-up at the Opportunity Table.

We also have a daily devotional for you to take home and use throughout the season of Lent. Those are also available at the Opportunity Table.

FALCON FELLOWSHIP **COMING UP!**

This Wednesday, March 12th, is our monthly Falcon Fellowship, where we offer the kids a full lunch and have a great speaker to tell them even more about Jesus. If you would like to help set up, serve and clean up for Falcon Fellowship, we’d love to have you! You’ll need to arrive around 11:45 (a bit earlier if you want to help grill). We’ll start serving around 12:20. And we’ll be cleaning up and you’ll be outta there by 1:45. Of course, you can come for any or all of it. We also take donations of homemade cookies! If you’d like to help, you can just show up, or you can mark the tear-off to let us know you’re coming. Hope to see you there!





FIRST COMMUNION CLASSES

We will soon be offering classes for children wanting to receive their First Communion. Our First Communion classes are open for any children whose parents feel 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. This decision is up to the parents and the children 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 the children and the parents to make that decision together and “We’re 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 this sacred church tradition. These children are also welcome and encouraged to attend the classes.

The First Communion classes are designed to reach children at a variety of ages, so no child 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 your child at every class. There will also be homework for your family after every class. All three classes build on each other, so attendance at all three is important. We will be offering First Communion classes in March at times that will work for all the participants. If you are interested in participating in First Communion classes or have questions about it, please contact Pastor Chad or mark the Tear-off.

2025 Class of

Do you have a high school senior this

spring? We'll soon be preparing to make their graduation cut & tie quilts. I purchase fleece & we try to find a time that parents can help with the actual making of the quilt. JoAnn's Fabric Store is going out of business & they have been the most convenient & cost-effective place to buy. So if your senior knows the two

colors (or just one is ok, too) that they would like – let me know. I understand students are still in the decision making process & there's no great rush. Some kids use college colors, some use favorite colors, some use high school colors, some use their dorm room decoration theme (think girls now). Just let me know when you have choices firmly in mind! We like to finish them a couple weeks before Senior Sunday so we have time to get names embroidered on the quilts. Call or text – Mary Garrelts 316-640-7009

Lenten Suppers are Coming!

March 12th – Soup & Chili

**March 19th – Sandwiches & Such
(Spring Break)**

March 26th – Baked Potato Bar

April 2nd – Spaghetti

April 9th – Potluck



Meals begin at 6:15pm & by 6:45pm we will start clean-up to be ready for service at 7pm. ***We would like individuals/& or families to sign –up to help with serving as coordinators for a week.*** Call or text Mary Garrelts at 316-640-7009 if you would be willing to step up. Bonnie & Phil are vacationing in New Zealand & Australia this month so we need to acquire some new talent!

New & Old Suggestions for Lenten Meals:

- 1) Bring your own plates/cups/silverware or use the church's "real" dishware.
- 2) A new station to scrap plates will be set up outside the kitchen. We ask that you just clear your plates & take them home to rinse & wash. We will have some old Walmart sacks for your use or bring something from home. We are trying to cut down on the number of people in the kitchen at clean-up time & be good stewards of the earth & cut down on our paper/plastic waste.
- 3) If you use the church's dishware – we will have a bin to place it in & we will place it in the dishwasher.
- 4) Dishwasher will be started as we finish up in the kitchen.
- 5) Sign-ups will be out on Sunday morning to give us a basic idea – but anything is welcome on Wednesday!
- 6) Please come even if you didn't make it to the store – there's always enough!
- 7) If everyone pitches in to help with clean-up – we can all make it into service.



Gordon Jones would like to thank everybody for all of the cards and kind words of encouragement!

JUSTICE TOGETHER UPDATES

In November at the Community Problems Assembly, the members of Justice Together selected two primary issues of injustice to focus on this year: homelessness & affordable housing.



Homelessness

Our local officials have not yet followed through on all the promises they made at the 2024 Nehemiah Assembly. The municipal photo ID card that we fought hard for has been hung up at the state level because the Kansas attorney general wanted to review it and ensure its legality. The city has purchased the equipment to create the photo ID cards and it will hopefully soon be a reality. We also asked for & were promised that the city & county would work together to sustainably fund the MAC (the multi-agency center) as a one-stop-shop for all aid organizations related to homelessness. While the MAC has been created and operated as a temporary homeless shelter this winter, neither the city nor the county has followed through to create sustainable funding for it yet. So we continue to meet with them and hold them accountable to the public promises they made.

Affordable Housing

This was a new issue for Justice Together to address. Research Teams were formed to digest and understand the root problems of affordable housing in our city. Alan Wondra has been serving faithfully on this research team, and they have developed their Problem Statement. The next step is that they will find & develop practical solutions to the problems they identified. At this year's Nehemiah Assembly, they will be asking local officials to implement the solutions they are proposing, and we will need as many people possible at the Nehemiah Assembly to show our local officials that we are serious about wanting them to address affordable housing problems that affect so many.

Mark Your Calendars

March 12 – Team Meeting – After the Lenten service, we want people to stick around to discuss our plans for next two upcoming assemblies.

April 10 – Solutions Rally – This is a citywide gathering where we will hear the solutions being proposed by the Affordable Housing Research Teams and what we will be asking our local officials to implement.

May 8 – NEHEMIAH ASSEMBLY – This is the event where we need as many people as possible to attend. Last year we had over 1,400 people of faith ask our city leaders for specific solutions to injustice. It is the one night of the year that all Christ Lutheran folks, along with other people of faith, should come out so that we can work for justice together!

Opportunity to Serve God for All Ages!

@ St. Paul's Breakfast

March 14th & 15th

Saturday, March 15th is our Saturday to serve breakfast to persons experiencing homelessness in Wichita, and we will be gathering the evening before to prepare a meal of breakfast burritos.

We need help! Because of the new emergency homeless shelter, which is less than a block away from St. Paul's, the breakfast has seen a significant increase in guests over the last couple months. They have been regularly serving 250-300 people each Saturday.



On **Friday, March 14th**, we will gather at **Christ Lutheran** about **5:30pm** to start making the breakfast burritos & prepare everything.

On Saturday, **March 15th**, we will gather at **St. Paul's Lutheran (925 N. Waco)** between **7:00-7:30am** in order to serve the breakfast. We will likely be wrapped up by 9:30 or 10:00am. This is a great opportunity for families & individuals to serve others. It's also a great way to get to know other folks in the congregation.

We will need people to donate cinnamon rolls, sweetbreads & donuts on Saturday morning.

If you can help, please mark the Tear-off. If you have questions or want to learn more about it, you can call or text Rich Harder at 737-2329. Thank you so much!

NEW ARTWORK IN HALLWAY

If you get a chance, check out the new artwork hanging in the hallway near the front door. Along the wall are pictures of Jesus' crucifixion from around the world. These pictures show us the diversity of Christianity and reveal the universality of our faith. The one pictured here is an icon from the Ethiopian Orthodox Church. As you look at the various pieces of art, ask yourselves these questions:



- What is unique or special about this picture of Jesus on the cross?
- Is there anything you find comforting or uncomfortable about this piece?
- How does this depiction ring true or untrue to your understanding of the Easter story?
- What might this artist be trying to communicate through their art?
- What common symbols do you notice in the various pictures?
- Did any of them surprise you?
- Which one is your favorite?
- How do you feel after viewing the variety of images?



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

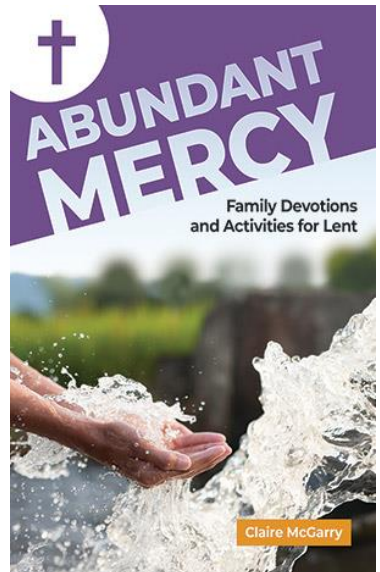
(Officially) Joining the congregation on Sunday, March 2nd, were **Adam, Melissa & Sasha Bohrer!** They've been worshipping with us since the fall and we are so thankful to have

them as part of our faith community. They're all from Minnesota originally. Adam works in cyber security and loves video games & working out at the gym. Melissa work for State Farm Insurance, loves being a mom, and has some musical talents. Sasha is a delightful 3-year-old who we baptized on a snowy day in early January. If you see them around, please help them feel welcome!

LENTEN DAILY DEVOTIONALS

Lent starts this week and our Lenten Daily Devotionals are ready for you to take home. They are located at the Opportunity Table. This is a chance for you to spend just a little extra time with God during the 40 days of Lent. Our overall theme for Lent is "In View of God's Mercy", and this devotional will help us think about how we can better receive God's mercy and extend God's mercy.

We have a suggested donation of \$2/copy, but please don't let that stop you from picking one up or taking an extra to give to a friend. We have plenty!





March Human Needs Collection benefits:

Camp Tomah Shinga

Lutheran Outdoor Ministries

Items on the Wish List:

- Towels Terry Bar Mop Towels Size 16"x19"
- 6 Qt Clear Storage

Boxes

- 3 Qt Stackable Clear Plastic Storage Bins with Lids, Durable Nestable Containers
- Dish Soap, Fresh Scent, 30 fl oz
- Tall Kitchen Trash Bags, 13 Gallon
- Multipurpose Drawstring Trash Bags, 30 Gallon, 50 Count



- Fresh Liquid Hand Soap, 7.5 Fl Oz
- Disinfecting Wipes, Lemon & Fresh Scent
- 2-Ply Flex-Sheets



Paper Towels

- Small Flat Tip Paint Brushes



- **Apple Barrel, Vibrant Spectrum Collection Acrylic Craft Paint, PROMOABIII, 2 fl. oz each, 16 assorted matte colors, 16 count**

- **2-Ply Toilet Paper**



- **2 Pack 18 Inch Grab Bars for Bathtubs and Showers**



- **ValBox Treat Boxes 30 Pack Brown Kraft**

Paper Gable Gift Boxes-6.2 x 3.5 x 3.5 Inches



- **Pillows Queen Size Set of 2 for Back Sleepers**



(19"x28")

- **3 Piece Deluxe Microfiber Bed Sheets, Twin XL, Dark Gray, Solid**





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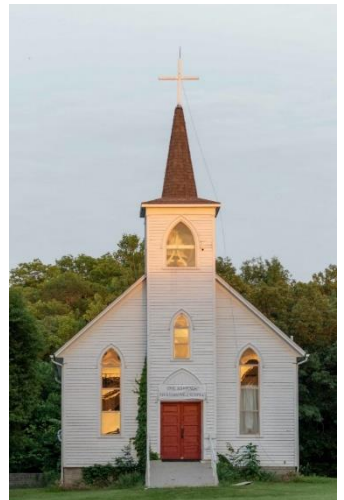
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March Noisy Offering

**will go towards purchasing items on
the Camp Tomah Shinga wish list.**





Parish Education is looking for those in the congregation who are interested in helping with summer and winter holiday activities (VBS & Christmas Pageant). If you want to help put on these large events, or are maybe looking for a new avenue to help around church, then this is the place to be! We will only

meet twice a year, once before each big event, to help get the details ironed out and responsibilities distributed. Please mark the THN if you are interested and Kelsey Helmick will get you added to her list of congregational volunteers.

WEEKLY TRIVIA (from John Snow)

WHO ASKED PILATE FOR JESUS' BODY??

- A. JESUS' BROTHERS JAMES AND JUDAS
- B. MARY AND MARTHA
- C. JOSEPH OF ARIMATHEA
- D. PAUL AND SILAS



ANSWER: MATTHEW 27:57-58

Donations for St. Paul's Breakfast Guests



Our next turn at serving breakfast and distributing clothing will be Saturday March 15th. This is a bit earlier in the month than usual so we only have a few short weeks to collect clothing.

CLOTHING COLLECTION NEEDS FOR MEN AND WOMEN:

- Socks
- Underwear/Bras
- Shoes/Boots
- Jeans/Pants
- Coats/Jackets
- Shirts/Tops
- Bags
- Toiletries (Even small travel sized or hotel sized)

It is OK if items are gently used, but please make sure they are clean. Place in the gray tote marked St Paul's which is under the Human Needs table. They will be collected by noon on Friday the 14th. If you have any questions please contact Gina Christensen by phone or text at 316-727-1402



(See Luke 10:30-36)

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I RESPECT YOUR CURRENT CAREER AS A GOOD SAMARITAN BUT I'M AFRAID IT IS NOT SOLID ENOUGH TO GET YOU A USED CAMEL LOAN

The Back Pew - Jeff Larson

I bet you think you are some sorta 'GOOD SAMARITAN', but I don't see you carrying anyone on your back



THE GOOD SAMARITAN.. and a really really good donkey. **Luke 10:30-35**

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(See Luke 10:30-36)

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DON'T GET TOO EXCITED FELLA, I'M THE
MEDIocre SAMARITAN ... I ONLY GIVE YOU A [a]
BANDAID AND THEN I'M OFF

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS FOR NEXT WEEK,

MARCH 16:

	<u>EARLY</u>	<u>LATE</u>
Usher	Andrew Clouse	Bobby Smyser
Greeter	Landon Clouse	Taylor Cook
PowerPoint	Noah Miller	Casey Dykstra
Soundboard	Jim Garrelts	Entwisles
Worship Leader	Mary Garrelts	Maynard Peterson
Reader	Jody Helton	Rosie Harder
Goodies	Mary Garrelts	Jamie Gibbs
Altar Guild	Juanita Freed	Emily Pector
Counters		Donn & Paul S.

ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY: 135

Scripture reading for March 16:

Luke 13:1-9, 31-35

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