

The Messenger

Christ Lutheran
Church
5356 N. Hillside
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February 2026 Newsletter

Contact us at office@Christ-Lutheran.org

Upcoming Lent

Ash Wednesday will be February 18th, at 7 PM. Starting February 25th for the 5 weeks of Lent, we will again have meals starting at 6:15 PM. February 25th will be Chili and Soup with the rest of the Wednesdays being potluck. The Worship Service will start at 7 PM in the sanctuary.

Lenten Devotionals from Augsburg press will be made available on the opportunity table prior to Ash Wednesday with a suggested donation of \$5 to cover costs.



Winter Worship Schedule

9:00 AM- Contemporary Worship
10:10 AM- Sunday School
11:00 AM- Traditional Worship

Men's Breakfast

We will be at Auntie C's, located at 61st and Broadway. We will be there at 8:00 AM on Saturday, February 14th for some good food and fellowship. If you have any questions, please contact Donn Bischoff at 209-2138.

Quilt Day

Our next Quilt day will be on March 3rd at 9:00 am. For questions, contact:
Rosie Harder 316-200-3233
Rosieharder14@gmail.com

This group of quilters is open to anyone who wants to join them. Sewing or quilting skill is not necessarily required. They meet once a month and you can come and go as your schedule allows. The morning is filled with conversation, laughter, encouragement, and by doing the important work of creating quilts for Lutheran World Relief.



2026 Bookkeepers Report



	January	YTD	Rolling 12
	2026	2026	Months YTD
Receipts	\$42,483.54	\$42,483.54	\$254,865.53
Expenses	\$12,703.87	\$12,703.87	\$220,493.13
Variance	\$29,779.67	\$29,779.67	\$34,372.40

Respectfully Submitted, **Alan Wondra**



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Parish Nurse - Mary Garrelts



For any medical questions or concerns please contact **Mary Garrelts** at mbgarrelts@cox.net

Please remember Margaret Dietz with a note at her new address:

**2121 N. 143rd St. E.
Apt. 3011
Wichita, KS 67230**

We wish her renewed strength & pray she settles in well at her new home - much closer to Gloria now!





Call Committee Update

The Call Committee thanks the congregation for their patience in this time of Pastoral discernment. We have been interacting with Synod to receive potential candidates. After prayerful consideration, we discerned that these were not fits for Christ Lutheran.

We are all ready for our Pastor to be called to us, but we want the Pastor to be the Pastor that God has called to us - a Pastor for many years to come in successful ministry.

Thank you again for your patience and for your prayers for discernment and wisdom,

-Christ Lutheran Call Committee

We welcome Lane and Carrie Umbarger and their son, Warren, to our Christ Lutheran Church family. Lane is from Chanute, KS and Carrie is from Lawrence, KS. They both attended Pittsburg State University which is where they met. Lane and Carrie were married in 2023. Lane is an estimator and project manager for Conco Construction and Carrie is a PACU nurse at Kansas Surgery and Recovery Center. They welcomed Warren into their family on July 5th, 2025. Welcome to our newest members!!





SPRING CLEANING

It will soon be spring cleaning time & we have a mess out by our storage container. The concrete pad could be used for something productive but is now filled with items that we want to find out if they truly have a purpose or if anyone would like any of the items. If something catches your

fancy - check with Kari Clouse by text 316-304-5292 or Mary Garrelts by text as well 316-640-7009 & we'll let you know if anyone else has spoken for an item or if it was headed for the trash. If anyone has a good use for any of these items we'd rather someone take them than fill up the landfill. **MARCH 1ST IS THE DEADLINE!**

HELP WANTED-GARDENING

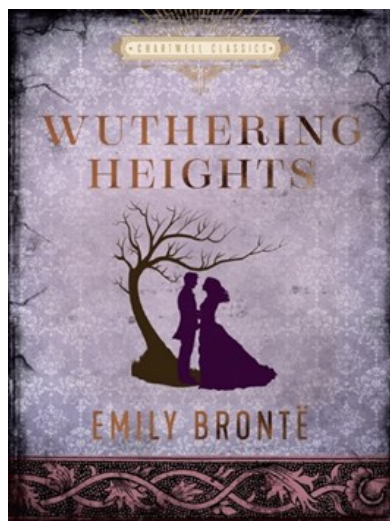
Looking towards spring - we need to find some gardeners willing to spend some time working on our garden areas by the prayer labyrinth. We also could use help thru the summer to keep the labyrinth clipped short with a trimmer. That pesky Bermuda grass tends to want to grow right over the bricks. It's such a lovely area - we would like to keep it in nice shape for anyone who wants to use it! Contact Mary Garrelts 316-640-7009 if you can help with trimming or gardening.



Anyone on Outreach Team who helps with Heights Ministries & has any contact with the students - please contact council president, Julie Stiebner about updating your background check thru Safe Gatherings. Checks are only good for 3 years so many of us need to update. You can email Julie at jstiebner14@yahoo.com & as our administrator for this purpose - she'll get you started. Thanks!



BOOK CLUB IS BACK!



CLC Book Club is back! After a brief pause for the holidays, the Book Club is back to reading. This time, we're combining literature and film by reading Wuthering Heights by Emily Brontë and planning to attend the new movie that comes out in February. If you would like to join in on the fun, all you have to do

is start reading and let Alisa Baden know you'd like to be added to the message list. The group plans to meet for the movie on 2/23/26, however times are TBD, dependent on showtimes for the movie.



Human Needs

The Human Needs committee is in search of any charities that anyone would like to add to this year's Human



Needs calendar. We have 1 or 2 months to fill in for 2026. Any ideas please send an email to bevkrasselt@yahoo.com or call at 206-852-1428.

Accompanist

Please Welcome Amy Webb as our new Late Service

Accompanist. She will play on the first 3 Sundays of each month.



We also appreciate the talents of Bev Krasselt, Jean Beal & Sylvia Schmidt as they have and will continue to also serve as accompanists during other Late

Service Sundays and Mid-Week Services!

Also Thanks to Michael Clouse & Alisa Baden for being our Late Service Cantors!

FEBRUARY 2026 NEWSLETTER

BIBLE TEST- HOW WELL DO YOU KNOW YOUR BIBLE?

1. DURING THE FALL OF MAN IN THE GARDEN OF EDEN, WHAT KIND OF FRUIT DID EVE TAKE A BITE OF?

- A) POMEGRANATE
- B) PEAR
- C) APPLE
- D) PEACH
- E) NONE OF THE ABOVE

2. DURING THE FLOOD, HOW MANY OF EACH KIND OF ANIMAL DID NOAH TAKE WITH HIM ON THE ARK?

- A) ONE PAIR OF EACH UNCLEAN ANIMAL
- B) 7 PAIRS OF EACH CLEAN ANIMAL
- C) 7 PAIRS OF EACH BIRD
- D) ALL OF THE ABOVE
- E) NONE OF THE ABOVE

3. WHAT KIND OF FISH SWALLOWED JONAH?

- A) GROUPER
- B) WHALE
- C) SHARK
- D) MEGALODON
- E) NONE OF THE ABOVE

4. IN THE BOOK OF ACTS, THERE WAS A MAN NAMED SAUL (HEBREW). WHAT WAS HIS GREEK NAME?

- A) PETER
- B) JOHN
- C) PAUL
- D) SIMON
- E) ANDREW

5. WHAT DAY OF THE WEEK WAS THE SABBATH OBSERVED DURING JESUS' TIME?

- A) SUNDAY
- B) MONDAY
- C) SATURDAY
- D) WEDNESDAY

6. WHEN IT WAS ABOUT OVER NOAH DECIDED TO FIND OUT IF THERE WAS ANY DRY LAND. HE LET OUT A BIRD IN HOPES IT WOULD BRING BACK A TWIG OF A BUSH OR TREE. WHAT KIND OF BIRD WAS IT?

- A) ROBIN
- B) DOVE
- C) A RAVEN FIRST, THEN A DOVE THREE TIMES
- D) EAGLE

7. WHAT WAS THE FIRST OF THE 10 PLAGUES?

- A) FROGS
- B) GRASSHOPPERS
- C) THE NILE RIVER TURNED TO BLOOD
- D) LICE
- E) KILLING OF THE FIRST BORN SON

8. IN THE OLD TESTAMENT TIME THERE WAS A CELEBRATION EVERY 49 YEARS; IN WHICH ALL DEBT WAS CANCELLED WHAT WAS THIS FESTIVAL CALLED?

- A) THE FESTIVAL OF WEEKS
- B) THE FESTIVAL OF NEW TREES
- C) THE FESTIVAL FOR CHILDREN
- D) THE FESTIVAL OF JUBILEE

9. WHO WAS THE FIRST MARTYR FOR JESUS SAKE?

- A) SAUL
- B) PAUL
- C) STEPHEN
- D) PHILLIP

10. WHO BROUGHT JESUS GIFTS, WHEN HE WAS BORN?

- A) THREE KINGS
- B) SHEPARDS
- C) (MAGI) WISE MEN
- D) ANGELS

11. WHAT DAY OF THE WEEK DID JESUS RISE FROM THE DEAD?

- A) SATURDAY
- B) SUNDAY
- C) MONDAY
- D) FRIDAY

12. WHAT WAS THE NAME OF THE WOMAN WHO WASHED JESUS' FEET WITH HER TEARS AND WIPED THEM WITH HER HAIR?

- A) MARY MAGDALENE
- B) MARY THE MOTHER OF JESUS
- C) RUTH
- D) NAOMI
- E) ESTER

13. AFTER JESUS FED THE 5000 PEOPLE, HOW MUCH FOOD WAS LEFT OVER?

- A) ONE BASKET OF BREAD AND ONE BASKET OF FISH
- B) SIX BASKETS FULL
- C) 12 BASKETS FULL
- D) ENOUGH FOR THE DISCIPLES TO EAT

14. AFTER JESUS' RESURRECTION, HE'S SEEN ON THE SHORE OF LAKE GALILEE COOKING BREAKFAST FOR HIS DISCIPLES. WHAT'S HE COOKING??

- A) FROG LEGS AND FRIED OKRA
- B) FISH STICKS
- C) CLAM CHOWDER
- D) BREAD AND FISH

15. PAUL WAS PREACHING IN TROAS ON SUNDAY. AS MIDNIGHT CAME, THERE WAS A BOY SITTING IN A THIRD STORY WINDOW. HE WENT TO SLEEP AND FELL OUT OF THE WINDOW TO THE GROUND AND DIED. WHAT HAPPENED NEXT?

- A) THE BOY IMMEDIATELY WENT TO PARADISE
- B) ALL THE PEOPLE IN THE ROOM STARTED PRAYING
- C) PAUL WENT DOWN TO THE BOY AND BROUGHT HIM BACK TO LIFE
- D) NOTHING COULD BE DONE

ANSWERS: 1) E -GEN 3:6-19.

- 2) D - GEN 7:1-3
- 3) E - JONAH 1:17
- 4) C -- ACTS 13:9
- 5) C-- GENESIS 2:2-3
- 6) C --GENESIS 8:6-12
- 7) C--EXODUS 7:14-24
- 8) D --LEVITICUS 25:8-12
- 9) C-- ACTS 7:54-60
- 10) C -- MATT 2:11
- 11) B -- MATT 28:1-6
- 12) A-- LUKE 7:36-50
- 13) C-- MATT 14:18-21
- 14) D-- JOHN 21:1-14
- 15) C-- ACTS 20:7-12

COMING IN MARCH NEWSLETTER:

**15 MORE QUESTIONS ON KNOWING YOUR BIBLE.
GET YOUR BIBLES OUT AND READ!**

-JOHN



**BECAUSE THE MOST ESSENTIAL
SCHOOL SUPPLY IS FOOD.**

February Human Needs collection benefits: Food 4 Kids

Food 4 Kids was established for students who are food insecure and who are not getting sufficient food outside of school on a regular basis. The Food Bank provides food and supplies to Food 4 Kids schools in Kansas, which are operated in partnership with community schools.

The Food 4 Kids program allows participating schools to receive food and backpacks from the Kansas Food Bank at no cost so that we can provide food to chronically hungry children.

FOOD 4 KIDS FOODBAGS CONTAIN:

Different foods designed to provide nutrition and calories for chronically hungry school children on weekends.

Kid friendly foods that require no preparation. Kids can just “open and eat”.

FOR EXAMPLE:

- Peanut Butter (12-ounce jar) and a sleeve of crackers
- Beans and franks (pop-top can)
- Beef stew (pop-top can)
- Spaghettios (pop-top can)
- Beef Jerky (1 ounce)
- Cereal (1-ounce bowl or box)
- Fruit cups (peaches, applesauce, etc)
- Raisins (snack-size boxes)
- Pudding cups
- Juice boxes (apple, orange, or other juice)
- Milk (aseptic pack boxes that do not require refrigeration)
- Cereal bars or granola bars



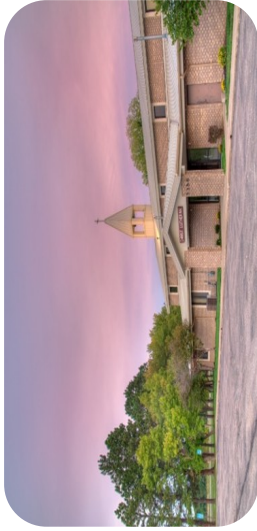
Christ Lutheran Church

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Staff

Church Council:
 President
 Vice President
 Secretary
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 Worship
 Human Needs
 Resource
 Property Care
 Parish Education
 Outreach
 Youth

Organist: Amy Webb
 Cantor/Choir Director: Jared Pector
 Oustodian: Patty Wheeler
 Bookkeeper: Alan Wondra
 Parish Nurse: Mary Garrelts
 Secretary: Kali Mills
 Parish Ministry Associate: Jody Helton



Staff Relations Committee
 Council: Mallory Fowler
 Staff: David Lechner
 Pastor: Forrest Ehrke

Julie Stiebner
 Kari Clouse
 Carol Dooley
 Alan Wondra
 Bonnie Johnson
 Beverly Krasselt
 Nick Baden
 Alan Schmidt
 Monica Spicer
 Mary Garrelts
 Chandra Entwisle

February Worship Volunteers

Date	Time	Usher	Greeters	PPT	Soundboard	Leader	Reader	Goodies	Altar Guild	Tellers/Offering
2/1	9:00	Justin Clouse	Jody Helton	Landon Clouse	Alan Wondra	NEED ONE	Julie Stiebner	Kari Clouse	Juanita Freed	Donn B & Cindy T
	11:00	Donn Bischoff	Taylor Cook	Maynard Peterson	Matt Becker	Bonnie Johnson	Jamie Gibbs	Bonnie Johnson	Schweitzer	
2/8	9:00	Landon Clouse	Justin Clouse	NEED ONE	Alan Wondra	NEED ONE	Robin Pressnall	Jo & Audry	Derek Farris	Donn B & Paul S
	11:00	Ben Gibbs	Donn Bischoff	Paige Gibbs	Courtlynn Dykstra	Maynard Peterson	Rosie Harder	Deb Bischoff	Dionne Becker	
2/15	9:00	Justin Clouse	Landon Clouse	Mary Garrelts	Jim Garrelts	Alan Wondra	Lantana Howell	Mary Garrelts	Janet Miller	Donn B & Jamie G
	11:00	Rich Harder	Becky Dykstra	Casey Dykstra	Entwisles	Donn Bischoff	Jean Beal	Jamie Gibbs	Chandra Entwisle	
2/22	9:00	Landon Clouse	Jody Helton	Justin Clouse	Jim Garrelts	Mary Garrelts	Kari Clouse	NEED ONE	Juanita Freed	Donn B & Bonnie J
	11:00	Paul Shaw	Deb Bischoff	NEED ONE	Gibbs	Annabel Entwisle	Bonnie Johnson	Kelsey Helmick	Carol Dooley	

February 2026

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

1	2 Groundhog's Day 	3 Quilters 9 AM Men's Bible Study 10:30am 	4 Women's Bible Study 10:30am 	5	6	7
8 Warren Umbarger Baptism 	9	10 Men's Bible Study 10:30am 	11 Women's Bible Study 10:30am 	12	13	14 Men's Breakfast 8 AM Valentine's Day 
15	16 President's Day 	17 Men's Bible Study 10:30am 	18 Ash Wednesday Women's Bible Study 10:30am Hymn Committee 5:30pm Church 7pm	19	20	21
22	23	24 Men's Bible Study 10:30am 	25 Women's Bible Study 10:30am Meal 6:15pm Church 7pm	26	27 Sandwich Saturday Prep 5:30pm 	28 Sandwich Saturday 10:30am @ St. John's Episcopal



February Birthdays

Sunday, February 1– Joe Raleigh	Thursday, February 5– Elmer Hoyer	Thursday, February 5– Ryden Helmick
Saturday, February 7– John Snow	Monday, February 9– Charlotte Brown	Tuesday, February 10– Ana Lechner
Tuesday, February 10– Creighton Harris	Sunday, February 15– Adalynn Axman	Sunday, February 15– Lorelai Barnhill
Monday, February 16– Kalie Brown	Tuesday, February 17– Gerardo Naranjo	Wednesday, February 18– Laurie Anderson
Saturday, February 21– Brian Storrie	Saturday, February 21– Kelsey Pressnall	Saturday, February 21– Aspen Helmick
Sunday, February 22– Kameryn Thompson	Sunday, February 22– Grace Carlson	Tuesday, February 24– Carl Mertins
Tuesday, February 24– Gina Christensen	Thursday, February 26– Casey Dykstra	February 29– Cynthia Thompson



February Baptism Anniversaries

Sunday, February 1– Melissa Stanton	Sunday, February 1– Greg Helton	Sunday, February 8– Gwyn Snow
Tuesday, February 10– Noah Becker	Monday, February 16– John Foster	Tuesday, February 17– Mary Garrelts
Tuesday, February 17– Abby Banta	Wednesday, February 18– Noah Miller	Tuesday, February 24– Elmer Hoyer
Wednesday, February 25– Grace Carlson	Wednesday, February 25– Bonnie Johnson	Saturday, February 28– Margaret Kaufman

