



THE
COMMUNITY

Spirit

APRIL 2019

THE GOOD NEWS OF
CHRIST COMMUNITY LUTHERAN CHURCH - COLUMBIA, IL

Holy Week at Christ Community

THE POWERFUL AND TIMELESS WORDS OF HOLY WEEK

“Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!”

“Do this in remembrance of me.”

“It is Finished.”

“HE IS RISEN”



APRIL 14TH

10:30 a.m. Worship

Palm Sunday marks the triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem. We shout “Hosannas” that day with palm branches waving, knowing full well that things turn far too quickly into cries of “Crucify Him!”



Maundy Thursday

APRIL 18TH

**7 p.m. Worship
(Childcare provided)**

On Maundy Thursday we remember Jesus’ final hours before his arrest and crucifixion —the Last Supper and his agonizing prayers in the Garden of Gethsemane.

This powerful worship is an experience like no other—inviting you to take a front row seat to the action of this fateful night that changed the course of human history.

Our third graders also celebrate their Communion Milestone as another way to mark this special night.



APRIL 19TH

Two ways to experience the power of the cross

NOON

Community

Good Friday Service

The churches of Columbia gather together at the cross of Christ. A procession begins at City Hall and ends at St. Paul UCC for worship.

7:00 p.m.

Tenebrae Service

Otherwise known as the service of darkness, this service brings us to the very foot of the cross of the crucified Jesus. We begin in the light and end in complete darkness to signify the complete despair of the cross. The “goodness” of the day is in the obedience of Jesus and the saving grace of God!!



APRIL 21ST

This morning is the glorious conclusion to an incredible week of journeying to the cross. It is in this day of all days that our faith is truly grounded— In our RISEN SAVIOR!!

Two worship options to choose from and don’t miss our annual Easter Breakfast Potluck (bring a dish to share) and the Easter egg hunt for the kids.

8:15 a.m.—Festival Worship

9:30 a.m.—Easter Potluck Breakfast

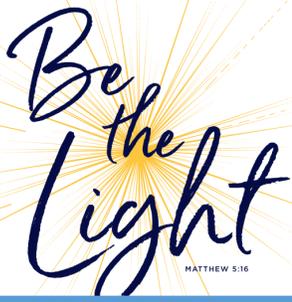
10:00 a.m.—Easter Egg Hunt

10:30 a.m.—Festival Worship

“Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!!”

The Passion Story

A special focus of this service every year is the retelling of the Passion Story which begins with the Last Supper and ends on the cross. While we weren’t there, we all share in this story, its power, and its necessity.



Monthly Member SpotLIGHT

In the spirit of our ongoing vision to be sharing God's light in the world while deepening our connections with each other, we're starting a brand new segment this month. The "Monthly Member SpotLIGHT" will feature one member of our congregation drawn completely at random. We hope through this column we can all get to know each other better and also witness ways that God has been shining on us and through us. Hope you look forward to and enjoy this new window into our community...



Member: Lori Buss

Family: Husband - Perry; Daughters - Emily (16), Ella (14)

Occupation: Pharmacist

Member Since: 2010

Favorite Church Activities/Involvement: • Annual Church Trivia Nights • Youth Group Trip to our lake house on Table Rock Lake -2017 • Donating food for VBS • Adopting Families at Christmas • Chaperoned Be Like Jesus Servant event • Annual God's Work/Our Hands Sunday • First Bible ceremony for 3rd graders

Activities in Spare Time: • Cook/Bake • Spend time with family/friends • Walk my dog • Read • Travel

What brought me to Christ Community: Two things brought me to Christ Community: 1. Our biggest responsibility is two young, beautiful daughters we are raising. We feel it is very important to raise them in church with a belief in God and his son, Jesus. We want our girls to know God and trust in Him and pray to Him during the good times in their lives and also in the rocky times. 2. Our neighbors, Mark and Suzanne Haubein told us about all the great youth activities for children at Christ Community. We decided to go and see what it was all about and we fell in love with the feeling of community and the welcome kindness from Pastor Jared and the congregation.

What keeps me here: The continued welcome, kindness, and sense of community that I feel at Christ Community. Also, the teachings at Christ Community that we are all sinners and we are saved by God's grace alone. I really appreciate the belief at Christ Community we are here because we are imperfect sinners and not superior to anyone. We are here to better ourselves and help one another on our paths because we are broken and imperfect. We need God and each other and I feel that strongly at Christ Community.

How have I seen God at work in or through Christ Community: I have seen God at work at Christ Community so much over the years it's hard to pinpoint just a time or two. We, as a congregation, are always helping one another and reaching outside of our church into our community and all over the world to help others in need. However, one time in particular in 2013, we were a very scared family and we reached out to church and they responded. Between Pastor Jared, Group 133, and the whole congregation, we felt so lifted up like we had many hands on our shoulders and arms around us. I definitely saw and felt God working through Christ Community and cannot fully express my appreciation for the support, love, and concern from our church family during that time. Perry is healthy and 5+ years cancer free. We are very thankful!

April Birthdays

1	Eric Eichner	6	Kathy Richey	12	Kelton Davis	28	James Boul
2	Lisa Donovan	9	Tyler Abram	15	Jennifer Renaud		
5	Sarah Craig		Noah Parker	16	Caroline Denny		
	Nolan Embick	10	Cailyn Haubein		Russ Miers		

GET CONNECTED TODAY

Opportunities for men, women, & children - there's a place for YOU!

GROUP 133

MEN'S SPRING RETREAT SURRENDER!

SIGN OF WEAKNESS OR STRENGTH?

April 12-13, 2019

Location: Camp Wartburg, a camp & retreat center south of Waterloo and only 20 minutes from church.

Cost: \$40/person (food, housing, program) or \$25 (no overnight)

Time: 5 p.m. Friday Fish Fry thru Lunch on Saturday

A MAN's Weekend after GOD's Heart!

Sign up at the Welcome Center or e-mail [Nathan Rau](#)

Questions? Contact [Nathan Rau](#) or [Pastor Jared](#)

The SSALT of Christ Community

S.S.A.L.T. stands for Sisters Serving And Learning Together and gives just a "taste" of what this group of women of all ages & experiences is about.

April Gathering

SSALT will have its regular monthly meeting on April 7th at Karen Walker's home, 965 Forest View, Columbia, at 7:30 in the evening. Please join your other sisters in Christ!

You are the salt of the earth...

Matthew 5:13

Be
the
Light
MATTHEW 5:16

Be The Light
Sunday

April 28th

WEAR YOUR
"Be The Light" SHIRT
and
Keep your eyes open
for God's light shining
in the world...bring
back that story to share!

WHAT'S NEW?

Remember that "Be the Light" isn't just a catchy slogan, it's a way of life as believers in the true light of the world.

How have YOU been the light lately? How have you shared the stories of the light you've shown and seen lately?

Don't forget to share one simple story for your very own "Be the Light" T-shirt on any given Sunday.

LIGHT GROUPS

Join One TODAY!!!

FOUR GROUPS TO

PICK FROM!

Alpha Group

1st Tuesdays, Columbia
Leaders: Lisa Donovan,
Jason Reichert

Beta Group

1st Fridays, Columbia
Leader: Jaime Miers

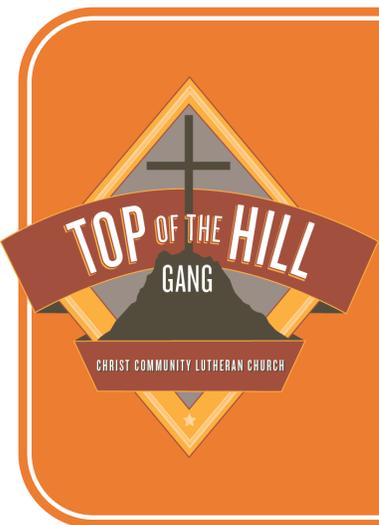
T.G.I.F. Group

2nd Fridays, Columbia
Leader: Penny Madlinger

Delta Group

3rd Tuesdays, Waterloo
Leaders: Ryan Gilbert, Lynn Pelker

»»» SIGN UP HERE «««



The Top of the Hill Gang's March meeting is lunch at Joe's Pizza & Pasta, Columbia on Sunday, April 7th following church.

Saturday April 27th we are supporting the Rotary Club of Columbia at the Mouse Derby & Silent Auction.

Sign up at the Welcome Center or contact [Bob Bauer](#) with questions.

LIFE PASSAGES

NEW MEMBERS

New Brothers & Sisters in Christ

Lynn Dunbar
Mike & Traci Hoberg
Jackie Mojzis
(Peyton & Kobey)
Bo & Glenna Etheridge

Joined—February 24, 2019



“A Place for You”

Communion Basics for 3rd Graders

All young people in third grade AND their parents are invited to a very important opportunity in April. They will be meeting with Pastor Jared to learn about a vital part of the Christian faith—Holy Communion. While some may have already been communing for some time, this is an important way the church seeks to help nurture a common understanding of this powerful mystery of our faith.

This experience comes in three parts. The learning portion will be Saturday afternoon, April 13th from 2-4 p.m. On Thursday, April 18th, the 3rd graders will gather at 5:45 p.m. to bake the bread for Maundy Thursday worship that night. Finally, that night during worship which begins at 7 p.m., there will be a special time of recognition of this milestone. This whole experience is an important step along the path of fulfilling those promises parents make when their child is baptized. Families with third graders should have already received a letter from Pastor Jared, but if you were missed or you have further questions please [contact him](#) today!

THE TOP 5 MYTHS ABOUT VOLUNTEERING AT CHURCH

Myth #1: “I’m not good at anything.”

When we think of volunteering at church, we often think we have to have amazing talents. Not the case. There is something for everyone. If reality television has taught us anything, it’s that America’s got talent. Take the basket off your light, and let it shine.

Myth #2: “They don’t need my help.”

A faith community with an amazing staff plus a handful of dedicated volunteers are its greatest asset, and its greatest threat. The problem with parishes where everything seems handled is that everything seems, well, handled. New volunteers don’t come forward because it seems as though they’re not needed. But slowly, quietly, staff turns over and volunteers burn out. Do yourself (and your fellow parishioners) a favor and get involved even when it seems like they could do it without you.

Myth #3: “I don’t have time.”

Saying we never have time to help at church simply means it’s not high on your priority list. It’s your faith community; make it a priority.

Myth #4: “I gave at the collection plate.”

Don’t get me wrong; your church is exceedingly grateful for your financial offerings — especially in economic times like these. But churches aren’t built on money, they’re built on people. The three T’s, as the saying goes, are time, talent and treasure. Putting an envelope in the collection box on Sunday is a good start, but if money were all anyone gave, we’d gather each week in beautiful buildings with a roomful of strangers. We need to warm up those other two T’s and get our hands dirty.

Myth #5: “I’m too [INSERT EXCUSE HERE] to volunteer.”

When the bulletin on Sunday reads “Volunteers Needed,” that means us. When the announcements from the pulpit include a call for help, that’s us too. Volunteers aren’t expected to be perfect. There’s no requirement to be the strongest, the smartest, the best looking, the most holy, or the most “worthy” (whatever that means). As Jesus said when He called His disciples, “I did not come to call the righteous, but sinners” (Matthew 9:13). That’s us. And if that were qualification enough to be an apostle, it’s probably more than enough to make treats for Sunday mornings.

Adapted from an article by Cory Busse from “Our Sunday Visitor”

Children, Youth, & Family Ministry

Raising Young People to Know God and be Transformed by Christ



Youth Group Sunday Sessions

All gatherings begin after worship, end by 2 pm, and include lunch (\$2)

April 7

Ignite Youth
6th–8th Graders

April 14

Amplify & The Rock Youth
3rd–5th Graders & High Schoolers

April 28

Rooted
Family Olympics
Families to 2nd Grade

Wednesday Night Fusion

Fusion is that opportunity to bring together (or FUSE) faith and life in great discussion.

April 3

5th/6th Grade Fusion—5-6 p.m.

April 10

Confirmation—4:30-6 p.m.
Amplify Fusion—5-6 p.m.

Judges

April 24

Confirmation—4:30-6 p.m.
Amplify Fusion—6:30-8 p.m.

Judges

Parents of Teens

Mark Your Calendars

April 28, 2019

5:30-7 p.m.



CHADS Coalition
for Mental Health
COMMUNITIES HEALING ADOLESCENT DEPRESSION AND SUICIDE
www.chadscoalition.org

A Guest Presentation from

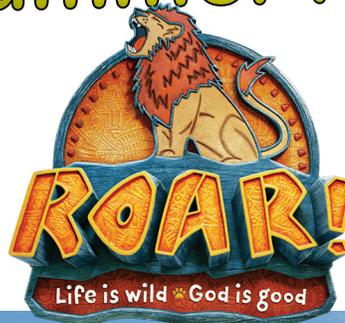
Do You Hear The Cry for Help?

Learn signs for emotional distress in your child; learn how to start and keep the conversation going so that your child knows you are there for them; learn how to communicate with your child's school and other caregivers; and learn how to take advantage of the resources available not only for your child but for your family as well.

Please bring a dish to pass for a potluck meal before our speaker goes on stage at 6:00 pm.

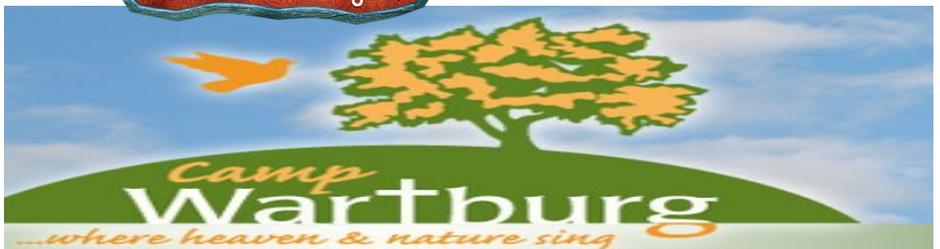
[RSVP here](#)

Summer Adventures VBS 2019



July 28th—Aug 1st

Mark your calendars TODAY!
You WON'T want to miss this amazing summer adventure!!



Dear Mom & Dad,

Don't forget to keep a week of summer camp in mind for your child(ren) this summer. Camp Wartburg gives kids, 1st–8th grade, amazing weeklong, overnight adventures in the great outdoors while helping to shape and nurture faith. www.campwartburg.org

Youth on Mission & Adventure

Kansas City Mission Trip

(Ignite Youth)
June 9-14th

Colorado Backpacking

(Amplify Youth)
July 6-14

Leadership Lab—Rock Island, IL

(Amplify Youth)
July 22-27th



Church Spring Work Day Apr 6th

No Foolin' - Everyone's help is needed! Come, help make God's house look its best and care for this campus we are so blessed to have. There'll be a list of projects to work on for the inside and the outside—something for EVERYONE. Work will get underway at 8:00 a.m. and last until noon. Come for any or all – every bit helps. Take pride in your church and join in the fun!



KidZ Landing Summer Camp

It's a great spot for your school ager to "land" this summer or a couple weeks or all summer long. Contact Daleena to secure a spot for your school ager TODAY!!
281-4646/
dguldner@christclc.org

Congregational Offerings

*We give thanks to God for all who generously support the mission and ministry of Christ Community.
We can't do God's Work without your support!*

Budgeted Year-to-date Offering Target

\$ 31,152

Actual Year-to-date Offerings

\$ 27,461

Amounts as of end of February

COUNCIL NOTES

The mission and ministry of this church is carried out most directly through a number of teams made up of members of the church. People just like YOU! These teams exist and function because of these generous volunteers. If you've never served on a ministry team, now may be a great time to try. It's a great part of connection! Below is a listing of our ministry teams, their leaders, and council liaisons:

<u>Ministry Team</u>	<u>Leader</u>	<u>Council Liaison</u>
Be the Light Initiative	Lisa Donovan	Lisa Donovan
Children & Family	Ryan Kriesch	Debbie Amato
Finance Team	Bob Bauer	Susan Bockwoldt
Hilltop Kids Ministries	Tina Blechle	Bob Bauer
Mission & Outreach	Suzanne Haubein	Heather Speckhard
Property	Jerry DeBonis	Scott Verseman
Worship	Emily Velnosky	Kevin Blechle

At the March meeting, the council heard recommendations for the final selection of the roof contractor and made decisions to move that forward now that the congregation has voted to use financing equity proceeds from a refinance of our current mortgage. Work will likely be this summer and should cause little to no disruption of church and Hilltop activities. The council also reviewed the audit report and discussed the recommendations and changes which will be implemented moving forward. The full audit report is available in the office by request.

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These are people of the church just like you, who worship with you each week, love the Lord, and also have families and jobs and lives beyond CCLC. As members of council they are dedicated to giving their all to serve God's mission in this church and represent you all.

If you have thoughts, questions, or concerns, they would love to hear from you directly and get to know you more. Feel free to reach out to them personally at their monthly "Fireside Chats" after worship on the first Sunday of the month.

Join in on Sunday Morning



9 a.m.—Sunday School

10 a.m.—Fellowship Time

10:30 a.m.—Worship

Get Connected

Worshipping is at the heart of who we are as children of God, but we were also created to be in relationship with one another.

At Christ Community those connections are central to who we are. Want to get connected with others? Join a Light Group today! Click [here](#) to join now or talk to [Pastor Jared](#) TODAY!

April 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
March 31 9a-Sunday School 10a-Fellowship 10:30a-Worship	1 7p-Boy Scouts	2 7p-Alpha Light Group 7p-Worship Team	3 9:15a-Hilltop Chapel 9:45a-Staff 3:30-Hilltop Board 5p-5th/6th Fusion 6:15p-Lent Supper 7p-Lent Service	4 7a-Wake Up Call  6:30p-Girl Scouts 7p-Property Team	5 7p-Beta Light Group	6 8a-Noon Church Spring Work Day
7 9a-Sunday School 10a-Fellowship 10:30a-Worship 11:45a-Ignite 12p-Top of the Hill (Joe's Pizza)	8 7p-Boy Scouts	9 6p-Finance Team 7p-Church Council	10 9:15a-Hilltop Chapel 9:45a Staff 4:30p-Confirmation 5p Amplify Fusion 6:15p Lent Supper 7p Lent Service	11 7a-Wake Up Call 	Group 133 Retreat Camp Wartburg	
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
HOLY WEEK						
Palm Sunday 9a-Sunday School 10a-Fellowship 10:30a-Worship 12p-Rocklify 7:30p SSALT @ Walker's home	7p-Boy Scouts	Newsletter Submission 6:30p-Delta Light Group	9:15a-Hilltop Chapel 9:45a Staff	Maundy Thursday 5:45p-3rd Grade Bread Baking 7p-Maundy Thursday Worship	Good Friday Office/Programs Closed Noon-Community Worship (St. Paul UCC) 7p-Good Friday Worship	
21 Easter Sunday 8:15a-Festival Worship 9:30a-Easter Breakfast 10a-Easter Egg Hunt 10:30a-Festival Worship	22 KidZ Landing Open 7p-Boy Scouts	23	24 9:15a-Hilltop Chapel 9:45a Staff 3:30p Hilltop Board	25 7a-Wake Up Call  7p-Girl Scouts	26	27
28 9a-Sunday School 10a-Fellowship 10:30a-Worship 12p-Rooted Olympics 5:30p Guest Presentation for Parents of Teens	29 7p-Boy Scouts	30	May 1 9:15a-Hilltop Chapel 9:45a Staff	May 2 7a-Wake Up Call  10a-Columbia Nursing Home Worship 7p-Property Team	May 3	May 4 4:30 Confirmation Worship Service

AT CHRIST COMMUNITY WE VALUE...

CHRIST-LIKE INCLUSIVITY

MOVING CLOSER TO CHRIST

AGENEROUS STEWARDSHIP

EMBRACING WORSHIP

Our Mission



Growing in Faith



Becoming Disciples

Be doers of
the word, &
not hearers
only.

James 1:22

Living the Word

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