THE COMMUNITY Spirit
THE GOOD NEWS OF CHRIST COMMUNITY LUTHERAN CHURCH - COLUMBIA, IL
FEBRUARY 2020

ONE Day, THREE Times the FUN

February 23rd **February 23rd** **February 23rd**

ANNUAL MEETING

Each year in February we take an opportunity to celebrate as a congregation all that God has done in our midst in the past year, look ahead with faith and anticipation to what God has in store for this community in the year to come, and prayerfully consider decisions for the sake of Christ's church.

THE LEAD-UP TO THE 23RD...

- **February 9th-Written Reports Distributed**
  Reports will be distributed following worship and electronically
- **February 16th-Q & A Session with Church Council**
  Included in this time will be a presentation on the proposed sign (see next column for details).
- **February 23rd-Annual Meeting**
  We gather together between Sunday School and worship to carry out decisions that keep our church moving forward in 2020!

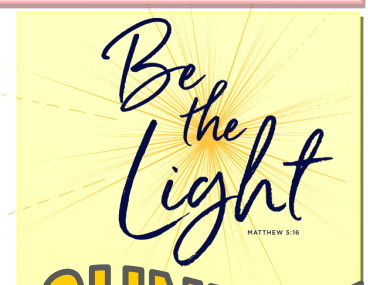
ALL are invited in every step of this process!! All confirmed, active members are invited and needed to give voice and vote to the decisions before us. See you on the 23rd!

A SIGN to Point the WAY

WILL YOU HELP?

The congregation council is recommending the creation of a new sign to mark the entrance of our campus. Our current sign is dated, worn, inaccurate, undersized, and poorly located. So a new sign is vital. Think of it this way…an investment in this means having a better chance at reaching those hearts and souls that AREN'T HERE YET…people needing a church home; people who are far from God; people we could minister to and with. Is a sign the only thing that will bring them in our doors? Of course not. But it is an indispensable tool to literally POINT THE WAY!

Grab a pledge card and commit your support today to help make this happen. An information session will take place after worship on February 16th. Have your pledge in and join in the Annual Meeting to vote for this effort on the 23rd. Let's Point the Way for others to find us and join us in mission!!



SUNDAY

Wear Your Be the Light Shirt

Learn about Light Groups

Consider joining one in 2020!

Learn how CCLC has BEEN the LIGHT

Let's rally together to SHINE BRIGHTER in 2020

Monthly Member SpotLIGHT

Each month a "SpotLIGHT" shines on one member of Christ Community as we continue to learn about the different lights of Christ who make up our community. Enjoy this month's edition.

Member: Ken Powell-Holzrichter

Family: My husband Robb and I have been married since 2015. I have one daughter Madelyn and three bonus kids (Allison, Lillian, and Dale). Madelyn graduates high school this year and will be starting college in the fall. Allison graduates from Missouri State this summer, Dale attends Harvard University, and Lillian is in the 7th grade.

Occupation: I've worked in healthcare administration my entire career. I currently work at United Healthcare for their Medicaid business as the Director, Physician Operations and Member Engagement.

Activities/Hobbies: I like running, reading, baking, art, and travel.

Member Since: 2018

Favorite Church Ministries: I've been involved in many ministries through the years from teaching Sunday school, directing Christmas programs, development of church bulletin, youth worker, and nursing home ministry. One ministry I love the most is VBS.

What brought me to Christ Community: We moved to Columbia when we got married and our friendly neighbors Todd and Emily Velnosky mentioned the church which peeked our curiosity to visit. We were attending an ELCA church in University City at the time and was hoping to find a church community closer to home.

What keeps me here? We love the people. We have been loved and accepted from the very beginning which has touched us tremendously. Our spiritual lives have been enriched.

How have I seen God at work in or through Christ Community? I see God at work everywhere. Within the light groups, our Sunday school, VBS and beyond.

February Birthdays

2 Layne Albers
Katie Donovan
David Boul
3 Chris Craig
4 David Denny
Ella Buss
5 Jeri Funk
Lynn Pelker
8 Olivia Eugea
Luke Speckhard
11 Terra Albers
12 Judy Hazen
13 Susan Hendershot
Joyce Tomlinson
14 Nancy Anderson
15 Lauren Weber
16 Mike Amato
Johnny Sternau
18 Craig Eugea
Meghan Renaud
24 Jack Hunsucker
26 Steve Albert

Your Giving at Work Last Year

Each week in 2019 the church tithed its offerings and then some, giving 10% of everything YOU give AWAY. As a result, each item below shows the variety of places and people helped by our giving in 2019.

ELCA/Synod/Churchwide	$ 9,350.15
Feed My People	$ 1,496.02
VBS Mission Kids Against Hunger	$ 2,200.00
Missionary—Troesters	$ 1,000.00
Disaster Relief Fund	$ 1,309.02
World Hunger	$ 1,122.02
Salvation Army	$ 561.01
Columbia Clergy Assoc.	$ 748.01
Lutheran Social Services of IL	$ 561.01
Lutheran Campus Ministry of STL	$ 467.51
TOTAL Benevolence Giving	**$ 18,814.75**

Remember, every dollar you give helps these wonderful causes and so much more!! We do so much more together than we ever could on our own.

May God use us to fill even more needs in 2020!

Congregational Offerings

We give thanks to God for all who generously support the mission and ministry of Christ Community. It takes everyone to move God's mission forward.

Budgeted Offering Target

2019 Year End	2018 Year End
$ 194,480	$ 172,130

Actual Offerings

2019 Year End	2018 Year End
$ 192,119	$ 162,577

Giving change from 2018 to 2019 =
$ 29,542 or 18%

Praise God for the amazing generous response to God's Mission last year. May 2020 be equally blessed!

JOIN A LIGHT GROUP

These groups aren't for "someone else". They are for EVERYONE to get connected with others and support each other in being the Light out in the world!

Join One TODAY!!! SIGN UP BELOW...

L.E.D. Heads	Friday Night Lights	T.G.I.F.	Lightworkers
1st Tuesdays	1st Fridays	2nd or 3rd Fridays	3rd Tuesdays
Leaders: Lisa Donovan, Jason Reichert	Leader: Jaime Miers	Leader: Penny Madlinger	Leaders: Ryan Gilbert, Lynn Pelker

>>> SIGN UP HERE <<<

LIGHT GROUP NEWS

Our Light Groups gather monthly to grow, pray, laugh, serve, and so much more. They seek to be Light to each other, this church, our community, and beyond.

Something fun from the Light Groups:

Swing Dance Lessons—Thank you to Neal Bockwoldt and the 30+ folks of all ages who participated in our January swing lessons! (sponsored by Friday Night Lights)

Outreach opportunities you, too, can help with:

1) **Animal Shelter Collection**—Many shelters are in need of supplies. (sponsored by the LED Heads)
   Items needed: Clean used towels, wash cloths, sheets, blankets, dog beds. Clean used scrubs for volunteers and staff, Clean used leashes, collars, water and food bowls. Clean gently used dog toys to comfort and entertain animals. Pens for filling out adoption forms. Bring your donations to CCLC.
2) **Brightening up the Hilltop classrooms**– Join us in putting a fresh coat of paint on our classrooms that serve both our Hilltop Kids Ministries as well as our Sunday School. February 15 & 16th (sponsored by Friday Night Lights—contact Jaime Miers to learn more or get involved; click here to see the sign up sheet.)

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING

The Super Bowl is Sunday, February 2nd, so don't miss the SOUPER BOWL. In fact this is the 30th anniversary for this fight against hunger having begun in 1990. As a congregation let's celebrate that 30 years with a strong push to bring in the most we ever have!!

So bring in your cans of soup and any other canned goods so we can fight off hunger!!

Parents Night Out

Friday, February 14th, 2020 6-9:30pm
@ Christ Community

Share an evening with your significant other without distractions. Let the youth of CCLC take your kids for a night of fun at church while you're out on a much needed date!!

SSALT

Sisters Serving and Learning Together

The Women of SSALT will gather in Karen Walker's home (965 Forest View Dr, Columbia) at 7:00 p.m. on February 9th.

In honor of Groundhog Day (2/2/2020) we will have a Pajama Party to celebrate either more Winter or early Spring! Wear your comfy PJ's or other relaxing clothing.

We will have a devotion, plan for the future and have fun!!

Contact Mike Schmidt or Karen Walker with any questions.

SAVE THE DATES

VBS 2020
July 28—August 1

2020 GLOBAL LEADERSHIP SUMMIT
August 8 & 9

Put it on your calendar NOW
Details to follow SOON

TOP OF THE HILL GANG
CHRIST COMMUNITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

Top of the Hill Gang is gathering on Feb. 2nd at Dulany's on Tesson Ferry Rd. following worship. The Bauer's will be back from Florida and Bob will lead our games.

Later in the month we will be having a planning session for the rest of the year. Watch the Welcome Center for a date and time. Please bring your ideas to share.

"Group 133"

Spring Retreat
Due to a whole host of scheduling conflicts it has been decided to move the annual men's retreat to the fall this year. We hope to narrow down a date soon so you can get it in your calendar now so stay tuned.

Spring Fish Fry
In order to make room for the retreat shift, we are instead moving our annual fish fry to the Spring. Mark down April 19th at Frank Weber's as our 2020 Fish Fry. Look for details coming soon.

February Meeting
In the meantime, gather with other men of the church this month on Saturday the 15th at 8:30 a.m. at CCLC. Coffee and great conversation will be brewing, and likely some food, too!

Children, Youth, & Family Ministry

Raising Young People to Know God and be Transformed by Christ

Youth Ministry in February

Regular Gatherings

Ignite Youth (*6th-8th grade*)
- February 9th, 11:45 a.m.
- February 23rd, 11:45 a.m.

Amplify Youth (*9th-12th grade*)
- February 2nd, 11:45 a.m.
- February 18th, 4:30-6 p.m.

The Rock Youth (*3rd-5th grade*)
- February 5th, 4:30-6 p.m.

PLUS, DON'T MISS...

Ignite Lock-In
- Date—February 14th, 2020
- Time—9:30 pm-8:00 am (Saturday morning)
- Cost—Attending and Assisting with *Parents Night Out* prior to the lock-in from 6—9:30 p.m.

Winter Jam Christian Rock Concert
- Sunday, February 9th
- St. Charles Family Arena
- Cost—$15 at the door
- Caravan from church meets at 4:30 p.m.

All Youth Play Day
- Monday, February 17th, 2020
- 11 a.m.—3 p.m.
- Games, Lunch, and Fun Together
- All Ignite & Amplify Youth

Be Like Jesus
Lock-in/Servant Event

When: March 27-28, 2020
Where: Faith Lutheran Church, O'Fallon, IL
Who: All youth in grades 3rd-6th
What: 24 Hour Servant Event, jam-packed with music, games, activities, food, fun, and of course SERVING… being Jesus' hands and feet for the sake of the world.
Cost: $35.00
Registration Deadline: No Later than Sunday, February 9th, 2020. Registration Forms will be handed out in Sunday School. Please turn forms into Lynn along with the registration fee.

SAVE THE DATE

Sunday, March 22nd, 2020

Family Lenten Event

Summer Trip Upcoming Fundraisers

All Summer Participants...Oklahoma & Leadership Lab...are required to help in order to make them as successful as possible. Make plans to now. Talk to Lynn if you have questions.

Saturday, February 14th
Event: 6—9:30 p.m.

Youth Ministry Fund Raiser
Saturday, March 21st
Set-up & Preparations: TBA
Event: 6-9 p.m.

Annual Youth Ministry Fund Raiser

Bingo & Silent Auction

March 21, 2020 @ 6:30 pm

As a part of their annual effort to defray the costs of heading out this summer for life-changing & shaping missions and adventures, the youth are hosting a fun night of congregational togetherness.

Your presence at the event is the most important. But there's more...

SILENT AUCTION ITEMS NEEDED!!!
Donation ideas:
gift cards to restaurants, beauty shops, sporting or theatre tickets, vacation home, personal services (i.e. baked goods, casseroles, desserts, BBQ, or whatever your specialty is!)

Church groups or ministry teams should consider donating a themed basket—good exposure for your group to the larger congregation while helping out a good cause.

If you know a local business owner who might donate something, please talk to Lynn today.

Thank you for your support of the youth!!!

Now Hiring

Director of Hilltop Kids Ministries

We need your help to get the word out.

Hilltop Kids Ministries, OUR wonderful weekday ministry to young children, is seeking a fantastic person to step in as the new director.

Motivated, creative, qualified candidates who are passionate about being a part of the formation of young minds and hearts in a faith setting should apply immediately.

Do you know someone who fits that bill? Pass on the word!

Click here for a current copy of the job description and pass it along to anyone .
Click here to share the post on your Facebook page.

Please pray for the individual God will lead to us.

PARENTS! We Need Your Help!!

We want our children to be safe and enjoy this church and always feel welcome, but it's become clear that some supervision is necessary on Sunday mornings down in KidZ Landing before worship. We are asking parents, and any other CCLC adults, to take turns supervising the fun. All you need to do is be "IN" KidZ Landing from 10:00 - 10:25 on your assigned Sunday so our children know an adult is present. At 10:20 you would then ask all the children to clean up everything and head back for worship. There will be a sign up sheet on the Welcome Center for you to volunteer and then these volunteers will be scheduled like all our other worship volunteers. If every parent takes a turn, each one would like only have to serve once or twice a year. Thank you for helping our children enjoy our church!

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Council members are people 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 us 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

Sunday School—9 a.m.
Fellowship—10:00 a.m.
Worship—10:30 a.m.

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!

February @ CCLC

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
2 *Souper Bowl* 9a Sunday School 10a Fellowship 10:30a Worship 11:45a Amplify Sandwich Mission 11:45a Fireside Chat 12p Top of the Hill Gang (Dulany's)	3 7a-Wake up Waterloo 7p Boy Scouts	4 7p Worship Team 7p LED Heads	5 9:15a WCP Chapel 9:45 Staff 4:30p Rock Youth 4:30p Confirmation	6 7a-Wake Up Call 10:00a-CCC Worship 1p Knit Crochet Pray 6:30p Girl Scouts 7p Property Team	7 7p Friday Night Lights	8
9 9a Sunday School 10a Fellowship 10:30a Worship 11:45a Ignite Youth 4:30p Winter Jam 7p-SSALT @ Walker's	10 7a-Wake up Waterloo 7p Boy Scouts	11 6p Finance 7p Council	12 9:15a WCP Chapel 9:45 Staff	13 7a-Wake Up Call 1p Knit Crochet Pray	14 6-9:30p Parent's Night Out 9:30p Ignite Lock-In	15 8:30a Group 133
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