



THE
COMMUNITY

MAY 2019

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

So Much to Celebrate

The month of May brings closure and celebrations
Confirmation Service!



On May 4th, eleven young people of our church will take an important step on their faith journey by affirming the promises made on their behalf in Holy Baptism. This step is called the Rite of Confirmation. They are Zoe Bryant, Ella Buss, Sophie Clancy, Kollin Cronin, Chandler Davis, Mae Descher, Sam Donovan, Maddux Miers, Meghan Renaud, Natalie Sturm, and Lucy Weber. The journey they've been on hasn't been one they've taken alone—parents, confirmation mentors, youth leaders, our pastor, and so many other caring adults from this church and beyond played a role. And the journey is far from over—it's a lifelong one filled with God's promises.

This year for the first time, the rite will take place during a special Saturday evening worship service. During this service which will include Holy Communion, students will be sharing statements of faith, giving us a window into their journeys. This is a day to celebrate God's faithfulness to them and pray for the Holy Spirit to continue its work on their hearts and in their lives. As members of the church that has supported and walked with these young people throughout their journey, please consider joining in this festival service on Saturday, May 4th at 4:30 p.m. ALL are welcome!

Spring Graduates

We want to celebrate all our church family who have or will graduate this year. Any level of education that is worth celebrating for you, is worth celebrating by your church family - be it high school, college, graduate level, even kindergarten. As a part of our worship on May 12th, we will have a special graduate insert in the worship folder as well as a prayer of blessing for all graduates. Please call the church office or e-mail us at office@christclc.org by May 9th to provide the graduate's name and the school, institution, or program he/she is graduating from so he/she can be included in the worship folder and be a part of the prayers of blessing for that morning.



Sunday School Year-End Celebration

Join us on Sunday, May 19th, as we celebrate the end of another great year of Sunday School! Students and their teachers will gather at their normal 9 a.m. time for one final class. Our fellowship time together will include a special cake in celebration of the year past. Finally, the worship service will feature a moment to celebrate our faithful Sunday School teachers, who have given so much throughout the year to help pass along the faith! It's a morning to celebrate a year of learning and give thanks for God's faithfulness. Don't miss out on this special day!



Monthly Member SpotLIGHT

Each month a “SpotLIGHT” shines on one member of Christ Community so we continue to learn about the different lights of Christ that make up our community. Enjoy this month’s edition.



Member: Mike Hoberg

Family: Wife – Traci, married 9/30/1978; Son – Jacob (Liz) Hoberg; Austin, TX; Daughter – Kelli (Kevin) May; Waterloo, IL; Grandson – Aiden Michael May; Granddaughter – Mila Monroe May

Occupation: Food Safety Professional (FSP) - Employed by the American Institute of Baking, International (AIBI), based out of Manhattan, KS. What we do: “We help food manufacturers and distributors improve their food safety and quality management practices through inspection, training, and consulting.”

Member Since: March 2019

Favorite Church Activities/Involvement: We were hesitant to get involved with church activities prior to becoming members but did help with the Spring work day and enjoyed that. It was a beautiful morning and a great opportunity to spend time with fellow

members; however, I was stiff and sore after a morning of weeding and shoveling mulch. It was also nice to see the involvement of younger members of the congregation.

Activities in Spare Time: I still work full time and travel a lot. Spare time is precious, so it is just nice to get home. I do golf a little and had a garden in Mason City, but not sure how that will work yet in Columbia. I like the outdoors. We still do some hiking and I love fishing/boating; however, still working on that and time has been limited. Again, the reason for moving was to be near and help with our grandchildren, so time with them is now the priority and we love every minute of it.

What brought me to Christ Community: We moved from Mason City, IL to Columbia, IL last summer to be near our grandchildren. I grew up in southern Minnesota as a member of an American Synod Lutheran Church. Traci grew up in the Missouri Synod. We were members of Christ Lutheran in Mason City prior to our move to Columbia. We both preferred the more open and liberal ELCA and started attending Christ Community shortly after our move because of the ELCA affiliation and the proximity to where we live. Convenience may not be the best reason, but it is what helped determine our first visit.

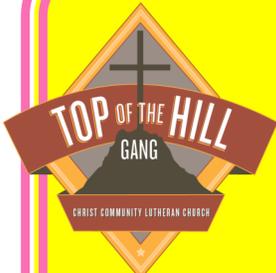
What keeps me here: It’s hard to explain, but the church and congregation are comforting. From the very first visit, the congregation has been so friendly and welcoming. The services are certainly different than that of the Missouri Synod, but the relaxed atmosphere is great and the message every Sunday is presented in such a manner that it just makes sense. I hate to admit it, but it has been a long time since I have looked forward to coming to church every Sunday.

How have I seen God at work in or through Christ Community: Through God, Christ Community has helped bring me back to the church. It may sound cliché, but Pastor Jared and the wonderful people of this congregation really have “Been the Light” for me.

May Birthdays

1 Ken Powell-Holzrichter	9 Suzanne Castleman	15 Stephanie Abram	28 Josie Reichert
3 Chandler Davis	11 Joe Spoljaric	Mikayla Abram	29 Ethan Sturm
4 Benjamin Parker	12 Charlotte Wheatley	16 Peyton Luebbers	
5 Pat Carver	13 Mason Albers	17 Amanda Stapf	
9 Crawford Bryant	14 Peter Gutknecht	24 Pastor Jared Parker	

get connected



The Top of the Hill Gang's May meeting is lunch at the City Saloon (West Park Bowl), in Columbia on Sunday, May 5th following worship.

Look forward to the June gathering on June 2nd when the group will venture to the Red Bud Winery.

Sign up at the Welcome Center or contact Bob Bauer with questions.

GROUP 133 MAY GATHERING

In May, the men of 133 are gathering on Saturday, May 18th, at church at 8:30 a.m. for fellowship, conversation, and encouragement. Bob Bauer is the donut man and Kevin Blechle is bringing some things to share.

Questions? Contact Nathan Rau

"How good and pleasant it is when brothers dwell together in harmony"
Psalm 133:1

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.

May Gathering
SSALT will have its regular monthly meeting on May 10th at Tequila's Restaurant, 6:30 in the evening. Please join your other sisters in Christ!

You are the salt of the earth..."
Matthew 5:13



WHAT'S NEW?

This month take an opportunity to point out when someone else is "Being the Light". Special cards are available to keep with you and hand one out whenever you see someone being the light—encouraging them to do it more and also to recognize the light in others around them too. Pick up a few at the Welcome Center today!!

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

LIGHT GROUPS

Join One TODAY!!!

4 GROUPS TO PICK FROM!

- L.E.D. (Light entering darkness) Group**
A.K.A. the LED Heads
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 ««



NOW HIRING

Director of Children, Youth, & Family Ministry

What is possibly more important than God's people passing along the faith to generation after generation?

We need your help to get the word out. Click the position above for a current copy of the job description. Pass it along to anyone you might know who has gifts in ministry to young people, an insatiable love of God's Church and God's people, and strong leadership & organizational abilities. Please have them contact Pastor Jared or simply invite them to submit a resume and cover letter as soon as possible.

Please keep this process in your prayers—pray for the individual God is leading towards us even now to minister to and with us, and pray that we as a church be ready to receive him/her and walk with him/her in mission.



SUMMER WORSHIP

Summer is almost here!! With it comes a new pace for our lives. More daylight, better weather, and extra free time (*if we're lucky*). With those realities in mind, we change our own pace a bit for worship at Christ Community during these summer months.

Beginning in June (*June 2nd this year*) and continuing up until Rally Day in September, Sunday morning worship will begin at 9:30 a.m. (*an hour earlier*). You're invited, as always, to arrive a bit earlier to enjoy refreshments and fellowship from 9 to 9:30 a.m. Then, following worship, enjoy the extra hour in your day to relax, refresh, and reenergize your body and your mind.

Finally, remember that Sunday School & Adult Ed will be in recess to give our leaders a much deserved break, but the worship of our most Awesome God never ends. Sunday IS after all the Sabbath - our day to fully rest in God's presence.



Do you enjoy knitting? Are you looking for someone to crochet with? Have you always wanted to learn? Did you realize your interest and talents could actually become a ministry?

“Knit, Crochet, Pray” is a group now forming with the purpose initially of creating prayer shawls. Prayer shawls can be an amazing source of strength and comfort for anyone going through challenging times. Creating these will be a wonderful way to be light to others.

An organizational meeting of “Knit, Crochet, Pray” will be Thursday, May 16, at 4 p.m. at church.

At that time the group can agree on their preferred day, time, and location to meet as well as their hopes for this ministry.

**Interested? Questions? More information?
Contact Penny Madlinger
618-964-4969 or pmadlinger@christclc.org**

Wrapping Up a Great Year of Youth Ministry



Ignite



Ignite/Amplify End of Year Party in the Park

Sunday, May 5th
3-5 p.m.

City Park in Columbia
Games, pizza, friends & fun

Bring a snack/dessert to share

Don't miss this end of the school year chance to simply celebrate a great year of growing closer to each other and to God.

Sensational Sundae Sunday

Sunday, May 19th
11:45 a.m.—1:30 p.m.

Bring your favorite Sundae topping and help build the best Sundae Bar ever for our last Sunday of the school year. Some other games and fun are sure to be on tap as well.

Sunday School takes a summer recess after May 19th, But don't forget about...

Vacation Bible School

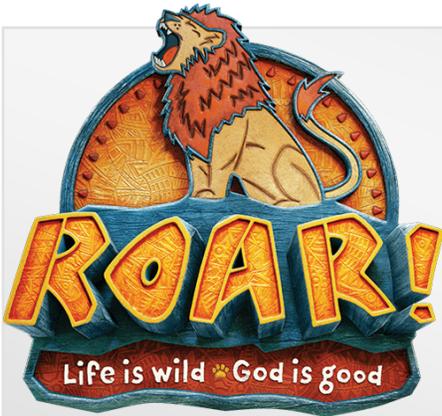
Make plans to be a part of this Annual Congregational event—it's not just for kids—it's for EVERYONE!!

July 28th-Aug 1st

Evenings, 6:15 to 8:30pm.

Registration, volunteer sign up and T-shirt sales will begin in May.

It's gonna be another amazing summer, so make sure you and your family are around to join in!!



Summer's Right Around the Corner

Youth on Mission

Kansas City YouthWorks Trip

June 9-14th

Mandatory Pretrip Meeting

Parents & Students

June 2nd

10:45 a.m.

(immediately following worship)

Final itinerary, details of the week, packing list, and much more. Don't miss this important meeting in preparation for the trip.

Final balance info coming soon

Youth on Adventure

Colorado Backpacking

July 6-14

Pretrip Hikes

Thursday, May 30th & June 13th

9 a.m.

Time to get in shape for hiking in the Rockies. We'll enjoy a day hike together as well as talk about what to expect as we get closer to the big adventure. Pastor Jared will be leading the way. Contact him with any questions about these hikes or the actual trip itself.



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	\$ 49,907
Actual Year-to-date Offerings	\$ 43,703

Amounts as of end of March

KidZ Landing Summer Camp

It's a great spot for your school aged to "land" this summer...either for some select weeks or all summer long. Contact our director, Daleena, to secure a spot for your K-6th grader TODAY!!

281-4646
dguldner@christclc.org

Space is filling up FAST so don't miss out!!

COUNCIL NOTES

Light Groups & Roof Replacement progress topped the agenda for April's Church Council Meeting.

LIGHT GROUPS: All four of the church's brand new Light Groups are well represented on church council so updates were shared from each one. Great new connections are happening through these groups as well as exciting plans for being God's light in the world. These groups are only a couple months old but are already making a wonderful impact on the overall community of our congregation.

ROOF UPDATE: The need for a new roof remains and we are on the cusp of the work beginning to replace it. Financing has been officially secured thanks to the congregation's approval back in February. The contractor agreed to begin work at the end of April (weather permitting of course). Precautions are being taken to minimize disruption to our weekday activities while keeping safety as a chief priority throughout. The work should take 4-6 weeks to complete so it should be done in time for our summer months and our KidZ Landing summer program.

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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!

May 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
April 28 9a-Sunday School 10a-Fellowship 10:30a-Worship 11:45a-Rooted Olympics	April 29 7p-Boy Scouts	April 30	May 1 9:15a-Hilltop Chapel 9:45a-Staff	2 7a-Wake Up Call  10a-Columbia Nursing Home Worship 7p-Property Team	3 7p-Beta Light Group (<i>Miers</i>)	4 4:30p-Confirmation Service
5 9a-Sunday School 10a-Fellowship 10:30a-Worship 12p-Top of the Hill (City Saloon) 3-5p-Ignite/Amplify Party in the Park (City Park)	6 7p-Boy Scouts	7 7p-LED Heads Light Group (<i>Donovans</i>) 7p-Worship Team	8 9:15a-Hilltop Chapel 9:45a Staff	9 7a-Wake Up Call  6:30p-Girl Scouts	10 6:30p SSALT (<i>Tequila's</i>) 7p-T.G.I.F. Light Group (<i>HoltzRichters</i>)	11
12 Mother's Day 9a-Sunday School 10a-Fellowship 10:30a-Worship	13 7p-Boy Scouts	14 Newsletter Submission 6p-Finance Team 7p-Church Council	15 9:15a-Hilltop Chapel 9:45a Staff 4:30p-Light Group Leader Meeting	16 7a-Wake Up Call  4p-Knit, Crochet, Pray	17 4:30p-Hill Top Kids Pre-K Graduation	18 8:30a-Group 133
19 9a-Sunday School 10a-Fellowship 10:30a-Worship 11:45a-Rock Youth Sensational Sundae Sunday	20 7p-Boy Scouts	21 7:00p-Delta Light Group (<i>Parkers</i>)	22 9:15a-Hilltop Chapel 9:45a Staff 3:30p Hilltop Board	23	24	25
26 Sunday School in Summer Recess 10a-Fellowship 10:30a-Worship	27 Memorial Day Office & Programs Closed	28 Kidz Landing Summer Camp Begins	29 9:15a-Hilltop Chapel 9:45a Staff	30 9a-Colorado Pretrip Hike	31	June 1

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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