THE COMMUNITY Spirit

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

Gratitude is the source of Giving | Giving flows out of Gratitude

Why Pledge?

Giving in every variety is wonderful. But the reason Christ Community encourages pledging so heartily is the beautiful discipline it creates for your own generous living. It commits you to sharing more than your leftovers. Equally important, it's one way you help your church plan its ministry. We shape our ministry goals on the upfront generosity of member pledges. These pledge commitments form the balanced budget that allows us to live faithfully and joyously all year long. They also free us from turning to repetitive and unwelcome appeals for giving.

You are cordially invited to

A Sunday of Gratitude

Sunday, November 11th

A Day to Celebrate with Gratitude ALL God gives to us!

Every year at this time, Christ Community celebrates what it means to be a community of faith—the coming together of many for the common purpose of serving a hurting world for Jesus. We do all of this out of gratitude for all God has given us, promising to respond faithfully with our own giving.

As a part of this great community, your presence is vital to this special Sunday! On it we offer our best for the year ahead—financial pledges for our daily ministries in 2019...promises to give to God as a priority and not as an afterthought with our leftovers. Look around at what you see going on in this church! Spirit-filled worship, thriving ministry to children & youth, mission outreach to a world in need—none of this happens without each of us pooling our generous best!

Prior to the 11th, everyone will receive a letter about pledging. Please consider your pledge thoughtfully, prayerfully, and with deep gratitude. Try to grow your commitment; let it reflect your life priorities; "Where your treasure is, there is your heart," says Jesus.

Together, our pledges and offerings will support every aspect of our daily life together. Come share in the joy of thanksgiving, togetherness, and God's mission for us on our Sunday of Gratitude!

MISSION: POSSIBLE Transforming the Lives of Youth This Summer

Christ Community has a wonderful tradition of supporting life-changing opportunities for our young people to grow in their relationship with each other, their church family, and with their Lord through intensive summer trips. That tradition continues as we look to the summer of 2019, but it is also expanding! For the first time, two trips will be offered—one each for our junior high and senior high youth. As our ministry to youth has grown, we are now in the position to offer experiences that can be tailored to the age and development of the youth going. As you might imagine, there is quite a bit of difference between a 12th grader and a 6th grader. Ryan, our Youth Director, is excited to introduce some variety and progression to our trips including a three year rotation for our high schoolers involving the National Youth Gathering, a mission trip, and a high adventure trip. Feel free to ask him more about these ideas and more!

An informational meeting for parents and students about the 2019 trips will be held Sunday, November 4th, following worship.
The congregation is invited to support these opportunities with their prayers as well as financial support through their regular giving and some limited fund raising events.

Junior High Mission Trip to Kansas City

June 9-14

All Current 6th—8th Graders

Partnering with YouthWorks, youth will serve around the city in all sorts of ways from running a VBS to visiting elderly in nursing homes to feeding the hungry to helping beautify and improve homes and other areas in order to bring the light of Christ wherever they go.

Maximum cost for the week is $350
(includes projected amounts from fundraising projects)

Rainbow Trail Lutheran Camp

Senior High Colorado Backpacking

July 6-14

All Current 9th—12th Graders

Youth will get the chance to disconnect from daily life and reconnect with God while building amazing bonds with each other and literally going to the top of the world. There really is nothing like it. Youth will be pushed physically, but will find an amazing peace in God's creation.

Maximum cost for the week is $250
(includes projected amounts from fundraising projects)

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These are people of the church just like you, having families and jobs and lives outside of this place. As members of council they are committed 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 better. Feel free to reach out to them personally as you're able, or join a couple of them each month on the first Sunday after worship for a "Fireside Chat". It's an informal opportunity to visit with members of council and share what's on your heart.

Giving Thanks for the Saints...

We gather for All Saints Sunday on November 4th this year and give thanks for all those who have gone before us and are now with our heavenly Father. Each year at Christ Community, we lift up in a special way all those loved ones we have lost in the past year—the newest saints in heaven. We have been receiving names for this special day throughout October, but if you have a family member or friend who passed away since last November that you would like remembered, please contact Penny in the church office (281-4646 X109 or office@christclc.org) or talk to Pastor Jared so they can be included. Then join in worship on the 4th as we gather and remember *all* the saints of our lives!

Giving Thanks for Giving

With our Sunday of Gratitude on November 11th, we are reminded of the gratitude we have for all that God has done *(see details on the cover article).* Our best expression of that gratitude is to give freely out of our plenty for it is all God's to begin with. Pledges for 2019 will be received that day and throughout the month and help in part to shape our ministries into the new year! We give thanks for the generosity of all who help further the ministry of Christ Community through their time, talents, and treasures. There is much we can do together for God's Kingdom right here in this community and throughout the world.

Giving Thanks for our Community...

This year Immaculate Conception will be hosting the annual Community Thanksgiving Worship Service. Join other believers on Wednesday evening, November 21st, at 7:00 pm as we gather as one Body of Christ to worship God and give thanks for all God has done for us – especially giving thanks for the gift of God's Son, Jesus. Note that an offering will be taken benefiting the Columbia Clergy Fund for the needy of our area. As we gather to thank God for our own lives and circumstances, may our worship and offerings help others in *their* lives and circumstances.

Wednesday, November 14
6:15-7 p.m.

Join your church family for an evening meal, catch up with old friends, and make some new ones. Open Table is a GREAT opportunity to gather as a community, share a meal, build trusting relationships, and enjoy one another.

Meals are prepared by ministry teams of the church, though volunteers are always welcome. The table is open and there is a place for YOU. Please join us!

Faith In Action

November 14th

The perfect way to put your faith into action in this church and beyond!

Ministry teams meet from 7-8 pm
There's ALWAYS need for more hearts and minds to further God's mission, so join in and put your faith into action!

If you have kids, remember there's a place for them, too!
Don't forget Open Table from 6:15-7:00, as well, for food & fellowship!

Mission & Outreach at CCLC

Offering the Heart of Christ with our Hands

Fair Trade Market

Shopping with a purpose!

Saturday, November 10th from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, November 11th before worship

What is "Fair Trade"?

It's a worldwide program that helps build economies and local industries in developing countries, which in turn reduces world poverty. Artisans produce handicrafts and receive a fair wage for their wares. By purchasing Fair Trade items, you are giving someone a hand up into sustainable work for years to come instead of a handout that will be gone in moments.

Our Fair Trade Market is coming soon and we need YOUR help!

HERE'S HOW...

♦ Come and Shop ♦
♦ SPREAD THE WORD ♦
♦ Invite your friends, family, neighbors, EVERYONE ♦
♦ Donate baked goods and other items ♦
♦ Volunteer to help with setup, cleanup, hospitality, sales, and more ♦

♦ SPREAD THE WORD ♦

Find some way to participate or help this great servant event be a success this year!!

Christmas Mission

Out biggest mission of the year is right around the corner!

Our Adopt A Family Christmas Mission will start early in November, so look for Christmas trees appearing soon on our bulletin board.

Our Mission and Outreach team is so impressed by the generosity of our congregation we are challenging you to support a total of **50 individuals** of all ages who need your help to have a Christmas this year!

Be sure to pick an ornament, sign your name under it, and read the instruction flyer on the fireplace.

If your life is too crazy to shop, feel free to make a donation and we will shop for you.

Who in your family will notice the Christmas trees first?

It's never too early to get in the Christmas Spirit!

SSALT

Sisters Sharing and Learning Together
"You are the salt of the earth."
Matthew 5:13

November 11th at 7:30 pm, Karen Walker's Home.

Please consider signing up to help with the Fair Trade Market event, Nov 9-11. Sign up sheets on display in the Welcome area.

Keep an eye on our Facebook group for more info!

Contact Jill Albers for more information.

Group 133

The men of Group 133 gather monthly on the third weekend of the month. In November they will meet for a Saturday morning gathering at the church, November 17th, beginning at 8:30 a.m. Russ Miers is the lead off man for the morning!

All men are invited to this and ALL 133 gatherings. Group 133 gathers each time in the spirit of the words from Psalm 133, ***"How good and pleasant it is when brothers dwell together in harmony."***

Children, Youth, & Family Ministry

Raising Young People to Know God and be Transformed by Christ

November Youth Events

4th **Summer Trips Info Meeting**, 11:45 a.m.
Ignite Youth, following mtg, $2 for lunch

7th **5th/6th Fusion**, 4:30-6 p.m., "Give Thanks"
Amplify Fusion, 6:30-8 p.m., "When Life Isn't Fair"

9-11th **Synod Youth Gathering in Carlinville**

11th **Amplify Youth**, 11:45 a.m., $2 for lunch

14th **Confirmation**, 4:30-6 p.m., Luther

18th **Rock Youth**, 11:45 a.m., $2 for lunch
Amplify/Ignite Turkey Fry, Donovan home, 4 p.m., sign up for a side dish to bring! Also bring a roll of paper towels to help families at Angel Arms

28th **Confirmation**, 4:30-6 p.m., Worship
Amplify Fusion, 6:30-8 p.m., "One True Friend"

Saturday, December 8th
Parent's Day Out

Saturday, February 9th
Parent's Night Out

February 15-17, 2019
QUAKE 2019

Registration Deadline—December 9th
Registration Cost—$175 *(including $75 Deposit)*
WHO? All 6th—8th Graders
Download Registration Form

Saturday March 2nd
Trivia & Silent Auction

Rooted in Advent

December 2nd

12—2 p.m.

This event is open to the whole congregation but is planned with our Rooted Families with children 2nd grade and younger.

It's a time filled with food, special activities & crafts, and some great family togetherness as we turn our hearts towards Christmas.

Stay tuned for more details about how to register, but mark the date NOW on your calendar.

If you haven't completed a 2018-2019 Permission and Consent form please do so TODAY. These forms stay in house or travel with us for events off campus. These forms are very important for us so we have the most current information about your child and can help care for them in the case of an emergency. Download your form here. Email the completed form to rkriesch@christclc.org or drop it off in Ryan's mailbox in the church office.

November Birthdays

1 Faye Williams
Lyndi Davis
2 Sara Kertz
Elizabeth Davis
3 Robert Furkin
5 Chris Browne
Alyssa Georger
Nathan Georger
Brooke Blind
Justin Timmons
7 Jill Albers
8 Perry Buss
10 John Cooper
Kyle McConachie
12 Sam Donovan
13 Josh Druley
15 Sarah Boul
17 Kierre Gray
Matt Stapf
18 Andrew Abram
19 Jerry Menees
Todd Velnosky
20 Dirk Reynolds
Rhonda Eugea
Kay Descher
21 Karen Schultz
27 Darla Sewell
28 Vivian Frein
29 Bo Etheridge
30 Nila Albers

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	**$ 147,810**
Actual Year-to-date Offerings	**$ 139,562**

*Amounts as of the end of **September***

LIFE PASSAGES

BAPTISM

Alaina Marie
Daughter of
Keith & Jill Georger
Brought into the Family of God

October 21, 2018

Deck the Halls

Nothing gets people in the holiday spirit better than Christmas decorations and music. On Sunday, November 25th, stay after worship and help transform our sanctuary and fellowship area for the Advent & Christmas season. With festive music and good cheer it's sure to be a good time. The more hands and hearts we have, the quicker and more enjoyable the work can be. Join in if you can! All ages and abilities welcome!

Grow in God's Word for Your Life Every Week

Dig into God's Word each week

Week of November 4th —All Saints Day
Isaiah 25:6-9; Psalm 24; Revelation 21:1-6; John 11:32-44

Week of November 11th —Time after Pentecost
1 Kings 17:8-16; Psalm 146; Hebrews 9:24-28; Mark 12:38-44

Week of November 18th — Time after Pentecost
Daniel 12:1-3; Psalm 16; Hebrews 10:11-25; Mark 13:1-8

Week of November 25th—Christ the King
Daniel 7:9-14; Psalm 93; Revelation 1:4-8; John 18:33-37

Use these scriptures as one way to read God's Word as a regular discipline. Draw close to God's Word and you draw close to God...

Join in on Sunday Morning

9 a.m.—Sunday School

10 a.m.—Fellowship Time

10:30 a.m.—Worship

Dive in Deeper

Join a ministry team or volunteer in a myriad of ways. Make your faith come alive! Fill out a Ministry Opportunity Form located at the Welcome Center or talk to Pastor Jared.

November @ CCLC

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Oct 28 **Reformation Sunday** 9a Sunday School 10a Fellowship 10:30a Worship	Oct 29 5:30p-Martha's Kitchen 7p Boy Scouts	Oct 30 7:45 Prayer Breakfast @ Aunt Maggie's 7p Daniel Bible Study	OCT 31 9:15a Hilltop Chapel 9:45a Staff **Day of Reformation**	NOV 1 7a-Wake Up Call 10a CCC Worship 6:30 p Girl Scouts 7p Daniel Bible Study	2	3
4*(day light savings)* All Saints Day 9a Sunday School 10a Fellowship 10:30a Worship 11:45a-Fireside Chat 11:45a-Trip Meeting 12:15p Ignite Youth 4:30p—Top of the Hill Gang Bonfire	5 7p Boy Scouts	6 7:45 Prayer Breakfast @ Aunt Maggie's 7p Daniel Bible Study 7p Worship Team	7 9:15a Hilltop Chapel 9:45a Staff 4p Hilltop Board Mtg 4:30p Fusion-5th/6th 6:30p Fusion Amplify	8 7a-Wake Up Call 7p Daniel Bible Study	9 **Fair Trade Setup**	10 FAIRTRADE 9 a.m.–4 p.m.
11 9a Sunday School 10a Fellowship 10:30a Worship Fair Trade Teardown 11:45a-Amplify 7:30p SSALT@ Karen Walker's home	12 KidZ Landing Open 7p Boy Scouts	13 7:45 Prayer Breakfast @ Aunt Maggie's 6p Finance Team 7p Council	14 9:15a Hilltop Chapel 9:45a Staff 4:30p-Confirmation 6p Open Table Community Meal 7p Faith in Action	15 7a-Wake Up Call **Newsletter Submission Deadline** 6:30 p Girl Scouts	16 11a Hilltop Thanksgiving Feast	17 8:30a—Group 133 Breakfast
18 9a Sunday School 10a Fellowship 10:30a Worship 11:45a-Rock	19 7p Boy Scouts	20 7:45 Prayer Breakfast @ Aunt Maggie's	21 9:15a Hilltop Chapel 9:45a Staff 7p Community Thanksgiving Service @ Immaculate Conception	22 Happy Thanksgiving **Programs & Offices Closed**	23	24
25 9a Sunday School 10a Fellowship 10:30a Worship 11:45a-Deck the Halls Deck the Halls	26 7p Boy Scouts	27 7:45 Prayer Breakfast @ Aunt Maggie's	28 9:15a WCM Chapel 9:45a Staff 4:30p Confirmation 6:30p Fusion-Amplify	29 7a-Wake Up Call 6:30 p Girl Scouts	30	Dec 1 5p-Columbia Christmas Parade

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