THE COMMUNITY Spirit

NOVEMBER 2019

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

Joy in the Lord, Joy through His Church, Joy out of Gratitude

SUNDAY

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

JOY Sunday

Sunday, November 17th

A Day Celebrating the Best God gives to us by Giving Our Best to God

Joy Sunday is when 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.

So as a part of this great community, won't you be a part of this day? We can each do so by offering our best for the year ahead—financial pledges for our daily ministries in 2020...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, a community glowing brighter and brighter with the Light of Christ—none of this happens without each of us pooling our generous best!

Everyone will receive a letter leading up to Joy Sunday about pledging. Please consider your pledge thoughtfully, prayerfully, and with great **JOY...joy that God would use you to further His work in the world**. If pledging is new to you, just start somewhere... and then grow from there. If you've pledged faithfully, pray about growing your commitment to reflect your gratitude for all God has done in your life! Let your giving reflect your life priorities. Jesus reminds us, "Where your treasure is, there is your heart."

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 Joy Sunday!

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: Farrell Clancy

Family: Daughter Sophie (15)

Occupation: Marketing

Activities/Hobbies: Hiking, Writing, Reading

Member Since: 2011

Favorite Church Activities/Ministries/Involvement: being in a Light Group; doing social media for church; shopping for adopt a family

What brought me to Christ Community: A "non-boring" Sunday School for my daughter :)

What keeps me here/Why do I like to keep coming? Great sermons, active youth group, wonderful people

How have I seen God at work in or through Christ Community? CCLC has helped strengthen my faith through its people trying to live out Jesus' teachings every day, knowing that we'll fail because we're human, but we're going to keep on keepin' on.

DID YOU KNOW…

Farrell administers our Christ Community Facebook page AND Be The Light page. Click the links and like them so you can follow and post your own content. Or feel free to e-mail pics of church activities to Farrell directly. ***Let's Spread the WORD Together!!***

November Birthdays

1 Lyndi Davis
2 Lizzi Davis
Sara Kertz
3 Bob Furkin
5 Brooke Blind
Chris Browne
Alyssa Georger
Nathan Georger
Justin Timmons
7 Jill Albers
Traci Hoberg
8 Perry Buss
12 Sam Donovan
13 Joshua Druley
15 Sarah Boul
17 Kierre Gray
Matt Stapf
18 Andrea Abram
19 Jerry Menees
Todd Velnosky
20 Kay Descher
Rhonda Eugea
21 Karen Schultz
29 Bo Etheridge
30 Nila Albers

Giving Thanks for the Saints...

We gather for All Saints Sunday on November 3rd 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 3rd as we gather and remember *all* the saints of our lives!

Giving Thanks for Giving

On Joy Sunday (November 17th), 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 instead of holding on tightly for ourselves—after all, it's God's to begin with. Pledges for 2020 will be received that day and throughout the month and are the primary source that shapes our ministries for 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 WE will be hosting the annual Community Thanksgiving Worship Service here at Christ Community. Join with other believers on Wednesday evening, November 27th, 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. **As the host church we have the privilege of welcoming the community—look for opportunities to be a part of extending hospitality that evening.** 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.

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.

Outreach opportunities you, too, can help with:

1) **Pill Bottle Collection**—an easy, free way to reach the neediest people throughout the world! In many countries medicine is wrapped in old clothes or paper and are not protected from water, dirt, children, vermin and insects. A plastic pill bottle is a blessing! We can recycle our used pill bottles and serve the needs of people throughout the world. Remove labels, rinse, and dry your empty pill bottles and bring them to CCLC (sponsored by the LED Heads)
2) **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.
3) **Christmas Parade**—The Friday Night Lights Light Group is leading the charge to have Christ Community represented in this year's Columbia Christmas Parade on December 7th, but they can't do it alone! Make plans to take part by riding or walking with your church. All are welcome, young and old.

Mission & Outreach at CCLC

Offering the Heart of Christ with our Hands

Fair Trade Market

Shopping with a purpose!

Saturday, November 16th from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, November 17th 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 congregation is privileged to support a total of **50 individuals** of all ages who need help to have a good Christmas this year!

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

If your life is too crazy to shop, feel free to make a donation and we will shop for you. Help is always welcome for shopping, sorting, and delivering the gifts (early December—TBD)

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 10th at 7:00 pm, Karen Walker's home as we continue to enjoy each other's company and continue our study from the "Gather" Magazine.

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 on Sunday, November 17th at 7:00 p.m. Location is yet to be determined.

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

THE ROCK ignite AMPLIFY go deeper. get louder.

Message from Lynn:

Youth Groups are heading into the busy season; giving thanks for laughter and celebration for all things positive including acceptance of others and giving encouragement when someone needs it! A highlight from last month: **The Rock** Youth had their first outing last month. They traveled to a pumpkin patch and the kids enjoyed their time running, playing, and seeing interesting Halloween decorations. Of course, pumpkin picking at the end was fun!

Youth Group in November

Sunday Fellowship Gatherings

- **3rd-**Amplify Meeting - offsite
- **6th–** The Rock--Monthly Wednesday Gathering
- **10th–** Ignite Meeting – offsite
- **17th-**Amplify– no meeting due to Lake Williamson

PLUS...

November 24th– Ignite/Amplify
Thanksgiving Potluck Feast
Pastor Jared & Jackie Parker's Home
Turkey is provided. Everyone is asked to bring a Thanksgiving side—sign up sheet coming soon.

High School Synod Youth Gathering

When: November 15th-17th, 2019
Where: Lake Williamson Retreat Center
Who: There will be 6 high schoolers venturing out into this 3 days of fun, friends, worship and service.

Quake 2020

Event: January 17th-19th, 2020
Who: All 6th-8th Graders are encouraged to attend
Registration Deadline: November 10th, 2019
Total Registration Cost: $175.00
(includes a $75 non-refundable deposit due on the 10th)

Who: Families of all shapes and sizes are Welcome

When: Sunday, December 8th at 11:45 a.m.

Where: Christ Community

Cost: Nothing but smiles

Why: A time of fellowship with other families as we celebrate this time of anticipation for Christmas

What: Engage in activities, games, and crafts for all ages

Please mark it on your calendars to join the fun and look for a sign up sheet soon

The Top of the Hill Gang is meeting Sunday Nov 3rd for a meal after church and to sort all the socks that have been graciously donated, so they can be distributed.

Socks are the most needed but least donated article of clothing in a homeless shelter. Thanks to all for your generosity.

December 1st we will be meeting at the Waterloo Country Club for our annual Christmas Party.

Watch the Welcome Center for sign up opportunities.

LIFE PASSAGES

NEW MEMBERS

New Brothers & Sisters in Christ

Nick & Tiffany Lundholm
Sons J.T. & Patrick

Joined October 6, 2019

Deck the Halls

Nothing builds holiday spirit better than Christmas decorations and music. On Sunday, December 1st, 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!

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	**$ 149,721**
Actual Year-to-date Offerings	**$ 139,083**

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

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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!

November @ CCLC

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Oct 27 **Reformation Sunday** 9a Sunday School 10a Fellowship 10:30a Worship 11:45a Ignite Youth Group	Oct 28 7a Wake Up Waterloo 2:30-8p Pictorial Directory Photos 7p Boy Scouts	Oct 29 2:30-8p Pictorial Directory Photos 7p Worship Team 7p L.E.D. Heads @ Donovan's	OCT 30 9:15a Hilltop Chapel 9:45a Staff 4:30p Confirmation 4:30p The Rock Youth Group	OCT 31 7a-Wake Up Call **Day of Reformation** 6:30 p Girl Scouts 7p Property Team	NOV 1 7p Friday Night Lights @ Velnosky	2
3 *day light savings* All Saints Day 9a Sunday School 10a Fellowship 10:30a Worship 11:45a Fireside Chat 11:45a Top of the Hill 11:45a Amplify Youth Group	4 7a Wake Up Waterloo 7p Boy Scouts	5	6 9:15a Hilltop Chapel 9:45a Staff 4:30p Confirmation 4:30p The Rock Youth Group	7 7a-Wake Up Call 10a CCC Worship 6:30 p Girl Scouts 7p Property Team	8	9
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17 9a Sunday School 10a Fellowship 10:30a Worship 11:45a Fair Trade Teardown 7p Group 133, Location TBA	18 7a Wake Up Waterloo 7p Boy Scouts	19 4p Hilltop Board	20 9:45a Staff 4:30p Confirmation	21 7a-Wake Up Call 6:30 p Girl Scouts	22 11a Hilltop Thanksgiving Feast	23
24 9a Sunday School 10a Fellowship 10:30a Worship 5p-**Ignite/Amplify Youth Thanksgiving Feast At the Parker's**	25 7a Wake Up Waterloo 7p Boy Scouts	26	27 9:45a Staff 7p Community Thanksgiving Service @ CCLC	28 Happy Thanksgiving **Programs & Offices Closed**	29	30

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