THE COMMUNITY Spirit

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

OCTOBER 2019

God's Work

By the Numbers

10,125 meals

1000 pounds of rice

280 Helping Hands

$250 Thrivent donation

140 Serving Souls

80 ball caps

60 hairnets

10 unflappable bag sealers

4 Contagious Conga Lines

1 Awesome God

Our Hands

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 who make up our community. Enjoy this month's edition.

Member: Russ Miers

Family: Wife Jaime, sons Maddux (14) & Jameson (12), bonus daughter Cristina (11)

Occupation: IT Project Manager

Activities/Hobbies: Cooking, music, CrossFit, the brewing arts

Member Since: 2014

Favorite Church Activities/Ministries/Involvement: Group 133, God's Work Our Hands, Church Council, Sunday worship; Be the Light

What brought me to Christ Community: Worship; specifically, the sermons and music

What keeps me here/Why do I like to keep going? Worship and fellowship -- what a great group of people make up our congregation!

How have I seen God at work in or through Christ Community? In all ways possible, but most of all through our work in service of others -- Servants' Garden, Youth Mission trips, God's Work Our Hands, and too many others to name.

October Birthdays

1 Brody Blind
Laura Bockwoldt
Larry Pelker
Carlee Reichert

4 Deborah Lawson
Amy Velnosky

6 Sylvia Ebersohl
Ken Powell-Holzrichter

10 Eva Descher

13 Mike Hoberg
Ben Sternau

15 Hazel Rau

19 Lori Buss

23 Lynn Dunbar
Luke Reichert
Sylvie Reichert

24 Ed Lekowsky

26 Sophie Clancy
Sienna Haubein
Fredda Holt
Penny Madlinger
Gabby Denny

29 Scottie Bryant

JOIN A LIGHT GROUP

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

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

L.E.D. Heads
1st Tuesdays, Columbia
Leaders: Lisa Donovan, Jason Reichert

Friday Night Lights
1st Fridays, Columbia
Leader: Jaime Miers

T.G.I.F.
2nd Fridays, Columbia
Leader: Penny Madlinger

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

>>> SIGN UP HERE <<<

Light Group News

Our light groups were up to all sorts of great things in the past month…

- Filling shopping carts for food pantries
- Writing messages of faith & love & joy in the park
- Inviting all for a fellowship time at Reifschneiders
- Book Studies & Bible Studies
- Feeding the hungry at Cosgrove Soup Kitchen

Don't forget to check on the "Be the Light Mural & Message Center" in the fellowship area so you can learn about future Light Group events to join in on, or click the red button above to join a group.

Roll Up Your Sleeves for Church Work Day

It's YOUR Church, It's MY Church, It's GOD'S Church, It's ALL OUR Church

CHURCH FALL WORK DAY 2019

It's not someone else's job. It's OUR job. Come help God's House look its best at our Church Fall Cleaning Day, Saturday, October 26th from 8:00 a.m. to Noon. All ages and abilities are needed. There is more than enough work for **everyone**. Please join your CCLC family and sign up at the Welcome Center.

Fair Trade Market
COMING NOV 16/17th

Once again, Christ Community will host a market of fair trade goods, and like last year it's coming later and closer to the holidays!!

More details will come out soon, but for now, set those November dates aside and consider volunteering. This event doesn't just happen. Help will be needed from the whole church! Look soon for how you might help make this day a success! A sign up for volunteer opportunities will be coming soon.

The KCP ladies who meet weekly to create prayer shawls have been able to produce and deliver SEVEN prayer shawls to date. It is a blessing to those making the shawls as well as those receiving. Please join this fun and meaningful ministry. They normally meet Thursdays at 1 p.m. at church, but contact Penny Madlinger to make sure as the schedule varies sometimes.

ServantsGarden
a ministry of Christ Community

The Servants Garden is almost done with another wonderful season. The tomato and cucumber vines and cages have been removed. The only vegetables left in the garden are peppers, cabbage, turnips and a fall planting of cucumbers.

The highlight this year was the harvest of 800+ melons. We had several varieties of water melons, cantaloupe, and honeydew. Our produce was delivered to The Feed My People Food Pantry, The Patch Food Pantry, and The Hope Church Food Pantry. Regular Servants Garden volunteers are Beverly Wolff, Cail and Bob Furkin, Susan Bockwaldt, and Bob Bauer. We are already making plans for next year.

A Look Ahead
at the Top of the Hill

October 6th—4:30 p.m. DeBonis underground house

November 3rd—Pot Luck lunch at church, sock sorting.

December 1st—Christmas Party. We will be at the Waterloo Country Club for the 3rd year in a row. Same type of program, buffet and gift games.

Watch the Welcome Center or church website for details.

One of the most requested items from the needy is socks. TOTH is sponsoring a church wide effort to 'sock it to' the needy. Please join us in donating new socks of all sizes and colors. We will be collecting at church the month of October to distribute in early November. Questions, please see Bob Bauer.

S S A L T

Sisters Sharing and Learning Together

Please join SSALT's Facebook page to be informed of events, meetings, and an upcoming retreat opportunity. Please email Jill Albers at dufreene7@yahoo.com to join the Facebook group or to get updates by email.

Oct 11-12—WELCA Convention—Lake Williamson, not to late to register. Overnight cost including meals $80. See Penny Madlinger or Mike Schmidt for details.

Oct 13—7pm at Karen Walker home, in addition to our regular meeting activities we will begin a 3 part study. It will be about 15-20 minutes of our meeting.

March 21, 2020
Annual Trivia/Silent Auction
(benefitting our summer mission trip)

July 19 - 23, 2020
VBS 2020

August 6 & 7, 2020
2020 Leadership Summit

Children, Youth, & Family Ministry

Raising Young People to Know God and be Transformed by Christ

Message from Lynn:

The youth groups have had their 1st meetings. The **Amplify** youth helped with Rally Day scooping and serving ice cream and toppings to the congregation. The **Ignite** youth gathered after assembling meals at God's Work Our Hands and learned how to practice Peace. And the **Rock** kicked off with a carnival! It was a great start to our year, and we pray for God to continue His work in and through us...keeping us energized and positive!

Youth Group in October

Sunday Fellowship Gatherings

- 2nd—The Rock - Monthly Wednesday Gathering,
- 6th—Amplify - Onsite
- 13th—Ignite - Onsite
- 16th—The Rock Pumpkin Picking (Fenton)
- 20th—Amplify - Progressive Halloween dinner
- 25th— ALL - Trunk r' Treat
  Ignite/Amplify - Haunted Trail
  Amplify - Lock-In!!!!
- 27th—Ignite - Pumpkin Picking (Fenton)

High School Synod Youth Gathering

When: November 15-17, 2020
Where: Lake Williamson Retreat Center
Who: All high schoolers
What: An amazing 3 days packed with fun, friends, small groups, worship, and service.
Cost: $165.00 Total
Registration Deadline: October 20th
Download Registration Form

QUAKE 2020

Save the Dates

Event—January 17-19, 2020
Registration Deadline—November 10th
Registration Cost—$175 *(including $75 Deposit)*
WHO? All 6th—8th Graders
Download Registration Form

WHO: ALL ARE WELCOME!

WHEN: Friday, October 25 at 6:30

WHERE: Christ Community

COST: One canned food item

WHY: It's a safe and fun alternative where our children can remember to *"Shine with the Light of Jesus!"*

HOW: Park your car in the church parking lot where children will go from car to car "Trunk-r-Treating!" Plan to have enough treats for 80-100 children. Trunk decorating is not required but a whole lot of fun! There will also be crafts, games, goodies, and a bonfire!

Please join us for the fun!

Haunted Trail / Lock-In

All youth, 6th Grade & Older that help with Trunk 'r Treat are eligible to attend a trip to the Haunted Trail in Waterloo afterwards.
Cost is $20, Students will return by midnight
Parent Drivers NEEDED

PLUS

ALL Amplify Youth who help with Trunk 'r Treat and attend the Haunted Trail are ALSO eligible to attend a high schoolers ONLY Lock-In at church that night.
Cost is FREE
Needed:
Pick-up: 8 a.m.

Remembering the Saints

All Saints Sunday is November 3rd this year. This is traditionally a day we take time to remember all those who have gone on before us to their eternal reward. 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.

If you have a family member or friend who has died since last All Saints Sunday who you would like remembered, please contact the church office (281-4646 X100 or office@christclc.org).

When you do, please provide us with your name, your deceased loved one's name, and the date on which they died. Then join us for worship on November 4th as we remember the saints who helped make us who we are today and who continue to make God's Church in heaven and on earth.

LIFE PASSAGES

Baptisms

Brought into the Family of God
Hudson Richard Stapf
Son of Matt and Amanda Stapf
September 29, 2019

Birth

Glory to God for New Life
Emmie Marie Sternau
Daughter of Tim & Allie Sternau
Born, August 18, 2019

Finances At a Glance

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 YTD Offering*
$ 130,526

Actual YTD Offerings*
$ 123,345

Net Difference
($ 7,181)

Amounts as of the end of August

Pictorial Directory

Hopefully you've already signed up to get your smiling face in our new photo directory of the church. Now all you have to do is comb that hair, brush those pearly whites, and show up for your time slot. A reminder call will come your way, but feel free to call the church office to confirm your time. Remember there's no cost to participate and each household will receive a free directory and one 8X10 of your choice!

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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 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

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!

October @ CCLC

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
SEP 29 9a-Sunday School 10a-Fellowship 10:30a-Worship 11:45a-Mission Trip Meeting 12:15p-Amplify	SEP 30 7a-Wake up Waterloo 7p-Boy Scouts	OCT 1 7p-Worship Team	2 9:15a-Hilltop Chapel 9:45a—Staff 4:30p-The Rock	3 7a-Wake Up Call 10 a-Nursing Home Worship 7p-Property Team	4	5
6 9a-Sunday School 10a-Fellowship 10:30a-Worship 11:45a-Fireside Chat 11:45a-Amplify 4:30p-Top of the Hill	7 7a-Wake up Waterloo 7p-Boy Scouts	8 6p-Finance Team 7p-Church Council	9 9:15a-Hilltop Chapel 9:45a—Staff	10 7a-Wake Up Call 6:30p-Girl Scouts	11 Women's Conference 3p Fri/ 4p Sat Lake Williamson Center	12
13 9a-Sunday School 10a-Fellowship 10:30a-Worship 11:45a-Ignite	14 Columbus Day 7p-Boy Scouts	15	16 9:15a-Hilltop Chapel 9:45a—Staff 4:30p-The Rock Pumpkin Picking 4:30p-Confirmation 6p-Mentor Mixer	17 7a-Wake Up Call	18	19 8:30a-Group 133 Breakfast @ CCLC
20 9a-Sunday School 10a-Fellowship 10:30a-Worship 11:45a-Amplify	21 *7a-Wake Up Waterloo* 7p-Boy Scouts	22	23 9:15a-Hilltop Chapel 9:45a—Staff	24 7a-Wake Up Call 6:30p-Girl Scouts	25 6:30 p.m. Trunk or Treat Haunted Trail Lock-In	26 8-12a-Fall Cleaning Day Roll Up Your Sleeves for Church Work Day
27 **Reformation Sunday** 9a-Sunday School 10a-Fellowship 10:30a-Worship 11:45a-Ignite	28 *7a-Wake Up Waterloo* Picture Taking for Directory 2:00 pm to 8:30 pm	29	30 9:15a-Hilltop Chapel 9:45a-Staff	31 7a-Wake Up Call 9:45a-Hilltop Halloween Parade	November 1	November 2

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