



THE
COMMUNITY

Spirit

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

OCTOBER 2018

God's Work



By the Numbers

5,508 meals

500 pounds of rice

280 Helping Hands

\$250 Thrivent donation

140 Serving Souls

100 ball caps

12 hairnets

5 unflappable bag sealers

3 Contagious Conga Lines

1 Awesome God



Our Hands

FROM THE PASTOR

Pastor Jared Parker

Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ,

I find that one of the secrets of living life as God intended is what I'm gonna call 360° vision. This isn't original, but for me it means **looking back** with no regrets...only lessons to learn from, **looking around** for countless blessings, and **looking ahead** with expectation of what God longs to do in my life.

Do I do this well? Not nearly often enough. But right now, I am looking back on the last month and around us now as a church, and I can't help but see so many amazing blessings. **Just a glance at the cover of this month's newsletter brings to mind a whole host of them.** What an amazing spirit was present as we gathered together for God's Work | Our Hands Sunday, clad in our blue shirts, ball caps & hair nets, and energetically

embarked on the task of serving with joyful hearts. I only remember looks of concentration as people sought to give their best as well as boundless smiles as we saw the meals multiply in record time. We truly fed the 5000 (five thousand, five hundred, & eight to be exact), and we did so together in our Lord's name.

So now as we look ahead, I pray that this same spirit captures our imagination for all that is to come. We do not gather and huddle unto ourselves each Sunday. We gather so that we would give thanks to God for the blessings that surround, worship him in fullness and truth, and then be filled to go out and feed a hungry world. **That is the spirit and hope and prayer I have for this community.** Let us look ahead with expectation for all that God longs to do through us in this wonderful place called Christ Community. Check out ways that you can share in that spirit—serving, learning, worshiping, and loving in Christ's name.

Loving You People of God

Pastor Jared

Keeping it REAL, SAFE, & FAITH-FILLED

Our church council sought to take some proactive steps this year in regards to basic safety and security. A task force was created in April to study and provide recommendations to help with any vulnerabilities they discovered in both our time together on Sunday mornings as well as our children and teachers here throughout the week with Hilltop Kids Ministries. The team was made up of Bob Bauer, Jenese Birk-Huebner, Ryan Bandy, Brian Donovan, and led by co-chairs Jerry & Margaret DeBonis. The task force came back with recommendations to the council in August at which time the majority of the items were approved...things like window coating, plexiglass, limiting access points.

More improvements are still to come as time and finances allow. The council extends its gratitude to the task force and invites you to do the same for their faithful and diligent work. As people of faith we know that we are all part of the same broken world where troubles can and will befall us. We are called to be both wise and innocent. We are reminded over and over not to fear because God is with us. We desire to be a church not overcome by fear, while seeking to be prepared and trusting in God's amazing provision & plans for us.



Let
Us
Pray

Remember these options to request prayer and pray together as a community!

- **Prayer Box**—look for it at the Welcome Center, fill out the prayer card, and your prayer will be passed along and prayed over.
- **Electronic Prayers**—Find a link on the weekly church e-newsletter, E-Spirit, or the website. Click the link, fill out the requested information, and your request will get passed along and most importantly prayed over. Prayer petitions will be listed in the E-Spirit if requested. Look there so you can pray for your fellow brothers & sisters in Christ and the concerns of the larger church.
- **Prayer Station**—For those wanting prayer face to face, you are invited to come forward during worship at the time of Holy Communion. At that time a lay leader near the baptistery and one near the fireplace area will be there to receive you, listen to your request(s), and pray with you.

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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.

Mission & Outreach at CCLC

Offering the Heart of Christ with our Hands

Feeding the Heart and the Body...

October 4th—Sandwich mission. Join us for an fun, active way to serve those who hunger. We assemble sandwiches and sack lunches for the hungry of Cosgrove Soup Kitchen. The work begins at 6 p.m. and wraps up in an hour. All ages and abilities welcome!

October 29th—A brand new opportunity! We need a group of folks to help serve a community meal at Martha's Kitchen, in St. Paul UCC Church of Waterloo. What is Martha's Kitchen? Jesus often shared meals during his ministry. One particular meal was at the home of Martha and Mary. While Martha was busy with the meal preparations, Mary was reveling in the teachings of Jesus. Both parts have value and this meal seeks to bring together both.

This weekly meal is attended by 50 or more who come for a variety of reasons, including fellowship and limited funds. Our job as volunteers will be to provide a meal, set up, serve, engage with the guests, then clean up afterward. All of this will be done with the help of experienced UCC folks. Set up is at 5 pm, the meal service starts at 6, and everything wraps up around 7:30. Please consider helping with this mission...it can include your entire family! Signups will be on the Mission & Outreach bulletin board.

The Fair Trade Market is COMING — Nov 10-11th!

Once again, Christ Community will host a market of fair trade goods but this year it's coming later...closer to the holidays...and there is a special new feature this year!!

More details will come out soon, but for now, set those November dates aside and consider volunteering. Plus check out this new addition...

NEW THIS YEAR for FAIR TRADE — we are inviting churches in the community to share an offering of musical talent so that we can have a festival of music and choirs happening during the Market on the 10th. We hope for this to be a wonderful expression of cooperation and offering praises to God through song. Please plan to join this festive day, do some Christmas shopping, and enjoy some great, spirit-filled music!

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.

REMEMBERING THE SAINTS

All Saints Sunday is November 4th 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).

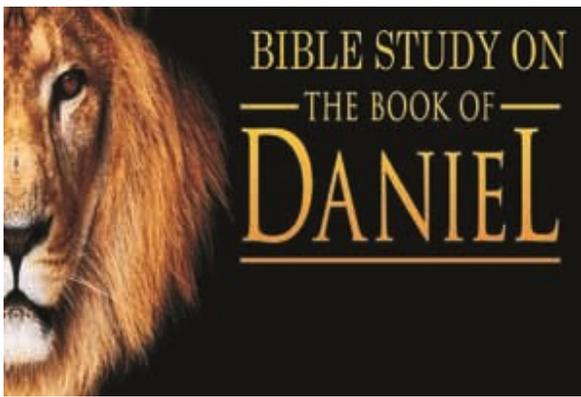
When you do, please provide us with your name, your deceased loved one's name, and the date on which they died. Then join us for worship on November 4th as we remember the saints who helped make us who we are today and who continue to make God's Church in heaven and on earth.



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

CHURCH FALL WORK DAY 2018

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 27th 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.



Join us for a 4-week, in-home, small group, Bible study this fall! We will be digging into the Old Testament book of Daniel—it's more than a den of lions. Come and see! The study will be offered at 2 locations: Thursdays in Columbia or Tuesdays in Waterloo, from 7-8 p.m., beginning the week of October 16th. Sign up at the Welcome Center or by clicking here.



A Look Ahead at the Top of the Hill

October 7th—Join us at 5:30pm at the Sunset Overlook in Columbia for drinks & munchies. Individual checks.

November 4th—Evening bonfire at the DeBonis farm.

December 2nd—Christmas Party. We will be at the Waterloo Country Club for the 2nd year in a row. Same type of program, buffet and gift games.

Watch the Welcome Center or [church website](#) for details.



Wednesday, October 17th, 6-7 p.m. join friends and neighbors for an evening meal. 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. Free will donations to cover the cost will be greatly appreciated and allow the event to be sustained.

FAITH IN ACTION NIGHT

OCTOBER 17TH

What does the Lord require of us?
**“DO JUSTICE, LOVE MERCY, and
 WALK HUMBLY with GOD.”**

Faith in Action is your place to be a part of what God requires of us! Every month, on the 3rd Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. the ministry teams meet to listen to God and each other in order to create real change in our church, our community, and God's world!

All are welcome!! Remember there's a place for kids at FIA, too!

SSALT

Sisters Sharing and Learning Together

“You are the salt of the earth.”

- Matthew 5:13

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 6th**—Sister Friends at Bethany UMC
- Oct 14**—Monthly Meeting
- Oct 19-20**—WELCA retreat

Women's Retreat

This year's fall women's retreat will be in Champaign, IL as we join with the Women of the ELCA. This is taking place on Friday & Saturday Oct. 19-20, 2018. The cost is \$20 for both days. Hotel arrangements are available. Registrations must be postmarked by Oct. 10, 2018 and accompanied by full payment. Contact [Mike Schmidt](#) for additional details.



March 2, 2019

Annual Trivia/Silent Auction

(benefitting our summer mission/ministry trips)

July 28 - August 1, 2019

VBS 2019

August 8-9, 2019

2019 Leadership Summit

Children, Youth, & Family Ministry

Raising Young People to Know God and be Transformed by Christ

Youth Group in October

Sunday Fellowship Gatherings

- Ignite (6th-8th grade) - October 7
- Amplify (9th-12th grade) - October 14
- Rock (3rd-5th grade) - October 21
- Rooted (family ministry) - Friday, October 26 (Trunk 'r Treat)

Wednesday Night Fusion

- October 10
 - Confirmation 4:30 - 6:00 pm:
 - ✦ 10 Commandments: Rules to live & die by
 - High School Fusion 6:30 - 8:00 pm
 - ✦ Pursuit of Prayer
- October 17
 - 5th & 6th Grade Fusion 4:30 - 6:00pm
 - ✦ Prayer
- October 24
 - Confirmation 4:30 - 6:00 pm:
 - ✦ 10 Commandments: Rules to live & die by
 - High School Fusion 6:30 - 8:00 pm
 - ✦ Power of Prayer

High School Synod Youth Gathering

When: November 9-11, 2018

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 7

Download [Registration Form](#)

QUAKE 2019

Save the Dates

Event—February 15-17, 2019

Registration Deadline—December 9th

Registration Cost—\$175 (including \$75 Deposit)

WHO? All 6th—8th Graders

Download [Registration Form](#)



WHO: ALL ARE WELCOME!

WHEN: Friday, October 26 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!



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.

LIFE PASSAGES

WEDDING

Bound through Love in Christ

Darla Sewell

&

Brandon Costillo

Married—September 8, 2018

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*	\$ 140,230
Actual YTD Offerings*	\$ 132,159
Net Difference	(\$ 8,071)
<i>Amounts as of the end of August</i>	



Penny Drive

Do you have pennies just lying around in your car or stuck in the couch between the cushions? If so the youth are having a penny drive starting in October to help them raise money for future events and supplies. Now this is not your ordinary penny drive, this is a contest between the three youth groups—Amplify, Ignite and Rock.

Here is how it works: Each penny is worth one point, anything else is negative points. So a quarter would be -25 points. Example: 25 pennies + 1 quarter = 0 points. The winning team will be the one with the most positive points or the least negative points.

- ♥ **3rd place team** => ice cream social.
- ♥ **2nd place team** => will receive a pizza party.
- ♥ **1st place team** => homemade dinner prepared by Ryan

Help your favorite group out—bring in your jars of pennies or sabotage another team with all your silver—no matter what, the winners are the youth!

- ## October Birthdays
- 1 Brody Blind
Laura Bockwoldt
Larry Pelker
Johann Reynolds
William Reynolds
 - 4 Deborah Lawson
Amy Velnosky
 - 6 Sylvia Ebersohl
Robb Holzrichter
 - 10 Eva Descher
 - 13 Benjamin Sternau
 - 14 Amanda Bandy
 - 15 Hazel Rau
 - 19 Lori Buss
 - 23 Luke Reichert
Sylvie Reichert
 - 24 Jared Kertz
Ed Lekowsky
 - 25 Doug Koch
 - 25 Darrel Wolff
 - 26 Sophie Clancy
Sienna Haubein
Fredda Holt
Penny Madlinger
Camilla Zimmerman
 - 27 Corey Browne
Gabrielle Denny
 - 29 Scottie Bryant

Grow in God's Word for Your Life Every Week



Dig into God's Word each week

Week of October 7th—time after Pentecost

Genesis 2:18-24; Psalm 8; Hebrews 2:5-12; Mark 10:2-16; Job 1:1, 2:1-10

Week of October 14th—time after Pentecost

Amos 5:6-7, 10-15; Psalm 90:12-17; Hebrews 4:12-16; Mark 10:17-31

Week of October 21st—time after Pentecost

Isaiah 53:4-12; Psalm 91:9-16; Hebrews 5:1-10; Mark 10:35-45

Week of October 28th—Reformation Sunday

Jeremiah 31:31-34; Psalm 46; Romans 3:19-28; John 8:31-36

Use these scriptures as a 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

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10 a.m.—Fellowship Time

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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.

October @ CCLC

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
SEP 30 9a-Sunday School 10a-Fellowship 10:30a-Worship	OCT 1 7p-Boy Scouts	2 7:45a-Prayer Brkfst (Aunt Maggie's) 7p-Worship Team	3 9:15a-Hilltop Chapel 9:45a-Staff 6p-Hilltop Board Mtg	4 7a-Wake Up Call  10 a-Nursing Home Worship 6p-Sandwich Mission 6:30p-Girl Scouts	5	6 SSALT with Sister Friends of Bethany UMC
7 9a-Sunday School 10a-Fellowship 10:30a-Worship 11:45a-Fireside Chat 11:45a-Ignite	8 KidZ Landing all day 7p-Boy Scouts	9 7:45a-Prayer Brkfst (Aunt Maggie's) 6p-Finance Team 7p-Church Council	10 9:15a-Hilltop Chapel 9:45a-Staff 4:30p-Confirmation 6:30p-Fusion-Amplify	11 7a-Wake Up Call 	12	13
14 9a-Sunday School 10a-Fellowship 10:30a-Worship 11:45a-Amplify 7:30p-SSALT	15 Newsletter Submission Deadline 7p-Boy Scouts	16 7:45a-Prayer Brkfst (Aunt Maggie's)	17 9:15a-Hilltop Chapel 9:45a-Staff 4:30p-Fusion 5th/6th Grade Youth 6:00p-  7:00p-Faith In Action	18 7a-Wake Up Call  6p-Hilltop Open House 6:30p-Girl Scouts	19 <div style="background-color: #4a86e8; color: white; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> Women's Retreat 2p Fri/ 3p Sat Champaign, IL </div>	20 8:30a-Group 133 Breakfast @ CCLC
21 9a-Sunday School 10a-Fellowship 10:30a-Worship 11:45a-The Rock	22 7p-Boy Scouts	23 7:45a-Prayer Brkfst (Aunt Maggie's)	24 9:15a-Hilltop Chapel 9:45a-Staff 4:30p-Confirmation 6:00p-Mentor Mixer 6:30p-Fusion-Amplify	25 7a-Wake Up Call 	26 6:30 p.m. 	27 8-12a-Fall Cleaning Day 
28 Reformation Sunday 9a-Sunday School 10a-Fellowship 10:30a-Worship	29 7p-Boy Scouts	30 7:45a-Prayer Brkfst (Aunt Maggie's)	31Day of Reformation 9:15a-Hilltop Chapel 9:45a-Hilltop Halloween Parade 10a-Staff	November 1 7a-Wake Up Call  10a-Nursing Home Worship	November 2	November 3

AT CHRIST COMMUNITY WE VALUE...

CHRISTLIKE INCLUSIVITY

MOVING CLOSER TO CHRIST

AGENEROUS STEWARDSHIP

EMBRACING WORSHIP

Our Mission



Be doers of
the word, &
not hearers
only.

James 1:22

Living the Word

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