



THE
COMMUNITY

OCTOBER 2017

Spirit

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

500 Reformation

Five Hundred Years 1517-2017

On October 31, 1517 an act of protest by a young priest named Martin Luther sparked what would become the Protestant Reformation. 500 years later, this heritage is a treasure that we must learn from, celebrate, and continue to grow into. With such a milestone before us in the month of October it is good and right that we take some time to honor and commemorate the occasion. Consider participating in some or all of the following offerings happening in October to claim or reclaim your part in this special anniversary.

Learn

Celebrate

grow

Explore the history as well as the modern day impact of the Reformation during Adult Ed class this October. Using portions from a PBS broadcast hosted by Rick Steves as a springboard, we'll go in depth into the root causes and numerous outcomes of the Protestant Reformation that affect us, even today, 500 years later. Join in each Sunday morning from 9:15—10:00 a.m. throughout October.

Trumpets will resound as we celebrate Reformation Sunday along with Protestant congregations all over the world, Sunday, October 29th during our regular 10:30 a.m. worship service. Pastor Jared will deliver the sermon, bring our 500 year heritage into the present, and challenge us to live out our reforming roots into the future.

The reformation tore the church of the 16th Century asunder, dividing the Christian church. But much has happened in that time to bridge this divide and become what Jesus prayed fervently for—that we would be one as a church. As a show of this longed for unity, we are gathering with both Lutherans and Catholics to mark this occasion. Join in on Sunday evening, October 29th at the St. Louis Cathedral Basilica at 7 p.m. A bishop from both the ELCA and the Roman Catholic Church will preside over this ecumenical service of prayer.



Renee Duggan, 1/25/64—9/10/17

Just this past May the Holy Spirit nudged me through some holy people in the church to take a moment and acknowledge the dedication of the longest serving person on staff here at Christ Community, known to most as Ms. Renee. I am deeply grateful for that nudge. Especially in light of where we find ourselves now, just four months later, having lost her far too suddenly and far too soon.

Ms. Renee served the youngest of our church for 15 straight years. Rarely did she miss a Sunday, joining us week in and week out to simply love, comfort, and cuddle the most precious part of our church's todays and tomorrows. Her work and efforts were always selfless and didn't come with an expectation of acknowledgement. Just quiet servanthood. We miss you Renee, but we also trust in the same promises that kept you in life. The promise of our loving Savior and your place with him now and for eternity. God bless and keep you, Ms. Renee. Until we meet again on the other side of heaven.

Pastor Jared

Necessary Endings | New Beginnings Now Hiring

Director of Worship & Music

Worship is literally the heart of what we do as a church and as individual Christ-followers—it is the centerpiece of our life together in community. With the departure of Mike Rogier this summer, it is critical that we continue to move forward and seek a new worship director to help us give our best in worship every week—someone who will help us keep up with the demands of our growing congregation, continue to infuse excellence into our worship through focused time & professional attention, and continue to bring more diverse offerings to our worship like choirs, instrumentalists, & other special music!

A new search has been underway for several weeks, but perhaps you can help. If you know of someone who has remarkable musical abilities, 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. Additionally, please keep this process in your prayers—pray for the individual God is leading towards us and all that their time and talents will add in our midst.

Nursery Attendant

If worship is the heart of what we do, our children are at the heart of who we are.

Ms. Renee is of course deeply missed and was truly one of a kind. But given our commitment to the future of our church, we must move forward to find a consistent and loving presence to fill this important post. As a church with only one worship, we must seek someone from outside the church to be that weekly, consistent caregiver that our young ones and their parents can become comfortable with. If you know ANYONE who you think might be a good fit for this Sunday morning commitment please have them contact [Pastor Jared](#) as soon as possible.

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These are people of the church just like you. People who have 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 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 as you're able. Also be looking for periodic "Fireside Chats with Council". It's an informal chance to visit with a couple members of council and occurs every month or so. Look for the next one coming soon.

Mission & Outreach at CCLC

Offering the Heart of Christ with our Hands

Fair Trade Market

Shopping with a purpose!

Saturday, October 7th from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Craft items from countries and cultures all over the world.

Craft activities for children as well as baked goods for sale!

Shop to help yourself, your church, and global poverty all at the same time, so invite one and all—it's open to the whole community!!

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.

YOU CAN HELP...HERE'S HOW...

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



The 2017 Servants Garden has harvested and delivered 17,280 LBS of produce to food pantries as of Sept 18th. We will break the 20,000 pound mark before the end of the season. Over the four years of operation, The Servants Garden has produced over 68,000 LBS of produce. All this has been done on less than one acre of land.

REMEMBERING THE SAINTS

All Saints Sunday is November 5th 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 passed away 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 5th 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 2017

It's not someone else's job. It's ALL our job. Come help God's House look its best at our Church Fall Cleaning Day, Saturday, October 14th 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.



Wednesday, October 18th, 6-7 p.m. join your 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 18TH

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!



A Look Ahead

October 1st—Halloween Party at the Bauer’s.

November 5th—Enjoy Fall outdoors at the church. We will build a fire outdoors, roast hot dogs, make s’mores, sing songs and just have some “good ole fun”.

December 3rd—Christmas Party. Our location is changing this year. We will be at the Waterloo Country Club. Same type of program, buffet and gift games.

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

SSALT

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

Women’s Retreat

This year’s fall women’s retreat will be at Lake Williamson resort as we join with the Women of the ELCA’s Biennial Convention. This is taking place on Friday & Saturday Oct. 20-21, 2017. Registrations must be postmarked by Oct. 2, 2017 and accompanied by full payment. Contact [Mike Schmidt](#) for additional details, .



You Deserve
**a Lutheran Marriage
 Encounter Weekend!**
November 3 - 5, 2017
 Sojourn Retreat Center
 Dittmer, MO
 Apply now
 at [GodLovesMarriage.org!](http://GodLovesMarriage.org)

Questions? Contact Tom & Kathy Von Behren
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Weekends fill fast - don't miss out!



January 13th

Annual Trivia/Silent Auction

(benefitting our youth attending the ELCA National Youth Gathering in Houston, Summer '18)

July 29-Aug 2

VBS 2018

August 9-10

2018 Leadership Summit

Children, Youth, & Family Ministry

Raising Young People to Know God and be Transformed by Christ



Ignite



Youth Group in October

October 1st Rocklify, 12-2 p.m.

3rd-5th Graders gather with Melissa and the high school youth following worship for their monthly gathering of fun, food, & faith. Bring a friend along and enjoy!

Ignite, 6-7:30 p.m.

6th-8th Graders gather with Melissa and other adult leaders for their twice a month gathering at church.

October 15th Amplify, 12-2 p.m.

9th-12th Graders come together to build bonds and relationships with each other and God. Bring \$5 for lunch.

Ignite, 6-7:30 p.m.

6th-8th Graders gather with Melissa and other adult leaders for their twice a month gathering at church.

October 20th Ignite Lock in!

6:30 pm-8:00 am at Good Shepherd, Manchester and Christ, Webster Groves



October 28th Trunk or Treat followed by a trip to the Waterloo Sportsman's Club **Haunted Trail** for all Ignite & Amplify youth

Please join us as
Christ Community hosts its
11th annual



Who: ALL in the community are welcome!

When: Friday, October 24 at 6:30

Where: Christ Community

Admission: One canned food good for local food shelters.

Why: It's a safe and fun alternative where our children can

"Shine with the Light of Jesus!"

How: Park your car in the church parking lot where children will go from car to car "Trunk-or-Treating!" (You can give your trunk a costume if you'd like!) Plan to have enough treats for 80-100 children.

There will also be crafts, games, goodies, and a bonfire!

Please join us for the fun!

NEW this year for High School ONLY

In addition to our Sunday gatherings, Amplify youth will be digging into deeper relationships and deeper conversation with one another with a variety of weekly meetings studying the Bible, books, & videos.

Nothing says NEW like NOOMA which will be the first series we dive into using Nooma Videos by Rob Bell. These videos have awesome messages that lead to great discussions.

The study will take place at 4 pm on Wednesdays October 11th, 18th, 25th, and November 1st and 8th.

We will meet at Melissa's house, so be ready for some fun, great discussions, and snacks!



NOOMA®

October Birthdays

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| 1 Brody Blind | 10 Eva Descher | 25 Darrel Wolff |
| Laura Bockwoldt | 13 Benjamin Sternau | 26 Sophie Clancy |
| Gabriel DeFabio | 14 Amanda Bandy | Len DeFabio |
| Larry Pelker | 15 Hazel Rau | Sienna Haubein |
| Carlee Reichert | 19 Lori Buss | Fredda Holt |
| Johann Reynolds | 22 Jason Stapleton | Penny Madlinger |
| William Reynolds | 23 Luke Reichert | Camilla Zimmerman |
| 4 Deborah Lawson | Sylvie Reichert | 27 Corey Browne |
| Amy Velnosky | 24 Jared Kertz | Gabrielle Denny |
| 6 Sylvia Ebersohl | Emily Ubbelohde | Darlene Goudey |
| Robb Holzrichter | 25 Doug Koch | 29 Scottie Bryant |

LIFE PASSAGES

NEW MEMBERS

New Brothers & Sisters in Christ
 Martha Kosten
 Robb & Ken Powell-Holzrichter,
 Madi Powell & Lillian Holzrichter
 Joined—September 24, 2017

BIRTH

Glory to God for New Life
 Brooke Elizabeth Timmons
 Daughter of Justin & Erica Timmons
 Born, September 19, 2017

WEDDING

Bound through Love in Christ
 Doug Koch & Robin Brown
 Married—September 23, 2017

FUNERAL

We grieve with hope in Christ
 Renee Duggan
 Died—September 10, 2017
 Memorial Planned for
 October 14, 2017

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*
 \$ 129,669
Actual YTD Offerings*
 \$ 124,893
Net Difference
 (\$ 4,776)

YTD Total Income**
 \$ 543,829
YTD Total Expenses**
 \$ 554,050
Net Difference*
 (\$ 10,221)

Amounts as of the end of August

* - Member Giving Only

** - Income and Expenses for all operations including Weekday Children's Ministries

Grow in God's Word for Your Life Every Week



Dig into God's Word each week

Week of October 1st—17th Sunday after Pentecost
 Ezekiel 18:1-4,25-32; Psalm 25:1-9; Philippians 2:1-13; Mathew 21:23-32

Week of October 8th—18th Sunday after Pentecost
 Isaiah 5:1-7; Psalm 80:7-15; Philippians 3:4b-14; Matthew 21:33-46

Week of October 15th—19th Sunday after Pentecost
 Isaiah 25:1-9; Psalm 23; Philippians 4:1-9; Matthew 22:1-14

Week of October 22nd—20th Sunday after Pentecost
 Isaiah 45:1-7; Psalm 96:1-13; 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10; Matthew 22:15-22

Week of October 29th—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

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.

October @ CCLC

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9a-Sunday School 10a-Fellowship 10:30a-Worship 11:45a-Fireside Chat 11:45a-Rockliffy 4p-Top of the Hill @ Bauer's 6p-Ignite	2 Mary Room Construction Start Date 7p-Boy Scouts	3 7:45a-Prayer Brkfst (Aunt Maggie's) 7p-Worship Team	4 9:15a-WCP Chapel 9:45a-Staff 4p-Amplify @ Melissa's home 4:30p-Confirmation	5 10 a-Nursing Home Worship	6 6p-Fair Trade Set Up	7 9a-4p 
8 9a-Sunday School 10a-Fellowship 10:30a-Worship 7:30p SSALT (Walkers)	9 KidZ Landing all day 7p-Boy Scouts	10 7:45a-Prayer Brkfst (Aunt Maggie's) 6p-Finance Team 7p-Church Council	11 9:15a-WCP Chapel 9:45a-Staff 4p-Amplify @ Melissa's home 4:30p-Confirmation	12	13	14 8-12a-Fall Cleaning Day 2p-Memorial Service Renee Duggan
15 9a-Sunday School 10a-Fellowship 10:30a-Worship 11:45a-Amplify 6p-Ignite 8p-Group 133 (Bully's)	16 7p-Boy Scouts	17 7:45a-Prayer Brkfst (Aunt Maggie's)	18 9:15a-WCP Chapel 9:45a-Staff 4p-Amplify @ Melissa's home 6:00p-  7:00p-Faith In Action	19 Newsletter Submission Deadline 6p-WCM Open House	20 <div style="background-color: #f4a460; padding: 2px; text-align: center;">Middle School Lock-in 6:30p-8a</div> <div style="background-color: #4a90e2; color: white; padding: 2px; text-align: center;">Women's Retreat 2p Fri/ 3p Sat Lake Williamson Retreat Center</div>	21
22 9a-Sunday School 10a-Fellowship 10:30a-Worship	23 7p-Boy Scouts	24 7:45a-Prayer Brkfst (Aunt Maggie's)	25 9:15a-WCP Chapel 9:45a-Staff 4p-Amplify @ Melissa's home 4:30p-Confirmation 6p-Mentor Mixer	26	27  8p-Haunted Trail	28
29 Reformation Sunday 9a-Sunday School 10a-Fellowship 10:30a-Worship 7p-Reformation Prayer Service at Cathedral Basilica	30 5p-WCM Board 7p-Boy Scouts	31 Day of Reformation 7:45a-Prayer Brkfst (Aunt Maggie's) 9:45a-WCM Halloween Parade	November 1 9:15a-WCP Chapel 9:45a-Staff 4p-Amplify @ Melissa's home	November 2 10 a-Nursing Home Worship	November 3	November 4

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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