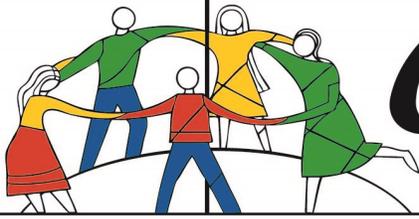


THE
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Spirit

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

Sundays in September

9/8

9/15

9/22

God's Work Our Hands Sunday



It's our 6th annual opportunity to WORSHIP through our SERVICE. Join with thousands of other ELCA congregations throughout the country as we live out God's call to be God's Hands doing God's Work.

10,000 meals to be assembled!

Last year we set out to "feed the 5000". This year we'll do it again...TWICE OVER!!

We will be assembling meals at church that will be shipped off for the poorest of the poor in the world. ALL ages & abilities can get in the "Kids Against Hunger Conga Line" and help this amazing mission!

Don't forget your GWOH shirt if you have it, gather at 9:30 a.m. for a Spirit-filled opening devotion, and launch into a great time doing God's Work with our own hands.

Rally Sunday

We Build Sundays



Sundays Build US

That is the theme this year as we get back to Sunday school and our regular worship time. A theme that reminds us that each of us makes up the building blocks of our Sunday morning together; the time we spend on Sundays builds us up as disciples.

What does that mean? It means YOU are a vital part of our time together on Sunday and Sunday is vital for YOU.

So don't miss the kick off...

- 9:00 a.m.** Opening for ALL
- 9:20 a.m.** Young people go to classes while parents meet with Lynn.
- 10:00 a.m.** Fellowship Time Come help "build Sundaes" during this time.
- 10:30 a.m.** Worship & Praise



Fall Sermon Series



Whether it is a short step or a tiny seed, small things done in great faith can make remarkable things happen. Beginning after Rally Sunday, join us for a series that is sure to inspire you to embrace the great things God can and will do through us, when we simply step out in faith.

*"One Small Step,
One Giant Leap"*

Don't miss a *step* of this series kicking off our fall season of worship beginning on the 22nd!



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: Fredda Holt



Family: Mother of son Michael, completing a PhD. in November, and daughter Laura, who has retired after 30 years of teaching art. The grandmother of two wonderful granddaughters, Allyson, a Speech Pathologist in Chicago and Hannah, a FAC teacher in Nixa, Mo. Jake, my terrific grandson, is a Sophomore at Missouri State University planning to teach History.

Activities/Hobbies: I love to read, garden, knit, eat out with friends and family. I am active in P.E.O. which is a philanthropic and educational organization where I have served in many capacities. I have worked in Christian education most of my life; Bible studies with children, women and young adults.

Member Since: 2002

Favorite Church Activities/Ministries/Involvement: The women of Salt and the fellowship of our congregation. Worship Assistant. Our small KCP group of friends who meet to knit and crochet making prayer shawls for those who have trials and illness giving them support and strength.

What brought me to Christ Community: As a child, I lived with my grandparents and went to kindergarten classes with my grandmother/teacher at the Methodist Church. Around third grade we moved to East St. Louis and I attended the Methodist Church across the street from my house. We moved to Belleville while in high school and I joined another Methodist Church in Signal Hill which lasted 40 plus years.

In 1997, my husband and I moved to Columbia and I felt the need to cut those ties and find a new church here. Leaving was one difficult decision but eventually I found Christ Community. I visited several churches and after I attended our church in the temporary setting, saw the new church under construction, and met new friends, I began to feel at home. I have never regretted my decision to join throughout all these years.

What keeps me here/Why do I like to keep going? The active ministry involving all ages for children. The informal atmosphere of our worship services where adults and children alike feel comfortable. The music which offers some new and the old hymns in an inclusive manner. So many relationships that bind us together!

How have I seen God at work in or through Christ Community? Our Helping Hands project, preparing meals for the needy, reaching into our community to find needs to fill. Our Servants' Garden feeds hundreds each year. Adoption of families at Christmas.

September Birthdays

7	Marvin Gruber	10	Frank Weber	23	Natalie Sturm
	Sam Denny	15	Mona Cunningham		Debbie Amato
8	Max Churchill	17	Dan Schultz	28	Suzanne Haubein
	Heather Lourwood	19	Brooke Timmons		Mike Schmidt
9	Roy Walker	22	Linda Kessler	29	Gerry Albert
	Lillian Holzrichter		Shelly Eichner		

FALL WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Beginning September 15th

Worship returns to 10:30 a.m. with our learning hour for ALL ages
Opening at 9 a.m. and classes from 9:15-10 a.m.

Sunday Morning Learning 2019/2020

This isn't your grandmother's Sunday School. Learning for all ages at Christ Community happens in ways that meet learners where they are, helping them learn biblical truths, and live out their faith. No matter your age, there is a place for you to come and grow this year. Make or renew a commitment to learn and grow this year—Sundays at 9 a.m. starting on September 15th!

CHILD FAITH FORMATION

Whirl Sunday School offers children from age 3 through 5th grade a dynamic way to learn about the stories of the Christian faith and to share with them the love of Christ.

TEEN FAITH FORMATION

During Sunday School, 6th-8th graders and High School students will journey through the Bible in ways that allow them to explore deeper into scripture and connect what this thousands of years old book has to say to them TODAY.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Our Adult Ed Class tackles several series throughout the year. This year the common thread for our studies will have to do with 'Stories' - God's story, the story of heroes of the faith, the stories Jesus himself told, and even OUR story!! We begin our time together this year on the Sunday AFTER Rally Day (September 22nd). Everyone is welcome!!

GET CONNECTED

Annual Men's Fish Fry



Time for the annual Men's Fish Fry! This year it's Sept 15th at Frank Weber's home (4552 Fountain Brook, Waterloo). This will be a casual get together, and it is a great time to meet other men of the congregation whether or not you are a regular Group 133 attendee. Feel free to arrive any time after 4:30; food will be ready by 5 pm. Just bring yourself, a lawn chair and your own drinks. Please contact [Frank Weber](#) with questions.

S.S.A.L.T. Women

Please consider attending the WELCA Biennial Convention Oct 11-12. Look for an email & FB post with details. Your RSVP needs to be to Penny by Sept. 10.

SSALT is helping Group 133 serve a meal in Waterloo on 9-30. Be on the lookout for a signup with various ways to help.

Bethany UMC is hosting a simulcast of a Beth Moore event, Sept 28. See our FB group for the link to pre-register or just show up at Bethany that Saturday. The cost is \$20. Email [Jill Albers](#) to be added to SSALT's FB group and email list.

Let Your Light SHINE!

Fall Acolyte Training



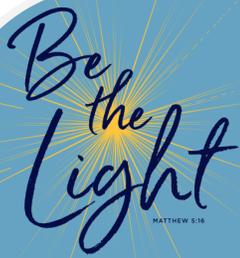
Acolytes

Acolytes have an important role to play during worship—they light and extinguish the worship candles, thereby bringing the light of Christ into our midst each Sunday. All children in 1st grade through 5th grade are invited to serve in this special way.

All those who would like to participate and haven't been trained are asked to come to a special training with *at least* one parent on **Sunday, September 22nd**, immediately following worship. If your child is interested, contact [Penny Madlinger](#) to sign up. Those who have already attended are not required to attend, but are of course welcome. To those now in 6th grade, thank you for your faithful service as acolytes.



Top of the Hill Gang will not be meeting in September due to the Labor Day Holiday. Our October 6th gathering will be at Margaret and Jerry DeBonis' underground house. Watch the Welcome Center for details....



JOIN THE MOVEMENT

Just "Be the Light" wherever you go. The Light of Christ is ALWAYS with you!!

JOIN A LIGHT GROUP

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

Join One TODAY!!! 4 GROUPS TO PICK FROM! 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
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>>> SIGN UP HERE <<<

Special Message Center

By now hopefully you have seen the "Be the Light Message Center" in the fellowship area—if you haven't, just look for the beautiful "Be the Light" mural. Once you find it, don't neglect it—it's something for everyone to pay attention to...

Each of the four light groups have a spot to post information about their upcoming meetings and events. We are hoping that this space not only becomes a place for members of light groups to check in, but also a place that everyone in the congregation can see what is going on. There may be an event that calls to certain members, so please post your ideas and events in this tangible space. The black bulletin board in the center of the wall is a space for anyone to post examples of being the light to others. Post a picture, a quote, a story that inspires all. If you see something good in the world, share it with others!

WHO'S WHO AT CHRIST COMMUNITY? NEW CHURCH PICTORIAL DIRECTORY

Do you ever see people in church and wonder what their names are?

Have you heard a name mentioned and wished you could put a face with it?

Are you newer to Christ Community and wish you had something to help you keep everyone straight?

Well, help is on the way! An updated version of the Christ Community pictorial directory is in the works—just the thing to solve all these things and so much more!!! There is no cost to you or the church to have your photos taken, plus you receive a complimentary 8X10 portrait AND your own church directory just for participating.

So you have nothing to lose, much to gain, and it won't be complete without YOU!

HERE'S WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW...

- PICTURE DAYS** Monday & Tuesday, October 28 & 29 2:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
- WHO?** All Christ Community members and active participants in the life of the church.
- COST?** FREE - just get your photo taken and receive a free directory and a free 8X10 portrait. Additional packages will be available for purchase from our photographer.
- How can I sign up?** Three Easy Ways:
 - 1) Sign up on Sunday mornings beginning September 22nd, before or after worship.
 - 2) Contact Amanda in the church office on weekday mornings—281-4646
 - 3) Go to our [website](#) after Sept 22 and sign up 24/7 from wherever you are.
- How can I help?** First and foremost, just sign up and encourage others to do the same. Look for volunteer signups to help with the photo sessions themselves.
- More Information?** Contact the church office to speak with Amanda or Penny if you have questions, want to sign up for an appointment, or want to get involved. office@christclc.org, 618-281-4646

Children, Youth, & Family Ministry

Raising Young People to Know God and be Transformed by Christ

A Note from Lynn

New Interim Director of
Children, Youth, & Family Ministry

I have loved being a part of this amazing ministry for almost 5 years now as a volunteer—specifically with the older youth! But now I am looking forward to working with all ages in an official way as your youth & family director. I look forward to creating new relationships with the youth I do not know, and well as growing closer with those that I do. Also, parents I look forward to working with you! I wish each of you blessings and love as we begin this new adventure together!!

WAKE UP CALL



COLUMBIA HIGH SCHOOLERS!

Columbia McDonald's
Thursday Mornings @ 7:00 a.m.
Rain or Shine, as long as school is in session

All high school youth are invited and encouraged to join in this weekly check in where they can count on seeing their youth group friends, make new ones, connect with Lynn, and go off into their day with prayer and encouragement. Parents, know that Lynn will ensure your child makes it to school afterward.

Youth Ministry in '19/'20



Amplify (grades 9-12)

- 1st and 3rd Sundays



ignite

Ignite (grades 6-8)

- 2nd and 4th Sundays

Amplify and Ignite groups will continue to meet immediately after church services until 2:00 p.m. Gatherings will most often include a meal or snack. Typically the first gathering in the month will focus mainly on relationship building between the youth, God, their peers, and Lynn. The second gathering of the month will typically include some sort of fun, service learning projects, field trip, etc.



The Rock (grades 3-5)

- 1st Wednesdays

NEW THIS YEAR!

This year The Rock youth will meet once a month on the 1st Wednesday at church from 4:30-6 p.m. This time will acclimate families to the future confirmation schedule and fit nicely for several families that have children in both the Rock and Confirmation. This will be a time of active, hands-on learning on the interaction between faith and real life topics relevant to this age group like friends, peer pressure, and bullying. Games, a snack, and other fun surprises are in store as well. Don't miss out on it!!

WATERLOO HIGH SCHOOLERS!

Brand New This Year

Hardee's in Waterloo

Monday Mornings @ 7:00 a.m.

Rain or Shine, as long as school is in session

Something NEW this school year. Lynn is opening the door for Waterloo students from our church to have their own Wake Up Call! The first one will be on September 9th and have the same focus of relationship building for the students, their peers, God, and the church. Parents, as this is a new thing, please reach out to Lynn if you want to have your son/daughter participate! Lynn, of course, will make sure the youth make it to school on time!

STAY TUNED
children & Family
Ministry Plans
COMING SOON



Introducing...The Caring Cart!!

Please consider helping the LED Light Group fill the Caring Cart with canned goods. Just bring some canned goods to church and place them in the grocery cart. When it is full they will be delivered to a local food pantry. And look for more opportunities to fill the cart with different sorts of items throughout the year! Help to "Be the Light" by caring for others' needs whenever you can!

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	\$ 115,170
Actual Year-to-date Offerings	\$ 109,292

Amounts as of the end of July

COUNCIL NOTES

IN AUGUST, THE CHURCH COUNCIL...

Moved forward with an interim plan for the vacant youth and family ministry staff position. A full-time, interim position was offered to and accepted by Lynn Pelker. This arrangement was announced to the congregation in a pastoral letter as well as during worship on August 11th. The search for a permanent person for the position will continue primarily through a job posting at the ELCA Youth Ministry Network website. Lynn is willing to serve the initial requested term through the end of 2019 or until a permanent person is found.

Discussed at great length the concern about the debt that was taken on in order to get a new roof and

how to avoid hundreds of thousands of dollars of interest in the coming year. A debt reduction campaign is on the table, but the council is consulting with experts and trying to discern how best to lead on this issue while casting continued vision for the congregation.

Discussed other ongoing items...

- Continued need for an updated entrance sign
- Final report about the completed roof
- Story sharing about the activities of the church's Light Groups which are going strong during the summer
- Possible directions and topics for the approaching annual council retreat in 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 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



Worship—9:30 a.m. (9/1, 9/8)
-10:30 a.m. (begins 9/15)
Sunday School—9 a.m.
(begins 9/15)

Get Connected

Worshipping is 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!

September @ CCLC

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9a-Fellowship 9:30a-Worship 10:45a-Fireside Chat	2 LABOR Day Office & Programs Closed	3 7p-LED Light Group 7p Worship Team	4 9:15a-Hilltop Chapel 9:45a Staff 4:30p-The Rock 4:30p-Confirmation	5 7a Wake-Up Call 10a-CCC Worship 1p-Knit Crochet Pray 7p-Property Team	6 7p-Friday Night Lights Light Group	7
8 God's Work Our Hands 9a-Fellowship 9:30a-Worship thru Serving God's Work Our Hands 11:15a-Ignite Youth Group	9 7a Wake-Up Waterloo 7p-Boy Scouts	10 6p-Finance Team 7p-Church Council	11 9:15a-Hilltop Chapel 9:45a Staff	12 7a Wake-Up Call	13 7p-TGIF Light Group	14
15 Rally Day 9a-Sunday School 10a-Fellowship 10:30a-Worship 11:45a-Sundae Building Noon-Amplify Youth Group 4:30p-Group 133 Fish Fry (Frank Weber's)	16 7a Wake-Up Waterloo 7p-Boy Scouts	17 6:30-Delta Light Group	18 9:15a-Hilltop Chapel 9:45a Staff 4:30p-Confirmation <i>(@ Camp Wartburg)</i>	19 7a Wake-Up Call <i>Hilltop Parent/Teacher Conferences</i>	20	21 Annual Fall Council Retreat (Camp Wartburg)
22 9a-Sunday School 10a-Fellowship 10:30a-Worship 11:45a-Acolyte training 11:45a-Ignite Youth Group	23 7a Wake-Up Waterloo 7p-Boy Scouts	24	25 9:15a-Hilltop Chapel 9:45a Staff	26 7a Wake-Up Call 6:30p-Girl Scouts	27	28
29 9a-Sunday School 10a-Fellowship 10:30a-Worship 11:45a-Amplify Youth Group	30 7a Wake-Up Waterloo G133 & SSALT-Martha's Kitchen 7p-Boy Scouts	Oct 1 7p Worship Team	Oct 2 9:15a-Hilltop Chapel 9:45a Staff	Oct 3 7a Wake-Up Call 10a-CCC Worship 7p-Property Team	Oct 4 7p-Friday Night Lights Light Group	Oct 5

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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