THE COMMUNITY Spirit
THE GOOD NEWS OF CHRIST COMMUNITY LUTHERAN CHURCH - COLUMBIA, IL
SEPTEMBER 2018

Sundays in September

9/9

God's Work Our Hands Sunday

It's our 5th 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 His Hands doing His Work.

An Exciting Change!

This year we will all be working all together to literally "feed the 5000". We will be assembling 5000 meals at church that will then be shipped to Haiti for the poorest of the poor. ALL ages & abilities can get in the "Kids Against Hunger Conga Line" and help assemble these meals.

Don't for get 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.

9/16

Rally Sunday

It's time to get…
...back to a new school year
...back to Sunday School
...back to 10:30 a.m. worship
...Back to BASICS…

Don't miss this annual reboot to our year which among other things will be dedicated to grounding us in the basics of our faith.

9 a.m. Gather for an energizing opening to kick off the whole year.

9:20 a.m. Classes leave for their learning areas while parents meet with our Children, Youth, & Family Director, Ryan.

10 a.m. Fellowship Time

10:30 a.m. Worship & Praise

11:30 a.m. Cake Reception in honor of the day

9/23

Fall Sermon Series

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A week after Rally Sunday, we kick off a brand new series that will hit close to home for pretty much everyone. Electronics surround us, screens glowing with LED light are literally everywhere, checking/posting/updating/downloading have become the national pastime—perhaps we've gone too far? Or is all this technology what will help discipleship and God's Word finally spread to the very ends of the earth?

Don't miss a beat of this 5 week series, i[Phone]dolatry, kicking off our fall season of worship beginning on the 23rd!

The image and content below came as a handwritten note from Marv to the whole church following his homecoming from open heart surgery. We honor his faithfulness to Christ Community from the very beginnings of the congregation to today through our support & prayers and by sharing his heartfelt words of gratitude.

Pastor Jared

Heartfelt Thank You from Marv & Ruth Rodemich

We have felt your spiritual concern

Peace, Joy, & Love to our Church Family

Thank MARV

Bless you all for…

Prayers
Food
Cards
Visits
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Helping

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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.

Fall Worship Schedule

Beginning September 16th

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

Sunday Morning Learning 2018/2019

God calls us to worship, but He also longs for us to know Him more. No matter your age, there is a place for you to come and grow in your faith this year. Look below to see the different groupings and their focus/curriculum as the year begins. Make or renew a commitment to learn and grow this year during our learning hour—Sundays at 9 a.m. starting on September 16th!

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 this year 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. We open with a series called "Unafraid" which will send us into a whole range of topics from crime & terrorism to failure & finances to loss & illness to dying & end times. All are welcome beginning the Sunday AFTER Rally Day (23rd).

Let Your Light SHINE!

Fall Acolyte Training

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 23rd,** immediately following worship. If your child is interested, contact Lisa Donovan 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.

GET CONNECTED

Annual Men's Fish Fry

The annual Men's Fish Fry is back—but in a new location! This year it's Sept 16th at Frank Weber's home. 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 4:00; food will be ready by 5 pm. Just bring yourself, a lawn chair and your own drinks. Please contact Frank Weber if you have any questions.

S.S.A.L.T. Women

Let's meet up at the Food Truck Fest at Laumeier Sculpture Park at 12580 Rott Rd, Sunset Hills, MO. on Fri., Sept. 7, 5pm-8pm. Bring your spouse/family/friend or take a night for yourself to come have dinner and hang out! Hope to see you there! The regular meeting will be Sunday, Sept 9, at 7:30 pm at Susan Hendershot's home at 386 Northridge Rd, Columbia. Please contact Jill Albers with any questions.

Top of the Hill Gang will not be meeting in September due to the Labor Day Holiday. We are in the planning stages for the next 6 months. Please watch for announcements and be sure to check the Welcome Center. Any questions, please contact Penny Madlinger.

Open Table Community Meal

Christ • Community • Lutheran • Church

WHEN? Wednesday, September 19th, 6:15 pm

WHERE? Christ Community

WHO? All members & friends of CCLC

WHAT? Open Table is a GREAT opportunity to gather as a community, share a meal, build trusting relationships, and enjoy one another.

WHY? God created us for community. To live in community. To serve in community. To lean on community. We can and should intentionally gather in regular ways to build, grow, and strengthen that community.

COST? Meals will be 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 opportunity to be sustained. All are welcome.

HOW OFTEN? Open Table will be hosted on most 3rd Wednesdays throughout the school year.

FAITH IN ACTION

What is Faith in Action?

It's a monthly congregational gathering that combines fellowship with the opportunity to engage in hands on ministry in and outside our church—and there's a place for everyone, young and old!!! This year we'll be gathering on the 3rd Wednesday of each month with things kicking off in September on September 19h.

How does it work?

Ministry teams focus on different areas of congregational life and this year they include Mission & Outreach, Family Ministry, Faith Formation, and Stewardship. If you're new to FIA, just come and we'll help you get plugged into a team for a great night. You can sample a different one each month or commit to one you like. ALL ARE WELCOME!!

Got Kids?

They have a place at FIA as well with activities and hang out time with their friends led by the older youth of our church!

The Bottom Line...

There's something for EVERYONE and it won't be the same without YOU! Make plans now to free up the 3rd Wednesday of every month to put your ***"faith into action"***! Just 60 minutes of your life each month will bless you and so many others. Don't forget to come to Open Table right before for a nice meal & Fellowship.

Servants Garden

a ministry of Christ Community

God is faithful!
The Servants Garden continues its 2018 bounty with crates and crates of produce.
The Garden Crew is faithful!
These humble servants are dispersing the bounty to as many in need as possible!

Children, Youth, & Family Ministry

Raising Young People to Know God and be Transformed by Christ

Youth & Family Contact Information.
Please click below to be sure we have the most updated information for you and your whole family.

Click Here

Sunday School Registration
Please click below to help us plan for our Sunday morning ministry to children & youth.

Click Here

Note from Ryan

Thank you everyone for such a wonderful, welcoming first 3 months here at Christ Community. We have many new things planned including a new Children, Youth and Family Sunday schedule, a brand new group named "Rooted", and a brand new Wednesday night gathering called FUSION!

Youth Ministry in '18/'19

Sundays...

Sunday Youth Group gatherings this year will be immediately following worship in order to free up more Sunday evenings for family togetherness. These gatherings will typically include a meal and be focused primarily on community, trust building, fellowship and fun.

- 1st Sunday - Ignite (grades 6-8)
- 2nd Sunday - Amplify (grades 9-12)
- 3rd Sunday - Rock (grades 3-5)
- 4th Sunday - Rooted (birth through 2nd grade)

Wednesday Night Fusion...

A time for our older youth to go deeper into the fusing intersection of faith & life. Don't miss it!!!

- 2nd & 4th Wednesdays, 4:30-6 p.m., Confirmation
- 2nd & 4th Wednesdays, 6:30-8 p.m., Amplify Youth
- 3rd Wednesdays, 4:30-6 p.m., Preconfirmation (5-6 Gr.)

Special Upcoming Extras...

- **Citywide Senior High Square Dance**—September 30, Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Manchester, MO, 6:30-8 p.m., Cost is $5. RSVP to Ryan.
- **Citywide Junior High Service Lock-In**—October 12-13; 7 p.m. to 8 a.m.. Cost is $20 which includes a $10 donation to *Feed My Starving Children*. RSVP to Ryan.
- **Trunk or Treat**—October 26 at Christ Community. Save the Date NOW!!!

Columbia High Schoolers!

Don't forget about Wake Up Call! Thursday mornings at 7 am. Gather at the Columbia McDonald's for breakfast, drinks, and a devotion together. Wake up each week to God's love and presence in your life. Ryan will make sure the youth make it to school afterwards!

New Ministry for Children & Families "ROOTED"

Introducing the newest ministry for children & families called "Rooted". It is for ALL families with newborns through 2nd graders. Each month Rooted families will meet following worship on the 4th Sunday for fellowship, lunch and fun. Great opportunities will abound for these families to form lasting bonds and their children to begin to sink roots into a lifetime journey of faith.

Our first gathering is on September 23rd following worship. We will have lunch, activities and even a special guest for all to enjoy! Don't miss out on this first event of its kind here before it "magically" disappears into history. See you there!! This gathering is being sponsored by the "Top of the Hill Gang" who are excited to help young families deepen their roots!

September Birthdays

1 Ryan McConachie
2 Luke McConachie
4 Rob Nellums
7 Marvin Gruber
Sam Denny
8 Max Churchill
Heather Lourwood
9 Roy Walker
Lillian Holzrichter
10 Frank Weber
15 Mona Cunningham
17 Dan Schultz
22 Linda Kessler
22 Shelly Eichner
23 Natalie Sturm
Debbie Amato
28 Suzanne Haubein
Mike Schmidt
29 Gerry Albert
30 Becky McConachie

LIFE PASSAGES

Birth

Glory to God for New Life

Alaina Marie Georger

Daughter of Keith & Jill Georger

Born August 17, 2018

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	$ 113,700
Actual Year-to-date Offerings	$ 110,557

Amounts as of the end of July

Council Notes

At its August meeting...

Heard from the Security Task Force formed back in the spring to review the church property and operations and make recommendations on ways to increase security where possible and necessary. All measures recommended either were approved or tabled for further discussion. These recommendations by no means handle all possible threats, but do align with the council's desire to be as proactive as we can be while maintaining our identity on being a place of faith and not fear.

Considered possible names to nominate for an Audit Team of the church financials that will take place annually.

Received updates regarding some ongoing items. Specifically reports on the need for a new entrance sign as well as the progress of our efforts to be appropriately reimbursed by our insurance company for roof damage.

Discussed possible items for approaching Fall Council Retreat.

Grow in God's Word for Your Life Every Week

Dig into God's Word each week

Week of September 2nd —Time After Pentecost
Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9; Psalm 15; James 1:17-27; Mark 7:1-23

Week of September 9th—God's Work | Our Hands
Isaiah 35:4-7; Psalm 146; James 2:1-17; Mark 7:24-37

Week of September 16th—Rally Sunday
Isaiah 50: 4-9; Psalm 116:1-9; James 3:1-12; Mark 8: 27-38

Week of September 23rd —Time after Pentecost
Jeremiah 11:18-20; Psalm 54; James 3:12-4:3-8; Mark 9:30-37

Use these scriptures as one 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 (Begins Sept 16)

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.

September @ CCLC

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
2 9a-Fellowship 9:30a-Worship 10:45a-Fireside Chat	3 LABOR Day Office & Programs Closed	4 7:45a Prayer Group @ Aunt Maggie's 7p Worship Team	5 9:15a-Hilltop Chapel 9:45a Staff 6p-Hilltop Board	6 7a Wake-Up Call 10 a-CCC Worship	7 5p SSALT @ Laumeier Sculpture Park	8 Sewell/Castillo Wedding (off-site)
9 **God's Work|Our Hands** 9a-Fellowship 9:30a-Worship thru Serving God's Work | Our Hands 11:15a-Amplify Youth Group 7:30p-SSALT @ Susan Hendershot's Home	10 7p-Boy Scouts	11 7:45a Prayer Group @ Aunt Maggie's 6p-Finance Team 7p-Church Council	12 9:15a-Hilltop Chapel 9:45a Staff 4:30p Confirmation 6:30p Amplify Fusion	13 7a Wake-Up Call **Newsletter Submission Deadline**	14	15
16 **Rally Day** 9a-Sunday School 10a-Fellowship 10:30a-Worship 4p-Group 133 Fish Fry (Frank Weber's)	17 7p-Boy Scouts	18 7:45a Prayer Group @ Aunt Maggie's	19 9:15a-Hilltop Chapel 9:45a Staff 4:30p Preconfirmation Fusion 6:15p Open Table 7p Faith in Action	20 7a Wake-Up Call Hilltop Parent/Teacher Conferences	21	22
23 9a-Sunday School 10a-Fellowship 10:30a-Worship 11:45a-Acolyte training 11:45a-Children & Family Rooted Luncheon	24 7p-Boy Scouts	25 7:45a Prayer Group @ Aunt Maggie's	26 9:15a-Hilltop Chapel 9:45a Staff 4:30p Confirmation 6:30p Amplify Fusion	27 7a Wake-Up Call	28	29 Annual Fall Council Retreat
30 9a-Sunday School 10a-Fellowship 10:30a-Worship—Bible Sunday 6:30p-Amplify Citywide Square Dance	Oct 1 7p-Boy Scouts	Oct 2 7:45a Prayer Group @ Aunt Maggie's 7p Worship Team	Oct 3 9:15a-Hilltop Chapel 9:45a Staff 6p-Hilltop Board	Oct 4 7a Wake-Up Call 10 a-CCC Worship	Oct 5	Oct 6

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