THE COMMUNITY Spirit
THE GOOD NEWS OF
CHRIST COMMUNITY LUTHERAN CHURCH - COLUMBIA, IL
SUMMER 2019

"May the Force be with you"

"Life is like a box of chocolates..."

AT THE MOVIES

SERMON SERIES

"I'll get you, my pretties!"

"Oh, I just can't wait to be king..."

Summer is upon us and with it comes a new preaching series called "At the Movies". Each week will bring a new film that will serve as the backdrop for hearing God's Word. Why movies? Put simply, movies are our modern parables—through their stories and characters, deeper revelations and understandings of the human condition are waiting to be mined. We will dig into them and wonder together where God might show up...whether in dramatic moments, light-hearted comedy, dark suspense, or intense action.

So buckle in for several weeks of connecting faith and film. Films will be announced each preceding Sunday. While it is not required to see the movies in the series beforehand, it is strongly recommended. Watching them will certainly add a deeper connection to the lessons that will be shared.

SPECIAL "SUMMER EDITION"

Don't miss all sorts of exciting opportunities this summer beyond Sunday mornings! There truly is something for EVERYONE as we journey together this summer, growing as a community whether we are near or far. Here are some of the highlights...

- **Missionary Visit**—the Troester's are coming! Find out more (p.3).
- **Vacation Bible School**— A ROARing Good Time VBS this summer, July 28—Aug 1 (p.4) .
- **Adults in Action this Summer**—gatherings for adults all summer long (p.4) .
- **Global Leadership Summit**—August 8-9, you may not be too late for the early-bird rate (p.6) .
- **Summer Worship**—don't forget that worship in the summer begins at 9:30 a.m., June 2-Sept 8 .

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: Cailyn Haubein

Family: Dad-Mark; Mom-Suzanne; Sister-Sienna; Brother-Luke

Occupation: Full-time Student, heading to Illinois State University to study Conservation Biology

Member Since: 2002

Favorite Church Activities/Involvement: My favorite church activities are VBS and amplify outings like epic and wake up call.

Activities in Spare Time: I like to participate in school musicals and plays. Also, I enjoy being in color guard.

What brought me to Christ Community: Well, I didn't have a choice since was only 1 at the time, but I'm glad I ended up where I did.

What keeps me here/Why do I like to keep going?: I love spending time with my fellow youth and belonging to such a supportive and outstanding community of people.

How have I seen God at work in or through Christ Community: I believe I have seen God's hand at work through the lives of the youth. It's amazing to see people grow up to be lights not only in the church but in their own communities as well.

June Birthdays

1 Kellan Bandy	12 Jerry DeBonis	21 Vickie Stone	26 Bev Schoentag
4 Eric Druley	13 Kevin Blechle	21 Gabriel Abram	29 Tina Blechle
7 Ellen Emmerich	14 Linda Verharst	23 Samuel Gilbert	30 Matt Blind
12 Susan Bockwoldt	19 Adam Embick	25 Don Divers	

July Birthdays

2 Will Denny	12 Mason Embick	20 Chris Schoentag	25 Scott Verseman
3 Jameson Miers	13 Ryan Gilbert	21 Sophie Weber	25 Keith Georger
4 Jessica Wheatley	13 Emily Velnosky	23 Jill Newman	26 Paul Albers
8 Luke Haubein	14 Jeff Maschholff	23 Lucy Weber	27 Jaime Miers
9 Karen Walker	16 Jack Schoentag	24 Archer Bense	

Summer Challenge

How far can we take the Light?

This summer, as you head out on summer adventures, near and far, don't forget you still have a job to do. Be the Light! You can do this anywhere and everywhere. But take some extra provisions—a stack of Be the Light cards to hand out to folks when you see them being the Light or when you share the light with them. Consider grabbing an extra shirt or two to give to someone on your travels. Don't forget to report back via social media as well as to mark your movements of light on the map at church. Remember to share a story to earn your very own "Be the Light" T-shirt on any given Sunday.

LIGHT GROUPS

Join One TODAY!!!

4 GROUPS TO PICK FROM!

L.E.D. (Light entering darkness) **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

More Ways to BE THE LIGHT!

VISITING MISSIONARY

Save the date of June 19th for a special evening to welcome our missionary family, the Troesters, beginning at 5:30 p.m. with a potluck meal followed by a presentation. Joe & Deborah Troester serve as ELCA missionaries in East Africa. We have supported their ministry for TEN YEARS (since 2009) and are blessed to have a visit from them every couple of years. Don't miss the opportunity on this special Wednesday evening when we will hear more of their story & ministry as well as share a meal with them! More details will come as we draw closer to the date.

twigs®

Twigs is a summer ministry to children in the area who may otherwise go without a lunch because school is out.

Our church is sponsoring lunch every Tuesday this summer. Consider volunteering one or more Tuesdays and help ensure a healthy meal for children in the community this summer. There is more need than you might expect. Help be a part of the solution.

Contact Lisa Donovan, Suzanne Haubein, or Karen Walker for more details and how you can get involved.

Vacation Bible School 2019

The theme for our Vacation Bible School this year is ***"a ROARing Good Time"***. We hope that every member of this congregation as well as friends, family, and neighbors will join us each evening from 6:15-8:30 pm July 28th-August 1st. We will celebrate our week during worship on Sunday, August 4th. Be ready for music, games, crafts, stories, skits, and fun to learn about God and his purpose for each of our lives!

Remember EVERYONE is needed to make this a fantastic VBS!

⇒ Volunteers are needed to help in all areas of VBS—out front & behind the scenes.
⇒ Craft supplies and food donations will be needed—check out the display board coming soon for a full list!
⇒ Contact the VBS Team to get involved or with any questions...it's quite a crew: Tina Blechle, Suzanne Castleman, Lisa Donovan, Rhonda Eugea, Lauren Gilbert, Jaime Miers, Lynn Pelker, Nathan Rau, Julie Reichert, Heather Speckhard, or Emily Velnosky.
⇒ **Don't miss the amazing time we'll have at VBS this summer—register now!!!**

DATES TO REMEMBER:
June: Register on Sundays to guarantee your spot!!
July 28 - Aug 1: ROAR!!! This is it!! The main event!! Each night begins at *6:15pm with a meal for participants,* followed by the adventure of a lifetime. Each evening ends with an energized closing at 8:15, and parents, grandparents, and friends are invited to join us! It's a nightly celebration of God's love you won't want to miss!
Aug 4: **Finale Sunday**! Everyone will share in music, God Sightings, and Bible lessons from VBS. Stay tuned for more info regarding this conclusion to another incredible VBS at Christ Community!!

Adults in Action This Summer

All you Top of the Hillers of "a certain age"! We continue to meet throughout the summer, so mark these events on your calendar and plan to join!

- June 2nd - head to the Red Bud Winery after church. Fresh air, fellowship, fun, food & drink!
- July 9th (it's a TUESDAY) - let's play HORSE HOOKY at Fairmount Park Race Track in Collinsville, IL. Meet at church at 12:15 pm to carpool for a 1:00 pm start.
- Aug 4 - gather at the Madlingers' home for swim, food, and fun.

Watch for sign ups at Welcome Center.

Group 133 Men's Group

June—Father's Day—No Meeting
July 20th—BBQ at Rau's
August 18th—7:30 p.m. at Bully's

The SSALT of Christ Community

Sisters Sharing and Learning Together

SSALT will be meeting this summer to study and discuss the book "It's Not Supposed To Be This Way" by Lysa Terkeurst. Grab the book and start reading, and keep an eye on the SSALT Facebook group for meeting details. To be added to the Facebook group or to the email list, email Jill Albers at dufrenne7@yahoo.com.

Children, Youth, & Family Ministry

Raising Young People to Know God and be Transformed by Christ

Kansas City Mission Trip

Depart: June 9
Return: June 14

14 youth and 3 adults travel to KC to be lights to the people there through their words, actions, and prayers.

Our prayers go with them as they go to spread the Light of Christ.

Colorado Backpacking Adventure

Depart: July 6
Return: July 14

12 youth and 2 adults journey to Rainbow Trail Lutheran Camp in the Colorado Rockies to surround themselves with God's creation and connect with God and each other in powerful ways. Our prayers for safe travels and mountaintop highs go with them! Even in the Rockies, Christ's light will shine bright this summer!

Leadership Lab

Depart: July 22
Return: July 27

This is a great opportunity for high school youth and adults alike to spend a week honing leadership skills in their service to God both in the church and out in the world. This event takes place at Augustana College in Rock Island, Illinois.

All of these summer missions and adventures for youth are made possible because of the generosity of our members in their regular giving as well as special fundraisers throughout the year. Thank you for your willingness to help our young people grow in their faith this summer!

SUMMER CALENDAR

June 2 — *@ 10:45 a.m.—Kansas City Trip Meeting*

June 9-14— *Junior High Mission Trip to Kansas City*

June 13— *Colorado Pretrip Hike—Pere Marquette*

June 16 — *Father's Day*

June 19 — *Missionary Visit—the Troesters*

July 6-14 — *Senior High Backpacking Trip to Colorado*

July 11—*Amplify Lunch Bunch, Location/Time TBA*

July 25 —*Amplify Lunch Bunch, Location/Time TBA*

July 22-27 — Leadership Lab

July 28-August 1 —Vacation Bible School

DATE: July ?? - TBA

All are invited to a night at the Skyview Drive-In in Belleville

Stay tuned for details as we get into the summer and get the film schedule for the month!

The Search Continues…

Please pray for the person God is nudging our way to become our next Children, Youth, & Family Minister.

THE GLOBAL LEADERSHIP SUMMIT

August 8-9

Think the Summit isn't for you? Consider the following...

You say, "But, I'm not a leader…"

We ALL have a part to play to LEAD people closer to Christ. Translation—God calls ALL of us to be leaders. Therefore, we ALL have something to gain by attending.

You say, "But, I can't afford to go…"

There is clearly a cost to this event, but as a site partner you're able to attend at a significantly reduced rate—$109 versus the full rate of $249! Scholarships are also available. Just speak to Pastor Jared privately.

You say, "I don't have the time…"

This event certainly asks something of your time...2 days...work days for many. Think of this event as an investment in yourself. It is the kind of thing that can bless you 100 fold of what you put into it—your spiritual life, your personal life, your professional life.

Register soon! See you at the summit!
Contact Pastor Jared to find out more!

Summer Worship

Summer is here and with it our annual Summer Worship Schedule!! From June 2nd until Rally Sunday in September, Sunday morning worship will begin at 9:30 a.m. (an hour earlier). You're invited, as always, to arrive a bit earlier to enjoy refreshments and fellowship from 9 to 9:30 a.m. Renew your spirit in worship as we journey together this summer (see the cover page regarding this summer's series), and then go out and enjoy the extra hour in your day to relax, refresh, and reenergize your body and your mind. Finally, remember that Sunday School is in recess until Rally Sunday as well.

Worship and learning in God's name never ends...it just takes on different forms in the summer.

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	$65,263
Actual Year-to-date Offerings	$58,712

Amounts as of end of April

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These are people of the church 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

9 a.m.—Fellowship Time

9:30 a.m.—Worship

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!

Summer Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
2 ***SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE*** 9a-Fellowship 9:30a-Worship 10:45a-Fireside Chat 10:45a-KC Meeting 11:30a-Top of the Hill *(Red Bud Winery)*	3 7p-Boy Scouts	4 7p-Worship Team *7p-"LED" Light Group*	5 9a-Hilltop Chapel 9:30a-KidZ Chapel 10a-Staff 6p-Family Movie Night	6 10a-CCC Worship 7p-Property Team	7 *Central/Southern Illinois Synod Assembly* *7p-"Friday Night Lights" Light Group*	8
9 9a-Fellowship 9:30a-Worship KC Youth Depart	10 7p-Boy Scouts	11 6p-Finance Team 7p-Church Council	12 9a-Hilltop Chapel 9:30a-KidZ Chapel 10a-Staff 5p-Hilltop Parent Mtg	13 9a-Pre-trip Hike 4p-KCP *(Knit-Crochet-Pray)*	14 ***Ignite Kansas City Trip***	15 **Pastor Jared & Jackie's Open House** 2-8 pm 200 Wheat Ridge Lane, Millstadt
16 9a-Fellowship 9:30a-Worship	17 7p-Boy Scouts	18 *6:30p-"Delta" Light Group*	19 9a-Hilltop Chapel 9:30a-KidZ Chapel 10a-Staff 5:30p-Troester visit *(Potluck & Presentation)*	20 4p-KCP	21 *7p-"TGIF" Light Group*	22
23 9a-Fellowship 9:30a-Worship	24 7p-Boy Scouts	25	26 9a-Hilltop Chapel 9:30a-KidZ Chapel 10a-Staff 3:30p-Hilltop Board	27	28	29
30 9a-Fellowship 9:30a-Worship	JULY 1 7p-Boy Scouts	2 *7p-"LED" Light Group*	3 9a-Hilltop Chapel 9:30a-KidZ Chapel 10a-Staff	4 ***Independence Day Offices & Programs Closed***	5 *7p-"Friday Night Lights" Light Group*	6 Amplify to Colorado
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