

## Prayer Requests

The Apostle Paul reminds us in Philippians 4:6-7 to, "*Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.*" Your prayers are a gift to those requesting them, and encouragement for one another as we experience challenges, sorrows, or thanksgivings of any kind.

### Health Concerns, as well as Others In Our Hearts and On Our Minds:

Frank Edmondson, Norm Evers, Sue Gropel, Kris Holm, Ellen Lenz, Anna (Olson) Meyer, Linda Magnuson

All those dealing with illness, addictions, depression, unemployment, under-employment, and any challenges in their lives.

Families of our Congregation. This week pray for: Brian and Kathy Knutson  
John and Lois Kolhei Beverly Kremin

Death: Evelyn Axdahl, Gwen Arneson's mother (funeral on Jan. 21)

Independent Living, Assisted Living, and Care Center Residents. This week pray for Janet Gniffke and Bobby Olson at Granite Falls Health Care Center.

### Workers in Other Countries, Missionaries, and Local Congregation

Missions This week pray for Robin's Nest Children's Home in Jamaica. We also pray for the staff and family of young boy Kemar mourning Kemar's death on Jan. 10th from Sickle Cell.

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## Announcements—Please Take With You

— January 21, 2018 —

### Today, Sunday, January 21

9:00 to 9:25 am 3, 4, 5 year old Sunday School

9 am Fellowship/Refreshments

9:30 am Holy Communion Worship; Installation of Pastor Janel Kuester; Students in Grades 2—6 sharing memory work

10:30 am 7th - 12th Grade in Youth Room

10:45 am (approx.) Worship on Cable 180

### Monday, January 22

5 to 8 pm Tae Kwon Do in Fellowship Rm

7 pm Deborah Circle at Church

### Tuesday, January 23

1:30 pm Communion at West Prairie

2:30 pm Communion at Fieldcrest

### Wednesday, January 24

6 pm Mission Possible

6:30 pm Choir

7:15 pm Confirmation

### Thursday, January 25

1:30 pm Abigail/Naomi Circle

5 to 8 pm Tae Kwon Do in Fellowship Rm

### Friday, January 26

9 am Connections newsletter assembly

### Next Sunday, January 28

9:00 to 9:25 am 3, 4, 5 year old Sunday School

9 am Fellowship/Refreshments

9:30 am Worship \*

\* FOLLOWING WORSHIP: Annual Meeting of Congregation

10:45 am (approx.) Worship on Cable 180

# ANNUAL MEETING



**The Annual Meeting of  
Christ Lutheran Congregation  
will be held next Sunday,  
January 28, 2018  
following 9:30 am worship.**

We'll celebrate the life and mission of Christ Lutheran this past year while also making decisions on the year ahead!

## **Annual Report Book Now Available**

Our historical report book for the year 2017 is now ready for you to pick up in the Fireside Room (silver basket).

We would also be happy to mail one to your home. Simply let Rhoda know: office phone 423 5100; e-mail [christlutheran@christcotton.com](mailto:christlutheran@christcotton.com)

The book will also be e-mailed to you as well as posted at our website ([christcottonwood.org](http://christcottonwood.org)).

**Thank you for your work to God's people through Christ Lutheran Family of Faith!**

**Thank you to those who submitted information for the book!**

**Thank you to those who collated and stapled the report!**



## 2018 EQUIPPING CONGREGATIONS DAY **EVERYDAY REFORMERS**

**ALL ARE WELCOME!** Congregational Members, Clergy, Others, Christian Students, Worship & South Lakes, Fairfax, Arlington

**SATURDAY** Saturday, February 10, 2018  
**10** 8:30 am - 3:30 pm  
Vinje Lutheran & Bethel Lutheran, Willmar, VA

Joining the Episcopal Board of Christian Education and Ministry, the ELCA Board of Christian Education and Ministry, and the ELCA Board of Discipleship and Ministry, we will be joined by Rev. Dr. Elizabeth Eaton, ELCA Presiding Bishop, for a special day of worship and prayer.



### **February 10, 2018, in Willmar**

Our congregation has registered once again to attend this phenomenal event in our synod! If you ask those who have participated in the past, you will most likely hear glowing reports about the keynote speakers, the workshop opportunities, and the fellowship around tables. **If you would like to join the group going to Equipping Day, please contact us in the church office! We'd love to have you go! You pay no registration fee!**

The conference will be held at Vinje Lutheran Church and Bethel Lutheran Church in Willmar. ELCA Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton will be our keynote speaker. The day begins at 8:30 and concludes at 3:30. **There will be nearly 30 inspiring and helpful workshops to choose from during the day. Check them out at [swmnelca.org](http://swmnelca.org)**

**Holy Communion**  
**Installation of Pastor Janel Kuester**  
**Third Sunday after Epiphany**  
**January 21, 2018 \*\* 9:30 am**  
**Christ Lutheran Family of Faith**  
**Cottonwood, Minnesota**



***Welcome!***

*Stories of the call to discipleship continue as the time after Epiphany plays out the implications of our baptismal calling to show Christ to the world.*



*Jesus begins proclaiming the good news and calling people to repentance right after John the Baptist is arrested for preaching in a similar way. Knowing that John was later executed, we see at the very outset the cost of discipleship. Still, the two sets of fisherman brothers leave everything they have known and worked for all their lives to follow Jesus and fish for people.*

(Sundays and Seasons, Augsburg Fortress, 2017)

## **GATHERING**

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.  
Wherever you are on your journey of faith, you are welcome here.*

Prelude

Call to Worship

Words of Welcome

**P:** This is the day that the Lord has made,

**C: let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

Community Announcements

*Please stand as you are able.*

Confession and Forgiveness

**P:** Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who stretches out the heavens, who sends light to the nations, who gives breath to us all.

**C: Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

P: Loving God,

**C: we confess that we have turned from your way to follow our own ways. Forgive us for the times we have spoken or acted too quickly; we have not spoken or acted at all; we have hurt those closest to us; we have hurt those we have yet to know; we have thought more about ourselves than others; we have thought less of ourselves than we might. Turn us around, and give us a fresh start, so that we can live again as your children. Amen.**

P: Even when we have done wrong, God makes us right. Even when we have messed up, God puts us together. God’s love never runs out. God never tires of calling us beloved children. Hear God say to you now: Your sins are forgiven, for the sake of + Jesus Christ our Savior.

**C: Amen.**

**Gathering Hymn – “What Is This Place” - - - - - [524]**

Greeting

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C: And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray. Almighty God,

**C: by grace alone you call us and accept us in your service. Strengthen us by your Spirit, and make us worthy of your call, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

## WORD

*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.*

First Reading – Jonah 3:1-5, 10

<sup>1</sup> The word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time, saying, <sup>2</sup>“Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you.” <sup>3</sup>So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days’ walk across. <sup>4</sup>Jonah began to go into the city, going a day’s walk. And he cried out, “Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!” <sup>5</sup>And the people of Nineveh believed God;

they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth. <sup>10</sup>When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

L: Word of God, word of life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading – 1 Corinthians 7:29-31

<sup>29</sup>I mean, brothers and sisters, the appointed time has grown short; from now on, let even those who have wives be as though they had none, <sup>30</sup>and those who mourn as though they were not mourning, and those who rejoice as though they were not rejoicing, and those who buy as though they had no possessions, <sup>31</sup>and those who deal with the world as though they had no dealings with it. For the present form of this world is passing away.

L: Word of God, word of life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand as you are able.*

**Gospel Acclamation – “Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.”**

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Gospel Reading

P: The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the first chapter.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>14</sup>Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, <sup>15</sup>and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.” <sup>16</sup>As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. <sup>17</sup>And Jesus said to them, “Follow me and I will make you fish for people.” <sup>18</sup>And immediately they left their nets and followed him. <sup>19</sup>As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. <sup>20</sup>Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please be seated.*

Sermon

Pastor Kathryn Skoglund

**Hymn of the Day – “You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore” - - - - - [817]**

***Please stand as you are able as we confess our faith, led by our fifth and sixth graders.***

Confession of Faith *(The Apostles' Creed is found inside the back cover of the hymnal.)*

*Please be seated.*

Installation of Pastor Janel Kuester

Prayers of God's People

*The congregation will respond to the prayer petitions with, "hear our prayer."*

*Please stand as you are able.*

Sharing of God's Peace

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

*Please share a sign of God's peace with your neighbors.*

*Please be seated.*

### **MEAL**

*God feeds us with the presence of Christ.*

Offering

Choir Anthem – "You Are My All in All"

Jernigan/Harlan

*Please stand as you are able.*

Offering Prayer

A: Let us pray.

Merciful God, receive the gifts we bring, our selves, our time, and our possessions. Through this meal unite us as your body, shining with the light of your justice and mercy; for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

Great Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

**C: We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Words of Institution

**Lord's Prayer, led by our fourth graders**

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Invitation to Communion

P: We who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread. Come. Be filled with light and life.

*Please be seated.*

*Anyone who has communed elsewhere is welcome to commune here.*

*Those who do not yet commune are invited to come forward for a blessing.*

*Please come forward at the invitation of the ushers to receive communion in a processional manner, and return to your seats via the side aisles.*

*If you prefer grape juice rather than wine, please indicate that to your server.*

*If you would like communion brought to you at your seat, please let the usher know.*

**Communion Distribution**

*"I Come with Joy" [482]*

*"All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly" [461]*

*"I Love to Tell the Story" [661]*

*We All Are One in Mission" [576]*

*Please stand as you are able.*

Blessing after Communion

P: Now may the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**C: Amen.**

Prayer after Communion

A: Let us pray.

O Morning Star, fair and bright, you have refreshed us again with heavenly food. You are our dearest treasure. Go with us now – today, tomorrow, every day – that we tell the story of your never-ending love and sing your praise both now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

### **SENDING**

*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

Blessing and Dismissal

P: The God of glory dwell in you richly, name you beloved, and shine brightly on your path; and the blessing of almighty God, the Father, the + Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always.

**C: Amen.**

**Sending Hymn – “We Are Called” ----- [720]**

**— Children of all ages and those we are young at heart are invited to come forward and choose an instrument to play on the hymn.**

A: Go in peace. Be the light of Christ.

**C: Thanks be to God!**

Postlude

### **Thank You For Serving This Sunday**

**Ushers:** Jon Brower, Kally Brower, Jon Hoehne,  
Alton Huso, Marv Kremin, Erik Lundberg

**Acolyte:** Carson Boe

**Lector and Assisting Minister:** Carolyn Olson

**Communion Servers and Assistants:** Joyce Warnke, Shane Wee, Kaitlin Fischer

**PA Operator:** Jonathan Olson

**Video Operator:** Greg Isaackson

**Count Offering:** Pete Lavin, Linda VanUden

## **Hello Families with Students in First Grade and Above!**

**It's time to start thinking about summer camp 2018!**

Your Christ Lutheran Family of Faith is committed to providing all students the opportunity to attend summer camp. **Here are some financial options to assist with that opportunity:**

**40%** of the camp registration fee will be paid by CLC; **family pays the initial deposit when registering, unless contacting Rhoda in the church office to make other arrangements—**

More assistance is available by contacting PJ (Pastor Janel)— phone office 423-5100 or cell 651 726 4003

There are early bird, sibling, and friend discounts available from the Camps—

**NOTE The Early Bird Discount Registration Deadlines —**

**Shetek: February 1 and April 1**

**Green Lake: February 16**

**\*\* Websites of the camps closest to us: Shetek (by Slayton) and Green Lake (by Spicer)**

**Shetek.org click on link— Spend time at Camp; then click on left side—  
Summer Camp Learn More**

**GLLM.org click on link on lower right side—Register for Summer Camp**

**\*\* Here's How To Register for Camp:**

- 1. You register ONLINE at the website stated above. A deposit will need to be paid at that time.**
- 2. You register using a PAPER REGISTRATION FORM, which is found in the camp brochure or printed from the camp websites. Your deposit accompanies registration. You then mail registration form and payment directly to the Camp. See addresses below.**

**Deposit Amounts:** Shetek—\$75; Green Lake—\$125.

**Brochures are available in office hallway. The brochure contains the paper registration form.** If you wish a brochure mailed to you, please contact Rhoda (church office) at 423 5100 or christlutheran@christcotton.com

**\*\* IMPORTANT: If you wish financial assistance from Christ Lutheran right away when registering, please call Rhoda—507 829 1426.**

### **Camp Mailing Addresses and Telephone Numbers:**

Green Lake Lutheran Ministries  
9916 Lake Avenue South  
Spicer MN 56288  
Telephone 320 796 2181

Shetek Lutheran Ministries  
14 Keeley Island Drive  
Slayton MN 56172  
Telephone 507 763 3567

— **Facts About ELCA World Hunger** —

ELCA World Hunger has been working to address hunger and poverty for 43 years. Your gifts support innovative solutions that get at the root causes of hunger and address hunger from all angles, locally and around the world.

ELCA World Hunger is funded solely by gifts from ELCA members and congregations. More than 90 cents of each dollar given goes directly to support the work they do. Based on the 2017 budget, 71% is used for international relief and development, 11% for United States relief and development, 9% for fundraising and administration, 5% for advocacy, and 4% for hunger education and networking.

Worldwide, 1 person in 9 lives in poverty. 46.7 million Americans and 795 million people around the world do not know from where their next meal will come.

As members of the ELCA, we are called to respond. **Use the envelope included in the worship folder today** to make your gift to help our church courageously work toward a world of justice where ALL ARE FED.

**The people of Christ Lutheran Church  
are daily**

**CALLED** into God's new creation,  
**EMPOWERED** by the Spirit, and  
**SENT** to show the Good  
News of Jesus Christ bringing  
welcome, forgiveness, healing,  
renewal, and hope to our  
neighbors here and in all the world

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