



# Steeple to People

September & October 2019

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## Worship Schedule

starting Sept. 15

8:15 & 9:45 a.m.

*Coffee between services*

*Special time for children during the 9:45 a.m. worship*

## Dates of interest:

- Service Sunday .....Sept. 8
- Life Night starts ..... Sept. 11
- Blessing of Backpacks ... Sept. 15
- FMSC ..... Sept. 17
- Grandma’s Attic ... Sept. 21-22
- Confirmation Sunday ..... Oct. 27
- Fall Bazaar .....Nov. 2 & 3



**This is love.**



**This is faith.**



**This is life.**

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## A few words from Pastor Joel

I realize this might sound odd, especially when you consider Christ Lutheran is only a few years from celebrating its 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of

being a church in town, but we as a church are becoming a stranger within our own community of Marine on Saint Croix. It hasn't happened overnight, and for sure it isn't universally true, but more and more who we are, why we are here, what we do, and what it means to be a church have become unknowns to the population within the town and the surrounding area. For more and more people when they talk about the attributes of Marine, the church is an afterthought – if even that.

Part of the reason is the changing role of the church within culture as a whole – and this reaches far beyond the borders of our local communities. Across the country for most people and for most families the church has become less something you belong to, but rather something you choose to attend or be part of when you have time. And while it is true people of any age have always had options in terms of how they spend their Sunday mornings, for more and more of us, attending worship on Sundays is something we now do when we have nothing else going on. And there is always something going on. There are some within our church who are part of the generations for whom attending worship on Sundays, being involved in the church, was just a given. *“Of course we are going to church. This is what I do...this is what we do.”* But this ‘given’ is no longer true for the generations that are following. And this decreasing involvement within church life has meant there are now generations of people and families who no longer know, no longer care about, the what's, the who's, the whys of being the church.

Then there are the changes going on within Marine and the surrounding area itself. And it is changing. Long established families have moved away. People have died. The role of “pillars of the community” are being vacated, and there is no agreement, no clear understanding of who should fill them. The valued traditions and valued institutions of the town no longer carry the same influence and meaning as they have in the past. New, younger families are moving into Marine – which is fantastic. But most of these families are of the generation for whom the church means little, if anything, in terms of their daily or weekly life patterns.

And when they do think of the church they see it as being overbearing, out of touch, anti-science, closed minded, and judgmental (just to name a few). And if we were honest, this understanding of the church is not exclusive to just the younger generations. The newly retired, and the older populations moving into the area often share the same sentiments of the church. In the words of the 1960's science fiction classic, we have become a "Stranger in a Strange Land."

So how do we change the tide, stop this trend? How do we make the church a relevant and needed part in the lives of families and the community? Can we? If we can figure out the answer to these questions we would become the envy of most churches across the country. There are, and there will continue to be cultural forces at work that we can't change. The changing dynamics and the changing demographics within the area will continue to bring changes to the identity of the community. In just over two years we will be celebrating the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Christ Lutheran Church and will anyone outside the walls of our church care, much less notice?

**This Is Us.** For the next year, you are going to be seeing these words a lot. **This Is Us** will be the theme we use to shape our ministry, our worship, and our life together. **This Is Us** will be a way we will try to teach ourselves and then teach others about the what's, the who's, and the whys of being a church. **This Is Us** will serve as reminder that we believe God has been, and continues to work through the ministry of Christ Lutheran. We do have a purpose. We do have a calling. We have a message to share. We have an identity. **This Is Us.**

See you in church!

+ Pastor Joel



**God's work.  
Our hands.**

Join us on September 8th from 9:00–11:00 a.m. for our 9th Annual **"*Serving in God's World with Love*" Sunday**. It's a chance to celebrate who we are as Christ Lutheran Church. We are blessed to be a blessing. We receive God's Grace and are called to share God's Grace, called to be God's Grace. And by doing so we realize that we are not only nourishing our community - we are nourishing ourselves.

From 9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. we invite you to join us as we participate in a variety of service projects in and around our community. This year we have a variety of projects (suitable for all ages and all abilities). See the display and signup sheets in the Nyman Center for a complete list of all the opportunities.

Each year, we have had over 120 people participate during our **"*Serving in God's World with Love*" Sunday**. This year we would love to match, if not surpass that number as we gather for a morning of worshipping God through our service to our neighbors. All are welcome! Friends and family, too.

### Schedule

8:15 a.m. - Short sending service

9:00 a.m. - Service projects

11:00 a.m. - "Thank You" lunch @ church



**Red Bridge Preschool** begins another school year on Wednesday, September 4 with its biggest enrollment in many years. The classes are getting full, but there are still some spaces available - especially for the Tuesday and Thursday class, and for the Wednesday 2 year old class. (There is limited space available on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays in the preschool classroom). If you or someone you know is looking for a preschool this fall, we invite you to tell them about Red Bridge. Red Bridge

Preschool is open to all families and all children in the community. We currently serve families from Marine, Scandia, Hugo, Stillwater and Wisconsin. Red Bridge offers an excellent early childhood program by preparing children for a lifetime of learning adventures. Our students go to kindergarten feeling confident, loving school and ready to continue learning. Red Bridge has been a ministry of Christ Lutheran and an institution within Marine on Saint Croix for over 35 years. As they begin a new school year we give thanks to God for the staff of Red Bridge and we keep the children and families in our prayers.

For more information or to schedule a tour, contact RBPS Director Elizabeth Weisberg at (651) 433-3222.

## We're hiring! Steeple Singers (Adult) Choir Director

We are searching for a director for the Steeple Singers. This is a part-time position (5 hours a week on average). Currently the choir practices on Wednesdays, and sings about every three weeks on Sundays from October through December, and then from the end of February (beginning of Lent) through middle of May. The schedule is flexible, depending on the needs of the new director. If you or someone you know is interested or would like more information, please contact Pastor Joel, Pastor Hannah or Cheryl Reinitz. Our hope is for the Steeple Singers to start practicing late September or early October. Watch for updates in the Sunday bulletins.



### Interested in being part of Mission Jamaica 2020?

Join others from CLC and other area churches from February 22-29 for a week of mission and ministry at Garland Hall Children's Home in the hill country above Montego Bay, Jamaica.

During the week we will take on a variety of "habitat" type projects (no matter your ability or building skill level there will be projects you can help with). We also interact and make connections with the children (ages 4-17) who live there.

CLC has been part of Mission Jamaica for over 25 years, and it continues to be an important way we reach out beyond ourselves into the world sharing the love of Christ in word and action. For more information see Bill Eggers, Dan Froiland, Tom Nyman, or Pastor Joel.

## Children & Youth

### CONFIRMATION+

Confirmation classes are offered for 7th-9th graders on Wednesday nights from 6:30-7:30 p.m. It is a time of discovery and wonder about God and who we are as followers of Christ. It is a safe place where questions are encouraged, doubts are embraced, and a stronger sense of community is formed. If you or your youth would like to participate, please talk to one of our pastors.

### Blessing of the Backpacks

Sunday, September 15th  
at 9:45 a.m. worship



All students and school workers (teachers, administrators, assistants, support staff) are invited to be a part of our Blessing of the Backpacks. Come, bring your backpack, laptop bag, or lunch box and be a part of our celebration!

Thank  
you,  
CLC!

## Life Night Returns Sept. 11th

Free Burger Bash

5:30-6:15 p.m.

Almost Angels Kids' Choir

6:00-6:30 p.m.

Bingo, Bible Story for Kids & Confirmation Kick-off

6:30-7:30 p.m.

Fall Schedule & Registration for Classes at [clcmarine.org](http://clcmarine.org)

Life Night is our Wednesday night faith formation ministry. Maybe you've heard of AWANA? Life Night is kind of like that! We offer special classes for preschoolers through 9th graders. The activities are Bible-based, hands-on, and service-oriented. There are also special activity nights for adults and families. Life Night also includes rehearsal time for Almost Angels, our children's choir. The night begins with a catered community dinner at 5:30 p.m. We invite you to come and be nourished at Life Night, on Wednesday nights mid-September through mid-May.

Why is it called Life Night? Our hope is that all the faith formation activities that we offer at CLC are in some way life-giving: to you as an individual, as a family, to our community and church. Life Night is called that because we believe that it is important to take time in our wonderful, busy lives to nurture and nourish the life that God has given us. And whether it be in choir, a class, or around a table eating a meal, we believe that what we do together each week can be, should be, and hopefully will be, life-giving.

### Be a Blessing!

Serve a hot meal to people who are hurting and homeless in Minneapolis.

Monday, September 23 3:45-8:15 p.m.

Great service opportunity for kids (8+ with a parent) and adults.

Limited spots available.

Sign up with Pastor Hannah.



Thank you to all who were a part of our summer ministries with children and youth! We thank God for the many volunteers who served and donated and for all of the kids we reached! God is good!

# September

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> 9:15 AM Worship 10:15 AM Coffee & Treats	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 9:00 AM Quilting group 12:15 PM CLC Staff meeting 8:00 PM AA/Al-Anon	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> 7:00 AM - 8:00 AM Men's Breakfast @ Scandia Calf-A	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> Serving in God's World with Love Sunday  8:15 a.m. Worship 9:00 a.m. Service Projects Serving in God's World with Love Sunday	<b>9</b> 6:45 PM Church Council	<b>10</b> 12:15 PM CLC Staff meeting 8:00 PM AA/Al-Anon	<b>11</b> 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM Life Night Fall Kick-off	<b>12</b> 7:00 AM - 8:00 AM Men's Breakfast @ Scandia Calf-A	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b> Blessing of the Backpacks 8:15 AM Worship 9:15 AM Coffee & Treats 9:45 AM Worship	<b>16</b> 7:00 PM Men's Book Club	<b>17</b> 8:15 AM Adventurers: FMSC 9:00 AM Quilting group 12:15 PM CLC Staff meeting 8:00 PM AA/Al-Anon	<b>18</b> 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM Life Night	<b>19</b> 7:00 AM - 8:00 AM Men's Breakfast @ Scandia Calf-A	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> Grandma's Attic sale
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# October

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## "Grandma's Attic" Sale

WELCA will be holding a "name-your-price" rummage sale, separately from and prior to the Fall Bazaar. The sale will be the weekend of September 21-22. Please bring your donations of *gently used* items, including; household items, sewing/craft supplies, toys, tools, knick-knacks, jewelry, dishes, small rugs, table cloths, etc. You can bring them to church the Thursday & Friday before the sale. (no earlier, please.) Note: No clothing donations, and please do not price your items. Any items that do not sell will be donated to charity. If you have questions, please talk to Bonnie Worth.



## ANNUAL FALL BAZAAR Saturday, November 2 Sunday, November 3

WELCA welcomes donations of all kinds including (but not limited to): homemade art work and crafts: pottery, stitching, sewing, crocheting, woodworking, painting, homemade canned goods, baked goods (though you can probably wait a few weeks to do the baking), stenciling, quilting, handmade furniture, wall hangings and whatever else you would like to donate. See or contact Sherri Clysdale (651-503-6294) if you have any questions.



The Adventurers 55+ group is going to Feed My Starving Children on Tuesday, Sept. 17. There are sitting jobs for anyone who has trouble standing. Sign up in the Nyman Center for this meaningful service opportunity.



CLC's week to provide volunteers for the dinner and overnight shifts is September 8-14. Folks who took a shift or two in May have told me that they enjoyed helping kids with homework, playing with them outdoors with newly-donated bikes and sports equipment, exploring the new basement game room, and getting to know the parents and St. Andrew's staff in mealtime conversations.

*The shifts are:*

*5:00-8:30 pm--dinner (2 volunteers needed each day)*

*8:15 pm-9:15 am--overnight (married couple or 2 same-gender volunteers needed each night)*

You may sign up at  
<https://www.timetosignup.com/safamilyshelter/sheet/1279839>

Please contact Anne Gardner, 651-439-7289, with any questions or concerns.



## FLU SHOT CLINIC

Sunday, September 29 from 9 a.m.-11:30 a.m. in the Fireside Room.

Nurses will be on hand to administer Flu Shots.

They take Medicare and most private insurance plans. Bring your I.D. and your insurance card with you.

## Another summer at CLC has come and gone...

We'd like to say a few words of **THANKS** to those who made things go a little *smoother* around here during the summer months.

- *Steve, Mark, & Colin Delisi, Matt Mondor, Steve Plummer, Gene Di Lorenzo and Wayne Worth for taking care of all audio/visual aspects for each Sunday's worship services*
- *To our volunteer musicians who add so much to our outdoor worship services*
- *To all those who signed up to help with chairs, to take care of the community garden, and to host fellowship*
- *To Fred and Sharon Remund, who take care of our perennial gardens*
- *To Sherri Reid for locking up the building each night*
- *To Sandy Mondor, who coordinates Altar Guild*
- *To Sue Nelson, who recruits Greeters/Ushers*
- *To Jennie Raffel and Margaret Dinzeo, who assemble bulletins each week*

Ministry at CLC largely depends on volunteers who give of their time and gifts to nourish others. **THANK YOU!**



# Lift High the Cross!



Thank you to the group of volunteers who made plans for a new cross on the south hillside. Led by Leigh Delisi, we are grateful for this group: Wayne Worth, Dean Sjoquist, Walt Peterson, Matt Langreck, Jackson Langreck, Steve Nelson and Art Monson. On September 8, landscaping will be added around the base of the cross.

## In need of prayer

**Please contact the church office if you would like someone added to or removed from our Prayer List.**

**ONGOING CONCERNS:** Tom Nyman, Bill Eggers, Ray Raffel, Michael Mackner, Ruth Ogren, Joyce Ritz,

Robert Trombly, father of Kathy Trombly-Ferrin

Donald Tryon, father of Eric Tryon  
Jon and JonTae Hackmann (son & grandson of Ron & Miriam)

Kari Popko (friend of Bob Waedekin)

Tom Gunther (father of Liza Mueller)

Don Horton (friend of John and Deb Landrith)

Lynnsey Mostad (friend of Ellen and Neil Johnson)

Joyce Mondor (mother of Matt)



### SERVING IN GOD'S WORLD WITH LOVE

Get "on mission" by giving some time weekly/monthly/occasionally to help CLC serve in God's world with love.

◆ Join the Quilting group on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month at 9:00 a.m. No experience necessary. All quilts made are given to local and international missions.

◆ Christ Lutheran is hosting our annual Fall Bloodmobile on Friday, September 27. Please plan to donate blood that day and if you can help out in the kitchen, please call Lorelee Di Lorenzo (433.8500).

### The Together in Grief group

will meet on September 7 in the Fireside Room from 10:00–11:30 a.m. Anyone who has lost a loved one is welcome to join us. The focus of the group is on supporting each other through the changes that grief brings and, as one group member recently stated, "learning how to live." The group is open to anyone in the community. All are welcome! If you have questions about the group – please contact Lon or Pat Pardun at 651-433-2130.



#### Christ Lutheran Church General Fund Operating Statement Seven Months ending July 31, 2019 Unaudited

INCOME	YTD Actual	2019 Budget	%
Total	\$258,285	\$512,000	50%
<b>EXPENSE</b>			
Salary & Benefits	\$196,549	\$348,500	56%
Other	92,355	163,500	56%
Total	\$288,904	\$512,000	56%
Oper Balance	(\$30,619)	\$0	

This statement reports the Year-to-Date Net Operating Balance for the General Fund as of July 31, 2019. It compares the actual results to the total year Operating Budget. Generally, about 60% of the Budget should be consumed by July 31. Weekly Givings are approximately \$41,000 below budget and Expenses are approximately \$10,000 better than budget. Weekly Givings through July 31, 2019 are below last year.

Cheryl Reinitz, Treasurer



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