You Can Make a Difference!

Did you realize that 508 students in our area school districts were identified as homeless? The need right here in our backyard is great but you can help. Let’s help these kids by providing school supplies, in our 5th annual School Supply and Food drive, that will help them be more successful this coming year!

Make a difference now . . .

- Begin purchasing school supplies and food items, place them in the barrel in the lobby

Make a difference at the event . . .

- Distribute invitations to neighbors - **Saturday, July 23rd, 9am (note new time)**
- Pick up items from our neighbors - **Saturday, July 30th, 11am**
- Setup for sorting - **Saturday, July 30th, 11:30am**
- Sort items - **Sunday, July 31st, 9:30am**
- Deliver items - various dates to various recipients

Suggested School Supplies:

- Red, blue and black pens
- Erasers
- Watercolors
- 5-tab dividers
- Backpacks
- Rulers
- Scissors
- TI-30XA calculators
- 1 inch 3-ring binders
- Wide rule notebook paper
- No. 2 pencils
- Crayons
- Plastic school boxes
- Spiral notebooks
- Yellow highlighters
- Dry erase markers
- Two pocket folders
- Colored pencils
- Wide markers
- Ear buds

Suggested Food Donations:

- Flour
- Sugar
- Canned meat/tuna
- Boxed meals/macaroni & cheese
- Peanut butter and jelly
- Pasta sauce
- Pasta (2 lbs or less pkgs)
- Canned vegetables and fruit
- Crackers
- Rice (2 lbs or less pkgs)
- Canned or dried soups
- Hot and cold cereal
- Dried beans (2 lbs or less pkgs)
- Personal hygiene items
- Toilet paper
Adult Ministry Calendar

- July 10th — Shadow of His Wings Coffee Hour in the lobby — 9:30am
- July 5th and 19th — WINC Needles meet in the church lobby, 2pm
- July 12th — WINC Readers meet at the Kuddes home, 7pm
- July 23rd — Deliver REACH invitations to our neighbors, 9am
- July 30th — Pick up school supplies and food from our neighbors
- July 31st — Sort and pack school supplies and food
- August 27th and 28th — Fall Faith Family Kickoff and Small Group sign-up
- September 11th and 18th — Orientation to Christ Lutheran Church

Summer Schedule for Bible Study and Small Groups

Sunday morning adult groups like Children and Youth are on summer hiatus to give our ministry partners who lead a well deserved rest. If you would like assistance with resources to study on your own, or with your family or group, check out hundreds of options through Christ Lutheran’s online Christian media partner RightNow Media. Haven’t got a log in yet. Click here and Myra will help you get started. Looking for a small group this summer? Click here.

WinC Women in Christ

Save the date for the annual
150 Blanket Challenge Breakfast

Saturday, October 1st
8:30 — 10:30am

The fleece blankets you tie go to women and children being served by our mission partners at Advice and Aid Crisis Pregnancy Centers and Mother’s Refuge as well as metro area women’s shelters and Children’s Mercy Hospital.

Faith Family Kickoff & Small Group Sign Up

“...Christ in you, the hope of glory. Him we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone mature in Christ.”
Colossians 1:27-28

Mature in Christ, what will you do in the coming year to become more Christ-like, more mature in your faith?
- Pray alone and with others?
- Study His word on your own and with others?
- Serve others in mission and ministry?

Did you notice the word that appears in all three bullets? The Fall Kickoff will highlight ministry and growth opportunities to share with others in all areas of Adult Ministry—Worship Servers, ChristConnect, Small Groups, REACH, Young Families, Discipling, Bible Study, WINC and more.

Come early or stay late for a cup of coffee and a taste of ministry, August 27th and 28th before and after all services in the Lobby and the Commons
Rainbows is a structured support class for children to help them deal with life challenges such as bullying, family illness or peer pressure in addition to divorce, death, or military deployment. Led by a trained facilitator using creative story, discussion & crafts, Rainbows is faith-based and age appropriate. We are starting to form classes for fall! Would your child or someone you know benefit from attending? Contact Robin Bode at robinbode34@gmail.com, CareMinistry@clcop.org or call 913.754.5812.

Support Groups continue to grow steadily. If you would like to be a part of this area of ministry in some way, please contact Connie Hahs for information on ways you can get involved. connie.hahs@clcop.org

Thank you to our volunteers who provided a care meal, helped with a ride, home repairs, yard work or moving - Steven Flanery, Travis Statlander, Austin Reed, Mark Hunter, Kevin Waters, Marc Richardson, Roger Henik, Matt Clark, the high school youth members.
VBS Week was amazing! 300 children and their families were ministered to by the VBS ministry team. We want to thank the 95+ volunteers, directors, station leaders, and crew leaders who helped us make this week happen. God shined His light through you the entire week, and allowed us to show just who He is and how He loves each of us! Thank you for following His call into making a difference in the lives of every child and family who came to VBS! May you see just a glimpse of the smile your Father has on His face when He looks upon you!

James Caldwell - Children's Ministry Coordinator
There were 16 middle school students that attended camp the first week of June. During their camp time they did the following.

- Gaga Ball
- Pool
- Lake Activities
- Snack Time
- A Great Speaker at Chapel

There were 39 kids and six adults that served others and grew closer to God. This is the largest group we have ever had for LEAP VBS. During the week, we did the following activities.

- Tuesday – Rows for the Hungry
- Wednesday – Harvesters
- Thursday – Visiting CLC Homebound members
- Friday – Blessings Abound

Thanks to those adults, Monica Post, Gretchen Haugh, Angie Seibert, Cecil Steurke, and Jason Jones, who drove and drove and drove us throughout the week.

**August 26th – BARF Water/Game Night from 6pm to 8pm.**
Join your friends for a fun evening of water.

**August 28th – Faith Family Kickoff at 9:30am.**
Meet the LEAP gang at the kickball field.
On May 7th, the confirmation class of 2016 (above) delivered their “What Jesus means to me” speeches, the final requirement for confirmation. That same week, a group of CLYM students presented Blue Door with a check for $29,422 (left), which was collected over the last 3 years as part of the group’s effort to fight homelessness. CLYM will partner with Blue Door over the summer and for years to come -- for information on Blue Door, visit www.thebluedoorproject.org, and make sure to congratulate all these kids for what they’ve accomplished!
Looking ahead to the 2016-17 school year, a couple of dates to include on your calendar:

Monday, August 15 – Welcome Back to School Night
Wednesday, August 17 – First day of school and opening chapel; dismissal at 12pm
Wednesday, August 24 – Parent Orientation Night
Saturday, September 10 – School Family Picnic here at CLC / CLS!
It's not just our CLEEC students who love to paint! Check out our Christ Lutheran Early Education Center Facebook page to find out who else has been busy painting this summer!

“Together in Christ, helping children to connect with Jesus as Lord and Savior.”
Please join us in thanking Mark Pedersen and Cathy Stearns for their years of service on the CLT. We are pleased to welcome Dustin Williams and Karen Gahagan and ask you to pray for them and the rest of the team as we prepare to begin a new term in August.

Together in Christ that others may know Christ.

June Meeting Highlights

2017 Spending Plan (July 2016 - July 2017)
The spending plan for next year was affirmed by the congregation’s vote on June 4 and 5.

CLT Members
CLT members for the coming year are Tim Nelson, Paul Drown, Dave DeFreece, LaVonne Trieu, Jeff Kirk, Deborah Bessette, Bryan Griffin, Dustin Williams and Karen Gahagan.

CLT Officers
The CLT elected their new officers.

Master’s Plan
Master Planning has moved to the Finance Team, which will share recommendations sometime this fall. Please continue to pray for their deliberations.

Contact us at clt.clp@gmail.com

Operating Revenues & Expenses Comparison
For the Period Ended 5/31/2016

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Things to note:
Revenue figures in the graph above include proceeds from the sale of a small amount of property to the Gables. That sale was authorized in 2014 and is now complete. Proceeds are not to be used for operating expenses.

As we are now nearing the middle of summer it seems a good time to remind everyone that the church receives its lowest amount of monthly contributions during the summer months. However, expenses do not decrease. Please prayerfully consider giving an extra offering to the church in July and August. This will help maintain a positive cash flow.

If you will be gone on a weekend you may give to the church on the church web page using either your debit or credit card.

Average Worship Attendance for May was 631.

For benevolence transactions for 3rd quarter FY 2016 (January thru March) click here
For more detailed financial information click here
Online Giving Option

Christ Lutheran’s online giving options have been expanded so that access may be accomplished through a QR code (below). Use of the QR code will take you directly to the church secure online donation page on the web site. The QR code will be in the bulletin so that you may access the donation page during the offering. Use of debit and credit cards does cost the merchant and in this case the merchant is the church. Please consider adding to your planned donation if you use online giving to cover that expense.

We continue to offer on-going electronic fund transfer set up through your checking or savings account. The paper form to sign up is in the information center in the lobby.

How to Give Your Pledge or Offering Using Your Smart Phone

1. Scan the QR code
2. Tap the Log in/Create Profile button.
3. If you’ve already create a profile, on your mobile device, just type in your email and password. If you haven’t previously created a profile, select that button and fill in the requested information. Then tap the “Register” button. You will then be taken back to the Main page.
4. Enter the amount you wish to give to the General Fund or Treasure Him.
5. Scroll down to choose whether you want the donation to come from your checking account, savings account, or by using your credit card. NOTE: The checking account routing number or credit card number may need to be entered if you have not yet set up that part.
6. Choose the frequency of your gift, one-time, weekly, monthly
7. Choose the date you want the transaction to occur.
8. Once the info is filled in, choose the Next button to confirm your selection.
9. Tap the Confirm button to submit your offering.

‡ PRAYER TIME ‡
IN LOBBY
Mondays, 7:00AM

Occupational Directory
Are you looking for someone to do some repair work? Maybe you need flowers for a special occasion or an amazing travel agent. Click on this link to find members of Christ Lutheran Church that are able to help you out with these and many other tasks.

Sound Techs Wanted
We need to add to the team. If you are interested in serving in this area of ministry, please notify Janet Hibbard at 913.238.2729 or email her at Janet.Hibbard@clcop.org. We would love to have you on the team!!

And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up.
—Galatians 6:9