

# CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

## IN TOUCH

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**JANUARY 2020**

FROM PASTOR CRAIG

Happy New Year! We begin a new year and a new decade. As I reflect on 2019, I see a lot of positives. One is the congregation's increase in ELCA Mission Support. The Benevolence Sunday offerings totaled \$1,475.02. The goal for 2019 was \$1,200.00 for ELCA Mission Support, the amount collected was 147.5% for the year. As the Christ Lutheran Church Lay Ministry Council worked on the 2020 Vision (Budget), we set a goal of \$1,500.00 towards ELCA Mission Support. Prayerfully keep this in mind on each Benevolence Sunday, the second Sunday of each month. If you are wondering about what Mission support is, I have included the following from the Christ Lutheran Church website [www.christlutheranfd.org](http://www.christlutheranfd.org).

Each second Sunday of the month, we collect a special offering for benevolence. We appropriately call it Benevolence Sunday. This designated offering is forwarded to the Western Iowa Synod "for Mission Support beyond the congregation and churchwide ministries of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America." Our congregation supports other local ministries through regular offerings and the general budget.

Mission Support is more than "paying the church's bills." It is financial support for the continuing mission and ministry of the church beyond our walls. From the ELCA's website:

*Mission Support provides 80 percent of the resources to enable the ELCA to begin new ministries and accompany existing congregations as growing centers for evangelical mission. These funds also provide the staff and resources for the development of new leaders, partnership with churches around the globe, alleviating poverty, working for justice and peace, and so much more.*

*The ELCA's evangelical and missional witness invites generous giving. Individuals and congregations are encouraged to increase Mission Support through their decisions and actions. Synods and the churchwide organization share these Mission Support dollars through our work in the expressions of the church. With our hands, we do God's work of restoring and reconciling communities throughout the world.*

*Pastor Craig*

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### PASTOR'S OFFICE HOURS

Christ Lutheran: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, 9am to Noon  
Washington Lutheran: Tuesday, 2:30-4:20pm; Friday, 9am to Noon

## CHURCH CUSTODIANS

We extend our sincere thanks to Mike & Kim Conrad who have been our Church Custodians for over twenty years. They have retired from their custodial duties at Christ Lutheran Church at the end of December 2019.

We welcome Sheila Tagg as our new Church Custodian. Sheila, and her mother Bonnie Byro, are long-time members at Christ Lutheran Church. Sheila has a lot of experience as a client of LifeWorks Community Services. She will begin her duties January of 2020.

## MICK MCBRIDE, COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Good Morning Everybody!

I am writing this a little less than a week from Christmas 2019. With a New Year and New Decade coming around the corner we can look ahead to the Blessings and Challenges that will face us.

Please thoughtfully consider how we can utilize our gifts to help us face our challenges. I would really appreciate input on ways we can be an extension of God's Love here in our hometown. We have another congregational meeting coming up, and I would like to have some great ideas to share with everyone, if you are too shy to make your suggestion in front of everyone, hand it off to me. (As you have seen I am not afraid to talk.)

Please remember It is always a great form of giving to offer a listening ear or a helping hand to those in our lives who are struggling physically, mentally, or emotionally. Please be prayerful in considering giving of yourself, you are a great gift.

Love you all, see you Sunday.

*Mick*

## CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH WOMEN

**QUILTING:** Our resident quilters are hoping to start meeting again very soon. Stay tuned for further updates. Janet Bishey will keep you in the loop. In the meantime, we all wish Eileen a speedy recovery as she continues to rest up and heal from her pacemaker procedure.

**LADIES NIGHT OUT** has not been set up for January yet. Again, stay tuned . . .

### ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL REPORT MEETING

The Annual Congregational Report Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, January 26, 2020, following worship. If you have a report to be included, please submit it to the church office as soon as possible. It's never too early!

## THANK YOU!

*Thank you to the Church Council and Members of Christ Lutheran Church for the generous Christmas gifts. We very much appreciate it!*

*Pastor Craig and Carmin*

Thank you to Christ Lutheran Church Members who volunteered their time on Saturday, December 7, 2019 to work at the Fort Dodge Food Pack for Feed My Starving Children. CLC Members who volunteered were: Arlene Opheim, Joyce Hanson, Mick and Janet McBride, Pastor Craig and Carmin Miller, Russ Johnson, and guest CLC Members were Loren and Janette Miller. Also, the total M&M Candy offering was \$278.55.

## GOSH, THAT WAS FUN!

Thank you, Janet McBride, for coordinating the Cookie Exchange December 22nd. There were so many wonderful treats, and everyone had a great time. Can't wait for next year.



Christ Lutheran Men  
Decked out in the  
Christmas/Team Shirts  
A handsome bunch!

Christ Lutheran Women  
In their festive and bright  
Christmas Sweaters  
Lovely inside and out!



## LAY MINISTRY COUNCIL MINUTES

Christ Lutheran Church Lay Ministry Council met on December 9, 2019.

Those present were: Pres Mick McBride, Brenda Savery, Joyce Hanson, Sue Kraft, Jerry Kraft, Liz Lombard, Jan Bowers & Pastor Miller.

**MOTION** carried to approve the Minutes of the Nov 11, 2019, Lay Ministry Council Meeting (Jerry, Jan)

### Pastor's Report:

- Pastoral Care Visitations
- 2019 vacation: Upcoming: Dec 26-31
- 12/29 : Annette Howard will be preaching, YTD: 2 Sundays, 9 days,
- 2020 vacation: Florida January 23-30, 1/26 Eric Howard will be preaching Thanksgiving Soup Potluck and Worship Wed Nov 27

**MOTION** carried to approve Financial Secretary/Treasurer Reports for Nov 2019 (Brenda, Liz)

### Other Reports

- Annual Congregational Meeting – Dec 8th
- Feed My Starving Children – Special Collection and FD MobilePack Dec 7

### Ongoing Business

- Upcoming Joint Exec Council Meeting with Washington Lutheran 12/10
- Annual Report Congregational Meeting – Jan 26<sup>th</sup>
- Festive Sweater and Cookie Exchange 12/22
- Church Custodian(s) – Possible Applicant will be interviewed

### New Business

David Urlaub, a Financial Associate with Thrivent will be holding workshops at Christ Lutheran after the first of the year.

Next meeting will be January 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm.

The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Brenda Savery  
LMC Secretary

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- ◆ **2020 SIGN UP SHEETS** are in the hallway. Please consider volunteering to Read, Usher or supply Flowers
  - ◆ **CHRIST IN OUR HOME** is available in the Fellowship Hall
  - ◆ **MAILBOXES / BULLETIN BOARDS** Please check these regularly for information
  - ◆ **DIRECTORY UPDATES** If you have a change of information, please let us know so that it may be updated
  - ◆ **LORD'S CUPBOARD** is always in need of pantry items. Please give generously!

# JANUARY 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>FLOWERS</b> 1/5 OPEN 1/12 OPEN 1/19 Russ & Evelyn Johnson, Honor of their Mothers 1/26 OPEN			1 New Year's Day	2	3 Pastor Craig in the office 9-12	4
5 9am Worship w/ Holy Communion  Coffee: Church Council	6	7 10:30am Clergy Text Study 1pm Quilting Tentative 6pm Yoga	8 6:30 pm Confirmation at WLC	9 Fort Dodge Forum	10	11
12 9am Worship Benevolence Sunday  Coffee: OPEN	13 7pm Lay Ministry Council Meeting	14 10:30am Clergy Text Study 1pm Quilting Tentative 6pm Yoga	15 6:30 pm Confirmation at WLC	16	17	18
19 9am Worship w/ Holy Communion Gospel Song Sunday  Coffee Altar Guild	20	21 10:30am Clergy Text Study 1pm Quilting Tentative 6pm Yoga	22 6:30 pm Confirmation at WLC	23	24	25
				<b>Pastor on Vacation January 23 - 30</b>		
26 9am Worship Annual Report Congregational Meeting after Worship  Coffee: OPEN	27	28 10:30am Clergy Text Study 1pm Quilting Tentative 6pm Yoga	29 No Confirmation at WLC	30	31 <b>USHERS</b> Needed all Month	<b>ALTAR GUILD</b> Tim & Kellie Guderian
<b>Pastor on Vacation January 23 - 30</b>						

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Mick McBride, Council President

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### In Our Prayers

Kate McBride (home)  
Heidi Janssen (home)  
Bonnie Byro (FD Health & Rehab)  
Luella Jensen (home)  
Alan Johnson (home)  
Alvin Dencklau (home)  
Eleanor Kullberg (Villa Care)  
Jeff Johnson (son of Russ & Evelyn)  
Lydia Becker (home)  
Eileen Samuelson (home)  
Richard Zahrobsky (home)

### OCCASIONS TO CELEBRATE

#### January Birthdays

1/3	Evelyn Johnson
1/3	Arlene Opheim
1/6	Norma Cerney
1/7	Nancy Hewett
1/8	Heidi Janssen
1/10	Janet Bishey
1/11	Betty Conrad
1/16	Taylin Conrad
1/18	Jack Hampton
1/20	Luella Jensen
1/20	Evelyn Jacobson
1/20	Stacey Christy
1/21	Sondra Peters
1/25	Lisa Peterson

#### January Anniversaries

1/24	Marty & Ray Pickett
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*“A friendly, caring church extending the love of Jesus to all.”*