

# Christ Lutheran Church

## In Touch

March 2020

### Pastor Craig

*"The word of the Lord came to Jonah a second time..."* (Jonah 3:1)

The above verse from the Book of Jonah is one of the Daily Lectionary readings for the Thursday after Ash Wednesday. As I meditated on this passage, I thought it might have something to say to us about Lent.

The story of Jonah (and the whale) is well known. It is a story that we learned in Sunday School, but what we were taught was mostly the first half of the story. So I lift up to you, as one radio personality used to say, "Now for the rest of the story." Every time I read this passage, the words "The word of the Lord came to Jonah a *second* time" (italics mine), I stop and wonder—A second time?

Jonah's "adventure" started when God wanted him to go to Nineveh to proclaim God's judgment, but Jonah would not, because he hated the people of Nineveh, and he believed that the people would hear his word, repent, and God would forgive them and spare them from destruction. He was right. So Jonah tried to run from God. It didn't work. What follows is the story of a storm at sea, being thrown overboard, being swallowed by a large fish, and being "spewed" upon the shore. Then, "The word of the Lord came to Jonah a second time."

We begin our Lenten journey again, and "The word of the Lord comes to us a second time." Once again we here from the Prophet Joel, "Return to the Lord, your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love" (Joel 2:13b). Lent is a time to turn to the Lord, to hear again of God's grace and mercy shown to us in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. May you receive God's word again this Lenten season.

Let us pray. Gracious and merciful God, your word comes to us anew every day. Give us ears to hear and believing hearts to repent and turn to you, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

*Pastor Craig*

### Pastor's Office Hours

Christ Lutheran: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, 9am to Noon

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

## Mick McBride, Council President

Hello Everybody,

Last month when I wrote this we had just survived our first blizzard, I enjoy this part of winter much more.

This past Lay Council meeting we started discussing how we will pay for much needed repairs to the parsonage and church building. Soon you will be receiving a letter from us outlining the costs and work that we are looking at. We will start with incorporating a "Red Envelope" campaign. Those of you that have been long time parish members are familiar with this fund raising method, the letter will explain the details to us newbies. When the letter comes, please consider helping at whatever level you feel comfortable.

I would love to hear any ideas on alternate ways to get the work done or in paying for the work.

If you have questions or concerns you can always contact me the following ways:

Cell phone or text - 515-368-5613

Email - [mimcbride@outlook.com](mailto:mimcbride@outlook.com)

or the back of church on Sunday

As always please remember It is always a great form of giving to offer a listening ear, a helping hand or simply your time 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.

See you Sunday.

*Mick*

## INFLUENZA AND CORONA VIRUS!

It seems there is always something to worry about where our health and welfare are concerned. Good hygiene practices are still the best:

- \* Cover your Cough
- \* Keep your hands away from your face
- \* Wash your hands with soap and water

And above all, let this be your motto: →



## Christ Lutheran Church Women

Come get your stitch on! **QUILTING** at the church every Tuesday at 1:00pm. No experience is necessary, and the fellowship is great!

**LADIES NIGHT OUT** - Wednesday, March 25, at 5:00PM at Village Inn. We'll go to Lenten worship after dinner.



### DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME!

Remember to set your clocks ahead Saturday night, March 7th. We don't want you to be late for church!

## Our Lenten Journey

The theme for Lent this year is "At the Name of Jesus" based on Paul's letter to the Philippians 2:5-11.

⇒ MIDWEEK SERVICES as follows:

March 4 at Washington Lutheran Church at 7PM. Confirmation at 6:15

March 11 at Christ Lutheran Church at 7PM. No Confirmation Class.

March 18 at Washington Lutheran Church at 7PM. Confirmation at 6:15

March 25 at Christ Lutheran Church at 7PM. No Confirmation Class

April 1 at Washington Lutheran Church at 7PM. Confirmation at 6:15 (No Fooling!)

⇒ PALM SUNDAY worship with Holy Communion is April 5, 9AM

⇒ MAUNDY THURSDAY, April 9, Worship w/Holy Communion at Christ Lutheran at 7PM

⇒ GOOD FRIDAY, April 10, Worship at Washington Lutheran Church at 7PM

⇒ EASTER SUNDAY Breakfast at 7:30AM, WORSHIP w/Holy Communion, 8:30AM

- ◆ **2020 SIGN UP SHEETS** are in the hallway. There are many openings to be filled. 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!

# Lay Ministry Council Meeting Minutes

Christ Lutheran Church Lay Ministry Council met on February 10, 2020.

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

**MOTION** carried to approve the Minutes of the Jan 13, 2020 Lay Ministry Council Meeting (Jan, Sue)

## **Pastor's Report:**

- Pastoral Care Visitations
- 2020 vacation: Florida Jan 23-30, Thanks to Eric Howard for preaching and Mick for leading.
- CLC Website Domain renewed, christlutheranfd.org \$23.54/year
- Hands of Hope Gathering March 1<sup>st</sup> at 2pm at Grace Lutheran, any congregational member may attend.
- WIS Assembly May 1-2, "See What God is Doing" held in Spencer, IA
- Lent begins on Feb 26<sup>th</sup> with Ash Wednesday at 7pm at Christ Lutheran. Wednesday Night Lenten Services will be at 7pm. They will alternate between Christ Lutheran And Washington Lutheran.

**MOTION** carried to approve Financial Secretary/Treas Reports for January 2020 (Brenda, Liz)

## **Other Reports**

- Annual Report Congregational Meeting – Jan 26<sup>th</sup>
- Valentine's Potluck and Game Night was held Feb 9<sup>th</sup>.
- Church Custodial Position was accepted by Sheila Tagg, began 1/22

## **Ongoing Business**

- Estimates for Parsonage siding/repairs are coming in.



## **New Business**

- Annual Palm Sunday Potato Bake
- Ice Cream Social
- RAGBRAI in Fort Dodge Monday July 20<sup>th</sup>
- Biking for the Beacon, September 12, 2020
- The Council discussed several ideas for Outreach 2020,

Next meeting will be March 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm.  
The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Brenda Savery  
LMC Secretary

# March 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9am Worship w/ Holy Communion  Coffee: Church Council <b><u>READER</u></b> Mick McBride	2	3 10:30am Clergy Text Study  1pm Quilting  6pm Yoga with Mick	4 6:15pm Confirmation Class  7pm Lenten Worship at WLC	5 10:30AM BIBLE STUDY AT WLC All are welcome!	6	7 <b>SET YOUR CLOCKS AHEAD</b>  
8 9am Worship Benevolence Sunday  Coffee: OPEN <b><u>READER</u></b> Barb Chinander	9 7pm Lay Ministry Council Meeting	10 10:30am Clergy Text Study  1pm Quilting  6pm Yoga with Mick	11 7pm Lenten Worship at CLC	12  Fort Dodge Forum	13	14
15 9am Worship w/ Holy Communion Gospel Song Sunday  Coffee: Altar Guild <b><u>NO READER</u></b>	16	17 10:30am Clergy Text Study  1pm Quilting  6pm Yoga with Mick 	18 6:15pm Confirmation Class  7pm Lenten Worship at WLC	19 10:30AM BIBLE STUDY AT WLC All are welcome!	20	21
22 9am Worship  Coffee: OPEN  <b><u>READER</u></b> Mike Opheim	23	24 10:30am Clergy Text Study  1pm Quilting  6pm Yoga with Mick	25 5pm Ladies Night Out at Village Inn  7pm Lenten Worship at CLC	26 10:30AM BIBLE STUDY AT WLC All are welcome!	27	28
29 9am Worship  Coffee: OPEN  <b><u>NO READER</u></b>	30	31 10:30am Clergy Text Study  1pm Quilting  6pm Yoga with Mick	<b><u>USHERS</u></b> Needed All Month!	<b><u>FLOWERS</u></b>  3/1 Arlene Opheim for Ingvald's Birthday 3/8 Mick & Janet McBride for Haley's Birthday 3/15 Marolyn Hill for Bruce's Birthday 3/22 OPEN 3/29 Jerry & Sue Kraft for Karen's Birthday		

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Mick McBride, Council President

### ***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)

### **OCCASION TO CELEBRATE**

#### **March Birthdays**

1 Sheila Tagg  
2 Candie Becker  
6 Michael Conrad  
10 Richard Zahrobsky  
13 Bruce Hill  
26 Michael Rost  
29 Karen Lund  
30 Marty Pickett

#### **March Anniversaries**

15 Mark & Sondra Peters (1974)

*“A friendly, caring church extending the love of Jesus to all.”*