



# CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS



May 5, 2019



ALTAR FLOWERS THIS MORNING are given by Bruce Beutel in honor of his brother's and sister's birthdays as they were born on May 5 two years apart, and by Doug Urie in celebration of Joyce's 85<sup>th</sup> birthday.

## Sunday Forum on May 5



**Changing the world with Love.** Pastor Andy will present the main points from Gary Chapman's book, *The Five Love Languages*, and will provide time for those present to take the quiz to find out their top two love languages. For couples, singles, parents, kids, and all who interact with other human beings.

## Sunday Forum on May 12

Please join us [on Sunday, May 12](#) for a presentation from Pastor Joann Conroy, Chaplain Good Samaritan Society/Sanford Health, President of the AIAN; and Kelly Sherman-Conroy, Minister of Social Justice & Advocacy for CYF Ministries, Nativity Lutheran Church MN; PhD student Luther Seminary, on topics which will include a discussion about new liturgy created for worship in ELCA congregations, the American Indian Alaska Native Lutheran Association which is one of five ethnic organizations in the ELCA, and some information about the tragic issue of missing and murdered Native American women.

## May-June WELCA Mission



The May-June mission is **yarn** for "Bundles of Love." Please donate any amount of 4-ply yarn which will be given to male prisoners to knit sweaters for children. The donation box is by the elevator.

Several prisons have inmates who knit sweaters (especially infant sweaters) to go into a bundle of clothes given to new moms in need. Thanks for your interest and support for others in need.

**Where did the name tags go?** You may have noticed the name tags and racks are no longer near the sanctuary entrance. They served well for many years to help people in our congregation get to know one another. The latest advice from hospitality gurus tells us that having printed name tags for church members may make guests feel like outsiders or unwelcome. So, we are moving away from name tags as we increase our efforts at inviting new neighbors to CLC. A special thanks to all who were instrumental in creating and stewarding this ministry over the years. As Jesus and Mary's conversation makes clear in our Easter Gospel, names are very important. If you're not sure if someone is a guest or long-time member, a good way to start is: "Hi. I don't think I know your name yet. I'm \_\_\_\_." We continue to build community in Jesus' name, one relationship at a time. Questions or concerns? Talk to Pastor Andy.

## IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

Kendra Tatro  
Ramona Hermanson  
Dorothy Dennis

**Prayer Chain requests:** If you would like to put yourself or someone else on the CLC Prayer Chain, please contact Diane or Sara in the office and your request will be forwarded to the Prayer Chain.

## Hope for the Journey Home Needs You!



*Are you seeking a way to make a difference in our local community? Consider becoming a volunteer at Hope for the Journey Home.*

**Please help us fill volunteer shifts at Hope for the Journey Home (HJH) during our volunteer commitment week in May! (5/19 to 5/25). Sign up to be a Dinner Host or Overnight Host the week of May 19-25 at this link: [ttsu.me/hjhmay19](https://ttsu.me/hjhmay19).**

**Questions?** Contact Jenna Wertish at 651-238-8833 or email [jenna.wertish@gmail.com](mailto:jenna.wertish@gmail.com).

Kathryn Schifferdecker, Doug Steinke, Charlie and Sigrid Le Page would like to study some scriptures with other followers of Jesus. We have chosen to start with the Prophet Jeremiah, following Eugene Peterson's book *Run with the Horses*. We plan to meet Sunday evenings beginning May 19. Please join us. Questions: Call the LePages at 651-436-6039 or email: [cs\\_lepage@yahoo.com](mailto:cs_lepage@yahoo.com)

## OFFERING ENVELOPES

In today's bulletin and your first quarter giving statements you will find a form requesting that you indicate your desire to continue receiving offering envelopes in the mail. There has been a significant reduction in the use of these envelopes due to other giving methods and we are looking into ways to lower our costs of mailing and be environmentally friendly as well. **Please complete the form and drop it in the offering plate or church office by Sunday, May 19.** Thank you for your help!

**WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY SESSION:** The 9 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. groups will meet THIS Tuesday, **May 7** in the Fireside Room. Jackie Boorman & Gloria VanDenneltraadt will lead a special lesson: Two-Way Blessings; a study of inter-generational relationships. Hostesses **Anita Miller** and **Diane Curran** invite all CLC women to this time of study and fellowship.

**Altar Guild** is in need of a volunteer for the week-end of **May 11/12**. Please sign up in the sacristy (room to the left of the altar) or contact Diana Erickson at: [dmeric63@gmail.com](mailto:dmeric63@gmail.com). **THANK YOU!**

The **first quarter giving statements** have been mailed. If you did not receive your statement, please contact Diane in the office.

**Our W/ELCA SWO CONVENTION** concluded about 4 p.m. yesterday. We are grateful to **Cecil Maureen Johnson** who served as our delegate. Visit with her, Jackie Boorman, or Cleone Pritchard about what was accomplished and experienced. They may be a bit “bleary-eyed” this morning as the convention is an action-packed 24 hours, but they are excited about the work that is being accomplished through our synod-wide connections.

**Thank you also** to Jackie for providing a basket for the silent auction, to Meg Corrigan and Gloria VanDommeltraadt for their convention participation, to those who supplied refreshments for the Friday break times, to the quilters for two quilts, to those who donated socks and underwear for our material offering, and to all who helped with our goal of providing a “farm” through the ELCA Good Gifts program. What a demonstration of our Mission Statement: To mobilize women to act **BOLDLY** on their faith in Jesus Christ.

**A NEW MISSION ENDEAVOR:** During May and June, we are asking for donations of full skeins of **4-ply acrylic** yarn. Male inmates at the Rush City, Moose Lake, and Lino Lakes correctional facilities are being taught to knit and they are creating baby sweaters and other items for a project called Bundles of Love. Donations may be brought to the box at entrance to the atrium.

**BIBLE STUDY IN A DEVOTIONAL MANNER:** If the winter passed without your having an opportunity to attend a study session, our May gathering would be a perfect time to experience one. This month we’ll consider “Two-Way Blessings: intergenerational relationships”. We’ll explore Biblical examples of this very special human connection. Sessions meet **THIS TUESDAY, MAY 7** in the Fireside Room at 9:00 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.

**PROGRAM PLANNING FOR 2019-2020** is underway. There is still a need for helpers as hostesses, special event leaders, and sunshine visitors. A sign-up sheet is posted on our WELCA bulletin board by the office. If you have questions about what a task entails, contact: Barb Erickson, Jackie Boorman, Merdith Moser, or Cleone Pritchard. Through our WELCA churchwide office, we are receiving word that our organization is facing challenges. We’ll share more about that in coming months, but how grateful we are for the active support CLC women provide to our unit.

**RETIREMENT NEWS:** Global Health Ministries newsletter contained information about Dr. Mark Jacobson’s retirement after 33 years of mission service with the hospital at Arusha, Tanzania. What a legacy this Stillwater, Minnesota native has left for his adopted country. What an example of service he provides for all of us.

Join us on our shared journey to support youth. **Lutheran Social Services** has invited all to a complimentary breakfast or lunch on **Tuesday, May 14th**. CLC would like to fill a table for the lunch option and carpool from the church. If you are interested, please register individually by May 10th at [www.events.lssmn.org/youth](http://www.events.lssmn.org/youth) or contact Emily Stamp at 651-969-2309 or [emilystamp@lssmn.org](mailto:emilystamp@lssmn.org). Contact Pr. Andy about car pooling to the luncheon.

**Sanctuary flooring update:** We are still in the process of getting bids for the work of pew removal and replacement, top chancel step removal, and flooring for the lobby, sanctuary, and balcony. As yet, there is no date for the completion of the work, but our plan remains to have the work done mid-late summer. Stay tuned.



### **Wow! What a month it’s been!**

During the month of April, we welcomed six of our children to the Lord’s Table through First Communion. We confirmed 12 young adults who shared their faith in beautiful ways. We closed out a fantastic year of confirmation with the Amazing Race, Lake Elmo. And now we move forward, anticipating another month full of significant faith milestones!

**Our children will lead worship at the 10:30 service on May 12.**

**We will bless our graduating seniors at the 10:30 service on May 19.**

**And we continue preparing for an “out of this world” VBS experience from June 23-26.**

On a personal note, I’m excited to let you know that there may be a new face around CLC this fall. I will be decreasing my hours at the church to make way for a new youth director to come in and run Confirmation and Senior High Ministry. I love and cherish the relationships I’ve had the opportunity to build with our amazing youth – and I look forward to supporting our new hire as I continue to focus on our intergenerational ministry at CLC! I ask for your prayers that God brings the right person to CLC – and also prayers for me as I prepare to be the lead teacher in the fall at Ready, Set, Grow Preschool!

God is moving in new and exciting ways at CLC – it’s an exciting time to be here!

*Kristin Tranby*