



CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS



May 12, 2019



ALTAR FLOWERS THIS MORNING are given in honor of mothers, mothering, and a legacy of love.

REMINDER

- Beginning May 26, we will move to ONE worship service at 9:00 a.m.
- The church office will be closed on Tuesday, May 21 for a staff planning retreat. If you have items to add to the calendar please email the office: Admin@clclakeelmo.org
- Beginning Friday, May 24, the church office will be closing at noon on Fridays.
- The church office will be closed on Monday, May 27 in observance of Memorial Day.

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.

THANK YOU, THANK YOU- to all who donated baskets or came and played Bingo at the Cancer Fundraiser On April 29.....we raised over \$2,000 for the Relay for Life Event. There is a sign up sheet at the Atrium entrance to be a walker, runner or rocker, a sheet for purchasing Luminaries, and an envelope for donations to the American Cancer Society if you are not able to attend the Event on Saturday, June 22-Sunday, June 23. Our Christ Lutheran Church Team.....renamed Vic's Vikings has been a top performer in the past....let's keep up the good work! Questions: Joyce Kisch 426-4203.

CLC Financial Summary

January 1, 2019 - April 30, 2019

Total Income:	\$146,700
Total Expenditures:	<u>(\$172,300)</u>
Net Deficit	(\$25,600)
YTD Budget	\$156,800
Annual Budget	\$470,300

IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

Kendra Tatro
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!



*There is still time to sign up for our week at Hope for the Journey Home! The **greatest need** is for Overnight Hosts. There is a very comfortable bedroom that the volunteers sleep in during their stay.*

Sign up for the week of May 19-25 at this link: ttsu.me/hjhm19.

Questions? Contact Jenna Wertish at 651-238-8833 or email 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

Women's Book Club will meet on **Monday, May 20** at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Sara Brunk. This month is Reader's Choice - everyone will give a small report on her favorite book.

Climate Change is coming to CLC

The CLC Men's discussion group will be meeting Tuesday May 21 (we meet on the third Tuesday of the month at 6:30 pm) and hosting a discussion on climate change. We will be listening to a TED Talk on climate change to begin the session and will then explore how our personal views may differ and see where we can find common ground. If you would like to preview the talk ahead of the meeting, it is found here: https://www.ted.com/talks/naomi_oreskes_why_we_should_believe_in_science/transcript?utm_source=tcdcomshare&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=tcdspread

Come men, young and old, and join us as we seek to share where the Holy Spirit might take us when we wade into challenging waters on difficult topics.

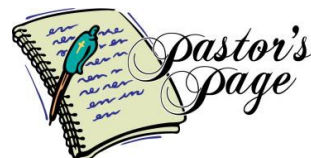
Naomi Oreskes, Science Historian, says: "Every day we face issues like climate change or the safety of vaccines where we have to answer questions whose answers rely heavily on scientific information. Scientists tell us that the world is warming. Scientists tell us that vaccines are safe. But how do we know if they are right? Why should we believe the science?"

Join us please as we seek to understand this complex world that God created to sustain us!

When Sacrifice Becomes Gift

By Pastor Andy

First, a disclaimer. As a man I'm not qualified to say what mothering or motherhood is, but I want to try to put it in words as I've had the privilege to experience, witness, watch, and be in awe of mothers and mothering. So this is my flawed attempt to honor God's gift of mothering today.



Mothering is a sacrifice. It's the seemingly unanswered prayers to conceive, exhaustion and nausea of pregnancy, the time spent switching out a wardrobe of clothing, the bodily scars, the risks of complications, the feeding, pumping, and constant care. It's wondering when is the right time for potty training, cell phones, dating, and all the awkward talks. It's regrets about what might have been and the heartbreak of loss. It's a lifetime of active, wearying love-in-action and of ongoing worry about, as someone once said, having pieces of your heart running around in the world.

Mothering is a gift. The dreaming of what might be, the life growing inside, the out-loud speaking of possible names to see how they sound, the feeling of purpose, the visible and tangible sign of hope. It's a connection that cannot be put into words and a closeness never to be replicated. It's giggles and leaps into arms and embraces too sweet to ever end. It's movie marathons on snow days and spontaneous hot cocoa. Deep conversations late at night and sharing stories of first loves. It's making plans to celebrate accomplishments and the joy of, as someone once said, having pieces of your heart running around in the world.

Today we thank God for mothers, motherhood, and mothering. We celebrate with all who celebrate today, we grieve with all who grieve, and we point to hope in God's ongoing, mothering love.

SAVE THE DATE INVITATION: All CLC women are invited to attend a Women of the ELCA **potluck salad supper** on **Tuesday, June 4** at 6 p.m. in the atrium. The evening will conclude with a devotional experience: *Women, Bread, and Faith* led by Sigrid Lepage and Gloria VanDemmeltraadt. **Please register on narthex bulletin board.**

HELP! As we plan our 2019-2020 program, Women of the ELCA **SERVICE opportunities** still exist. We are seeking volunteers for: Soup-Supper Chair, a few Bible Study Hostesses, and several Sunshine visitors. On our bulletin board by the office you will find FOUR sheets that indicate the open slots. Please explore these and offer your talents to the work of our unit. **Please sign up soon!**

May-June WELCA Mission



This is not a "yarn." Male inmates need yarn in order to knit baby sweaters for "Bundles of Love." This organization gives a layette of baby things to young, single and/or teen moms at hospitals who are in need of baby supplies. We are looking for donations of 4-ply yarn of any color or amount. The donation box is by the elevators and we are collecting during the months of May and June. Thank you for helping with this mission project. If you have any questions please contact Jackie Boorman at 651-436-5430.

OFFERING ENVELOPES

In the church lobby 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!

Summer office hours (Begins May 24)

Monday - Thursday,
9:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

Friday
9:00 a.m. - noon



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

