



CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

September 8, 2019



Flowers in the chancel are given by Joy Linder in memory of her parent's anniversary.

UPCOMING EVENTS!!

Sunday, September 15

*8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship Service
9:35 a.m. Fellowship
9:45 a.m. Faith Formation
10:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service
**Note new worship time!*

Wednesday, September 18

Refuel & Refresh

5:30 p.m. Dinner Worship
6:15 p.m. Faith Formation

Men: Rally at the Men's Ministry table this morning to explore, suggest and offer input into a service or growth interest area that you would be interested in pursuing and helping CLC grow into. We will continue our Ted Talk gatherings to discuss current events and challenging issues we are facing in the church, community, nation or the world. We will also look at a serving ministry and faith deepening opportunities. Come visit with us and share your ideas!



MISSIONS MINISTRIES

BLIZZARD BAGS! What are they? What are they for? What's in them? Blizzard Bags contain 2 meals to be delivered by Meals on Wheels before a bad storm in case the regular hot meals can't be delivered to shut-ins. You can support this mission by donating funds to buy the food or \$9.00 per bag (make checks out to CLC and write Blizzard Bags on the memo line). Each bag has:

- 2 cans of tuna or chicken
- 1-14 oz or 2-4 oz. cans of fruit
- 1-14 oz or 2-4 oz. cans of vegetables
- 4 packs of saltines or cheese or peanut butter crackers
- 2 desserts (granola bars or pudding cups)
- 2 packages of hot cocoa

Our goal is to fill 100 bags. If you have questions, please contact Jackie Boorman at 651-436-5430.

Be sure to visit the Fireside Room this morning to learn about all the things going on here at CLC!!

IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

Kendra Tatro
Ginny Evenson

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.

Thank you for all the cards and prayers as I recover from my illness. ~ *Jim Lohmann*

Thank you for your prayers, cards and calls while Bob is recuperating from a ruptured Achilles tendon surgery. He is home and doing well. Also, thanks for the thoughts and concerns about our granddaughter, Jesse. She delivered a 8 lb. baby girl on August 24 by C-section. Both mom and baby are home and doing well. ~ *Joyce Kisch*

It's Time for a New Church Pictorial Directory and We Need YOU to Make it Complete!

Join us for a free professional photography session to be included in the new CLC directory. Our directory won't be complete without you.

Photography sessions run from Wednesday, September 25 through Saturday, September 28.

All families will receive a free 8x10 portrait and have the opportunity to purchase additional portrait products (Christmas will be coming soon!). Plus, receive a printed Church directory with all participating families' images and contact information included. ***(Please contact the office if you do not wish to have your personal information in the church directory.)***

Schedule your photography session today in the Fireside Room or go to our website at cclakeelmo.org and scroll down on the Home page and you will see the link to schedule your photo session. You can also use the link in our Flocknote E-news. In-person sign-up will be available every Sunday beginning today through September 22.

To make our photography sessions run smoothly, we are looking for a **Coordinator** who can organize volunteers to greet those who are taking pictures September 25-28. If you would like to help with this short-term project, please contact the church office at 651-777-2881.

LUNCH BUNCH: All are invited to gather for fellowship and food on Wednesday, September 18 at noon in the lower level.

Women's Book Club will meet on Monday, September 30 at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Joan Wendorf to discuss *Iron Lake* by William Kent Krueger.



Change?!

By Pastor Andy

You've probably heard me say, "I don't like change." Whenever *Facebook* or *The Washington Post* change the layout of their website I likely complain louder than anyone. Road closures and detours with unexpected traffic can set my days off on the wrong track. I don't really like change.

As you read this in the newly updated sanctuary, you notice change. The flooring is new. There's less carpet. Some wood tones are different. The space feels a lot more up to date. But it's change. Maybe you like it, maybe you don't.

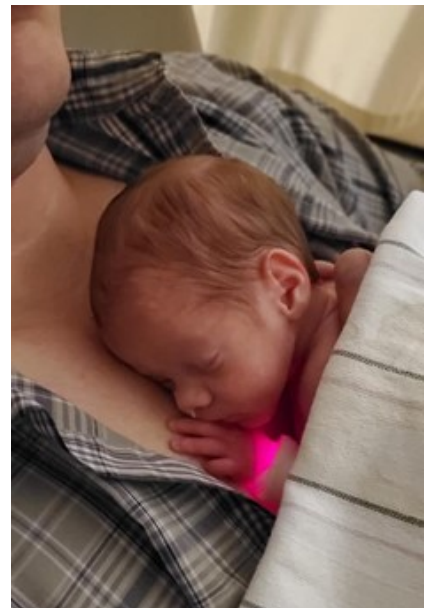
Next week Sunday morning worship continues with two services, but we changed the early service to start later in the day and shortened the time between services. More change. Starting September 18 we're adding Refuel & Refresh Dinner Church on Wednesday evenings. More change.

More personal for me, in the last few weeks we went from a family of 3 to a family of 4 - ten weeks earlier than we had planned! Life now involves daily drives to the NICU at Children's Hospital in St. Paul.

I've been thinking a lot about the many Bible passages about being ready – keeping our lamps trimmed and burning. Change is inevitable. God promises constant change and gives us grace to be ready for it. I think back to my days of playing offensive line on my high school football team. The bigger guy didn't always win. The one who was ready, who was prepared, who was in a low stance, won.

There's a lot of change around us, but thanks be to God who gives us abundant grace to be prepared to live into the change and eventually thrive in it.

Ginny update: Thanks for all your continued prayers and support for our daughter, Ginny, as she grows and matures in the NICU at Children's Hospital in St. Paul. She's doing well and growing a bit every day. She's over 3 lbs. now and, as of this writing, breathing on her own. She'll need a feeding tube for a few more weeks until she learns how to coordinate eating by mouth. Her nurses all love her and talk about her sweet disposition, which includes just the right amount of feistiness. Here are a few pictures of Ginny.



Sinners, Slobs, and Saints: Three Biblical Portraits

The Bible is full of people who are less than perfect, sinners and slobs, for the most part. And yet, these ordinary people do some extraordinary things when they encounter God.

Come explore the stories of three of these sinners and saints on September 15, 22, and 27 at 9:45 a.m. in the Fireside Room. Discover how God worked in the lives of Jacob, Moses, and David, and how God continues to work in our lives today. Led by Kathryn Schifferdecker.

FALL CLUSTER MEETING: Our Women of the ELCA East Central Cluster group will meet Saturday, **October 5** at Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Oakdale at 8:30 a.m. Our speaker, **Carolyn Klaver**, from Lyngblomsten Care Center will discuss the brain and how we can work to defeat challenges such as dementia. See flyer on WELCA and narthex boards for full details.

Altar Guild Coverage Needed This Fall

Welcome to Fall at CLC – it is just around the corner! The altar guild has *many* open weekends during September thru December (*honestly at this time, ALL weekends are open!*). Altar guild is a set of family friendly tasks performed on Saturday before the Sunday services and then on Sunday after the services. Altar guild is a great opportunity for confirmation students and their families to log some volunteer hours. Training is provided. To volunteer, review the sign-up sheets in the sacristy next to the altar, call/email the church office, or contact Diana Erickson at 651-303-6617 or dmeric63@gmail.com.

WELCA 2019-20 YEARBOOKS: If you have not yet received one, there are copies still available in the narthex display case. You will find year-long information on the programs of your Unit. Details about many other Women of the ELCA efforts are also included. YOU are a member – Discover what this year will bring.