



**CHRIST  
LUTHERAN  
CHURCH**  
ZIONSVILLE

# Quarterly News

## January 2019

### LENT 2019

Reflection & Healing is the theme of the Wednesdays in Lent this year. Lent begins on March 6, with Ash Wednesday. A soup & salad/sandwich dinner will be offered beginning at 6pm with worship to follow at 7pm. Worship will again be the Evening Prayer (Vespers) liturgy and will provide a time for reflection and healing. For those who wish to participate, a brief order of healing (ELW p.276) will be offered after worship.

This year, the following groups will be organizing the weekly meals:

March 6—Kussow's small group  
March 13—Choir  
March 20—Governance Board  
March 27—Elsie's Circle  
April 3—Worship and Music  
April 10—Service Network

You are invited to participate in as much of the evenings' activities as you can. The Lenten Calendar with all the activities during the season will be available at the end of February.

### COLUMBARIUM PATH

The path to the columbarium has been finished and the engraved pavers have been laid! Eric Herbst wanted to thank everyone for their generosity in helping him on his journey to Eagle Scout.



## RETIREMENT CELEBRATION FOR STEVE ALBERTIN

On the afternoon of Sunday, October 28, 2018, we had the joy and honor of celebrating the retirement of Steve Albertin. For 40 years, Steve had served faithfully as pastor of Our Redeemer in Indianapolis, Epiphany in Fort Wayne, and for the last 22 years (since 1997) as our pastor at Christ Lutheran. Festivities were held at the Cardinal Room of the Golf Club of Indiana, in Lebanon. Guests included members of Christ Lutheran, as well as many members of Steve's family, and longtime friends from his former congregations. After a time of gathering and lively conversations, and an invocation by Matthew DeLoera, we enjoyed a lovely buffet dinner.



Afterward, a number of speakers gave heartfelt tribute to Steve's pastoral legacy, with great thanksgiving for his service and friendship. Representing the past, present, and future of Steve's ministry, we enjoyed stirring stories from Dr. Phyllis Agness (member of Epiphany), Dr. Paul Schmidt (member of Our Redeemer and Christ), and Matthew DeLoera (member of Christ).

We also enjoyed hearing a lively retelling of Steve's biography by Council President Greg Druschel, as well as Tom Conrad reading a letter of appreciation from colleague Jerome Burce of the Crossings Community. The afternoon was filled with laughter and some tears as we looked back with nostalgia, and looked forward to the next phase of Steve's ministry to the church and world.



Besides the celebration, in the months prior, the congregation also took a collection toward a special retirement gift, as another way to say thank you to Steve for his years of service. Through everyone's generosity, we were able to present Steve with a smaller-scale replica of the large, distinctive cross that hangs on the front wall of our sanctuary, behind the altar. We were glad to commission the same artist that created the cross in our sanctuary. We hope that Steve will hang this cross on the wall of his study and enjoy it for years to come. Thank you, to everyone who was able to help in the preparation of this gift!

Thanks and appreciation for their hard work to organize the event go to the planning team - Julia Goldberg, Cheryl Kussov, Rose Conrad, JoAnne Tuffnell, Kelly Kolodkin, and Matthew DeLoera.

## CHORAL EVENSONG

This past October, Christ Lutheran Church, along with St. Francis in the Fields Episcopal Church participated in Choral Evensong. Choral Evensong is a service of Lessons and Anthems, which takes place in the late afternoon as the sun begins to set and we await the start of a new week. This service was a huge success – with incredible work so many lay leaders of our church! With almost 50 individuals in attendance, the congregation was uplifted by sounds from the choir and also words from the pulpit. Following the service, Christ Lutheran Church hosted a reception of wine and cheese where wonderful fellowship was enjoyed by both Christ Lutheran members as well as members of St. Francis and the surrounding community. This spring, we will again offer to both congregations another Choral Evensong. This service will be held at St. Francis. Date and time TBA.

If you have never experienced Choral Evensong, please do consider attending!

As we approach the Easter season, there will be many opportunities to experience the hard work that all of our Christ Lutheran Church choirs put in week after week. It is sure to be an exciting time filled with reflective and uplifting music!



## BREAKFAST WITH ST. NICHOLAS

Our Breakfast with St. Nicholas was held on Saturday, December 1 and we had approximately 100 people in attendance. When guests first arrived, the children were asked to take off their shoes before continuing into the event. As guests left, you could hear laughing and shouts of joy as the children found that their shoes had been filled with a gold coins and candy! Guests enjoyed a full pancake breakfast. During the event, St. Nicholas, played by Tom Conrad, called the children up to hear stories about his life and provide each of them a book about the Christmas story and a candy cane. Activities also included cookie decorating, building an advent chain, dressing up and taking a picture in the nativity, and making a mini St. Nick figure. This event could not have happened without the support of the Christ Lutheran Family as well as the numerous volunteers that helped during the event.





## CELEBRATION OF GIVING

47

### Pumpkin Pies

You donated ingredients for the High School Youth to make the pies and donate them to the Caring Center.

17  
units

### Blood Drive

That's 51 lives saved!

50  
items

### Giving Tree

Plus 22 gift cards for the LCFS Christmas Store.

## UPCOMING FAITH FORMATION EVENTS

**Jesus: The Complete Story** is the video currently being viewed and discussed by the Sunday morning adult group. Join us at 9:15 in the Luther room to explore aspects of Jesus' life that you didn't learn about in Sunday school! This study runs through Feb. 24.

Sunday, March 3: **Shrove Sunday**. Join us during the Education Hour for a pancake breakfast and fellowship!

March 17th and March 24th will be **Faith Stepping Stones** classes focusing on the Apostles Creed for 2nd through 5th graders.

## GRETCHEN'S BOOK CLUB 2019 TITLES

Gretchen's Book Club meets on the 2nd Thursday of the month at 1pm at the church. New people are always welcome! Below is the list of books that were voted on for 2019. We invite you to join us any time! Contact Gretchen Jeffers for more info: [ghlakeside67@aol.com](mailto:ghlakeside67@aol.com).

- January – Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine by Gail Honeyman
- February – The Great Alone by Kristin Hannah
- March – The Lilac Girls by Martha Hall Kelly
- April – The Rent Collector by Camron Wright
- May – Where the Crawdads Sing by Delia Owens
- June, July, August...enjoy summer reading, including our book for:
- September – Pachinko by Min Jin Lee
- October - The Tattooist of Auschwitz by Heather Morris
- November – Becoming Mrs. Lewis: The Improbable Love Story of Joy Davidman and C.S. Lewis by Patti Callahan
- December – The Gift by Pete Hamill

## MOPS (MOTHERS OF PRESCHOOLERS)

We have had a great year of MOPs so far with co-coordinators Julia Goldberg and Teresa Druschel. Our group has grown consistently all year and we currently have about 40 women who join us monthly for great speakers and fellowship. So far our speakers have included Occupational Therapist, Sarah Raybourn, speaking on Feeding Strategies for Picky Eaters, Amanda Giddings, Youth Educator for the Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force of the Indiana State Police speaking on Internet Safety for Children, Pastor John Kost speaking about Christmas, and Lisa Graft from the "Mother of the Year" blog and mom group. In February, we look forward to a husband panel with church members Tom Jeffers, Ted Kussow, John Burkhardt, and Brad Goldberg, along with a few MOPs husbands.

We had a fantastic Shop for a Cause Night on November 8th full of about 30 local vendors. We are thrilled to announce that we raised almost \$800 for the Helping Hands Shelter. WOW!

Also, a big thank you to those of you who have brought in sheet and towel sets! We are still collecting neutral colored sheet and towel sets as well as gas cards for the Helping Hands Shelter. You can drop them off in the bin below the MOPS bulletin board across from the church office. Thank you!

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

### March

March 3 Shrove Sunday Pancake Breakfast

March 6 Ash Wednesday, Lent Begins

### April

April 20 Easter Egg Hunt

April 21 Easter Sunday

## REMINDERS

- When you are done using a room, make sure you reset the thermostat by pushing “resume” or “use schedule.”
- When you are last to leave the building, turn out the lights, lock all doors and make sure the alarm is on by entering your alarm code.
- Vouchers should be in the office no later than the end of the work day on Wednesday in order to be paid on Thursday.
- Church office hours are: Monday & Wednesday 9am—3pm; Tuesday & Thursday 9am—5pm, and Friday mornings.
- Bulletin and Weekly News announcements must be in the office no later than Wednesday at noon in order to be placed in the following Sunday announcements and/or Weekly News.

## From the Preschool

We had a wonderful first semester of preschool!

We have continued to have chapel each week, and some of our more recent focuses have been: “God Provides Us with What We Need” and “The Christmas Story”.

Our Toddler 1 class focuses have included: “Fire Trucks/ Firefighters”, “Thanksgiving”, and “Jesus is Born”. Their Bible focuses have included: “Give Thanks to the Lord for He is



Good" and Luke 2:11. The children have enjoyed visiting with the Zionsville Fire Department and learning how to play "Jingle Bells" for the Christmas program.



Our 2/3s class focuses have included: "Pumpkins", "Feather Fun", and "Christmas". The children have enjoyed making bird feeders, and making pumpkin pie in a bag.

Our 3/4s class focuses have included: "Autumn and Leaves", "Thanksgiving", and "Christmas". The children have enjoyed doing a clothing drive for Wheeler Mission and making Christmas gifts for their parents.

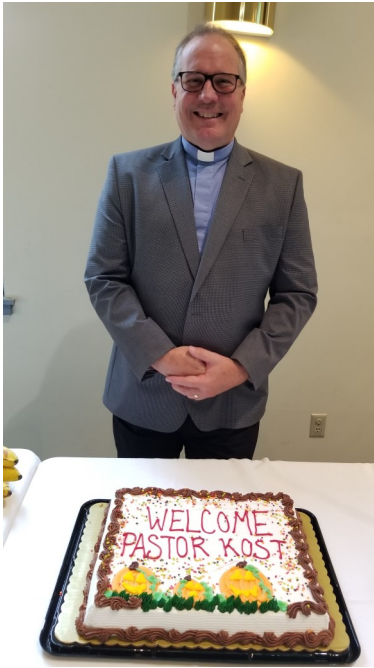


Our Pre-kindergarten class focuses have included: "The Inside Scoop on Skeletons", "Journey Into the Past", and "Christmas, Hanukkah, and Kwanzaa". The children have enjoyed reenacting the Thanksgiving story and having their very own Thanksgiving feast and learning about different winter holidays around the world.

We recently had visits from the Zionsville Fire Department and yoga, and we had Halloween parades, our Donuts with Dad celebrations, and our Christmas programs. We are looking forward to several upcoming events, including: taking valentines to Hoosier Village, music week, and another visit from the Zionsville Library. Our Pre-kindergarten class will also be going to the IRT to see *Elephant and Piggy are in a Play*, a field trip made possible because of the United Way of Central Indiana.



Lessons & Carols on Sunday, December 16.



We welcomed Interim Pastor Kost on Sunday, November 4



---

## CONTACT INFORMATION

600 North Ford Road, Zionsville, IN 46077 | [clczionsville.org](http://clczionsville.org) | 317-873-3242

### **John Kost**

Interim Pastor  
[Pastor@clczionsville.org](mailto:Pastor@clczionsville.org)

### **Ryan Brunkhurst**

Director of Music  
[ryanb@clczionsville.org](mailto:ryanb@clczionsville.org)

### **Kathryn Singer**

Preschool Director  
[kathryns@clczionsville.org](mailto:kathryns@clczionsville.org)

### **Julia Goldberg**

Communications Administrator  
[juliag@clczionsville.org](mailto:juliag@clczionsville.org)

### **Laura Hartman**

Office Administrator  
[laurah@clczionsville.org](mailto:laurah@clczionsville.org)

### **Amy Niehaus**

Director of Children & Family Ministry  
[amyn@clczionsville.org](mailto:amyn@clczionsville.org)

### **Governance Board**

[gb@clczionsville.org](mailto:gb@clczionsville.org)