

The Messenger

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**The Newsletter of Christ Lutheran Church
Woodcliff Lake, New Jersey
An ELCA Congregation**

The Church: Proudly Proclaiming Christ since A.D. 33

Pastor's Message

Some days feel as if they are primarily designed for interruptions. I'm currently writing this message in my home, late at night, with the family safely in their beds. Outside, gusts of wind are hollowing by, shaking the icy tree branches above my head. Every gust of wind causes another garbage can to blow over, sending it careening down the street and making an awful racket as it blows by. All day, I tried to work on this edition of the *Messenger*, but I kept being interrupted by garbage cans being blown over. Every few minutes I'd look out my window to see my blue recycling can on the ground and I would rush out, hoping to secure every empty soda can and plastic milk jug before they blew out of reach. Every time I was outside, I would find another piece of plastic representing a food item that I didn't buy or consume. I would pick it up, place it in my blue recycling can and pray that someone else was doing the same with those items that escaped my yard. Eventually, I grew tired of this game and gave up, placing the recycling back into my garage. And as I shut the garage door, I ended up seeing the garbage truck speeding by.

There are days when interruptions dominate what we expected to do. Some of these interruptions can be silly, like chasing recycling as it blows down the street. Others can be more serious, such as an unexpected crisis or accident. These interruptions end up interfering with our routine, upending our plans and sometimes throwing us off course. We can find ourselves suddenly off kilter, wondering if we'll ever get back to the way we were before.

Yet, I've found every interruption comes with something that is uninterruptable: and that's Christ's love, mercy and forgiveness for each of us. I like to imagine Jesus was with me as I chased after that empty soda can, encouraging me to find ways to reduce my consumption so that I can help care for God's creation. I also know that he is present with you, no matter what interruption you are going through. As we spend this month in the season after Epiphany, and before we face the truth of Lent, I invite you to hold tight to Christ through regular prayer, worship and study. Your life will be interrupted, but God's love for you will not be. Enjoy this long season after Epiphany and look for the many ways Christ is always with you.

See you in church, Pastor Marc



Annual Meeting Notice

We will have our Annual Congregational Meeting on Sunday, February 3rd. We will have **one worship service at 9:30 am** with the **meeting at 10:30 am**. We will review the highlights of each committee from the last year and make plans for 2019. We'll vote on our 2019 budget, elect new members for the church council, distribute over \$60,000 from our Special Gifts fund, select members to attend the NJ Synod Assembly (there's a bishop election this year) and select members to work with Camp Koinonia during their difficult year. We'll also discuss our current financial situation and the church council's recommendations for our way to sustainability. Annual Reports will be available for pick-up on January 27th. We will also email a link out to the reports as well.

CROSS ROADS

CAMP AND RETREAT CENTER

It's Not Too Early to Think About Summer: Camp and Employment

Camp Cross Roads is preparing for their amazing summer: Transformed Community!

"Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect. —Romans 12:2

God's Agent of C.H.A.N.G.E. conjures up images of a mighty band of superheroes with secret missions. When we take on the mission of being God's agent of change in the world, we must be ready to be transformed—individually and together—and to discover that our not-so-secret identities will probably not conform to the world's expectations. This is not always an easy thing to say yes to, but when the mission is attempted together and in community, we discover that we are aligned with God's will, powered by God's spirit, and that there is purpose and joy in being Christ's life-giving and love-giving presence in the world as God's hands and feet.

Visit <https://crossroadsretreat.com/summer-programs/> for more information and, if you're a college student or a recent high school graduate, visit here to apply for a summer position: <https://crossroadsretreat.com/summer-programs-2016/our-staff/>.

Worship Notes

Meet Teresa Shyr, Our Interim Organist/Choir Director

We are thrilled to share that Teresa Shyr will begin her tenure as our interim organist/choir director on January 23rd!

A recent graduate of the Eastman School of Music at the University of Rochester, she



comes with experience playing piano and organ and leading multi-age choirs in a variety of worship settings. She has experience working in a variety of musical styles and was also a student teacher in a public school. We'll formally introduce her to the congregation on Sunday, January 27th. Please introduce yourself when you get a chance, and we can't wait to have Teresa lead us in our music at the 10:30 am worship service over the next five months.

Get to Know Your Church Calendar: The Season After Epiphany

Did you know that the church follows its own calendar? The church year begins on the first Sunday of Advent and continues through Christmas, Lent, Easter, Pentecost and what's called "ordinary time." Calendars do more than just record time. Calendars are a way we frame our time to focus on what truly matters to us. One way to think about the church calendar is to split it into two parts. The first half is centered on the life of Jesus (Advent, Christmas, Epiphany, Lent, Easter and Ascension). The second half is centered on the life of the Church (Pentecost and Ordinary time). We are currently in the "life of Jesus" part of the calendar in the weeks after Epiphany (January 6) and before Ash Wednesday. We call these weeks "The Sundays after Epiphany."

These weeks are rooted in the word "epiphany." The word epiphany comes from the Greek word *epiphaneia*, which means appearance or manifestation. The season is focused on revelations and manifestations of who Jesus is. It's why the season begins on January 6 with the magi visiting Jesus. They were the first Gentiles (non-Jews) to see Jesus. The season continues with Jesus turning water into wine, being attacked for a sermon he gave in his home town and helping some fishermen with a large catch of fish. As we spend the month of February in the Sundays after Epiphany, we're invited to think about the ways God reveals Jesus to us. We meet him in scripture, in worship and at the Lord's own table. But we also meet him in very personal ways. Spend February looking for the different ways God shows up in your life. And let's give thanks that the God of everything has, through Jesus, told the world that you matter.

Live-Streaming of Worship Starting Soon

After several conversations and technical work, we're ready to begin beta-testing live-streaming our 9:00 am worship service starting on February 10th. You will have the option to be as "on" camera as "off" as you want to be. Pastor Marc will be contacting parents soon for written permission to have kids visible online during the Children's Sermon (and if you are uncomfortable with that, we'll move the Children's Sermon off-screen). Our initial plan is to Facebook-Live worship and then explore other platforms. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Marc (pastormarc@clc4u.com) or Dot Dohrmann(RV58j60p@gmail.com), chair of CLC's Worship Committee.

Christmas Poinsettia Order Refund

We would like to thank you for ordering poinsettias for the altar. Unfortunately the quality this year was not like that in past years. Depiero's farm apologized and did not accept the payment for them. I personally spoke to the owner, Glenn and thanked him for his refund. In lieu of that, if you would like a refund for the poinsettia(s) you ordered, let Doris in the church office know, and the amount will be refunded to you. If not, the money will go into the Flower Fund. Thank you for making the altar look beautiful for Jesus' birthday!

Mary Zeigler



Birthdays

Heather Henry
JoAnn Sallo
Lorraine Sadlon

Wedding Anniversary

Argine Safari

Baptisms

Sarah Christensen
Brenna Collins
Patrick Herlihy
Dana Sladovich

[You are invited to contact the church office to update our records on your important upcoming celebrations.]

Children, Youth, and Adults: Education and more!

Sunday School News

Twice a month we meet after 9:00 am worship to learn more about Jesus, God and why Christ's love changes everything. Each session starts in the sanctuary, singing songs with David Scance, before splitting into our two classes (one for younger kids and one for older). Our younger students are learning important Bible stories while the older group digs deeper into the lessons we hear in worship. We'll meet again on February 10th and February 24th. We are looking forward to sharing Jesus' story through lessons, crafts and service projects.

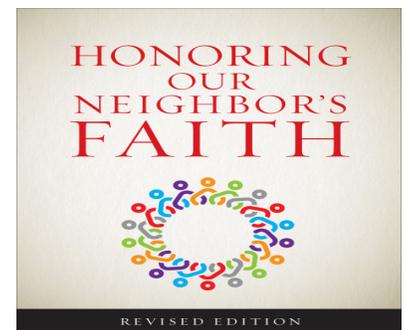


Confirmation

Our partnership with Prince of Peace Lutheran Church continues with an exciting, informative and meaningful Confirmation program. Seven youth meet twice a month to tackle what makes us who we are. Due to weather, our February sessions will meet on February 10th and 24th. We'll cover the first parts of the Apostles' Creed.

Being Lutheran in a Multi-Faith World

We've had some amazing sessions! Every two weeks, eight of us meet to talk about our Lutheran Christian identity and what our traditions look like. Each session includes questions, videos and conversation. Our next session meets January 31st at 11:30 am.



Confronting Antisemitism: a how-to guide for Christians

There has been an uptick of recent anti-Semitic graffiti in our local high schools and middle schools. The Upper Pascack Valley Interfaith group is actively engaged with schools, administrators, and teachers to do what we can to confront this threat. One of the effective ways to combat this rising tide of hate is by working together, as a community, to protect those most affected by anti-Semitism. It's hard sometimes to know how we, as Christians, should (or can) respond. Pastor Marc will host an initial conversation on **Thursday, February 7th at 7:30 pm.** RSVP by contacting Pastor Marc at pastormarc@clc4u.com.

Youth Ministry Happenings & Northern New Jersey Lutheran Youth Co-op

The Mission of the Youth Ministry Committee is to give 8th grade through high school youth at Christ Lutheran Church a sense of community where they can gather together in fellowship, share their spiritual gifts with our congregation and their larger communities and nurture their faith. Youth Ministry strives to nurture this sense of community by gathering youth together in a variety of settings, including those within our congregation as well as within the larger community.

- **Congregation**—Youth plan to be worship assistants on a Sunday in February/March combined with a bake sale to aid a local animal shelter. Youth also plan to offer a family game night on a Friday night in February/March. Check weekly newsletters for dates/details.
- **Local community**—Events take place through Northern New Jersey Youth Co-op which include monthly worship, social and service events. We had fun snow tubing in January! In February, we're inviting kids to attend the New Jersey Synod Winter Youth Assembly and do a Polar Plunge on February 23rd.
- **Larger community**—Retreats/gatherings are held by the NJ Synod and ELCA. The NJ Synod regularly hosts Camp Cross Roads retreats, an ecumenical retreat center run by the Episcopal Diocese of Newark and the NJ Synod of the ELCA. They are accredited with the American Camp Association and offer programs throughout the year for individuals of all ages (Learn more at crossroadsretreat.com). Below are two retreats you might be interested in attending:

Elementary School Retreat - Youth February 15-17th Cost: \$95

At the Cross Roads Elementary School Retreat, kids in grades 3-5 will make new friends, explore their faith, enjoy great food and have a TON of fun! It is the perfect retreat for first-time campers (Bonus: Parents get a weekend's reprieve!)

Middle School Retreat - Youth March 8-10th & April 26-28th Cost: \$95

The Middle School Retreat is designed specifically for youth in grades 6-8 to help them strengthen their faith, create lasting friendships and grow as individuals. With interactive Bible studies, fun camp games, music, great people and great food, this is a weekend your middle schooler will remember forever.

If your child would like to attend either of the retreats listed, please let Pastor Marc (pastormarc@clc4u.com) or Janet Post (janetpost12@gmail.com) know as soon as possible, and we will help to coordinate registrations and chaperones.

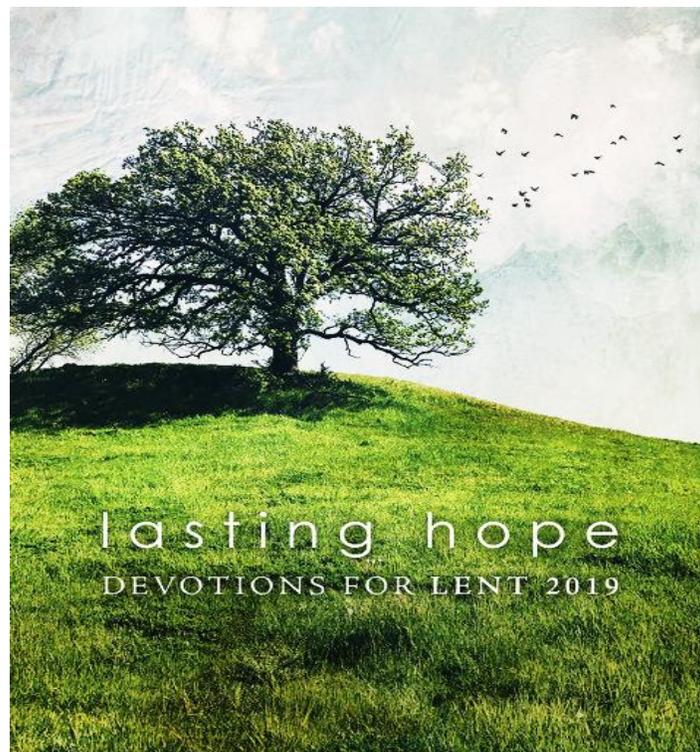
The Youth Ministry Committee would also like to maintain connections with our young adults in college. We are seeking volunteers for this ministry.

If you would like to participate with Youth Ministry, our next meeting will take place on March 3rd at 9:45 am. Please check the weekly newsletter to confirm date and time. If you have any questions or suggestions for Youth Ministry, please contact Janet Post at janetpost12@gmail.com

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Lasting Hope: Devotions for Lent 2019

Our at-home devotions for Lent will be available for pickup this month and will begin with Ash Wednesday which is March 6th! Here's the description from the publisher:



This full-color Lenten devotional explores the Psalms for Lent this year with 40 entries, one for each day in Lent. Each reading is accompanied by a photo, a quote to ponder, a reflection and a prayer.

We encourage you to pick up the devotion and spend time with it this Lent!

The Invitational Christian

For a congregation to be truly invitational, it must adopt and embrace two major reasons for inviting others to church.

The first reason is that the congregation itself matters and is actively participating in work that matters to God. This is where a clear identity (core values, guiding principles, mission priorities, etc.) is essential. Along with clarity, the connection between who you are and what you do must be established—people must feel that their congregation is a place that truly matters to God.

A second key answer to the question, “Why invite others to church?” is found in what is happening in the lives of participants. In a healthy ministry, people sense that it is life changing. The teaching, spiritual support and guidance and impression that being in the congregation will actually deepen their spiritual lives all transform church into more than a social or religious activity. When people participate in congregational life, they feel more connected to the God who calls them, and they have more awareness of the intersection between their life and the work of that God.

Equipping for Vitality is a program sponsored by the New Jersey Synod to help churches identify why they matter and why they’re important. In May 2018, CLC signed on to join this two-year program. We meet 4 times a year with half-a-dozen other congregations to deepen our spirituality while learning new tools to grow in vitality. You’ve already seen the impact of this program in striking ways, as we used new techniques in last year’s Stewardship campaign. The next session takes place on March 2, focusing on ministry in the first third of life (infants, children, youth, and young adults). If you’re interested in joining Pastor Marc and Carla Hoenigmann or if you would like to learn more, contact Pastor Marc at pastormarc@clc4u.com.



Growing in Generosity

Christmas Baskets

A big thank you to the Care Committee for preparing and delivering nine gift baskets to members of the CLC community. These baskets are given to individuals who can't make it to church as often as they would like. June Rudie has been leading this ministry for 30 years, and we're grateful for her time, effort and energy!



Christ Lutheran Church Women

Here we are in the midst of winter, dreaming of a warm spring to come . . . and for some of us, those thoughts make us think about the Trash & Treasure & Clothing Sale for this year! If you're looking for something to do, how about cleaning out your closets and/or basement and putting things away for the sale? Here are the important dates for you to know:

→ Trash & Treasure Sale date: **Saturday, May 4th from 8:00 am until 4:00 pm**

→ Clothing Collection begins: **Monday, April 8th**

→ T&T Household items collection begins: **Monday, April 22nd**

More details about work days and meals will come in later *Messengers*.

Thanks!
Christine Badame

Collecting Health Kit Items

You can clean hands, brighten smiles and, yes, kiss a boo-boo in places near and far away by donating heavy duty wide tooth combs, hand towels (dark colors), standard size Band-Aids and metal nail files or clippers. Kits mean the difference between sickness and health for families struggling with natural disasters, violence and poverty. God has given us all that we need. Let us offer the gift of dignity to others. Place your donations into the narthex basket by mid-February.

Leaving a Legacy with CLC

Your commitment to CLC has already made an impact in the world. As a member of this part of the body of Christ, your commitment to God and to your neighbor has reverberated in ways you can hardly imagine. The church is always more than a building; the church is the people who gather together to experience Jesus in our midst. Your support has been essential for your church. As you look towards the future, having a strong estate plan in place can help ensure you leave a legacy for those you care about most. Consider including CLC in your plan. If you need help with your estate planning, we recommend Thrivent Financial. They have an office in Montvale and we continue to strengthen our relationship with them. You can contact them at [201-505-4940](tel:201-505-4940).

Souper Bowl of Caring: Being the Change February 3rd

Are you ready to feed some hungry people? Do you have a pile of coins at home that could really make some change? Collect your pocket change and bring cans of soup to the church in time for the Souper Bowl on February 3rd! This annual event is sponsored by CLC's Care Committee. All money and items donated will go to the Center for Food Action in Englewood.

The Care Committee Presents: Our Next Gab Sessions

Want to know more about the people you sit next to in the pews? Join us on Wednesday, February 27th for the next Gab Session at 11:30 am. We share a lunch (typically potluck style) socialize, have fun and discover the amazing lives of the people at CLC. If you would like to join us, please RSVP with Debbie Louis, 201-358-6435.

Global Mission Opportunities: Young Adults in Global Mission

Are you 21-29? Interested in a one-year, international service-learning and faith-formation opportunity? Our denomination, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA), supports 80 young adults every year to make a difference in the world. A year of service through the Young Adults in Global Mission program invites you to become the hands and feet of Jesus in the world, providing critical support to ministries and projects in communities of need. You're also invited into a journey of self-reflection, providing space to consider their sense of identity, God's work in the world and their place within it all. For more information, visit <https://www.elca.org/Our-Work/Global-Church/Global-Mission/YoungAdults-in-Global-Mission> or talk to Pastor Marc! Deadline for applications is February 15.

Letters of Gratitude

Pastor Marc, Kate, Oliver and George are pleased to introduce Violet to you! She was born on January 7th. Violet and Kate are both doing great. Violet is already busy eating, sleeping, and interrupting her big brothers when they want to watch TV. Thank you for your prayers, support and help these last few weeks. We're so excited to raise Violet in such a caring, loving, and faith-filled community.



Lutheran Social Ministries of NJ

Thank you for your gift designated to Lutheran Social Ministries of New Jersey. [ed. note: Lutheran Social Ministries is one of the organizations where our benevolences go.]

Your gift helps Lutheran Social Ministries of New Jersey continue to provide hospitality, healing and hope for those in need. On behalf of Lutheran Social Ministries of New Jersey, please accept my appreciation for your commitment and gift to LSMNJ. Thank you for choosing to walk beside the children and adults who make up our programs and call LSMNJ home. Together, we provide that helping-hand-up towards self sufficiency and independence for those in our programs. Your gift makes a difference so that more people in need, regardless of religion, beliefs or cultural identification, receive effective & compassionate care. May you know that your gift is significant and makes an impact in the lives of others who are in need.

Tri Boro Family Care Fund

Thank you for your donation to the Tri Boro Fund. The gift cards are greatly appreciated [from the annual CLC-Women's Christmas gift drive]. They will be helping many local families in need.

Meals on Wheels of North Jersey

This will acknowledge, with our sincere and heartfelt thanks, your donation made to Meals on Wheels of North Jersey. [ed. note: Lutheran Social Ministries is one of the organizations where our benevolences go.]

Your continued support allows us to continue providing nutritious meals, delivered to the elderly and/or disabled, five days a week by our 500+ unpaid volunteer drivers. Thank you for your faithful and continued support!

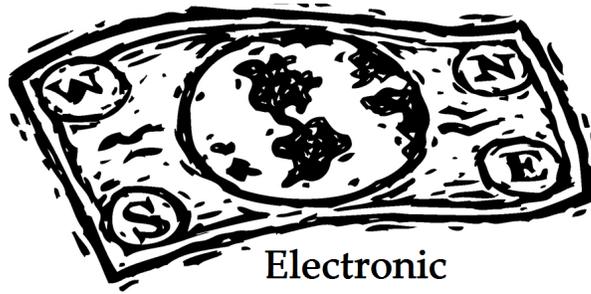
A Note from Lutheran World Relief



Since its formation in the final days of World War II, Lutheran World Relief has been at the forefront of creating a future where all people, in every corner of the world can live full, dignified lives. The organization tackles global poverty by helping people adapt to the challenges that threaten their livelihoods and well-being. Their goal is to help people build self-sufficiency and create new community-owned approaches to problem-solving that will last long after our projects end. And for decades, Lutheran World Relief has received a portion of our benevolences (the 10% of your regular financial giving to the congregation) which we give to our partners in ministry.

In January, Lutheran World Relief merged with IMA World Health, forming a \$140 million operation with 550 employees. Based in Baltimore, their combined mission will help stabilize people in their native countries by impacting the problem of extreme poverty, violence and health challenges. IMA, founded in 1960, runs health programs in six countries. The new organization is called Lutheran World Relief-IMA World Health. The organization will continue to be faith-based with LWR's Lutheran identity helping CLC make an impact all over the world.





Electronic Giving

Donating to CLC

A new year means a new opportunity to look at how we give and see if there's another way that works for us. CLC has electronic giving! It's easy to set up, safe and confidential. You control donations from your checking account, and you can give weekly, monthly or make a single payment.

Here's what to do:

- 1) Go to the CLC webpage, click on the tab at the top that says Give
- 2) Click on the green button that says Give Online
- 3) Next, Create your Online Profile. You'll need an email address. Then provide a password, your name and the address.
- 4) The donation page will ask for the amount, how often you would like to donate, when to start and then information about your checking account (routing # and account number).
- 5) That's it! You'll receive an email confirmation when your account is set up and a donation is given.

Vanco is the eservice payments company chosen by Thrivent Financial to manage this kind of automated giving. Many people at CLC have been using this option for the last few years, and it's proven to be safe and secure. Fees are nominal (20 cents per transaction), and CLC pays all fees so your gift counts at 100%. You will receive an email every time funds are withdrawn from your account. You can view the history of all giving on the summary page. And viewing or making changes is easy.

On Sunday morning, we offer special yellow "giving cards" in pews. Place one of those in the offering plate as a sign that you are an electronic giver. If you'd like help with setting up your account, please get in touch with CLC's Financial Secretary Pat Daub at 201-930-9584 or pddaub@aol.com.

The Finance Committee

Why Do We Sing?

Below is a selection from “The Great drama of the Trinitarian hymn “Holy, Holy, Holy” by Walter Brueggemann and published in the Christian Century. Read the full article by visiting <https://www.christiancentury.org/article/critical-essay/great-drama-trinitarian-hymn-holy-holy-holy>.

Why do we sing as part of worship? The answer is not abstract or theoretical. It is given through the practice of singing the songs themselves. The defining practices of the Christian community and the defining nature of our humanness as expressed in the presence of God can be found in the sequence of Psalms 104, 105, 106, and 107.

- Psalm 104 displays the practice of wonder and awe that issues in exuberant praise.
- Psalm 105 displays the act of remembering God’s good actions that move us to glad obedience.
- Psalm 106 displays the act of remembering our own waywardness that situates us honestly in our need and hope for God’s rescue.
- Psalm 107 displays the act of gratitude that specifically names the occasions of God’s transformative fidelity and our response with material gratitude.



The four liturgical actions—praise, readiness for obedience, readiness for rescue, and thanks (to which other like actions can be readily added)—together constitute a rendering of humanness as it is given in the biblical tradition and as it may be performed in worship.

These dimensions of humanness, which are embraced as they are performed, amount to a world of gift that refuses the more conventional and pervasive world of commodity. The momentary departure from the world of commodity in worship requires a practice of imagination and emotional emancipation that together defy the tight calculus of market ideology. They also defy the kind of reasoned talk in which many Christians are wont to engage in worship. Singing is artistry that entails a kind of freedom that resists analytic control. Singing is, by the way of the world, quite unreasonable, and bears witness to an alternative reality.

Thus, an answer to “Why do we sing?” is that in singing we may evidence and enact our God-given humanness, which is marked by bodily freedom, by uncensored articulation and by full-person engagement. Israel has known this in its dancing and singing since Miriam defied Pharaoh (see Exod. 15:20–21). The early church knew this in Pentecost, which made imperial magistrates nervous (see Acts 16:25–34). Martin Luther knew this as he expounded the grace of God—he knew that such grace must be sung. Martin Luther King Jr., kneeling before sheriffs, knew that singing counters intimidation and evokes courage. And we know it in the late days of capitalism, which wants to cover over bodily humanity (with its wounds and possibilities) by the offer of religious kitsch.

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We invite you, the next time you are in worship, to sing with gusto. Even if the hymn is unknown to you and if you believe you cannot sing, your song is still a gift from God. Sing loud, sing confidently and sing as if Christ truly does love you. If you do that, the sound you make will be a heavenly sound indeed.

Community Announcement: Open Heart and Mind: Softening Bias and Racism in Ourselves and Our Teaching

The Jewish Federation of Northern New Jersey welcomes Teachers and Educators to an Anti-Bias and Diversity Training on Wednesday, February 6th, from 4:30 to 6:00 pm. The program demonstrates the benefits of reducing unconscious bias, personally and professionally, and provides resources to help K-12 educators. Open Heart and Mind is a dynamic and interactive program with hands-on, critical thinking games and discussion. It will be hosted at the Jewish Federation, 50 Eisenhower Drive in Paramus. RSVP at jfnnj.org/training, AriellaN@jfnnj.org, or call 201.820.3946.



Restricted Funds Update from Finance Committee

In accordance with a congregational approved motion June 3, 2018, 'Restricted' funds approved for use are the following:

Approved amount	\$50,000.00
Previous amount of Total Funds used	\$20,529.00
<u>Amount accessed from approved funds:</u>	
For December, 2018	-\$20,108.00
Total amount of current available funds	\$49,580.00

Did you notice the big jump in available funds from last month? Here's how that happened: In November 2018, the church council established a new guideline called "dire emergency." Every December, the church council will review the financial position of the church and look at two metrics to determine the current financial health of the congregation. If current available funds (the cash that is available to pay day-to-day bills) are less than \$50,000 dollars (approximately 3 months of current expenses) or the projected year-end deficit is greater than \$10,000, the council can declare a financial "dire emergency." When a dire emergency is declared, our Emergency Fund can be accessed to cover our year-end deficit. In December 2018, our projected deficit was approximately \$20,000 and current available funds less than \$30,000. The church council declared a "dire emergency," allowing money from our Emergency Fund to cover any year-end deficit. Due to your good stewardship and commitment to God, our year-end deficit was approximately \$18,000. A single payment at the conclusion of December from the Emergency Fund to operating expenses zeroed out the operating loss for 2018. At our annual meeting on February 3, we will discuss this move by council and explore options to improve our current financial sustainability.

We know that our current financial situation can be difficult to follow. We continue to work to improve our communication. If you have questions before the annual meeting, don't hesitate to contact Pastor Marc (pastormarc@clc4u.com), head of finance Martin Thalmann (mlthalmann@gmail.com) or any church council member.

Raise the Roof Update

The Sunday School classrooms are completely repaired! Thanks to our property team for spending the last few months sanding, priming and painting the space. They look brand new. We're adding an access point to the new attic space, adding new drywall in Opsal, painting the fellowship hall and finishing up the Sunday School classrooms. So far, we've raised over \$43,000. 2019 is our last scheduled year for our Capital Campaign! Please continue to fulfill any pledge you've made.

60th ANNIVERSARY



On September 20, 1959 Christ Lutheran Church met to worship in the “new” sanctuary for the very first time. The original sanctuary was in the building currently housing our offices, Sunday School Classrooms, and chapel space. In the very first edition of *The Messenger* (November 1959), Hebrews Chapter 10 was cited: “*Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith...not neglecting to meet together...but encouraging one another.*”



As we look forward to the next 60 years of ministry, we’ll be highlighting stories about where we’ve been and new stories about where we’re going. Dot Dohrmann is looking for funny or favorite memories of our life at CLC. For example,

The little boy who crawled under the pews and untied everyone's shoelaces
How the Christmas star was hung
The day a car crashed through the wall behind the choir loft
When the whole building was plunged into darkness on Easter
"Stripping" in the parking lot
"Fluffing" at Christmas

If you have a story to tell, call me at 201.664.3337, e-mail me at RV58j60p@gmail.com or you can tell me your story at church any Sunday.

Thank You!
Dot Dohrmann

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