

February 4th, 2018

Lutheran Hour Sunday

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

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BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS: Please send to secretary@christlutheransc.ca.

Deadline for submission is Thursday at 9 a.m.

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

Prayer: O God, our loving Father, through the grace of Your Holy Spirit You plant the gifts of Your love into the hearts of Your faithful people. Grant to Your servants soundness of mind and body, so that they may love You with their whole strength and with their whole heart do these things that are pleasing in Your sight; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

9:00 a.m. - Contemporary Service (*Musician: Mayumi Munoz*)

Hymns: Forever (Give Thanks to the Lord), I Lift My Eyes Up, 834, God of Wonders

10:00 a.m. – Sunday School, CHAT, Coffee

TODAY'S COFFEE HOUR is sponsored by FaithLife Financial. Please join us between services for a special fellowship hour. Bible Study will not be held today, but will resume next Sunday.

11:00 a.m. – DS1 Traditional with Baptism (*Musician: Mayumi Munoz*)

Hymns: 593, 850, 834, 832

2:00 p.m. – Voter's Meeting

WELCOME GUESTS & VISITORS: Welcome to Christ Lutheran Church! If this is your first time with us please sign our Guest Registry in the back of the church by the double doors. May our gracious and loving Lord bless you as you worship Him.

WE THANK OUR ASSISTANTS FOR TODAY'S SERVICES:

GREETERS: 11 a.m. Clyde & Josie Knoll
Helen Stark

ELDERS: 9 a.m: Carlos Figueroa
11 a.m. Glenn Pink

COFFEE HOUR: Mary Severy Elly Reck

OUR DEEPEST CONDOLENCES to the family and friends of Paul Lipischak who was called home to heaven last Sunday, Jan. 28th. Paul was given Christian burial here at Christ on Friday by Pastor John Makey. May God comfort them with his love and compassion.

BAPTISM TODAY: We are happy to welcome **Brett John Cleary**, son of Brendan and Kylie, grandson to Brett & Coleen Flynn, great-grandson to John & Erna Mewhinney, into Christ's family by Holy Baptism during the 11 a.m. service. May God bless little Brett with a lifetime of rich blessings and protection!

FLOWERS have been placed on the altar this morning to the glory of God by John & Erna Mewhinney in celebration of the baptism today of their great-grandson, Brett John Cleary. May God bless and keep Brett today and always.

PLEASE KEEP Pastor Brian Falkenholt in your prayers as he considers our call to serve Christ Lutheran Church

DAILY SCRIPTURE MEDITATIONS:

Monday: Matt. 13: 36-43 Wed.: Matt. 13: 31-35 Friday: 1 Cor. 1: 18-25
Tuesday: Matt. 13: 47-52 Thurs.: Luke 12: 54-59 Sat.: Luke 13: 22-30

EVENTS THIS WEEK:

Monday: **6:30 p.m. – Sewing for Haiti**
Tuesday: 9:30 a.m. – Precious Moments 10:00 a.m. – Luther Manor Bible Study
 1:00 p.m. – SOUL Bible Study at Christian Horizons
 8:00 p.m. – Fellowship Committee Meeting
Wednesday: 10:00 a.m. – SOUL Bingo-Sing-A-Long
 7:15 p.m. – Recovery Meeting
Thursday 10:00 a.m. – SOUL Crafts
 7:00 p.m. - Confirmation
Friday: 10:00 a.m. – MAD Friday (SOUL)

VOTERS MEETING: Today at 2:00 p.m. in the basement. Main items for discussion will be review and adoption of the 2018 Church Budget and ratification of the LCC Restructuring Proposal from the National Convention last fall.

LADIES!! Please join us **tomorrow, Monday, February 5th at 6:30 p.m.** in the church



basement as we begin **sewing** feminine hygiene products for the next Haiti shipment. If you have a portable machine, please bring it. For those who don't, we have a few available in the church to use. Sewing skills not required! We also need women willing to cut out patterns, and do some miscellaneous tasks. **Coffee, tea and good company will be waiting for you!**



CHOIR: Please note the next choir practice will be Monday, February 12th at 7:30 p.m.

SOUL NOTE: The SOUL Bible Study group will now meet every other Tuesday at 1:00 p.m. at Christian Horizons, and not here at the Church on Thursdays at noon. They will still meet Thursdays here at 10 a.m. for Crafts as usual.

JUST A NOTE: Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 14th. services will be at 7:00 p.m.

Women's Bible Study: We invite you to join us as we look at various women of the Bible and how we can learn from their experiences. We will meet Friday Feb. 16, 7:30 at the home of Rylan Betts.

Confirmand Retreat: Friday, February 23 – Sunday, February 25 at Trinity Lutheran in Fisherville. Cost is \$35. Friends are welcome. More information to come.

SPIRITUALITY AS A RESOURCE FOR TRAUMA VICTIMS: All members of the congregation are cordially invited to attend! On **Tuesday, February 20th, 2018 at 7 p.m.** in the fellowship hall, Rev. Dr. Harold Ristau, Assistant Professor of Theology at Concordia Seminary, will be giving a special presentation to our Mary Martha Society/Lutheran Women's Missionary League Canada. It is entitled, "*Spirituality as a Resource for Trauma Victims*". As a former Chaplain in the Canadian Armed Forces, he will tell of his personal ministry to those battling the effects of Post Traumatic Stress Disorder as a result of war and to others who have experienced traumatic events in their lives. It is a presentation you don't want to miss! Rev. Dr. Ristau is a native of Kitchener and presently lives in Fort Erie with his wife, Elise, and five children.

THE CANADIAN BIBLE SOCIETY cordially invites you to their **Annual General Meeting** on **Monday, February 5th** at the Salvation Army Church, 400 Niagara Street. Their speaker will be Dr. Myles Leitch, CBS Direction of Scripture translation. A complimentary sit-down dinner will be served at 6 p.m. and the program and presentation at 7:15 p.m. A free-will offering will be taken in support of Indigenous Bible translation projects in Canada. Contact/RSVP Kevin McCabe at 905-646-8062 or email: kmccabe57@hotmail.com

GOOD NEWS—BIBLE STUDY is back! We will meet 3 times a month, every Sunday except the first Sunday for a Bible Study about “The Book of Job”, led by Pastor Robert Munoz. What is the book of Job about? Job is a wealthy man living in a land called Uz with his large family and extensive flocks. He is “blameless” and “upright,” always careful to avoid doing evil (1:1). ... God boasts to Satan about Job's goodness, but Satan argues that Job is only good because God has blessed him abundantly. Yahweh permits Satan to take from Job all of the material benefits Job has received and to afflict him with the most severe and excruciating pain. Through all of this suffering, Job never complains. His only response is *"The Lord gave and the Lord has taken away; may the name of the Lord be praised."* However, Job's wife urges him to "curse God and die" in order to gain relief from his suffering. Three friends — Eliphaz the Temanite, Bildad the Shuhite, and Zophar the Naamathite — come from afar and express their sympathy by remaining silent and by clothing themselves in sackcloth and sitting in ashes. So basically it is about human suffering. Perhaps this is you or someone you know or love. Come explore this book with us. Pastor Munoz has written a play about the book of Job so he is somewhat of an expert. Bible study is a good thing for everyone and we hope you will join us.

St. Catharines Right to Life Dinner: Saturday, February 24, 6:00 p.m. at Holiday Inn Parkway Conference Centre, 327 Ontario St., St. Catharines. Guest Speaker: Josh Brahm, founder of the Equal Rights Institute. Join us for an excellent dinner, fellowship and an outstanding pro-life speaker who will inform, inspire and encourage us. To reserve tickets (\$50, \$25 for students), call our office 684-7505 or email: info@chooselife.ca . More info at ChooseLife.ca

<u>Last Sunday Attendance:</u> (Jan.28th, 2018)					
	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Weekly Need</u>	<u>Last Sunday</u>	<u>Year To Date</u>	<u>('17-139)</u>
Current:			1,849.90	16,054.22	
Missions			338.00	1,596.50	
Property Improvement			138.00	683.50	

ELECTRONIC FUNDS TRANSFER (EFT): Going south this Winter?? We still need to keep the bills paid while you are gone. You can help by making you donations via EFT (Electronic Funds Transfer) so while you are gone, you can rest assured that your donations continue. Enrolment forms are on the bulletin board in the narthex (entryway). Your donation can be modified or stopped at any time. Please see Heather Simons or Karen McCumber.

SOUL is looking for small round Tetley Tea containers with plastic lids for a craft. Thank you!

Church Organist: Christ Lutheran is currently seeking a music director to play at both our Traditional and Contemporary services. If you are interested, please email your resume to: business.manager@christlutheransc.ca. Thank you!

FLOWERS NOTE: If you would like to donate a flower for the altar in memory of a special person or Birthday, Wedding Anniversary or special day, please sign your name on the sheet in the narthex.

LUTHERAN HOUR MINISTRIES INFORMATION: *Please Note: A special devotion is available online from Lutheran Hour Ministries each day during Lent at www.lhm.org/lent**

Lutheran Hour Ministries—all info.—www.lhmcanada.org

LISTEN TO THE LUTHERAN HOUR, Sundays on **CHAM 820 at 8:00 a.m.** Next Sunday's topic

(Feb. 11th) ***"Was Blind, But Now I See"*** (2 Corinthians 4: 3)

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Ken Klaus – Would you rather be blind or visioned? That's an easy one. But, how does a spiritually blind person become seeing?