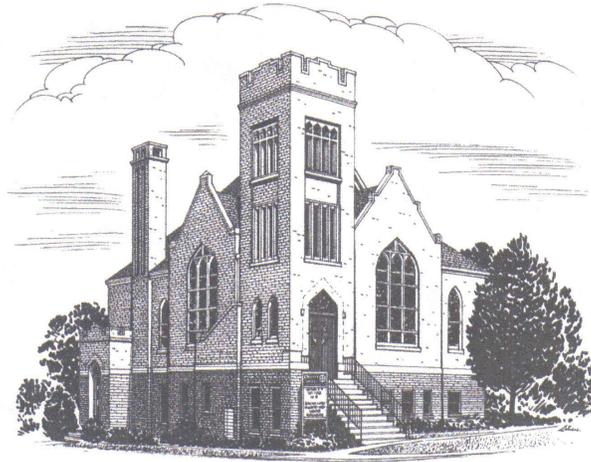


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Mission Statement

Our mission is to be a Christ-like, Gospel-centered fellowship of disciples engaged in a ministry of faith, love and witness to all of God's children.

FROM PASTOR KATIE:



Perhaps it's because I happened to be explaining the concept of a "compound word" to a bunch of 1st graders at South Elementary—two words put together to make a new word. It was shortly after that conversation that I realized that "Thanksgiving" is a compound word: "thanks" and "giving." We tend to privilege the first part of the word, focusing on the thanks. We even talk about the holiday as a time to "give thanks." And I'm all in favor of giving thanks. I don't think we say "thank you" nearly often enough—to the people who daily make our lives not simply tolerable, but joyful; to the people who go serve us in a variety of ways, whether it be with a cup of coffee in the morning or checking us out at the grocery store; to the God who has made this beautiful world and given us life and breath to enjoy it. Gratitude is not just something we owe—Gratitude is good for us! It orients us toward what we have received, instead of what we don't have. Focusing on what we have received leads us into joy, while focusing on what we don't have leads us into discontent and unhappiness. For these reasons, I often wish that we could celebrate Thanksgiving not only in November, but every day, as a way of life.

And I think it is important to give equal weight to that second half of "Thanksgiving." One of the distinguishing characteristics of the Christian witness is that we are called to share our gratitude in acts of giving. Thanksgiving is an opportunity to count our blessings and share our gratitude; but it is just as importantly a time to share those blessings with others in acts of giving. And again, not just in November (or December), but every day, as a way of life.

We begin this month remembering the saints—and it strikes me that the ones who really inspire us are the ones who do just that: they live or lived in thanksgiving—equal parts gratitude and giving—every day. Thanks be to God for their witness!

Happy Thanks/Giving!

Pastor Katie

Would you like to add "Giving" to Your "Thanks" This Thanksgiving?



November's Focus for Giving is the Community Thanksgiving Dinner!

In 2013, over 600 people were served a full Thanksgiving dinner, either in First Christian Church's fellowship hall, or delivered to their homes. Those who were served included the elderly, small households with no family connections, people with health issues, needy families, and those without a home. How can you help? We need donations: pies and funds to purchase food for the meal (checks can be made out to First Christian Church, with "Thanksgiving Dinner" in the memo line). And we need volunteers to help prepare and serve meals on Wednesday evening and Thursday and to deliver meals on Thursday (delivery should be complete by 2:00 p.m., so plenty of time for your own Thanksgiving celebration!). Please see bulletin inserts for more precise details and to sign up to help!



A second opportunity to worship each week!

Thursdays at 6 p.m.

Simple and Casual

**Come as you are—
bring yourselves, your worship, your prayers
and share them with us in
Holy Communion!**



Here at Christ's Lutheran, we are blessed to have some good parking lots, and yet, even so, it sometimes feels like we don't have enough parking, particularly on a Sunday morning. While that may be a good sign, it's also important to remember that parking is just as much a part of our hospitality as friendly greeters, a staffed nursery, and good signage. A visitor who can't find a place to park on Sunday morning may possibly give up the effort or move on to a church that has room for them! An older person who can't find a spot near the accessibility entrance may give up the struggle if coming to church is too difficult.

Here are some suggestions to keep in mind so that we can offer good parking hospitality on Sunday mornings:

- Keep in mind that some of our members or our visitors may have mobility issues. Try to leave the paved accessibility lot on Clark Street open for them. The gravel lot is relatively close, but doesn't provide the secure footing of the paved lot.
- Keep in mind that some of our members or visitors are bringing small children who must be shepherded safely to the door. Try, if you can, to leave some spots close to the rear porch for them so that they don't have so far to go.
- You may not know that we have an informal arrangement with Orme's Hardware, across Steubenville Avenue—we are happy to let their employees and customers use our lot during the week, and they are happy to let us park in their lot on weekday evenings and Sunday mornings. However, this involves a "trek" across the street, so this option is not preferable for families with young children, or for people with mobility issues. We encourage you to use this lot if you are "hale and hearty" so that families and our older folks can park closer to our entrances.
- As you are cruising our lots on a Sunday morning looking for a parking spot, keep potential visitors in mind. Try to leave a spot or two open for them closest to our entrances—they are most likely to be arriving just before worship starts. If you see some visitors in the lot, smile kindly upon them and help them to find their way! Guide them to the door, show them where the restrooms are, introduce them to some people, help them find the sanctuary. Hospitality doesn't stop in the parking lot—make our visitors welcome, and they are more likely to come back!



Facebook Evangelism

If you are on Facebook, help us use Facebook to spread the word about our congregation, about our faith, and about events we want to publicize in the community. Experts tell us that Facebook sharing is the single most effective advertising an organization can do—when you share with your friends (and ask them to share too), we can reach thousands! So, next time a CLC post appears in your newsfeed, don't just make a note in your calendar—share it!

And if you don't get CLC posts in your newsfeed, find us and "follow" us: "Christ's Lutheran Church, Cambridge, OH"

Not on Facebook, but wish you could see CLC's posts? Check out our webpage, which includes our Facebook "Newsfeed" right there on our home page! <http://www.Christslutheran.org>

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Correspondence

Thank you for all your thoughts, prayers and love during the unexpected illness and death of our sister-in-law, Julie Troendly. Your welcoming attitude has been such a joy.

Thank you also for the altar flowers on Sept. 14. They were beautiful.

Dan & Diane Troendly

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

God's richest blessings to you as you celebrate this significant milestone in your congregational life. We are, regretfully, unable to attend, but extend our love and prayers to you as you give thanks to God for His steadfastness and presence. We recall with great fondness our time with you and remember the awesome presence of God in that Sanctuary.

Blessings and Congratulations,

Pastor Dawn and Frank Donato

P.S.

A blanket is being given in your name to give the gift of warmth and comfort to a needy family this Winter Season. Warm wishes to you for a Blessed Celebration!

FACTS AND FIGURES FROM OCTOBER

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| 9/25 | Attendance: 16 | |
| 9/28 | Attendance: 60 | Offering: \$1,623.21 |
| 10/2 | Attendance: 20 | |
| 10/5 | Attendance: 59 | Offering: \$4,042.00 |
| 10/9 | Attendance: 16 | |
| 10/12 | Attendance: 50 | Offering: \$1,575.21 |
| 10/16 | Attendance: 19 | |
| 10/19 | Attendance: 59 | Offering: \$8,657.54 |
| 10/23 | Attendance: 20 | |
| 10/26 | Attendance: 35 | Offering: \$1,238.00 |



Attendance and Offering Report

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DOLLARS & SENSE

Giving in the Digital Age

We've been using this space to talk about how we are adapting to new ways of giving in our "digital age."

This is an ongoing process, and we welcome your input! If you'd prefer to use a debit/credit card at a "giving station" somewhere here in the church building, we'd love to hear from you—it is something we've been considering.

Many of you who use the Simply Giving program or your own bank's online bill paying program to have checks sent, have indicated that you wished there was something to put in the offering plate as it is passed.

Your wish is our command: there are now new "Simply Giving" cards in the pews which you may use for this purpose. Feel free to use them for either method of digital giving. And we'll recycle them from week to week so we don't kill trees!

If you have heard of some other method of giving that appeals to you, please let us know. We want to be helpful to you, particularly since you are being so helpful to us!



PARLOR UPDATE

LAST MONTH WE ANNOUNCED PHASE TWO OF THE PARLOR REMODELING. LISTED BELOW IS A MONETARY BREAKDOWN OF THE REMAINING PIECES OF FURNITURE THAT NEED TO BE PURCHASED.

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| • SOFA/LOVE SEAT | \$935.10 |
| • CLUB CHAIRS (4 @ \$305.10) | \$1260.40 |
| • ACCENT CHAIRS (2 @ \$278.10) | \$556.20 |
| • SERVER/SIDEBOARD | \$779.00 |
| • LAMP TABLE/BOOK SHELF | <u>\$179.00</u> |
| • TOTAL | \$3709.00 |

SOME OF THESE FUNDS HAVE BEEN CONTRIBUTED, BUT WE STILL HAVE A LONG WAY TO GO. KEEP THIS PROJECT IN YOUR PRAYERS. IF YOU CAN HELP FINISH THIS PROJECT, PLEASE DO.

THE PARLOR COMMITTEE



NOVEMBER

10 Chris Murrell
11 Jackie Cochran
12 Gary Loader
18 Nancy Guegold

20 Vic Lagneaux
26 Joe Stephenson
26 Marion Welch

***Note: Any members wishing to submit their birthday(s) and anniversaries are encouraged to do so. Please write the dates and names on an attendance slip or call the church office.**



Please keep our "shut-ins" in your prayers:

Dolores Ober, Mag Bamfield, Marianne Beorger, Berniece Canaday, Carol Cogsil, and Dorothy Woodruff



THANK YOU TO OUR NOVEMBER VOLUNTEERS!!!

| DATE | 11/2 | 11/9 | 11/16 | 11/23 | 11/30 |
|---------------------------|-----------------|--------------|--------------|------------------|--------------------|
| Assisting Minister | Nora Thomas | Anne Bell | Marion Welch | Milt Cerny | Debi Cunningham |
| Usher | Green | Janes | WELCA | Bleisath / Welch | Savage |
| Acolyte | Morgan Atkinson | Katie Loader | Kara Loader | Matthew Law | Mackenzie Atkinson |
| A/V | Holly Lagneaux | Bill Loader | Bil Kerrigan | Doug Law | Mary Green |

Coffee Hour: Dean Brenning
Devotions: Brenda Dolweck
Tellers: John Harmon and Brenda Dolweck



OTHER OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE AT CHRIST'S LUTHERAN

HELP WANTED

Funeral Meal Coordinator: This ministry is an important expression of our care and concern for families in grief. The Funeral Meal Coordinator calls on volunteers to provide food, and oversees the organization of a meal following a funeral. We are pretty good at this now, so it's not a difficult position to take over! Please let Ann Bell know if you would be interested in using your "event organizing" skills in this way.

A/V: Please let us know if you would be willing to serve on the roster of A/V techs. It's pretty easy to learn how if you know computers. This will be a rotating service, as we do with ushers—perhaps once in every 6-8 weeks. Please let Jerry Green or Pastor Katie know if you would be willing to serve in this way.

Nursery Attendants: Please help us welcome children and support their parents by volunteering for occasional service in the Nursery. See the signup sheet in the hallway.

Sunday School Teachers: We still need people to assist with both our children's and adult Sunday Schools, both of which meet in the hour before church. If you would be willing to lead our adult Sunday School for a month at a time (to free the pastor up to be with our children periodically) or to assist with our children's Sunday School, perhaps for a month at a time, please let Pastor Katie know.

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OPPORTUNITIES FOR GIVING AND SHARING

RECYCLE FOR A GOOD CAUSE!

South Elementary collects the following items:

UPC bar codes from Our Family products

Drink pouches (Capri or other brands)- Just remove straw, cut off top edge, and rinse.

Labels for Education - Cut out the small rectangular label. Includes many brands: Campbell's, Pepperidge Farm, BIC, Emerald, Pop Secret, Wolfgang Puck, some Post Cereals, Glad, Pace, Dannon, People Magazine, Goldfish, V8.

Box Tops for Education - Cut out the small rectangular label. Includes many brands: Betty Crocker, Nestle, Cereals, Green Giant fresh and frozen produce, Hamburger Helper, Pillsbury refrigerated doughs, Land o Lakes, Fiber One, Fruit Roll Ups, Nature Valley bars, Welch's jams, Hanes, Avery, Ziploc, Kleenex, Scott, Cottonelle, Hefty, Brita, and more.

Printer ink cartridges

Magazines (for children & adults)

Gently used books for children

Look for the "South Elementary" collection boxes in the hallway.

SOUTH ELEMENTARY

As you know, we "adopted" South Elementary as a special focus for ministry two years ago. A new principal, Natalie Buchanan, has taken over leadership, and she is just as eager to continue our partnership. You'll be hearing about some opportunities for us, as a congregation, to support the children, families and staff of South Elementary over the course of this school year, but right now Mrs. Buchanan has asked for individual volunteers to come and serve in the school, as helpers, assistants, cheerleaders and role models. If you would be willing to volunteer, Pastor Katie has the Volunteer Application Forms. All volunteers in elementary schools are now required to have a background check, but the Cambridge School District both facilitates this process and covers the cost—everything can be handled at the District office in about 10 minutes! If you like kids, and have some time to give, you'll love this!

FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

“A Special Let’s Eat Out”

**Join us on SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2nd
AFTER WORSHIP, 12:30 p.m. we will be traveling
to Raven’s Glenn Winery. Please join us!**

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Everyone is welcome

- Nov. 1 **JOINT CIRCLE MEETING, at MR LEE'S RESTAURANT.**
9 a.m. on Saturday morning. Ask for the 'Green Room'.
Breakfast on your own and meeting to follow. See you there!
- Nov. 4 **MIRIAM CIRCLE – Tuesday at 1 p.m. in parlor.**
Hostesses are Mary Bleisath and Marion Welch.
Pastor Katie will lead the Bible Study for session 3
TRANSFORMATION TAKES TIME, Theme vs. John 20:30-31.
- Nov. 16 **THANKOFFERING SUNDAY SERVICE**
Corrine Lund will be our guest speaker on this Sunday. The
service will be conducted by WELCA of our congregation.
Thankoffering envelopes/boxes will be available for your offering.
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ADVENT LUNCHEON

December 7

"COME and join in the FUN"

Plans are being completed for our annual gathering for all women & girls. This will be held in Luther Hall

at the conclusion of our worship service. Please invite your family and friends to this special event.

A \$5 Christmas ornament/gift exchange is being planned so convey to your friends to bring a gift too.

More details in Dec. newsletter.

Celebrate CHRISTMAS, the day our SAVIOR was born.

IN HIS SERVICE, PRES. ANNE

