



SPIRIT OF CHRIST

COMMUNITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

May Newsletter

Discernment Team Update

Are you ready for a settled pastor yet? I know many of you are. I hope you are excited about calling a new pastor to Spirit of Christ. We have done a lot of work as a Discernment Team and as a congregation to get ourselves ready. We are close to getting a call committee formed but there are a couple steps that we, as a congregation, need to take first:

1. Understand and believe that God is present in this transition process and that God has a plan for the future of this congregation.
2. Get out of the tomb and live!

As the Discernment Team went through the survey results and the cottage meeting notes, we felt fatigued, turned off, and spiritless. These results told us what this congregation wanted in a pastor and what this congregation felt they needed to survive, but only one comment mentioned anything about God. Did you hear that? In all of this thinking about calling a new pastor to lead God's church, only one

comment said anything about God. During that meeting, we felt the Spirit telling us two things need to be done in order to move through the transition:

1. We need to look for God everywhere.
2. We need to get out of the tomb and live in the resurrection!



Starting on April 24th, every Sunday, we are asking someone from the congregation to stand up in worship before the offering and share one example of how they experienced God in their life that day or that week. This will help us to see how God is present in our daily lives and in the life of this congregation. As a Discernment Team, we are also asking that you help us reclaim the fact that we are alive and ready for the future that God has prepared for us. I strongly believe that recognizing God's presence and living in the joy of the resurrection go together. God has great plans for this church. We need to listen to his voice to hear those plans and live in joy and trust as we live out those plans.

I anticipate that the Ministry Site Profile, a document required for a congregation to fill out before calling a pastor, will be filled out by the beginning of the summer and that a Call Committee will be formed shortly after that. During the summer, the Call Committee will meet with a representative from the Synod and will receive names and profiles to review, then the interviews will begin.

Please feel free to contact me or a member of the Discernment Team (Megan Patterson, Michelle Patterson, Bruce Strachota, Bruce Lindquist, Nancy Brammer, or Linda Brandt) if you have any questions about the transition process.

In Christ,
Pastor Molly

Happenings at Spirit of Christ

Choir Concert

The Spirit of Christ Choir will be having their annual spring Choir Concert during the 10am worship service on May 1st. Come and hear the beautiful music your fellow church members are already working hard on! Afterward there will be a bake sale in the Fellowship Hall, full of treats provided by choir members.





Confirmation Sunday

Sunday, May 15th we will have 4 youth sharing their faith during the sermon time and then confirming their faith in Christ during worship. We hope you can come and celebrate this important milestone with them!

Active Adults

Starting at 1:00pm on Thursday, May 19th the Active Adults will be gathering in the church Fellowship Hall for a potluck and conversation. If you're retired and looking for a place to connect at church please join us, all are welcome! If you can't make it this month, we meet every third Thursday of the month at 1:00pm.

Sunday School Finale Potluck

Sunday May 22nd is the last day of Sunday School this year so let's celebrate together! Please bring a dish to share and join us after church for lunch. All are invited and encouraged to join us, whether you have kids in Sunday School or not. Thank you to everyone who has helped make Sunday School happen this year!

Note: We will not be grilling this year. It will be total, good ol' Lutheran potluck!



Save the Dates for Children/Youth/Family Activities



The CYF Team wants you to add some summer events to your calendar if you have not already! Please contact Maria Wasvick with questions.

Mission Trip to Denver: June 19th - 25th

Camp Wapo: August 7th - 12th

Day Camp: August 22nd - 25th

Serving This Month

Ushers

May 1: Team 1 - Dale, Joanne, Anne, Chris

May 8: Team 2 - Walter, Nancy, Sara, Julia

May 15: Team 3 - Glen, Eileen, Erik, Bruce

May 22: Team 4 - Clark, Karen, Jan, Chris

May 29: Team 5 - Bret, Cheryl, Brandon, Jennie

Lectors

May 1: None (Choir Concert)

May 8: Glen Soderberg

May 15: Glen Soderberg

May 22: Nancy Malone

May 29: TBD

Powerpoint Operators

May 1: Walter Malone, Jr.

May 8: Brandon Hanson

May 15: Bret Hanson

May 22: Tommy Guddal

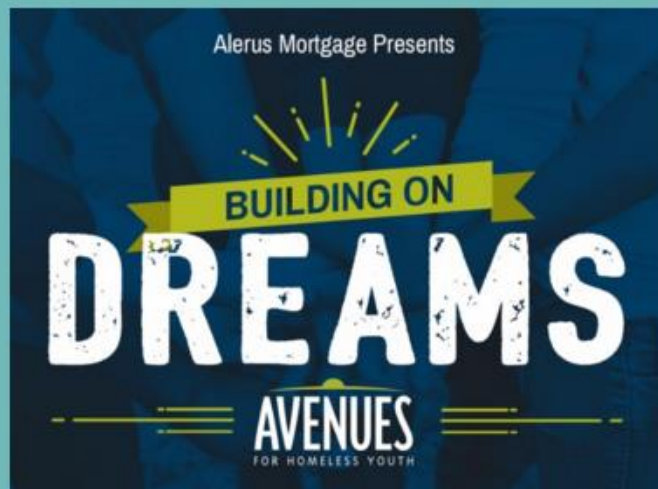
May 29: Dina Strachota

Supporting Our Community

Building on Dreams

Please mark your calendars for the return of Building on Dreams, Avenues for Homeless Youth's annual spring breakfast. It will be at the Walker Art Center from 7:30-9:00am on Tuesday, May 3. Avenues provides emergency shelter, short term housing and supportive services for over 200 homeless youth annually. This wonderful event helps create awareness about the issue of youth homelessness, garners

volunteers, and increases financial support for our programs and services. We promise an inspirational program, delicious breakfast, and to have you on your way promptly at 9am. Event is free but donations greatly appreciated!



Save the Date - Blood Drive

Memorial Blood Centers will be hosting a spring blood drive at our church on Wednesday, May 4th between 3:30 and 6:30pm. To reserve your time to donate, please talk with Jeanne Worm. Your donation can help save three lives!



Shelter Dinner

Join us on Friday, May 13th from 6:15-8:30pm when we will serve dinner at Our Saviour's Shelter. Our menu is baked chicken, potatoes, vegetables, rolls, dessert, and milk. We could use some grocery funds to cover meal costs and some volunteers to help serve. If you would like to help with funding or serving this meal, talk to Carolee & Mark Cohen.

SLP Birdfeeder Food Drive

The food drive has been extended through May for the Bird Feeder food shelf at St Louis Park High School. Bird Feeder is in its third year of service and is managed by high school students in community service classes. The best items are those that do not require a stove/oven or additional ingredients, such as this top 10 list:



1. Canned fruits
2. Microwavable meals
3. Bread/tortillas
4. Nutritional drinks/bottled water
5. Jelly
6. Pasta sauce
7. Backpacks
8. Snacks
9. Canned meat
10. Rice

Thank you for adding a few of these items to your shopping list in May! Please bring food items to the back of the sanctuary throughout the month and they will be delivered to Bird Feeder. Questions can be directed to Deb Schmitz, Jeanne Worm, or Carolee Cohen. More info about Bird Feeder can be found at theslpbirdfeeder.weebly.com

Social Action Calendar



- 5/3: Building on Dreams Breakfast
- 5/4: Blood Drive 3:30-6:30pm
- 5/13: Shelter Supper 6:15 to 8:30pm
- 5/15: Family Fund Sunday
- 6/11: Shelter Breakfast 5:30 to 7:30am
- 6/19: Family Fund Sunday
- 7/8: Shelter Supper 6:15 to 8:30pm
- 7/17: Family Fund Sunday

The Social Action team welcomes everyone in the congregation to join us for planning and organizing mission and social action events. This could be an ongoing activity or a one-time commitment. Talk to anyone on the Social Action Team (Mark or Carolee Cohen, Wendi Harmsen, Pat Latvala, Deb Schmitz, Joanne Stone, or Jeanne Worm) if you want to help!

Church Information

Add Your Event to Church Announcements!

If you would like to add something to the Sunday morning announcements, weekly email update, or monthly newsletter, please contact Ben, our office admin (contact info below). Weekly information must be received by Monday morning to be included in Wednesday's email and Sunday morning's announcement slides. Info for the June newsletter must be received by May 15th. You can also contact Ben if you'd like to be added to the mailing list.

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Congregation President: Bret Hanson

Choir Director: Steve Stucki

Please contact the church when:

- a member of your family is in the hospital
- a family member passes away
- a new baby arrives in your family
- you would like for Pastor to call or visit
- your address, phone or email changes
- a member leaves for college/military or establishes a new residence
- your group plans to have a meeting
- you have a joy or concern to share
- you feel the church can assist you in any way



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