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Christ Lutheran Church

February 2019

A "Reconciling in Christ" Congregation

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See Calendar on page 7 for complete Sunday worship, meetings & other events

HOLY CLOSURE BEGINS

At the congregation's Annual Meeting on Sunday, Jan. 27, twenty-three members voted on the most significant question for the congregation: Will Christ Lutheran continue as a congregation. In a 13 to 10 vote, the decision was to close. This most significant of questions was abruptly answered at the late-morning meeting. Months of discussion and prayerful discernment preceded this decision. Still, the meeting's result felt jarring.

On Feb. 28, I will conclude my ministry as the pastor with you. That ending also feels abrupt and jarring to me. Yet it is a decision preceded by much prayerful discernment as my husband, Wes, and I looked ahead.

Holy Closure of the congregation is a process that may take some months. Council leaders Lisa Cahoon, Bonnie Baumeister, Dan Prickett and Dave Adams have the promise of companionship as The Office of the Bishop and as Christ Lutheran visitors Jim Mitchell and Lee Buchschacher and Ascension Lutheran and St. Paul's Lutheran leaders and our own Sandi Arnold have promised their companionship along this journey, as well. As we move forward, may we work together and be of one mind in Christ, as St. Paul exhorts in Philippians 2: 1-5,

"If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus..."

May the peace of Christ be with us all,
Pastor Rebecca Aardahl



BLESSING OF TRANSITION ON FEBRUARY 21

Bishop Jim Gonia invites the congregation, Council and visitors to the church on Thursday, Feb. 21, at 5:30 p.m. for a meal together and an exit interview with Pastor Rebecca. The evening will conclude with a Blessing of Transition service led by the bishop. If you are available to help with the meal, please contact Pastor Rebecca.

A MESSAGE FROM ASSISTANT TO THE BISHOP MATT

BARNHOUSE, RECEIVED ON JANUARY 31

Sisters and brothers in Christ,

You made courageous steps last Sunday to let go of something very precious to you, while stepping out in faith together trusting that God will be at work in the days and months ahead. The entire staff at the Office of the Bishop shares our sadness for your loss. Christ Lutheran Church has been a valuable partner in the Gospel for decades. Now, together, we move toward new horizons. Pastor Matt Barnhouse, Director of Evangelical Mission, will be your primary contact during the Holy Closure process. Tina Kvittek, our RMS Gift Planner, will set up a meeting in the coming weeks to be with you. She will be a great partner for you as you discern how to distribute any remaining assets after the sale. Also, as things progress, Bishop Jim Gonias will be in contact with you to determine a date for a Holy Closure sending service. You might begin gathering names of past members and leaders whom you would want to invite for that special day. Meanwhile, trust you are not alone. God will be ever present among you and synod staff promises to assist any way we can.

Servants together,
Rocky Mountain Synod (ELCA) Office of the
Bishop Staff



FEBRUARY ENDINGS

Pastor Rebecca and the congregation bid farewell on Sunday, Feb. 24, as we worship together and then are invited to come together for a shared meal following the 10 a.m. Service of Holy Communion. Please know that Paula Egan-Wright plans to join us that day as pianist and leader. She is a teacher in Turkey and will be spending a brief time in the US at the end of the month.

Wednesday, Feb. 27, will be Pastor Rebecca's last day in the office. She and Wes will fly to Houston on Feb. 28, where they will attend their son, Nils, senior recital at Rice University.

BOTH SACRAMENTS ON FEBRUARY 17

Our 10 a.m. worship service on Sunday, Feb. 17 will be celebrations for two grandsons of Lois and Dan Prickett. Plan to celebrate with the Goehring and Payne families as Josh Goehring receives First Communion and Luca James Payne is baptized.

JANUARY 13, 2019 COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Premiere Copier has contacted the church office suggesting changes. Prior to the Council meeting, Jim Mitchell reviewed the congregation's contract with Premiere and reports that until there is a written change in our contract with Wells Fargo, the congregation has no obligation to make any changes that Premiere may suggest.

Sandi Arnold and Jim Mitchell offered to serve on Council and will indicate this at the Annual Meeting.

Discussed how membership in the congregation occurs; we have three families who are regular visitors at worship.

Discussed the agenda for the Annual Meeting and the no-interest loan for the replacement of the boiler.

Pastor Matt Barnhouse, Director of Evangelical Mission from The Office of the Bishop spoke about the process of Synodical Administration and the commitment necessary from the congregation in the areas of Bible study and spiritual growth.

Pastor Rebecca requested time away from the office on Tuesday, Feb. 12, in exchange for a Christ Lutheran workday on Saturday, Jan. 26.

"JOYOUS LIGHT" WILL BE MIDWEEK LENTEN THEME

A liturgy written by Ray Makeever titled "Joyous Light" will be the theme of the Better Together Midweek Joint Lenten services for the congregations of Ascension, Christ and St. Paul's, with Christ Lutheran hosting on Wednesday, March 27. Soup supper will be at 6 p.m. with worship at 7 p.m.

A noon-time Ash Wednesday service will be at St. Paul's Lutheran on March 6. Both Ascension and St. Paul's will have Ash Wednesday worship at 7 p.m. Christ Lutheran is invited to attend.

WEBSITE NEWS AND RETIREMENT BLESSINGS

At the end of 2018, Dave Lerner retired from serving as owner and administrator of Wyoming Network, which is the company that provided the congregation's website administration, hosting, domain names, secure certificates, email, and spam filtering. That work continues with a new company called Jub Jub which employs many of the employees from Wyoming Network. As the Council determines the congregation's desire to continue our website, etc. which costs \$30 per month, we wish Dave a restful and renewing retirement and extend appreciation for his years of service with us.

MAKING MUSIC

We are blessed by the musical gifts that Dwight Passmore shares with us, leading worship as pianist. In October, he and Judy moved to Cheyenne from Iowa, where Dwight served for decades as pianist and organist at their home congregation.

ELCA PRESIDING BISHOP ELIZABETH EATON IN WYOMING

A year ago when pastors from the 13 congregations in the Wyoming Conference of the ELCA met with Bishop Jim Gonia in Thermopolis for the annual Bishop's Retreat, the dean and leader of the group had a brainstorm. Dean and Pastor Brenda Frelsi, who serves Grace Lutheran in Casper, suggested that we invite Bishop Elizabeth Eaton to our 2019 event. The group doubted the bishop's availability. When Pastor Frelsi contacted Bishop Eaton's office, she received a resounding "yes". You are invited on Saturday, March 23, to the Days Inn at Thermopolis, to hear Bishop Elizabeth Eaton lead a session from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. about our foundational Lutheran doctrines and how we are called to live our Lutheranism in the world today. If you plan to attend, please contact Pastor Brenda Frelsi at pastorbrendaf@yahoo.com by March 17 to make a lunch reservation. You are also invited to worship on Sunday, March 24, 9 a.m. where Bishop Eaton will be preaching at Grace Lutheran, Casper. The pastors of the Wyoming Conference of the ELCA look forward to the time with Bishop Eaton and Bishop Gonia in Thermopolis March 21 and 22, as well as the time for all interested parties on March 23 and 24.

AMONG OURSELVES

Don Stoen continues to adjust to his new home in skilled care at Granite Rehabilitation and Wellness; as of Jan. 29, Matthew Mitchell was hospitalized and undergoing tests at Cheyenne Regional Medical Center; Nancy Heller anticipates surgery in Denver this month; Brenda Mitchell underwent yet another back surgery on Jan. 21 and still deals with too much pain; Chris and Cliff Coffey request our continued prayers for their health and well-being; Bonnie Baumeister underwent an eye procedure on Jan. 24 and suffered an unexpected and prolonged reaction; Brenda Hein deals with continued back issues and other health concerns; Andy Wittkorn continues to deal with back pain; both Judy and Dwight Passmore await improved health; Judy was hospitalized overnight in January. Mike Rea is gaining strength and has returned to work on "light duty" as he continues to recover from his recent open-heart surgery. Erica, CJ and Wes McColl request that we continue to pray for the improved health of their grandmother, Fay McColl. Polly Highland and Willy Elsasser both value our prayers and wait for days of better health. We are happy to report that Duncan Niemann was born to Alaina and Criss Niemann on Dec. 23. Alaina and daughter Emberlynn have served as pianists for our Sunday worship services on occasion. Our prayers are with Pastor Paul Everett and family on the death of his older brother, Luther, who was in hospice care and died in Rochester on Dec. 19. His funeral was in Rochester on Jan. 4.

CHOIR CONCERT

The Concert Choir from Grandview College in Des Moines, IA will be in concert at Ascension Lutheran, 712 Storey Blvd. on Friday, March 15, at 7 pm. A free-will offering will be received. If you are able to house choir members, please let Pastor Rebecca know. Grandview is one of 27 Colleges/Universities of the ELCA.

February Worship Assistants, Altar Guild, Counters & Coffee

	February 3	February 10	Feb 17	Feb 24
Ushers	Bonnie Baumeister Lisa Cahoon	Carol Pralle Lisa Cahoon	Ray & Peg Ed- wards	Dan & Lois Prickett
Lector	Lois Prickett	Dan Prickett	Bonnie Baumeister	Lisa Cahoon
Communion Assis- tants	Dan Prickett	Carly Trudel	Lisa Cahoon	Lisa Cahoon
Acolyte	Josh Goehring	Aiden Padilla	Josh Goehring	Josh Goehring
Altar Guild	Stacy Rea	Stacy Rea	Stacy Rea	Stacy Rea
Counters	Bonnie Baumeister Lisa Cahoon	Lisa Cahoon Dan Prickett	Bonnie Baumeister Lisa Cahoon	Lisa Cahoon Bonnie Baumeister
Goodies	POTLUCK	Carol Olson	Stacy Rea	Carly Trudel
Coffee Setup & Cleanup	POTLUCK	Stacy Rea Lisa Cahoon	Stacy Rea Carol Pralle	Stacy Rea Carol Olson

Lois publishes the worship assistants' schedule. If you have definite preferences or conflicts, contact Lois at 307.632.8429 (Thursdays only) or at info@christlutherancheyenne.org. If you are on the schedule and cannot be at a service, it is your responsibility to arrange for someone else to take your place.


CHURCH DIRECTORY CHANGES
 Please make the following changes to church directory:
 MITCHELL, Jim, Brenda and Matthew. 4053 Winterset
 Dr, Burns, WY 82053



DIVINE DOLLARS!

NOT JUST FOR GIFTS: Use them for everyday purchases. If you spent \$600 on groceries and gas at Safeway each month (4% discount), \$100 on clothing at Penneys (5% discount), \$50 for Applebee's (10% discount), and \$50 at Pizza Hut (8% discount) you would earn \$38 for the church for the month. If 25 people did the same, we would earn \$950 a month for Christ Lutheran.

February

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 9 am-Adult Forum 10 am-Worship & open communion 11 am-Potluck 11:15 Mutual Ministry committee	4	5	6	7 1 pm-Worship & Music Planning	8	9
10 9 am-Adult Forum 10 am-Worship & open communion 11 am-Council	11	12	13	14	15	16
17 9 am-Adult Forum 10 am-Worship & open communion	18	19	20	21 5:30 p.m. meal & exit interview with Pastor Rebecca.	22	23
24 9 am-Adult Forum 10 am-Worship & open communion. 11 am-Farewell Meal with Pastor Rebecca	25	26	27 Pastor Rebecca concludes her ministry at Christ Lutheran	28		

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL & COMMITTEES

Pastor Rebecca Aardahl

Church Council

Acting President: Lisa Cahoon

Vice President:

Treasurer: Bonnie Baumeister

Secretary: Dave Adams

Education & Youth: Lisa Cahoon, Erica McColl

Evangelism: Erica McColl, Sandi Arnold

Fellowship: Dave Adams

Property & Grounds: Dave Adams

Stewardship:

Women's Group: Lisa Cahoon

Worship & Music: Lisa Cahoon

Financial Matters

Financial Secretary: Dan Prickett

Contribution Recorder: Bonnie Baumeister

Women's Group/Fellowship

President: Lisa Cahoon

Treasurer: Lois Prickett

Secretary:

Other Leadership

Altar Guild: Stacy Rea

Communion Bread Baker:
Betty White

Publicity: Carol Olson



Please note: All articles for the Newsletter are due in Lois' mailbox
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