

# THE GOOD NEWS

The Newsletter of Cornerstone Lutheran Church

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Cornerstone Lutheran Church is reaching out, caring for, and building people toward maturity in Christ!

# From the Pastor

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## Our Father's Business

The owner of a company called one of his employees into the office and said, "Rob, although you have been with the company for a short time, you have moved up quickly through the ranks. Two years ago, you were in the mail room. Today, you are the executive vice-president. Now it is time for me to retire and I want you to be the one to take charge of my company. What do you say to that?"

Rob replied, "Thanks!" The owner was stunned and said, "Thanks? Is that all you can say? Thanks?" So Rob replied, "Thanks... Dad?!"

Luke 2 begins with the wonderful Christmas Story. Luke 2 closes with Jesus' declaration: *"Did you not know that I must be about My Father's business?"* (Luke 2:49; NKJV). Jesus was not talking about His earthly father, Joseph. He was talking about His heavenly Father who was worshiped in the temple.

Jesus' purpose in life was to fulfill God's will! Jesus Himself said: *"For I have come down from heaven, not to do My own will, but the will of Him who sent*

*Me. ...And this is the will of Him who sent Me, that everyone who sees the Son and believes in Him may have everlasting life; and I will raise him up at the last day"* (John 6:38,40).

As we yet stand in the glow of Christmas and on the threshold of a new year, mindful of God's grace and how we are now children of God through faith in Christ Jesus, may we each renew our commitment to also be about our Father's business! With this resolve, may our heavenly Father work His Will in us and through us to where many more will see *the Son and believe in Him and have everlasting life.*

What a joy and blessing it is for you and for me to be about our Father's business here at Cornerstone! God bless us all in this blessed New Year!



Pastor Dan Schumm

←—————→  
*"Did you not KNOW that I Must  
be about My Father's Business?"*

Luke 2:49  
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## Sermon Series

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### "Revealed."

Who is the real Jesus? That question is often posed to bait people into thinking there is something more to who Jesus is, as if someone were hiding something. In the Bible, Jesus is revealed. There is no hiding. On the contrary, when the facts are closely examined, we see Jesus in ways that are unexpected, but those ways are just as he wants to be revealed.

**Jan. 6-7 (Epiphany):** "Inclusive" (Matthew 2:1-12)

**Jan. 13-14:** "Surprising" (John 1:43-51)

**Jan. 20-21:** "Magnetic" (Mark 1:14-20)

**Jan. 27-28:** "Authoritative" (Mark 1:21-28)

**Feb. 3-4:** "Secretive" (Mark 1:29-39)

**Feb. 10-11 (Transfiguration):** "Unveiled" (Mark 9:2-9)



# Welcome New CLC Staff

## Let's get to know Mike Rowland!

### Where are you originally from?

*I'm originally from Michigan, specifically the metro Detroit area.*

### What do you do at Cornerstone Lutheran?

*I am the new Director of Communications.*

### Tell a little about your family and how long you've been a disciple.

*My wife, Amber, and I have been married for 19 years and have been disciples at CLC since 2003. I've been playing in the worship band at our Carmel site since we started coming and more recently at our Fishers site. We have two children: Natalie, who is turning 15 in January, and Nathan, who is 12.*

### Where did you meet your spouse?

*Amber and I met when I was playing in a national contemporary Christian music band called the Insyderz. We were the musical entertainment at a church conference she was attending. We met after our show and I could tell right away she was also called to ministry. We talked for hours and hours and it wasn't long before we started dating.*

### What do you love about CLC and/or why do you like working here?

*There are so many reasons our family loves CLC, but the biggest reason is that we were welcomed like family right away. The pastors knew us by name after the first week and we felt like we were home. I love working here because I can see that God has big plans for CLC and I get to be an intricate part of that. What a blessing! (Also, hearing the bells outside of my office and seeing what food Bruce has brought in to snack on make my day.)*

### Describe yourself in three words:

*Work in progress.*

### Who's been an inspiration to you in your life?

*My grandfather. He was a Marine in World War II, a police officer in Oakland County Michigan after the war, and the kindest, gentlest, most devout man of God I ever knew. He carried himself with both integrity and authority and never needed to raise his voice to make his point. He was great example for me in my formative years.*

### What's the best advice anyone has given you?

*One of my professional mentors, a very successful business owner, once told me he wanted to be the*



The Rowlands: Mike, Nathan, Natalie, and Amber

*"dumbest person on his staff". He went on to explain that you need to give the people you work with every opportunity to excel and shine, even if it means you take the back seat. It was recipe for humility and success.*

### If you could meet any Bible character (besides Jesus), who would it be? Why?

*Probably Joseph, the earthly father of Jesus. There are so many times as a father that I've said to God, "are you sure I'm the right guy for this job?" I'm sure Joseph said that same thing, yet God entrusted His son to him. It would be great to get some parenting perspectives from him.*

### Favorite book, movie, TV show:

*Books—Mere Christianity by CS Lewis and 1776 by David McCullough; movie—The Blues Brothers; TV—anything on the History Channel.*

### Favorite sports teams or icons:

*University of Michigan Football, Butler Basketball—I pretty much enjoy all college sports.*

### Favorite food:

*Key Lime Pie from the Salty Dog Café on Hilton Head Island. Worth the 13-hour drive.*

### Favorite vacation or vacation activity:

*We've become Hilton Head Island beach fans and we try to go every year.*

### What's something that most people don't know about you?

*While in the Insyderz we actually won a GMA Dove Award for our cover of Rich Mullins' "Awesome God." That's right, a bunch of mid-level talent musicians won an award for a song that wasn't even theirs.*



# Welcome, New Disciples!

The following people were received into discipleship at Cornerstone Lutheran Church in December. We're excited to have them as a part of our church family! Take time to read a little about these new disciples, and be sure to introduce yourself when you see them.



## Jody Boling

Jody lives in Fishers with her husband, Jason, and their 3 daughters, Marissa (12), Mallory (9), and Maggie (7). She transfers from Holy Cross in Indianapolis.



## James Forbes

James lives in Fishers and transfers from Aboite Lutheran in Ft. Wayne. He and his fiancé, Alba Jessop (pictured), will be married at CLC in June, 2018. He has 2 children: Blake (17) and Carmyn (15). James is a soldier with the US Army.



## Jim & Fran Browning

Jim and Fran live in Indianapolis. Fran is a retired teacher who enjoys reading, knitting, cooking, and playing games. Jim is a retired hospital administrator who enjoys interacting with others. The two of them also enjoy spending time with their grandchildren.



## Josh & Sarah Green

Josh and Sarah live in Fishers with their children, Mackenzie (3) and Henry (9 mos). Josh is an investment analyst with Capital Group and enjoys golf, reading, exercising, playing with his kids, and stock market analysis. Sarah is a CRNA with Anesthesia and Pain Treatment of Indiana and enjoys singing, exercising, and spending time with her family.



## Megan Browning

Megan lives in Indianapolis with her son, Will (7). She is the daughter of Jim and Fran Browning, also joining CLC. Megan is an RN at Carmel Health and Living and she enjoys cooking and sports.



## Brian & Sarah Jones

Brian and Sarah live in Fishers with their children Brianne (15), Gabrielle (9), and Tobin (7). Brian is in commercial real estate at CBRE and enjoys the outdoors and physical activities. Sarah is in finance with Daimler Truck Financial and enjoys spending time with her family and traveling.



## Monica & Terry Burkhardt

Monica and Terry live in Indianapolis and transfer from Trinity Lutheran. Monica enjoys movies, cross stitch, and piano, and Terry enjoys art, reading, woodworking, travel, and music.



## Jason & Emily McLaughlin

Jason and Emily live in McCordsville with their children Ashlyn (12) and Hayden (9). Jason is a Purchasing Manager at Rolls Royce and enjoys travel and hiking. Emily is a professor at IUPUI and enjoys architecture, design, and traveling.



## Bob & Joni Dunn

Bob and Joni live in McCordsville. They have 5 children: Carolyn (26), Mallory (22), Joseph (21), Michael (21), and Natalie (12). Bob is a financial planner with Prudential and enjoys boating, woodworking and carpentry. Joni is a financial advisor with Edward Jones and enjoys reading and boating.

# Welcome, New Disciples!



## Bob & Kim Orelup

Bob and Kim live in Fortville with their children Josh (14) and Max (11). Bob is an attorney with Herman & Kittle Properties, Inc. and enjoys baseball, tennis, golf, reading, being outdoors, and working out. Kim is an RN at Community Surgery Center and enjoys reading, tennis, gardening, and being with family.



## Paul & Kelly Shannon

Paul and Kelly live in Fishers with their children McKenzie (4) and Kyla (2). Paul is in medical device sales for Novartis and enjoys hiking, reading, fitness, and travel. Kelly is a commercial insurance manager for Chubb Insurance and enjoys running and spending time with family and friends.



## Andrew & Kate Osborne

Andrew and Kate live in Fishers with their children Emma (4), Liam (3), and Oliver (1). They transfer from Webster Garden Lutheran in Webster Groves, MO. Kate is a nurse at St. Vincent, Carmel and enjoys spending time with people. Andrew is the Director of Worship Arts at CLC Fishers and enjoys playing music with others.



## Thomas & Maggie Spry

Thomas and Maggie live in Muncie with their daughter, Leah (2), and transfer from Grace Lutheran, Muncie. Thomas is a Mechanical Product Engineer for Helmer Scientific and enjoys golf, gardening, home improvement, and all sports. Maggie is a stay-at-home mom and enjoys tennis and being outside.



## Jennifer Pattison

Jennifer lives in Fishers and is a teacher at MSD of Wabash County. She enjoys gardening, travel, cooking, reading, and walking.



## Mike & Vicki Thomas

Mike and Vicki live in Carmel and transfer from Faith Lutheran, Madison, Ind. Mike is a retired optometrist and enjoys golf, gardening, and exercise. Vicki is a retired teacher and enjoys travel, golf, reading, and cooking.



## Aaron & Jen Roth

Aaron and Jen live in Fishers with their children Logan (7) and Lillian (3). Aaron is a Customer Service Supervisor at Wheaton Van Lines and enjoys ziplining, basketball, baseball, football, and music. Jen is a Meeting & Event Planner at CEDIA and enjoys ziplining and photography.



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# January Collection

## Care packages for POST High School students

- Donation Collection: All of January
- Assembly: Sunday, Feb. 4, 11 a.m., room 102



During the month of January, we will be collecting items for Valentine Care Packages that we will be sending out on February 4 to over 100 POST High School students from CLC living away from home.

What a wonderfully warm way to remember our young adults away at school or on the job!

To fill more than 100 packages, we will need lots of donations, like:

- Instant soups & ramen noodles
- Macaroni & Cheese cups
- Individual cereal boxes/bowls
- Snack-size chips & cookies
- Sandwich crackers
- Microwave popcorn
- Hot chocolate packs & tea
- Candy, gum, mints

*Please do not donate softer baked goods like Little Debbie's or Hostess snacks because they get smashed in transit.*

All donations can be placed in a collection bin by a worship area.

### Other ways you can help:

- Do you have a child who is POST High School age 18-23? Do we have his/her address away from home? Please be sure to fill out the form to let us know their address by visiting [www.cornerstonelutheran.church/post-hs](http://www.cornerstonelutheran.church/post-hs).
- To volunteer to help with packing on Feb. 4, contact Vicki Lepper ([vlepper317@gmail.com](mailto:vlepper317@gmail.com)).
- If you would like to help with the postage (each box costs over \$8 to ship), make your check payable to LWML and put it in the LWML box in the CLC Carmel workroom or at the CLC Fishers Welcome Desk.

# General Info

## Winter Ministry Catalog

The 2017-18 Winter Ministry Catalog is here! This handy book lists CLC events taking place through February 2018. You'll find everything from concerts and events to Bible studies, to ways you can volunteer with different ministries. Pick up your copy at church, or download it at [www.CornerstoneLutheran.church](http://www.CornerstoneLutheran.church) (click on the rotator).



## Don't kick it to the curb!

Do you have an artificial Christmas tree you no longer use? Consider donating it to CLC. Contact Clarissa Hay ([chay@cornerstonelutheran.church](mailto:chay@cornerstonelutheran.church)) to find out the details.

# Small Groups

## This month's featured small group

Our (mostly) Britton Falls small group of 12 is comprised of four singles and four couples. We have been enjoying one another's company once a month for six years. Bible study facilitating and prayer is shared as we visit each other's homes, have fun, laugh, cry, support, and "do life" together.

Recently, we had the privilege of preparing and serving an evening meal for the Friendship Saturday gathering at Carmel. A delightful time was had by all. We are thankful for the times we have spent in Bible study, service, and fellowship together, and look forward to many more.



(l to r) Jackie Gehrlein, Trudy Grandt, Johanna Hilpert, Lyn Grandt, Kay Johnston, Dean Villani, Marsha Broman, Dave Broman. (Absent from photo: Cal & Lonna Kassuelke and Rollin & Betty Kuznik.)



# Fellowship

## Seniors Luncheon January 8

Our CLC Seniors Adults will have their next monthly pitch-in luncheon on Monday, January 8, in CLC Carmel room 102 starting at noon. Please bring a dish to share.

Pastor Luther will give us a presentation on his recent trip to Germany and France, sharing pictures and stories of touring the cities important in the Reformation and visiting the Normandy D-Day beaches of WWII.

All CLC seniors are invited to attend our Christmas luncheon for fun and fellowship, especially those new to our church. For more information, contact Bates McIndoe ([batesandjudy@yahoo.com](mailto:batesandjudy@yahoo.com), 317.571.0877).

## Photos from December's luncheon



The senior adults love it when the CLC Preschool students come and sing at the December luncheon!



Some CLC staff, including Mike Rowland and Shawn Hecksel, led the seniors in Christmas Carols.

## Things are happening in Young Adult ministry!

All young couples and singles in their 20s and 30s are invited to meet up for Bible study, dinner, fellowship events, and service events as we seek to grow in our walk with Christ and each other.



### "Sundays at Noon" Bible Study

- 1st and 3rd Sundays  
*Jan. 7 – Kickoff, lunch provided*
- Jan. 21 – *brown bag lunch*
- 12-1:30 p.m. (begins Jan. 7)
- CLC Carmel, room 102

Plan for an afternoon of food, fellowship, and an interactive Bible Study on topics of interest as we dig into the Word together.

### Fishbowl Theology and Dinner

- Once a month, nights vary, 7-8:30 p.m.
- Jan. 16 – @ Upland Brewing

Meet up for dinner one evening a month for a time of fellowship. When available, one of our pastors will join in for both fellowship and great questions of theology!

### Service & fellowship events

- Jan. 27 – Service Event

Each month the young adults get together for a time focused on fellowship and/or service. Through fun activities we get to know one another a bit more, forming encouraging and supportive relationships as we enjoy one another and serve others.

For more information on all these activities:

 Facebook – [Cornerstone Lutheran Young Adult Ministry \(CLCYAM\)](#)

 Instagram – [@clcyam](#)

## Care



### Experiencing the loss of a loved one? Let your healing begin.

- Mondays, 7-9 p.m., beginning Jan. 22
- CLC Carmel, room 101A

If you've lost a spouse, child, parent, or friend, you've probably found there are not many people who understand the deep hurt you feel. This can be a confusing time—you may feel isolated and have many questions about things you've never faced before.

You don't need to go through it alone. Join a caring group of people who will walk alongside you through one of life's most difficult experiences. On Mondays, starting January 22, from 7-9 p.m., CLC Carmel will offer GriefShare, a recovery support group for those who have recently experienced the death of a loved one. GriefShare meets in room 101A for 13 weeks (through April 16) and will help you face these challenges so you can move toward rebuilding your life.

For more information, contact Kristy Long ([kristy@indy.rr.com](mailto:kristy@indy.rr.com), 317.690.1194) or Pastor Dan Schumm ([dschumm@cornerstonelutheran.church](mailto:dschumm@cornerstonelutheran.church)). Child care is available if you contact Kristy ahead of time. Registration will take place at the first class. There is a \$15 materials fee.

### GriefShare: How your past hurt can help another heal

Have you experienced the deep grief of losing a loved one? Have you learned valuable lessons and healing from the hurt? Would you like to help others do the same? We are looking for additional volunteers and a co-leader for our GriefShare ministry. Please contact Kristy Long ([kristy@indy.rr.com](mailto:kristy@indy.rr.com), 317.690.1194) to learn more.

## Music

### Children's musicals at CLC Carmel

- Wednesday rehearsals, 4:30-6 p.m. (1/10 start)
- Primary Praise performance: Feb. 25
- Christus Choir performance: Mar. 11

Yes, that's MUSICALS!! CLC Carmel's program has grown enough that our Primary Praise and Christus Choirs will EACH present a musical in early 2018! Primary Praise will present their musical on Sunday, February 25, and the Christus Choir's performance on Sunday, March 11. We are very excited for this new phase of our Children's Music Ministry! Rehearsals for both musicals will begin Wednesday, January 10. For questions on Primary Praise, email Lauren Southard ([lauren.southard@me.com](mailto:lauren.southard@me.com)). For Christus Choir, email Jennifer Midkiff ([jmidkiff@cornerstonelutheran.church](mailto:jmidkiff@cornerstonelutheran.church)).



Primary Praise singing at December's Lessons & Carols service.

### Fine Arts Academy 2018

- June 18-22, 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m.
- Theme: "Come to the Waters"



Brochures for Fine Arts Academy 2018 will be available in February. Please mark your calendar and save the dates for this year's academy. FAA is a week-long fine arts camp for youth who have completed Kindergarten through 8th grade, focused on connecting faith, creativity, and community with the intent and purpose of glorifying God.



# Outreach

## 2018 mission trip opportunities

### Alaska mission trip info meeting

- Monday, Jan. 15, 7 p.m.
- CLC Carmel, room 101B

We have tentatively scheduled a mission trip to Alaska for July 28 through August 8. We will be working in Copper Center with missionary Todd Roeske during the first part of the trip and then spend a few days at the end of the trip touring parts of Alaska. If you are interested in this trip, please plan to attend an informational meeting on Monday, January 15 at 7 p.m. at CLC Carmel. At that time we will share an itinerary, estimated costs, and our work plan for this trip. If you have any questions before this meeting, please contact Dave Reed ([davidcsa@aol.com](mailto:davidcsa@aol.com)) or Eric Nelson ([enelson@cornerstonelutheran.church](mailto:enelson@cornerstonelutheran.church)).



Dave Reed with Pastor Todd Roeske during CLC's 2015 mission trip to Alaska.

### Houston mission trip info meeting

- Tuesday, Jan. 16, 7 p.m.
- CLC Carmel, room 101A



CLC disciples have the chance to help those in the Houston, Texas area affected by Hurricane Harvey. Plans are being finalized for a trip in March. We will be working with Gloria Dei Lutheran Church in Houston, who has committed to rehabbing 32 homes. Our work may include hanging drywall and doors, trim work, painting, and more.

If you're interested in being a part of this mission team, or would just like to find out more, please come to the information meeting on Tuesday, January 16, 7 p.m. at CLC Carmel, or contact Dave Reed ([davidcsa@aol.com](mailto:davidcsa@aol.com), 317.842.4737) or Kelly Howe ([kelly\\_willing@yahoo.com](mailto:kelly_willing@yahoo.com), 317.690.0522).

## You can donate, just by shopping!

### Kroger Plus Card re-registration

CLC is using funds raised through the Kroger Community Rewards program to support food pantries in the Irvington area, just east of downtown Indianapolis. You just shop at Kroger, scan your Kroger Plus Card, and a portion of your total will be given to CLC to be used in these efforts.



A new program year begins January 1 and Kroger requires ALL Kroger Plus Card participants to re-register, even if you've enrolled in the past. Go to [kroger.com/communityrewards](http://kroger.com/communityrewards) and click "Sign In" or "Create an Account". Then enroll/update your rewards in your account settings and designate "Cornerstone Lutheran".

Help us continue to donate to Irvington area food pantries in 2018. For the first three quarters of 2017, 223 households had registered their Kroger Plus Card, resulting in nearly \$4,200 raised to support these food pantries through CLC! Thank you to all who shopped and donated.

### smile.amazon.com

If you shop at Amazon.com, consider registering your account with the AmazonSmile program and .5% of your eligible purchases will be donated to CLC. When you register, choose Cornerstone Lutheran as your charity. Then, visit/bookmark [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com) when making purchases. Don't forget: you need to make your purchases through [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com) for CLC to get the donation.



# Preschool

## Evaluating a child's development

As we begin 2018 at Cornerstone Lutheran Preschool, we rejoice in the many blessings we have received from our Lord. Each day we see happy, healthy children enjoying the learning activities with the good friends in their classes.



During January the teachers are busy evaluating the progress made by each of the children in our preschool. It is exciting to see the **physical** growth, including the large motor and fine motor skills. **Socially**, the children are learning to play with one another and not just next to each other. The children have become **emotionally** ready to handle classroom situations without a parent nearby. **Academically**, each child has learned numbers, colors, letters, and other readiness skills which prepare them for the next level of school.

At our Preschool, we include a very important fifth area of development. **Spiritual** growth and development are occurring each day here. We see the Holy Spirit working within these little children. They have come to know their best Friend, Jesus. They talk to Him in prayer each day. They know He helps them get well when they are sick or hurt. The children know He takes good care of them at home and preschool. And they thank Him for their many blessings.

We are so thankful that we are able to openly share our faith each day with these children. We pray that God will send the Holy Spirit to work in our hearts as we teach His little lambs and minister to their families. Please continue to pray for this vital ministry of Cornerstone Lutheran Church.



## CLC Preschool registration for 2018-19

The registration schedule for the 2018-19 school year is:

- **Jan. 9:** For current preschool families.
- **Jan. 15:** For CLC families not currently enrolled in preschool, and previous preschool families.
- **Jan. 18 and after:** Open to the community.

Register your child at [www.CornerstoneLutheran.church/preschool](http://www.CornerstoneLutheran.church/preschool).

# Winter Wellness

Feeling cooped up this winter? Is exercise one of your New Year's resolutions? Get out and join one of our exercise classes in the CLC Carmel gym.

## Indoor Biking/Spinning

- **Saturdays, Jan. 6-Mar. 24**
- **7:30 a.m. – set up/warm up**  
**7:45-8:45 a.m. – workout**

Bring your own bike and bike trainer, if you have one. (We will have a few extra trainers if you don't.) We will do a variety of bike workouts for all ability levels. Contact Patti Vollmer ([pvollm@aol.com](mailto:pvollm@aol.com), 317.507.1155).

## Cardio Sculpt

- **Wednesdays, 9:15-10 a.m.**

Increase your heart rate, build strength, and move your body! Drop your children off in the nursery and meet in the gym for this FREE 45-minute workout. Contact Hollie Nicholson ([hollie.r.nicholson@gmail.com](mailto:hollie.r.nicholson@gmail.com), 317.292.4252).

## Senior Fitness

- **Saturdays, 10 a.m.**

This class for men and women age 65 and older focuses on maintaining and increasing flexibility, balance, and coordination.

## Men's Basketball

- **Mondays, 7-9 p.m.**
- **Wednesdays, 8:30-10:30 p.m.**

Mondays: Contact Travis Birge ([tbirge03@aim.com](mailto:tbirge03@aim.com), 765.336.1261).

Wednesdays: Contact Kevin Ogawa ([kiyoshi12@att.net](mailto:kiyoshi12@att.net), 317.585.9210).

## Co-Ed Volleyball

- **Thursdays, 7-9 p.m.**

Contact Michael Minniear ([mjminniear94@gmail.com](mailto:mjminniear94@gmail.com), 317.460.2629).

# Students

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## Confirmation Corner

*Ever wonder what the 7th and 8th grade confirmation students are learning each Sunday evening to prepare for the confirmation of their Lutheran faith? Confirmation Corner will provide the congregation a sneak peek into what the students are learning and offer some specific things you can be praying for to encourage our young people as they grow in their faith.*

### Did you know...

- As Christians we seek to live a life of contentment by giving thanks for all things.
- A **pewpotato** is someone who does not get out of the pew to get involved in service or study. We want to get out of the pew and move towards maturity in Christ.
- A **disciple** is someone who is on a life-long journey of loving everyone and everything that Jesus loves with all their heart, soul, mind, and strength.

### Please pray for...

- Our Confirmation kids to continue to reach out to other children who are struggling with words of encouragement and the light of Christ.
- Our 8th grade Confirmands as they prepare to deliver their Statements of Faith with courage and conviction.
- The spirit of Advent to continue into 2018 for our Pastors, and that they may experience a replenishment of time with their families after the busy-ness of the Christmas season.



CLC Fishers confirmands in their ugly Christmas sweaters!

## "UKANDU" Chicago Mission Trip

- June 24-30
- Registration open Jan. 15-Feb. 15

We're planning a great summer trip for you! We will again be participating in the UKANDU Chicago mission trip. UKANDU is a Christian mission organization dedicated to helping youth and adults become the heart and hands of Christ to those in need around the world. The mission name comes from Philippians 4:13 – "I (YOU) can do all things through Christ who gives me strength."

This will be our second year to serve in this mission. Visit our website at [www.CornerstoneLutheran.church/high-school](http://www.CornerstoneLutheran.church/high-school) to see a video on what UKANDU is all about. Begin prayerfully considering this wonderful mission opportunity and today and register soon!

# Among Us

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## Births

- Caroline Elizabeth Walker, daughter of Aaron & Shelley, Nov. 27.
- Grayson Philip Heer, son of Philip & Megan, Dec. 8.
- Easton Kai Hartman, son of David & Emily, Dec. 10.

## Baptisms

- Michael Alexander Schumm, son of John Schumm & Alyssa Brune, Dec. 10.
- Jordan Daniel & Jayden Jeffrey Deane, sons of Rebecca Hanse (grandsons of Greg Godwin), Dec. 20.

## Sympathy to the families of

- Glenna White
- Dar Setters
- Teresa Shores (Michelle Weyer's sister)
- Philip Coolidge (Paige Miller's father)
- Dennis Hockstra (Chris Hockstra's father)
- Marge Hines (Laura Lehman's aunt)
- Wendell Graves (Jamie Graves' father)
- Beatrice Toburen (Donna Peters' mother)

## When am I helping?

You know that you're supposed to be a greeter, usher, acolyte, communion assistant, reader, etc., but you can't remember when you serve. Did you know all that information is available on our website? Go to [www.cornerstonelutheran.church/article/worship-volunteers-schedules](http://www.cornerstonelutheran.church/article/worship-volunteers-schedules) to see that upcoming weekend's schedule, as well as the schedule for that entire month.



## Get closer to God and other women at these upcoming events!



### IF:Gathering 2018

- Friday, Feb. 9, 7-10 p.m. & Saturday, Feb. 10, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.
- CLC Fishers

CLC Fishers will host a two-day simulcast of the national IF:Gathering from Austin, Texas. At this gathering we come together to wrestle with essential questions of faith and encounter God in a way that allows us to be unleashed to give Him away.

What IF we followed God with perseverance instead of insecurity? At IF:Gathering 2018, we will look at one of Paul's letters to Timothy as he reminded him of the power and responsibility of sharing the gospel. We want to give God away in the very places he's put us, so we're going to gather for the purpose of remembering why following God and making disciples matters. We all get tired, we all wonder if what we're doing matters, so IF:Gathering 2018 will be the reminder—it will be the celebration. The work we're doing to share the gospel on the earth is worth it and God DOES move through the little things that nobody sees. Join us.

To register or for more information, go to [www.CornerstoneLutheran.church](http://www.CornerstoneLutheran.church) and search "IF gathering".

### "Deeper Still" Women's Retreat

- March 3-4 (with optional Fri. night)
- Wooded Glen Retreat Center, Henryville, IN
- Registration opens Jan. 7

Join the women of CLC on an excursion away with the One who knows us best—intimately, inside and out. The weekend away will provide us, as fellow faith travelers, with the luxury of time and space spent with our Savior, exploring what he is doing in our lives and allowing us to go DEEPER STILL.

For more information and the weekend schedule of activities, be on the lookout for the retreat brochure, out in early January. More information will also be available in the weekly eNews and weekend bulletin announcements.



**Women's Bible studies begin/resume in January!**  
**Check out the newsletter insert to see the listing of classes.**

## Women

### Ladies Daytime Fellowship

We will meet on Friday, January 12, at 12:30 p.m., CLC Carmel room 102. All are welcome to attend who would like to help with cleaning the individual candles used on Christmas Eve and packing them away for next December. For more information, call Dottie Renner (317.846.0701).

### Lutheran Woman's Quarterly

Pick up your copy of the Lutheran Woman's Quarterly, Winter 2017, in the Connection Centers and read about:

- In "Praying of the Psalms", Psalm 86, asks "Are you listening, Lord?"
- "The Sisterhood of Service" features Dr. Rosa Young, often referred to as the Mother of Black Lutheranism, and Kaye Dumas, now employed by Lutheran Hour Ministries.
- "Trusting to Forgive When You Don't Want To" is a story about the Rwanda genocide.
- A Bible study, "Listen to the Sounds", looks at the Christmas gospel of Luke.

Copies of the Fall 2017 are also still available. You especially will want to read about the marriage of Katharina and Martin Luther. Also included is a Bible study, "Set your Minds on Things Above", based on Colossians 3.

### Monthly Book Club

Join anytime for lively book discussions at the Barnes & Noble on Greyhound Pass. For more information and upcoming books, contact Debbie Salefski ([dsalefski@sbcglobal.net](mailto:dsalefski@sbcglobal.net), 317.752.6739).

## With Thanks

### Advent by Candlelight: A beautiful evening

Many thanks to Vickie Vandergrift, her team of volunteers, the many hostesses, and the amazing speakers who helped make Advent by Candlelight such a wonderful evening of worship with great conversation around the tables! Thanks also to the gentlemen who helped with logistics before, after, and during the event.

It truly was a beautiful evening of fellowship and sharing for the 300+ women who attended. If you are already looking forward to next December's event, please consider being a part of the planning team and enrich your celebration even more. Contact Vickie at [vickiev63@yahoo.com](mailto:vickiev63@yahoo.com).

### With thanks from the CLC staff

"On behalf of the called staff of Cornerstone Lutheran Church, I would like to thank all of you for your generosity in the form of the special Christmas gift. It is indeed an honor and a privilege to serve in your midst. CLC is a wonderful body of believers and we all look forward to a new year of partnership with you as we reach out, care for, and build people toward maturity in Christ."

~ Pastor Luther Brunette

## National Youth Gathering



### Community Life Builder application

Community Life Builders (CLBs) at the National Youth Gathering are a key group of volunteers who are trained and resourced

to serve Gathering participants and help the event run smoothly. Known as the "Yellow Shirts" because of the yellow shirts they wear, CLBs work in the Gathering hotels, convention center, and stadium during the event.

Community Life Builders make a considerable investment in the Gathering, including being available **July 8-15, 2019** for training and service. CLBs are aged 25 years old and older, have a desire to serve both youth and adults, must complete a background check, and submit a reference form completed by an LCMS church worker or LCMS district staff. If you are interested in being one of these servant leaders, or know someone who would make a great CLB, please consider completing the application. The application is available at [lcmsgathering.com/clb](http://lcmsgathering.com/clb) through February 28, 2018.

*(Please note, the application to serve as a Young Adult Volunteer—aged 25 and younger—opens July 2018.)*

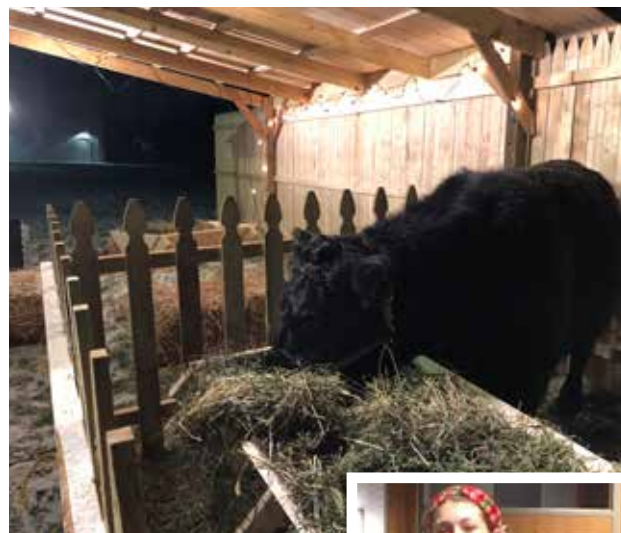


# December at CLC in Pictures

## Breakfast with Baby Jesus



## Living Nativity





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## Advent by Candlelight



## New Disciples, CLC Fishers



## Christmas Cookies, Crafts, & More!



## Holiday Smiles!



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## Change Service Requested



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## Purduettes Show

- Saturday, April 14, 7 p.m.
- Cornerstone Lutheran Church Fishers  
(13450 E. 116th Street, Fishers, IN)

### Doors open:

6:30 p.m. – general admission/open seating

### Dinner with the Purduettes:

5:30 p.m. with reservation  
(limited seating/Famous Dave's BBQ catering)

### Show tickets now available:

\$15 adult/senior, \$10 student/children age 17 and under

Show proceeds benefit the Indianapolis Children's Choir.

Purchase tickets online at [www.CornerstoneLutheran.church](http://www.CornerstoneLutheran.church)  
(search "Purduettes").

### **About the Purduettes:**

*Directed by Jeff Vallier, the Purduettes provide energetic and quality entertainment with a vast repertoire of music including pop, classical, contemporary, country, swing, patriotic, Broadway, gospel, and jazz. This multi-talented troupe of women represents the brightest and best from a variety of majors and areas of study. Maintaining a high level of academic achievement, the women of the Purduettes pursue excellence on and off the stage, employing a leadership honorary and a mentor program to help further the development and lives of each individual, while involving Purdue alumnae and community leaders through the outreach efforts of the program. (CLC disciple Casie Blair is a member of this group!)*