UPCOMING

ANNUAL BUDGET REVIEW FOR CHISAGO LAKE LUTHERAN CHURCH: Today, January 21, there will be a discussion of the CLLC Annual Budget for 2024 after the 9:00 Church Service in the Sanctuary. The Annual Budget will be approved at the Annual Meeting on January 28, 2024.

January's Monday Movies With a Message



Join Pastor Brian at the parsonage (14390 310th Street – big white house on the hill across from the Church) on Monday, January 22 for January's Monday Movies With A Message: "The Shack" (2017). After the abduction and presumed death of Mackenzie Allen Phillips' youngest daughter, Missy, "Mack" receives a letter and suspects it is from God, asking him to return to the isolated shack where Missy may have been murdered. After contemplating it, he leaves his home to go to the shack for the first time since Missy's abduction and an encounter that will change his life forever. This

provocative and emotional movie wrestles with the reality of the Trinity and the goodness of God in the midst of the pain and suffering in this world. Space is limited, so sign up today to watch the movie and engage in some profound reflection and conversation afterwards.

JOIN US FOR OUR CELEBRATION OF MISSION AND MINISTRY.

THE 170TH ANNUAL METTING OF CHISAGO LAKE LUTHERAN CHURCH WILL BE SUNDAY JANUARY 28TH AT 10:15 AM.

Join us as we celebrate and give thanks for our 170th year of mission and ministry here at CLLC, immediately following worship on Sunday, January 28 in the Fellowship Hall. Come see what God has done through CLLC over the past year and help chart the next chapter as we elect new leaders for the Church Council and our various ministry

committees/teams. We invite everyone to "Come and See" the "New thing" God is doing in our midst in this next season of mission and ministry! Swedish treats will be served along with other refreshments.

Annual reports are available in the Narthex and will also be available at the meeting. You can also get the report on the website or with this QR code.



Lasagna To-Go! The youth will again be offering a **Lasagna Dinner Fundraiser** on **Saturday, February 10th from 4-6:00pm.** It will be served To-Go style from the lower parking lot. It includes a full meal of lasagna, breadstick, fruit cup and dessert with a suggested price of \$8/ meal or \$25/family. Proceeds will go toward youth and summer camping experiences. Reservations are appreciated but not required. There is a signup in church or contact the office to reserve; 651-257-6300 or office@chisagolakelutheran.org! There is also a signup if you'd like to contribute brownies.



Grumpy Old Men Worship Service is coming back! Sunday, February 11th, at 9:00am we will again be holding a Grumpy Old Men themed worship service. Dig out your flannel (not required!) and join us for a little fun during worship service!



MICHILU FAT TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER: Back by popular demand!! Join us for the Fat Tuesday Pancake Supper on **Tues**, **Feb.13th** at Chisago Lake Lutheran Church! This event is hosted by MiChiLu (Middle Chisago Lutherans). Dinner is served from **4-6pm**. Live music and crafts for kids! Join the fun! Anyone interested in helping in the kitchen, please contact the office!

CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILY

LORD'S PRAYER MILESTONE: First and Second Grade Sunday School students are working on learning the Lord's Prayer this Sunday and next Sunday. They will share in leading us next Sunday during worship! Good work and congratulations on this milestone:

Magnus Halmrast	Oliver Gerhart
Gwen Schroeder	Penelope Wikelius
Braeden Stream	Nora Jurek

Thank you to those who donated, the youth who helped assemble, and Pastor Brian for delivering **Joy Baskets** for Christmas. Those who received them expressed sincere gratitude for the treats, small gifts, and the visit!

LASAGNA DINNER! Youth will be making and serving a Lasagna To-Go Dinner on February10th (during the Celebration of the Lakes). There is a sheet for youth and parents to signup to help out. Contact Stacy if you have any questions.

Faith Formation

- **Sunday School:** Classes are Sundays following worship, at **10:15am** for children from 3 years old to 5th grade. Anyone is welcome to join in fun and learning! We meet in the classrooms in the "Kid's Zone" downstairs. For more information contact Stacy.
- 6th Grade Youth & 7th- 8th Grade Confirmation meet on Wednesdays, 6pm to 7:30pm. We begin with a meal together at 6pm, followed by 6th graders meet as a youth group for activities/learning with Stacy and 7th & 8th graders meet for Confirmation classes with Pastor Brian. *Non-members and guests are always welcome!*

OPPORTUNITIES

Wanted – Volunteer Librarian! We are blessed with some great space and some great books and resources in our lower-level hallway library here at CLLC! We are in need of a volunteer (or two or three) who would be willing to clean the shelves, add new titles, discard outdated or damaged materials, and re-organize our remaining books and resources. If you have some time and interest in this project, please contact Pastor Brian for more information to get started!

SEEKING CANTORS & MUSICIANS!! Looking for persons to share their musical talents during worship! This includes leading the congregation in singing and/or sharing other musical talents instrumentally. All ages are welcome to participate! Contact Myrna: <u>mwesten7@yahoo.com</u> or the office if interested!

Would you like to be part of a CHIME CHOIR?

A chime choir is like a bell choir. CLLC has a set of beautiful hand chimes that should get heard more often! The commitment is low, we'd meet for few rehearsals in Feb and March to prepare 2-3 special music pieces for Palm Sunday or Easter. No special skills or talents required; we'll learn as a group. If interested, please contact Rod Strenke (email: rod.strenke@gmail.com phone: 651-442-1748) or Myrna Westen.

WORSHIP, STUDIES AND FELLOWSHIP

Weekly

- **Sunday Worship Service, 9:00am.** Communion on First and Third Sundays. Services are streamed on our Facebook and YouTube pages.
- "TAKE TWO" WORSHIP ON TUESDAYS: Unable to worship on Sunday mornings or looking for a more contemporary/relaxed worship experience? Join us 6:00-6:30pm on Tuesday evenings! This is an informal "Service of the Word" featuring contemporary music centered around the key lesson and sermon from the previous Sunday.
- A Journey Through the Gospels: Sundays at 10:15am. Featuring the *Drive Thru History* series and the *Bible Project*. Grab some refreshments after worship and join Pastor Brian in the Green Room.
- Men's/Women's Bible Study: Mondays at Noon. This is an informal gathering to delve deeper into the upcoming readings for the next Sunday. Feel free to join us for your lunch break and bring your lunch with you.
- Men's Breakfast, Thursdays at 8am at the Swedish Inn in Lindstrom.



The January-April Gather Bible Study "Scripture and Nature: Teachers of Faith.

Faith Circle meets at a member's home on January 16 at 1:00pm. Contact is Judy Nelson at 651-257-1788. Glory Circle meets at church on Jan 23 from 1:30-3pm. Contact Nancy Schoon at 651-303-9648.

THE CLLC BOOK GROUP will meet on January 23 at 7 pm via zoom. We meet via zoom



because we have members who don't live in our area. One member lives in Seattle, WA and one member is in Minneapolis. If you'd like the zoom link contact Bonnie Anderson at 651-257-2467. <u>We welcome anyone interested to join us</u>. We will meet to discuss the book, <u>How To Be Black</u> by Baratunde Thurston.

Baratunde Thurston is a futurist comedian, writer, and cultural critic. You may have seen him on PBS where he narrates the show "America Outdoors with Baratunde Thurston."



NEW MEMBER CLASSES BEGIN AGAIN IN FEBRUARY! Our Chisago Lake Lutheran Family has been rapidly growing over the past year and if you are interested in becoming a more active and integral part of our family in faith, we invite you to join us for our next round of New Member classes

(Three total) on **Sunday, Feb. 18 and 25 and March 3 from 10:15-11:15 am** in the Green Room. Contact the Church Office at 651-257-6300 or at office @chisagolakelutheran.org if interested. Pastor Brian leads each of these informal, fun, and engaging classes!

TAKE THE PASTOR'S CHALLENGE! God gives us 168 hours each week to live our lives to the fullest as a precious gift. Why not respond to God's grace by giving back in the form of **at least:**

- **one hour each week in public worship** (so that you might encourage and connect with other believers and followers of Jesus);
- **one hour each week in Bible study** (so that you might grow in your understanding of God's Word and God's will for your life)
- **one hour each week in dedicated Christian service to others** (so that you might use your blessings to be a blessing to others).

God is doing some amazing work through the ministry of Chisago Lake Lutheran Church. This is a great time to invite your friends, neighbors, co-workers and family members to join us in worship!