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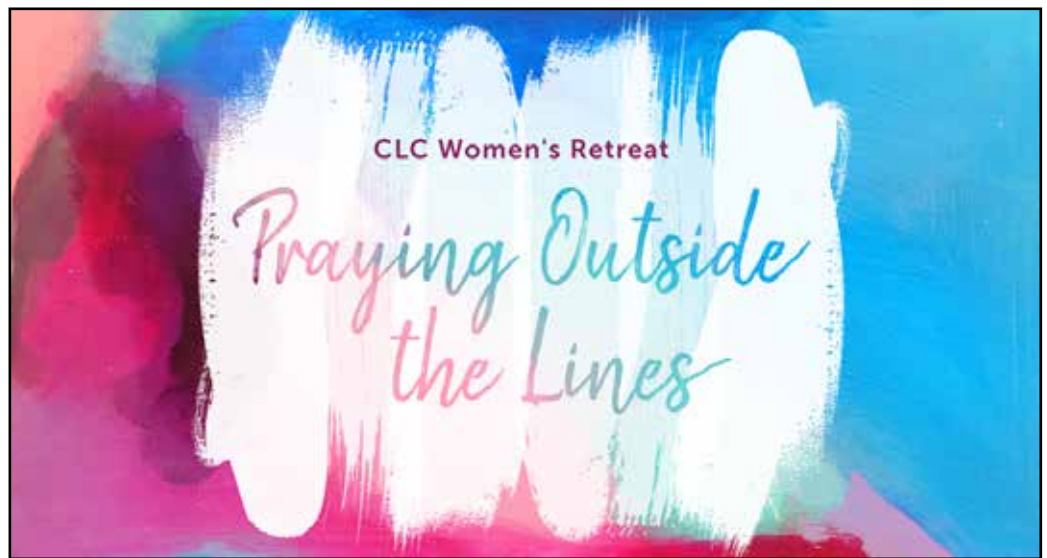


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Cornerstone Lutheran Church is reaching out, caring for, and building people toward maturity in Christ!

From the Pastor

New year, new HOPE

Romans 12:12 "Be joyful in hope..."

Happy New Year! Or is it? I pray that you have had a wonderful Advent and Christmas season and now as we begin the new year, you are positive and full of faith and hope.

About a month ago, a 7.0 magnitude earthquake struck the area around Anchorage, Alaska. Homes and businesses were cracked and roads were shattered. Yet, no one was seriously injured or killed. Residents and visitors had trouble sleeping the next few nights as they experienced over 1,800 aftershocks. Researchers have found that large earthquakes and post-aftershocks can result in post-traumatic stress disorder and anxiety.

Is your world shaking right now? Your future? Your family? Your finances? Your health? Your faith? You don't have to be in an earthquake zone to experience the shattering circumstances of life that come to us as a result of living in a sin-filled world.

We need hope!

I am so thankful that we have a God who promises to be *"our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble."* (Psalm 46:1) God's promises assure us that since we belong to him, no one or nothing, not even an earth-shaking event, can ever separate us from his love in Christ Jesus. (Romans 8:39)

So, we begin the New Year with HOPE—not a hope that is based on what may or may not happen in our health or in our finances. Our hope is based on the rock solid love of Jesus Christ. With Jesus Christ as our Savior, *"We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure."* (Hebrews 6:19)

In this New Year of 2019, we will be hearing a lot about hope at CLC. We have chosen "hope" as our ministry theme this year. We live in a world of despair. Even though we are more educated, and



even though we have all sorts of advanced technology, and even though we have access to more entertainment and recreation than ever before, we need hope!

I pray that the sure and certain hope of God's promises based in Jesus Christ will be the anchor for your soul in this New Year. And when life gets shaky, through Jesus Christ your Savior, you will indeed, *"be joyful in hope!"* (Romans 12:12)

Celebrating HOPE with you in the New Year,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Pastor Luther".

Pastor Luther



Ordination/Installation of Victor Minetola

We rejoice with Vicar Victor Minetola that he has completed his studies and will be ordained and installed as Associate Pastor of CLC in January! The ceremony will be Sunday, January 27, 3 pm, at our Indianapolis site. Indiana District President Daniel Brege is scheduled to lead the Rite of Ordination/Installation. More details are to come but for now, mark your calendar and plan to join us!

Sermon Series

January Sermon Series: Messengers of Hope

As we begin 2019 filled with a sense of hope for what the new year might hold, let us be mindful that Almighty God has called us to be Messengers of Hope. Through the message of the Gospel, each of us is in a position to make a difference—indeed, an eternal difference—in the lives of those right around us. In January, we will have the opportunity to be renewed in our understanding, desire, and ability to share the life-saving/life-changing hope that comes through faith in Jesus Christ.

Jan. 12/13: Why We Share (Ephesians 2:1-5)

Living in a fallen and broken world, many live without a true sense of hope. That is where we as believers in Jesus Christ have such a blessed opportunity. The message of the Gospel assures us of a redeemed and restored life both now and in eternity.

Jan. 19/20: What We Share (Acts 4:1-12)

The world around us offers up many avenues of hope, all of which fall short of their promises. But the unique message of hope in each of us as believers in Christ is sure and certain. It delivers on what it promises in the hope of everlasting life.

Jan. 26/27: When We Share (1 Peter 3:8-15)

There is no telling when our paths will cross with someone who needs the hope that comes through faith in Christ. This calls for anticipation and preparation on our part as believers. When the doors for the Gospel open, we need to be ready to walk through.

February Sermon Series: He Said, She Said—Being Men and Women of Faith

What does it mean to be a faithful man or woman of God? There are many pressures and opinions given to us from our culture that are often conflicting with what the Bible teaches. God has an incredible design for us. It relates not only to our identity but also to our interactions and relationships. Christians are called to be different—uplifting one another and being an example to others. In February, we will focus our attention on encouraging healthy interactions and positive biblical understanding of who we are as faithful men and women of God.

Feb. 2/3: To Have and To Hold (1 Corinthians 12:31b-13:13)

These familiar verses are often read at weddings. But, they speak to far more than married love. When these are the basis of our interactions with everyone, the ways of the world pass away.

Feb. 9/10: Respect (Isaiah 6:1-8)

How would we behave differently if we focused on the biblical goal of holiness and purity in interactions with each other? Respect corrects many of the conflicts that are prevalent in male/female relationships.

Feb. 16/17: Yearning for Fulfillment (Jeremiah 17:5-8)

Being single is a gift! Avoiding codependency in relationships and trusting God first and not trying to put another human in the role of God is the key.

Feb. 23/24: Uniquely Made Genesis 1:26-28)

How does a woman or man of faith look like and act?

Jan. Collection

Care packages for Post High School students

- Collecting all of January
- Assembly: Sunday, Feb. 3, 10:30 am, room 102

We are collecting items at all our sites for Valentine Care Packages that we're sending out February 3 to over 100 Post High School students from CLC living away from home. What a wonderful way to remember our young adults away at school or on the job!



To fill more than 100 packages, we need your help! Please donate:

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

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

Other ways you can help:

- If your child is 18-23 years old, be sure we have their address on file. Fill out the form at CornerstoneLutheran.church/post-high-school.
- Volunteer to help with packing Feb. 3! Contact Vicki Lepper (vlepper317@gmail.com).
- Help defray postage costs (each box costs over \$8 to ship). Make check payable to LWML and put it in an offering plate or drop off at a church office.

Welcome, New Staff!



Getting to know Craig Huffman

What is your title?
Director of Administration.

What do you do at Cornerstone Lutheran? *Administrative tasks in areas of finance, human resources, facilities, information technology.*

Where are you originally from? *Kokomo. I attended Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer*

What is your favorite Bible verse? *Isaiah 41:10 – So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.*

Who's in your family? *Wife Janine, children Jacob (wife Amanda and grandson Isaac), Meliah, Zachary (wife Jodi), Ian, Dainon, and Natalie.*

Why do you like working here? *I love that all decisions are based on the mission of having the ministry of Christ as the central focal point.*

Describe yourself in three words:
Analytical, loyal, dependable.

Who's been an inspiration to you in your life?
My wife, Janine, as she lives her life through her spiritual faith.

What's the best advice anyone has given you?
Not advice given to me, but a quote... It is better to stay silent and be thought a fool than to open your mouth and remove all doubt.

What's playing in your car right now?
60's/70's music on XM Radio.

Favorite sports teams: *Cincinnati Reds. And fun fact, I'm an IU grad, but a Boiler fan.*

Favorite food: *Thai, pizza, and desserts.*

Favorite vacation or vacation activity:
Camping, beach, or mountain vacations.

Who's the most famous person you met?
George Taliaferro, first African-American drafted in the NFL.

What do you like to do to unwind?
Golfing, long bicycle rides, reading a book.



Getting to know Lindsey Thompson

What is your title? *Indianapolis Site Administrative Assistant and Digital Communications Specialist.*

What do you do at Cornerstone Lutheran? *Handle administrative duties at the Indianapolis site and manage social media and other digital communications for all sites.*

Where are you originally from? *Napoleon, Ohio, a tiny rural town in northwest Ohio.*

What is your favorite Bible verse? *Romans 8:37 – In all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.*

Who's in your family: *My husband Matthew and I have been disciples here for 12 years. We met as freshman at Ohio University and have been married 13 years. We have two kids, Liesl (10) and Gavin (7) and both teach in Faith Formation at the Fishers site. Matt plays in the worship band and I also head up CLC's Military Ministry.*

What do you love about CLC? *The people! When we moved here, we only visited one Lutheran church (Cornerstone!) because the people were so welcoming and friendly. I love being able to now work with such amazing people, too!*

Describe yourself in three words: *Loyal, sensitive (sometimes overly!), empathetic.*

Who's been an inspiration to you in your life?
My dad—he was the primary caregiver for my mom when she was really sick a few years ago and really lived out their wedding vows, setting an amazing example for Matt and me. He also daily lives out his faith.

If you could meet any Bible character (besides Jesus), who would it be? *Esther—what a crazy life she lived! Commoner to queen to life-saver. I'd love to pick her brain on how she trusted God through it all!*

What's playing in your car right now?
Mumford and Sons, Bastille, Taylor Swift, Eric Church. (I have very eclectic music tastes!)

Favorite books: *Harry Potter series.*

Favorite sports team: *Cleveland Indians.*

What's something that most people don't know about you? *I have two tattoos and love to water ski.*

Welcome, New Disciples

These people were received into discipleship on December 9 at the Carmel site. We're excited to have them as part of our church family!



Kevin & Karen Benson

Kevin and Karen live in Cicero with son, Conner (8) and transfer from Emanuel Lutheran, Tipton. Kevin has served in law enforcement with the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office and the Cicero Police Department. He enjoys community volunteering, coach-

ing youth baseball, vacations, and family time. Karen is in human resources with Beck's Hybrids and enjoys being outdoors, helping others, and spending time with family.



Jason & Lindsay Blythe

Jason and Lindsay live in Carmel with their sons Lincoln (5) and Knox (3). Jason works in sales with Rexel while Lindsay is a homemaker who enjoys reading

and working with children.



Tom & Betty Carr

Tom and Betty reside in Indianapolis. Tom is a physician with the Veteran's Health Administration and Betty is a retired physician who enjoys sewing, knitting,

quilting, gardening, and basketball.



Bill & Jessica Claybrook

Bill and Jessica live in Carmel with Liam (8) and Isla (3). They transfer from Redeemer, Peoria, IL. Bill works at Corteva Agriscience and enjoys spending time with his family, coaching sports, and keeping busy. Jessica is a homemaker who enjoys

reading, doing crafts, and spending time with her kids.



Ryan & Tracy Gallmeyer

Ryan and Tracy live in Carmel with their children, Paige (12), Beckett (10), and Brynn (7). Ryan is in Real Estate with Buckingham and enjoys golf and being

outdoors. Tracy is a high school teacher and enjoys fitness, exercise, and animals.



Eric & Sarah Gossard

Eric and Sarah live in Carmel with their children, Sawyer (4), Stella (3), and Calvin (1). Eric enjoys time with loved ones. Sarah is a stay-at-home mom and a nurse

and enjoys exercise, good coffee, and spending time with friends and family.



Daniel & Elaine Hart

Daniel and Elaine live in Westfield with their children, Hailey (6) and Sam (3). Dan is a program manager with Allegion and enjoys barbecuing and running. Elaine

is a program manager with Baptist Health (in Louisville, KY) and enjoys being outdoors and traveling.



Josh Hollingsworth & Lauren Hiron

Josh and Lauren are engaged to be married in July 2019. Lauren is a pharmacist with Walgreens and enjoys traveling, reading,

playing piano, and spending time loved ones. Josh is an attorney at the Attorney General's Office and enjoys traveling, and hanging out with friends.



Craig Huffman

Craig is the new Director of Administration here at CLC and enjoys golfing, bicycling, and camping. He and wife Janine have six children and one grandson. *(More on Craig on p. 4.)*



Sue Kultz

Sue lives in Carmel. She is retired from AT&T and does volunteer work at the Carmel Library Guild and at SCORE in Indianapolis.



Richard & Cheryl Moore

Richard and Cheryl live in Carmel. Richard works for a major hotel manufacturer and enjoys his grandkids, sports, and the outdoors. Cheryl is a

medical transcriptionist and enjoys her grandchildren, baking, gardening, reading, and small party planning and entertaining.

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Giving to Others

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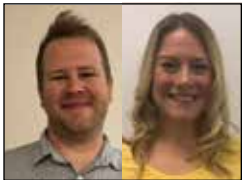
Jessica Neale

Jessica lives in Carmel with son, Harrison (1). She works at Braden IT Services and enjoys exploring new places and spending time with family and friends.



Doug & Karla Neeld

Doug and Karla live in Carmel and transfer from Emmanuel, Ft. Wayne. Doug is a physician and enjoys all things "automobiles". Karla is a homemaker and enjoys reading, scrapbooking, paper crafts, and crochet.



Adam & Julie Nottingham

Adam and Julie live in Carmel with their children, Lilyanne (8), Connor (6), Gracelyn (5), and Aubrey (3). Adam is a firefighter and enjoys hunting, fishing, video games, and spending time with family. Julie is a vocal instructor and enjoys tennis, singing, musical theatre, and crafting.



Liz Rehmer

Liz lives in Noblesville and transfers to us from St. Peter's, Ft. Wayne. She is a speech language pathologist with South Madison Community School Corporation and enjoys crafting, reading, traveling, and spending time with family and friends. She is also a member of CLC Young Adults Ministry and serves as a member of their leadership team.



Matthew & Melissa Rekeweg

Matthew and Melissa live in Zionsville with their children, Claire (17) and Ethan (15). Melissa is an education and leadership specialist with Purdue University and enjoys traveling and spending time with family. Matthew works with Corteva Agriscience and enjoys camping, hiking, and scouting.



Lydia Renken

Lydia lives in Indianapolis and transfers from Holy Cross, Ft. Wayne. She is a physician assistant with St. Vincent Hospital and enjoys watching movies, reading, soccer, and traveling.



Linda Robinson

Linda lives in Westfield and transfers from Shepherd of the Hills, Maltby, Wash. She is a retired executive admin and enjoys art, graphite drawing, painting, music, and homemaking. She has two grown married daughters, Christa and Kelly, and sons-in-law, Casey and Christopher.



Marilyn Stafford

Marilyn lives in Fishers. She transfers from Emanuel Lutheran, Arcadia, Ind. During her retirement she has enjoyed travel, hiking, following the Texas Tenors in concert, gardening, sewing, and spending time with her family.

George (Sonny) Walker

Sonny lives in Carmel and transfers to us from St. Paul Lutheran, Smyrna, Ind. He is the father of CLC disciple Tom Walker and enjoys drag racing.



Connie Matey White

Connie lives in Westfield and is married to CLC disciple Ed White. She is retired and enjoys playing "bad golf" and cooking.



Ken & Susan Wineke

Ken and Susan live in Noblesville and transfer from St. John, Rochester, Mich. Ken is a sales manager with Thomson Reuters, and Susan is an account specialist with Seiko Watches. They have 3 children, Justin (27), Jessica (25), and Tyler (20).



John & Gloria Wisheart

John and Gloria live in Noblesville. John works for Total Seed Production in Tipton and enjoys college sports, gardening, home repairs, and playing with the grandkids. Gloria works at the nursery at Cornerstone Carmel and enjoys gardening and reading.



Aaron & Mandy Witmer

Aaron and Mandy live in Carmel. Aaron is the COO for Gravel Conveyors Inc. and enjoys sports and building. Mandy works with Crowe LLP and enjoys triathlons, shopping, and decorating. They both enjoy spending time with family and friends.

Comfort Meals: Your love on their porch

By Jill Nisenshal

Nearly nine years ago, as I sat on my couch in my family room, my home phone rang; it was a call from the church. Pastor Luther called to congratulate me on the birth of our daughter, Eden. It was a pretty typical conversation I imagine a new mom has with a pastor. On his end of the phone, he happily expressed his well wishes on the addition to our family. On my end of the phone, as a new mom and as someone who had just gone through a rough delivery and hospital stay, I was exhausted, emotionally and physically exhausted.



In addition to well wishes, something else I learned in that conversation is that CLC has a wonderful care ministry called Comfort Meals. This ministry provides meals to CLC families in their time of need. Through a network of volunteers, meals are delivered to those who have been discharged from the hospital, are recuperating at home from a serious illness, or following the birth/adoption of a child. Within the week after that call, two very generous ladies, Lindsey and Heather, had each brought a delicious, homemade meal for my family.

So many families have felt the love of Christ through our Comfort Meals ministry! In 2018, Comfort Meals offered meals to over 30 families who experienced hospitalizations due to illness and to the families of 45 babies who were born. Approximately 150-200 meals were prepared and delivered by our caring volunteer team.

In my own time of need nine years ago, I was so touched by this ministry and its acts of kindness—not because they brought a meal, but because they brought the gift of Jesus' love to my porch and into my home. In the words of Mother

Teresa, "If you can't feed a hundred people, then just feed one."

Would you like to bring the love of Jesus to someone this year through a meal? As CLC grows, there is always room on this team for extra hands to help. If you wish to be part of the Comfort Meals team or have any questions, please contact coordinator Jan Holtz (jan.holtz@sbcglobal.net).

GriefShare: Offering support in difficult times

- Mondays, Jan. 21-April 15, 6-8 pm
- 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. GriefShare is a recovery support group for those who have recently experienced the death of a loved one. This 13-week class will help you face these challenges so you can move toward rebuilding your life. For more information or to sign up for this class series, email Kristy Long (kristy@indy.rr.com).



Children



VBS 2019 registration

Registration for CLC's 2019 Vacation Bible School opens January 9! Contact Lisa Mohler with questions (lmohler@cornerstonelutheran.church).

Dates:

Carmel Daytime VBS:
June 10-14, 9 am-noon

Fishers Daytime VBS:
June 17-21, 9 am-noon

Fishers Evening VBS:
June 16-18, 5:30-7:30 pm

Indianapolis VBS: Being planned

*Costs:

\$10/child for daytime VBS
\$20/family for evening VBS

***Why is there a fee this year?**

If you've been a part of our VBS programs over the last few years, you've no doubt noticed how quickly we are growing. Last year, nearly 800 children were able to experience VBS at both our Fishers and Carmel sites, and this year we hope to add a VBS program at our Indianapolis site. More growth means more staff, more supplies and more resources. To help offset the cost of this ever-expanding ministry, we are asking families to pay \$10 per child for the full week of VBS and \$20 per family for the evening program. Scholarships are available by contacting Lisa Mohler (email above).

CLC Preschool

Evaluating a child's development

As we begin 2019 at our 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 5th 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, at our Preschool, 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.

2019-2020 registration

The registration schedule for the 2019-2020 school year is:

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

To register your child, go to CornerstoneLutheran.church/preschool.

Discipleship

Let meaningful connections be part of your 2019!

If you are like the average person, you will spend about five years and four months of your life on social media. That is about two hours a day. Now, let's take a look at how much time the average person will spend over a lifetime socializing with friends and family in real life. Take a guess! (Pause) Just one year and three months! These recent study results are shocking, but true for many. Though social media is a wonderful way to stay connected to those who are far away, it sometimes takes the place of meaningful, in-person relationships.

God knew we would struggle with the many earthly distractions which try to take us away from being in genuine relationships with one another. So he reminds us, with a tone of urgency, how important these relationships are. In Hebrews 10:24-25 Paul says *"And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching."*



Like the early church, we look to Jesus, the Living Word, as the ultimate example of community and relationships. And as disciples of Christ, we strive to live our lives more like him every day! May the Word of God guide us as we start a new year! May

we dedicate more time to one another! May we make a commitment to have more meaningful relationships in 2019!

A small group is a great opportunity to be in community with others. Fill out the small group interest form at CornerstoneLutheran.church/small-groups or contact Clarissa Hay to get started (chay@cornerstonelutheran.church, 317.814.4252).

Discover Cornerstone Lutheran classes

Discover Cornerstone Lutheran is an 8-week adult information class for those interested in learning more about what it means to be a disciple at CLC and partner with us in our ministry. On Reception Sunday (week 9), we welcome those wanting to be active disciples during a worship service.

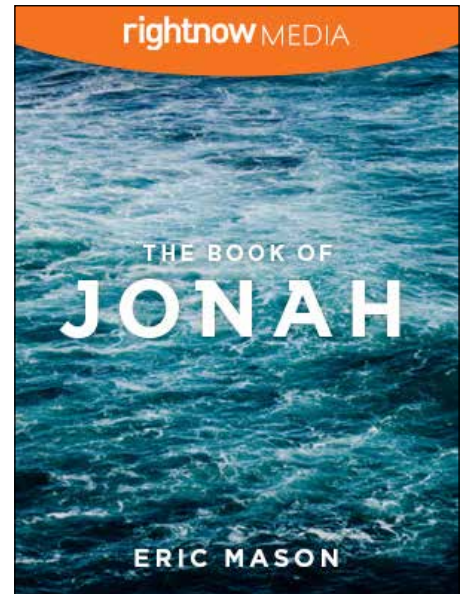
Upcoming class dates are

Indianapolis Site: Finishes up Feb. 11.

Fishers Site: Jan. 6 - March 3, 2019, 10-10:50 am

Carmel Site: March 10 - May 12, 2019, 9:30-10:20 am

Sign up or find out more by filling out the online form found at CornerstoneLutheran.church/im-new. Or, contact Clarissa Hay (chay@cornerstonelutheran.church, 317.814.4252 x216).



RightNow Media featured Bible study

A recommended Bible study through RightNow Media is *The Book of Jonah*. Over the course of 8 verse-by-verse sessions with 10-minute (or less) videos, pastor and author Eric Mason expands our vision to see that Jonah's story is our own. Far more than a thrilling Sunday school adventure, it offers a profound glimpse into the conflict that occurs when God calls resistant believers to his mission. More importantly, it underscores the depths of his compassion not only in redeeming the lost, but redeeming those he has called to participate in his reconciling work.

This study is great for small group Bible studies or can be used for personal or family devotion time. If you have not set up a RightNow Media account, go to RightNow.org/Account/Invite/cornerstonelutheran to get started. This is at no cost to you, as it is a gift from CLC. Feel free to share the link with friends and family as well. Contact Clarissa Hay at the church office for more information.

Fellowship

Seniors Luncheon January 7

Our CLC Seniors Adults will have their next monthly pitch-in luncheon on Monday, January 7, at Carmel room 102 starting at noon. Please bring a dish to share.

Kristen Williams, Outreach Coordinator, Indiana Attorney General's Office, will explain the current scams and frauds facing seniors today and how to protect ourselves from them.

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, 317.571.0877).

Widows Fellowship

- Friday, Jan. 4, 11:30 am

Mark your calendar for a final holiday event on Friday, January 4, at 11:30 am! We will go to lunch together at the Indiana State Museum's L.S. Ayres Tea Room (650 W. Washington St., Indianapolis). If you want to carpool, meet at Carmel at 10:30 am, door 6. RSVP to Sandy Hughey (317.566.9702).

Young Adults December events

For more information on the following, call/text Wes Smith (260.452.6049) or check the Facebook group (facebook.com/groups/cornerstoneyam) for updates.

Bible Study

Join us Sundays at 12 pm after the Carmel site late services. Together with Pastor Paul and Judy we'll talk about how we can join Jesus on his mission. Main course will be provided; please bring a side to share.

- Jan. 13: Pizza
- Jan. 27: Tacos
- Feb. 10: Italian
- Feb. 24: Appetizer Bar

Next fellowship events

- **Friday, Jan 25, 7 pm – Game Night**
Gather with us at Wes Smith's house (NEW ADDRESS: 14465 Equality Blvd., Apt 1A, Carmel) for fun and board games! Bring your favorite game and a small dessert to share. RSVP to Wes Smith (see above).
- **Sunday, Feb. 3, 5 pm – Party for the "Big Game"**
Come root on your favorite team (hopefully!) during the big game, and wear your favorite team's apparel. Please bring an appetizer or side to share. We will gather at Wes Smith's house (address above). RSVP to Wes.
- **Saturday, Feb 16, time TBA – Broad Ripple Brewery Tour**
Look for more details on the Facebook page.



There's good food and conversation at Fishbowl Theology & Dinner!

Fishbowl Theology & Dinner

Meet up for dinner one evening a month for a time of fellowship. One of our pastors or vicars will join in for fellowship and great theology questions!

- **Wednesday, Jan. 9**, 7 pm – MashCraft (11069 Allisonville Rd., Fishers)
- **Tuesday, Feb. 19**, 7 pm – Redemption Alewerks (7035 E. 96th St., Indianapolis)

Military Ministry

Keeping veterans warm this winter



These boys helped at our Carmel site.

The CLC Military Ministry and Carmel and Fishers congregations packed homeless bags for the Hoosier Veterans Assistance Foundation (HVAF) of Indiana during the education hours at both sites on December 16. These bags, filled with necessities like a warm hat, gloves and socks, will be distributed by HVAF to homeless veterans in downtown Indianapolis.

HVAF helps homeless veterans return to self-sufficiency and engages at-risk veterans to prevent them from becoming homeless by providing supportive housing, case management, food, hygiene, and clothing, as well as other essential services.



They were lined up to pack at Fishers.

Thanks to Thrivent and the USO of Indiana for providing financial support for the event and for everyone who came out and helped pack a bag!

Music

Children to begin musical rehearsals

If your child is in Kindergarten through 6th grade and not already involved in CLC's Children's Music Ministry, this is a perfect time to start! Rehearsal dates/times for the spring musicals are:

Carmel

- Rehearsals: Wednesdays, 4:30-6 pm (1/9 start)
- Performance: Sunday, March 10

Our Primary Praise (K-2nd grade) and Christus Choir (3rd-6th grade) will present a joint musical. Questions? Contact Anna Moody (moody.anna@gmail.com) or Lauren Southard (lauren.southard@me.com) for more information.

Fishers

- Rehearsals: Thursdays, 6:30-7:30 pm (1/17 start)
- Performance: Sunday, March 17

Questions? Contact Alicia Hamaker (ahamaker@msdwt.k12.in.us).



Upcoming March concerts

Presentation of Michael W. Smith's "Glory"

- Saturday, March 23, 7 pm
- Fishers Worship Center

Fishers organist Dan Calabrese has put together a 30-piece orchestra with many of CLC's own musicians to perform Michael W. Smith's second instrumental album, "Glory". Tickets are not required—this concert is a free-will offering with proceeds going to the purchase of Orff instruments for the Fishers Children's Music Ministry.

Laudamus Men's Chorus

- Friday, March 15, 7 pm
- Fishers Worship Center

Laudamus is a select choir of seminarians from Concordia Seminary St. Louis. Under the direction of Dr. James Marriott, the Seminary's Director of Musical Arts, the choir delights in proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ through music. CLC is proud to be the first stop in their Spring 2019 Tour. Tickets are not required.

Outreach

Upcoming mission trips

The Outreach Team is working on finalizing the following mission trips. To express interest in going or for more information, contact the leader listed, below:

Nicaragua: Late Jan./early Feb. 2019

Plans include building a house for a family. There is still room to join us! Contact Tony Seyfried (tsey22@yahoo.com, 317.316.6095).

Guatemala: June 9-15, 2019

An informational meeting will be held in January. For more information, contact Scott Fearrin (fearrin1@gmail.com, 317.428.8340).

International Friends expands to children

International Friends is adapting to meet the needs of CLC and our student base. We have a good number of parents with children this year. We began our Parents With Children program to help our parents learn about American culture and education and developmental expectations at the various ages in America.



This month we're demonstrating our culture of caring, loving, and believing. Thank you to the CLC Outreach Team for funding our gift to our families with small children, the book *My Christmas Story Tree*, which tells the traditional Christmas story and the meaning behind the symbols on the Christmas tree.

We have suspended our Wednesday evening classes this year, but we are expanding our Saturday arts meeting to include photography.

Thank you CLC for your continued support as we reach out into our community and care for those immigrants and guests who are making Indiana their home.



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 ~



Outreach Team Christmas Party

On December 16 the Outreach team gathered to celebrate Christmas and the blessings of ministry in 2018. In addition, we also completed two Thrivent Action Team Projects. The first project was coordinated by Sandy Culbertson and involved assembling backpacks for the Indianapolis homeless community. Each backpack contained gloves, a scarf, socks, and other personal items. The second project was led by Michael Minnear, where the team assembled bags of personal hygiene items that will be distributed to people who use the Emerson Avenue Food Pantry.

Students



UKANDU Mission Trip registration

UKANDU registration opens on Tuesday, January 15, and will be open through Friday, February 15. More information, including the registration link, will be sent to families of students in 7th grade and older. But for now, mark it on your calendars and share this event with your friends!

This mission trip will happen June 23-29 and is open to anyone in 7th grade and older (Students entering 7th or 8th grade must have a parent attend with them.) UKANDU is a mission trip for students and adults alike and offers opportunities to serve in the greater Chicago community. If you have any questions please contact Shawn Hecksel (shecksel@cornerstonelutheran.church).

Upcoming high school events

Sunday, January 13: Ice Skating (Time TBA)

Friday, February 1, 6-9 pm: "Test Drive!" We welcome the 8th graders to see what High School ministry is like. There will be food, games and more!

Check CornerstoneLutheran.church/high-school to find the upcoming calendar of events and other updates.

Christmas celebrations in photos!



Helping with Christmas decorating at Fishers.



Enjoying friends, fun, and ugly Christmas sweaters!



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 at the Carmel or Fishers sites.

Indoor Cycling

Saturdays, Jan. 5-March 30, Carmel Gym
7:30 am – set up/warm up
7:45-8:45 am – workout

Come in through door #2. Bring your bike, and a trainer if you have one. (We have extras that you can borrow.) All levels are welcome—set your own pace. (Contact: Pastor Max – mmurphy@cornerstone.lutheran.church, 317.730.3114.)

Yoga

Tuesdays, 9:30-10:30 am, Fishers Worship Center

Stretch, strengthen, and focus your mind, body, and heart on the Lord with a certified Yoga instructor. (Contact: Jackie Stein – mohlerstein@gmail.com, 317.774.9965.)

Cardio Sculpt

Wednesdays, 9-10 am,
Carmel Gym

Strengthen your muscles, increase your aerobic capacity, and leave feeling stronger both physically and spiritually.

(Contact: Hollie Nicholson – hollie.r.nicholson@gmail.com, 317.292.4252.)



Seniors Exercise

Saturdays, 10-11 am, Carmel Gym

This class is for men and women age 65 and older. The class focuses on maintaining and increasing flexibility, balance, and coordination through light stretching and strength building. (Contact: Shirley Altstadt – sdaltstadt@gmail.com.)

Among Us

Birth

Gabriela Marea, granddaughter of Mike & Kim Orr.
Emily Rose Matthews, granddaughter of Dan & Jan Matthews, Nov. 19.
Cameron Allen Kallick, son of Adam & Kirstyn, Nov. 26.
Lucas Timothy Fisher, son of Matt & Tara, Nov. 27.
Jonah Joseph Ward, son of Bill & Sarah, Dec. 10.

Baptisms

Holt Michael Butchart, son of Jason & Michela, Dec. 1.
Natalie Jean Albersmeyer, daughter of Evan & Kendra, Dec. 2.
Beckett Kroemer Hernandez, son of Cory & Kaylene, Dec. 2.
Leocadia Hope Reher, daughter of Thomas & Danni, Dec. 9.

Weddings

Lauren Fitzpatrick (daughter of Rhod & Gina Fitzpatrick) & Keegan Chamberlin, Dec. 14.

Sympathy to the families of

Paul Thune
Janet Hession (Jennifer O'Shea's mother)
Lynn Brown (Emily Gregory's grandfather)
Fern Statler (Eric Statler's grandmother)
Virginia Smart (Tony Smart's mother)
Carma Rowles (Kevin Rowles' mother)



Travel abroad with CLC pastors!

Cornerstone Lutheran staff are offering two exciting travel and study opportunities for 2019 and 2020. Pastor Max and Beth Murphy will be co-leading a tour to the Holy Land on December 4-13, 2019. Pastor Luther and Kris Brunette will be leading a tour of the Journeys of Paul and the Best of Greece on June 15-27, 2020. These are two excellent opportunities to gain a deeper understanding of God's Word, see some beautiful areas of the world, and enjoy fun and fellowship with Christian brothers and sisters. Brochures and more information are available at the Welcome Centers. Or, for more information,

visit CornerstoneLutheran.church/stories.

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December photos



Caroling at Carmel (above) and Fishers (below).



Nearly 900 people attended Fishers' Living Nativity!



2019 Bible Studies

SUNDAYS @ FISHERS, 10-10:50 am

LARGE-GROUP CLASS

January: Various Topics – Discussions on varying biblical topics.

February: "He Said, She Said" – Manhood and womanhood are the beautiful handiwork of a good and loving God. Various formats will be used in this large-group study as we seek to increase our understanding of the biblical man and woman, God's desire for us as we interact with one another, and how God has called us to connect across generations to inspire, encourage, and instruct one another in the ways of Jesus.

Leaders: Pastor Scott & Others (Worship Center)

DISCOVER CLC (1/6-3/3)

Discover Cornerstone Lutheran is an 8-week adult information class for those interested in learning more about what it means to be a disciple at CLC and partner with us in ministry. To register for DCL, contact Clarissa Hay (chay@cornerstonelutheran.church, 317.814.4252 x216).

Leaders: Clarissa Hay & Others (classroom N)

PARENTS & TWO'S (ongoing)

Be a part of this learning experience for both you and your two-year-old child together. Includes developmental play time, Bible stories, learning, and practical application for parents.

Leaders: Paula Calabrese & Annette Probst (classroom C)

SUNDAYS @ INDY, 10-10:50 am

LARGE-GROUP CLASS

February: "He Said, She Said" – Manhood and womanhood are the beautiful handiwork of a good and loving God. Various formats will be used in this large-group study as we seek to increase our understanding of the biblical man and woman, God's desire for us as we interact with one another, and how God has called us to connect across generations to inspire, encourage, and instruct one another in the ways of Jesus.

Leaders: Pastor Victor (Gym)

STUDIES for WOMEN

For more information on Women's Bible studies, email Christine Mayes (cmayes1@indy.rr.com).

To register, go online to:

CornerstoneLutheran.church/women

TUESDAYS

9:15-10:30 am (ongoing)

- Location: Carmel, room 102
- **LIFT (Ladies in Fellowship Together)**
- **Topic:** Walking through books of the Bible.
- *Leader: Pastor Max Murphy*

11:30 am-12:30 pm (1/8-2/26)

- Location: Pearings Cafe (6 W. Washington St., downtown Indianapolis)
- **The Gospel of Luke, Pt. 2 (chapters 17-24)**
Whether or not you participated in Luke Part 1 last fall, this study will help you gain a greater insight into the depth of God's love for us and our sure hope of eternal life, while equipping us to be faithful students of God's Word.
- *Leader: Jan Williams*

7-8:15 pm (ongoing)

- Location: Fishers, classroom Q
- **Tuesday Night Women's Bible Study**
We follow the themes and texts of the coming weekend's sermon. This study will keep us in the Word, bring us closer in community with one another, and help us to grow in our faith walk.
- *Leader: Kate Giger*

7-8:30 pm, 2nd & 4th Tuesdays (resumes 1/8)

- Location: Varies ([email thecryofmyheartclc@gmail.com](mailto:thecryofmyheartclc@gmail.com) for locations)
- **Longing For Motherhood**
Join us for fellowship and an in-depth study as we read "Longing for Motherhood: Holding on to Hope in the Midst of Childlessness" by Chelsea Patterson Sobolik.
- *Leaders: Danielle Reher & Katie Brunette*

2019 Bible Studies

STUDIES for WOMEN (cont.)

WEDNESDAYS

6:30-7:30 am (1/8-2/27)

- Location: Carmel, room 101A
- **The Gospel of Luke, Pt. 2 (chapters 17-24)**
Whether or not you participated in Luke Part 1 last fall, this study will help you gain a greater insight into the depth of God's love for us and our sure hope of eternal life, while equipping us to be faithful students of God's Word.
- *Leader: Jan Williams*

9:15-11:15 am (thru 2/20)

- Location: Carmel, room 101A
- **The Lamb of God**
Gain a fresh perspective on the story of Israel's deliverance and journey, a broader understanding of Jesus as the fulfillment of Scripture, and more in this study by Nancy Guthrie. Come along on this incredible journey to see Jesus in the Old Testament!
- *Leaders: Michelle Oakley & Marcey Zolner*

9:30-11 am (1/23-4/3)

- Location: Fishers, classroom N
- **Adventurous Prayer (Women of Faith Series)**
Grow in your prayer life through praying boldly, having conversations with God, journaling prayers, praying Scripture, becoming prayer warriors, and more.
- *Leaders: Johanna Hilpert & Lonna Kassuelke*

4:30-6 pm (begins 1/9)

- Location: Carmel, Senior Lounge
- **The Promised One: Seeing Jesus in Genesis**
This fresh look at Genesis leads readers to discover how its stories, symbols, people, and promises point to Christ.
- *Leader: Karla Ralls*

THURSDAYS

9:15-11 am (1/10-2/28)

- Location: Carmel, room 101A
- **The Gospel of Luke, Pt. 2 (chapters 17-24)**
Whether or not you participated in Luke Part 1 last fall, this study will help you gain a greater insight into the depth of God's love for us and our sure hope of eternal life, while equipping us to be faithful students of God's Word.
- *Leader: Jan Williams*

7-8:45 pm (9/6-10/25)

- Location: Carmel, room 101A
- **The Wisdom of God: Seeing Jesus in the Psalms & Wisdom Books (thru 1/24)**
Gain a fresh perspective on the wisdom literature and broader understanding of Jesus as the fulfillment of Scripture. This study covers the Old Testament books of Job, Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, and Song of Solomon.
- **Esther: A Women For Such a Time as This (1/31-2/28)**
God is always working in the affairs of his people, even when we are unaware. This study shares how Esther attained royalty to fulfill God's purpose in her life and the lives of his people. Can God use you "for such a time as this"?
- *Leaders: Christine Mayes & Chris Doron*

Register for any CLC women's Bible study at:
www.cornerstonelutheran.church/women

2019 Bible Studies

STUDIES for MEN

TUESDAYS

6:30-7:30 am (ongoing)

- Location: Fishers, conference room
- **Fishers Men's Bible Study**
- **Topic:** A short video is followed by discussion on books of the Bible and various topics. This same class also meets Tuesdays, 9-10 am.
- *Leader: Lyn Grandt*

9-10 am (ongoing)

- Location: Fishers, conference room
- **Fishers Men's Bible Study**
- **Topic:** A short video is followed by discussion on books of the Bible and various topics. This same class also meets Tuesdays, 6:30-7:30 am.
- *Leader: Lyn Grandt*

12-1 pm (ongoing)

- Location: Emmis Building (40 Monument Circle, downtown Indianapolis)
- **Men's Downtown Indy Study**
- **Topic:** Walking through books of the Bible.
- *Leader: Pastor Max Murphy*

WEDNESDAYS

6:30-7:30 am (begins 9/5)

- Location: CC Carmel, room 102
- **GIFT (Guys in Faith Together)**
- **Topic:** Walking through books of the Bible.
- *Leader: Pastor Max Murphy*

2nd & 4th SATURDAYS

7:30-9 am (ongoing)

- Location: Carmel, room 101B
- **Bibles & Bagels**
- Topic & Leader: varies

STUDIES for MEN & WOMEN TOGETHER

TUESDAYS

9-10 am (ongoing)

- Location: Carmel, room 100
- **International Friends Bible Study**
- We'll read the Gospel of John in our own home languages and discuss in English the meaning and impact of this biography of Jesus, and how this book relates to our lives today.
- *Leader: Jan Heimann*

1-2 pm (ongoing)

- Location: Carmel, room 101B
- **New Testament Readings & Analysis**
- Verse-by-verse reading of New Testament books followed by in-depth discussions and analysis, with ample time for questions and viewpoints. We are currently studying the Book of Acts.
- *Leader: Dean Derby*

WEDNESDAYS

6:30-7:30 pm (ongoing)

- Location: Carmel, room 101B
- **Lifelight: Gospel of John**
- John's Gospel reveals the very nature of God himself, showing us the salvation that is ours in Jesus. Come with us as we grow in the joy of knowing Jesus and awareness that in him we have life. (We will finish up John, Part 1 in February, then proceed to Part 2.) The LifeLight study format follows an introduction with a series of questions to help us find the deeper meanings found in this portion of God's Word.
- *Leaders: Don Hawes, Chuck Mihalik, Jennifer Behm*