

A Day in the Life of Christ Lutheran

Wednesday, December 9, 2015

What happens at Christ Lutheran Church on Sunday? Those present in worship praise God, sing hymns, lift up individuals in prayer, listen to God's word, celebrate Holy Communion, and then enjoy fellowship with a cup of coffee.

But what goes on there during the week? Irene Adams and Sue McPherson chose only **one** day, Wednesday, December 9, 2015, to highlight the activities that take place....One Day in the Life of Christ Lutheran.



One has to arrive at CLC early to see many of the Little Lamb Preschool teachers preparing for the school day and anxiously awaiting the children. Director, Beth Coburn's work seems endless. On this particular day, she delivered new books to the classes and led songs prior to chapel time with Pastor Erica.



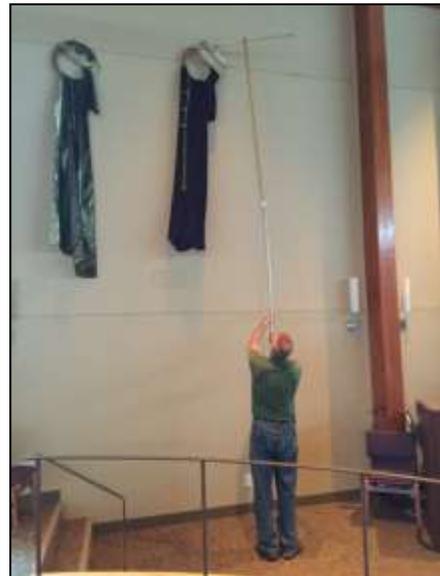
CLC member Kathy Lundstrom arrives at church early to iron the Communion purificators and fill the individual wine cups. She also refills the oil for the altar candles. Children who use the doodle pads on Sunday mornings are grateful that Kathy



provides pads of blank paper so they can draw pictures of what is on their hearts.



Property Manager Milan Coburn is also on the scene early in the morning. His first task on this day is to replace the fabric hangings of the three wise men on the north sanctuary wall, which had been temporarily removed for a program.



Later, Milan moves on to one of his major projects: reconfiguring the office space for Pastor Erica and Heather Budnik, providing both of them with more usable space.



Quilters from Immanuel and CLC ("We Tie Together") join in piecing, pinning, and stitching to make beautiful quilts which are bound for Lutheran World Relief. This past year the group completed 506 quilts.



Office Administrator Jenny Bias arrives and begins working on the bulletin for the upcoming Sunday. At 6 PM, she is still there, consulting with Laurie Ludwig and greeting those who are coming in for evening meetings.





Each Sunday individuals from CLC drop off food in the grocery cart in the east link; that food is added to contributions from Sunday School students. After the food is sorted, 4th grade students in the Sunday School class of Amy Boedeker and Tifani Boettcher package and carry the collected items to Irene Adams' car.

Pastors have many duties that members don't see on Sunday. Here they consult with each other on their week's responsibilities.



Pastor Tim leaves CLC to visit members who are hospitalized or homebound.





The Seniors group meets at CLC to share rides to Michigan City's Barker Mansion. They toured the mansion, which was beautifully decorated for the Christmas season.

On this particular day, Christ Lutheran is also a busy place in the afternoon and into the evening.

Planning construction of a CLC Memorial Garden and hosting a series of workshops on "End-of-Life" issues are two responsibilities of this committee that meets monthly.



Confirmation classes keep both Laurie Ludwig and Pastor Tim on their toes. During the 7th grade time, Roy Summerville assists Laurie with making a blanket for the Linus Project.



Mary Ennes and Pastor Tim listen to the highs and lows of the 8th graders' day prior to their lessons.

The Christian Growth Committee meets as Kyle Otten hands over leadership of the group to Sue McPherson. What an incredible amount of activity this group orchestrates!



This **one** day at CLC ends with a Taizé service led by Pastor Erica. Karen Stingely and Paul Danger provided such peaceful music for these evenings of Scripture, prayer and hymns. In Advent, this contemplative time leads us all to remember the great gift we have received in the birth of the Messiah.

-- Irene Adams, Sue McPherson, Jill Clark

