




Stephen Ministry: A Ministry of Care and Compassion.
 Stephen Ministry is a complete system for training and organizing lay people to provide one-to-one Christian care to hurting people in and around our congregation. God calls us to "Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ." (Galatians 6:2). Wendoly Abrego-Petett, Guille Sastre, Mario Torres and Monica Torres are being commissioned as Stephen Ministers today. They are staff members of Creciendo Unidos/Growing Together, a non-profit organization working in the Valley since 1997 and partnering with Christ Church since 2018. They join over 155 men and women trained as Stephen Ministers at Christ Church Lutheran since 1986, providing one-to-one Christian care to approximately 370 members and non-members. For additional information about Stephen Ministry, visit the church website at www.cclphoenix.org.




Blood Drive – A total of 16 units of life giving blood were collected from the March 4th Blood Drive. Many thanks to the 22 people who volunteered. Up to 32 people can benefit from this gift of life. The next Blood Drive is scheduled for July 29.



Third Saturday! THIS Sat., March 16, we're going hiking and geocaching! Mr. Gong will be joining us to hike in Papago and teach us about geocaching. To learn more about geocaching, go to www.geocaching.com. **Sign up to attend by this Wed., March 13.** 5th-8th grade families are welcome! Questions? Contact DCE Maddie Gong at mgong@cclphoenix.org.



Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University at Christ Church!
 Held Sunday mornings from 9:45-11:30am, beginning next Sun., March 17, in the Arizona Room. It runs for 9 weeks, with Easter Sunday off, through May 19 and the cost is \$109 which includes all materials. Facilitated by Jason Liakos (jliakos@gmail.com) and Sonnet and Jonathan Bonck (jbonck101@gmail.com). Sign up: <https://www.financialpeace.com/groups/1085094?c=ccf>.



Saturday City Missions! If you are unable to serve on Sun., March 24, you may offer your time on Sat., March 23 as part of the Volunteer Assistance Program with the city of Phoenix. It will be working at a home in west Phoenix. Contact Dave G. with questions at dlg1651@msn.com or 480-364-1880.

City Missions Sunday Service Opportunities				
Sunday, March 24				
What	Activity	Time	Location	Champion
Feed the Hungry	Pack 200 blessing bags	9:45am-10:15 am	Upper Room	Tyler Gotshall
Christ Cares for Kids Center	Cleaning, rearranging, restocking shelves & supplies landscaping, bagging diapers possibly painting	10:00am-2:00 pm	4018 N. 40th St (40th St & Piccadilly Rd)	Kay Siebert & Trish Karpurk
Nursing Home Sing Along	Make cards at CCL, then visit the residents of Olive Grove, Morning Star, and Rose Court to sing.	12:00-2:30 pm	CCL Canyon Room & then head out!	Jim Berson Megan Gotshall
Home Improvement	Clean, paint, home repair Wear your work clothes and gloves!	12:00-2:00 pm	CCL Patio & then head out! (Home location TBD)	Pastor Dave Dave Gustafson
We Love Phoenix	Walk around our CCL neighborhood with Pastor Jeff helping to "beautify" it by picking up trash	12:00-1:00 pm	CCL Patio & then head out!	Pastor Jeff
Serve the Needy	Deliver blessing bags to the homeless	12:15-2:30 pm	Lobby & Margaret T. Hance Park/C.A.S.S.	Tyler Gotshall

For more information or to RSVP for one of the service projects, email Megan Gotshall at mgotshall@cclphoenix.org



Deny and Take Up

Matthew 16:24 (NIV)
²⁴ Then Jesus said to his disciples, "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me."

Daily

Luke 9:23 (NIV)
²³ Then he said to them all: "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me."

A Matter of Perspective

1 Corinthians 1:18 (NIV)
¹⁸ For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God."

Boasting

Galatians 6:14 (NIV)
¹⁴ May I never boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world."

Peace

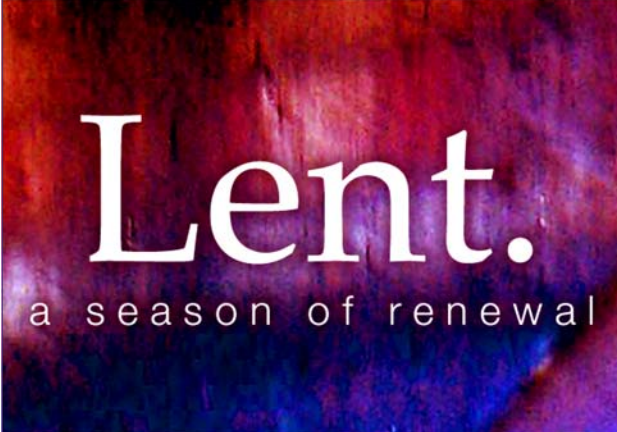
Colossians 1:20 (NIV)
²⁰ and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross."

Shame of the Cross

Hebrews 12:2 (NIV)
² fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God."

Healing of the Cross

1 Peter 2:24 (NIV)
²⁴ "He himself bore our sins" in his body on the cross, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; "by his wounds you have been healed."

Lenten Services
 Every Wednesday
 11am and 7pm
 through April 10
 Palm Sunday
 April 14
 Confirmation
 Service
 April 21 at 10:45am

Best Practices for Ministry Conference 2019!
Thank you to all of the many volunteers for helping make Best Practices for Ministry the success that it was! We are so blessed and grateful for the many of you who poured out (no pun intended) to the men and women from all over the country – helping in countless ways. We would like to honor you **NEXT Sun., March 17.** Come and let us celebrate the gift of service you have given so generously. No need to RSVP. Just show up at your regular time and we will recognize your efforts! God bless you all!


The volunteers were always cheerful, even though I knew they were working around some weather and weather related issues that would've ground any other team to a halt. They were the supreme example of faithful servants, giving, giving, and giving even more, always with a smile. Please tell them how much it meant to me and what a difference it made in this world. You obviously have an awesome congregation. If I live there I would be one of your members. Michael P.

You and your team excelled in sharing feelings of love and inclusion to all of us there. Absolutely each and every person I encountered showed God's love with his or her smile and assistance. Sally S.

When we arrived, in spite of the weather, every single one of your volunteers were "all hands on deck" and it was genuine, and it was heartwarming and tangible. But it wasn't that way for just the first day! Every single day we would arrive and there were your awesome volunteers of all ages... being awesome, being helpful... living out Jesus' love in their actions. Dave and Katy B.

Weekly Worship Services

Saturday (Contemporary)	5:00pm	3901 E. Indian School Rd. Phoenix, AZ 85018 602.955.4830 www.cclphoenix.org
Sunday (Traditional)	8:00am & 10:45am	
Sunday (Contemporary)	8:30am & 10:30am	
Sunday (Spanish)	12:30pm	
Sunday Night Church	5:00pm	





- Nursery care** is available from 8am-noon for children ages 6 months-3 years old in the Nursery at the top of the stairs in the Christian Life Center.
- Please fill out a Welcome Card** and place it in the offering or give it to an usher. Prayer requests can be shared on the back of the card.
- Large print bulletins and hearing enhancers** are available for persons needing assistance in the 8am and 10:45am services.
- Sanctuary Pew Cushions** are available in the Narthex. Pick one up and return it after the service.
- Visit the Welcome Center on the patio** for information about how we can serve you!



Cross Town meets in the nursery during the sermon at the 8:30am and 10:30am services and is for children in **Preschool – 3rd grade**. Children will be brought back to the service after the sermon. **Sunday School helps to build a foundation of faith for young children, and creates conversation starters as you grow your faith at home with your family.** Preschool (starting at age 3½) and Kindergarten meet in Room 12. 1st-3rd Grade meet in Room 14. 4th-6th grade meet in Room 16, with the option of joining "Youth Bible Study," in the Camelback Room in Grade 6. Sunday School meets every week from 9:40-10:25am. We hope to see your children there!

Sunday Adult Classes 9:30-10:25am

Fundamental Christian Beliefs
(Gym) Pastor Jeff Schrank
1 Peter Canceled this week.
(Chapel) Pastor Dave Schmidt

Special Ed. Class
(Phoenix Room) Lucinda Glenn
Youth Bible Study
(Camelback Room) Kyle Bennett



AAM Bible Study on Luke is led by Pastor Dave every Wednesday at 10am. March lunch out is on Thurs., March 21 beginning at 10:30am at McCormick-Stillman Railroad Park (7301 E. Indian Bend Rd. Scottsdale). Bring a dish to pass and your own drinks. Signup today or next Sunday at the Welcome Center. If you have further questions, contact Terry or Sandie Ruehs at 602-971-3788.



LWML Lutheran Women's Missionary League: Celebrate being part of "Lutheran Women in Mission" by filling your Mite Box with your offering and bring it on Sunday, April 7th!



Save the date. Grief Support Class will begin on Tues., April 16 at 6:30pm. Contact Bea Olsen for more information or to register for the six week class 480-735-8773
beasname@gmail.com.



Lenten Devotions are available for pick-up at the Welcome Center. Join us for mid-week services at 11am and 7pm every Wednesday, now through April 10. Lunch will be served after the 11am services.

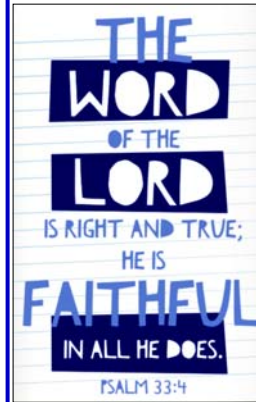


Palm Cross folding will take place Sat., April 13, at 8am in the Ramada area. Lunch will be provided. Come when and for as long as you can. Please email Pastor Arnie at afrank@cclphoenix.org with any questions.



Easter Lilies! Beautify the Altar on Easter morning. Order in the church office or at the Welcome Center by Sun. April 14 for \$12 each.

Christ Lutheran School



Preschool Summer Camp: CLS's Preschool Summer Camp registration is now open with applications in the office or on the school web site. We will have 6 theme based weeks beginning June 3 through July 19 (with no camp the week of July 1-5) for children who are 3 through 5 years of age. Programs can be full days or partial days.

Spring Break: Students and teachers are enjoying a week off of school Mon., March 11 - Fri., March 15. School resumes on March 18. Please keep our school families and staff in your prayers as they travel, rest, and enjoy a time of

refreshment.

Bell Choir Trip: Please keep Ms. Elena Fox and her Bell Choir Students in your prayers as they travel March 15-17 to perform and learn in CA over spring break!

Note from the Business Office: Check Your Contribution Statements: Please make sure to check your contribution statement. Adjustments and changes will only be allowed until April 30. If you have any questions, please contact Kim Walton kwatson@cclphoenix.org. Thank you!

Report Cards: Report cards will be sent home (K-2) or available on Gradelink (3rd-8th) following spring break on March 22.

Jr. High Advisory Conferences: There will be no school on Thurs., Mar. 21 for students in grades 7-8. Instead, they will be leading conferences for their parents during their designated appointment time.

Thank you to everyone who participated in the recent school auction. Thanks to your generous donations and help, monies raised will be used to purchase a new school bus. We are blessed by your generosity and will have an update on the amount raised soon!

CLSTO Scholarship Applications are due for the coming school year on May 3. Applications are available on the website or in the office. These awards are based on financial need demonstrated by tax returns and other information provided by families. Completed applications may be submitted to the school office. These scholarships are funded by the generous tax credit donations made by our members and friends! (Don't forget to make your donation by April 15!)



Confirmation: Students who completed First Communion training in the fall and are planning on being confirmed this year should sign up to attend the **Confirmation retreat on Sun., March 24 from 9:30am-1pm.** Confirmation Sunday is April 14. For more information, contact DCE Maddie Gong at mgong@cclphoenix.org.



Valley Lutheran High School Alumni Basketball Game! Sun., March 24 at 3pm in the VLHS Gym. For more information, contact the office 602-230-1600.



Christ Cares for Kids! God is blessing this ministry and blessing these families who are seeking physical and spiritual resources. **We are in desperate need of gently used clothing for children, up to size 5. We have also extended our hours and are looking for more volunteers.** We are open every Monday from 4:30-7:30pm and every Wednesday from 9am-12pm. For more information, contact Trish Karpurk at tkarpurk@cclphoenix.org.

This Week

March 10 — March 17, 2019

TODAY

- 8:00 AM Traditional Worship
- 8:30 AM Contemporary Worship
- 10:30 AM Contemporary Worship
- 10:45 AM Traditional Worship
- 12:00 PM Confirmation Class
- 12:30 PM Misa en Español

Monday Spring Break-No School

- 4:30 PM Christ Cares for Kids
- 6:00 PM Women's Step Group
- 6:00 PM Men's Step Group
- 7:00 PM PALS Meeting

Tuesday

- 6:00 AM SOS Bible Study
- 6:30 AM Men's Bible Study
- 9:00 AM SOS Bible Study

Wednesday

- 9:00 AM Christ Cares 4 Kids
- 10:00 AM AAM Bible Study
- 11:00 AM Lenten Service
- 6:00 PM Brass Ensemble Rehearsal
- 7:00 PM Lenten Service

Thursday

- 6:30 AM Men's Bible Study
- 5:45 PM Celebrate Recovery
- 6:00 PM Caregiver Support Group

Friday

Saturday

- 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study
- 5:00 PM Contemporary Service

Sunday

- 8:00 AM Traditional Worship
- 8:30 AM Contemporary Worship
- 10:30 AM Contemporary Worship
- 10:45 AM Traditional Worship
- 12:30 PM Misa en Español
- 3:30 PM 3 & 4 Grade Youth Group
- 5:00 PM Sunday Night Church
- 5:30 PM 5-8 Grade Youth Group

No Youth Group Today due to Spring Break. We will resume next week (3/17). Students are encouraged to wear green!



Prayers

If you have a prayer request please connect with Beverly Rasmussen at 602.992.2147 or email bevarasmussn@gmail.com.

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| Denise Bauer | Alice Peel |
| Monika Butzbach | George Regas |
| Marie Davis | Marty Reith |
| Bob Elliott | Brent Ringle |
| Helen Genuit | Mary Ann Schaff |
| Susana Guido | Lois Sikorski |
| Brian Herndon | Brie Spencer |
| Dick Herkert | Dick Steinke |
| Ray Jivery | Marjorie Tardiff |
| Dorothy Lauten | Judy Van Boening |
| Erin Loher | Wally Voight |
| Ardyth O'Hair | All Shut-in members |

Our Nation and the World

- *Peace through Christ in our world
- *Our President and government leaders
- *Protection for our Armed Forces & First Responders

Our Church Community

- *Persecuted Christians throughout the world
- *LCMS and CC-L Leadership
- *Garuna Foundation
- *Celebrate Recovery
- *Stephen Ministry
- *Youth Ministry
- *Active Adult Ministry
- *Nursing Home Ministry
- *Oromo Ministry
- *Urawa Lutheran Church and School-Japan
- *Praise and thanksgiving for the baptism of Aubrey Mei Schmidt on 3/10
- *Praise and thanksgiving for the baptism of Oliver Gene Leake on 3/10

Contributions 02/24 Actual Budgeted

Last Week	\$21,942	\$33,855
FYTD	\$1,225,782	\$1,304,925
Capital Improvement Fund FYTD	\$9,213	\$25,200

Parking Lot Project

Funds Raised	\$351,121	Needed \$450,000
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Total Worship Attendance

Feb. 25,—March 3, 2019	1,079
Feb. 24,—March 2, 2019	N/A Jail/Prison

Bulletin request deadline: Tuesdays at noon



Altar Flowers
The flowers on the altar are given by Bill von Kampen in loving memory of his wife, Paula, and her birthday on 3/10