

 **5th/6th Youth Group tonight 5:00-7:00pm.** Youth Group starts with free time, then has snack, Bible Study, and a game! This spring, our Bible study is focused on the Life of Jesus and how we can be more like Jesus. Friends are always welcome!

 **Open Gym Today!** If you'd like to shoot some hoops and have a great time indoors with a friendly game of basketball, we'd love to have you join us! All are welcome. Contact Jeff Tucker with questions at 210-216-7861.

 **Please turn in your old Palm Crosses to be burned for Ash Wednesday by TOMORROW, Mon., Feb. 24.** You may drop them off in the church office or the Welcome Center. Please email Pastor Arnie at afrank@cclphoenix.org with questions.

 **Celebrate Recovery! Men-** *Do you have hurts, habits or hang-ups that you want healing from? Do you want to become a stronger man of God? Take this journey and you WILL become stronger!* A new men's step group will meet every **Wednesday at 6:30pm at Christ Cares Ministries, 4018 N. 40th Street.** There is NO childcare provided. Contact Trish Karpurk with questions at tkarpurk@cclphoenix.org or 602-955-4830x1005.

Blood Drive – The next Blood Drive has been re-scheduled for Mon., March 2 from 3-7pm in the Blood-Mobile, on E Piccadilly Rd. This is a critical time for donations. Contact Norman Biar at nbiaraz@gmail.com or 480-577-5232 for information and appointments. Appointments can also be made at www.vitalant.org. Donate code: "christchurch, March 2, 2020". Sign-up will also be available at the welcome center today and next Sunday, March 1. Be a hero, save a life. Thanks for all of your past donations.

 **Love music? Love supporting Concordia University Ann Arbor, Michigan?** Sign-up to host students from CUI while they're out here on their Spring Break Choir Tour! We are looking for people willing to host 2-4 students overnight Sat., March 14. The just need a friendly face and a place to sleep. Help us to bless these students bless others! If you are interested and available, please contact Suzanne Olmos at solmos@cclphoenix.org or call the church office, 602-955-4830.

 **Confirmation:** Now's the time to sign up for Confirmation! Students 6th Grade and older who have not completed Confirmation and/or communion instruction are invited to attend our **Confirmation Retreat on Sun., Mar. 22, 9:45am-1:30pm** in the Arizona Room. Sign-up online at www.cclphoenix.org/confirmation. **Confirmation Sunday is April 5, 2020.**

 **Valley Lutheran High School's Annual Spring Soiree!** Sat., April 18 from 6-9pm. Go to vlhs.org/auction to purchase tickets or donate to Light the Flame. We are trying to raise \$50,000 in scholarships for students to attend a Lutheran High School.

 **Garuna Kid Sponsors:** Thank you to the many CCL/CLS families who sponsor Garuna Kids in Cambodia! This year's enrollment tops 1,025 students at the 6 Garuna Christian Schools. If you are a monthly donor, you should have received your new updated brochure by now, with your student's new photo! If you pay annually, your new brochure will arrive at renewal time. Questions? Email cheryl@garuna.org. Many thanks for helping share Jesus with so many! New worship, Sunday School, and youth events are being started at the schools as a result of your prayers and support.

 **Lenten Devotions** are available for pick-up at the Welcome Center. Join us for services at 11am and 7pm, every Wednesday, starting February 26 and going through April 1.



The Pain That Does Not Go Away

Pastor Jeff Schrank Feb. 23, 2020

On To Hope

Romans 5:3-5 (NIV)
³ Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; ⁴ perseverance, character; and character, hope. ⁵ And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.

Sufficient

2 Corinthians 12:1-10 (NIV)
¹ I must go on boasting. Although there is nothing to be gained, I will go on to visions and revelations from the Lord. ² I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven. Whether it was in the body or out of the body I do not know—God knows. ³ And I know that this man—whether in the body or apart from the body I do not know, but God knows—⁴ was caught up to paradise and heard inexpressible things, things that no one is permitted to tell. ⁵ I will boast about a man like that, but I will not boast about myself, except about my weaknesses. ⁶ Even if I should choose to boast, I would not be a fool, because I would be speaking the truth. But I refrain, so no one will think more of me than is warranted by what I do or say, ⁷ or because of these surpassingly great revelations. Therefore, in order to keep me from becoming conceited, I was given a thorn in my flesh, a messenger of Satan, to torment me. ⁸ Three times I pleaded with the Lord to take it away from me. ⁹ But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me. ¹⁰ That is why, for Christ's sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

It Might Not Be About You

2 Corinthians 1:3-9 (NIV)
³ Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, ⁴ who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God. ⁵ For just as we share abundantly in the sufferings of Christ, so also our comfort abounds through Christ. ⁶ If we are distressed, it is for your comfort and salvation; if we are comforted, it is for your comfort, which produces in you patient endurance of the same sufferings we suffer. ⁷ And our hope for you is firm, because we know that just as you share in our sufferings, so also you share in our comfort. ⁸ We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about the troubles we experienced in the province of Asia. We were under great pressure, far beyond our ability to endure, so that we despaired of life itself. ⁹ Indeed, we felt we had received the sentence of death. But this happened that we might not rely on ourselves but on God, who raises the dead.

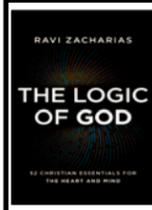


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Welcome to Christ Church Lutheran! LCMS
February 23, 2020

 **Best Practices for Ministry Conference 2020!**
Thank you to all of the many volunteers for helping make Best Practices for Ministry the success that it was! Thank you for your endless prayers, your time, resources, strength, skills, homes, and love in bringing hope, hospitality, and encouragement to the Body of Christ in a real and tangible way! Your service and sacrifice blessed all who were a part of it! Thank you for being the hands and feet of Jesus! We are grateful for you!

Thank you also, to the many men and women who serve the Lord and His Church, who came to Christ Church Lutheran to share in such an amazing outpouring of God's Great Love! We thank you for your sacrifice to spend time and resources away from family and congregation. We pray that this time has been a source of hope and encouragement, and pray that you are able to take back with you a renewed sense of purpose and mission. We want you to know you are not alone, you are prayed for, and that you are loved beyond measure! You made BPM great and we are so humbled to have you join us!

 **Pastor Jeff Book Study! Tomorrow at 7pm in the Arizona Room.** *The Logic of God* by Ravi Zacharias discussing 52 Christian essentials for the heart and mind; disappointment, hope, prayer, suffering, peace and more. Also, *42 Seconds: The Jesus Model for Everyday Interactions* by Carl Medearis. We can learn how to have great conversations as Jesus did to change our lives and the lives of those around us. We look forward to seeing you!

 **Blended Service!** Come join us Sun., March 1 for a blended worship service which will feature both traditional and contemporary elements in our beautiful sanctuary from 9:30am-10:20am. *March 1st is the first Sunday in Lent and Pastor Jeff will be preaching on The Way of Jesus.* Music will be led by Jason Mangels on the piano, as well as other featured musicians. As we begin this journey to the cross, let us worship together, experience His saving love and tell of His Good News!

Weekly Worship Services

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| 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 | |





- 1. 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.
- 2. 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.
- 3. Large print bulletins and hearing**

enhancers are available for persons needing assistance in the 8am and 10:45am services.
4. Sanctuary Pew Cushions are available in the Narthex. Pick one up and return it after the service.
5. Visit the Welcome Center on the patio for information about how we can assist you!



Cross Town meets in the Upper Room 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. Nursery care is available for children under 4 years of age in the nursery upstairs. We hope to see your children there!

Sunday Adult Classes 9:30-10:25am

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| The Pattern of Sound Words (Gym) Pastor Jeff Schrank James (Chapel) Pastor Dave Schmidt John (Room 5) Jeff Tucker | The Changes that Heal (Arizona Room) Nancy Barton Special Ed. Class (Phoenix Room) Lucinda Glenn Youth Bible Study (Maricopa Room) Kyle Bennett |
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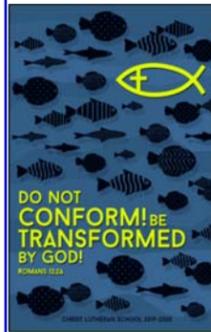
 **AAM Bible Study** on Exodus is led by Pastor Dave every Wednesday at 10am. Watch for upcoming details on the annual AAM picnic at McCormick Ranch Railroad Park on Thurs., March 19. This year's menu will feature a taco bar. Participants will be asked to bring a dessert or side and board game. If you have further questions please contact Terry or Sandie Ruehs at 602-971-3788.

 **Saturday Men's Bible Study!** Calling All Men! Saturday men's Bible study wants YOU! We are starting a study of Matthew this week. We serve coffee and a hot breakfast every week. This is a great opportunity to join in with a group of men to learn and grow in your faith. We meet every Saturday from 7-8am in the Canyon Room. Contact Tony McFadzen at tonymcfadzen@cox.net or cell phone 602-620-7298, texting is best.

 **Ash Wednesday Soup Supper, Feb. 26 from 5-6:45pm** in the Canyon Room. Stop by before the 7pm worship service and enjoy delicious homemade soups and chili! RSVP at the Welcome Center. A free-will offering will be taken to support the tuition of seminary students Chad Biar and Jacob Baumann. Sponsored by Lutheran Women in Mission.

 **Caregiver's Support Group!** We gather every Thursday evening from 6-8pm at Christ Cares Ministries, 4018 N. 40th Street. If you are a hands on care-giver of a loved one or helping parents in transition, this is the group for you. We meet weekly to listen, support, encourage, spend time in God's word and pray for one another. Contact Kay Siebert at kay.siebert@christcaresclinic.org.

Christ Lutheran School



Christ Lutheran School Week Begins! The celebration begins Fri., Feb. 28 with the auction and continues through the following Thur., March 5. This will be the start of a special week of school activities, including field day and special dress up days, as well as our Grandparent breakfast and chapel on Mon., March 2. We thank God for all our Lutheran Schools and teachers in ministry!

The CLS Auction is this Friday, Feb. 28 at the Arizona Country Club. What a great way to start our special CLS week! Thanks for your support as we raise funds to purchase a new school bus.

Grandparents: Please mark your calendars if you are grandparent of a Christ Lutheran student. Our Grandparents' Day breakfast and chapel is scheduled on Mon., March 2. Breakfast begins at 7:30am in the gym and chapel begins at 8:45am in the sanctuary. Please RSVP to Kim Walton at kw Walton@cclphoenix.org.

End of Third Quarter is Thur., March 6. Report cards will be sent home (K-2) or available on Gradelink (3rd-8th) following spring break.

Teacher In-Service: No school on Fri., March 6. There will be no extended childcare services that day.

Spring Break: Students and teachers will be enjoying a week off of school Mon., March 9 - Fri., March 13.

Chapel Offerings: Our chapel offering focus for February and March supports Mexico Missions. Our church and school have been active in partnering with other churches in Rocky Point and Guaymas for a number of years. Chapel offerings will go towards providing supplies for two different organizations: Casa de Esperanza and Agua y Más. Casa de Esperanza means "house of hope" and we will be providing painting supplies, bunk beds, pillows, and bedding for them. Agua y Más, which means "water and more," is an orphanage run by a former nun named Maggie. We will be providing bunk beds, pillows, and bedding for them, as well as construction supplies to help maintain their facilities.

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, 2020. If you have any questions, please contact Kim Walton kw Walton@cclphoenix.org. Thank you!

Registration for the 2020-2021 School Year: We are accepting new student applications! Be sure to share this information with your friends and neighbors. If you have an eligible preschool or K-8th grade child, we would love to visit with you about enrollment. Simply call the office for an appointment at 602-957-7010.

Shop Amazon? If you are an online shopper, with Amazon.com, you can earn money for CLS by accessing their website via our unique link. Please visit our webpage <http://www.cclsphx.org/> and click the Amazon logo, under announcements. Bookmark the page for future visits and start shopping! If 50 people from CLS use the link and spend an average of \$50 monthly, then the school could earn \$2,400. You don't have to change your login information – just use your regular personal Amazon login username and password but make sure you access it through our unique link, either via the website or your bookmarked page. Please share this link with your friends and family, too!

CLSTO: Thanks to so many of you who gave to the Christ Lutheran School Tuition Organization at the end of the year. This is the 501-c-3 which awards scholarships each year to deserving students with financial need. AZ Taxpayers may give for the 2019 tax year through April 15. We will provide you with an update of the totals to date in the near future. Our goal is to break last year's giving total. Thanks for helping us do that! If you have questions, please call the school office and ask to speak to Kim Walton or email her at kw Walton@cclphoenix.org.

This Week

Feb. 23—Mar. 1, 2020

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| TODAY | |
| 8:00 AM | Traditional Worship |
| 8:30 AM | Contemporary Worship |
| 9:30 AM | Bible Study |
| 10:30 AM | Contemporary Worship |
| 10:45 AM | Traditional Worship Service |
| 12:30 PM | Misa en Español |
| Monday | |
| 4:30 PM | Christ Cares for Kids |
| 7:00 PM | Pastor Jeff Book Study |
| 7:00 PM | PALS Support Group |
| Tuesday | |
| 6:00 AM | SOS Bible Study |
| 6:30 AM | Men's Bible Study |
| 9:00 AM | SOS Bible Study |
| 6:00 PM | ALPHA Study |
| 6:00 PM | High School Youth |
| 7:00 PM | Stephen Ministry Training |

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| Wednesday Ash Wednesday | |
| 9:30 AM | AAM Bible Study |
| 9:00 AM | Christ Cares for Kids |
| 10:15 AM | St. Mary's Food Pantry |
| 11:00 AM | Ash Wednesday Worship |
| 5:00 PM | Ash Wednesday Soup Supper |
| 7:00 PM | Ash Wednesday Worship |

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| Thursday | |
| 6:00 AM | Men's Bible Study |
| 9:00 AM | MOPS/MOMSnxt |
| 5:45 PM | Celebrate Recovery |
| 6:00 PM | Caregiver Support Group |

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| Friday | |
| Saturday | |
| 7:00 AM | Men's Bible Study |
| 5:00 PM | Contemporary Service |

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| Sunday | |
| 8:00 AM | Traditional Worship |
| 8:30 AM | Contemporary Worship |
| 9:30 AM | Blended Worship Service |
| 9:30 AM | Bible Study |
| 10:30 AM | Contemporary Worship |
| 10:45 AM | Traditional Worship Service |
| 12:30 PM | Misa en Español |
| 5:00 PM | Youth Group 7th & 8th Grade |



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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| Christine Adams | Sandy Pahl |
| MacKenzie Alley | Jon Patton |
| Denise Bauer | Alice Peel |
| Mike Beall | Brenda Pruhs |
| Wil Coe | John Pruhs |
| Darlene Cole | Beverly Rasmussen |
| Marge Cook Dixon | Don Robinson |
| Marie Davis | Dennis Sawyer |
| Helen Genuit | Mary Ann Schaff |
| Susana Guido | Jan Schirtzinger |
| Margaret Harper | Lois Sikorski |
| Ben Krause | Brie Spencer |
| Nina Krause | Bob Suelflow |
| Lois Lewandowski | Karla von Lehe |
| Steve Marheine | Steve Westerhoff |
| Carol McElroy | Paula Yeary |
| Art McKinn | All Shut-in members |
| Ardyth O'Hair | |

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
 *Laborers for Christ
 *LWML
 *Unemployed and underemployed
 *International House of Friendship
 *Seminary Students
 *Families

| Contributions 02/09 | Actual | Budgeted |
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| Last Week | \$67,524 | \$32,128 |
| FYTD | \$1,079,895 | \$1,206,415 |
| Capital Improvement Fund FYTD | \$9,455 | \$22,400 |

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| Total Worship Attendance | |
| Feb. 10—Feb. 16, 2020 | 1,101 |
| Feb. 9—Feb. 15, 2020 | N/A Jail/Prison |



Altar Flowers
 To place flowers on the altar, please sign up at the Information Center on Sundays or in the office during the week.

Be Encouraged