

The LIGHTSHINE



The Official Newsletter of Christ Church, United Church of Christ, Des Plaines, Illinois

Happy New Year Happy New Year Happy New Year JANUARY 2019 ISSUE

Important Dates In January 2019

Jan. 1	Office Closed <i>Happy New Year!</i>
Jan. 5	Confirmation Class
Jan. 6	Epiphany Sunday Service
Jan. 9	Book Club Pot Luck— <i>Souper Bowl</i> Church Council Meeting
Jan. 10	Lightshine deadline
Jan. 12	Building Committee Meeting
Jan. 13	Worship / Communion / Renewal of Baptismal Vows Annual Reports Due
Jan. 14	Lunch Bunch
Jan. 16	Get It Together Group Meeting
Jan. 20	Worship / 3 baptisms / Words For All God's Children Confirmation Class Bowling
Jan. 26	Scrapbooking (Wobbe Hall)
Jan. 27	Worship Service
Jan. 28	Women's Breakfast



Thanks to those who brought gifts for San Lucas and Stroger Hospital (Cook County). To those who decorated our Church inside and out. To those who rang the bell for the Salvation Army. To those who provided food for our Christmas Brunch. To our Music Ministry at Christmas. To those who shared the Gospel in the Live Nativity. To those who bought Christmas wreaths and poinsettias. To those who celebrated in the Chrismon tradition. To the many who in countless ways helped serve our Church not just at Christmas but throughout the year. To the many who have offered prayers, time, talent, and treasure.

January

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RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL VOWS

January 13, 2019 is the Sunday when we as a Church remember the Baptism of Jesus Christ. On that day, during our worship service, there will be an opportunity for every baptized person to renew their Baptismal Vows. We hope that everyone will make a point of joining us on that Sunday for this very special time in the life of our Church.



Reports from **all** Christ Church Committees and Organizations for the **2018 Annual Report** are requested in the Business Manager's office by **Sunday, January 13, 2019.**

Please make it a matter of priority early this New Year. Thank You for your cooperation.

GROWING IN THE WORD OF GOD

For all those who are following the Scripture lessons used during the Sunday Worship Services, here are the January 2019 Common Lectionary readings:

January 6	Isaiah 60:1-6	Psalms 72:1-7, 10-14	Ephesians 3:1-12	Matthew 2:1-12
January 13 Baptism of the Lord	Isaiah 43:1-7	Psalms 29	Acts 8:14-17	Luke 3:15-17, 21-22
January 20	Isaiah 62:1-5	Psalms 36:5-10	1 Corinthians 12:1-11	John 2:1-11
January 27	Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10	Psalms 19	1 Corinthians 12:12-31a	Luke 4:14-21

Church Council Minute Highlights — November 14, 2018

FINANCIAL REPORT: Kyle Speer

The Financial Report was reviewed with Speer and questions answered. Contributions for the month of October to the general fund were \$12,630. Total expenses: \$17,818. Difference of \$5,188. Deficit YTD: \$47,850. Transfer of money from savings to checking was necessary to pay the bills. Will need money transferred from the 21st Century Fund to checking. Money is needed for operation, maintenance and repair of the building. Two questions regarding the Financial report were asked by Pastor Ericson and Gary Smith. Speer to follow up. Motion to approve the review of the Financial Report and the paid bills with forthcoming explanations: First motion: Smith. Seconded: L. Hallberg. Motion carried.

MAJOR PROJECT'S REPORT Holly Schmidt No report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: BUILDING: Schmidt, H.

Problem with the button on the ramp door in Wobbe Hall. Repaired by Anderson Lock and re-broke. Anderson Lock to be notified. Plumber was called to repair broken water pipe in the kitchen. Brown water coming through bathroom sinks in the lower level. Water needs to be turned on and let run regularly. Downstairs drinking fountain has been unplugged. No note of explanation as to why. Will need follow up. Building Committee members needed. Plan needs to be developed. Day to day repairs are needed. Will check with Frank Staggs to see if he is interested in assisting with shoveling and snow plowing the sidewalks. Parking lot lights were not on. To check with Al Angsten.

EDUCATION: Podgor

November 14th's potluck theme is "What's Not On Your Thanksgiving Table". Potluck theme for December is "Holiday Flavors". Bowling will be November 18th at 3:00 p.m. Next month bowling is December 16th at 3:00 p.m. (usually a potluck.) Bible Study "The Women of Christmas" continues on Saturday mornings, November 10th, 17th and December 1st. Wreath delivery will be November 18th or 25th. Gift orders are due December 2nd with delivery on December 9th.

Christmas Pageant will be December 9th. The title is "Our Christmas Story". Rehearsal will be December 8th from 12-3 p.m. Luncheon to follow; coordinated by the Education Department, with a special visitor. Sound system will be used during the pageant. Live Nativity will be December 15-22. Sign up sheet is in the office. Confirmation continues every other week for Dorian and Murphy. Education (with Jennifer as liaison) will partner with Megan to update education calendar and info on website and Facebook. Also will look into live streaming of Christmas Pageant.

YOUTH GARDEN No report

FINANCE: Hallberg, I.

Meeting held Monday, November 12, 2018. On budget but not practical. We will be down \$80,000 to \$100,000 by the end of the year. \$157,000 is all there is in the general account and it will be gone soon. Trust Fund account was reviewed. Suggest the need to declare an emergency situation and ask the Trust Fund for money. Issue is still in debate. Rev Gregg Carlson from The Center For Revitalization suggested a second person is needed to count the money: one to count, one to take in. Also discussed the need for signage in and out of the building. Washroom is needed on the first floor. Audit needed after the first of the year.

MEMORIAL GARDEN: Wajda

Plants are frozen.

MEMBERSHIP: Malik No report.

MISSIONS: Hallberg, L.

Cupcakes for San Lucas needed on November 18th. Names for Christmas gifts for San Lucas will be placed on the tree in the Narthex. Gifts must be back under tree by December 25th. They will be picked up by San Lucas.

PERSONNEL: Smith

Leslie and Hannah are working out their schedule. Coordinating work with the choir. Bell Choir is on hold for right now. Gail Fisher will be talking with Trinity Church to discuss the possibility of joining the two church Bell Choir's.

PASTORAL SUPPORT: Schmidt & Smith

Pastor Ericson has handed in her schedule for next year.

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CHRIST CHURCH NEWS — JANUARY 2019

Financial Update 2018 (DOES NOT INCLUDE BEQUESTS)

	<u>INCOME</u>	<u>EXPENSE</u>	<u>DIFFERENCE</u>	<u>YEAR-TO-DATE</u>
January	\$15,069.00	\$18,542.00	(\$3,473.00)	(\$3,473.00)
February	\$11,045.00	\$14,715.00	(\$3,670.00)	(\$7,143.00)
March	\$12,002.00	\$28,564.00	(\$16,562.00)	(\$23,705.00)
April	\$15,459.00	\$14,792.00	\$667.00	(\$23,038.00)
May	\$31,983.00	\$23,415.00	\$8,568.00	(\$14,470.00)
June	\$11,182.00	\$20,660.00	(\$9,478.00)	(\$23,948.00)
July	\$14,626.00	\$20,515.00	(\$5,879.00)	(\$29,827.00)
August	\$12,615.00	\$21,171.00	(\$8,556.00)	(\$38,383.00)
September	\$13,396.00	\$17,675.00	(\$4,279.00)	(\$42,662.00)
October*	\$12,630.00	\$17,818.00	(\$5,188.00)	(\$47,850.00)
November	\$13,468.00	\$16,202.00	(\$2,723.00)	(\$50,584.00)
Year-to-Date	\$163,485.00	\$214,069.00	(\$50,584.00)	(\$50,584.00)

Thank you for your continued support.



ANNUAL MEETING

The **Annual Congregational Meeting** will be held in the sanctuary on **Sunday, February 24, 2019** at 10:45 a.m. following the worship service.

OFFERING ENVELOPES FOR 2019

Offering envelopes are available in the hall leading to Wobbe Hall until January 1st. After January 1st, to receive your envelopes please speak to Kyle Speer or contact Deborah Grenier in the Church office Monday through Friday between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. If you can not locate your envelopes or have not used numbered envelopes before, please speak with Kyle Speer.



BOOK CLUB

The Christ Church Book Club will next meet on **Wednesday, January 9, 2019** at 1 p.m. in the Church Lounge. Our leader for the meeting will be Barbara Wraas and the book to be discussed is **"My Name is Lucy Barton"** by Elizabeth Strout. Please bring the book with you - it may be obtained from the library or purchased at your book store. If you like to read and enjoy a good discussion, please plan to join us.

If you have any questions, contact Barbara Wraas.

Don't forget to check out our collection of books on the shelf in Wobbe Hall for some good winter reading!

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

- ♦ Gift Card orders are due Sunday, **January 6th** with a delivery date of Sunday, **January 13th**.
- ♦ **Monthly Pot Luck** is Wednesday, **January 9th**.
Theme: *"Souper Bowl"*
- ♦ **Monthly Bowling** - Sunday, **January 20th** at 3 p.m. at River Rand Bowl.
- ♦ Next **Bible Study** starts Saturday, **March 9, 2019**

FROM YOUR BUSINESS MANAGER

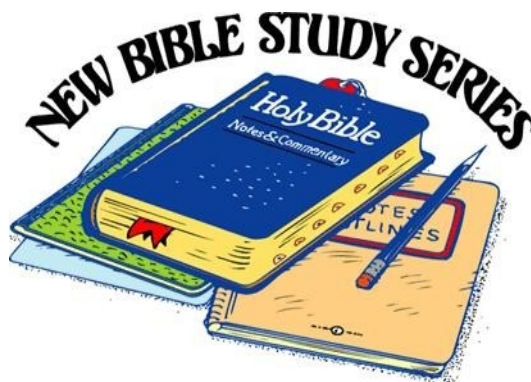
Thank you to those using the Church's *"Billboard of Bills"* in Wobbe Hall during 2018. At the time of this (mid-December) writing, it is clear that bills paid by individuals and organizations during 2018 will total in the \$2,500. range.

*"And a special thank you to
Pat Morris and Linda Steckel for
making the board look as great as it does!"*



WORSHIP & ARTS COMMITTEE

Worship and Arts will be taking down the Christmas decorations on Sunday, **January 6th** at 10:45 a.m. If you can help it will not take long!



CHRIST CHURCH BIBLE STUDY

In preparation for our next 4 week Saturday Bible Study, we will focus on the book **"Simon Peter: Flawed but Faithful Disciple"** by Adam Hamilton.

Classes will meet at 10 a.m. on the following Saturdays:

- **March 9, 2019**
- **March 16, 2019**
- **March 23, 2019**
- **March 30, 2019**

As in the past, please enter the church by way of the ramp to Wobbe Hall. We will be meeting in the Lounge of the church.

A sign-up sheet will be in the church office starting **January 6, 2019** with the deadline to sign up on **February 10, 2019**. Study items that need to be read before the class will hopefully be available for pick-up no later than Sunday, March 3, 2019.

See you in class!



WOMEN'S CIRCLE OF FRIENDS...



There is no meeting in January 2019.

Our next meeting will be held on **Thursday, February 14th at 1 p.m. - Valentine's Day!**



Sunday Church Ministries for January 2019

We celebrate with all those who are participating in our Sunday Church Ministries for January.

	1/6/2019	1/13/2019	1/20/2019	1/27/2019
Acolytes	Dorian Schrader	Ushers	Murphy Putz	Ushers
Greeters	Elaine & Bud Hudson	Shirley Bednar	Marilyn Hoover	Elaine & Al Angsten
Ushers	Rita Barth	Steve Klaus*	Al & Elaine Angsten	Barbara Wraas
* Team Captain(s)	Donna Boyko	Barbara Dopp	Bob Neil*	Holly Schmidt
	Charlene Dohse	Mike Hozian	Lori Fabian	Frank & Julie Staggs
	David Podgor	Patricia Morris	Gary Smith	Alice Barnhart*
	John Hangey	Terri Wester		
	Peggy Wajda*	Jack Branding		
Liturgist	Gail Fisher	Sally Sove	Don Meseth	Alice Barnhart
Lector	Holly Schmidt	Sally Sove	Don Meseth	Barbara Wraas
Council Greeter	Holly Schmidt	Gary Smith		Peggy Wajda
Flowers	Barbara Dopp	Open	Bob Neil	Barbara Dopp
Sunday Secretary	Alice Barnhart	Julie Staggs	Peggy Wajda	Marion Meseth
Altar Guild	Patricia Morris, Terri Wester			
Coffee Hour	Church Council			
Children's				
Ministries	Sunday School	Sunday School	Words for All God's Children	Family Worship



We are a caring congregation. Our building is handicap accessible.

Large print bulletins and hearing assist devices are available.

May we celebrate the multitude of ministries that God has provided for us at Christ Church!



Happy Birthday — January 2019

(SS = Sunday School)

1 Richard Boyko, Jr.	14 Larry Zemke
3 Lauren Wajda Thorson	15 Barbara Bay
8 Virginia Holler	15 Megan Shipp
10 Linda Steckel	19 Jan Storm
13 Diane Franzen	24 Dawn Mashek
13 David Podgor	27 Arlene Arthur



Happy Anniversary to Our January Couples

- 1 Helen & Gary Smith, married 22 years.
5 Virginia & Tom Holler, married 39 years.



STATIONS OF LIFE—Born To Eternal Life:

Kenneth C. Tomsheck, born on November 9, 1940, died on November 5, 2018, at the age of 77.

Louis Volberding, born October 8, 1923, died on December 19, 2018 at the age of 95.

November 2018	Sunday Attendance
November 4th	48
November 11th	86
November 18th	60
November 25th	46

Prayer makes a difference for those who pray and those who are prayed for.

Please keep the Church office informed when you hear of someone in need of prayers.

DURING THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS WERE WITH...



Alice Barnhart	Lori Fabian	Emily Hozian	Melissa Neil
Mike Berg	Denise Gibbons	Robert Jenkins	Nancy Nevin
Joy Bertone	Bob Golterman	Rochelle Jesse	John Nix
Matty Beuke	Deborah Grenier	Jill Johnson	John Sieben
Darlene Boeckenhauer	Ken Groff	Tom Knoll	Diane Skidmore
Kevin Boeckenhauer	Phyllis Groff	Mike Koponka	Kathy Stonequist
Steve Boeckenhauer	Pat Haas	Kathy Krivanek	Jack Storm
Paul Brodack	Rich Hagedorn	Dawn & Ted Mashek	LaVerne Thackaberry
Jill Brennan	Lynne Hansen-Salak	Rita Maves	Curtis Tice
Peggy Comstock	Helen Harney	Marilyn McCown	Family of Ken Tomsheck
Jean Cutrara	Donna Hedstrom	Steven Mendro	Bruce & Hope Tschappat
Dorothy Dindinger	Donna Helma	Don & Marion Meseth	Mary Vanden Branden
Barbara Dopp	Fred Hillger	Stacey Neibhur	Dorothy & Larry Zemke

Our Pastor, Our Church, Our Servicemen,
Our Service-Women, Our Veterans, Our Country and its Leaders.

Our Homebound: Elaine & Merritt Berg, Marilyn Comstock, Sig Jensen,
Luella Senne, Louis Volberding, Phyllis Volberding, Rosine Warnke.

Memorials — November 2018

To Honor / Remember



Comstock Fund:

In memory of Ken Tomsheck (Mr. Coffee) - Linda Steckel
 In honor of our son, Alex Podgor - Mr. & Mrs. Allen Podgor

General Fund:

In memory of our folks Bud & Wini Bruhn for Christmas - Lori Bruhn
 In memory of Ann Wisniewski - Carol Borris
 In memory of our beloved dad & grampa, Henry E. Wajda on his 100th birthday, November 7, 1918 - David & Peggy Wajda
 In memory of my beloved husband, Henry E. Wajda on his 100 birthday, November 7, 1918 - LaVerne J. Wajda
 In memory of Harvey - Marilyn Hoover
 In memory of Ken Tomsheck - Robert Zeller
 - Stephen & Barbara Bay
 - Bob & Cathy Chappell
 - Bud & Elaine Hudson
 - Marilyn Hoover
 - Roy & Sally Sove
 - Gail Fisher
 - Holly Schmidt
 - Kyle Speer
 - Rita Barth
 - Ron & Kathie Groll
 - Women's Circle of Friends
 In loving memory of Ken Tomsheck - The Wajda Family

- Usher's Club
 - Barbara Wraas
 - Rosine Warnke
 - Barbara Nix
 - Marilyn McCown
 - Lorraine Hozian
 - William & Joyce Soder
 - Joyce Blau
 - Irv & Ruth Hallberg
 - Rev. Merritt & Elaine Berg
 - Bob Neil

George Goebel's Fund:

In memory of Ken Tomsheck - Arlene Arthur

Pastor's Fund:

In memory of Ken Tomsheck - Dorothy Dindinger
 - John & Janice Storm
 - Al & Elaine Angsten
 - Barbara Dopp
 - Mr. & Mrs. Allen Podgor

Music Fund:

In memory of Ken Tomsheck - Don & Marion Meseth
 - Grace M. Hansen
 - Philip & Nancy Seils
 - Charlene Dohse
 - John Hangey
 - Jean Henschke

Revitalization Fund:

In memory of Ann Wisniewski - Gregory Wisniewski

Trust Fund:

In memory of Ken Tomsheck - Patricia Morris
 - Alice Barnhart



Answers to “Winter” Word Search on page 9

Church Directory

UPDATE



Curtis Tice

Marilyn Comstock

Jack & Jan Storm

Use home phone only

New Room Number 133

New Phone Number

New Phone: 847-392-4964

847-894-7985



LIFE LINE SCREENING

Is coming to Christ Church on **Wednesday, February 6, 2019**. Pre-Registration is required. There will be a sign-up sheet in the office on January 13th. If you have any questions please see Dolores Tomscheck. More information will be published in our Sunday bulletins.

FROM THE USHER'S PLATE

New Usher's schedules for **January through June 2019** are available on the counter in the Church office.

Ushers, please pick up a copy.

FROM THE SPECIAL NEEDS COMMITTEE



A special thanks to all who delivered Poinsettias to our homebound on Christmas Sunday.



Church Council Minute Highlights — November 14, 2018 *(Continued from page 2)*

PROGRAM: Copeland

Sunday, November 18, 2018 - "Spirit of Life" concert at 4 p.m.

The next play at the Lincolnshire Marriott is "Holiday Inn" on Friday, December 7th. Tickets can be obtained from Roy and Sally Sove.

PUBLIC RELATIONS / PUBLICITY: Boyko / Schmidt

Putting together Christmas classifieds and the Christmas pageant December 9th.

Christmas Eve Choir service to be discussed by Choir on Sunday.

SPECIAL NEEDS: Klaus

Halloween cards were sent to the homebound.

Heartbroken on the loss of Ken Tomsheck, our committee member.

WORSHIP AND ARTS: Hozian

November 18th - Spirit of Life concert at 4:00 p.m. November 25th - Consecration Sunday. Pledge cards need to be handed in. November 25th - Decorate chapel for Christmas. December 2nd - First Sunday of Advent with Communion. December 2nd - Chrismon Service in Wobbe Hall at 10:45 a.m. December 9th - Christmas Pageant "Our Christmas Story".

CORRESPONDENCE: Elaine Hudson

Sent thank you cards for Veterans Service Sunday. \$1,286.00 was raised for Honor Flights donation. Paul Meineke states he would like to come back again next year. He will also be attending the Rosemont Memorial Service. The Podgor family will be hosting after the Christmas Eve service. Alderman John Jack Robinson may be subsidizing the Christ Church parking lot for blacktop, seal coating and striping. Requested Schmidt obtained three proposals. Two have been obtained.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Rev. Carlson will be sending out his agenda for November 28 at 7 p.m. There will be an Executive Meeting to be held following Council meeting.

NEW BUSINESS: Podgor

Brought up issues with the double oven in the kitchen. Suggested possibility of purchasing a new double oven in the future.

Social Media input needs to be "bigger". Megan meeting with Deborah to increase. Starting "Megan's Corner" in Wobbe Hall after church on Sundays. Items that need to be posted are to be presented to Megan. Committee Chairman will need to notify Megan of any upcoming events. She will also help train people on Facebook.

L. Hallberg handed out Revitalization Committee Meeting notes from the October 27th afternoon meeting held with Rev. Gregg Carlson.

STAFF: No report.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion to adjourn: Podgor. Second: Wajda, Motion carried.

MEETING END TIME: 8:23 p.m.

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING: Wednesday, December 12, 2018

Pamella Malik

Church Council Secretary

EXTRA NOTE FROM YOUR BUSINESS MANAGER

Are you in the habit of writing out a check to the church on a regular basis? Interested in making things easier on yourself?

If so, you may want to consider setting up a recurring payment from your bank checking account. Doing so is "unbelievably easy" and can be done either online or at your bank. The bank will mail Christ Church a check in the amount and with the frequency determined by you.

We already have a number of members using such a system.

Note that this is not the same system people use when they pay their bills each month, bills with varying amounts: it is used when the \$ amount is constant from week-to week (or month-to-month.)

Please let me know if you have questions.

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See calendar of events on Website

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