



# CLPC WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



## Worship Videos

Thank you all for joining us last Sunday for our first virtual worship premiere! It was wonderful knowing our church family was watching and worshipping together at the same time. As we continue premiering worship videos, we want to encourage you to participate! Pass the peace, send in your prayers, joys, and concerns, and join in fellowship together.



## Zoom Prayer Meetings

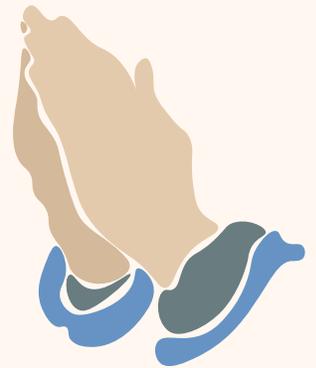
Please come join us for our weekly prayer meeting, Tuesdays at 11am! This is a time to see each other's faces and keep our bonds in the Holy Spirit strong through the practice of prayer. We ask you to please come by to check it out and give it a try. We can't wait to see you!

Join Zoom Meeting

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## Scotland Tour Meeting Rescheduled

We've had to reschedule the follow-up meeting tonext Wednesday at 11am. If you missed the first meeting, you still have an opportunity to get involved with the planning of this trip.



Join Zoom Meeting

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## Deacon Zoom Meeting

The deacon meeting next Wednesday will be held on Zoom at 1pm. The link is below.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88674520551?pwd=c0dWc3NVNDZiaGZVb012dnZVSXR6UT09>

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## LETTER FROM THE PASTOR

REV. CHAD LAWSON

*Long ago you laid the foundation of the earth, and the heavens are the work of your hands. They will perish, but you endure; they will all wear out like a garment. You change them like clothing, and they pass away; but you are the same, and your years have no end. The children of your servants shall live secure; their offspring shall be established in your presence. –Psalm 102*

I can't believe summer is already over! *Tempus Fugit*, as they say. Time flies.

The past few weeks have yielded both opportunities and challenges for our congregation. The good news is that our worship leaders and church staff continue laboring to create, produce, and share new virtual ways for our congregation to stay connected during this time of physical distance. I hope you all will join me in giving thanks to Wynne Clark, our administrator / digital ministry coordinator, for sharing her creativity and talent to produce quality worship videos and newsletters that keep us connected. Thank you, Wynne!

During this time of physical separation we also added another weekly opportunity for our congregation to stay connected. Every Tuesday, I invite members of friends of CLPC to join me for a time of prayer and connection on Zoom. The meeting will provide an opportunity to stay connected through the practice of prayer. A brief litany will be read, joys and concerns will be shared, and we will get to see one another! I hope you will mark your calendars and carve out time to join us!

Unfortunately, the not-so-good news is that the TSA-P number for Covid in our region is rising. As of Monday, the TSA-P is at 20.89%, double the number our Session is using as a guide for returning to in-person worship. In short, the threat is still there. Earlier this week, I spoke with one of our members who was hospitalized over the weekend at Christus St. Rosa due to a fall. She reported that she had to stay overnight in the ER due to the number of Covid-19 patients being treated in the hospital. Her situation demonstrates one of the reasons we want to stay the course, mitigate the risk, and do whatever we can to keep our community safe.

Through the good times and the not-so-good, I'm finding that this journey through a pandemic teaches many valuable lessons. One of which is the value of time—a gift that is re-given with the sunrise of each new day. Earlier this week, the Reverend Bill Forbes' words crossed my eyes. I'm sharing them with you in hopes they might help strengthen your faith:

*"None of us knows how many days we will be granted. As you look into the mirror each and every day, take time to marvel that you have been created in the image of God. Count your blessings often... Share yourself abundantly with those who need encouragement, hope, and care... Keep that twinkle in your eye and help the world learn to laugh... May God continue to bless you and keep you as you claim the gift of life each day."*

What's interesting about this quote from Forbes is that he penned these words during a five-year journey with pancreatic cancer. It may seem strange at first that someone facing life-threatening illness should speak of "the gift of life"; however, that is indeed the gift for which God calls us, no matter the circumstance, to be thankful for. The gifts of life and time. I am so grateful that those gifts are being bestowed generously in spite of a pandemic. None of us knows how many days or years we may have ahead of us, but we can and should make the most of each and every one. As our Book of Confessions remind us, "Life is a gift to be received with gratitude and a task to be pursued with courage." And the gift of life is always lived in the present tense. Yesterday is gone, and tomorrow is "but a dream." Today is the gift, to be lived fully, with courage, until one day we lose it in favor of eternity.

I continue to be so grateful to all of you who have kept up with our congregation and given the precious gift of your prayers, time, talents, and material resources. We are grateful for your partnership, your ministry, and your love.

We are indeed blessed—each and every day!

Abiding Prayers,  
Pastor Chad