

# Friend to *friend*

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER | CHRIST CHURCH

MARCH 2019

## Love Life

### The Secret to Loving Life is a Life of Love



The Bible says, "Make love your number one goal in life."

Why? Because it's the key to maximizing joy and experiencing a truly rich life.

This shouldn't surprise us. After all, God is love ... and He wants us to be like Him!

In fact, the Bible says God created everything in the universe out of love. That was His whole motivation. He made you... to love you. Did you know that? That's why you're alive. You were created to be the object of God's love.

Join us for our brand new 7-week series and let's learn how to build real love into our life. Each week we'll explore some of the timeless principles taught in the Bible—and we'll be sure to show you how to apply those principles to your own life right away.

Plus, you'll enjoy great music and friendly faces. Not to mention the complimentary coffee and baked goods every Sunday morning at the Daily Grind!

## Church Events

- Acoustic Café Nights 3/8, 3/15, 3/16
- Ash Wednesday 3/6
- Secret Sister Final Day 3/17
- Bloom Conference 4/13
- Palm Sunday 4/14
- Good Friday 4/19
- Easter Sunday 4/21

## Coming Soon





# The Daily Grind

## *Monthly Special*

Corned Beef Reuben— sauerkraut, Swiss cheese and homemade thousand island dressing on rye bread served with chips and a pickle for \$10.95.

## *Drink Specials*

Lucky Leprechaun Frappe, Irish Cream Latte, Amaretto Chai Tea Latte.

## *Breakfast Special*

Enjoy a delicious, freshly made frittata with a small coffee for only \$4.95!

## *Acoustic Cafés*

Enjoy a fun night out with good music, good food

and good friends!

Dave Housman with Mark O'Meara, March 8 from 6-8 p.m.

Rob Skiba, March 15 from 7-9 p.m.

Louis Pacheco, March 16 from 5-7 p.m.

Call 569-2500 for more information.

## *Knitters and Crafters Group*

Meet some friendly people on Thursdays from 1:00 until 3:00 p.m. All are welcome to join the group.

## *Book Your Event*

Our conference room and other spaces are available at no charge and we'd love to host your group. Call to schedule.

## *Musicians Wanted*

If you are a musician and would like to play at the Daily Grind please let us know. We're always looking for more musicians for our Acoustic Café nights. Call 569-2500 to schedule.

Your children are important to us... and to God!

## *Discovery Hour*

Preschool – Grade 4  
10:15 a.m.

## *InJoy*

Grades 5-12 – 10:15 a.m.  
in the Youth Room

## *Impact*

High School – Youth  
Room 10:15 a.m.

# From Across the Miles

Pastor Jeff would like to share a couple of emails he recently received.

Nichole from Florida wrote: "I recently received a bracelet with the word 'LAST' on it two times along with a cross and fish on either side after a friend told me his testimony. I found the link to your website on the inside and was wondering what the story behind it is? What it means?"

Pastor Jeff replied explaining LAST stands for Loving, Appreciative, Selfless and Tolerant.

Niki from California wrote:

"I was listening to your sermon on Radio KERI on Monday, February 25 at 1:00 p.m. It was about controlling how we receive life events and our thoughts. More specifically, it was about interpreting situations in a more positive light. I found the sermon extremely helpful as it was EXACTLY what I needed to hear that day." She went on to ask how to download the sermon so she could listen to it again.

If you would like to help support our vital radio ministry please speak to Pastor Jeff.

# Bible Study

## Wednesday Evening

Want to get to know Jesus better? Let's dig into the Bible together! This March we will meet at the Daily Grind at 7:00 every other Wednesday. We all participate in the study and have open discussions about what we read. We welcome everyone who wants to learn or share their knowledge. (Facilitated by Lisa Lemon.)



## Our Community Food Pantry

We received a nice thank you note letting us know we donated 132 pounds of food during our Souper Bowl event. Did you know our local food pantry would also appreciate donations of toiletries and personal hygiene items? We were surprised to learn they also collect personal items and they would appreciate any we are able to donate. As always, there is a collection box located near the Information and Opportunities Tables.



## ***Bloom Women's Conference***

Look for the flyers by the Information and Opportunities Table about this year's Bloom Conference on April 13. This is an uplifting, motivational day hosted locally. This year's primary speaker will be Sheila Walsh.

Sheila Walsh is the Scottish girl known as "the encourager" to the over 6 million women she's met and spoken to around the world. She loves being a Bible teacher, making God's Word practical, and sharing her own story of how God met her when she was at her lowest point and lifted her up again. Her message: GOD IS FOR YOU!

## Ash Wednesday

Join us Wednesday evening, March 6 at 7:00 p.m. as we mark the beginning of Lent with a poignant service. We will turn our hearts toward the final days of our Lord's earthly life.



### **Secret Sisters continues this month!**

Secret Sisters runs for six weeks and ends on Sunday, March 17. Have fun!

Secret Sisters is a ministry between you and another woman in our church family. You become her silent prayer partner and her secret encourager for six weeks. She doesn't know who you are, but she will know you are there praying for her and thinking of her!

Please contact Sally Ingalls if you would like more information. Sally can be reached at 413-569-6465 or [ingallssally@yahoo.com](mailto:ingallssally@yahoo.com).

*The Mission of Christ Lutheran Church is to bring the maximum number of people possible into a relationship with Jesus Christ.*



# MISSION AND MINISTRY MARCH FOCUS

## MINISTER OF THE MONTH

Sally Ingalls

This month we'd like to honor Sally Ingalls. Sally is currently facilitating our Secret Sisters program. She was also a Discovery Hour teacher for many years and continues to help with special events for children. Please let Sally know how much we love her!

## MISSION OPPORTUNITY

Our Community Table

The next time Christ Lutheran Church serves a meal at the Westfield Soup Kitchen is Friday, March 29. We are looking for donations of egg noodles, fresh green beans, 2 gallons of milk and desserts. You may contact Barb Perry at [barb2272@gmail.com](mailto:barb2272@gmail.com) with any questions.

## MINISTRY OPPORTUNITY

Programs for Children and Teens

Please encourage your children and teens to attend one of our groups on Sunday mornings. We have Discovery Hour classes for children through 5th grade and classes for middle schoolers and high schoolers.

## Online Giving

A safe, secure and convenient way to donate tithes and offerings. Go to [clcsouthwick.org](http://clcsouthwick.org) to get started!



## WORSHIP CELEBRATIONS

**Thursday Evening 7:00 p.m.**

A unique worship experience which uses a blend of our favorite hymns and classic liturgy to offer timeless hope and inspiration.

**Sunday Morning 8:15 a.m.**

An informal celebration with a traditional touch. You are invited to a relaxed atmosphere where guests and regular attenders feel right at home.

**Sunday Morning 9:15, 10:15 & 11:15 a.m.**

A creative, come-as-you-are celebration, using contemporary music and practical messages to present Christianity in a positive and inspiring way.

**GOT LITTLE  
ONES?**

We'll help you (and those around you) enjoy this hour more! Childcare provided in the Ladybug classroom.