

# Shout 📣 The News 📰

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Grace is when God gives us  
good things that we don't deserve.  
Mercy is when He spares us  
from bad things we deserve.  
Blessings are when He is  
generous with both.  
God is good all the time!

Pray Love

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# HAPPY VALENTINES DAY!

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*Love isn't easy and it's because we're all different. We don't fit together like a puzzle. There are holes, and ruff edges, and when we come together the finished product isn't always perfect. But Love keeps no record of falls, it perseveres.*



# Community of Christ

CHRIST'S MISSION, OUR MISSION

## Pastoral Letter to the Church

### *Additional Anticipated Leadership Changes in June 2025*

29 January 2025

To members and friends of Community of Christ:

In September 2024, I shared a pastoral letter outlining the calls to leading quorums that would be presented to the 2025 World Conference, contingent on the Conference's support of my call to prophet-president. You can find this letter at [CofChrist.org/news/pastoral-letter-to-the-church/](https://CofChrist.org/news/pastoral-letter-to-the-church/). Since releasing that letter, I prayerfully have continued to consider leadership needs. With the blessings of the Holy Spirit, additional changes have emerged.

With deep gratitude and reverence, **Shandra Newcom** will be released as an apostle and member of the Council of Twelve Apostles effective at World Conference. This decision will honor her request for space to focus on necessary self-care as she navigates a progressive auto-immune disease. Though her time on the council was shorter than any of us hoped, it has been distinguished by her compassionate voice, an unyielding passion for people who feel on the margins, and her boundless desire to create opportunities for young adults. While her profound contributions will be missed, we are thankful for her continued service as a high priest in other ministry capacities as her health allows. We are particularly excited that she will lead the team organizing the 2026 International Peace Colloquy, a testament to her ongoing dedication to fostering peace and understanding around the world. With Shandra's departure, the Council of Twelve Apostles has two vacancies. The following calls are presented for the church's prayerful consideration:

**Kathleen (Kat) Erin Hnatyshyn** is called to serve as a special witness of Jesus Christ as an apostle of Christ's peace and member of the Council of Twelve Apostles. Kat brings a deep passion for the church's mission to this call. Kat is a leader representing a younger generation, effectively bridging generations and fostering understanding among diverse perspectives. Her wisdom, drawn from years of volunteer service as a congregation and mission center leader, provides an unfolding understanding of God's vision of shalom. Kat's spirit of generosity and practice of whole-life stewardship inspire others to explore what Community of Christ stands for and what it means to follow Christ faithfully. She enthusiastically invites others to join the journey. Kat will bring giftedness and courage to the council, carrying the experience of what has been and the vision of what is yet to be.

**Shannon Jean McAdam** is called to serve as a special witness of Jesus Christ as an apostle of Christ's peace and member of the Council of Twelve Apostles. Shannon builds bridges by prayerfully listening to diverse perspectives and guiding the group in discerning the Holy Spirit's direction. She courageously advocates for the voiceless and marginalized, offering hope and a new understanding of the Blessings of Community for all. Shannon is a skilled administrator with a deep commitment to making space for those who feel marginalized by policies and practices. She inspires growth and awareness of missional opportunities by asking thought-provoking questions. Through her own example, Shannon invites others to embody the Enduring Principles, expressing them in daily actions and behaviors. Her joyful optimism and openness to the Holy Spirit's call are evident in all she does. Shannon will bring fresh perspectives and innovative ideas to the council on how to live Christ's mission.

Kat and Shannon will leave their current professions and become full-time employees of Community of Christ as of 17 February 2025, serving as apostle designates. This will provide time for training and transition as the church prepares for the 2025 World Conference.

These calls and those presented in the September 2024 pastoral letter complete the leadership changes anticipated in June. If my call to prophet-president is approved by the 2025 World Conference, I will formally submit a letter of counsel regarding all the calls to the leading quorums. It will be released following my ordination on Sunday, 1 June. Delegates of the World Conference will consider it Monday, 2 June.

I am humbled by and deeply grateful for the prayerful support of the church and the guidance of the Holy Spirit as we prepare for the upcoming Conference. With great anticipation, I look forward to the opportunity for our worldwide community to be together, in-person and online. I trust God will bless and renew us as we discover and celebrate "Hope Is Here."

Onward! -- Stassi D. Cramm prophet-president designate

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## WORLD CONFERENCE 2025

May 30th to June 6

Independence

[Click here for more information](#)

## CAMP AND REUNION AND SPECTACULAR DATES FOR 2025

REUNION—NAUVOO	June 14 to June 20 2025
JUNIOR CAMP—NAUVOO	June 21 to June 25 2025
JUNIOR CAMP—CEDAR VALLEY GROVE	June 21 to June 24 2025
FAMILY CAMP— CEDAR VALLEY GROVE	June 28 to July 1 2025
JUNIOR HIGH CAMP —CEDAR VALLEY GROVE	July 6 to July 10 2025
SPECTACULAR—GRACELAND UNIVERSITY	July 12 to July 19 2025
SENIOR HIGH CAMP—CEDAR VALLEY GROVE	July 27-August 1 2025

*A postcard is being created to be sent to all campers and staff. If you have camping age children in your congregation, please send the names with addresses so they can receive a postcard.*

### LIVING THE MISSION PRAYER AS A WAY OF LIFE

*This is an invitation to join us to begin a reflective journey through the Introductory Guide!*

*We meet: via Zoom every other Tuesday, the next meeting is February 28, Time: 7:00 - 8:00*

*The Living the Mission Prayer as a Way of Life Guide is a new resource that integrates the Mission Prayer with discipleship, discernment, and leading mission in current and new forms of Christ-centered communities.*

*Download guide or Purchase from Herald House*

*For more information and/or to register please contact:  
Pam and Lynn Argotsinger - [plargotsinger@gmail.com](mailto:plargotsinger@gmail.com)*



ALL AGES RETREAT

# GOD IS LOVE



FEB 14TH - 16TH

CAMP NAUVOO

DROP IN FOR ANY/ ALL PARTS OF THE WEEKEND.

SCAN CODE TO REGISTER FOR MEALS AND  
CLASSES FOR PARTICIPATION

THE RETREAT IS FREEWILL DONATION!  
(SUGGESTED AMOUNT- \$5 PER MEAL PER PERSON)

SEE SIGN UP GENIUS TO DONATE MATERIALS.



[Click here to register online!](#)

**People of all ages are invited to attend a retreat at Camp Nauvoo on February 14-16, 2025!**

**Please RSVP via the online registration form so that planning can be finalized for staffing, supplies, food, etc. THANKS!**

**QUESTIONS?**

**Contact Sara Beth Meierotto:**

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**Elaine Overton: elaine.overton13@gmail.com  
(443) 326-0474**

ALL AGES RETREAT @ CAMP NAUVOO

# GOD IS LOVE

FEB 14TH - 16TH

## FRIDAY THE 14TH

- 7:00 ARRIVAL
- GAMES AND A MOVIE NIGHT
- 8:30 CAMPFIRE
- 10:00 LIGHTS OUT

## SATURDAY THE 15TH

- 8:30 BREAKFAST, KP, AND CHORES
- 9:30 FELLOWSHIP
- 10:30 YOU PICK CLASS
- 12:00 LUNCH, KP, & CHORES
- 2:00 YOU PICK CLASS
- 6:00 DINNER, KP, & CHORES
- 7:00 MOVIE
- 9:00 CAMPFIRE & SNACK
- 10:30 LIGHTS OUT

## SUNDAY THE 16TH

- 9:00 BREAKFAST
- 10:30 CHURCH AT THE CAMPGROUNDS
- 12:00 LUNCH, KP, & CLEANUP
- 2:00 PACK UP AND HEAD HOME



## AROUND THE MISSION CENTER

### *Fort Madison*

George Barber will share with them on February 2 and Deb Luce will share on Feb 23



### *Muscatine*

*From Deb Wykert*

Jeremy Off (a co-worker of Chad Grimm's) was injured in a workplace accident today. He cut down a tree that fell back on him. He was hit above the eye and thought he needed stitches. It turned out that his eye socket broke, allowing his eye to be pushed back into his brain, and now he has a brain bleed. They are taking him by ambulance to the University of Iowa hospital for diagnosis and treatment. Please pray for Jeremy as well as Chad and all other co-workers who are very

*"While not taking risks can be described as safe, taking risks with God is the most exciting place to be and can lead a person to faith adventures you never in your wildest dreams had thought possible." – Barb Duke*

### *Iowa City*

*Sue Wakefield says:*

*PT has me walking with a gait belt that she can grab if needed. My L knee needs to bend and my R hip needs to swing forward. Maybe in a few days I'll be strong enough to move without a "minder." My new hip feels pretty*



*steady.*

*Please remember Sue in your prayers.*

### *Cedar Valley Grove Retreat*

#### *Christ Among us Now (CAUN)*

Christ Among Us Now (CAUN) is a weekend retreat meant to enhance our Christian Community. The idea is patterned after a Weekend Retreat called, Cursillo, which basically means "Short course in Christianity" and is put on by the Catholic church.

At CAUN, participants will learn how to expand their faith and learn to live Christianity in a deeper way of life. To walk Christ's path, and to live as if Christ were always in the room with us.

Our weekend starts on Friday evening and will conclude Sunday afternoon. During that time, we will talk about our Enduring Principles, and their meaning, as well as the importance of prayer. We will discuss and participate in activities that will give us a deeper understanding the power of God, our mission here on earth, and how we share God's purpose in our Community.

Our Community will be left with an enhancement that will lead us to growth both in numbers and faithful community, as well as financially.

You are invited to participate in the weekend at CVG starting on September 12 at 5pm and ending on September 14 at approximately 2pm.

## AROUND THE MISSION CENTER

### *Galesburg Ordinations*

*You are invited to the ordination of  
Bruce Haggee to Priest and Joyce  
Haggee to Elder on Feb 23.*

*Sunday School at 10am  
And service at 11am*

*Lunch will be provided after the  
service*



### *Hannibal*

*Our Women's group, The Ladybugs, is busy preparing  
prayer blankets for our local Cancer Center.*

*We are also gathering materials for Birthday Cakes to  
be donated to food pantries in the area.*

*A bake sale is planned for March 1 to benefit a cancer  
patient in our congregation.*



## PRAYER REQUEST

*prayers are requested for Gordon Emmons who was admitted to Mercy  
Hospital (Cedar Rapids) and underwent a partial foot amputation this  
week.*



## AROUND THE MISSION CENTER



### *Hearts for Humility*

*To help support the Families who are in transition from Homelessness or from being displaced, to the Davenport Congregation will be collecting the following items throughout the year.*

#### *Regular size items needed*

*Deodorant  
Soap  
Toilet Paper  
Shampoo  
Conditioner  
Baby Wipes  
Cleaning Supplies  
Feminine Products  
Ethnic Hair Products*



### *Homeless Shelter Needs*

*And to help support the Homeless, the Davenport Congregation will be collecting the following items throughout the year.*

#### *Travel Sizes*

*Shampoo  
Conditioner  
Deodorant  
Tooth Paste  
Body Wash  
Lotion  
Feminine Products  
Shaving Cream*

#### *Other Needs*

*Razor  
Toothbrush  
Hair Ties  
Small Hair Brush  
Hats  
Gloves  
Hand Warmers*

**If you prefer to donate cash, we will purchase the items that are needed.**

**Please contact Pam LaRoque at [pam@bixlives.com](mailto:pam@bixlives.com) or (563) 323-0047**

**Or Gaelane Rosinski at [grosinski1125@gmail.com](mailto:grosinski1125@gmail.com) or (847) 525-3073**

# MISSION CENTER CELEBRATIONS

## BIRTHDAYS

### *Fort Madison:*

*2 Judith Angelo*

*26 Amy Howell*



### *Carthage*

*18 Dorothy Mortimore*

*21 Janice Diseron*

### *Moline*

*8 Ruth Barber*

*13 Danna Abney*

*16 Jared Poplett*

*21 Aiden Leingang*

*22 John Erb*

*24 Chris McQuitty*

### *Hannibal*

*7 Marcie Lair*

*9 Mia Lair*

*25 Becky Will*

### *Muscatine*

*1 Megan Evans*

*5 Jonah Simmering*

*6 Brian Brock*

*8 Laura Comstock*

*10 Jossh Wykert*

*11 Lisa Kemp*

*11 Jakob Niles*

*14 Britnae Pace*

*14 Charlett Wendy*

*14 Gary Stouffer*

*15 Jan Simmering*

*19 Tammy Albright*

*20 Betty Collins*

*21 Karla Comstock*

*21 Bryce Grimm*

*22 Adam Howard*

*26 Mindy Barmel Jones*

## NEW BABIES

### *Moline*

*John and Hillary and little Hazel welcomed Henry Beckett on January 18*

### *Cedar Rapids*

*Lou Rapier's daughter Renee welcomed Maxmiliano Martin Ruiz Rapier on January 27. He weighed*

*7 lbs 10 oz.*



### *Cedar Rapids*

*1 Jane Brydon*

*9 Brenda Mitchell*

*20 Elizabeth Kelly*

*22 David Stokesbary*

*23 Angela Corey*

*24 Alethea Rapier*

### *Galesburg*

*2 Dennis Fredrickson*

### *Galesburg Anniversaries*

*2 Dennis & Linda Fredrickson*



# Celebrations around the Mission Center

## Celebrations of Life

**Muscatine:**

Ron Symmonds

**Cedar Rapids:**

Lisa Wageman

(Sue Reid's daughter)

**Cedar Rapids:**

Bob Jenkins (Husband of Wanda, Father of Dan) memorial service will be held at the Cedar Rapids church on February 22, at 11:00 am

**New Canton:**

Mary Jo Phillips

**Nauvoo:**

Jerry Malcom  
(Uncle to Dawn Durgin)





*Thank you for your input to your monthly  
Shout the News!*

*We welcome you through the door to the  
Mission Center news.*

*We wish you a safe and happy month of February.  
May it be filled with health, happiness, hope, peace  
and love!*

