**The purpose of Christ Community Church is to make known and to promote the worship of God in obedience to the Great Commission and the Great Commandments.**

**THIS WEEK AT CHRIST COMMUNITY CHURCH**

**Sunday, September 17**
- **9:00am** Sunday School Hour
  - All-Campus
- **10:30am** Worship Service
  - Sanctuary
- **7:00pm** Sr. High Youth Group
  - Youth Room

**Monday, September 18**
- **6:30pm** Jr. High Youth Group
  - Youth Room
  - AWANA
  - Spanish Bible Study
  - Room F
- **7:00pm** GriefShare
  - Parlor

**Tuesday, September 19**
- **6:30pm** Quilting
  - Room E

**Wednesday, September 20**
- **7:30am** Morning Prayer Group
  - Parlor
- **7:00pm** Men’s Bible Study
  - Parlor
  - Choir Rehearsal
  - Choir Room
  - Moms in Prayer
  - Darms Chapel

**Thursday, September 21**
- **7:00pm** Worship Team Rehearsal
  - CAA
  - Women’s Bible Study
  - Room C

**Friday, September 22**
- **No Events Scheduled**

**Saturday, September 23**
- **No Events Scheduled**

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**THE HARD SAYINGS OF JESUS**

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**“IT IS EASIER FOR A CAMEL TO GO THROUGH THE EYE OF A NEEDLE THAN FOR A RICH MAN TO ENTER THE KINGDOM OF GOD.”**

(JESUS, IN MATTHEW 19:24)
“I believe it to be a grave mistake to present Christianity as something charming and popular with no offence in it. We cannot blink the fact that gentle Jesus meek and mild was so stiff in His opinions and so inflammatory in His language that He was thrown out of church, stoned, hunted from place to place, and finally gibbeted as a firebrand and a public danger. Whatever His peace was, it was not the peace of an amiable indifference.” -Dorothy Sayers

Convocation 2017 The top story in today’s news is that Convocation 2017 is coming September 24 through October 1! Our theme is “God’s Good News.” Mission Partners from around the globe will join us as they share how they reach out to others with God’s news of salvation. Besides events during the week you will also be able to host a missionary for a meal. There is a signup sheet in the Lobby or you can call the office to have your name added to the list.

All Church Potluck Next Sunday (the first Sunday of Convocation) we are hosting an all-church potluck after the morning service. We have 24 of our mission partners here from around the world and we would like to make them all feel welcome next Sunday. In addition to the potluck we will also hear the first of our Good News Reports with Jon and Sue Wziarade. Please plan to join us in the Gym right after the morning worship service. Here is a guide for what to bring based on your last name: A-G meat or main dish; H-P salad; Q-Z dessert. Please bring enough food for about 10 people. You can drop off your dishes in the kitchen prior to ABF, Sunday School or Worship.

A Walk Through Bethlehem Mark your calendars! December 15 & 16 – more info coming.

Mentors Needed for Affirming Potential Please consider using your life experiences to help others in our community. Love INC is partnering with CCC to provide the Affirming Potential classes for us and our neighbors. We need mentors to come along side those taking the class to provide guidance through the class. You will have six weeks of mentor training followed by being paired with one of the participants in the Affirming Potentials class. This mentoring opportunity begins on Monday Oct. 9 at 6:30pm. Please contact Pastor Mike for more details or if you are interested in being a mentor.
Romans Bible Study Every man needs a community where he can be known, experience accountability, find encouragement, and be challenged to grow in God’s Word. Join us on Wednesday nights as we delve into the book of Romans to discover how the gospel changes everything. Starts September 20 at 7:00-8:30 in the Parlor. If interested, just show up or email Pastor Drew for more details. Hope to see you there!

Fall Retreat Enjoy great fellowship and sharing times around the coffee pot, campfire, and charcoal grill! Special guest speaker: Christian author and speaker Neil Wilson. Neil holds a master's degree from Trinity Evangelical Divinity School. He has contributed to dozens of devotional works, including the Life Application Study Bible and the Life Application Bible Commentary series. Come and hear Neil speak on what a faithful life of discipleship looks like. You can register at campzion.org or in the church office. Dates: October 13-15. Cost: $137. First meal is Saturday morning. Email Pastor Drew for more info.

Fall Bible Studies We are excited to announce the Fall 2017 Women’s Bible studies! All bible study books are $15 and you can sign up in the Lobby.

Mondays, 6:30-8pm; Room C
The Armor of God by Priscilla Shirer.

Tuesdays, 7:30-9pm; Room C
Foundations of the Gospel
(great for new believers or a need of refreshment of the Gospel)

Thursdays, 7-8:30pm; Room C (starts 9.21.17)
Esther by Beth Moore.

Fridays, 9:15-11am; Parlor
Hosea by Jennifer Rosthchild

Adult Bible Fellowships (ABFs)
Crosswalk - meets in Fellowship Hall  taught by Pastor Ken Langley
Faith Builders - meets in Lloyd Chapel  taught by Pastor Mike McDowell
Touchpoint - meets in Seminar Area  taught by Dave Woodall
24/7 - meets in Room F  taught by Karl Sisson
Unidad en Cristo - meets in Darms Chapel  taught by Pastor Eliel Rojas
Women’s - meets in Room E  taught by Valerie Dykhuizen
Elevate: Marriage & Family - meets in Room C  taught by John & Heather Patenaude
Young Adults - meets in Room D  taught by Pastor Drew Wicklund

Youth
High School - Youth Bible Fellowship - meets in the Youth Room
Junior High - meets in Room 5

Children
1st & 2nd Grade Boys & Girls - meet in Room 3
3rd & 4th Grade Boys & Girls - meet in Room 4
5th & 6th Grade Girls - meet in Room 7/8
5th & 6th Grade Boys - meet in Room 7/8
4 Year Olds - Room 1
5 Year Olds - Room 2

Nursery Location
Baby Nursery - Baby Nursery
1 Year Olds - Room 8/10
2 Year Olds - Room 13
3 Year Olds - Room 15/17

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ZION CONSERVATORY OF MUSIC

If You Enjoy Making Music We are excited about our programs designed to foster musical growth and provide many options of study for a diversity of students. For more info and enrollment details contact us at 847.872.4803 or finearts@ccczion.org. Check our website, zionconservatory.com, for faculty bios and registration forms.

Mini Maestros Parents of little ones! Are you aware that the Zion Conservatory of Music (a ministry of Christ Community Church) has music classes tailored just for your little ones ages 18 months through 5 years?! This is a great way to help their developing minds. Classes begin the end of September so check out all of the great classes now at zionconservatory.com/mini-maestros or by calling 847-872-4803.

Sunday Morning ABF Young Adults, come join us on Sunday mornings for a time of community and bible teaching. We all need a place to connect and belong. Don’t settle for sitting on the sidelines. Get plugged in on Sunday mornings with like-minded young adults committed to building relationships and growing in God’s Word. We meet in Room D under the Sanctuary at 9:00am. We hope you’ll join us!

Small Groups Every believer needs a community where personal discipleship is deepened, and where the truth of the gospel is brought to bear on the complexities of life. Few things can provide this like small groups. Our small groups are made up of no more than 10-12 guys or ladies committed to discipleship through intentional accountability, prayer and the study of God’s Word. Come join one of our guys or ladies small groups starting in October. Contact Pastor Drew for more information.

YOUTH MINISTRY (9TH - 12TH GRADE)

Student Leadership Team starts tonight from 6-7:00pm in the Youth Room. SLT is open to all Sr. High students who are followers of Christ and want to use their natural influence in order to help other people come to know Him.

Camp Zion Fall Retreats Fall Camps at Camp Zion are open for registration. Head over to campzion.com and click on the Fall Camps tab to register. Sr. High Fall Camp is October 6-9 and Jr. High Fall Camp is October 27-29. Financial Aid is available for families in need.

Small Groups are in Session The school year can be incredibly demanding. The stress can seem overwhelming. All the more reason to join a high school small group. Come and rest in God’s Word with a handful of your peers and a guide or two. It’s a weekly oasis from the busyness of life. Sign up at any youth event or by contacting Pastor Leo.

Learn to Lead @ Dare 2 Share This Saturday You influence people every day but are you using that influence to help people see Christ more clearly? All Sr. High students are invited to join us on Saturday, September 23 for a nationwide simulcast training event, Dare 2 Share LIVE, at Immanuel Baptist Church in Kenosha. The event runs from 11 – 6:30 and tickets are $20. See Pastor Leo to reserve your ticket.

Ready to Serve? Our next youth ministry service project takes place on Thursday, October 5. Student volunteers are needed to help wait tables at the Family Resource Center’s annual banquet from 6-8pm at Cornerstone Community Church in Wadsworth. Sign up at any youth event.

CHILDREN’S MINISTRY (BIRTH THROUGH 6TH GRADE)

AWANA Tomorrow is First Club Night and Parent Meeting at 6:30pm. To register your child, plan on coming at 6:00pm. If you’ve already registered, please arrive a little early – 6:15pm.

AWANA Extra Assistance Needed Tomorrow 6:00-7:00pm - We could use several people to help with check-in, greeting, taking photos (camera provided), etc. Let Terri Allen know if you can help.

6th Annual Harvest Party Saturday, October 21 Want to be part of the planning committee? Sign-up at the Children’s Ministry table in the Lobby.