

Carlock Christian Church – Weekly Update 69

Week of July 11, 2021

Message from the Pastor

Dear Church,

Last Sunday, we gathered for a delightful worship service in the church's garden. It was a warm, sunny day out, and people were in good spirits. (Especially those who were lucky enough to have a seat in the shade.) The garden is a beautiful, peaceful space, that is well cared for by members of our congregation. Whether I am looking out the windows of the office or the parsonage, or sitting on the bench, it is a wonderful place to sit and reflect. A good place to “be still and know.”

I was glad that we were able to gather there in the garden for worship because I think it never hurts to take our worship experience for a walk, so to speak. To bring our experience of worshiping God to a new and different space. It reminds us that our relationship with God is not confined to one location or to one time of the week. God can be known to us in all sorts of places. However, that works both ways. We can always be making ourselves known to God, wherever we are, not just in the sanctuary on a Sunday morning. We can always give our time and attention to God, in a peaceful garden, or sitting at red light.

The story of David that we have been following in sermons this past month, continues in 2 Samuel chapter 6. Here we read the story of David bringing the Ark of the Covenant to Jerusalem. By bringing the Ark to his city, David is literally (as the Israelites believed) bringing the presence of God into that place. He was making a city that had until recently been held by the Jebusites into a seat of religious and spiritual power. Even down to the present day, Jerusalem is a Holy City that holds a significant place in the history and spiritual life of the three Abrahamic religions (Judaism, Christianity, Islam). It is so because David made it that way by “literally” bringing God into the city. The primary reasons that physical or geographic locations are holy to us is that we have made them so. We have intentionally brought God into the space, we have felt God's presence, we have engaged our relationship with God in that space.

On Sunday, one of our youth said that they experience God when playing baseball. This, of course, reminds me of the famous line from the baseball movie *Field of Dreams*; “If you build it, they will come.” God is with us always, my friends, if we build it, whatever it is, God can make it holy. Let us continue to create space, in our lives and in world, to fill with God's love.

Peace,

Zach

Request for Pies

The Carlock Community Club is hosting the food stand at the Community Band Concert. We are in need of homemade and/or store-bought fruit pies for Sunday, July 25th for the Danvers Community Band Concert. If anyone would like to donate, please bring to the pies to church on Sunday morning, July 25th. Please and thank you! If you have any questions talk to Crystal Larkin (708) 705-9299

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Communion

If you would like to receive communion from the church at this time, please contact Sue Larkin or Pastor Zach Martin.

Coffee Hour

With the updated CDC guidance, we are now returning to holding our coffee hour. This Sunday (July 11th) coffee hour will take place before worship at 9:00AM. If you would like to host coffee hour, please sign up in the church Narthex or contact Pastor Zach.

VBS+

Thank you to all of our volunteers and families with VBS+ for helping make it a success! Thank you, Debbie, Dorothy, Sue, Path, Kris, and Zach (and Cristin for the tent)! While we had fewer kids this year, we still were able to learn together about the fruits of the spirit, make awesome crafts, play games, and sing a pretty catchy song. The at-home kits for those who couldn't make it in-person will be delivered in the coming week. For now, lets all continue to try to embody faithfulness, love, generosity, peace, and joy!

-Clayton



Partners in Healing: Acute Rehab Unit

In 2021, Carlock Christian Church will be taking part in the Partners in Healing initiative with Carle BroMenn Hospital. As part of this program different faith communities in the area are assigned a hospital medical unit to lift up in prayer. These are prayers of support, healing, and well-being. In return the Chaplains and staff of the Spiritual Care department at BroMenn will lift up our church in prayer as well. This year we have been assigned the Acute Rehab Unit. This is a department in the hospital that provides care for patients needing extensive rehabilitation from head, spine, and other traumatic injuries and illnesses. Please keep these people, and the staff that cares for them, in your prayers.

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Sunday Worship

This week's worship will be in-person. On Sunday evening/night the worship recording will be put out virtually for access via the church's [Facebook page](#) and the [church website's worship page](#). In addition, Sunday morning the church service can be listened to live on the radio around Carlock by tuning your radio to 105.9FM at 10:00AM.

Illinois Covid-19 Vaccine Appointment Hotline

The state of Illinois has set up a vaccine hotline to assist in getting Covid-19 vaccine appointments for people who are eligible as an alternative to the online only sign-up. More information can be found [here](#) and the vaccine hotline is (833) 621-1284.

Cohort

Cohort (6th – 12th) will continue this week, 7:00-8:30PM on Wednesdays. **(Please note the summer time change from a start time of 7:30 to 7:00PM. This will enable us to spend half an hour in gathering games followed by an hour lesson.)** We know families are often busy during summers, so we understand if kids aren't able to attend every week with family trips and other commitments. At the same time, we hope our youth are able to attend when they are available for Christian formation in community. We will be having two options each week for your child(ren) to participate. The first option will be in-person, masked, and socially distanced in the church basement. If you are not comfortable yet with this option or if you or your child(ren) is/are not feeling well, your child(ren) will still be able to join in via Zoom for the same activities, videos, community building, and Christian formation! For the summer, we will be doing a study series on how our faith and the Bible intersect with the world. The list of lessons and meetings can be found [here](#). This week we will be discussing "Does God Have a Gender?". The Zoom link for each week will be:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88226160610?pwd=L21qck84OXoreDVVRGt3QlB0Q2R4Zz09>

Meeting ID: 882 2616 0610

Passcode: 233001

Please do not hesitate to reach out to Clayton Summers with any questions at 618-262-3065 or via email at clayton.wwj@gmail.com.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

July 13th – Diane Mitchell

July 13th – Red Woosley

July 15th – Bryan & Kathy Burris' Anniv.

July 16th – Dave Dunmire

July 16th – Lou Daniel

July 16th – Marlene (Mary) Myers

July 19th – Doug Geshiwl

July 21st – Stella Fortner

July 25th – Cindy Gilmore

July 25th – Jairon Walk

July 25th – Kevin & Dawn Neblock's Anniv.

July 30th – Jim Fogle

July 30th – Lance & Michelle Geshiwl's Anniv.

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Joys and Concerns

As a community of Christians, we find meaning in prayer and praying for our community. Below is our current list of prayer concerns and joys. Each concern will be kept on the list for four weeks unless requested again. If you have a joy or concern you would like to share with our community of faith, we ask you to email [Pastor Zach](mailto:pastor.zach@carlockchristian.org) so it can be added to the next week's Weekly Update.

- Please keep in prayer those standing up against racism and other interlocking injustices
- Please keep in prayer all those suffering from Covid19 and its effects: health, mental, emotional, spiritual, and economic
- Please keep in prayer Acute Rehabilitation Unit, Carle BroMenn Medical Center
- We keep in prayer Richard H. as his dementia worsens
- We keep in prayer Cole and his family after a mowing accident as he comes home and offer joy for the community that has come together to support them
- We keep in prayer Jessi, one of Clayton's friends who was in a car accident
- We keep in prayer Jennifer's grandson Caleb's six-year-old friend Lakota and his family as they face many health complications
- We keep in prayer Lou's brother Andy who is feeling isolated due to COVID and facing some unrelated health issues
- We keep in prayer Linda W.'s aunt Corrine as she is recovering from a stroke
- We keep in prayer Dorothy L.'s brother-in-law John who is in the hospital with blood clots and a mass in the pelvic region
- We lift up in joy the prayers and support of the community of faith for Marshall & Lil

Food Pantry

For the month of July, Carlock Christian is specifically collecting vegetables for the food pantry. Please bring your vegetables (or other food donations) to the church building and place them in the tubs in the lower narthex or take them directly to the food pantry in Danvers. The Carlock-Danvers Food Pantry provides essential food for anyone in the community who is needs a meal. Whether you are looking to help out or are in need of food, for the most recent updates, please check their [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/carlockdanversfoodpantry) page. To give a monetary donate to the Carlock-Danvers Food Pantry, a check can be sent to the address on the following page:

First Presbyterian Church of Danvers
201 E. Main St., Danvers, IL 61732
Memo: Food Pantry

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Giving

Financial tithes and offerings can be mailed to the church's P.O. Pox Address to continue to help support the ministries of the church. Even if separated by physical distance, together we are still reaching out to be the body of Christ in our community. Everyone who has given back to God in whatever form, you are furthering the work of God's Realm.

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Links

All the links from each week's Weekly Update will now appear in a section at the end of the document for your convenience:

Church Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/cccdoc1/>

Church Website Worship Page: <http://carlockchristianchurch.org/worship/>

Food Pantry Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/Danverscarlockcommunityfoodpantry/>

Crew and Cohort Zoom:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88226160610?pwd=L21qck84OXoreDVVRGt3Q1B0Q2R4Zz09>

Midwest Food Bank: <https://www.midwestfoodbank.org/>

Find a Blood Drive: <https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/find-drive>

Ministry Across Generations Faith at Home Resources:

<https://www.docfamiliesandchildren.org/untitled-cdwm>

Camping Program Current Dates & Announcement: <https://cciwdisciples.org/camp-program/>

Vaccine Hotline News Story: <https://news.wttw.com/2021/03/15/illinois-launches-hotline-covid-19-vaccine-appointments>

Cohort Summer Lesson Schedule: <http://carlockchristianchurch.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/05/CohortSummerSchedule2021.pdf>

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As always, we ask everyone continue to stay in touch, to reach out to each other and the church staff should needs arise, and to stay safe.

Blessings

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