

# Carlock Christian Church – Weekly Update 74

## Week of August 15, 2021

### Message from the Pastor

Dear Church,

I am writing today to share some news with you. Some of you may have heard this already, especially if you were in attendance on Sunday morning.

The update is that I am resigning as Pastor of Carlock Christian Church, wrapping up my ministry in the coming weeks. This decision was not made lightly by any of us involved.

Below you will find my official letter of resignation, which details the decision a bit more. Peace and health to you all.

*This past year has been one of much change and uncertainty. It has affected all of us in different ways, and we will all have to respond to it in the way that we feel is best. The future seems more uncertain than usual. So, with that in mind, while I am grateful to have been able to be in ministry and relationship with the congregation of Carlock Christian Church during this past year, I believe we have reached a point where change is needed for all parties concerned. The Pastoral Relations Committee agrees, and we believe the church will need a leader that can guide it into the future who has a vision for what this community of faith can be, and a passion for the work of congregational ministry in a rural setting. At this time, I can no longer offer these qualities, and believe I am being called to pursue different opportunities and expressions of ministry. So, I am hereby resigning my position as Pastor of Carlock Christian Church, with an anticipated final date of Sunday, September 19<sup>th</sup>.*

*I thank the congregation for the opportunity to serve, and for being a supportive part of pastoral formation, and wish you all nothing but blessings on your future ministry.*

*Peace be with you,*

*Zachary E. Martin*

### Masking Recommendation

[Regional Church Leadership] encourage our congregations to follow the latest public health advice. The current advice is wearing masks indoors, and vaccinations for those who are able...It would be wise to protect each other.

### Save the Date! 185<sup>th</sup> Celebration: September 12<sup>th</sup>

Sunday, September 12<sup>th</sup> we will be celebrating the church's 185<sup>th</sup> birthday! Sue Larkin is currently looking for volunteers to help plan the event, please contact her if you are interested! More information will be coming soon about the activities, but make sure to mark your calendars as you won't want to miss this.

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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.

### Communion

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

### 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.

### No Coffee Hour This Sunday

This Sunday (August 15<sup>th</sup>) there will be no coffee hour due to flooding in the church building's basement this previous week with the heavy rains. If you would like to host coffee hour, please sign up in the church Narthex or contact Pastor Zach.

### 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.

### Birthdays and Anniversaries

Aug. 13<sup>th</sup> – Clayton Summers

Aug. 13<sup>th</sup> – Jim Funk

Aug. 14<sup>th</sup> – Lisa Branch

Aug. 15<sup>th</sup> – Mitch Mitchell

Aug. 15<sup>th</sup> – Ryan & Crystal's Anniv.

Aug. 16<sup>th</sup> – Brandi Bohannon

Aug. 21<sup>st</sup> – Kaleb Jones

Aug. 23<sup>rd</sup> – Jake Branch

Aug. 25<sup>th</sup> – Emma Lanz

Aug. 25<sup>th</sup> – Julie Foster

Aug. 25<sup>th</sup> – Lil Elkin

Aug. 30<sup>th</sup> – Riley Larkin

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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:zach.e.martin1987@gmail.com) 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 Covid-19 and its effects: health, mental, emotional, spiritual, and economic
- Please keep in prayer Acute Rehabilitation Unit, Carle BroMenn Medical Center
- We keep in prayer Jennifer's grandson Caleb's six-year-old friend Lakota and his family as they face many health complications and offer up thanks for successful surgeries at St. Jude
- We keep in prayer Dorothy L.'s brother-in-law John who is starting radiation and is grateful for our prayers
- We keep in prayer the families of those killed in the car accident in Washington, IL
- We keep in prayer Mary Ellen M. who can't come to worship but is thinking of us
- We keep in prayer Dorothy L. and her family following the death of her sister-in-law this past week
- We keep in prayer Cyndi D.'s brother-in-law as he struggles with Parkinson's and complications
- We keep in prayer Crystal L.'s aunt who is healing from a hand injury
- We keep in prayer Richard H. moving into Heritage in Normal for rehab after a hard fall and continued trouble with dementia
- We keep in prayer Sue L.'s brother Doug as he continues to face health challenges with pain
- We offer up joy and thanksgiving for an undefeated season for Riley and Cody's baseball team
- We offer up joy and thanksgiving for our VBS+ volunteers and kids
- We offer up joy and thanksgiving for Jennifer's family making it home safely from military deployment
- We offer up joy and thanksgiving for the faith community's outreach to Dorothy L. following the sudden death of her sister-in-law

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### Food Pantry

For the month of August, Carlock Christian is specifically collecting meals (complete kits) for the food pantry. Please bring your meals (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](#) 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

### 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/>

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>

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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