

Carlock Christian Church – Weekly Update 78

Week of September 12, 2021

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.

Message from the Pastor

Dear Church,

As we prepare celebrate Carlock Christian Church's 185th birthday this Sunday, it is understandable in such a time if our minds begin to trail of into memories of times gone by. Or if we take some time to let the nostalgia wash over us, taking us back to another time or place. In fact, we will be encouraging this on Sunday, as a portion of our worship service will be dedicated to the sharing of memories.

As I think back on the past year that I have spent here in Carlock, one memory that stands out for me is the memory of the Drive-In Christmas Eve service this past advent. One of the things I remember most about this experience was the cold. It was freezing that night. It was below 20 degrees making that night one of the coldest nights of the year to that point. I remember wearing a robe as much to keep warm as to mark the sacredness of the occasion. I remember the sound of the heater running at my feet. I remember having to strain at times to read what I had written because the light in the garage wouldn't stay on. I remember looking out on the parking lot, seeing only a few faces behind all car headlights shining back at me. Mostly, I remember feeling very grateful that we were able to gather in the same physical place that night, and that we were able to find a way to celebrate the birth of our savior safely and as a community, even if it was extremely cold.

I'm sure some of you will remember that unique evening as well, and I am sure that all of you have memories from your time at this church. I am sure you have memories of times when you felt closer to God and closer to one another because of your involvement in the life and ministry of Carlock Christian Church. This Sunday we will celebrate the longevity and the continuing effects of this ministry. As I said, we will have a time in the service for the sharing of memories. All of you are invited to share memory, and I encourage it, because we would love to share in it with you. So, if you would like to share a memory of your time at Carlock Christian you can do that in a couple of ways: you can email me your memory (zach.e.martin1987@gmail.com) and someone will read it during the worship service, or you can bring it with and share it yourself when we open the floor for sharing, at which point a microphone will be given to the person sharing. We believe this will be a meaningful experience.

I look forward to sharing with you,

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Choir Update

The choir has decided to go on hiatus for the time being with the current Covid-19 wave. When they decide to come back from hiatus, it will be announced here and they will follow the schedule below:

Choir Rehearsals

Sept. 22
Oct. 6, 17
Nov. 3, 13, 20
Dec. 1, 8, 15

Choir Sunday Anthems

Sept. 26
Oct. 10, 22
Nov. 7, 17, 24
Dec. 5, 12, (Cantata) 19

Save the Date! 185th Celebration: September 12th

This Sunday, September 12th, we will be celebrating the church's 185th birthday! Our worship will take place in the church building. As part of the celebration there will be special music, a time for sharing of CCC memories, and guest preacher Lloyd Hulit. If you would like to share a fond memory during worship you can write it down and send it to Pastor Zach, or you can share it yourself during worship. A microphone will be passed around for those who would like to share.

The second half of our celebration will, of course, involve sharing a meal. There will not be a potluck. Instead, we will be gathering in the Carlock Park Pavilion. There will be a sack lunch will consist of Sandwiches from Brakers of Eureka, chips, a drink, and cupcakes for dessert. There will be some seating at the park, but to ensure your comfort, the meal is BYOLC (Bring Your Own Lawn Chair).

Communion

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

Fall Children & Youth Programming

Crew and Cohort are coming back for the fall! Crew and Cohort will be taking place this Wednesday, September 15th. Crew is for children in kindergarten through 5th grade, and Cohort is for youth in 6th-12th grades. Crew will take place from 6:00PM-7:00PM and Cohort from 7:00PM-8:30PM every Wednesday from Sept. 8th – Dec. 8th (with the week of Thanksgiving off). Crew will be using a curriculum called “Celebrate Wonder” while Cohort will be discussing “The Basics of Faith”. Both groups will play games, do crafts, learn about God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit, and have a lot of fun doing so. For the time being Crew will be meeting virtually and Cohort will be meeting in person with an option to join online.

Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81032540122>

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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.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Sept. 12th – Marc Thomas
Sept. 13th – Bryan Burris
Sept. 13th – Neal Kentch
Sept. 15th – Hillary Thomas

Sept. 17th – Shayla Neblock
Sept. 17th – Michael & Wendy Smiley Anniv.
Sept. 23rd – Ned & Christi Mueller Anniv.
Sept. 23rd – Tim Daniel
Sept. 25th – Jeff Myers

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](#) 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 all the people who are currently in Afghanistan at this time
- We keep in prayer the students, faculty, and staff as they are returning to school
- We keep in prayer David S. as he is still the same, but he and Diane miss worshipping with the community
- We keep in prayer Lou D.'s brother Jerry and his family as he has been falling and having health complications
- We keep in prayer Dawn N. and her family as she is hospitalized with Covid-19
- We keep in prayer Crystal L.'s friend Krysta who broke her foot
- We keep in prayer all those affected by Hurricanes this season
- We keep in prayer Richard H. and his family following his death this past Sunday
- We keep in prayer Debbie Q. and her family following the death of her brother Rob last week
- We keep in prayer Lou D. and her family as her brother Andy has deteriorating health conditions and is in a care facility far away from family
- We offer up joy and thanksgiving for the love this community of faith expresses with birthday wishes

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Coffee Hour

This Sunday (September 12th) we do not have anyone signed up to provide coffee hour, but if you arrive early there always are coffee grounds in the fridge that can be brewed and shared. 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.

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.

Food Pantry

For the month of September, Carlock Christian is specifically collecting pasta for the food pantry. Please bring your pasta (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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