

The Friendly Visitor

from
Christ Lutheran Church

1306 Wilcox Street Menomonie, WI 54751

April 2024

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April @ Christ

- **2** Voting in the Fellowship Hall from 7:00am - 8:00pm
- **3** The SPOT from 3:30pm to 5:30pm;
■ CLC FoodShelf from 5:00pm - 6:00pm;
■ Wednesday's Table from 5:00pm - 6:00pm;
■ Worship with Holy Communion at 6:00pm in the Sanctuary;
■ 6ths Only at 6:45pm;
■ Christ Time at 6:45pm;
- **7** Worship with Holy Communion at 9:00am;
■ Executive Committee Meeting at 10:00am
■ Faith Formation at 10:10am
- **9** Mission workday at 9:00am/Fireside Room;
■ **All Committee Night**
■ Committees meet at 5:30pm;
■ Committees meet with Council at 6:30pm;
■ Church Council meets at 7:00pm
- **10** The SPOT from 3:30pm - 5:30pm
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■ 6ths Only at 6:45pm
■ Christ Time at 6:45pm
- **12** Red Cross Blood Drive from 11:00am - 5:00pm in the Fellowship Hall
- **13** Cub Scout Spaghetti Dinner Fund raiser from 4:00pm - 7:00pm
- **14** Worship with Holy Communion at 9:00am in the Sanctuary
■ Faith Formation at 10:10am

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■ 6ths Only at 6:45pm;
■ Christ Time at 6:45pm;
- **18** Bible Study at 10:00am in the Fellowship Hall
■ Photo Directory Sittings from 2:00pm - 8:30pm
- **19** Photo Directory Sittings from 2:00pm - 8:30pm
- **20** Photo Directory Sittings from 10:00am - 4:00pm
- **21** Worship with Holy Communion at 9:00 am in the Sanctuary
■ Faith Formation at 10:10am
- **23** Mission Workday at 9:00am/Fireside Room
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■ CLC FoodShelf from 5:00pm - 6:00pm;
■ Wednesday's Table from 5:00pm - 6:00pm;
■ Worship with Holy Communion at 6:00pm in the Sanctuary;
■ Confirmation Banquet from 5:00pm - 8:00pm
- **28 CONFIRMATION**
■ Worship with Holy Communion at 9:00am in the Sanctuary
■ Faith Formation at 10:10am

FROM THE



PASTOR

Dear Friends,

Grace and peace to you today and always from our creating, redeeming, and sanctifying God. Holy week offers a profound opportunity to deepen our faith and experience anew the depth of our Savior's love. Holy Week began with the waving of leafy branches and laying down of cloaks as reverberating shouts of Hosanna ushered Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem. Tonight, we gather around the table of the Lord for the gift of a new covenant in which God is with us tangibly in and through Holy Communion as with the first disciples. Tomorrow, Good Friday, we follow Jesus' agony-filled journey to the cross, where he gave himself for us. With the benefit of

history on our side, we know the story doesn't end there. For it is a story of beginnings rather than endings. Easter Sunday, we celebrate that Jesus is alive! We marvel at the empty tomb as Jesus defeated death, giving us Resurrection. This journey reminds us that this is God's story. We would never have written it this way. Yet, this story is God's story of love for you and me.

As we gather, I pray that God will open our hearts, minds, and ears to hear Christ's story of love anew. I pray that we slow down and notice. I pray that this Good News of Jesus invites us deeper into faith, asking profound questions about the text, our lives, and our world. Whether you will be worshiping online or in person, I hope that you experience the depth of God's love for you, beloved child of God. As always, this week provides an opportunity to share the gift of hope. Holy

Week is a great time to invite family members, friends, neighbors, and co-workers to share in the promise of Easter!

God's Joy,
Pastor Stephen

Church Financials

General Fund

February 2024

Offerings \$19,127.57

Expenses -24,063.80
- 4,936.23

Please let the church office know if someone is in the hospital.

**Christ Lutheran Church
Council Minutes
February 13, 2024 7:00 p.m.**

Members Present

Judy Benzel, Alex Beranek, Barb Dahms, Leslie Falkner, Steve Josephson, Kathleen Kjenslee, Curt Larson, Tim Lehmann, Jeff Merritt, Robin Nelson, Linda Tylee, Dick Tyson and Pastor Stephen Hilding (ex-officio)

Call to Order

Council President Tim Lehmann called the meeting to order at 6:52 p.m. at the Church.

Vision Statement was read by JMerritt.

Mission Statement was read by All.

Council Purpose was read by All.

Approval of February 13, 2024
Agenda

[2-1] A motion was made and seconded to approve the agenda; DTyson/LTylee. After discussion the following additions needed to be added to the agenda. The Menomonie Fire Department is asking for a donation for the Fireup Program and Rochelle Booth would like to rent space a couple days a week for her Foot and Nail Care Business. A motion was made and seconded to approve the amended agenda; KKjenslee/LTylee; motion carried.

Dwelling in the Word

Pastor Stephen Hilding led in a Devotion. Pastor Stephen thanked the outgoing Council members Arla, Vickie and Kaye for their service. He also thanked Dick for agreeing to serve another term and welcomed Judy, Alex, Robin

and Barb. Then we went onto an M&M ice breaker. Each member selected three different color M&Ms and answered questions relating to that color. This helped the Council members to get to know each other better.

Approval of January 9,
2024 Council Minutes

[2-2] A motion was made and seconded to approve the January 9, 2024, Council Meeting Minutes; DTyson/LTylee; motion carried.

New Business

A. Action: Remove Declan Leach from membership per request.

[2-3] A motion was made and seconded to remove Declan Leach's membership; DTyson/JMerritt; motion carried.

B. Action: Approval of the Boy Scouts using the church on Friday, March 22 from 6pm

to midnight for a lock in.

[2-4] A motion was made and seconded to approve the Boy Scouts the use of the church on Friday, March 22 from 6pm to midnight for a lock in; JMerritt/DTyson; motion carried.

C. Discussion: Committee assignments discussed.

'a. Administration Committee: Tim Lehmann and Steve Josephson

'b. Congregational Life Committee: Kathleen Kjenslee, Linda Tylee, Judy Benzel, Barb Dahms, Robin Nelson and Leslie Falkner

'c. Outreach Committee: Dick Tyson, Jeff Merritt, Curt Larson and Alex Beranek

D. Discussion: Feedback on raises discussed. The motion at the Annual Meeting was for a 4% pay

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Council Directory

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- Alex Beranek
- Barb Dahms: barbdahms@hotmail.com
- Steve Josephson: steve22di21@gmail.com
- Kathleen Kjenslee kjenslee@sbcglobal.net
- Jeff Merritt jmsepmsmerritt@wwt.net
- Robin Nelson: tweet5657@yahoo.com
- Linda Tylee: linda.tylee@mail.com
- Dick Tyson: tysonr@uwstout.edu
- Pastor Stephen Hilding (ex-officio) pastorstephen.clc@gmail.com

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increase for staff. However, the annual report only listed the office staff. We will move forward for all staff members getting the 4% wage increase based on the motion at the Annual Meeting.

E. Discussion: Wednesday's Table guidelines and procedures discussed. Guidelines state that all food needs to be under lock and key. We will be working on moving the food out of the closets in the Fellowship Hall and along with the three freezers into the choir room to be locked to meet the guidelines. Also the latest Health Department guidelines are "Anyone who has been in contact with someone that has a communicable disease or illness that can spread from person to person or from animal to human or from a surface on a food, you should not be able to prep or serve food and should stay home for 5 days." The new guidelines were shared with the Wednesday's Table volunteers.

F. Discussion: Savings account line items discussed and how we can condense some of the accounts.

[2-5] A motion was made and seconded for Tim Lehmann and the bookkeeper to review the accounts and present their recommendations to condense the accounts at the March meeting; LTylee/ABeranek; mo-

tion carried.

G. Discussion: January shortage in giving was discussed and working towards getting members to give online. This allows us to stay more consistent throughout the year. We also need to update our Vanco site and the giving accounts listed.

H. Discussion: Trust Giving discussed and the Covenant Trust at Dairy State Bank. We can make this fund available to members to donate money to the trust for their qualified charitable contributions and then quarterly move the money from the Trust at Dairy State Bank to the ELCA Covenant Fund.

I. Discussion: Options for color printing discussed.

[2-6] A motion was made and seconded to get bids and options for a color printer/copier; JMerritt/LFalkner; motion carried.

J. Action: Menomonie Fire Department asked for a donation to the Fireup Program for distribution of fire education materials to schools throughout our community.

[2-7] A motion was made and seconded to donate \$105.00 to the Fireup Program; JMerritt/CLarson; motion carried.

K. Action: Rochelle Booth called to see if the church would be willing to rent out a space a couple days a

week for her Foot and Nail Care Business. She usually does it from area Senior Centers (but the one in Menomonie is already spoken for). She needs just a small space (the size of an exam room, a table and a couple of chairs.

[2-8] A motion was made and seconded to reject the request for Rochelle Booth to rent a room at the church as it does not fit into our ministry; LTylee/RNelson; motion carried.

Old Business

- A. Cash Flow discussed.
- B. Audit Committee updated. We are waiting for one more person to commit.
- C. Radio Broadcast discussed. Audio Architects will be coming in March to provide us with options.
- D. Audio Visual Specialist discussed. We have one internal candidate.

Reports

- A. Pastor's Report: Pastor Hilding presented his report.
- B. Committee Reports/Actions/Financial Reports received to the Council.

Adjournment

[2-9] A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting; DTyson/SJosephson; motion carried.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m. and closed with The Lord's Prayer.

Leslie Falkner, Secretary



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“So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them, and they said nothing to anyone for they were afraid.” That’s where the Gospel of Mark originally ended. And it just seems so odd to me. It’s so abrupt. I mean, the women had seen the angel. He’d announced that Jesus was raised from the dead, and then he tells them all this good news and wants them to go on their way. And they just are not going to say a single word.

There are three words in that passage that really stand out for me, especially in the Greek. One is fear — *phobos*. We get phobia from that. The other one is amazement — *ekstasis*. We get ecstasy from that. And the other one has to do with being seized. It actually means “being possessed.” So we take a look at these women, and they’ve had this miraculous appearance by an angel. They’ve heard the good news that Jesus has raised from the dead, and they’re too afraid to do anything about it, and they just are going to be silent. It seems that nothing changed. They came to take care of Jesus’ dead body because on the Sabbath they could not work. But on the first day of the week, they were there. They have this announcement, and then it’s all the same.

Sometimes I think we feel like nothing’s changed. Sometimes I think that the events in our country, in our church, around the world are just so terrifying and so overwhelming that it seems like the resurrection really didn’t make a difference. But these three words really say something about the women, and I think about us and, most especially, about Easter. When they said that they were filled with amazement — this is this ecstasy, *ekstasis* — they were really standing. It means literally standing in a different place. So though they were still in the tomb and they hadn’t reacted yet, nevertheless, everything had changed. And because of the resurrection, we, all of us, are standing in a different place. The whole of creation is standing in a different place. And the word for fear, *phobos*, phobia we get from that. But it’s really a sense of trembling in the presence of God, of awe that they were actually filled with awe — not paralyzed by fear but filled with awe. And I hope this Eastertide and all year round, we have a sense of the presence of God that fills us with awe.

And it also says that they were seized with fear. Well, the word means “possessed.” And yes, we believe that in baptism because of the resurrection, Jesus sent the Holy Spirit and we now are all Spirit-possessed.

When things seem to be staying the same, when things seem to be happening and coming at us so quickly, I think it’s very important to take time to be a little amazed, to be standing in a different place, to have a sense of this awe and trembling before the Lord, and to allow ourselves to be possessed by the Spirit, who will give us power and courage in these times.

My favorite hymn is “Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song.” It’s *ELW* 808. And the last verse goes like this: “I fear in the dark and the doubt of my journey; but courage will come with the sound of his steps by my side. And with all of the family Jesus saved by his love, we’ll sing to his dawn at the end of our journey.”

Be well, dear church. Happy Easter.

Scripture Readings for April

Apr 7 Acts 4:32-35
Psalm 133
1 John 1:1-2:2
John 20:19-31

Apr 14 Acts 3:12-19
Psalm 4
1 John 3:1-7
Luke 24:36b-48

Apr 21 Acts 4:5-12
Psalm 23
1 John 3:16-24
John 10:11-18

Apr 28 Acts 8:26-40
Psalm 22:25-31
1 John 4:7-21
John 15:1-8

Council and Committee Night

All committees will meet individually on Tuesday, April 9, from 5:30pm - 6:30pm.

Committees and Council then meet together at 6:30pm,

Council meets at 7pm.

By attending the Sunday service, you give consent that your image and the image of all the people in your group may be portrayed in the livestream and recording.

THANK YOU...

... for the prayers, cards and well wishes while I was in the hospital. - *Sharon Klabunde*

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**Saturday,
April 6th, 2024
11am - 2pm
Menomonie High
School**

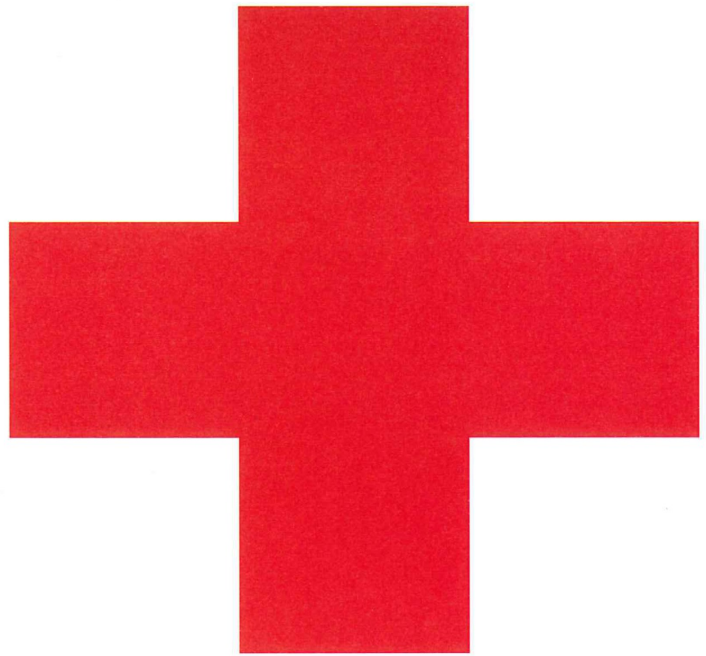


Tickets can only be purchased on the day of the event.

Give blood.

Every 2 seconds someone
in the U.S. needs blood.

American Red Cross



Blood Drive
Christ Lutheran Church
1306 Wilcox St.

Friday, April 12, 2024
11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter: menomoniechristlutheran to schedule an appointment.



Make an impact: Come give blood 4/8 to 4/28 for a \$10 gift card by email to a merchant of choice!



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UPCOMING EVENTS

Election Day

April 2, 7:00am - 8:00pm

Election Day Bake Sale

April 2, 7:00am - until gone
Church office hallway

Empty Bowls

April 6, 11:00am - 2:00pm
at Menomonie High School

Tainter United Methodist Church Thrift Sale

April 11, 8:00am - 6:00pm
N7584 690th Street, Colfax, WI

Red Cross Blood Drive

April 12, 11:00am - 5:00pm
in the Fellowship Hall

Cub Scout Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser

April 13, 4:00pm - 7:00pm
In the Fellowship Hall

The Menomonie Singers Spring Concert

April 13, 2:00pm
First Lutheran Church,
New Richmond
April 20, 2:00pm
Christ Church Cathedral
Eau Claire
April 21, 2:00pm
Our Savior's Lutheran Church
Menomonie

Dunn County Humane Society Rummage & Bake Sale

April 19, 9:00am - 6:00pm
April 20, 9:00am - 12:00pm
Fanetti Community Center
620 17th Street SE, Menomonie

Dunn County Barbershoppers 53rd Annual Harmony Show

April 20, 7:00pm
Martin Anderson Gym
601 University Avenue, Colfax, WI

Women's Day of Renewal

April 20, 9:00am - 1:00pm
Hope Lutheran Church, Eau Claire
(reservations required by April 8)

Luther Park Workday

April 20, 8:00am - 4:30pm
Please call 715-859-2215 if
Planning to attend

Confirmation Sunday

April 28, worship at 9:00am
In the Sanctuary

Annual Thrift, Bake, Plant & Quilt Sale

May 3, 8:00am - 4:00pm
May 4, 9:00am - 2:00pm
In Fellowship Hall

Youth News



April

- 3. Mid-Week Worship at 6:00pm
- 10. 9th Grade Confirmation at 5:45pm
Mid-Week Worship at 6:00pm
- 12-14. Youth Retreat at Luther Park
- 18-20. Directory Photo Sessions
- 20. Luther Park Spring Workday
- 24. Confirmation Photos and Banquet
from 5:00 - 8:00pm
- 28. Confirmation Sunday

CLCW News

Dates to remember

April 9: Mission Workday at 9:00am

April 18: Bible Study in Fellowship Hall at 10:00am

April 23: Mission Workday at 9:00am

May 2: Thrift Sale Drop Off Day

Nancy Bourget and Arla Graff
CLCW Co-Presidents

Memorials

To Undesignated in memory of:

Sue Dahm from Randy & Barb Dahms*

Anita Jicha from Randy & Barb Dahms*

Cassandra Tye from Jerry & Jan Traxler

To the General Fund in memory of:

Cassandra Tye from Jane & Dave Amble

To Window replacement in memory of:

Rob Mathis from Kelly & Diane Stevens

Cassandra Tye from Kelly & Diane Stevens

To the Parking Lot in memory of:

Bill Neverdahl and Jerry Smith from Larry
Kuester

* name correction from last month

ELCA Women's Chippewa Valley Conference

DAY OF RENEWAL 2024

Saturday, April 20, 2024 9 am – 1 pm

LOCATION: Hope Lutheran Church

2226 Eddy Lane, Eau Claire WI 54703



REGISTRATION: 9:00 to 9:45 am Coffee and breads will be provided.

THEME: A Musical Journey – How to Renew our Minds

- Keynote Speaker: Carol Mohr of Stanley, WI
- Jill Wendtland – Rising Hope Organization Education for Nigerian Girls
- Days for Girls Mission
- Good Neighbors Ukulele Ministry

Cost is \$20.00 per person

Payment is required at the time of registration. No refunds.

Lunch will be provided.

Make checks payable to WELCA

Send registration & check to:

Linda Stock CVC Treasurer

3367 37th Street

Elk Mound, WI 54739

Any questions contact:

Claudeen Oebser

Call, text or email

715-308-2307

Coebser@gmail.com

Please return by April 8th

.....**Please copy this form as needed**.....

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Email _____

Phone _____ **Church Name & City** _____

Note any special dietary restrictions _____

SHARE THE ADVENTURE

BECOME A VOLUNTEER HOST FAMILY



International Experience (iE) is a non-profit student exchange organization looking for host families in your area! We provide a platform for international high school students, their host families and their host communities to connect, relate and explore both the differences that define us, as well as the similarities that unite us. Let us help your family select a student to become part of your family for the upcoming school semester or year.

Host Family Provides:

- * Safe & Supportive Home
- * Permanent Bed (Student may share a room with host siblings of the same gender and similar age)
- * Three Meals A Day (Lunch purchased at school is paid by student)
- * Reasonable Transportation

iE Provides:

- * Local Coordinator who provides ongoing support for student & host family through their exchange experience.
- * Orientations for all students and host families.
- * Local & National Support

Student Provides:

- * Spending Money (For all personal expenses, including school fees, entertainment, clothes, etc.)
- * Cost for U.S. cell phone
- * Medical Insurance
- * Willingness to be an active part of your family and community

How Do I Become A Host Family?

Complete an iE Application

Provide Basic Information about you, your family, and your community.

Background Check

Anyone 18 years of age or older, living in the host families home, must complete a background check.

Host Family Interview

An iE Representative will come to your home to meet with you and discuss the opportunity further.

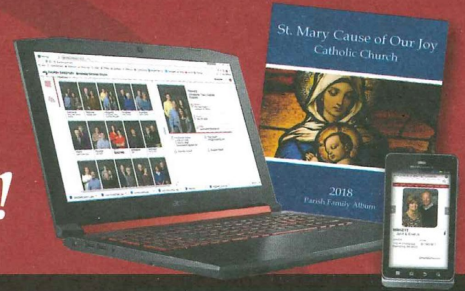
Select Your Student

Once your application has been approved, your Local Coordinator will help you select the perfect student for your family.

"We welcomed Cayetana into our home on a whim, not knowing she'd be moving into our hearts as well. She became a big part of our family and we remain close, years later. We are so happy we chose to host an exchange student and were lucky to have met such a great young woman"

The Wruck Family

Dear Church family, It's time for a New Directory!



*Celebrating faith.
Connecting families.
Sharing hope.*

When people enter the doors of our church they are looking for a place to belong. Our directory brings us together to develop new relationships, connect with our own families, and reconnect with those we haven't seen in a while. Join us for this "Connections Event" and be part of what God is doing right here at our church!

Directory Committee

Connections Event

Our church directory will not be complete without you. Join us to celebrate faith and family with our new church family album.

- **Schedule your professional photography session when you stop by the sign-up table at the church or simply go online and follow the instructions below.** If we don't see your name on our list of appointments, you will receive a phone call inviting you to participate.
- **Everyone who is photographed by Universal will receive a complimentary 8 x 10 portrait and a directory!**
- **Universal provides a complete professional portrait studio right here at our church!** You'll enjoy a variety of poses, backgrounds, portrait sizes, finish and framing options AND have the opportunity to purchase portraits to give to family and friends.

Set your appointment with Universal today!

*Gathering families,
Connecting generations.*



Schedule Your Photo Appointment Online! Photo Dates Thursday - Saturday, April 18 - 20

We need **YOU** to make our directory complete! Please help by having your picture taken!

Plus, you receive a free directory & a free 8 x 10 portrait just for being photographed!

There is no obligation or pressure to purchase.

To schedule your photography appointment online, simply scan the QR code to the right.

Or go to www.ucdir.com & click the "Photography Appointment Scheduling Login" button.

Enter **wi320** in the "Church Code" field and enter **photos** in the "Church Password" field.

Online scheduling may not be available Saturday or Sunday so we can have paper sign-ups at church.

Appointments fill up quickly, so schedule as soon as possible to get the best date and time for you!



Prayer Ventures for April

1 “We need to hear the gospel every day, because we forget it every day” (attributed to Martin Luther, 1483-1546). Pray that we might never grow weary of hearing the story of Easter or experiencing God’s love and mercy for the world in the gift of Jesus Christ.

2 Arab American Heritage Month Remember in prayer the diverse gifts, cultures, heritages, ethnic values and stories of our Arab and Middle Eastern neighbors and siblings in Christ. Ask God to bless and further the work, witness and advocacy of Arab and Middle Eastern congregations and ministries, of ELCA Arab and Middle Eastern Ministries, and of the Association of Lutherans of Arab and Middle Eastern Heritage.

3 Ask God to help us see the presence and influence of Jesus in our daily lives, our relationships and our conversations with neighbors, co-workers and siblings in Christ.

4 Pray for the people of Haiti, who have suffered multiple natural disasters in recent years and are now experiencing civil and political unrest and violence.

5 Lift up praise and thanksgiving to God, celebrating God’s promise of love, forgiveness and eternal life. “This is the Lord for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation” (Isaiah 25:9).

6 Pray for the ministry of Global Refuge (formerly Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service) and give thanks for its 80 years of work supporting and empowering immigrants, asylum-seekers and refugees as they rebuild their lives in the United States.

7 Thomas wasn’t sure what to believe when the risen Jesus mysteriously appeared to him and the other disciples, but Jesus met his skepticism with love and understanding. Give thanks for God’s patience with us when we grapple with the mysteries of our faith, and for the Spirit having revealed truth to us through Scripture, prayer, reflection and our siblings in Christ.

8 Pray that the leaders of Russia and Ukraine and of

Israel and Palestine will commit to their respective cease-fires and meet face-to-face to resolve their conflicts and create peaceful ways forward, ending the widespread human suffering and destruction that have impacted generations of their people.

9 *Dietrich Bonhoeffer, theologian (1906-1945)*

Remember and give thanks to God for people throughout history, such as Bonhoeffer, who are driven by their faith and convictions to stand against injustice, evil and violence toward others, even in the face of personal threats and death. Ask God for the courage and boldness to act when our neighbors are threatened or treated unjustly.

10 “Everything they owned was held in common ... and it was distributed to each as any had need” (Acts 4:32-35). Ask the Spirit to stir our generosity and nurture our unwavering concern for the well-being of our neighbor so that we might share our assets with those in need and foster concerned communities.

11 Ask the Spirit to guide and inspire the leaders of our church gathered for the ELCA Church Council in Chicago, that they will work together to guide, strengthen and grow the church; respond to new challenges; affirm God’s call for us to serve our neighbors; and encourage people of all ages to bear the gospel into the world.

12 Pray for ELCA Global Mission personnel, including volunteers, longtime staff, Young Adults in Global Mission, and seminary students serving as Horizon International interns. Give thanks for their faithful service and the gifts and talents they bring to their work alongside our global companions.

13 We live in a world that pits different groups of people against each other, causing inequity and anguish. Ask the Spirit to transform our fear and prejudice into compassion, kindness, empathy and respect — qualities that strengthen our relationships with each other and affirm the goodness of God’s creation. “How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity!” (Psalm 133:1).

14 Thank God for the Scripture, sacraments, hymns and liturgical art that reveal our redemption and freedom through Jesus Christ.

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15 “Let us love not in word or speech but in deed and truth” (1 John 3:18). Praise God for ELCA World Hunger’s 50 years of action to end hunger, bring relief to those who suffer, develop sustainable solutions to hunger and raise awareness of the needs of our neighbors - here and around the world. Pray that we might exercise generosity, wisdom and perseverance to meet the challenges of ending hunger.

16 Ask God for the openness to reflect on our nation’s history of injustice and inequality and for the courage and humility to overcome racial, religious and gender bias.

17 Give thanks that we can live in the joy of being God’s children and that, though we may not understand completely what that means, it will be fully revealed to us someday.

18 Praise God for the lengthening daylight of spring, which stirs new life and reminds us of the light God brings into the world through the gift of Jesus Christ.

19 Pray for the leaders, voting members and others gathering for the assemblies of the Northern Texas-Northern Louisiana and Western Iowa synods, that the Spirit will strengthen, guide and inspire them as they reflect on the mission of the church, choose leaders and encourage one another to proclaim the gospel and serve our neighbors in need.

20 Remember in prayer our ministry in Africa through ELCA Global Mission, which works alongside Lutheran churches and agencies in 24 African countries and supports the work of the Lutheran World Federation’s Department for World Service.

21 Jesus, our good and loving shepherd, laid down his life for us, his sheep. Give thanks and praise to God!

22 Remember in prayer our neighbors and siblings in Christ whose vocations pull them away from their family, friends, congregation and community. Pray that the Holy Spirit will sustain their faith and spirit and that we will express our connection with them as they come and go.

23 To whom do we turn when we are tired or unsure

of our path in life? Praise God, who stays by our side through every twist and turn.

24 Pray for the leaders, voting members and others gathering for the assembly of the Rocky Mountain Synod, that the Spirit will strengthen, guide and inspire them as they reflect on the mission of the church, choose leaders and encourage one another to proclaim the gospel and serve our neighbors in need.

25 Give thanks for the numerous volunteers from across the country who are training to help youth and their adult leaders at the ELCA Youth Gathering this summer in New Orleans.

26 Pray for the leaders, voting members and others gathering for the assembly of the Alaska Synod, that the Spirit will strengthen, guide and inspire them as they reflect on the mission of the church, choose leaders and encourage one another to proclaim the gospel and serve our neighbors in need.

27 Pray for the leaders, voting members and others gathering for the assemblies of the Northeastern Minnesota and Virginia synods, that the Spirit will strengthen, guide and inspire them as they reflect on the mission of the church, choose leaders and encourage one another to proclaim the gospel and serve our neighbors in need.

28 “Those who say, ‘I love God,’ and hate a brother or sister are liars, for those who do not love a brother or sister, whom they have seen, cannot love God, whom they have not seen” (1 John 4:20). Give thanks that God loved us first, so that we might know unconditional love and mercy and pass them along to all our neighbors.

29 “To the servant of God ... every place is the right place, and every time is the right time” (Catherine of Siena, theologian, 1347-1380). Pray for the wisdom to see every moment of every day as an opportunity to honor God through loving, serving and honoring our neighbors in need.

30 Thank God for the gift of baptism, which affirms our faith, washes us clean with God’s love and forgiveness, welcomes us to the vast community of siblings in Christ and grants us a new life of service and sharing the gospel wherever we go.

The Friendly Visitor

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Christ Lutheran Church

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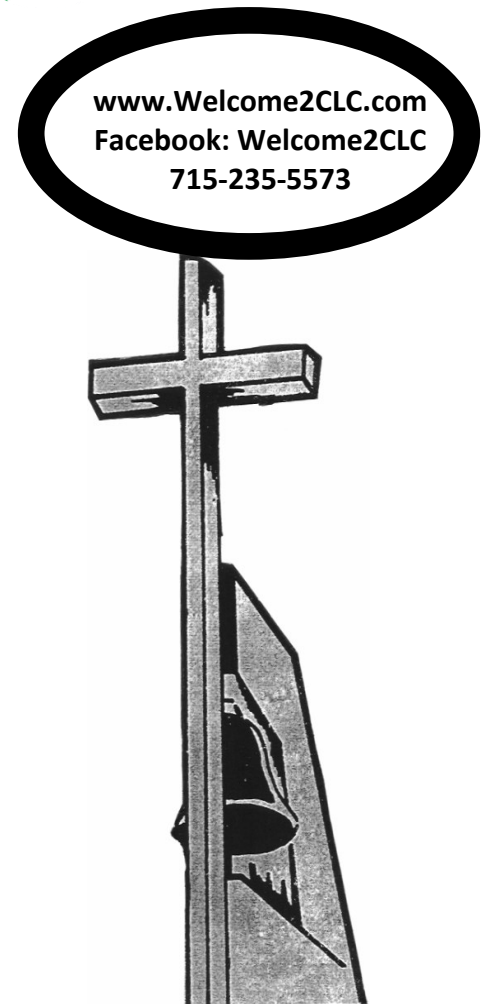
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
7 9:00 AM Worship service (in-person and livestream) 10:00 AM Executive Board 10:15 AM Faith Formation	8	9 9:00 AM Mission Work Day 5:30 PM Admnl. Cong. Life/Worship, Outreach Cmtes 6:30 PM Cmte's and council meet. 7:00 PM Council Meets	10 9:00 AM Staff Meeting 3:30 PM THE SPOT 5:00 PM -6:00 PM CLC FoodShelf 5:00 PM -6:00 PM Wednesday's Table 6:00 PM Worship w/Holy Communion 6:45 PM 6ths Only 6:45 PM Christ Time	11 9:00 AM Staff Meeting 3:30 PM THE SPOT 5:00 PM -6:00 PM CLC FoodShelf 5:00 PM -6:00 PM Wednesday's Table 6:00 PM Worship w/Holy Communion 6:45 PM 6ths Only 6:45 PM Christ Time	12 Church Office Closed 11:00 AM -5:00 PM Red Cross Blood Drive	13 4:00 PM -7:00 PM Cub Scout Spaghetti Dinner
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21 9:00 AM Worship service (in-person and livestream) 10:15 AM Faith Formation	22	23 9:00 AM Mission Work Day	24 9:00 AM Staff Meeting 3:30 PM THE SPOT 5:00 PM -6:00 PM CLC FoodShelf 5:00 PM Confirmation Banquet 5:00 PM -6:00 PM Wednesday's Table 6:00 PM Worship w/Holy Communion	25	26 Church Office Closed	27
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