

# The Friendly Visitor

from  
Christ Lutheran Church

1306 Wilcox Street    Menomonie, WI 54751    January 2024  
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## January @ Christ

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- **7** Worship with Holy Communion at 9:00am; Faith Formation at 10:15am; Executive Committee Meeting at 10:15am
- **9** Mission workday at 9:00am in Fireside Room; CLCW Board meeting at 9am; **All Committee Night**; Committees meet at 5:30pm; Committees meet with Council at 6:30pm; Church Council meets at 7:00pm
- **10 DEADLINE FOR REPORTS AND OTHER ANNUAL MEETING SUBMISSIONS**  
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- **28 YOUTH SUNDAY**; Worship with Holy Communion at 9:00am; Faith Formation at 10:15am; **ANNUAL MEETING** at 10:10am;
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## ANNUAL MEETING

JANUARY 28, 2024  
At 10:10am in the  
Sanctuary.

FROM THE



PASTOR

Merry Christmas! What a joy and blessing it was to celebrate the birth of our Savior together at Christ Lutheran Church.

Indeed, we celebrate the promise that God has come. The maker of heaven and earth has drawn near and taken on human flesh for our

benefit. We continue to marvel at the love of God through the Christ Child.

Whether you joined for our afternoon service or tuned in online- thank you for sharing the Christmas joy. Hearing the story anew, joining our voices in singing, and sharing in a time of fellowship all contributed toward a remarkable celebration as the church. Indeed, O come let us adore Him, for our God has drawn near to us- let us rejoice and share this Good News!

This Christmas season, I find myself reflecting deeply on the simplicity of the birth of Christ. I find myself caught up in the humanness of God made flesh- the light of the world, given for us. The details of the story captivate our hearts and the primary fact that God could not remain at a distance. That God almighty would choose to become fully human to know, experience, live, and embody all of earthly life. To know the truth of the human experience full of beauty, love, exploration, challenges, danger conflicts, and pain. Friends this means that God meets you in all that you experience right now today and comes to offer peace, hope, and a future. To know that God has done this for you and for me- now that is news worth sharing!

Friends, a Happy New Year is also in order. We are excited for what God has in store for Christ Lutheran in 2024. We have exciting plans to continue to build on the excitement of the past several months as God continues to call us to Love Jesus, Grow Together, and Serve Others in new ways.

My hope and prayer for you and this congregation is that this year brings forth fruitfulness in vibrant and unexpected ways. I pray we might become more aware of God's Spirit at work in our lives leading and guiding us all our days. Glory to God in the highest!! Gloria in excelsis deo! For the light in the darkness, the wonderful counselor, mighty God, Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace is here. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

God's Joy,  
*Pastor Stephen*

## Pastoral Acts

### Funeral Service

- Susan Dahm - December 29,  
by Pastor Stephen Hilding at  
Christ Lutheran Church

## OUR SYMPATHY TO...

... the family and friends of **Vivian Riley** who passed away December 12. A Celebration of Life was held December 28 at Village of White Pine.

...the family and friends of **Richard Leach** who passed away December 20. A Celebration of Life will be held January 14 at the Menomonie Moose Lodge.

... the family and friends of **Susan Dahm** who passed away December 21. Her funeral service was held at Christ Lutheran on December 29.

## Scripture Readings for January

Jan 7	Genesis 1:1-5 Psalm 29 Acts 19:1-7 Mark 1:4-11
Jan 14	1 Samuel 3:1-10 Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18 1 Corinthians 6:12-20 John 1:43-51
Jan 21	Jonah 3:1-5, 10 Psalm 62:5-12 1 Corinthians 7:29-31 Mark 1:14-20
Jan 28	Deuteronomy 18:15-20 Psalm 111 1 Corinthians 8:1-13 Mark 1:21-28

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.

## Council and Committee Night

All committees will meet individually on Tuesday, January 9, from 5:30pm to 6:30pm. Committees and Council then meet together at 6:30pm, and the Council meets at 7pm.

Incoming Council members are invited and encouraged to sit in on the meeting.

Reports and submissions for the **annual report** need to be in the church office (preferably emailed) by Wednesday, January 10, 2024

Mid-Week Worship resumes  
Wednesday,  
January 3, 2024  
at 6:00pm

**Christ Lutheran Church Council  
Minutes  
November 14, 7:00pm**

**Members Present**

Arla Graff, Steve Josephson, Vicki Kuester, Curt Larson, Leslie Falkner, Kathleen Kjenslee, Tim Lehmann and Dick Tyson

**Members Absent**

Jeff Merritt, Linda Tylee, Kaye Wurm and Pastor Stephen Hilding (ex-officio)

**Call to Order**

Council President Tim Lehmann called the meeting to order a 6:57 p.m. at the Church.

Vision Statement was read by AGraff.

Mission Statement was read by All.

Council Purpose was read by All.

**Approval of November 14, 2023 Agenda**

*[11-1] A motion was made and seconded to approve the agenda with the changes to add the designation of the Advent and Christmas offerings under Other; VKuester/DTyson; motion carried.*

**Approval of October 10, 2023 Council Minutes**

*[11-2] A motion was made and seconded to approve the October 10, 2023, Council Meeting Minutes; CLarson/AGraff; motion carried.*

**New Business**

Action: Accept for Associate membership at

Christ Lutheran Church, Chad & Brittani Nordquist and their children, Elert, Callaway and Olaf.

*[11-3] A motion was made and seconded to accept Associate membership at Christ Lutheran Church, Chad & Brittani Nordquist and their children, Elert, Callaway and Olaf; DTyson/LFalkner; motion carried.*

Action: Transfer of membership for Matt and Lara Lange and their children Anya and Marlies from Peace Lutheran to Christ Lutheran.

*[11-4] A motion was made and seconded to accept the transfer of membership for Matt & Lara Lange and their children Anya and Marlies from Peace Lutheran to Christ Lutheran; DTyson/LFalkner; motion carried.*

Action: Transfer of

membership for Mary and Randy Eide from Shepherd of the Hill Lutheran Church, Elk Mound to Christ Lutheran.

*[11-5] A motion was made and seconded to accept the transfer of membership for Mary & Randy Eide from Shepherd of the Hill Lutheran Church, Elk Mound to Christ Lutheran; DTyson/LFalkner; motion carried.*

Action: Covenant Fund - discussed moving the savings account due to the Associated Bank Branch closing in Menomonie.

*[11-6] A motion was made and seconded to move the Covenant Fund Savings Account to Dairy State Bank; CLarson/KKjenslee; motion carried.*

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**Council Directory**

- Tim Lehmann (President, Admin Committee): tmcleh@gmail.com
- Vickie Kuester (Vice-President/Outreach): kuesterv@uwstout.edu
- Leslie Falkner (Secretary; Cong. Life): lfalkner@clpay.com
- Steve Josephson (Administration): steve22di21@gmail.com
- Kathleen Kjenslee (Congregational Life): kjenslee@sbcglobal.net
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- Kaye Wurm (Congregational Life) kayewurm@gmail.com
- Arla Graff (Outreach): no email
- Curt Larson (Outreach): curtisonk@outlook.com
- Jeff Merritt (Outreach): jmsepmsmerritt@wwt.net
- Dick Tyson (Outreach): tysonr@uwstout.edu
- Pastor Stephen Hilding (ex-officio) pastorstephen.clc@gmail.com

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Action: Spot Bus Payment - discussed options on how to pay Menomonie Transportation for the busing used for the Spot.

*[11-7] A motion was made and seconded to take the payment out of the Spot (After School) Program account to pay Menomonie Transportation for busing for the Spot; CLarson/DTyson; motion carried.*

Action: Fellowship Hall-Murals - discussed the Wednesday's Table mural created by Jenna Wood in the Fellowship Hall wing. She is submitting a bid for additional murals in the Fellowship Hall wing. Discussed payments.

*[11-8] A motion was made and seconded to take payment out of the Marketing Fund to pay Jenna Wood for the murals; VKuester/DTyson; motion carried.*

Action: Church Keys - discussed with Chris Ness stepping down from the Administration team, how are we going to keep track of the keys and do we need to re-key the doors. Tim Lehmann is asking Jillyn for the list of who has church keys and we will review a formal plan for traceability.

## Old Business

Action: Best practices for insurance claims and bids for products and/or services - stricken from the agenda covered last month.

Cash Flow discussed - Tim Lehman is asking Tricia for details on the large credit card payment.

The Audit Committee discussed Tim Lehman is still working on forming the committee.

## Other

A. Designation of the Advent and Christmas offerings discussed.

*[11-9] A motion was made and seconded to designate 50% of the Advent and Christmas offerings to Habitat for Humanity and 50% to the General Fund; VKuester/CLarson; motion carried.*

## Reports

A. Pastor's Report: Pastor Hilding presented his report via email and read by Tim Lehmann.

B. Committee Reports/ Actions/Financial Reports received to the Council.

## Adjournment

*[11-10] A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting; CLarson/DTyson; motion carried.*

Meeting was adjourned at 8:08pm. and closed with

The Lord's Prayer.

Leslie Falkner, Secretary

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# Church Financials

General Fund

November 2023

Offerings \$24,665.81

Expenses (23,309.89)  
\$ 1,355.92

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## Grief Support Group

At  
Menomonie United Methodist Church  
2703 Bongey Drive

There will be 13 weekly sessions starting on Saturday, January 6 from 1:30 - 3:30pm in the Fireside Room. The first meeting is informational.

\$20 Participant Guide.

Please register at  
<https://www.griefshare.org/findagroup> by January 3.

Contact Sarah Zarbock at  
715-308-1698 or  
zarbocks@gmail.com  
for more information.

## THANK YOU...

. . . To all who donated cold weather items to the Mitten Tree.

. . . To all who volunteered in any way at Christ Lutheran Church in 2023, your contribution of time is so very important to the continued ministry at Christ Lutheran.

. . . So much for the donations of money to go towards Christmas gifts for our residents. Every person received a gift & they were all smiles. Your gifts truly made a difference in their Christmas! Forever grateful, *Deb Haugrose*, ALH Activities Director

. . . From The Dunn Dulcimers for letting them use the church for jamming.

. . . To all those who purchased poinsettias to beautify the sanctuary for Christmas. Please remember to take them home with you!

. . . A special thank you to all who were so kind during the recent death of my son. I know there are others I have missed but remember you in my heart: Cheryl Lowery, Arla Graff, Lee Grippen, Don & Margaret Klopp, Judy Ferguson, LaVerne Erickson, Janice Hoffman, Larry & Vickie Kuester, Lois Schultz, Jan Hastings, Sue & Pastor Dahm, Barb Frey, Conrad & Betty Catt, Tim & Lori Bauer - *Gladys Klopp*

. . . Dear Christ Lutheran Church, Thank you for your recent gift of \$400 to Stepping Stones. Your gift will benefit one of more of the following programs at Stepping Stones: The Food Pantry, The Stepping Stones Shelters or the Community Connections Program. We appreciate your support of Stepping Stones. Your donation makes a big difference, thank you. - *Nina Koch*, Board Member.

. . . I need to extend an enormous thank you to the amazing staff working to bring Christ to our

children. I cannot thank you all enough for how you have stepped up in my absences and continued to provide the absolute best for the kids. Sending love to Jess Millar, Lexi Marsh, Connie Eibergen, Erin Kennedy, Sophia Wilterdink, Mayzie Millar, and Jadyn Marsh! You guys knock it outta the park every single week! - *Josie Wilterdink*

. . . We are very grateful for all the support so far while we fundraise for our trip to National Youth Gathering. We now over 20% of our goal for the trip! Thank you for purchasing casseroles, visiting us at Kyote's Den Craft Sale, contributing to the gas can or noisy offering, and many other ways. In January, we will be hosting a Pick-A Date Calendar Fundraiser and in February, we invite you to Mardi Gras! -*Ryan Wilterdink, Iris Eckert, Ian Wilterdink, and Jadyn Marsh*



# Youth News



## January

3.. Wednesday Worship at 6:00pm

10..Wednesday Worship at 6:00pm

17.. Wednesday Worship at 6:00pm

24.. Wednesday Worship at 6:00pm

28.. Youth Sunday Worship at 9:00am  
Annual Meeting at 10:10am

31.. Wednesday Worship at 6:00pm

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### **New Year's Day**

January 1 - Office Closed

### **Youth Sunday**

January 28, 9:00am worship

### **Christ Lutheran Annual Meeting**

January 28, 10:10am  
In the Sanctuary

### **Red Cross Blood Drive**

February 8, Noon - 6:00pm  
In the Fellowship Hall

### **Ash Wednesday**

February 14, 6:00pm worship

### **Palm Sunday**

March 24, 9:00am worship

### **Easter**

March 31, 9:00am worship

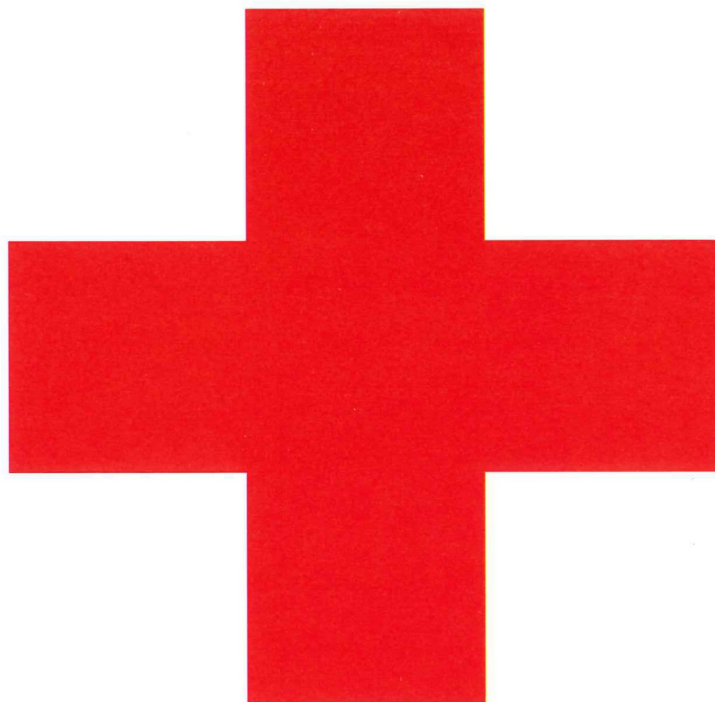
### **Empty Bowls**

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

*Give blood.*

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

**American Red Cross**



**Blood Drive**  
**Christ Lutheran Church**  
1306 Wilcox St.

**Thursday, February 8, 2024**  
**12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.**

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



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## 2023 Christmas Poinsettias



Heidi Bradshaw in memory of Joel Bradshaw

Shirley Browning

Gary & Kathy Wagner in memory of loved ones

Diann Hovland in memory of Kay Brummeyer

Dan & Debbie Gonstead in memory of their parents Harlan & Sophie Gonstead and Arnold & Betty Paulson

The Brummeyer Family in memory of Kay Brummeyer

Tim & Kathi Lehmann in memory of their daughter Carrie and in honor of their daughters and their daughters' families - Rick, Lindsay & Anya Reiten; and Joe, Heather, Ian & Gavin Witts

Mark & Pam Mattison, Jamie & LeChaun Boerner and Chastity & Courtney Pomasl in memory of Irvin & Bettyanne Mattison, William Wolbert, Stacey & Henry Martenson, Bill Beskar, and Craig Koser; and in honor of Jerane Wolbert; Miranda, Kamdyn, Kayden, Kynslee & Kaeylee Boerner

Jeff & Mary Merritt and family in memory of Frank & Harriet Merritt, Raymond & Verona Devney, Jerry Merritt, Adam Cronk, and Kyle Gasteyer

Arlene Mork and family in memory of Arnold Mork

Dale & Arlene Schmitz in memory of Claude & Isabel Schmitz and Ron Stover

Joel, Mindy, Isabel, Isaac & Iris Eckert in memory of Darrell Bauer, Dan Eckert and Olivia Peterson

Ardith and David Jacobson in honor of Michael Jacobson; USN

JoAnne Balyeat in memory of Patricia Waller & children and deceased Balyeat relatives

Lowell & Melissa Prange in memory of Roy McIntyre and LaVerne Prange families

Kelley Krause in memory of Gordon, Carol and Susan Skouge; David & Nyla Storing; Elizabeth & Bill Andrews; Barbara A Krause; Francis & Charles Storing; Roland & Matilda Krause

Richard Atwell

Jo & Jeremy Hayes in memory of Bill & Sandy Neverdahl and Debra Hayes

Dale & LuAnn Dohms in memory of Charlie, Marta & Robbie Tumm; Kenneth Dohms; Evelyn Hintzman and Jim Hintzman

The Falk Family

# CLCW News

## Dates to remember

January 9: Mission Workday at 9:00am

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

January 23: Mission Workday at 9:00am

*Nancy Bourget and Arla Graff*  
CLCW Co-Presidents

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**THANK YOU** to all who supported the CLCW Christmas Sale on December 2 by donating items and baked goods, helping, and shopping! Proceeds amounted to \$1842.29!

Vivian Riley from Cheryl Lowery  
Sue Dahm from Dick Tyson & Dayle Mandelson

**To the General Fund** in honor of:  
Their 60th Wedding Anniversary from Bob & Sandy Dotseth

**To the General Fund** in memory of:  
Anita Jicha from Heather Dahms  
Eric Klopp from family & friends

**To the Parking Lot Fund** in memory of:  
Sue Dahm from Lois Schultz

**To the CLCW** in memory of:  
Sue Dahm from Jane & Dave Amble



## Memorials/Honoraria

**To The Radio Fund** In honor of :  
homebound members and friends of Christ Lutheran from the Christ Lutheran Church Women (CLCW)

**To Undesignated** in memory of:  
Delores Stark from Cheryl Lowery  
Delores Stark from Robert & Patricia Marlette  
Delores Stark from Patrick & Frances Holloway  
Delores Stark from Gary & Linda Lierman  
Delores Stark from family friends  
Delores Stark from John & Barb McKay  
Sue Dahm from Larry & Vickie Kuester

## Prayer Ventures for January

**1** Give thanks and praise to God, for we have been redeemed through the undeserved gift and sacrifice of Jesus Christ that liberates us from darkness, hopelessness and bondage to sin.

**2** Pray without ceasing for an end to the conflicts and humanitarian crises in the Middle East, Ukraine, South Sudan and other countries. Ask God to make us instruments of peace, reconciliation and justice in the world wherever there is turmoil and suffering. Pray for the vital work we do together through Lutheran Disaster Response, ELCA World Hunger, Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service, Lutheran World Federation, Church World Service and other partners.

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**3** “Praise the Lord from the earth, you sea monsters and all deeps, fire and hail, snow and frost, stormy wind fulfilling his command!” (Psalm 148:7-8). Pray for the Spirit to stir our sense of awe for all that God has created and for God’s boundless love for humankind.

**4** *Human Trafficking Prevention Month* Pray that we will work together diligently to prevent sexual slavery, forced labor and commercial sexual exploitation, including online forms of trafficking. Pray for our communities of faith to be safe places of refuge, respect, care and support for victims and survivors of human trafficking, especially young people of all genders and gender identities.

**5** Give thanks that God leads us to the light and truth of Jesus Christ, God’s Son, the promised Messiah — when we might wander aimlessly in despair, longing and chaos.

**6** Last year there were over 40,000 gun deaths in our country, including suicide([gunviolencearchive.org](http://gunviolencearchive.org)). Pray for an end to these senseless deaths and the resulting trauma, grief and anguish that spread through our communities and nation. Ask God to lead us out of hopelessness and inaction and to renew our commitment to end gun violence

**7** *Baptism of Our Lord* Let us give thanks for our baptisms, which marked us as loved and forgiven children of God and welcomed us to a life revitalized and guided by the Spirit. That same Spirit descended upon Jesus during his baptism and accompanied him throughout his life on earth.

**8** Pray for the 340 new-start congregations and communities of faith under development in the United States and the Caribbean region, which welcome all God’s people, share Christ’s love and provide spiritual and physical sustenance.

**9** What would happen if we awoke and greeted each day with this prayer and invitation to God: “Make me to know your ways, O Lord; teach me your paths. Lead me in your truth” (Psalm 25:4-5).

**10** Remember and give thanks for our siblings in Christ who have gone before us, and for those living

among us today who help reveal the mysteries of God’s grace and the redemptive work of Jesus Christ.

**11** Thank God for the ELCA’s special relationship with the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), a full communion partner since 1997. Pray for the church, its members and its leaders, that together we will find strength and resources for the work of sharing the gospel and serving our neighbor.

**12** Lift up prayers for our neighbors and siblings in Christ who suffer poverty and hunger, oppression and violence, and who are alone and without advocates. Pray that we will look to God to deepen our understanding of justice and peacemaking and to guide our relationships with our neighbors in need.

**13** Pray for the ELCA’s Future Church: God’s Love Made Real initiative, which aspires to a welcoming, thriving, connected, sustainable church and envisions a world experiencing the difference God’s grace and love in Christ make for all people and creation.

**14** Pray that we will respond daily to Jesus’ invitation to follow him and will learn, serve our neighbors in need, share the gospel and invite others to experience God’s love, forgiveness and truth in community.

**15** [\*Martin Luther King Jr. Day\*](#) Give thanks and praise for siblings in Christ, such as Martin Luther King Jr., who risk everything to proclaim God’s love and concern for all, stress the inherent value of our neighbors as children of God and awaken us from indifference, inactivity and hesitation to do God’s difficult work in the world.

**16** “I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; that I know very well” (Psalm 139:14). When we doubt ourselves and question our value, remember and give thanks that God created us and knows us inside out, including our quirks, gifts, needs, questions and complexities.

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**17** Pray for youth and family ministry leaders and volunteers gathering for the ELCA Youth Ministry Network Extravaganza 2024 in New Orleans, that the Spirit will renew their faith, affirm their gifts and equip them to surround young people with God's grace and mercy.

**18** Ask God to renew and strengthen our resolve to end hunger and poverty and to address their root causes in our communities and the world. Promise to listen carefully to our neighbors in need so that we can work together to find appropriate, effective and sustainable solutions.

**19** When we are united with Christ, every aspect of our life and being — spiritual, physical and social — is impacted. Pray for the Spirit to help us stay faithful to the ways of God and the example of Christ and to reclaim us when we give undue value and attention to things that distract us.

**20** Remember in prayer individuals and families who are homeless. Pray for congregations, community ministries, social service organizations and local and state governments that are working to develop effective, creative and sustainable housing, shelter and care for our neighbors.

**21** Jesus Christ *is* the good news of God's grace and mercy at the heart of our baptism and faith. Give thanks and praise God for this amazing promise and gift!

**22** Pray for Lutheran outdoor ministry leaders as they recruit young adult staff for summer ministries. Pray that young adults will respond to these leaders' invitation to share their faith, gifts and leadership abilities with campers of all ages, abilities and backgrounds.

**23** There's a bit of Jonah in all of us when we question God's wisdom and mercy and balk at doing what God asks of us. Promise to be attentive and responsive to God's work and to trust that God's boundless love and forgiveness are for all people, including ourselves.

**24** Give thanks for the ELCA Foundation, which helps us to fund God's work in the world, now and well into the future.

**25** *Conversion of Paul* Give thanks for God's presence in our lives and for the work of the Holy Spirit, which changes our lives and the world.

**26** Pray for the Deaconess Community of the ELCA, a diverse group of sisters in Christ who courageously proclaim the gospel, work for justice and healing, and serve all people.

**27** *Lydia, Dorcas and Phoebe, witnesses to the faith* Pray that when we share the story of God's love and activity in the world, we will remember women in the Bible who professed their faith in God, served as leaders in the church, shared the good news of Jesus Christ and cared for neighbors in need.

**28** Praise God that Jesus was born human and knows what our life entails, and that Jesus is the Son of God, revealing the immeasurable power, love and mercy of our Creator.

**29** Remember in prayer those who serve in law enforcement in our communities and nation. Give thanks for the many ways they care for our well-being. Pray for their safety and ask the Spirit to nurture their wisdom, compassion and impartial judgment in the exercise of their responsibilities.

**30** "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding" (Psalm 111:10). Give thanks that, in this verse, fear isn't something negative, threatening or worrisome but instead means awe and respect for God and God's ways, which enable us to practice wisdom, compassion and justice throughout life.

**31** Pray for leaders and organizations gathered at the Lutheran Services in America Disability Network Winter Meeting in Phoenix, that the Spirit will inspire and guide their work as they empower people with intellectual and developmental disabilities to lead their best lives in society, the church and the world.

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## **Pastoral Ministry**

Ministers: All Members of the Congregation.

Pastor: Stephen Hilding (715-222-2475; [pastorstephen.clc@gmail.com](mailto:pastorstephen.clc@gmail.com))

Lutheran Campus Ministry Director: Sara McCullough  
([lcmstoutdirector@gmail.com](mailto:lcmstoutdirector@gmail.com))

## **Music Ministry**

Accompanist: LuAnn Dohms

Substitutes: Andrew Maki, Mary Merritt

Worship Leader: Lexi Marsh

## **Youth Ministry**

Youth Director: Josie Wilterdink ([cosmo.clc@gmail.com](mailto:cosmo.clc@gmail.com))

## **Sunday School (COSMO)**

Superintendent: Josie Wilterdink ([cosmo.clc@gmail.com](mailto:cosmo.clc@gmail.com))

Accompanist: Mary Merritt

## **Maintenance**

Custodian: Tom Surdick

## **Missionary Sponsorship**

Patrick & Jackie Bencke, Japan ([jackie@bencke.com](mailto:jackie@bencke.com))

## **Food Ministry**

Coordinator: Jim Kausie

## **Office Staff**

Secretary: Jillyn Geissler ([The.Office.CLC@gmail.com](mailto:The.Office.CLC@gmail.com)).

Treasurer: Dick Rank/Tricia Rank-Larson ([Financial.CLC@gmail.com](mailto:Financial.CLC@gmail.com))

– Office Hours: Monday through Thursday – 8:30am – 3:00pm

Friday—church office closed

## **Radio Ministry**

Radio Broadcast on 880 AM Sundays at 9:30am

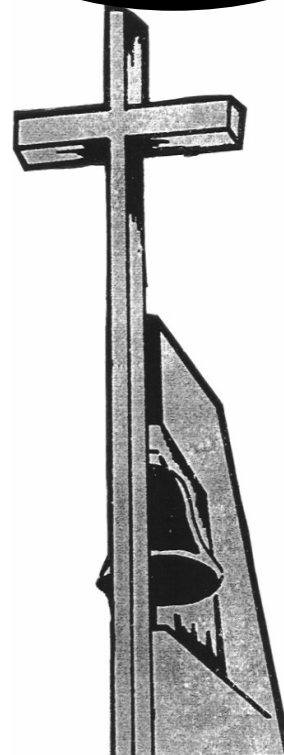
## **Livestream Ministry**

Audio Visual Specialist: Darrin Falk ([techuser.clc@gmail.com](mailto:techuser.clc@gmail.com))

## **Internet Ministry**

Sunday bulletins, “Friendly Visitor” newsletters, calendar, videos of Sunday services, and much more may be found at [www.Welcome2CLC.com](http://www.Welcome2CLC.com) or at [www.facebook.com/Welcome2CLC](https://www.facebook.com/Welcome2CLC).

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“Love Jesus,  
Grow Together,  
Serve Others.”

**Welcome!**



# January 2024 - Christ Lutheran Church

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
			3:30 PM THE SPOT 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM CLC FoodShelf Table 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM Wednesday's Table 6:00 PM Worship w/Holy Communion 6:45 PM - 7:30 PM 6ths Only 6:45 PM - 7:30 PM Christ Time		Church Office Closed	
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
9:00 AM Worship service (in-person and livestream)  10:00 AM Executive Board 10:15 AM Faith Formation		9:00 AM Mission Work Day 5:30 PM Admin, Cong Life/Worship, Outreach Cmte's meet 6:30 PM Cmte's and council 7:00 PM Council Meets	3:30 PM THE SPOT 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM CLC FoodShelf Table 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM Wednesday's Table 6:00 PM Worship w/Holy Communion 6:45 PM - 7:30 PM 6ths Only 6:45 PM - 7:30 PM Christ Time		Church Office Closed	
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
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21	22	23	24	25	26	27
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28	29	30	31			
YOUTH SUNDAY 9:00 AM Worship service (in-person and livestream)  10:10 AM - 10:10 AM ANNUAL MEETING 10:15 AM Faith Formation			3:30 PM THE SPOT 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM CLC FoodShelf Table 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM Wednesday's Table 6:00 PM Worship w/Holy Communion 6:45 PM - 7:30 PM 6ths Only 6:45 PM - 7:30 PM Christ Time			