

The Friendly Visitor *from* Christ Lutheran Church

1306 Wilcox Street

Menomonie, WI 54751

October 2023

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October@ Christ

1 QUILT DEDICATION SUNDAY

Worship with Holy Communion at 9:00am;
Coffee Fellowship at 10:00am; Faith
Formation at 10:15am

2 Worship with Holy Communion in the
Fellowship Hall at 5:30pm

3 Executive Committee Meeting at 5:30pm

4 The SPOT from 3:30pm - 5:30pm;
Wednesday's Table from 5:00pm - 6:00pm;
CLC FoodShelf from 5:00pm - 6:00pm; 6ths
Only at 6:00pm; Christ Time at 6:00pm

8 MALAWI SUNDAY

Worship with Holy Communion at 9:00am;
Mission Brunch at 10:00am; Faith Formation
at 10:15pm

9 Worship with Holy Communion in the
Fellowship Hall at 5:30pm

10 Mission Workday at 9:00am;
ALL COMMITTEE NIGHT; Committees meet at
5:30pm; Committees meet with Council at
6:30pm; Church Council meets at 7:00pm

11 The SPOT from 3:30pm - 5:30pm;
CLC FoodShelf from 5:00pm - 6:00pm;
Wednesday's Table from 5:00pm - 6:00pm;
Christ Time at 6:00pm; 6ths Only at 6:00pm

15 MISSION SUNDAY

Worship with Holy Communion at 9:00am;
Guest speaker from Lutheran Social Services;
Coffee Fellowship at 10:00am; Faith
Formation at 10:15am

16 Worship with Holy Communion in the
Fellowship Hall at 5:30pm

18 The SPOT from 3:30pm - 5:30pm;
CLC FoodShelf from 5:00pm - 6:00pm;
Wednesday's Table from 5:00pm - 6:00pm;
6THs Only at 6:00pm; Christ Time at 6:00pm

22 YOUTH SUNDAY

Worship with Holy Communion at 9:00am;
Fall Congregational Meeting 10:00am; Faith
Formation at 10:15am

23 Worship with Holy Communion in the
Fellowship Hall at 5:30pm

24 Mission Workday at 9:00am;

25 The SPOT from 3:30pm - 5:30pm; CLC Food-
Shelf from 5:00pm - 6:00pm; Wednesday's
Table from 5:00pm - 6:00pm; Christ Time at
6:00pm; 6ths Only at 6:00pm

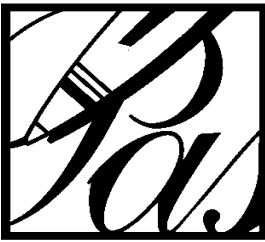
27 Red Cross Blood Drive 11:00am - 5:00pm in
the Fellowship Hall

28 LUTHERAN CAMPUS MINISTRY SUNDAY/ REFORMATION SUNDAY

Worship with Holy Communion at 9:00am;
Faith Formation at 10:15am

31 Trick or Treat at Christ Lutheran from
5:00pm - 7:00pm (Wilcox Street side of the
building)

FROM THE



PASTOR

Christ Lutheran Church is on the move! Our programmatic year is off to a rolling start. We had the highest level of first-day enrollment in our after-school program, *The Spot*. Additionally, we had over 170 meals served this past week at Wednesday's Table. Wow! Throw in Bible presentations for our students and a wonderful joint service with Lutheran Campus Ministry, Our Savior's Lutheran, and Peace Lutheran, there is no doubt we have much to be thankful for.

You won't want to miss any upcoming weekend in October as we kick off Mission Month. That's right, Mission Month! Throughout the weekends in October, we are highlighting many of the ways CLC is involved in partnership ministry both in Menomonie and beyond. We will be able to hear updates and new ways to partner in God's work both near and far.

With great enthusiasm, we are also delighted to share that Christ Lutheran will take part in a special

project involving not only those who gather for worship but all groups who meet on campus. I will save the details for this weekend... but I will give you one little clue in the form of a quote.

As someone once said...

"Sometimes our history provides a faithful framework on which to build our future." You won't want to miss it!

God's Joy,

Pastor Stephen

Fall Congregational Meeting

**Sunday
October 22
10:15am
in the
sanctuary**

**Christ Lutheran Church
Council Minutes
July 11, 2023 7:00pm**

Members Present

Arla Graff, Steve Josephson, Kathleen Kjenslee, Vicki Kuester, Leslie Falkner, Curt Larson, Tim Lehmann, Jeff Merritt, Linda Tylee, Dick Tyson, and Kaye Wurm, Pastor Stephen Hilding (ex-officio).

Call to Order

Council President Tim Lehmann called the meeting to order at 7:17 p.m. at the Church. Vision Statement was read by LTylee. Mission Statement was read by All. Council Purpose was read by All.

Approval of June 13, 2023

Agenda

Discussed additions needed to the Agenda. Added the following to New Business: Discuss Worship Leader, discuss VBS funding, discuss Summit Christian Academy and Beth Hein and Kaye Wurm would like to hold the 3rd Annual CLC Holiday Vendor/Craft Fair on November 18, 2023.

[7-1] A motion was made and seconded to approve a revised agenda; KWurm/DTyson; motion carried.

Dwelling in the Word

Pastor Stephen Hilding led in a Word/Meditation.

Approval of July 11, 2023
Council Minutes

[7-2] A motion was made and seconded to approve the May 9, 2023, Council Meeting Minutes; KWurm/SJosephson;

motion carried.

New Business

A. Discussion: Brainstormed fundraising ideas.
B. Discussion: Full-time worship leader is needed.
C. Discussion: VBS Funding - We need to establish a system for each church to pay in advance.
D. Discussion: Summit Christian Church Academy.

[7-3] After much discussion; A motion was made and seconded to not donate to the Summit Christian Church Academy donation request; AGraff/KWurm; motion carried.

E. Action: 3rd Annual CLC Holiday Vendor/Craft Fair on November 18, 2023. They have typically raised around \$600 each year for the church. We ask again that church usage fees be waived.

[7-4] A motion was made and seconded to approve Beth Hein and Kaye Wurm to hold the 3rd Annual CLC Holiday Vendor/Craft Fair on November 18, 2023 and to waive the facility usage fee; VKuester/LFalkner; motion carried.

Old Business

A. Cash Flow: Discussed the lack of contributions coming in July. Looking into if the line of credit can be set up to automatically disburse funds if needed.

[7-5] A motion was made and seconded we establish with the bank that the line of credit will be made available automatically if and when as needed for deficit; LTylee/KWurm; motion carried.

B. Constitution and Bylaw Updates - Tim Lehmann will be sending them out in an email.
C. Direct Deposit for Staff - Tabled until next month.
D. Synod Land Acknowledge Resolution discussed. Table to next month to plan an acknowledgement.

Reports

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

Other

A. Doris Faber would like to step down from the Altar Care coordinator position. We need to look for a replacement.

Adjournment

[7-6] A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting; DTyson/VKuester; motion carried.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:28 p.m. and closed with The Lord's Prayer.

Leslie Falkner, Secretary

**Christ Lutheran Church
Council Minutes
August 8, 2023 7:00 p.m.**

Members Present

Vicki Kuester, Leslie Falkner,
Tim Lehmann, Jeff Merritt,
Linda Tylee and Pastor
Stephen Hilding (ex-officio)

Members Absent

Arla Graff, Kathleen Kjenslee,
Steve Josephson, Curt Larson,
Dick Tyson and Kaye Wurm

Call to Order

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called the meeting to order at
7:00 p.m. at the Church.
Vision Statement was read by .
Mission Statement was read by
All.
Council Purpose was read by
All.

Approval of August 8, 2023

Agenda

No vote could be taken as there
were not enough members for a
quorum.

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Council Minutes

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quorum

New Business

A. Action: The Menomonie
Singers would like to use the
church for their fall retreat on
Saturday, September 30 from
9am to 3pm. Tabled until next
month.

B. Action: The Dunn County
Humane Society would like to
use the Fellowship Hall and the

Kitchen on Tuesday, February
27, 2024 for their annual Spay-
ghetti Dinner Fundraiser.
Tabled until next month.

C. Action: Best practices for
insurance claims and bids for
products and/or services.
Tabled until next month.

D. Discussion: Audit
Committee. Discussed the need
to have one completed.

E. Discussion: Radio
Broadcast. The importance of
the Radio Broadcast was
discussed. Discussed other
options to reach out to those
members listening to the
broadcast.

F. Action: UW-Stout Meet
Menomonie. Table until next
month.

Old Business

- A. Cash Flow
- B. Constitution and Bylaw
Updates
- C. Direct Deposit for Staff
- D. Covenant Fund

Reports

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Hilding presented his report to
the Council.

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

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closed with The Lord's Prayer.

Leslie Falkner, Secretary

**ALL COMMITTEE
NIGHT**

October 10

All committees will meet
individually on Tuesday,
October 10 at 5:30pm;
Full committees will
meet with the Church
Council at 6:30pm. The
Church Council meeting
begins at 7:00pm.

Council E-Mail Directory

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The Bencke Family in Japan



September 2023: 100 番



18 years, 100 newsletters

One hundred newsletters. That's a lot of words. Many hours of reflection. And more typos than I want to imagine! I thought that instead of churning out a typical newsletter that I would use this chance to look back at what has transpired over the past 18 years, reflect, and look at what might be around the corner. More than a series of joyful and devastating events, it is a story of God's faithfulness.

February 28th, 2006 – arrival in Japan. We were a family of three (Hannah didn't arrive for two more years). Emilie spoke no Japanese and was enrolled in kindergarten. Mom had to learn how to make bentos and how to speak Japanese. Patrick started work at Kyushu Lutheran College. There was no choir at the college, no handbell team, and no regular organist for the daily worship at chapel. By October, the choir at the chapel was underway. We were devastated by the loss of Jackie's aunt who was shot in a double-murder-suicide rampage.

2007 – Patrick learned how to make soba noodles from scratch. Music ministries in a few local Lutheran churches are underway, including the "English service" (now called the "International Service"). Bilingual music materials are nowhere to be found so Jackie spends a lot of time creating bilingual scores and searching for Japanese-composed music. Dealing with rampant copyright infringement was a big issue this year, both at the churches and in the college. (This didn't get resolved until 2019). Jackie accompanied a team of volunteers to India with the Japan Evangelical Lutheran Church. Our daughter, Emilie, was finally baptized on her Nanny's birthday at Murozono Lutheran Church (we never got around to it while we lived in Wisconsin!). We were continuing to learn Japanese through the cultivation of relationships with our neighbors, our colleagues, and perhaps most of all through Emilie. Music ministries at the college expanded to include nine organ students, although the teaching is all still done as "volunteer" work. Patrick and Jackie begin to nudge the administration to consider and talk about its bigger vision for the chapel life and what

“mission” needs to look like in the early 21st-century. With a new pastor coming on board, it was an appropriate time to consider how music ministries could help to cultivate the spiritual lives of students who wanted to engage with chapel life in that way.



2008 – Patrick and Jackie participated in what would be their last taiko drumming concert. Jackie spent much of this year enduring a difficult pregnancy. Morning sickness took on a new meaning when walking through supermarkets that were dominated by the smell of fish. We went on our first home assignment tour, engaging with over 20 congregations that first year. In September, we welcomed Hannah to the family. With Emilie now in elementary school, a more rigorous home-schooling process began in social studies and language arts. We also lost our dear friend, Tom Ropella.

2009-2010 – This year was also marked by loss. Jackie’s cousin died of melanoma, and Patrick’s youngest brother passed away suddenly. We are learning that grief seems to hit in a different way when you can’t attend the funerals. Our second home assignment with 19 congregations! Having learned a few lessons the first time around, and with two kids in tow this time, we toured around the Midwest for two months before returning to Kumamoto. The idea of purchasing a set of handbells and developing a handbell team as a part of the music ministries at the college chapel was born. Music ministries at the international service were robust. We had a healthy congregation comprised of people from Malaysia, Zimbabwe, Egypt, Korea, Japan, the U.K, and the U.S. Working together with the pastor to tailor the services with languages was difficult but very fulfilling.

2011 – For Japan, this year was marked most profoundly by the earthquake, tsunami, and nuclear meltdown on March 11th. We were able to host a fellow missionary couple who had been serving in Tokyo (and were expecting a baby within days of the earthquake) for several weeks while Tokyo got electricity back, the transportation and hospital system settled, and the threat of complete nuclear devastation was lifted. We also said goodbye to our friend and longtime missionary Andy Ellis after serving the Lutheran church in Japan for 53 years!



December 28th, 2011 – We suffered a profound loss when, the day after arriving in Japan to see our family for Christmas, my mom suffered a fatal aneurysm. The ground seemed to drop away from me in those difficult days and even months as we navigated this traumatic journey here in Kumamoto. A fellow missionary couple walked closely with us, as did many other steadfast friends. Even upon holding services in Minnesota, we were deeply moved when members of supporting congregations throughout Minnesota showed up for the wake and/or funeral on “Friday the 13th” of January, a cold and slippery night.

2012-2013 – Almost immediately after Mom died, we were thrust into the new year, one marked by more changes. I officially began the “Sacred Music Program” in April, finally codifying six years of development into one salient program that now includes a choir, handbells, a team of organists, instrumentalists, and vocal leaders. Shortly after home assignment in the summer, Patrick had a stroke while Emilie and I were still in the U.S. Knowing that Hannah (age 4) was in Japan while Patrick was hospitalized meant that I had to unenroll Emilie from school, pack, and put the two of us on the next flight out of Minneapolis. As was the case when Mom passed away, the Lord was faithful and put angels in our midst throughout those harried days. People in the U.S. rushed to our side to make sure we could get a full closure within 19 hours, agents in Tokyo made sure that we got the first flight out after the typhoon, and our dear friends took in Hannah for the 3 days it took to get back to Kumamoto and kept tabs on Patrick’s hospitalization. Our friend from church, who is a neurologist, made sure Patrick was well-taken care of during his stay. Praise God that Patrick made a full recovery.

We continued to adjust to a new normal as our mission within the Lutheran church community expanded to include other Lutheran churches and various ministries. As the girls matured, so too did their educational needs expand. Jackie spent considerably more time working with the girls in language arts. At the college, Jackie invited special individuals and groups to come and perform, including the Wartburg Wind Ensemble, her former student and professional percussionist Dave Whitman, and her friend and colleague Jerrad Fenske. These visits were not only special because of the workshops and musical development, but also to expand the opportunities for students to engage with young people from the United States.

2014-2015 – As relationships in Kumamoto deepened, we found ourselves invited to participate in the more personal aspects of peoples’ lives, including weddings and funerals. Normally, these events are for the inner circle of friends and families of the couple or the deceased. These opportunities were tremendous blessings for which we felt especially privileged to attend. Emilie started Junior High this year, and Hannah started elementary school. We rejoiced as several college students made the decision to be baptized in the Lutheran Church.

With the expanding music programs, opportunities to perform were plentiful. We were now in the position of having to turn down opportunities in order to protect students’ schedules and well-being. We found ourselves participating in festivals, chapel services, performances at hospitals and nursing homes, and within the local Lutheran Church community. The girls have unique ways of becoming involved in church life with their bilingual skills. Emilie was called upon to serve as a translator when the international service was in need of a pastor but no English-speaking pastors were available.

2016 – A 7.8 magnitude earthquake hit our city about one week after the school year began. Tremendous damage to buildings around campus meant that we could not resume classes until the end of May. (This was before Zoom was a household word and virtual classes were unheard of!) The resilience of the Japanese people and the ability to cooperate was a powerful witness to us. Our home suffered minimal damage so we were able to help in many of the local relief efforts. Thousands were not so lucky. Our campus became a gathering spot for many in the neighborhood who remained without power, water, or shelter. Blessing our neighbors with hospitality, safety, nutrition, and clean water remains as a memorable witness. Several programs have remained, including a special gathering once a month for older members of the neighborhood to gather at Luther campus for singing, snacks, and fellowship.

2017-2018 – Recovery efforts after a difficult year continued as buildings were rebuilt or repaired. Music ministries seemed to take on a particularly important role in the healing of hearts and minds. Chapel attendance increased, and both Patrick and Jackie found great fulfillment in providing musical offerings at their church. In late July, just as summer vacation was around the corner, Patrick received the devastating news that his brother had been diagnosed with Stage 4 pancreatic cancer. With uncertainty about treatments or life expectancy, Patrick immediately decided to go visit Matt in Seattle. It would be the last time they saw one another in person, as Matt passed away two months later in mid-October.

2019 – Changes are on the horizon. Emilie is starting to think about college. Hannah is thinking about junior high. Jackie is toying with the idea of returning to graduate school. The conversation has started to percolate about whether it might be time to return to the U.S. Thinking ahead two years would put us in a good “break” point, where both girls would be starting at new schools. With the music programs becoming more integrated into chapel life, it seemed like a potentially good time to pass the baton. What is this, though, that we’re hearing about an outbreak of a strange virus in Wuhan, China?

2020-2022 – Like everyone in the world, our lives were marked by the pandemic and the war in Ukraine. While Japan never entered a lockdown, there was an extensive period of time with tight border restrictions, which prevented travel. With all the extra time, and with Emilie now at St. Olaf, I seemed to have a lot more time on my hands, so I got a PhD in Christian Worship since it seemed that my vocation was steering much more toward the intersection of mission and worship than public school music education or administration. Chapel life was the most difficult to navigate. Much of the feedback for the work we did during those years was given in hindsight with so many students saying that their participation in chapel music was one of the only things that kept them afloat. Personally, that was encouraging to hear, but a travesty that there seemed to be so little joy in their lives for that time. As that period of time unfolded, we were able to successfully begin to really pivot toward the integration of Japanese culture into the music program, including traditional instruments, composers, and even back-translating Japanese hymns to English to eventually share with the wider Lutheran church.

2023 – So here we are, in 2023, simultaneously looking back and looking ahead. As we continue to navigate life, we remain astutely aware of our blessed life and are so grateful that we have had the honor of being able to share the joys and sorrows with our brothers and sisters in Christ. We are tethered as a Church into God’s family and are called to share our lives with one another and it is an incredible privilege to do so with such a warm and welcoming family. What the future holds for us is a bit of a mystery. We are considering a move from our current positions, but are not in a hurry to “leave” one place unless we are strategically moving “toward” another place. We are considering everywhere on the continuum from the heartland of America to the Indonesian equator. Please continue to pray for discernment as this next chapter unfolds.

WANTED!

5 NEW MEMBERS FOR THE CHURCH COUNCIL.

**EACH COUNCIL MEMBER IS ALSO A
PART OF ONE COMMITTEE
(ADMINISTRATION,
CONGREGATIONAL LIFE OR
OUTREACH). CHURCH
COUNCIL MEETS AT 7:00PM ON
THE SECOND TUESDAY OF EACH
MONTH. COMMITTEES USUALLY
MEET AT 5:30PM ON THE SAME
NIGHT**

**THESE ARE IMPORTANT
POSITIONS IN THE OPERATION OF
THE CONGREGATION.**

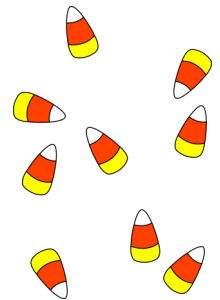
**PLEASE PRAYERFULLY CONSIDER
THESE OPENINGS!**

**IF INTERESTED OR JUST HAVE
MORE QUESTIONS, PLEASE
CONTACT A MEMBER OF THE
NOMINATING COMMITTEE:
BETH HEIN, LEXI MARSH, DICK
TYSON, JOE WURM OR CATHY
ZUNKER.**

The CLC-Halvorson
Cemetery Board
reminds everyone that
all flowers and
decorations are to be
removed from grave
sites at Halvorson
Cemetery by October
14.

Trick or Treat at Christ Lutheran Church

October 31
(on the Wilcox Street
side of the building).



The Outreach
Committee will be
serving corndogs and hot
chocolate along with small bags of
treats from 5:00pm—7:00pm or
until food is gone.

CHECK IT OUT!

The bulletin boards in the narthex hallway have lots of information on upcoming events, external opportunities and area resources.

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Napkins and Greeting Cards are for sale by the Christ Lutheran Church Women in the cabinet on the north end of the Fellowship Hall.

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On the table in the narthex there are cards and markers to allow you to send notes of encouragement to people on the prayer list. Just slip them in the manila envelope and they will be sent out by the church office. Please note: it is a good idea to put the name of the person on the card somewhere so the office knows where to send it!

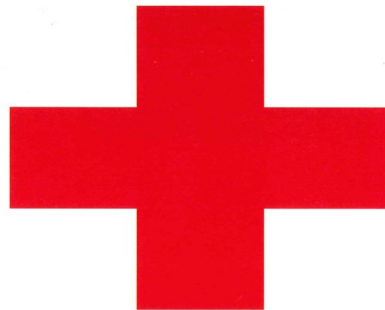


Doris Sabatke will celebrate her 100th birthday on October 10.

Congratulations, Doris!

Give blood.

Every 2 seconds someone
in the U.S. needs blood.
American Red Cross



Blood Drive
Christ Lutheran Church
1306 Wilcox St.

Friday, October 27, 2023
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.



Come to give Oct. 21 thru Nov. 9 for a \$10 e-gift card.
Treat yourself to lunch on us!



1-800-RED CROSS | 1-800-733-2767 | redcrossblood.org | Download the Blood Donor App
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October 17 will be the
90th birthday of
Roger Wieman

Happy Birthday
Roger!

Youth News

Calling all musicians, and prior musicians! First, if you currently play an instrument or sing, please let me know! We will have lots of opportunities coming shortly for all types of instruments. Second, are your kids all grown up but there is a 4th/5th grade recorder still floating around your home? You can donate it to Christ Lutheran!

The Spot is back! I am in need of group guides! Upper middle school and high school youth can volunteer to help at the Spot and ride the bus directly from their school on Wednesdays to the church.



October

- 1...LWR Quilts and Kits Sunday
- 8...Malawi Sunday/Mission Brunch
- 15.Mission Sunday
- 22.Youth Sunday
Fall Congregational Meeting
- 29.Reformation/LCM Sunday
- 30.Youth Serve at LCM

Memorials

To **Undesignated** in memory of
Scot Singerhouse from Randy & Barb Dahms

To **Undesignated** in memory of
Ryan Josephson from Nancy Bourget
from Linda Tylee
from Jake & Shirley Bostrom

To **Undesignated** in memory of
Kaye Olson from Michael & Judy Benzel
from Kelly & Diane Stevens
from Jerry & Jan Traxler

To **Undesignated** in memory of
Suzanne Nelson from Michael & Judy Benzel
from Jan & Jerry Traxler

To **Undesignated** in memory of
Adrienne Evan from Larry & Vickie Kuester

To the **Radio Fund** in honor of
the Scripture Readers from Larry Kuester

To the **Radio Fund** in memory of
Ryan Josephson from Christine Ness

To the **Radio Fund** in memory of
Leslie & Bernita Ness who were married
September 24, 1949 from their daughter
Christine Ness

To the **Parking Lot Fund** in memory of
Suzanne Nelson from Nancy Bourget

To the **Furnace Fund** in memory of
Suzanne Nelson from Michael & Judy Benzel
from Sharon and Arlene Mork

To the **Furnace Fund** in memory of
Kaye Olson from Sharon and Arlene Mork
from Michael & Judy Benzel

To the **General Fund** in memory of
Suzanne Nelson from Dave & Jane Amble
from Larry & Vickie Kuester

To the **General Fund** in memory of
Kaye Olson from Dave & Jane Amble
from Larry & Vickie Kuester

To **The SPOT Bus Fund** in memory of
Ryan Josephson from Dave & Jane Amble

**Please let
the church
office know
if some
one is in the
hospital.**

Scripture Readings for October

Oct. 1	Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32 Psalm 25:1-9 Philippians 2:1-13 Matthew 20:1-16
Oct. 8	Isaiah 5:1-7 Psalm 80:7-15 Philippians 3:4b-14 Matthew 21:33-46
Oct. 15	Isaiah 25:1-9 Psalm 23 Philippians 4:1-9 Matthew 22:1-14
Oct. 22	Isaiah 45:1-7 Psalm 96:1-9 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10 Matthew 22:15-22
Oct. 29	Jeremiah 31:31-34 Psalm 46 Romans 3:19-28 John 8:31-36



VENDORS/CRAFTERS WANTED!

Christ Lutheran Church is hosting its 3rd Annual Holiday Vendor/Craft Fair on Saturday, November 18th from 9am to 2pm. Booth cost is \$30 and includes one table and two chairs. If interested, please contact Beth Hein at heinfamily73@gmail.com or Kaye Wurm at kayewurm@gmail.com for more information or to reserve a spot. All proceeds go toward the church's general fund.

ATTENTION:

If you receive an email or text that looks like it is from Pastor Stephen or the church office requesting the purchase of gift cards, please delete the message it is not from the church.

LUTHER PARK | FALL WORK WEEKEND | OCTOBER 6-7

Join volunteers, families, and church groups on Saturday, October 7th, to help Luther Park get all our projects completed before winter! Come on Friday evening, October 6th, for a campfire and stay overnight for free at camp. (Must RSVP for lodging at info@lutherpark.org.)

A variety of projects are being prepared, and camp will have something suitable for all ages and abilities. Please dress for the weather that day, as most projects are outdoors. Come for the whole day (9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday), including lunch, or spend part of the day volunteering.

If you can't be at camp for the work weekend, there are projects for volunteers at any time. Call ahead and let the office or Bill Reed know when you'd like to come and help!

Contact for more information or to RSVP: info@lutherpark.org or 715-859-

2023



Coat Closet



Winter and Outerwear Distribution.

Where: 510 Winter Street Boyceville, WI

(Entrance is in Alley behind building)

When: Sat. Oct 21 9am --- 12pm.

Sat. Oct 28 9am --- 12pm.

Sat. Nov 4 9am --- 12pm.

Sat. Nov 11 9am --- 12pm.

Sat. Nov 18 9am --- 12pm

Questions call: Sonya Zebro @ 715-308-8435



UPCOMING EVENTS

Quilt / Kit Dedication Sunday

October 1, 9:00am Worship

Luther Park Work Weekend

October 6 -7 at Luther Park, Chetek,

Malawi Sunday

October 8, 9:00am Worship with
guest speaker who was on this
summer's synod trip to Malawi
October 8, 10:00am Mission Brunch,
served by Outreach Committee

Mission Sunday

October 15, 9:00am Worship with
guest speaker from Lutheran
Social Services

Mission Monday

October 16, 5:30pm Worship with
guest speaker from Lutheran
Social Services

Youth Sunday

October 22, 9:00am Worship

Fall Congregational Meeting

October 22, 10:15am in the
Sanctuary

Red Cross Blood Drive

October 27, 11:00am - 5:00pm
In the Fellowship Hall

Lutheran Campus Ministry Sunday

October 29, 9:00am Worship

Youth Serve at LCM

October 30, 5:30pm at The Ministry

Trick or Treat at Christ Lutheran

October 31, 5:00pm - 7:00pm on
Wilcox-side of the building

All Saints' Sunday

November 5, 9:00am Worship

New Member Sunday

November 12, 9:00am Worship

Vendor/Craft Fair

November 18, 9:00am - 3:00pm
In Fellowship Hall

Thanksgiving

November 23, OFFICE CLOSED

CLCW News

Dates to remember

October 10: Mission Work Day at 9am

October 24: Mission Work Day at 9am

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Christ in Our Home

October, November, December
2023

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Christ in Our Home Devotionals for October, November and December are available on the table in the Narthex or on the table outside the church office.



BIBLE STUDY IS BACK!

After a long break, the CLCW will again be having Bible study. It will be held on the third Thursday of each month at 10:00am in the Fellowship Hall starting on October 19. There is no need to sign up; if you are interested, come.



1 Ask the Spirit to strengthen our faith in Jesus Christ and renew our trust in the authority of his teachings and actions as the Son of God, born among us for our salvation.

2 Remember in prayer those who have suffered tragedy, displacement and loss as a result of the wildfires in Maui. Ask God to stir their hope and strength for the long recovery ahead and inspire our generosity in supporting relief and rebuilding efforts, including the work of Lutheran Disaster Response and the Pacifica Synod.

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3 “Let each of you look not to your own interests but to the interests of others” (Philippians 2:4). Pray that our lives might reflect the selflessness of Jesus and the work of the Spirit, which enable us to act with compassion and empathy for the well-being of our neighbor, our communities and the church.

4 *Feast of St. Francis of Assisi* Pray for the Spirit to stir within us humility, generosity and respect for our neighbors in need and for all living creatures. Give thanks for pets that provide joy and companionship and for service animals that benefit people with physical and cognitive disabilities.

5 Pray for those gathering for the Center of Addiction & Faith annual conference in Bloomington, Minn., including rostered ministers and lay leaders, health care professionals, addiction specialists, people in recovery and those who love people affected by addiction. Pray that we might grow in our awareness of addiction and respond with compassion.

6 Praise God for the love and mercy woven into the Bible, pray that we might share God’s story and the good news of Jesus Christ everywhere, and ask the Spirit to inspire our belief, faith and awe. “We will tell to the coming generation the glorious deeds of the Lord and his might and the wonders that he has done” (Psalm 78:4).

7 Pray for the work of ELCA World Hunger in feeding the hungry and connecting people with education, health care, clean water and sustaining sources of income. Give thanks for our partners in this work, including global companion churches, the Lutheran World Federation, Bread for the World, Church World Service and Lutheran World Relief.

8 Jesus, the Son of God, was humble yet strong, and endured suffering and death to be resurrected for our sake. This is the cornerstone of our faith and salvation. Praise God and sing with thanksgiving and joy for all to hear.

9 *Indigenous Peoples’ Day* Remember in prayer and give thanks for Indigenous communities that have lived in the Americas and other parts of the world for thousands of years. Pray that we will not waver in

our commitment to repentance, reconciliation, healing and unity as neighbors and children of God.

10 Pray for a peaceful resolution to the war in Ukraine, and be mindful of how it impacts every nation and our daily lives.

11 Praise God for our faith in Jesus Christ, who frees us from the restraints and shortcomings of our past so that we can move forward in our baptismal journey of connecting our faith with everyday life, serving neighbors in need, spreading hope and living with gratitude.

12 Ask God to guide and, when needed, temper our words so that others will know God’s love and forgiveness and the truth of the gospel through what we say. “Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to you, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer” (Psalm 19:14).

13 Pray for the vitality and effectiveness of our seminaries as they prepare leaders who will respond to God’s call, equipping congregations and other communities of faith to nurture disciples of Christ and do God’s work in the world.

14 Pray for our neighbors and siblings in Christ who are overwhelmed by confusion, conflict and suffering. Ask the Spirit to make us bearers of hope, encouragement and wisdom for our neighbors, reflecting the trustworthy light of Jesus Christ and the comforting love of God.

15 We trust in the promise of eternal life with God. Pray that, rather than take this gift for granted, we might be inspired to live in joy and gratitude, sharing that joy with others and proclaiming what God has done for us through Jesus Christ.

16 Remember in prayer the 131 ELCA missionary households and 25 Young Adults in Global Mission volunteers who serve alongside our siblings in Christ and global companions in 45 countries.

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17 “Happy are those who observe justice, who do righteousness at all times” (Psalm 106:3). Ask the Spirit to fill us with love and reverence for our neighbors as children of God, that people of all backgrounds, abilities, ages, beliefs, needs and circumstances might be treated with respect, fairness and compassion.

18 Give thanks for the gifts and service of military chaplains, who care for U.S. military [personnel and their families](#) across our nation and in their countries of deployment.

19 Give thanks for writers, editors and photographers who serve the church by sharing the gospel, telling stories of faith and service, inspiring us and revealing how God works through our church, congregations and siblings in Christ.

20 Pray for those whose lives and communities have been forever changed by severe weather and wildfires, and who are immersed in the long, demanding work of rebuilding their lives and communities, here and around the world.

21 Ask God to bless the work of the Christian Education Network of the ELCA and its members, professionals and volunteers who are involved in lifelong faith formation ministries in congregations and ELCA-affiliated organizations.

22 Pray that we will be obedient and loyal to God and, at the same time, respond to God’s call to live as responsible, involved citizens in our communities and the world.

23 Give thanks for Lutheran Men in Mission and Women of the ELCA, and pray for their ministries, which nurture faith, promote healing and wholeness, help people discern their spiritual gifts and vocations, and equip them to serve as disciples of Christ.

24 Pray for our congregations and synods, affiliated ministries and organizations, and full communion partners that we might encourage and support one another, share resources and ideas, and work together to spread the good news of Jesus Christ.

25 Pray that God will further the work of our

church’s AMMPARO strategy (Accompanying Migrant Minors with Protection, Advocacy, Representation and Opportunities) for welcoming and protecting migrant children and their families, accompanying them in court, advocating for just and humane immigration policies and supporting companions in Latin America who care for deported and returned migrants in their countries of origin.

26 “Sing to the Lord; bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day. Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples” (Psalm 96:2-3). Ask the Spirit for the words we need to share our faith and tell God’s story of love, hope and forgiveness.

27 Ask God to make us a dynamic and engaged church of the present and future, driven by God’s redemptive love to be attentive to the world and culture and agile in how we proclaim the gospel and do God’s work in the world.

28 Give thanks for grandparents who inspire our faith, share their wisdom and gifts, care for grandchildren and enrich our communities of faith with diverse perspectives and ideas.

29 *Reformation Sunday* Give thanks for Martin Luther and other Protestant reformers who, at significant risk, challenged traditions and practices of the church that strayed from Scripture and proclaimed that God’s love and forgiveness are ensured through Jesus Christ.

30 Pray for ELCA World Hunger’s Education and Networking Grants, which assist congregations, synods and partner organizations throughout the United States and the Caribbean in developing education and service-learning programs that deepen our understanding of hunger and poverty.

31 *Reformation Day* “Faith is a living, bold trust in God’s grace, so certain of God’s favor that it would risk death a thousand times trusting in it. Such confidence and knowledge of God’s grace makes you happy, joyful and bold in your relationship to God and all creatures” (Martin Luther). Lift up prayers of thanksgiving and praise for God’s grace, which comes to us as a gift and sets us free, lifting our spirits and restoring our relationships with God.

**The Friendly Visitor
from
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Radio Broadcast on 880 AM Sundays at 9:30am

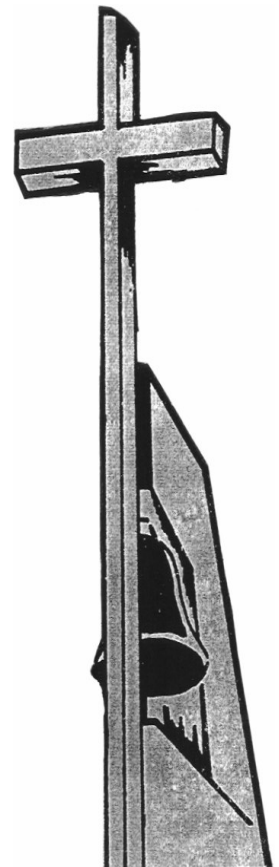
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October 2023 - Christ Lutheran Church

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 QUILT SUNDAY 9:00 AM Worship service (in-person and livestream) 10:15 AM Faith Formation	2 5:30 PM Worship with Holy Communion (in Fellowship Hall)	3 6:30 PM Executive Board	4 9:00 AM Staff Meeting 3:30 PM THE SPOT 5:00 PM -6:00 PM CLC FoodShare! 5:00 PM -6:00 PM Wednesday's Table 6:00 PM 6ths Only 6:00 PM Christ Time	5	6	7
8 MALAWI SUNDAY 9:00 AM Worship service (in-person and livestream) 10:00 AM Mission Brunch 10:15 AM Faith Formation	9 5:30 PM Worship with Holy Communion (in Fellowship Hall)	10 9:00 AM Mission Work Day 5:30 PM Admin, Cong Life/Worship, Outreach Cmte's 6:30 PM Cmte's and council meet 7:00 PM Council Meets	11 9:00 AM Staff Meeting 3:30 PM THE SPOT 5:00 PM -6:00 PM CLC FoodShare! 5:00 PM -6:00 PM Wednesday's Table 6:00 PM 6ths Only 6:00 PM Christ Time	12	13	14
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22 9:00 AM Worship service (in-person and livestream) 10:15 AM Faith Formation 10:15 AM FALL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING	23 5:30 PM Worship with Holy Communion (in Fellowship Hall)	24 9:00 AM Mission Work Day	25 9:00 AM Staff Meeting 3:30 PM THE SPOT 5:00 PM -6:00 PM CLC FoodShare! 5:00 PM -6:00 PM Wednesday's Table 6:00 PM 6ths Only 6:00 PM Christ Time	26	27 11:00 AM -5:00 PM Red Cross Blood Drive in CLC Fellowship Hall	28
29 REFORMATION LUTHERAN CAMPUS MINISTRY SUNDAY 9:00 AM Worship service (in-person and livestream) 10:15 AM Faith Formation	30 Youth Serve at LCM 5:30 PM Worship with Holy Communion (in Fellowship Hall)	31 Trick or Treat at CLC				