

The Friendly Visitor

from

Christ Lutheran Church

1306 Wilcox Street

Menomonie, WI 54751

January 2019

January @ Christ

- **1** HAPPY NEW YEAR! (church office closed)
- **2** THE SPOT at 3:30 p.m.; Community Supper at 5:30 p.m.; Faith Formation at 5:45 p.m.
- **6** Worship with Holy Communion at 9 a.m.; COSMO/CIA/Playgroup at 10:10 a.m.
- **7** Worship with Holy Communion in Fellowship Hall at 5:30 p.m. [*Worship in Fellowship Hall every Monday at 5:30 p.m.*]
- **9** THE SPOT at 3:30 p.m.; Community Supper at 5:30 p.m.; Faith Formation at 5:45 p.m.; Undecorating at 6 p.m.
- **13** Worship with Holy Communion at 9 a.m.; COSMO/CIA/Playgroup at 10:10 a.m.
- **15** DEADLINE FOR REPORTS TO BE TURNED IN FOR ANNUAL REPORT!
- **16** THE SPOT at 3:30 p.m.; Community Supper at 5:30 p.m.; Faith Formation at 5:45 p.m.
- **20** Worship with Holy Communion at 9 a.m.; COSMO/CIA/Playgroup at 10:10 a.m.; Family Ski Trip.
- **23** THE SPOT at 3:30 p.m.; Community Supper at 5:30 p.m.; Faith Formation at 5:45 p.m.
- **24** Red Cross Blood Drive in CLC Fellowship Hall from 12 noon to 6 p.m.
- **27** FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION; Worship with Holy Communion at 9 a.m.; COSMO/CIA/Playgroup at 10:10 a.m.; ANNUAL MEETING at 10:10 a.m.
- **30** THE SPOT at 3:30 p.m.; Community Supper at 5:30 p.m.; Faith Formation at 5:45 p.m.

Photo directory roster insert

Please note the insert of names, addresses, and phone numbers for those inadvertently omitted from the roster (back section) of the new church photo directory are listed on pages 11 through 14 of the print version of this newsletter.

Blood Drive at CLC—January 24

Christ Lutheran will be hosting a blood drive for the Red Cross on Thursday, January 24. Volunteers are needed! In addition, donations of food items are needed for the canteen. Cheese curds, pretzels, cookies (no peanuts or peanut butter), and crackers are much appreciated! (Note that donations of orange juice are no longer needed.) Please have these items at the church by Wednesday, January 23. To volunteer and/or donate items, please sign up in the office wing hallway or contact the church office (715-235-5573).

**Annual Meeting
Sunday, January 27,
in the Fellowship Hall
following the 9 a.m. service.**

Your attendance is needed!

Please have reports for the Annual Report emailed or turned in at the church office by January 15.



PASTOR

Dear Friends in Christ,

Grace and peace to you in the name of Jesus.

Happy New Year!!! I start with a heart filled with gratitude for the opportunity to be serving as your pastor. We are coming up on the first anniversary mid-January. Together we have been able to move forward in God's mission for Christ Lutheran. May this new year be filled with wonder, dreams, and new possibilities. Come to the annual meeting January 27 to hear more.

Once again, Happy New Year!!

“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it . . . And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.”
John 1:1-5, 14

Pastor Randy

Pastoral Act

Memorial Service

- Duane G. Berg (non-member)—December 27, 2018, at Olson Funeral Home by Pastor Randy Skow-Anderson.

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

January Altar Care

- Sunday, January 6—Worship with Holy Communion at 9 a.m.
- Sunday, January 13—Worship with Holy Communion at 9 a.m.
- Sunday, January 20—Worship with Holy Communion at 9 a.m.
- Sunday, January 27—Worship with Holy Communion at 9 a.m.



***Christ in Our Home* devotion-al booklets (regular- and large-print) for January, February, March are available in the narthex. Please take one! Envelopes are provided to help the CLCW cover the cost of approximately \$1 per booklet.**

Communion Assistants are needed for the month of January. Please sign up on the clipboard in the office wing hallway.

Lutheran Campus Ministry is looking for Monday night cooks!

Our Monday Night programming is by far our most popular and best attended event during the year. The students are so appreciative of a great home-cooked meal and the opportunity for fellowship with their peers and with you as members of the community. We would not be able to do the ministry we do without your help! We serve roughly 20-25 students each week. We are always looking for new families and community members to join us and provide a meal for our students. Currently, the following dates are available for the coming spring: February 11, February 18, March 4, April 15, and April 22. If you are interested in helping out or have any questions, please contact me at lcmstout@wwt.net or 715-308-3393. Thank you for your consideration!

Katie Wagner, LCM Director

Luther Park Annual Meeting

Luther Park's annual meeting will be Saturday, January 26. Stay the night at camp and attend a fun-filled Sunday at Chili-fest!

Memorials/ Honoraria

For Altar Care in memory of: 12/16—Arlene Eiseth from MaryEllen Marquardt.

For Current Expenses (General Fund) in memory of: 12/9—Arlene Eiseth from Frank & Dee Smith.

For the Radio Broadcast Fund in memory of: 12/16—“Pete” Peterson from Gerry Miller; 12/23—Lavone Kuester, who passed away in January 2014, from Larry, Vickie, and Kyle Kuester [for broadcast on January 20, 2019].

Undesignated in memory of: 12/2—Franklin Peterson from Everette & Karen Freeland; from Ruby Schlottman; from Elizabeth Eiseth; from Lyle Hight, Jr.; from Mary Monge; from Nancy Peterson; from Kelly & Diane Stevens; 12/9—Jane Kuester Shafer from Larry & Vickie Kuester; 12/16—their cousin, Thomas Colby, from Gordon & Julie Smith, Craig & Lynne Koser, and Mark & Pam Mattison.

For Current Expenses (General Fund) in honor of: 12/9—Don Eiseth from Frank & Dee Smith.

2018 Christmas Poinsettias given by:

- * Anonymous in honor of Deb Johnson.
- * Kristy Binkley in memory of her parents, Leroy & Mildred Teegarden.
- * Joel & Heidi Bradshaw in memory of their grandparents, Alfred & Tillie Gilbertson and Patricia (Caroline) Bauer.
- * Sue Dahm in memory of Robin Messick and Kari Bostrom and in honor of Pastor Bob Dahm and Shawn (two poinsettias).
- * Dale & LuAnn Dohms in memory of Kenneth Dohms, James Hintzman, Charlie Tumm, Marta Tumm, and Robbie Tumm.
- * Fred & Karen Flint in honor of their daughters Carrie and Polly and their families.
- * Jessica Grutt in memory of her dad Lyle Grutt.

- * Jeremy & Jo Hayes in memory of Debra Hayes.
- * Claudia Mork-Kjenslee and Kathleen Kjenslee in memory of Harold & Marjorie Mork and Dwight Kjenslee (three poinsettias).
- * Kelley Krause in memory of Barbara A. Krause and Gordon E. Skouge (two poinsettias).
- * Tim & Kathi Lehmann in memory of their daughter Carrie Lehmann and in honor of their family—Joe, Heather, Ian, and Gavin Witts; and Rick, Lindsay, and Anya Reiten.
- * the Lund family in memory of Edward & Arlene Lund (two poinsettias).
- * Mark & Pam Mattison; Jamie & LeChaun Boerner; and Chastity and Courtney Pomasl in memory of William Wolbert, Irvin & Bettyanne Mattison, and Stacey and Henry Martenson; and in honor of Jerane Wolbert; Miranda, Kamdyn, Kayden, Kynslee, and Kaeylee (three poinsettias).
- * Jeff & Mary Merritt; Mark, Steph, and Libby Butler; Erin, Mike, Phil, and Susie Merritt in memory of Frank & Harriet Merritt, Raymond & Verona Devney, Adam Cronk, and Kyle Gasteier.
- * Arlene Mork and family in memory of Arnold Mork.
- * Dale & Arlene Schmitz in memory of Claude & Isabel Schmitz and Ronald Stover (two poinsettias).
- * Kelly & Diane Stevens in memory of loved ones and in honor of family.
- * Jo Stewart in memory of Lynn Stewart.
- * Jeanne, Karen, and Luann Stoeklen in memory of Louie & June Stoeklen.
- * Libby Wallace.

Mission Focus for January

As part of our initiative to support our “adopted” local school, Wakanda Elementary, the Congregational Life Committee is choosing to focus our missional energies through the month of January on helping the Wakanda 5th

grade in raising funds for their spring overnight trip. This trip can range in price from \$6,000 to \$15,000 to visit exclusive Frank Lloyd Wright homes and locations, art installations, and much more. It will be the conclusion to several months of art and architecture as studied from all academic disciplines.

There are multiple ways you can help. One is to purchase a \$5 ticket by January 13 from Josie Wilterdink for 'Ranger Night,' a chili dinner fundraiser held at Wakanda on Thursday, January 17, 2019, where all 65 students will display their personal National Park project. They have been working since October to research, plan, write, and display facts about their chosen National Park. These projects help students learn critical thinking, problem solving, oral and written communication, adaptability, resilience, empathy and stewardship, curiosity, and imagination. When attending Ranger Night, please don't forget to bring your pocket change! Each Junior Ranger collects money in their display that is then given to the National Park Service in support of our national treasures.

A second way to support is to give monetary donations. You can use a pew envelope marked for Wakanda Elementary and we will make sure it arrives. Please write your checks to SDMA.

If you have any questions about this initiative, please ask a Congregational Life Committee member.

Christ Lutheran Church Council Minutes November 12, 2018

Members Present

Leslie Falkner, Beth Hein, Jeff Merritt, Mary Merritt, Dan Tye, Kathy Wagner, Jeremy Wilterdink, Kaye Wurm, Joe Wurm, Karen Zimmerman. Guests: Darrin Falk; Jerry Hoeflein and Dave Lindquist (incoming Council members).

Members Absent

Juan Gamez, Vickie Kuester, Pastor Randy Skow-Anderson (ex-officio).

Call to Order

Council President Jeremy Wilterdink called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m. at the church.

Devotion

Jeremy Wilterdink led us in devotion.

Vision Statement

Beth Hein recited our Vision Statement.

Mission Statement

Jeff Merritt recited our Mission Statement.

Council Purpose

All Council members recited our Council Purpose.

Approval of October 8, 2018, Council Minutes

[11-1] *A motion was made and seconded to accept the corrected minutes of the October 8, 2018, Council meeting. Wagner/M. Merritt; motion carried.*

Pastor's Report

Pastor Randy was absent from the meeting, so no pastor's report this month.

Action Items from Treasurer/Committees

(6:52 p.m. Karen Zimmerman entered.)

Administration Committee: Darrin Falk presented a proposal regarding upgrading microphones in the church to resolve the issue of frequency disturbance. Two estimates were presented--one from Audio Architects to replace four wireless microphone sets and three handheld wired microphones; Darrin also prepared an estimate if CLC

purchased the equipment direct from a vendor.

[11-2] *A motion was made and seconded to purchase replacement audio equipment through Sweetwater up to \$3,600. Tye/K. Wurm; motion carried.* In addition, Darrin presented the need to remove the concrete platform that the baptismal font sits on and to bring in a lift to repair the lights in the sanctuary.

[11-3] *A motion was made and seconded to approve the removal of the concrete platform in the narthex and retain and relocate the marble baptismal font. Tye/M. Merritt; motion carried.*

(Guest Darrin Falk left meeting at 7:15 p.m.)

Treasurer: October expenses exceeded income by \$940.68. Year-to-date has a negative balance of \$340.57.

[11-4] *A motion was made and seconded to redistribute \$2,000 from the Woinowski undesignated fund to the Building/Property Maintenance fund to cover the cash flow as needed for November, with any rebates going back into the Building/Property Maintenance fund. Wagner/K. Wurm; motion carried.*

Outreach Committee: The Halloween Trick or Treating night was a success with serving 245 hotdogs and handing out 196 goodie bags. Discussion was held on the idea of creating yard signs for members to display. FaceBook ad-

vertising has been successful with \$49 spent to reach 4,257 people. No action needed at this time.

Congregational Life: No action at this time.

Old Business

No Old Business.

New Business

A. Designation of Thanksgiving and Advent Offerings:

[11-5] *A motion was made and seconded to designate 10 percent of the Thanksgiving offering to Lutheran World Relief and 10 percent of midweek Advent, Christmas Eve, and Christmas Day offerings to Stepping Stones. Wagner/Zimmerman; motion carried.*

B. Memberships:

[11-6] *A motion was made and seconded to approve the transfer for Joel, Emily, Megan and Sarah Hansen to Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Menomonie, Wisconsin. Falkner/J. Wurm; motion carried.*

Adjournment

[11-7] *A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting. Falkner/M. Merritt; motion carried.*

Closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Beth Hein, Secretary

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Dear friends and family,

Merry Christmas! Blessed be the God of creation, and songs of thanksgiving for His presence among us.

It is Christmas morning here in Japan, which I guess by default renders my Advent newsletter one day too late. Nevertheless, the spirit of the message remains the same—peace to you and your loved ones. May you find joy in simplicity!

We sent our kids off to school this morning as usual for December 25 in Japan. Emilie has classes through the 28th. Hannah begins her winter vacation tomorrow. We enjoyed several good, reflective Christmas services in our various areas of work and worship this year. Today, this afternoon, two of my former students will be giving a concert at the Lutheran church where Patrick and I serve on Sunday mornings. As I haven't seen either of these 'kids' since they graduated, I'm looking forward to seeing them and hearing them sing after all these years . . . seems like seeds that were sown have taken root! Praise be to the King of Kings, Lord of Lords!

-Jackie

As I write this article, I am sitting in a tiny waiting room in a dingy building in downtown Fukuoka. Our oldest daughter is taking the ACT test in a (hot) room that is 10 x 15 feet at most, along with five other test-takers. Over the past ten days, Emilie finished a week of midterm exams,

which count toward 50 percent of her course grades, and prefectural standardized exams, which have some bearing on her eligibility for Japanese colleges, and now the ACT test, which of course holds a lot of weight when considering her options for college in the U.S.

The Japanese education system puts its students through a rigorous testing process, starting from elementary school, increasing in frequency and intensity all the way through high school. What you read or hear about Japan schools teaching to the test is absolutely true. There are classes and courses and cram schools specifically designed to help students pass various kinds of tests. What I didn't know until Emilie was in high school is that the exams are specifically designed for the average student's score to be 50 percent, reflecting a bell curve. When a class average is 60 percent or more, the exams are said to be too easy.

The extensive rigor of test preparation is truly boggling, and as parents, we often question whether we are doing right by Emilie by submitting her to this system. As missionaries in a city that doesn't have an international school, we had to decide early whether Emilie would pursue her secondary education in the Japanese system, or if we would send her to an international school where she would be a boarding student for six years. We chose the former. It's easy to second guess ourselves when the going gets tough, or when we are criticized either subtly or directly. We second guess our motivations, our intentions, our devotion, our wisdom—especially since we don't have experience walking in shoes like those Emilie must wear.

This past year has been particularly demanding for our family, as various and unexpected circumstances seemed to crop up almost weekly. These were things that we were unprepared for, situations that we didn't see coming or were not on our radar, and it seemed like as we were completing one challenge, another would crop up. Individually, they were manageable. But without a margin of time to recover, perhaps heal, make sense of things, it's like an intense period of examinations in a Japanese education system, where it simply seems like we just need to push through it to pass the test, regardless of the quality of our work. In the end, how does our score actually reflect our abilities and skills? I have found my courage weak at times. My belief that God will provide that healing and courage to trust that He is walking right there, and the strength to remember that He walked a bitter road to Calgary in order to pay the price for my unbelief, wavered.

There is a beautiful hymn by Keith and Krysten Getty called "I will Wait for You," based on Psalm 130. As we wait for His coming this Advent season, I'd like to share a little section of the lyrics:

Now He has come to make a way
And God Himself has paid the price
That all who trust in Him today
Find healing in His sacrifice
I will wait for You
I will wait for You
Through the storm and through the night
I will wait for you
Surely wait for you
For Your love is my delight

https://youtu.be/2aWdSRrW_4

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God’s love is steadfast and enduring in strength. This Advent season, I pray for each of you to feel that peace of surrendering to that promise. Maybe it will be in the quiet of an evening fire. Or the purple and pink of a cold dawn. Or maybe in the quiet of your workspace.

November music highlights

In late November we held a special worship service at the college that featured some interesting music. One of my juniors played “Canon in D” on the Japanese koto, and senior student Nagata-san sang a contemporary hymn that was composed in a Japanese traditional matsuri-style. A third musical piece was performed by a trio of super-dedicated junior hand bell students who wanted to do something a little above and beyond the call to duty. Normally I don’t get a lot of feedback for the music worship services, but this time, perhaps due to the inclusion of Japanese koto, teachers and staff seemed genuinely, pleasantly surprised and moved during the worship service.

Japanese koto: <https://youtu.be/bcaSNsrC2ys>

Christmas service highlights

This past week, we held our annual Christmas service at the college. There were moments of delight, introspection, and comfort. Here are two selections that came out fairly well in the video-taking process. The first is of three junior students who have enjoyed performing together since they were freshmen. The second is of the hand bell team doing an arrangement of “Wizards in Winter” as the recessional for the service.

<https://youtu.be/0qO4UCldK1s>

https://youtu.be/gPfxLa_Cu_A

Some of the prayers of our hearts

We pray for those in Indonesia who have lost their homes, family and friends in the recent tsunami. May the grace of God be poured out upon this nation that has endured so much suffering.

We pray for the people who continue to live in communities devastated by war and violence. May their prayers for peace and healing be answered.

We pray for our families and friends who continue to support our family while we enter our 13th year overseas.

We pray in thanksgiving for our students, young adults seeking their path at Kyushu Lutheran College. May they find that star that guided many to a baby in Bethlehem that night 2,000 years ago.

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Thank you . . .

. . . very much! We appreciate the use of the church to practice our dulcimers. Happy New Year.
– *The Dunn Dulcimers*

. . . so much for sponsoring a blood drive on November 23! There were five walk-in’s and a total of 31 presenting donors. We

ended up with 27 good units. Thank you so much, and see you guys again!

*The Red Cross Crew--
Brandi, Marshall, Jari, Brianna,
and Megan*

. . . to Menomonie area churches for donating turkey meals to so many of our River Heights families this Thanksgiving. Your kindness and your support for children in need are appreciated every year.

– *Stacy Berg, School Counselor*

. . . to all at Christ Lutheran for your loving care of our dad Pete Peterson. Thank you for the service and lunch served by the church circle. He really enjoyed the Saturday/Monday night services.

– *Nancy Peterson and
David Peterson*

. . . to everyone for the things they did—the cards, the visits—when Dave was so sick. He loved his church so much. Your kindness made his last days easier to bear.

– *The Enestvedt Family*

. . . to everyone who donated items for our 2nd Annual Christmas Sale, and thank you to everyone who volunteered and helped to make it another outstanding success! Our profit has been updated to an amount of \$3,192.75!

*Nancy and Arla
CLCW Co-Presidents*

. . . for your contribution of 88 pounds of groceries to Stepping Stones Food Pantry in November!

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. . . so much for allowing us to make use of your beautiful space to host our 2018 Quilt Tour for The Bridge to Hope. It was a great success and would not have been possible without the support of your congregation as well as so many others in our community. We surpassed our goal and raised over \$14,000! Those funds will go directly to provide services to victims of domestic abuse, sexual abuse, and human trafficking. Since moving into our new location a year ago, we have doubled the number of women and children we provided with emergency shelter. We have accompanied them to court for restraining orders and helped them find permanent, safe housing. Our advocates have worked with them to overcome the trauma they experienced and given them hope to face their future. A quilt tour is a perfect fundraiser for us. When folks think of quilts, what often comes to mind are images of warmth, love, and being cared for. That's how we want the victims to feel who come to us for help. And it's only because of a caring community that we are able to do so. Working together we can surround those who are suffering with the warmth of caring hearts and hands. Thank you from all of us and from all of the individuals touched by your warmth and caring.

Sincerely, *Naomi Cummings*
Executive Director
The Bridge to Hope

. . . for joining us for the CLC Youth Christmas Program on December 16. I'd like to extend many thanks to the parents and family who support the youth of our church year-round in a million ways. I'd specifically like to thank our teachers and helpers for their endless work to bring the Word of God to our children--Alex and Connie Beranek, Allison Falkner, Leslie Falkner, Jill Gamez, Beth Hein, Liz Jeppesen, Mary Merritt, Jessica Millar, and Chelsie Smith. I wish you all a very magical holiday season filled with the wonder and hope of Christ! ~*Josie Wilterdink*

. . . so much, dear ladies, for the gift of \$200 for activities. We are in need of colored paper and craft supplies. We will plan on spending the money on that.

- *Deb and residents at American Lutheran Communities*

. . . to the CLCW for your kind and very generous gift of the Chamber Certificates! This church family is very dear to me, and I am blessed and *grateful* to know each and every one of you! Christmas joy and blessings to all in the New Year!

Love, *Jane*

. . . for your generous donation of \$65 to Luther Park. Thank you also for your prayers and support.

Keith Newman
Executive Ministry Director
Luther Park Bible Camp

CLCW News

Sale Update

Thank you to everyone who donated items for our 2nd Annual Christmas Sale, and thank you to everyone who volunteered and helped to make it another outstanding success! Our profit has been updated to an amount of \$3,192.75!

Yearbooks

The new "yearbook" booklets for the church women will be mailed soon. If you do not receive your copy by the end of January, please let the church office know so that a copy may be mailed to you.

All ladies who are members are included in the booklet and assigned to a Circle. The duties of these Circles are explained in the booklet. We invite any ladies who are interested in a Bible study to join us at Circle meetings the third Thursday of the month.

Dates to remember

January 8: Mission Work Day at 9 a.m.

January 17: Charity and Peace Circles meet at 9:30 a.m.; Joy and Hope Circles meet at 1:30 p.m.

January 22: Mission Work Day at 9 a.m.

Nancy Bourget and Arla Graff
CLCW Co-Presidents

On December 2, we welcomed the following new members to Christ Lutheran Church—

Nancy Alseth
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Alex & Connie Beranek
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Steve & Diane Josephson
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Did you know . . .

. . . if you shop Amazon.com, a small percentage of your purchases can support Christ Lutheran Church *without additional cost to you*. Just use the link below, where you will be asked if you want to support Christ Lutheran, and learn how simple it is! Our unique link is: <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/39-1021308>. You can also find that link on the "Give" page of our website: www.welcome2clc.com/give.

. . . to get our monthly "Friendly Visitor" newsletter by email, send us a message using the instructions on the "Contact Us" form on our website: www.welcome2clc.com. You may also elect to stop postal delivery of the newsletter using that form.

. . . donations of items for Dunn County Humane Society may be placed in the white, lidded bin located in the narthex next to the cart for Stepping Stones. A full list of items needed at the Humane Society is on the bin.

. . . if you use Google's Gmail calendar on your computer, you can keep the Christ Lutheran calendar a click away by simply adding "calendar.clc@gmail.com" to the "add a friend's calendar" box in your Google calendar. (The same calendar is available to anyone with web access by clicking the "Calendar" tab on our web site: www.welcome2clc.com.)

. . . plastic bags and ice cream pails (with lids!) may be placed in the food pantry cart in the narthex. (These items are extremely useful at Stepping Stones, as 60 to 70 families are served every day.)

. . . a support group for those with dementia and Alzheimer's and/or for their caretakers and family members is held the first Wednes-

day of every month at 1 p.m. at United Methodist Church, 2703 Bongey Drive.

. . . there is a signup sheet in the narthex to sponsor a Sunday radio broadcast (\$100 per broadcast). Sunday sermons are broadcast on local radio station WMEQ 880 AM (and worldwide via iHeartRadio) Sundays at 9:30 a.m.; or listen to recent Sunday services online at www.welcome2clc.com.

. . . all signs need to be approved by the church office. Thanks for bringing all requests for signs to the church office for approval and subsequent posting of the signs around the church.

. . . "God Pause" Daily Devotion is available on the homepage of the CLC website at www.welcome2clc.com.

Give blood.

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

American Red Cross



Blood Drive Christ Lutheran Church

1306 Wilcox St.

Thursday, January 24, 2019
12:00 PM to 6:00 PM

Please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit redcrossblood.org and enter: Menomonie Christ Lutheran to schedule an appointment.

1-800-RED CROSS | 1-800-733-2767 | redcrossblood.org | Download the Blood Donor App

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[4] - Order ID: 118387 - Item ID: 312388 - Qty: 1 of 1 - 01/20/19

Thank you for service this month! If you cannot serve at your scheduled day or time, it is your responsibility to exchange with someone and then notify the church office (235-5573) of the change by 2 p.m. on Wednesday.

Scripture Readers

January 6	Nancy Bourget
January 13	Gordon Smith
January 20	Kathleen Kjenslee
January 27	Kristy Binkley

Ushers

January 6, 13, 20, and 27	Jerry Traxler and Jerry Smith
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Greeters

January 6	Gladys Klopp
January 13	David & Ardith Jacobson
January 20	Sharon Klabunde
January 27	Kathy Hinzman

Communion Assistants

January 6	Kathleen Kjenslee, Claudia Kjenslee, Pastor Randy; Sacristan (Altar Care)
January 13	Jerry Hoeflein, Pastor Randy; Sacristan (Altar Care)
January 20	Pastor Randy; Sacristan (Altar Care)
January 27	Jerry Hoeflein, Pastor Randy; Sacristan (Altar Care)

Bakers Guild

January 6	Karen Zimmerman
January 13	Cindy Hoeflein
January 20	Carlotta Anderson
January 27	

Acolyte/Coffee Serving

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January Altar Care: Larry & Vickie Kuester

January Money Counters:

Prayer Ventures for January

1 *New Year's Day:* We join all creation in praising God and pray that everything we do and say reflects God's glory and wonder-filled love.

2 *National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month:* We remember and pray for those who are victims of sex trafficking, involuntary servitude, debt bondage and forced labor in our nation and around the world, and we ask God to guide us in caring for victims and taking an active role in ending this abuse, injustice and oppression.

3 Ask God for the strength and patience we need to move forward with and accomplish new goals and endeavors; give thanks for the people in our lives who offer support, encouragement and wisdom, and who reassure us of God's grace and forgiveness when we feel like we are failing or struggling.

4 Remember in prayer people who have lost their homes and places of shelter as a result of recent natural disasters; pray they receive assistance — including emotional and spiritual care — and resources needed for rebuilding their lives and homes; pray we are generous in our support of Lutheran Disaster Response's work of bringing God's hope, healing and renewal to people and places suffering loss and disruption.

5 We come to God in prayer with grateful hearts, curiosity and awe that, as insignificant and small as we seem in comparison to the universe, God is mindful of us and cares for us.

6 Pray the Holy Spirit is at work in us, expanding our vision of whom we include when we think and speak of "neighbors," that our prayers, concerns and actions consider people and situations beyond our congregations, social circles, communities and nation.

7 Give thanks for the generous support of donors to *The Campaign for the ELCA* that has enabled the ELCA's International Women Leaders initiative to grow in its accompaniment and support of international women leaders through educational seminars, south-to-south exchanges, in-country study programs and degree programs at ELCA colleges and universities.

8 Pray for newly elected leaders, judges and officials across our nation, that they be filled with wisdom, compassion, a deep sense of justice, and a desire to build relationships where schisms exist — for the well-being of all people and communities, especially where there is poverty, hardship and inequality.

9 Give thanks for faith communities, church leaders, Christian educators, friends and mentors who help us understand the mystery of Christ and the gospel, leading us to greater boldness and confidence of faith.

10 Pray for our elders, especially those who are homebound or living alone, that we will seek ways to keep them connected and cared for through our congregations and communities during the long winter months and throughout the year.

11 There is no greater advocate, defender and deliverer of the poor and oppressed than God. Pray we are faithful, unwavering partners in God's work of bringing justice, healing, hope, relief and peace to the world.

12 Pray for the ELCA Disability Ministries Team and its work of advocating, equipping congregations and synods, and supporting new and existing ministries for the sake of all who live with mental illness, their families, and people who offer care, support and treatment.

13 Ask that the Holy Spirit shape our words, teachings and actions to enable us to be clear and articulate witnesses of who Jesus is: Son of God, the promised Messiah, our true salvation and hope.

14 Pray for J-term students returning to colleges and universities, that their experiences, new perspectives, knowledge and renewed faith help clarify, enrich and equip them for their vocations and discernment of what God may be calling them to.

15 Give thanks that God is with us in every situation, disaster, uncertainty and difficulty and that we can trust God's promise and reassurance: "Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine."

16 As many of our Christmas gifts fall into disuse, break, lose their appeal or are regifted, we ask God to remind us of the gifts and blessings in our lives that give us joy and are lasting — day after day.

17 Ask the Holy Spirit to help us support, pray for, encourage and accompany those who are new Christians and beginning their journey of faith following Jesus.

18 *Week of Prayer for Christian Unity:* We are one in the body of Christ. Pray for our ecumenical partners, global church companions, and our brothers and sisters in Christ everywhere that God will draw us closer to one another and bless our work together for the purpose of building up Christ's church in the world.

19 The voice of God can be sensed throughout all creation and in every nation. Pray we are attentive to God's voice, that it will assure us of God's glory and power, give us strength and bless us with peace.

20 In the miracle of turning water into wine for wedding guests to enjoy, Jesus demonstrates the power and presence of God in our everyday lives and situations. With joy and humility, give thanks for God's ability to accomplish the unimaginable for the sake of the world.

21 *Martin Luther King Jr. Day:* Give thanks for the life, vision and sacrifice of Martin Luther King, Jr., and all those who have worked tirelessly and at great personal risk throughout history for justice, peace, freedom and equality for all people, especially the oppressed and poor.

22 Give thanks for the service and witness of ELCA federal chaplains who work with members of the military, patients, families and staff at Veterans Affairs medical centers, and among the staff and inmates of federal prisons.

23 Pray for those who are cold and homeless this winter, that they find warm, safe shelter and for the work of congregations and community programs that offer temporary shelter, meals and assistance for individuals and families in need of long-term, affordable, safe housing.

24 Though we have many and sometimes uncommon spiritual gifts and abilities, we pray we are always mindful that they are gifts from God to be used for God's glory and to uplift and complement each other to be bearers of the good news in the world.

25 Pray we take comfort and encouragement in knowing we are not measured by our successes or failures or whether or not we achieve our goals and resolutions, but by our identity as baptized children of God, we are loved, forgiven, renewed and set free to share our faith, spread hope, serve our neighbor and do good in the world.

26 Pray for ELCA Peace Not Walls Young Adult Initiative and its trips to the Holy Land for young adults of color to explore issues of faith, justice and culture through awareness-raising experiences, relationship building and practicing accompaniment in Palestine and Israel.

27 Give thanks for the word of God and the work of the Holy Spirit that strengthen our faith and understanding of the work, purpose and truth of Jesus Christ — the light of truth, salvation and hope in the world.

28 Pray our long-standing congregations grow, adapt and thrive for God's work in the world; ask that the Holy Spirit inspire, equip and renew their leadership and members for ministry and service in the midst of everchanging social, cultural, economic and technological contexts.

29 Pray for participants, including leaders from the ELCA, gathered in Udon Thani, Thailand, for the Asian Lutheran International Conference, a network supported by the ELCA Association of Asian and Pacific Islanders.

30 Thank God for the special relationship we have with the United Methodist Church, a full communion partner with the ELCA since 2009; pray for their church, its members and leaders, and that together we find strength and new resources for the work of sharing the gospel and serving our neighbor.

31 Our diverse gifts, experiences and perspectives are brought together with purpose in the body of Christ. Pray our differences do not divide us, but instead enrich our lives and faith communities for mutual care and encouragement, doing God's work in the world and sharing the good news of our salvation and unity in Jesus Christ.

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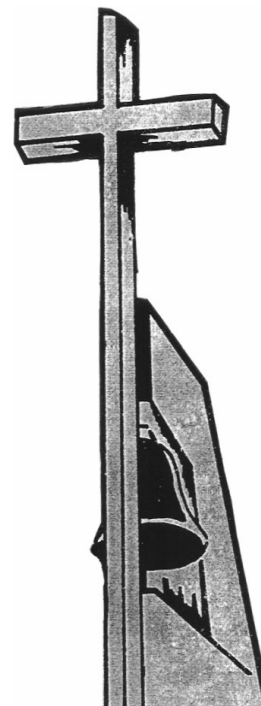
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 HAPPY NEW YEAR! (church office closed)	2 3:30 PM THE SPOT 5:30 PM Community Supper 5:45 PM Faith Formation (Christ Time)	3 6:30 PM Chancel Choir	4	5
6 9:00 AM Worship with Holy Comm. 10:10 AM COSMO/CIA/Playgroup 10:30 AM Outreach Cmtc 2:00 PM Worship at Autumn Village	7 5:30 PM Worship with Holy Communion in Fellowship Hall 6:30 PM Exec Board	8 9:00 AM Mission Work Day 10:00 AM Spiritual Direction	9 3:30 PM THE SPOT 5:30 PM Community Supper 5:45 PM Faith Formation (Christ Time) 6:00 PM Undecorating (Christ Time participates)	10 6:30 PM Chancel Choir	11	12
13 9:00 AM Worship with Holy Comm. 10:10 AM COSMO/CIA/Playgroup	14 5:30 PM Worship with Holy Communion in Fellowship Hall 6:30 PM Council in FH	15 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block; margin-bottom: 5px;">DEADLINE TO SUBMIT REPORTS FOR ANNUAL REPORT!</div> 10:00 AM Spiritual Direction 6:00 PM Administration Cmtc	16 3:30 PM THE SPOT 5:30 PM Community Supper 5:45 PM Faith Formation (Christ Time)	17 9:30 AM Charity & Peace Circles 1:30 PM Joy & Hope Circles 6:30 PM Chancel Choir	18	19
20 FAMILY SKI TRIP 9:00 AM Worship with Holy Comm. 10:10 AM COSMO/CIA/Playgroup	21 DEADLINE FOR "FRIENDLY VISITOR!" 5:30 PM Worship with Holy Communion in Fellowship Hall 6:45 PM Congregational Life Cmtc.	22 9:00 AM Mission Work Day 10:00 AM Spiritual Direction 3:00 PM Communion at The Neighbors	23 3:30 PM THE SPOT 5:30 PM Community Supper 5:45 PM Faith Formation (Christ Time)	24 12:00 PM -6:00 PM Red Cross Blood Drive at CLC 6:30 PM Chancel Choir	25	26
27 FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION SUNDAY 9:00 AM Worship with Holy Comm. 10:10 AM ANNUAL MEETING 10:10 AM COSMO/CIA/Playgroup	28 5:30 PM Worship with Holy Communion in Fellowship Hall	29 10:00 AM Spiritual Direction	30 3:30 PM THE SPOT 5:30 PM Community Supper 5:45 PM Faith Formation (Christ Time)	31 6:30 PM Chancel Choir		

Are you serving in ministry this month? See page 9 to find out!