

The Friendly Visitor from Christ Lutheran Church

1306 Wilcox Street

Menomonie, WI 54751

July 2023

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July @ Christ

- **2** Worship with Holy Communion at 9:00am
- **3** Worship with Holy Communion in the Fellowship Hall at 5:30pm
- 4 HAPPY INDEPENDENCE DAY! Office is closed.
- **5** FoodShelf from 5:00pm- 6:00pm; Wednesday's Table from 5:00pm- 6:00pm; Executive Committee Meeting at **5:30pm**
- 6 CLCW Guest Day from 10:30am 1:00pm
- **9** Worship with Holy Communion at 9:00am
- **10** Worship with Holy Communion in the Fellowship Hall at 5:30pm
- 11 Mission workday at 9:00am;
 - **All-Committee Night**—Committees meet at 5:30pm; Full Committees and Council meet together at 6:30pm; Council meets at 7:00pm
- **12** FoodShelf from 5:00pm 6:00pm; Wednesday's Table from 5:00pm 6:00pm
- **16** Outdoor Worship with Holy Communion at 9:00am
- **17** Worship with Holy Communion in the Fellowship Hall at 5:30pm
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- **30** Worship with Holy Communion at 9:00am
- **31** Worship with Holy Communion in the Fellowship Hall at 5:30pm

The office will be closed in honor of INDEPENDENCE DAY (July 4)

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



It doesn't get much better than summer in Wisconsin! I want to express my gratitude for your continued warm welcome to Annie and me as we partner in ministry together at Christ Lutheran Church. Thank you for your patience as I one by one

learn names- thank you for remembering to wear your nametag. We are

getting more and more settled as the days go by and it is a joy to be here with you. I have greatly enjoyed spending time with many of you and look forward to getting to know each of you better in the coming months.

We are at an exciting time in the life of the church. Worship has been lively as we gather around the promises of Christ, and we are sharing God's peace with gusto! We are seeing many new faces and that is a wonderful sign. You have stepped up in some truly remarkable ways to spruce up our campus inside and out and that momentum only continues, thank you! The excitement level for our church is high- and it should be! God is good and God's Spirit is at work in this place. We trust the promise that God is with us as we live out our mission to "Love Jesus Grow Together and Serve Others."

There are certainly many highlights, but here are



a few pictures from the last couple of weeks.

Our new banner has been ordered and a frame has been welded and installed on the corner of Wilcox and Maple. This is a temporary, seasonal banner that can be removed and replaced for various seasons and events. This banner is

specifically designed for the outdoors and is made of a mesh material to allow wind to pass through it. We hope that this will help increase visibility on the north side of campus for our church, our mission, and our worship times.

Helene and Sophia have been meeting new friends and growing in faith at Luther Park Bible Camp.





Our Campus Care team has been hard at work on our Monday Workdays.





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Pastoral Acts

Baptism

Jett Steven Wood

June 25, 2023 by Pastor Stephen

Hilding.

Parents: Jenna and Mark Wood

Parents: Jenna and Mark Wood Sponsors: Hanna Johnson and Spencer Crittendon

Friends, thank you for being a part of the Christ Lutheran Church family. As our discipleship emphasis continues over the next several weeks, I want to encourage you to invite a friend or family member to join you in worship. An open, honest invitation truly goes a long way. Offer to sit with them and make a plan for after church together. Introduce them to some of your church friends. Invite them to serve with you. As a friend of mine reminded me the other day, "What we have to offer may just be exactly what someone needs."

May God's Spirit be with you in all that you do.

God's Joy,
-Pastor Stephen



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CLCW News

Dates to remember

July 6,: CLCW Guest Day beginning at 10:30am

<u>July 11</u>: Mission Work Day at 9am <u>July 25</u>: Mission Work Day at 9am

Nancy Bourget and Arla Graff
CLCW Co-Presidents

Thank you...

We gratefully acknowledge your kind support of our program. Your contribution of many thousand U.S. stamps will help cheer hospitalized or out-patient Veterans. We thank you on behalf of those who will benefit from your generosity and your continued support of our Veterans. - Rose Daudo Stamps for the Wounded

Christ Lutheran Church Council Minutes May 9, 2023 7:00 p.m.

Members Present

Steve Josephson, Kathleen Kjenslee, Vicki Kuester, Curt Larson, Tim Lehmann, Linda Tylee, Dick Tyson, Kaye Wurm and Pastor Stephen Hilding (exofficio).

Members Absent

Arla Graff, Leslie Falkner and Jeff Merritt

Call to Order

Council President Tim Lehmann called the meeting to order at 6:50 p.m. at the Church. Vision Statement was read by Kaye Wurm.

Mission Statement was read by All.

Council Purpose was read by All.

Additions and Approval of Agenda

[5-1] A motion was made and seconded to approve a revised agenda; K Wurm/D Tyson; motion carried.

Dwelling in the Word

Pastor Stephen Hilding led us in a Word/Meditation on Isaiah 43:1-7, 10-21.

Approval of April 4, 2023 Council Minutes

[5-2] A motion was made and seconded to approve April 4, 2023, Council Meeting Minutes; CLarson/DTyson; motion carried.

New Business

Action: Approval of removal of membership of Brian Hillestad per his request.

[5-3] A motion was made and seconded to approve removal of membership of Brian

Hillestad per his request.
DTyson/LTylee; motion carried.

Action: Approval of transfer of membership for Lyndon Schlough from Grace Lutheran Church, Connorsville to Christ Lutheran.

[5-4] A motion was made and seconded to approve Lyndon Schlough's transfer of membership to Christ Lutheran from Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church, Connorsville. KWurm/SJosephson; motion carried.

Action: Funding the bus for the Spot.

[5-5] A motion was made and seconded to approve the transfer of funds from the "Youth Other" account to The SPOT to cover expenses for the bus through the end of May 2023 (and to cover the deficit of \$118.88) KWurm/KKjenslee; motion carried.

Action: Pastor Stephen's unexpected moving expenses. [5-6] A motion was made and seconded to approve Pastor Stephen Hildings additional

unexpected moving expenses of \$1200.00 out of Undesignated Memorials fund. SJosephson/CLarson; motion carried.

Action: (Addition to agenda) Approve Facilities Use of Cannery Estates Condo Association Annual Meeting to be held on June 8, 2023 in the Fellowship Hall. [5-7] A motion was made and seconded to approve Cannery Estates Condo Association Annual Meeting to be held on June 8, 2023 in the Fellowship Hall. They will be charged \$50.00 for a half day and \$75.00 for a full day. KWurm/ DTyson: motion carried. Discussion: Synod Assembly Tim Lehmann and Christine Ness attended the Synod Assembly on April 29, 2023. Tim Lehmann reported on the event.

Old Business

A. Cash Flow – April was a good month.

Council E-Mail Directory

- Tim Lehmann (President, Admin Committee): tmcleh@gmail.com
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- 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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B. Discussion: Bylaw Updates– Bylaw updates will be shared at the June meeting.

Reports

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

Adjournment

[5-8] A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting; DTyson/LTylee; motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m. and closed with The Lord's Prayer.

Vickie Kuester, Council Vice President

Memorials/Honoraria

To the **Building Fund** in memory of:

<u>Joan Labs</u> from the CLCW

<u>Beverly Waller</u> from the CLCW

<u>Rich Hendrikson</u> from the CLCW

To the **General Fund** in honor of :

<u>Katie Wagner</u> from Larry & Vickie Kuester

To the **Furnace Fund** in memory of:

<u>Earl Tichenor</u> from Kelly & Diane Stevens and from Curt Peterson

<u>Tom Peterson</u> from Judith and Dale Hanson
<u>Joel Bradshaw</u> from Heidi
Bradshaw

To **The SPOT bus** in memory of:

<u>Earl Tichenor</u> from Jeff & Mary Merritt

To the **General Fund** in memory of:

<u>Earl Tichenor</u> from Judy & Mike Benzel

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ALL COMMITTEE NIGHT

JULY 11

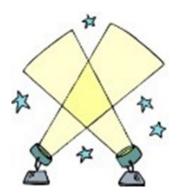
All committees will meet individually on Tuesday, July 11 at 5:30pm; Full committees with the Church Council the meet at 6:30pm with the Church Council meeting beginning at 7pm.

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.

Frank and Dee Smith

would like you to know that they miss their friends at Christ Lutheran Church as they have been unable to attend services due to health issues.



July's Financial Spotlight is: UTILITIES

Gas, Electricity, Water/Sewer, Telephone, Internet and Garbage

Yes, those run of the mill, everyday necessities that make most homes and businesses work the way we expect them to work.

Our building has those expenses too. While they are less than 7% of the total budget for the year, they play an important part in what we do.



rsday, Aug loth, 2023 Sioux Creek Golf Course India Colfough Luther Park 8:30 am Check-in,

Awards will follow the Golf Scramble Putting Practice & Driving Range Silent Auction, Prizes and 9:00 Start

You must be present to win prizes.

Phone Number and Email:

Send form and check to: Luther Park Bible Camp, 944 24 1/4 Street, Chetek, WI 54728

All proceeds help sustain the ministry at Luther Park!

\$50 per person for 9 holes with cart Registration Form (payable to Luther Park)

May register in foursomes —— Singles will be assigned a foursome	•
Ist Name	
Address	
City/State/Iip	
Phone Number and Email:	
2nd Name	
Address	
City/State/Zip	
Phone Number and Email:	
3rd Name	
Address	
City/State/Iip	
Phone Number and Email:	
4th Name	
Address	
City/State/Lip	

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF KITS

It is only July and shortly the SCHOOL SUPPLIES will be out in the stores. The Church women will again be shipping School Kits, Baby Care Kits, Personal Care Kits, Fabric Kits, and Quilts to Lutheran World Relief this fall. We can use everybody's help in collecting supplies for these kits. You can put your contributions in the PINK TOTE in the entry way of the church. Thrivent encourages all of us to "live generously". With your help and your donations and with the help of Thrivent Financial, we will once again be packing and sending quilts and kits to Lutheran World Relief this fall. Thank You.

SCHOOL KITS

Two things to be aware of:

- 1. Pencils must NOT be sharpened
- 2. Only blue or black ball point ink pens. (no gel ink)
- *Four 70 sheet notebooks wide or college ruled paper, approximately 8x10 $\frac{1}{2}$ (No loose paper)
- *One 30 centimeter ruler, or rulers with centimeters on one side and inches on the other
- *One pencil sharpener
- *One pair of blunt scissors
- *Five unsharpened pencils
- *Five black or blue ball point pens (no gel ink)
- *One box of 16 or 24 crayons
- *One 2 ½ " eraser
- *We have 100 backpacks available already

FABRIC KITS

- *Two spools of neutral colored, general purpose thread, 250 300 yards.
- *Two pieces of cotton or cotton blend fabric (No knits or polyester)
 - *2 1/4 yards of 60" wide fabric
 - *3 yards of 44" wide fabric
 - *4 yards of 36" wide fabric

BABY CARE KITS

- *Two lightweight cotton t- shirts (no onesies)
- *Two long or short sleeved gowns or sleepers (without feet)
- * Two receiving blankets between 36 and 52 inches
- *Four cloth diapers, flat fold preferred (must be new)
- *One jacket, sweater or sweatshirt with hood or include a baby cap
- *Two pair of socks (continued on next page)

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BABY CARE KIT (continued)

- *One hand towel, dark in color
- *Two or three bars of soap totaling 8 or 9 oz. gentle soap in original wrapping
- *Large safety pins for diapers

PERSONAL CARE KITS

- *One light weight dark bath size towel (20"x 40" or 52"x27")
- * Two or 3 bars of soap totaling 8 Or 9 Oz.
- *1 toothbrush
- *1 sturdy comb
- *1 metal nail clippers

SYNOD CALENDAR OF EVENTS

<u>Civil Rights Pilgrimage</u> November 1-5, 2023 Alabama

<u>Lay School of Ministry</u>

2022-2023 Theme: Public Witness

September - May

Hybrid and Zoom Options

Information and registration here: http://lavschoolofministry.org

Guest lecturers can be found here: http://layschoolofministry.org/

LSMConEd22-23.pdf

Synod Trip to the Holy Land

July 8-17, 2024

Details can be found here:

https://www.eliastours.com/tours/ northwest-synod-of-wisconsin-holyland-trip-with-bishop-laurie-skowanderson

ELCA Youth Gathering July 16-20, 2024 New Orleans, LA

https://www.elca.org/
YouthGathering

RETIREMENT OPEN HOUSE FOR REVEREND GREG KAUFMANN



Luther Park Bible Camp-Chetek Saturday, August 26, 2023 1-4 p.m.

Program at 2:30
Celebrating 23 years of ministry
RSVP: Liz Bartsch
715.859.6810 or
Ibartschenwswi.org



Hello to all our Luther Park camper families, staff & camper alumni, donors, and all others that love LPBC!

I won't do this every time, but I wanted to say a big HELLO! from your new Executive Director at Luther Park. I am unbelievably blessed to be serving this incredible ministry & community that has so much history up here in Chetek, Wisconsin! The first few weeks of my time here has been a whirlwind, meeting many people that love this place, from campers & their families, past & current staff, church staff, and many many more.

Summer youth camp is off to a fast and fabulous start, with staff training and our first week of camp in the books! We have already seen 100+ people here this summer to enjoy Luther Park in its sunniest season. You can't help but smile hearing all of the campers being welcomed into this loving community.

These Luther Log Field Notes will be your place to find updates, news, and stories about what is happening around Luther Park.

God's Love Endures—

Eric Klein <>< LPBC Executive Director

Request from ALC

The director of activities at American Lutheran Communities is looking for donations for prizes for the residents. She is looking for the following items:

Bean Babies
Small Knick knacks
Candy bars, no nuts
Small decorations for rooms. For example: at the dollar store,
4th of July hanging picture, or summer themed wall hanging etc.

Small hand lotion, for men or women

Money donations for a gift card to get hair cut or styled in the beauty shop Body lotion

Donations may be dropped off in the church office or ask for Deb Haugrose at the American Lutheran Home.

THANK YOU!



Prayer Ventures for July 2023

- 1 Give thanks for the work of social service organizations, ELCA Disability Ministry and the Total Inclusion! initiative of Lutheran Outdoor Ministries to fully include, affirm and respond to the diverse needs of people who live with a range of physical, cognitive and emotional disabilities.
- **2** Pray that we will equip one another for the challenges and share with one another the blessings that come from being disciples of Jesus, called and sent to do God's work in the world.
- **3** Remember in prayer all those who have been impacted by disasters, including those related to extreme weather, climate change, economic upheaval, political unrest, and war, and by other events that cause suffering, loss and displacement.
- 4 Independence Day Give thanks for the freedom and abundance we enjoy in our country, and ask God to help us exercise generosity in our national life, addressing root causes of the poverty, hunger, injustice, racism and lack of opportunity our neighbors experience on a daily basis.
- **5** Pray for the worship leaders and musicians gathering in Philadelphia for the conference of the Association of Lutheran Church Musicians.
- **6** So far in 2023 there have been over 18,500 gun violence deaths in our country, including 280 mass shooting incidents (gunviolencearchive.org). Ask God to hear our cries of grief and anger; pray for the comfort, healing and strength of individuals, families and communities suffering sorrow and trauma; and ask the Spirit's strength to do all we can to prevent gun violence.

- **7** Praise God that sin and death have no control over our lives now that we have been set free by God's unearned gift of grace and forgiveness in Jesus Christ.
- **8** Thank God for the ELCA's special relationship with the United Methodist Church, a full communion partner since 2009. 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.
- **9** "Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest" (Matthew 11:28). Pray with relief and gratitude that we are never alone or without a loving rabbi, instructing and rejuvenating us to navigate life as followers of Christ.
- **10** Ask God to guide and bless the Truth and Healing Movement of our church, an initiative to increase our understanding of past and present injustices and harm borne by Indigenous people and to encourage action to build right and healthy relationships, healing Indigenous and non-Indigenous people alike.
- **11** Thank God for inspiring our generosity to new congregations and ministries, especially in places that lack the resources for growth and self-sufficiency.
- 12 "Help us to put aside the angry word, the clenching fist, the wish and will to hurt. Teach us the way in which love is best served" (*ELW* 615). Pray that we will treat our neighbors including our enemies with a kindness and respect that delight God.
- 13 Give thanks for the ELCA's Resourceful Servants initiative, which promotes the financial wellness of ELCA congregations, rostered ministers and seminarians; lessens the strains on those who lead faith communities; and enables them to more effectively carry out the mission of the church making disciples for Jesus Christ.
- **14** God is gracious and good to all and has compassion for all creation. Pray for God to help us spread the good news throughout the world and to every generation.

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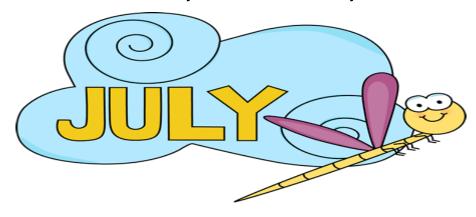
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- **15** Ask the Spirit to guide and inspire those planning the 2024 ELCA Youth Gathering, the Multicultural Youth Leadership Event, the tAble event (for youth living with physical, cognitive and emotional disabilities) and the Young Adult Gathering.
- **16** Pray for patience when our ministry doesn't produce the results we expect; ask the Spirit to help us reflect on our work, adapt, and understand that sometimes positive results ensue without our knowledge.
- 17 Pray for rostered ministers gathering with colleagues from across the church for fellowship, renewal, continuing education, worship and Bible study at the ELCA Rostered Ministers Gathering in Phoenix, Ariz.
- **18** Remember in prayer members of the Commission for a Renewed Lutheran Church as they reconsider statements of purpose for each expression of the ELCA and the principles of our church's organizational structure.
- **19** Lift up prayers of joy and thanksgiving, for God has given us new life, freedom and an eternal inheritance through the risen Christ a gift for all people!
- **20** Give thanks, today and every day, for those who stir our joy and hope, and resolve to *be* a source of joy and hope for others.
- **21** Doing God's work in the world and sharing the gospel is never a fruitless endeavor God accomplishes what God intends. Pray for the Spirit to deepen our trust in God's power and renew our strength for continuing the important work to which God has called us.
- **22** Pray that, together, we will always work to identify and encourage potential leaders, deacons and pastors, so that they might respond to God's call and use their gifts to share the gospel, nurture congregations, grow the church and serve our neighbors in need.
- **23** Pray for wisdom to discern good from evil, and for faith to know God's truth reigns.

- **24** The brutality and destruction of the Russia-Ukraine War have gone on for over a year. Pray for a permanent end to the violence, and remember in prayer people of all ages who yearn for peace and normality.
- 25 Pray that we will not judge or disparage people whose religious beliefs differ from our own or who belong to no community of faith. Promise to trust the work of the Spirit when listening to our neighbors, responding to their questions and opinions and inviting them to embrace the gift of unconditional love we experience through Jesus Christ.
- **26** "Teach me your way, O Lord, that I may walk in your truth" (Psalm 86:11). Pray that, as disciples and students of Christ, we will attend to the truth of God and what the Spirit may reveal anew.
- 27 Citizens of Louisville Organized and United Together (CLOUT), an ELCA World Hunger Domestic Hunger Grant partner, has assisted in providing over 4,200 units of safe and affordable housing in Louisville, Ky. Give thanks for what we accomplish together when we share our gifts and resources!
- **28** Pray for those whose mental and physical pain goes unnoticed in our communities and congregations; ask the Spirit to help us reach out to them with care, support and respect.
- **29** Give thanks and praise to God, who knows us inside and out and guides and supports us throughout our journey.
- **30** "Neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord" (Romans 8:38-39). Thank God for this sweeping proclamation, which gives us peace and assurance in this uncertain world.
- **31** Pray for the Spirit to refresh and sustain the health, spirit and faith of young adult staff and their leaders as they serve in our summer camp ministries across the country.

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Pastoral Ministry

Ministers: All Members of the Congregation.

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

Lutheran Campus Ministry Director: Sara Reed

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Music Ministry

Accompanist: LuAnn Dohms

Substitutes: Andrew Maki, Mary Merritt Choir Accompanist: LuAnn Dohms

Youth Ministry

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

Sunday School (COSMO)

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

Accompanist: Mary Merritt

Maintenance

Custodian: Tom Surdick **Missionary Sponsorship**

Patrick & Jackie Bencke, Japan (jackie@bencke.com)

Food Ministry

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Office Staff

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Treasurer: Dick Rank/Tricia Rank-Larson (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)

Internet Ministry

Sunday bulletins, "Friendly Visitor" newsletters, calendar, video of Sunday services, and much more may be found at www.Welcome2CLC.com or at www.facebook.com/Welcome2CLC.

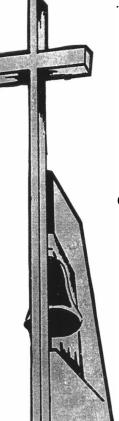






"Love Jesus, Grow Together, Serve Others."

Welcome!



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