

# The Friendly Visitor *from* Christ Lutheran Church

1306 Wilcox Street

Menomonie, WI 54751

June 2023

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## June @ Christ

- 4 Worship with Holy Communion at 9:00am
- 5 Worship with Holy Communion in the Fellowship Hall at 5:30pm
- 6 Executive Board Meeting at 5:30pm
- 7 FoodShelf from 5:00pm- 6:00pm; Wednesday's Table from 5:00pm- 6:00pm
- 11 Worship with Holy Communion at 9:00am
- 12 Worship with Holy Communion in the Fellowship Hall at 5:30pm
- 13 Mission workday at 9:00am; CLCW Board Meeting 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
- 14 FoodShelf from 5:00pm - 6:00pm; Wednesday's Table from 5:00pm- 6:00pm
- 18 **HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!** Outdoor Worship with Holy Communion at 9:00am
- 19 Worship with Holy Communion in the Fellowship Hall at 5:30pm
- 20 Red Cross Blood Drive from 12:00pm - 6:00pm
- 21 FoodShelf from 5:00pm- 6:00pm; Wednesday's Table from 5:00pm - 6:00pm
- 25 Worship with Holy Communion at 9:00am
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**Volunteers are needed** at the Sunday service each week: ushers, communion assistants and help with coffee fellowship.

If you are feeling a little shy because you have not helped in a long time or maybe not at all, fear not! We have people that can walk you through what you need to do.

Please consider helping in this way.

FROM THE



PASTOR

“All is a gift from God.” This line came to mind as I looked around the sanctuary in awe during my installation service as your new Pastor. Joy was evident on Sunday looking at your faces, seeing your excitement and eagerness to

dream how we can together continue to live out our mission to “Love Jesus, Grow Together, Serve Others.” How fitting it is that we hear loud and clear the promise of Easter as we transition to the season of Pentecost. The tomb has been emptied, Christ is Risen—and yet rather than an ending, Christ’s mission begins in the world.



The work of Christ is alive in and through the people. God’s love and care are now up to you and me. Christ returns to the Father so that we might too experience unity with God. This same God calls each one of us to share the Good News of Jesus, the hope and new life in Christ. We have spent some time in the past few weeks talking about the image of spring and God’s willingness to make us new. What a gift we have that God is constantly breathing new life into us, creating new opportunities, and calling us to serve in new ways.



As we transition from the season of Easter to Pentecost, we hear and celebrate anew the gift of the Holy Spirit, our Advocate. God’s presence forever walking with us, comforting us, leading us, and guiding us each step of the way. God’s Spirit is all around us. You could feel it as our graduates received their blankets made with love from our CLCW, reminding them that the Christ Lutheran family is holding them in prayer as they are called to new adventures. You could feel it as children ran up to the front to hear Josie’s awesome children’s message. You could feel it as we remembered we are “Church together” as Deacon Laura Ramlow from our NW Synod of Wisconsin shared with us the Good News. God’s Spirit was with us as we made installation promises to God and each other. God’s Holy Spirit as we celebrated and sang, “To the Table” hearing anew the promise that God’s love and forgiveness are for all. You could even sense it through the humor and excitement of Jeopardy and our talented hosts.

You could see the Spirit as red filled Trinity Lutheran Church in Boyceville, WI as we celebrated Katie Wagner’s call to ordained ministry. As a daughter of the congregation, God’s Spirit worked through you to nurture and encourage her in the life of faith

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Indeed, we are church together and for that, we give thanks and praise!

As I reflect upon my time with you so far, I am humbled by the number of ways I have already experienced and observed Christ at work in and through you—the body of Christ here at Christ Lutheran Church! What a privilege, honor, and joy it is to serve alongside you and our staff in ministry together. I am especially grateful for your generous hospitality (what a wonderful brunch we shared- thank you to our kitchen crew and all who prepared for the celebration), your thoughtful support, your willingness to welcome my wife, Annie, and family, your passion for serving Jesus, and your desire to “be the church” together. I thank God for the chance to be a part of such a remarkable team! May God’s Pentecost Spirit be with you in all that you do.

God’s Joy,  
-Pastor Stephen

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

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## CLCW News

### Dates to remember

June 13: Mission Work Day at 9am

June 27: Mission Work Day at 9am

July 6: Guest Day at CLC at 10:30am

*Nancy Bourget and Arla Graff*  
CLCW Co-Presidents

*To those who donated to the thrift sale, those who worked (setting up, selling, cleaning up and digging hostas and irises) and those who purchased items. Thank you! We brought in \$2382.25!*





**Christ Lutheran Church  
Council Minutes  
April 4, 2023 7:00 p.m.**

Members Present

Arla Graff, Steve Josephson, Kathleen Kjenslee, Vicki Kuester, Curt Larson, Tim Lehmann, Jeff Merritt, Linda Tylee, Dick Tyson, and Pastor Mamy Ranaivoson (ex-officio).

Members Absent

Leslie Falkner and Kaye Wurm

Call to Order

Council President Tim Lehmann called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. at the Church.

Vision Statement was read by Dick Tyson.

Mission Statement was read by All.

Council Purpose was read by All.

Approval of Agenda

*[4-1] A motion was made and seconded to approve a revised agenda; DTyson/SJosephson; motion carried.*

Dwelling in the Word

Pastor Mamy Ranaivoson led us in a Word/Meditation John 19:26-30.

Approval of March 14, 2023  
Council Minutes

*[4-2] A motion was made and seconded to approve March 14, 2023 Council Meeting Minutes; DTyson/AGraff; motion carried.*

New Business

1. Action: Approve Facility Usage for WI Drivers and Traffic Safety Education Association Workshop on Tuesday, September 26, 2023.

*[4-3] A motion was made and seconded to approve the use of the Fellowship Hall by the WI Drivers and Traffic Safety Ed. Assoc. in September. LTylee/D Tyson; motion carried.*

Old Business

1. Cash Flow - The committees were made aware of purchase order rules.
2. Discussion: Bylaw Changes – Bylaw updates were made. The revised bylaws will be put on our church website for review before passed.
3. Discussion: Application for Use of Facilities/Property on each group meeting at CLC – We need to start enforcing every group completing the application for use of facilities/properties form.
4. Discussion: Synod Assembly is on April 29 in Rice Lake, and we still need one female and one male delegate.

5. Palm Sunday Brunch  
*[4-4] A motion was made and seconded for the money from the brunch to go to the general fund. LTylee/S Josephson; motion carried.*

Reports

1. Pastor's Report presented to Council.
2. Committee Reports/ Actions/Financial Reports received to the Council.

Adjournment

*[4-5] A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting; LTylee/DTyson; motion carried.*

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m. and closed with The Lord's Prayer.

Vickie Kuester, Council Vice President

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## Memorials/Honoraria



### To the **Radio Fund** -

in memory of their mother,  
Joan Labs, on Mother's Day  
from Sonia Labs and Beth Hein.

in honor of Arlene Mork's  
90th birthday from her family.

### To the **General Fund** -

in memory of Rich  
Hendrikson from Cheryl Lowery

In memory of Earl Tichenor  
from Larry & Vickie Kuester

### To the **Parking Lot Fund** -

in memory of Earl Tichenor  
(Jane Amble's father) from Gary  
and Kathy Wagner.

In memory of Earl Tichenor  
from Dave & Jane Amble

### To the **Furnace Fund** -

In memory of Earl Tichenor from  
Anonymous

### To **Lutheran Disaster Response** -

In memory of Earl Tichenor from  
Cheryl Lowery and from Jerry &  
Jan Traxler

### **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.

To God's beloved in the ELCA,

In the tenth chapter of Romans  
we read, "How are they to call  
on one in whom they have not  
believed? And how are they to  
believe in one of whom they  
have never heard? And how are  
they to hear without someone  
to proclaim him? And how are  
they to proclaim him unless  
they are sent?" (Romans 10:14-  
15).

In response to this and other  
invitations in Scripture, the  
church continues to educate,  
form, and send rostered  
ministers so that all may call on  
Jesus Christ, our crucified and  
risen Lord. Our process to do  
so is currently under review.

In March 2022 a diverse group  
was appointed to examine and  
improve the candidacy process  
that equips rostered ministers  
for service in our church. This  
team is the [Candidacy Leader-  
ship Development Working  
Group](#) (CLDWG.)

In the last year we have spent  
much of our time hosting virtual  
and in-person listening  
sessions to learn the needs of  
our church. We also  
completed a survey for those  
excluded by the candidacy  
process. As we move forward  
, the working group is  
prioritizing feedback from our  
church.

All members of the ELCA are  
invited to hearings at which the  
working group will share its  
findings. There will also be an  
opportunity for response. More  
details will be shared at the  
hearings; you can find an

executive summary of the  
team's work [here](#).

The hearings will be hosted [via](#)  
[Zoom](#). Please mark your  
calendars for one of the  
following:

June 20, 7pm Eastern/6pm  
Central/5pm Mountain/4pm  
Pacific

June 22, 1pm Eastern/12pm  
Central/11am Mountain/10  
am Pacific

June 26, 2pm Eastern/1pm  
Central/12pm Mountain/11  
am Pacific

June 28, 10pm Eastern/9pm  
Central/8pm Mountain/7pm  
Pacific

Thank you for your prayers for  
this group as we seek to  
increase proclamation of the  
gospel.

Grace and peace,  
The Candidacy Leadership  
Development Working Group  
*Bishop Susan Candea*, chair

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## Our sympathy to . . .

. . .the family and friends of  
Emma Korbel (Scott Carlson's  
grandmother) who passed away  
April 27.

. . . the family and friends of  
Merlin Stratton (Chris Owens'  
and Curt Larson's uncle) who  
passed away April 28.

. . .the family and friends of Earl  
Tichenor (Jane Amble's father)  
who passed away May 9.

## FOOD MINISTRY NEWS

### Wednesday's Table

Serving from 5 to 6pm  
each Wednesday

### All are welcome!

To sign up to help any Wednesday at Wednesday's Table, please use this link: <https://www.welcome2clc.com/volunteer-signup.html>. You may also sign up to help by calling the church office (715-235-5573) and we will make sure you are signed up.

VOLUNTEERS ARE ALWAYS  
NEEDED!

### CLC FoodShelf

Each week from 5pm - 6pm, we are serving up bags filled with several meals of healthy, non-perishable food to several families in need. You can help in two ways: Donate money to the FoodShelf Fund or donate food items. Please place all food donations in one of the collection carts.



### June'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.

## KATIE WAGNER IS ORDAINED!

As a congregation, we celebrate the work of the Holy Spirit as our own Katie Wagner has been called to ordained ministry! Many of her family members, friends, colleagues, and ministry partners gathered to support her on May 21, 2023, at Trinity Lutheran Church in Boyceville.

Thank you for the many ways this congregation has nurtured, shaped, and molded her in her faith journey. Our prayers and our encouragement go with her as she serves as pastor at Trinity Lutheran Church, in Lake Nebagamon.





## The Bencke Family in Japan

May 2023: 99番

Dear friends, family, and partners in mission around the world,

Here we are in the second week of May already. Schools are wrapping things up in the U.S. while here the new academic year (which starts in April) barely has three weeks under the belt. I remember very well the craziness of May - musicals, proms, awards, graduation parties, final concerts.... good times but yes, busy!

April in Kumamoto brings sands in from mainland China and Mongolia so the air has been pretty rough for allergies and overall health this year. To top it off, we just had a weekend of torrential rain - almost an entire foot in 2 days! But today, Monday, was glorious! Sunshine, cool breeze, clean air all made up for the 3 days of miserable conditions and we can all take deep breaths of air.

I am attaching the 99th newsletter of our life and ministry in Kumamoto. Feel free to share with others, and if you wish to be taken off this mailing list, please let me know by replying to this message.

May God be with you in all of your spring festivities!

Jackie

### **Don, don, don, kara-ka-ka! (sounds of taiko)**

If you ever have a chance to hear Japanese taiko drumming, take the opportunity. Maybe bring some ear plugs because the concerts are often loud. But the energy will draw you in and I can almost guarantee you'll be entranced by the sounds, the power, and the movement. Patrick and I played taiko with a local group here for many years before our rickety knees, coupled with parenting responsibilities and the long drive to practices forced us to become audience members instead of players.

This past March as I began instruction for some of our students in Japanese taiko drumming. The drum was purchased with the generous donations of several congregations who have given regular "5th Sunday collections" (thank you, First Lutheran Church in Stephen, Minnesota!) for a few years and with from special offerings we received from several of our partner congregations during home assignment in the summer of 2022.

I cannot stress enough how incredibly important it is for the music of worship to reflect the

deepest parts of our hearts. Music, art, beauty, all of this is evidence of our creative God. When we are able to fashion God's creation into something artful or beautiful that helps us bring our prayers of thanksgiving, joy, lament, petitions, questions, stillness, and praise from our bodies to God's heart through our language, melodies, harmonies, movements, colors, or textures, these are broad expressions of both personal and corporate worship. We come to know God, and God reveals Himself to us through this giving and receiving.

Hymnody in missions has historically not been done in such a way as to encourage churches in the vast kingdom of God to write their own songs. Hymns composed in Europe or the United States were generally translated (some not very well!), and the western melodies, harmonies, and instrumentations were used to help teach Christian theology. Some cultures, such as those in Africa and South America, have done a better job of composing music and hymnody for their congregations that reflect their heart songs with instruments that speak to their cultural history and are inflected from

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the very beginning with their own heart languages. Unfortunately, churches in Asia have not been as quick to do the same.

There are many reasons for this that are not indictments on early missionaries who brought their hymnody to Asia. Practically speaking, young churches had to become familiar with Scripture and Jesus' teachings before a theologically robust and poetically rich repertoire of hymnody could emerge. This takes time! Another reason that continues to be the case in Japan is the desire for Christian churches to assert how they are different than the other belief systems in Japan, such as Buddhism and Shinto. To use instruments or melodies that historically emerged from usage in those faith systems has had the potential to evoke a sense of syncretism. Traditional Japanese instruments have a close history with aristocracy, so using a koto or shamisen in a church when Protestant missionaries first came to Japan in the late 1800s would have been an absolute no-no. Things are changing, however, and contextualization of music and art to use for the worship of God (called ethnodoxology) is a burgeoning field where expertise is being honed in undergraduate and graduate

programs. Teaching college students about who God is and how God's love transcends geopolitical or cultural borders is my main heart work in Kumamoto. I love to show students the ways in which God has shown love for Japan through the gifts of music and arts. This term, the choir will do two musical selections that I arranged, both with the phrase "Let Everything that Hath Breath Praise the Lord." One song is set to a Hebrew melody called "Kol Han'Shamah," and the other is set to one of the oldest folk tunes in Japan called "Kokiriko Bushi." The Japanese arrangement will feature shamisen and taiko as we sing about all the interesting sounds that instruments can make in praise of our Lord. Please continue to pray for our college music ministries.

*In other news – please continue to keep us in your prayers:*

**Emilie** will join us for the summer while she researches how terminology affects the ways in which mental illness is perceived in Japan.

**Hannah** just started her third year of junior high (9th grade). She is active on the track team and now officially passed me in height. That means both my girls are taller than me now.

**Patrick and Jackie** have full loads of classes this new academic year.

**Jackie** will travel to the U.S. to attend graduation for her PhD next week.

**Patrick's parents and Jackie's dad** remain in good health, for which we are so thankful.

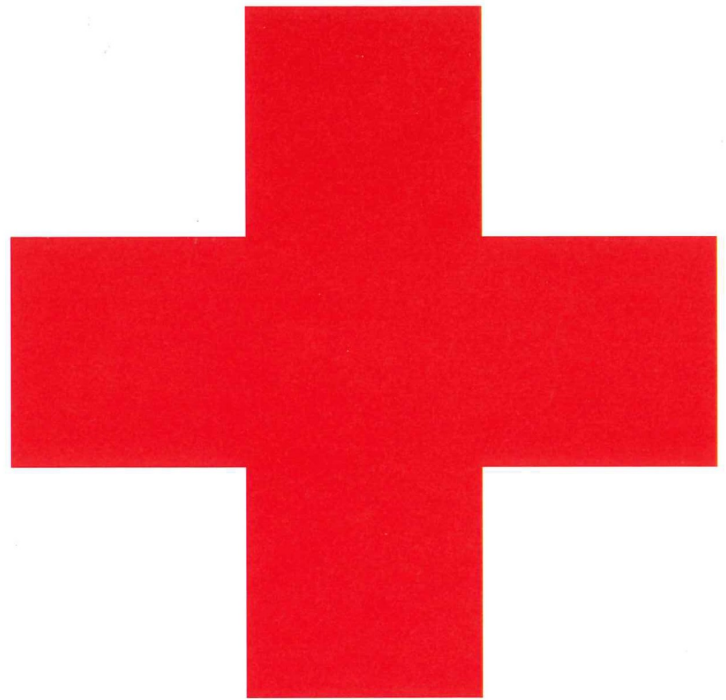




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in the U.S. needs blood.

**American Red Cross**



**Menomonie Blood Drive**  
**Christ Lutheran Church**

1306 Wilcox St.

**Tuesday, June 20, 2023**  
**12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.**

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## Senior Recognition Sunday



May 21, we recognized those members of Christ Lutheran Church who graduated from high school this academic year. They are:

Hayle Boraas	Aiden Dowd
Dale Burton	Nick Madsen
Garrett Crouse	Sam Wurm
Klayton Deutsch	

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**CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF YOU!!**

(If we missed someone, please let the church office know.)

## ALL COMMITTEE NIGHT

JUNE 13

All committees will meet individually on Tuesday, June 13 at 5:30pm; Full committees with the Church Council the meet at 6:30pm with the Church Council meeting beginning at 7pm.

## NEWS FROM STEPPING STONES OF DUNN COUNTY

### Construction is underway!

Things are finally moving and shaking at Stepping Stones as progress continues on the new 20-bed emergency shelter. Excavation is complete, the concrete framework is in place and currently, the plumbing is being laid. They hope to start pouring concrete within the next 2 weeks!

Thank you for all who have donated to the New Shelter Campaign; they are over halfway to their goal on that project.

I find JOY in  
every day life.  
Not because life  
is always good,  
but because GOD is.

- Alita Reynolds-

### Prayer Ventures for June 2023

1 Pray for the leaders, voting members and others gathering for the assemblies of the Central/Southern Illinois, Montana, Southwest California and North-eastern Pennsylvania synods, that the Spirit will strengthen, guide and inspire them as they reflect on the mission of the church, choose leaders and encourage one another to proclaim the gospel and serve our neighbors in need.

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**2** Pray for the leaders, voting members and others gathering for the assemblies of the South Dakota, Nebraska, Greater Milwaukee, Upstate New York, Lower Susquehanna, North Carolina, Western North Dakota and Southeastern synods, that the Spirit will strengthen, guide and inspire them as they reflect on the mission of the church, choose leaders and encourage one another to proclaim the gospel and serve our neighbors in need.

**3** Pray for the leaders, voting members and others gathering for the assemblies of the Eastern North Dakota, Northwestern Minnesota, Central States, Metropolitan Chicago, Southern Ohio and Metropolitan Washington, D.C. synods, that the Spirit will strengthen, guide and inspire them as they reflect on the mission of the church, choose leaders and encourage one another to proclaim the gospel and serve our neighbors in need.

**4** “The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.” (2 Corinthians 13:13). Pray that we will be quick to share with others the blessings and certainty of God’s love and forgiveness.

**5** *LGBTQ+ Pride Month* Give thanks and praise to God for the rich diversity of humankind, especially for our LGBTQIA+ neighbors and siblings in Christ. Pray for our church and society to exercise total inclusion, hospitality without bias or fear, and respect and advocacy for the LGBTQIA+ community.

**6** Remember in prayer camp staff who are training to serve in our summer outdoor ministry programs across the country; pray that they will use their unique gifts to care for, affirm and stir the faith of campers of all ages, backgrounds and abilities.

**7** Pray for communities recovering from severe weather and disasters here and around the world. Ask God to surround them with hope, strength and caring neighbors throughout their recovery, and give thanks for the generous support and volunteer assistance offered through Lutheran Disaster Response and ELCA World Hunger in partnership with companion churches and other relief organizations and ministries, which provide relief and build resiliency.

**8** Pray for the leaders, voting members and others gathering for the assemblies of the Grand Canyon, South Carolina, Florida-Bahamas and Virginia synods, that the Spirit will strengthen, guide and inspire them as they reflect on the mission of the church, choose leaders and encourage one another to proclaim the gospel and serve our neighbors in need.

**9** Pray for the leaders, voting members and others gathering for the assemblies of the New England, Southwestern Minnesota, Northeastern Iowa, Northwestern Pennsylvania, Delaware-Maryland and La Crosse Area synods, that the Spirit will strengthen, guide and inspire them as they reflect on the mission of the church, choose leaders and encourage one another to proclaim the gospel and serve our neighbors in need.

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

**11** Give thanks to God for new members, confirmants, newly baptized people and visitors in our congregations; pray that we will welcome and include them, affirm and use their gifts, and celebrate and encourage their faith journeys.

**12** Pray for the summer ministries of congregations that serve children and youth in our communities, and give thanks for leaders and volunteers of all ages who share their faith, time, gifts and hope with young people.

**13** Remember in prayer youth and young adults working summer jobs, that they will find safe and affirming environments, build new relationships, gain new skills, earn fair wages and renew their spirit and strength in our communities of faith.

**14** What people in your neighborhood and community are most often overlooked? Ask the Spirit to help us recognize and attend to the needs of our neighbors and the diversity of gifts and insights they bring to the community and our congregations.

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**15** “Call on me in the day of trouble” (Psalm 50:15). Call on God if you’re encountering difficulties, and express your gratitude and joy to God if things are going well.

**16** Pray for the leaders, voting members and others gathering for the assemblies of the Northern Illinois, Southwestern Pennsylvania and Upper Susquehanna synods, that the Spirit will strengthen, guide and inspire them as they reflect on the mission of the church, choose leaders and encourage one another to proclaim the gospel and serve our neighbors in need.

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

**18** *Father’s Day* Remember in prayer fathers who strive to be loving, caring, wise and influential parents, including new fathers, single fathers, stepfathers and fathers who are deployed in the military or incarcerated.

**19** *Juneteenth* People of faith have long known the importance of recalling and learning from history. Pray for the courage to hear and tell the tragic and discomfiting history of American slavery and to call out the continuing threat of racism and injustice; ask the Spirit to help us learn from the past and present and to strive for humility, understanding, respect, justice and unity.

**20** Remember in prayer those displaced from their communities and countries by sudden- and slow-onset climate disasters, including drought, flooding, pollution, severe weather, rising oceans and diminishing food resources.

**21** Give thanks for the wonders of creation, especially for the beauty that stirs awe, the immensity that humbles us and the complexity and mystery that spark our curiosity and inspire us to explore, broaden our knowledge and praise God.

**22** “God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit” (Romans 5:5). Ask for forgiveness when we take for granted or lose sight of the amazing gift of love that has been given to us by God, who is fully aware of our human nature, weaknesses and messiness.

**23** Pray for those traveling this summer on vacation and sabbatical, that they will be safe, experience renewal and discover opportunities to serve others.

**24** Sarah was amused and overjoyed at the birth of Isaac in her old age: “God has brought laughter for me; everyone who hears will laugh with me” (Genesis 21:6). Give praise and thanks to God for shaking up our lives and rewarding us when we least expect it.

**25** Thank God for the work of the Spirit, which leads us to Christ, equips us to be faithful disciples and deepens our understanding of God’s wisdom and ways throughout our life.

**26** Remember in prayer high school students gathering for the Lutheran Summer Music Academy & Festival at Valparaiso University in Indiana. Ask God to bless their time together as they further their knowledge and skills and prepare for future careers and vocations.

**27** Pray for adult children who are caregivers for their parents, that they will have resources and support that help inform, guide and sustain their work of love.

**28** Give thanks for our confessions of faith, which remind us that we are children of God and followers of Christ, rooted in Scripture and united by our beliefs with a diverse and global community of faith.

**29** Ask God to help us bear compassion, joy and hope into a world yearning for peace, stability and meaningful connection.

**30** Sharing our faith in Christ and serving our neighbors in need can be challenging, tiring and even intimidating. Ask the Spirit to reassure us that God is with us, giving us the wisdom, strength, courage and patience to do God’s work in the world.

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**Pastoral Ministry**

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**Missionary Sponsorship**

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

**Food Ministry**

Coordinator: Jim Kausie

**Office Staff**

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Friday—office closed. (Please note the pastor's day off is Friday.)  
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Treasurer: Dick Rank/Tricia Rank-Larson ([Financial.CLC@gmail.com](mailto:Financial.CLC@gmail.com))

**Radio Ministry**

Radio Broadcast on 880 AM Sundays at 9:30am

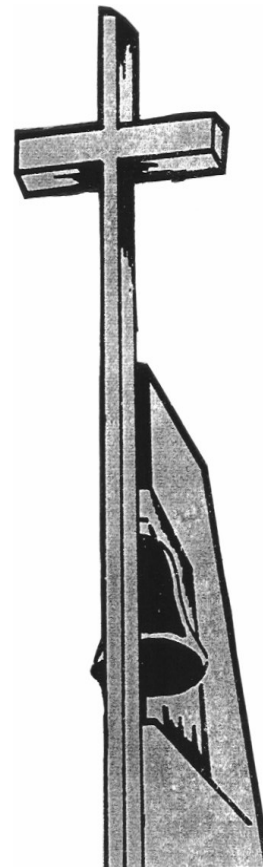
**Livestream Ministry**

Audio Visual Specialist: Darrin Falk ([TechUser.CLC@gmail.com](mailto:TechUser.CLC@gmail.com))

**Internet Ministry**

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

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# June 2023 - Christ Lutheran Church

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
4 9:00 AM Worship service (in-person and livestream)	5 5:30 PM Worship with Holy Communion (in Fellowship Hall)	6 6:30 PM Exec Board	7 9:00 AM Staff Meeting 5:00 PM -6:00 PM CLC FoodShelf  5:00 PM -6:00 PM Wednesday's Table	1 1	2	3
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18 OUTDOOR WORSHIP (weather, permitting)  FATHERS' DAY  9:00 AM Worship service (in-person and livestream)	19 Deadline for Friendly Visitor  5:30 PM Worship with Holy Communion (in Fellowship Hall)	20 12:00 PM -6:00 PM Red Cross Blood Drive  3:15 PM Worship at The Neighbors	21 9:00 AM Staff Meeting 5:00 PM -6:00 PM CLC FoodShelf  5:00 PM -6:00 PM Wednesday's Table	22 22	23 23	24 24
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