

The Friendly Visitor

from

Christ Lutheran Church

1306 Wilcox Street

Menomonie, WI 54751

May 2018

May @ Christ

- **2** Christ Time at 6 p.m. (last one for the school year); Choir at 7 p.m.
- **3** Thrift, Quilt & Bake Sale in Fellowship Hall from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
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- **5** Thrift, Quilt & Bake Sale in Fellowship Hall from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.; Website Ministry learning session at 9:15 a.m.
- **6** YOUTH SUNDAY; MISSIONS BAKE SALE; Worship with Holy Communion at 9 a.m.; COSMO/CIA/Playgroup at 10:10 a.m. (last day)
- **7** Worship with Holy Communion in Fellowship Hall at 5:30 p.m. [*Worship in Fellowship Hall every Monday at 5:30 p.m.*]
- **12** Website Ministry learning session at 9:15 a.m.
- **13** Worship at 9 a.m.
- **20** BACCALAUREATE; Worship with Holy Communion at 9 a.m.
- **23** Sunshine Lunch in Fellowship Hall at 12 noon.
- **27** FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION; Worship at 9 a.m.
- **28** MEMORIAL DAY (church office closed)

■ If Pastor Randy has not yet visited with you, please call Jerry Hoeflein at 573-915-3939 to schedule a time with Pastor Randy. Thanks!

■ A key was found near the altar railing in the sanctuary. Please inquire at the church office.

■ The Annual CLCW Thrift, Quilt & Bake Sale is coming up May 3 – 5. Donations of items are appreciated for the sale; however, please keep in mind that we do not accept clothing except for baby items. Deadline to drop off donations for the sale is Monday, April 30, as set up for the sale will be the following day (May 1). Baked goods may be dropped off early on May 3 (the first day of the sale). Thanks!



Thrift, Quilt & Bake Sale

Thursday, May 3, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

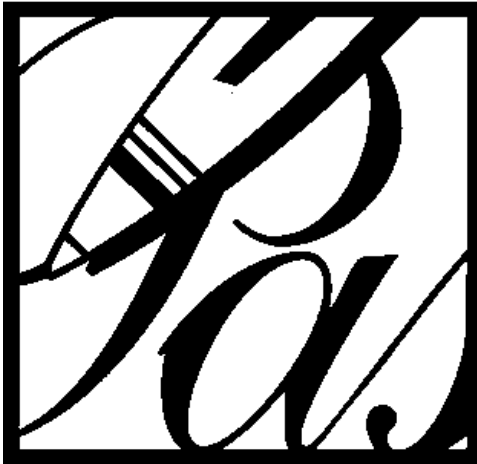
Friday, May 4, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Saturday, May 5, 9 a.m. to 12 noon

Christ Lutheran Church

1306 Wilcox Street

(the church with the purple doors
in north Menomonie)



PASTOR

Dear friends in Christ,

Grace to you and peace in the name of our Lord Jesus the Christ. Amen.

Well, I think spring is finally here (at least spring weather). It's amazing how quickly things can change from a blizzard to no snow. I, for one, am ready for the warmth. With the snow melting I notice that it reveals many things that have been hidden for awhile—things like sticks and branches, the first sign of creeping charlie, and, for all you dog owners, the over-abundance of doo-doo. So we have some clean up to do.

I think that “spring clean up” is something that needs to be a part our own lives. It is healthy for us to examine ourselves. What are those characteristics that are marks of the Christian life? In Romans 12:9-21 the ‘Marks of the Christian’ are reflected in these qualities:

“Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, ‘Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.’ No, ‘if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads.’ Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.”

These reflect our life together with our neighbor. So how are you doing? Are there some attitudes that need to be adjusted? Are there some things that need to be cleaned up? I know that’s true for me. I’m also cognizant of the fact

that the very one I’m to reflect in my life is the one who forgives me and meets me where I’m at. Jesus is the one who has the power to change and mold us into the people we can be. This is all out of His unconditional love for us and the world.

So, happy cleaning. Enjoy the warmth of the Son.

In Christ,
Pastor Randy

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

May Altar Care

- Sunday, May 6—Worship with Holy Communion at 9 a.m.
- Sunday, May 20—Baccalaureate and Worship with Holy Communion at 9 a.m.



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.

Memorials/Honoraria

For Building/Physical Property Maintenance Fund (includes purple door painting, window replacement, and furnace replacement) in memory of: 4/08—Bettyanne Mattison from Cheryl Lowery; 4/15—Elaine Hawkinson from Cheryl Lowery.

For Current Expenses (General Fund) in memory of: 4/01—Everett Traxler from Don & Arlene Eiseth; 4/08—Bettyanne Mattison from Jeff & Mary Merritt; Barbara Krause from Bill & Sandy Neverdahl; Lorraine Olson and Elaine Hawkinson from David & Ardith Jacobson; Everett Traxler from Ann Townsend; 4/15—Deloris Douglas from Larry & Vickie Kuester; 4/22—Pearl Wolske from Cheryl Lowery; Elaine Hawkinson, Bettyanne Mattison, LaVera Larson, Lorraine Olson, and Pearl Wolske from Gay Evenson; Everett Traxler (Jerry Traxler's brother) from David & Ardith Jacobson.

For the Radio Broadcast Fund in memory of: 4/01—grandparents John & Doris Gibson's birthdays from Sonia Labs [for radio broadcast on April 29, 2018].

Undesignated in memory of 4/01—Elaine Hawkinson with love from Gerald & Shirley Hintzman; Marilyn Tye and her granddaughters Emily, Lauren, and Eliana from Dan Tye; 4/08—Bettyanne Mattison from Bill & Sandy Neverdahl; from Twila Tiller; from Dick & Cheryl Beguhn; from Shirley Browning; from Barbara Baker; from Allen & Sherry Otto; from Judith Scheidegger; from Mildred Timm; 4/15—Elaine Hawkinson from Helenmae Debee; from Lyle Hight, Jr.

For the Radio Broadcast in honor of: 4/01—great-granddaughter Piper Dahms' 3rd birthday March 31, 2018, from Leonard & Anita Jicha [for broadcast on April 1, 2018].

The following missed the April newsletter deadline: Easter flowers were given in loving memory of Arlene Lund, who passed away a year ago on April 1, from her family.

Our sympathy to . . .

. . . Kelley Krause and family in the loss of her mother, Barbara Krause, on March 31. A private graveside gathering at Evergreen Cemetery will be held at a later date.

. . . Gary & Andrea Johnson and Byron Anderson and their families in the loss of Andrea's and Byron's cousin, Dinah Harshman, on April 1. A memorial service was held April 8 at Olson Funeral Home.

. . . Randy & Barb Dahms and family in the loss of Barb's step-mother, Virginia Schlough, on April 6. A funeral was held on April 10 at Grace Lutheran Church in Connorsville.

. . . the family and friends of Pearl Wolske, who passed away on April 6 in Hayward. A Celebration of Life will be held at Wolske's Bay Park in Menomonie at a later date.

Missions Bake Sale—May 6

The Outreach Committee is having a Missions Bake Sale in the narthex on Sunday, May 6. Baked goods are appreciated for the sale. Proceeds help sponsor our missionaries in Japan—Patrick & Jackie Bencke and family. Thanks for your support!

Website Ministry Workshop

“Connect2CLC” Saturday morning workshop previously scheduled for March 17 has been rescheduled to two dates in May—Saturday, May 5, and Saturday,

May 12, both from 9:15 a.m. to 10:45 a.m.

Will you help receive and sort food in the Stepping Stones Warehouse . . .

. . . for the Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive on Saturday, May 12, 2018?

Stepping Stones is once again working with local postal carriers for the Stamp Out Hunger food drive. Now in its 26th year, the Stamp Out Hunger effort is the nation's largest single-day food drive. In 2017, the grand total from the United Postal Carriers Stamp Out Hunger food drive was 7,920 pounds of food donated to the Stepping Stones Pantry. Nationally, the drive collected over 75 million pounds. These donated nonperishable food items are desperately needed during this time of year in order for pantries to restock before the increased summer demand due to school meal programs no longer being available for children.

- Volunteers will be scheduled in two-hour shifts between noon and 4 p.m.
- Must be able to lift up to 35 pounds.
- Must wear closed-toe shoes, tennis shoes, or boots.
- Must be 12 years of age or older. Children under 18 must be accompanied by an adult.

Call Stepping Stones at 715.235.2920 or email foodpantry@steppingstonesdc.org today.

A few hours can make a big difference for the citizens of Dunn County!

Christ Lutheran Church Council Minutes March 12, 2018

Members Present

Jeremy Wilterdink, Dan Tye, Jeff Merritt, Joe Wurm, Kaye Wurm, Karen Zimmerman, Mary Merritt, Leslie Falkner, Kathy Wagner, and Pastor Randy Skow-Anderson (ex-officio).

Members Absent

Juan Gamez, Beth Hein, and Vickie Kuester.

Call to Order

Council President Jeremy Wilterdink called the meeting to order at 6:37 p.m. at the church.

Devotion

Kaye Wurm led us in devotions.

Vision Statement

Mary Merritt recited our Vision Statement.

Mission Statement

Kaye Wurm recited our Mission Statement.

Council Purpose

All council members recited our council purpose.

Approval of February 12, 2018, Council Minutes

[3-1] *A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes of the February 12, 2018, council meeting. Tye/J. Wurm; motion carried.*

Pastor's Report

Pastor Randy presented his report:

- A. He has completed around 80 congregational visits, some of which were visits to potential new members. He feels the visits are beneficial in establishing relationships. These visits will continue to be ongoing in an effort to make contact with each member.
- B. Hospital visits: Has made visits to Menomonie and Eau Claire.
- C. New Member Sunday is April 22. On Saturday, April 21, at 10 a.m. there will be a New Member Brunch at church. He encouraged council members to attend.

D. First Communion Class: Begins this week and runs for three Wednesday evenings. There are 6-8 students who have expressed a desire to participate in this class.

E. Choir: He will be directing the choir through Holy Week/Easter so we may include special music in those services.

F. American Lutheran Home and The Neighbors: Has led worship services for those residents.

Items from Treasurer/Committees

Treasurer: There is anticipation of expenses exceeding receipts in March.

[3-2] *A motion was made and seconded to utilize the savings funds and line of credit, if needed, to meet monthly March 2018 expenses. Tye/Zimmerman; motion carried.*

The Line of Credit (\$30,000) was renewed at Bremer Bank for one year at a variable rate of prime + 1%. Jeremy Wilterdink and Kathy Wagner are signers on this line of credit.

Congregational Life: The committee is recommending adding an additional Good Friday service at 7 p.m. to accommodate those who cannot attend the 1 p.m. service.

[3-3] *A motion was made and seconded to approve the addition of a 7 p.m. Good Friday service. M. Merritt/Falkner; motion carried.*

Outreach Committee: No action needed at this time.

Administration Committee: No action needed at this time.

Old Business

A. E-giving Update: No update at this time.

B. Computer Back-Up: Jeremy reported that he and LuAnn Dohms will resume meeting after Lent/Easter to continue looking at computer back-up and audit recommendations.

C. Action on Audit Items: No updates at this time. Recommendations are desired back at the April meeting.

New Business

A. Eagle Scout Fund: Discussion on options for excess money that was donated by the congregation to fund Jacob Wurm's Eagle Scout project.

[3-4] *A motion was made and seconded to refer this request to Administration Committee to look at options for excess money that was donated by the congregation to fund Jacob Wurm's Eagle Scout project and bring a specific proposal back to council for action. Tye/M. Merritt; motion carried.*

B. Council Commissioning Date: Rescheduled the council commissioning date to Sunday, April 15.

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Council E-Mail Directory

- Leslie Falkner (Congregational Life Committee): lfalkner@clopay.com
- Juan Gamez (Administration Committee): mfd1697@aol.com
- Beth Hein (Council Secretary): heinfamily73@gmail.com
- Vickie Kuester (Outreach Committee): kuesterv@uwstout.edu
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- Mary Merritt (Congregational Life Cmte.): jmsempermerritt@wwt.net
- Pastor Randy Skow-Anderson: Pr.Randy.CLC@gmail.com
- Dan Tye (Outreach Committee): dantye@gmail.com
- Kathy Wagner (Council Vice President): kkg@wwt.net
- Jeremy Wilterdink (Council President): jer1998@hotmail.com
- Joe Wurm (Administration Committee): kjwurm@hotmail.com
- Kaye Wurm (Congregational Life Committee): kayewurm@gmail.com
- Karen Zimmerman (Congregational Life): zimmermank@uwstout.edu

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C. Approval of New Members:

[3-5] A motion was made and seconded to approve the following new members: Joel & Heidi Bradshaw by transfer from First Lutheran Church (ELCA), Fargo, ND; Jeff, Tena, and Sam Danovsky by transfer from Our Savior's Lutheran (ELCA), Menomonie; and Pastor Randy & Pastor Laurie Skow-Anderson by transfer from Augustana Lutheran Church (ELCA), Cumberland, Wisconsin. Falkner/K. Wurm; motion carried.

D. Reserve Fund Quarterly Distribution:

[3-6] A motion was made and seconded to designate first-quarter quarterly reserve fund distribution to the General Fund. Zimmerman/J. Merritt; motion carried.

E. Kitchen Use by Cub Scouts: Cub Scouts had requested to use the kitchen and the Fellowship Hall for a spaghetti dinner to raise funds for camperships. Date is Saturday, April 14, from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m.

[3-7] A motion was made and seconded to allow the Cub Scouts to use the kitchen and the Fellowship Hall on Saturday, April 14, from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. for a spaghetti dinner fundraiser. Tye/K. Wurm; motion carried.

Adjournment

[3-8] A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting. Falkner/M. Merritt; motion carried.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:54 p.m. and closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Kathy Wagner, Acting Secretary

CLCW News

Thrift Sale!

The annual CLCW Thrift, Quilt & Bake Sale is Thursday, May 3; Friday, May 4; and Saturday, May 5. Donations of items are appreciated for the sale; however, please

keep in mind that we do not accept clothing except for baby items. Deadline to drop off donations for the sale is Monday, April 30, as we will set up for the sale the following day (May 1). Baked goods may be dropped off early on May 3 (the first day of the sale).

Dates to remember

May 3: Thrift, Quilt & Bake Sale from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

May 4: Thrift, Quilt & Bake Sale from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

May 5: Thrift, Quilt & Bake Sale from 9 a.m. to 12 noon.

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

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

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

Nancy Bourget and Arla Graff
CLCW Co-Presidents

Thank you . . .

. . . to all the donors and volunteers for the blood drive at Christ Lutheran on April 10! A total of 33 units was collected. There were three "Power Red" donors and ten walk-ins!

. . . for all the thoughts, prayers, cards and memorials during the loss of our loved one. A special thanks to Pastor Randy for his visits and compassion. Also, thank you to the ladies of the church for all their help. It is deeply appreciated.

- *The family of*
Bettyanne Mattison

. . . for thinking of our families during the difficult time of the losses of our loved ones—our dad Ernest Anderson; our aunt Nethis Peterson; and our cousin Dinah Harshman. Your cards and warm words of comfort are sincerely appreciated.

- *The families of Gary Johnson and Byron Anderson*

. . . to all who sent cards, called, prayed with me, and gave me hugs when my grandson died. Thanks also to Pastor Randy for his meaningful words when he visited. Thank you all from the bottom of my heart. You all helped me get through the grief. God bless.
— *Barb Frey*

. . . for your contribution of 23 pounds of miscellaneous food items to the Stepping Stones of Dunn County Food Pantry!

Dear Members of the Church,

Thank you so much for your prayers and support as we prepare for an exciting summer of ministry! Luther Park has experienced amazing growth in numbers and ministry. This growth only happens with God's great grace and your help, and for that we are deeply grateful. Thank you for your generous donation of \$65.00. Blessings!

In Christ's service,
Keith Newman
Executive Ministry Director
Luther Park Bible Camp



Summer is just around the corner! Have you registered for Camp yet?

With the summer fast approaching, camp is just around the corner! Plans are well underway for another great summer at Luther Park and Luther Woods, and we want you to be a part of the fun. The programs this summer have something for everyone—outrageous games, creative worship, fun in the pool, new friends, cookouts, campfires, and conversations that will help you discover what God has done and is doing in your life. For the more adven-

turous camper, Luther Park offer several programs that emphasize having fun in the outdoors. Adventure camps this summer include Adventure at the Woods, Trading Spaces, Backpacking, and Canoe Trips. Many camps fill early so register today! Camp brochures are available at the church or go online at www.lutherpark.org. You can also contact Luther Park at info@lutherpark.org or 715-859-2215 for additional information.

Youth News
We are on Twitter!
Follow us
@PurpleDrzYouth

May 6 is Youth Sunday!

There will be a “Noisy Offering”—thanks for bringing spare change with you to the service! Proceeds from the Noisy Offering will be combined with other congregational fundraising efforts for the ELCA project, “God’s Global Barnyard.” Our goal is a \$715 farm. Our contribution will be taken to the ELCA National Youth Gathering this summer in Houston.

Baccalaureate Sunday is May 20.

The Christ Lutheran Church Women (CLCW) have been making special quilts as a way of symbolizing

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Welcome to the following new members of Christ Lutheran Church!

Leonard & Carlotta Anderson

(Associate Members)
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Joel & Heidi Bradshaw

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701-212-3040 (Joel)
701-261-0686 (Heidi)

Jeff & Tena Danovsky Sam

E5688 695th Avenue
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715-235-2881

Tim & Kathi Lehmann

1214 Tainter Street
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715-235-8839

David & Linda Lindquist

Gina, Jenny, and Ellen
N4329 494th Street
Menomonie, WI 54751-7422
763-528-0884 (David)
763-528-0885 (Linda)

Lorraine Norrish

(Associate Member)
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Menomonie, WI 54751-1641
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Pr. Randy & Pr. Laurie Skow-Anderson

Anna
N7779 562nd Street
Menomonie, WI 54751-5939
218-329-7904 (Pr. Randy)
715-651-1658 (Pr. Laurie)

Chad & Lori Smith Cassidy

E4088 State Road 29
Menomonie, WI 54751-4755
715-232-0706

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the ongoing love, support, and prayers of the congregation as graduates head out into this new chapter of their lives. The quilts will be presented during the service. Graduates are asked to please let us know by Monday, May 14, whether or not you will be at the worship service on May 20, by emailing jane.amble.clc@gmail.com or by calling the church office at 715-235-5573. We remember our graduates in our prayers, praying the presence of God's Spirit to lead, guide, and protect you.

The Coin War winners were 1st and 2nd Grades with an average of \$3.60 per child! Congratulations! Overall, we raised \$39.35 for Stepping Stones of Dunn County!

Save your plastic caps and empty cardboard rolls of toilet paper! The youth are collecting all shapes and sizes of plastic caps (such as from jugs of milk and juice and other plastic bottles, **not** "Cool Whip" types of containers) along with toilet paper rolls (**no** paper towel rolls, please) for upcoming projects. There is a receptacle in the narthex for placing the items. Thanks!

Easter Seals Clothing Drive fundraiser wraps up soon for the youth attending the National Youth Gathering this summer in Houston. Donations of clothing, shoes, jewelry and accessories, and linens may be dropped off at Our Savior's Lutheran Church, 910 9th Street, on the following dates

and times: Sunday, April 29, 8 a.m. to 12 noon; Monday, April 30, 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.; and Tuesday, May 1, 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thanks!

Spring Plant Sale will be held with proceeds going toward expenses of youth attending the National Youth Gathering. Plant orders are due May 6 by ordering through Josh Madsen; checks should be made payable to Our Savior's Lutheran Church. Thanks!

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.

. . . 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.)

. . . there are Suggestion Forms available in the narthex. Please use the form to make suggestions or express any concerns you have for our ministry. All forms should be submitted to the church office in a sealed envelope addressed to the Executive Board. The Executive Board will be responsible for bringing your suggestion/concern to the attention of the Church Council and reporting back to you what action was taken.

. . . 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.

. . . 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 Wednesday of every month at 1 p.m. at United Methodist Church, 2703 Bonge Drive.

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

. . . 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.

. . . a "Prayer Place" is available at the front of the church near the altar for anyone who needs a quiet place to light a candle, pray and meditate.



On April 2, the day after Easter, Kyushu Lutheran College celebrated the entrance ceremony for this year's new incoming freshmen. A total of 189 students, including 5 graduate students, was officially welcomed to the college. While "Entrance ceremonies" are commonplace in Japan and always happen in early April, congruent with the arrival of spring, the ceremony at KLC is unique in that it takes place as a worship service. Hymns are sung ("My Shepherd Will Supply My Need" and "God Be with Us 'Til We Meet Again"), a Scripture passage is read, a prayer is offered, and a blessing bestowed. For most students, it is their very first exposure of any sort to those practices of Christianity. A new life awaits them!

The spirit of Resurrection seemed to even touch the chapel organ. We recently had some repairs done on our dying Benedikt organ. While we didn't have to say a eulogy quite yet, we were given the word that this instrument will not have much longer. Organ repairs are certainly not unique to mission in Japan, but it's not often that normal humans get to glimpse inside the guts of an organ.

The best Easter surprise was finding out that the principal of Emilie's high school—who was also her P.E. teacher in kindergarten, and who is also a longtime friend

and colleague of ours—was to celebrate his baptism! At the same church where both of our daughters were baptized, Hayashida-sensei took his baptismal vows; and afterwards, during the Easter potluck, he explained the journey of the 35 years between the time he was introduced to Christianity as a first-year teacher at Luther, all the way to the day he knew it was time to take the leap of faith. The video of the water being poured over his head is here: https://youtu.be/IW_CFwLOg50. Please celebrate with joy and thanksgiving for this life-changing, life-giving moment in his life.

Some of the prayers of our hearts:

- We are grateful for the new students who are entering Kyushu Lutheran College this year. May they be challenged to learn, grow, question, and receive the gospel during their four years.
- For our children, Hannah and Emilie, as they prepare for the new school year. We ask for kind friends for them, for supportive teachers, and for joy and enthusiasm to dwell within their hearts.

Our mailing address:

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ELCA— Global Mission

If you are interested in learning more about the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America's global mission and/or opportunities to serve, please visit: www.elca.org/globalmission

Missionary Sponsorship:

For more information on ELCA missionary sponsorship, please contact Charlotte Flynn, Global Mission Support, 8765 W. Higgins Road, Chicago IL 60631; 800-638-3522, ext. 2769; www.elca.org/missionarysponsorship

Earthquake Support (Updated Jan. 2018):

It has only been in the past few months that private homes have been able to retain the services of building contractors to repair or rebuild their homes. Now that the public buildings and structures have been dealt with, many more homes in our immediate neighborhood have recently been demolished, and, in most cases, either the land will be sold or a home will be built on the existing lot.

If you are interested in providing financial assistance toward earthquake recovery efforts, please consider contributing cash donations. Donations are used for building and repairing Lutheran churches, Lutheran schools, the Lutheran orphanage, the Lutheran nursing home, and scholarships for students of Lutheran schools who lost their homes in the 7.3 magnitude earthquake on April 16, 2016. Many students who lost their homes and who attend the junior high, senior high, and college rely heavily on these scholarships. Contact me for further details if you are interested in providing such specific support.

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

May 6	Youth Sunday
May 13	Christine Ness
May 20	Dan Tye
May 27	Linda Tylee

Ushers

Sundays—May 6, 13, 20, 27	Gordon Smith and Harry Evjen
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Greeters

May 6	Jerry & Jane Smith
May 13	Dan, Leslie, Allison, and Jack Falkner
May 20	Jerry & Cindy Hoeflein
May 27	David & Ardith Jacobson

Communion Assistants

May 6	Dick Tyson, Ardith Jacobson, Dan & Leslie Falkner, Aiden Dowd, Pastor Randy, Sacristan (Altar Care)
May 20 (Baccalaureate)	Mary Merritt, Arla Graff, Gary & Andrea Johnson, Jerry Smith, Pastor Randy, Sacristan (Altar Care)

Coffee Servers

May 6	Aiden Dowd (<i>Acolyte and Coffee Server</i>)
May 13	Wilterdink Family
May 20	
May 27	

Bakers Guild

May 6: Jo Hayes	May 20: Karen Zimmerman
May 13: Nancy Bourget and Arla Graff	May 27:

May Altar Care: Sandy Dotseth and Kathy Hinzman

May Money Counters: Jim & Pat Johnson

Prayer Ventures for May

1 We give thanks to God for the diverse cultures, languages and heritages of our Asian and Pacific Islander brothers and sisters in Christ and pray for the leaders, growth and vibrancy of Asian congregations, ministries and multicultural congregations throughout the ELCA.

2 Continue to pray for the people and communities in Puerto Rico and other areas of the Caribbean involved in long-term hurricane recovery work, especially restoring safe housing, power and clean water; give thanks for the work of Lutheran Disaster Response and its partners to bring God's hope, healing and renewal to people whose lives have been disrupted by disasters in the United States and around the world.

3 Remember in prayer leaders and delegates gathered for the Rocky Mountain and Southeastern Pennsylvania synod assemblies, that the Spirit will strengthen, guide and encourage them for God's work in the world and growing the church.

4 Remember in prayer leaders and delegates gathered for the Northeastern Minnesota, Minneapolis Area and Southeastern Minnesota synod assemblies, that the Spirit will strengthen, guide and encourage them for God's work in the world and growing the church.

5 Remember in prayer leaders and delegates gathered for the Arkansas-Oklahoma, Southwestern Texas and South-Central Synod of Wisconsin synod assemblies, that the Spirit will strengthen, guide and encourage them for God's work in the world and growing the church.

6 Pray for God's forgiveness and patience – for ourselves, our church and society – in these times when, too often and easily, we allow differences of opinion and life experience, hostility and vengeance to create rifts in our relationships and communities, that the Spirit will help re-center our lives in Jesus' commandment to love each other as God has loved us.

7 Pray for the service and witness of the 11 young adults serving in the Young Adults in Global Mission (YAGM) program—Rev. Rachel Eskesen and Zachary Courter, YAGM country coordinators for Central Europe; and Rev. Anne Morawski serving with our companions in Hungary and Serbia.

8 Give thanks for the rich partnership and relationship we have with the United Church of Christ, a full communion partner with the ELCA since 1997. Pray for their church and ask God to further our respect for one another and work together sharing the gospel and serving our neighbor.

9 The call to believe and be baptized is for all people, without exception or favoritism. We ask God to help us see the Spirit at work in the people around us and to be welcoming, encouraging, bold witnesses to the gospel.

10 *Ascension of Our Lord:* We were not left alone and helpless when Jesus ascended into heaven; we are assured of God's blessings and the power of the Holy Spirit stirring and equipping us to share the good news of the gospel, grow the church and care for our neighbors in need.

11 Remember in prayer leaders and delegates gathered for the Southeast Michigan, New Jersey and Metropolitan New York synod assemblies, that the Spirit will strengthen, guide and encourage them for God's work in the world and growing the church.

12 The ELCA Guardian Angels program, with its welcoming congregations, synods and volunteers, physically and spiritually accompanies migrant children, single-parent families and adults through their immigration court processes. Pray for migrants who often navigate confusing and complex situations, that they find hope, confidence and companionship for moving forward, resettling and discovering welcoming faith communities.

13 Pray we grow – throughout life – in faith and understanding of that to which we give witness and testimony: God's love for us and the eternal life we have received through Jesus Christ.

14 Pray the Spirit is with us and in us as we live our faith together and embrace our church's values of forgiveness and reconciliation; dignity, compassion and justice; inclusion and diversity; courage and openness to change; and faithful stewardship of God's creation and gifts – values grounded in faith, our biblical and Lutheran confessional sources and our love of God and neighbor.

15 Pray for those doing God's work in the world in partnership with United Evangelical Lutheran Church in Argentina and Uruguay: the seven young adults serving in the Young Adults in Global Mission (YAGM) program—Krystle Moraska and Ignacio Madrussan, YAGM country coordinators; and Alberto (Gustavo) Driau, regional representative for South America.

16 Pray our church takes to heart the invitation to discuss and share input to the draft of the women and justice social statement to create a statement that reflects the word of God, our theology, the values of our church and concern for gender-based equality and equity in the world.

17 Remember in prayer leaders and delegates gathered for the Texas-Louisiana Gulf Coast, Northern Great Lakes, Pacifica and Saint Paul Area synod assemblies, that the Spirit will strengthen, guide and encourage them for God's work in the world and growing the church.

18 We ask God to help us support and reassure students who are experiencing anxiety, weariness or self-doubt while preparing for and taking exams and finals, that they will know they are not alone in life and that our true identity and value is wrapped up in God's unconditional love.

19 Remember in prayer leaders and delegates gathered for the Southeastern Iowa, East-Central Synod of Wisconsin and Oregon synod assemblies, that the Spirit will strengthen, guide and encourage them for God's work in the world and growing the church.

20 *Day of Pentecost:* Pray we are all filled with the Holy Spirit to speak and act boldly in the world giving witness to God's love and the good news of Jesus Christ – a gift to people of every nation, culture and circumstance.

21 Remember in prayer leaders and delegates gathered for the North/West Lower Michigan Synod Assembly, that the Spirit will strengthen, guide and encourage them for God's work in the world and growing the church.

22 Lift up in prayer ELCA rostered women of color, women who serve faithfully throughout the church; give thanks for the families, mentors and supporters who journeyed with them, and pray other women of color – of all ages – are also surrounded by people who invite, inspire, encourage and equip them for lives of service and ministry.

23 Give thanks for the thousands of young adults beginning their training and service at ELCA camps and retreat centers across the country; pray their faith, enthusiasm and care inspire the lives and stir the faith of children, youth, adults and families.

24 Ask God to grant us wisdom, curiosity and discernment in our conversations about science and technology issues in our society and world and to further the work of the Lutheran Alliance for Faith, Science and Technology to expand awareness and promote conversation about the implications of science and technology for Christian faith and life.

25 Pray for young adults who are finishing their formal education and discerning their vocation and future, that the Spirit will inspire them to use their faith, gifts and passions for the well-being and benefit of our neighbors, communities and world.

26 Give thanks for the gift of the Spirit present and at work in the world and our lives – helping, renewing, energizing and guiding us, revealing God's truth, will and wisdom.

27 *The Holy Trinity:* We profess through our creeds and teachings our belief in the triune God – Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever; at the same time, we confess we have questions about the mystery of the Trinity. Pray our wondering, curiosity and even uncertainty drive us to prayer, studying Scripture and conversation with one another while still trusting that we are children of God – loved just as we are, questions and all.

28 *Memorial Day:* Remember and give thanks for women and men who have served in the military and sacrificed their lives for the sake of justice, peace, freedom and the well-being of our country, other nations and people who suffer oppression and injustice in the world.

29 We are a church active with doing God's work in the world. Pray that congregations, youth and adults involved in summer service-learning experiences, volunteerism and community projects are guided by God's vision of peace, justice and compassion in the world, a spirit of accompaniment and long-term partnership, mutual respect and hope.

30 Pray for the service and witness of ELCA missionary Jeffrey Martin working in partnership with the Lutheran Church in Great Britain and the 12 young adults in the Young Adults in Global Mission program serving in Scotland and England with the ecumenical program Time for God.

31 Remember in prayer leaders and delegates gathered for the Western North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska, Greater Milwaukee and Indiana-Kentucky synod assemblies, that the Spirit will strengthen, guide and encourage them for God's work in the world and growing the church.

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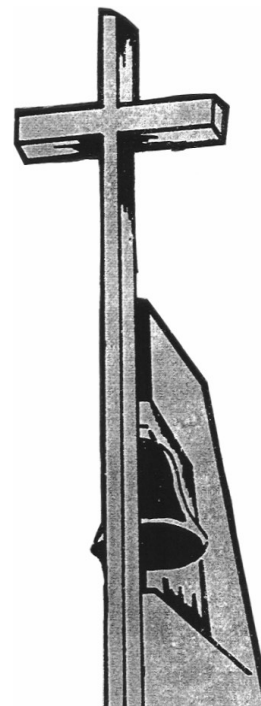
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 10:00 AM Spiritual Direction	2 6:00 PM -7:00 PM Christ Time 7:00 PM Chancel Choir	3 8:00 AM -4:00 PM Thrift, Quilt & Bake Sale in Fellowship Hall	4 8:00 AM -4:00 PM Thrift, Quilt & Bake Sale in Fellowship Hall	5 9:00 AM -12:00 PM Thrift, Quilt & Bake Sale in Fellowship Hall 9:15 AM -10:45 AM Website Ministry learning session
6 YOUTH SUNDAY MISSIONS BAKE SALE 9:00 AM Worship with Holy Comm. 10:10 AM COSMO (last day-"Garden Party") 10:30 AM Outreach Cmte	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 7:00 PM Chancel Choir	10	11	12 9:15 AM -10:45 AM Website Ministry learning session
13 HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY! 9:00 AM Worship	14 5:30 PM Worship with Holy Communion in Fellowship Hall 6:30 PM Council in FH	15 10:00 AM Spiritual Direction 6:00 PM Administration Cmte	16 7:00 PM Chancel Choir	17 9:30 AM Charity & Peace Circles 1:30 PM Joy & Hope Circles	18	19
20 BACCALAUREATE 9:00 AM Worship with Holy Comm.	21 DEADLINE FOR "FRIENDLY VISITOR!" 5:30 PM Worship with Holy Communion in Fellowship Hall 6:45 PM Congregational Life Cmte.	22 9:00 AM Mission Work Day 10:00 AM Spiritual Direction 3:30 PM Communion at The Neighbors 7:00 PM Annual Meeting at American Lutheran Home, Menomonie	23 12:00 PM Sunshine Lunch in Fellowship Hall	24 5:00 PM -8:00 PM Pancake Dinner Fundraiser in CLC Fellowship Hall for National Youth Gathering	25	26
27 FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION SUNDAY 9:00 AM Worship	28 MEMORIAL DAY (church office closed) 5:30 PM Worship with Holy Communion in Fellowship Hall	29 10:00 AM Spiritual Direction	30	31 2:00 PM Worship at American Lutheran Home		

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