

# The Friendly Visitor

*from*

## Christ Lutheran Church

1306 Wilcox Street

Menomonie, WI 54751

May 2019

### May @ Christ

- **1** Set up for Thrift Sale in Fellowship Hall at 9 a.m.; THE SPOT at 3:30 p.m.; Community Supper (served in Fireside Room this week only) at 5:30 p.m.; Christ Time at 6 p.m.
- **2** Thrift, Quilt & Bake Sale in Fellowship Hall from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- **3** Thrift, Quilt & Bake Sale in Fellowship Hall from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- **4** Synod Assembly at Trinity Lutheran, Eau Claire; Thrift, Quilt & Bake Sale in Fellowship Hall from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.
- **5** YOUTH SUNDAY; NEW MEMBER SUNDAY; New Member Orientation Brunch at 8 a.m.; Worship with Holy Communion at 9 a.m.; COSMO/CIA/Playgroup at 10:10 a.m. (last day); CLC—Halvorson Board meeting at 10:10 a.m.
- **6** Worship with Holy Communion in Fellowship Hall at 5:30 p.m. [*Worship in Fellowship Hall every Monday at 5:30 p.m.*]
- **8** THE SPOT at 3:30 p.m.; Community Supper at 5:30 p.m.
- **11** Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser for Cub Scout Pack 103 in CLC Fellowship Hall with serving from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.
- **12** HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY! MISSIONS BAKE SALE; Worship with Holy Communion at 9 a.m.
- **15** THE SPOT at 3:30 p.m.; Community Supper at 5:30 p.m.
- **19** BACCALAUREATE; Worship with Holy Communion at 9 a.m.
- **22** Sunshine Lunch at 11:30 a.m.; THE SPOT at 3:30 p.m.; Community Supper at 5:30 p.m.
- **26** FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION; Worship with Holy Communion at 9 a.m.
- **29** THE SPOT at 3:30 p.m.; Community Supper at 5:30 p.m.

### New Member Sunday—May 5

If you or anyone you know is interested in becoming a member of Christ Lutheran, please talk to Pastor Randy or call the church office. New members will be recognized during the worship service on Sunday, May 5. An Orientation Brunch for new members will be served in the Fellowship Hall at 8 a.m. on May 5.

### Wednesdays are for everyone!

Community Meal is served at 5:30 p.m. each Wednesday.

### Donations needed for Thrift Sale

The Annual CLCW Thrift, Quilt & Bake Sale is coming up May 2 – 4. 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 Tuesday, April 30, as set up for the sale will be the following day (May 1). Baked goods may be dropped off early on May 2 (the first day of the sale). Thanks!



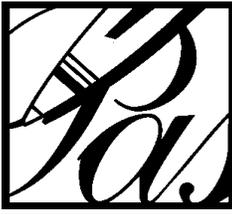
**Thrift, Quilt & Bake Sale**

Thursday, May 2,  
8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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

Saturday, May 4,  
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.

Christ is risen! He is risen, indeed! This is our Easter proclamation. There is still snow on the ground, and I know (or maybe it's just my hope) that it should be gone by this time in April. And I know it can snow in May, but I, for one, am ready for the warmth of spring. With the snow melting I notice that it reveals many things that have been hidden for awhile, 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 is something that needs to be a part of 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 honour. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Re-

joice 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

for me that's true. 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.

Christ is risen! He is risen, indeed!

In Christ,  
*Pastor Randy*

## Pastoral Acts

### Baptism

- Savannah Beranek—April 7, 2019, by Pastor Randy Skow-Anderson.

### Memorial Service

- Maxine Larson—April 16, 2019, by Pastor Randy Skow-Anderson.

## May Altar Care

- Sunday, May 5—Worship with Holy Communion at 9 a.m. **by kneeling at the altar.**
- Sunday, May 12—Worship with Holy Communion and Holy Baptism at 9 a.m. and
- Baccalaureate Sunday, May 19—Worship with Holy Communion at 9 a.m.
- Sunday, May 26—Worship with Holy Communion at 9 a.m.



## Easter flowers provided by:

- ▲ Kristy Binkley in memory of Leroy & Mildred Teegarden (8" fern).
- ▲ Jake & Shirley Bostrom in memory of their daughter Kari Bostrom (geranium).
- ▲ Rodger & Nancy Bourget in honor of children and grandchildren—Brett & Heidi Busch; Chad Maves; Braden, Elizabeth, and Andrew Busch (lily and tulips).
- ▲ Joel & Heidi Bradshaw in memory of Alfred & Tillie Gilbertson, Patricia Carolene Bauer, and Bennie & Ida Knutson; and in honor of Al & Gwyn Knutson and Patricia Briggs (tulips, hyacinth, mum, and pot of bulbs).
- ▲ Sarah and Caroline Butler in memory of Benjamin Butler, Sr.; Dennis Butler; and Ben Butler, Jr. (mum).
- ▲ Dale & LuAnn Dohms and family in memory of Charles, Marta, and Robbie Tumm; Kenneth Dohms; and James Hintzman (2 tulips).
- ▲ Darrin & Arla Falk in honor of their children (hyacinth and pot of bulbs).
- ▲ Barb Frey in honor of her children, Stephen, Jonathan, and Suzanne, and her grandchildren (tulips).
- ▲ Dan & Debbie Gonstead in memory of their parents Arnold & Betty Paulson and Harlan & Sophie Gonstead; and in honor of their children Lucas and Sara (hyacinth and pot of bulbs).
- ▲ Arla Graff in memory of Lowell Graff, Marcella Hays, Garfield Lund, Garfield & Sigrund Halvorson, Edward & Arlene Lund; and in honor of her family (lily and mum).
- ▲ Jessica Grutt in memory of her dad Lyle Grutt (pot of bulbs).
- ▲ Jeremy & Jo Hayes in memory of Kara Gilbertson (tulips).
- ▲ Jerry & Cindy Hoeflein (2 tulips, 2 pots of bulbs, 2 10" ferns).
- ▲ Gary & Andrea Johnson in memory of LeRoy & Vera Johnson and Ernest & Frances Anderson (2 hyacinth).
- ▲ Helen Lande in memory of Willis Lande, Mr. & Mrs. Willie Lande, and Mr. & Mrs. August Entgelmeier; and in honor of children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren (2 tulips).
- ▲ Nanna & PopPa (Heather & Kevin Lannon) in honor of Maya and Rhett Koger (tulips and pot of bulbs).
- ▲ Tim & Kathi Lehmann in memory of their daughter Carrie and in honor of their family—Rick, Lindsay, and Anya Reiten and Joe, Heather, Ian and Gavin Witts (lily).
- ▲ David & Linda Lindquist in honor of family (2 lilies).
- ▲ Cheryl Lowery in memory of Dick Lowery; and in honor of Erin, Ken, Annika, and Brooks and Becca, Greg, Blake and Wyatt (3 hyacinth).
- ▲ The Lund family in memory of Ed & Arlene Lund (2 lilies).
- ▲ Mark & Pam Mattison, Jamie & LeChaun Boerner, and Chastity and Courtney Pomasl in memory of Irvin & Bettyanne Mattison, William Wolbert, Stacey and Henry Martenson, and Bill Beskar; and in honor of Jerrane Wolbert; Miranda, Kamdyn, Kayden, Kynslee, and Kaeylee Boerner (2 lilies).
- ▲ Jeff & Mary Merritt; Steph, Mark and Libby Butler; Erin, Mike, Phil and Susie Merritt in memory of Frank & Harriet Merritt, Raymond & Verona Devney, Adam Cronk, and Kyle Gastejer (lily and 2 pots of bulbs).
- ▲ The Mork family in memory of Arnie Mork (lily).
- ▲ Sharon Mork in memory of Arnie Mork (tulips).
- ▲ Sharon Nordstrom in memory of parents Evert & Elizabeth Nordstrom and sister Betty Joan Nordstrom; and in honor of Mr. & Mrs. Anderson of Tantara Apartments (2 tulips).
- ▲ Dale & Arlene Schmitz in memory of Claude & Isabel Schmitz and Ron Stover (pot of bulbs).
- ▲ Lois Schultz in memory of Harold Schultz (lily).
- ▲ Kelly & Diane Stevens in memory of loved ones and in honor of family (2 pots of bulbs).
- ▲ Jo Stewart in memory of Lynn Stewart (lily).
- ▲ Jeanne, Karen, and Luann Stoeklen in memory of Louie & June Stoeklen (pot of bulbs).
- ▲ Dan Tye in memory of Marilyn Tye (tulips and hyacinth).
- ▲ Gary & Kathy Wagner in memory of loved ones (tulips).
- ▲ Libby Wallace (lily and tulips).
- ▲ Doug, Cindi, Zach, Brianna, and Henry

Wieman in memory of Thomas Tylee (hyacinth).

- ▲ Josie Wilterdink in honor of this year's First Communion class (lily).
- ▲ Josie Wilterdink (hyacinth and 8" fern).

## Memorials/Honoraria

**For the Building Fund in memory of:** 4/14—Frank Peterson, Karen Zimmerman, Mike Haviland, Don Eiseth, Glen Ziehme, Maxine Cole, Marlin Overby, and Margery Gustman from Christ Lutheran Church Women (CLCW).

**For Christ Lutheran Church—Halvorson Cemetery in memory of:** 4/7—Don Eiseth from Martha Lou Stratton and David Moore.

**For General Fund in memory of:** 4/7—Don Eiseth, Maxine Cole, and Marlin Overby from David & Ardith Jacobson; Ann Stansbury from Gladys Klopp; Karen Zimmerman and Don & Arlene Eiseth from Jim & Pat Johnson; 4/21—Margery Gustman from Cheryl Lowery; Maxine Larson from Shirley Browning; from Lois Schultz.

**For Lutheran Campus Ministry in memory of:** 4/14—Karen Zimmerman from Pastor Bob & Sue Dahm.

**For the Radio Broadcast Fund in memory of:** 4/7—Don Wisner from Janet Wisner and family [broadcast on 4-28].

**For Social Ministry (Stepping Stones) in memory of:** 4/21—Margery Gustman from Martin & Shirley Hannemann; from Joyce Hannemann; from Richard & Nancy Frank; from Dennis & Sharon Karow.

**Undesignated in memory of:** 4/7—Herba Solstad from Barb Frey.

**For the Radio Broadcast in honor of:** 3/31—Vickie Kuester's birthday on May 10 and in memory of Lyle Kuester from Larry and Kyle Kuester [for broadcast May 12, 2019]; granddaughter Piper Dahms' 4th birthday March 31 from Randy & Barb Dahms [for broadcast March 31, 2019]. 4/14—the homebound members and friends of Christ Lutheran Church from Christ Lutheran Church Women (CLCW) [four broadcasts].

## Our sympathy to . . .

. . . Tom Harris and family in the loss of his former sister-in-law, Patricia Reidt, on March 29. Her memorial service will be held on April 13 at 12 noon at Olson Funeral Home.

. . . Joel & Mindy Eckert and family in the loss of Joel's grandmother, Audrey Quilling, on April 4. Her memorial service was held April 8 at United Methodist Church in Menomonie.

. . . the family and friends of Maxine Larson. She passed away on April 11, and her memorial service was April 16 at Christ Lutheran.

## Help us grow. Give electronically.

Electronic gifts are fast and secure, and they reduce administrative costs, allowing more of every dollar to fund the important work we are called to do. Give anytime, anywhere to your favorite funds. Schedule and manage recurring donations. Make one-time donations to special appeals. Pay for events, programs and other activities. If you would like to give electronically, visit our website, contact the church office, OR scan the QR code provided here.



## Christ Lutheran is participating with other churches to help "Foster Closet"

Menomonie Area Mission Coalition is a group of churches recently coming together to help our community where we see needs. There are currently nine faith communities involved (Cedarbrook, Christ Lutheran, First Congregational, Lutheran Campus Ministry, Our Savior's Lutheran, Peace Lutheran, Shepherd of the Hill Lutheran-Elk Mound, St. Joseph Catholic, and United Methodist). Our first project is assembling Welcome Bags for the Foster Closet. Each church is being asked to collect items through May 12, with assembly of Welcome Bags on May 15. Note: May is Foster Care Month.

"The Wisconsin Foster Closet started over six years ago but became a 501c3 nonprofit in July of 2018. Most children who come into foster care come with just the clothes on their backs. Leaving behind their toys, clothes, personal hygiene items, pets, favorite blanket, and even separated from their siblings. This is additional trauma for these amazing children who are already facing so much uncertainty. That is why we started this organization. We provide new and gently used clothing, new blankets, a welcome bag for each child, and whatever else we can to help relieve some of that fear and give them some hope and new begin-

nings. We work very closely with area social workers and foster families to ensure we are meeting the needs. We are 100 percent donation funded and zero profit. Thank you so much for your love and support." - *Tammy Wood-Garr (founder, CEO & foster parent)*

For more information:  
[www.facebook.com/thefosterclosets/](http://www.facebook.com/thefosterclosets/)

### Christ Lutheran is collecting the following items by May 12 for the 5- to 9-year age group:

- Small backpack or duffle bag
- Blanket
- Stuffed animal
- Youth toothbrush
- Youth toothpaste
- 3 in 1 shampoo/conditioner/body wash
- Lotion
- Brush and comb
- Word search/notebook
- Markers/pencils
- Facial tissue
- Socks (for 5- to 9-year-olds)
- Underwear (for 5- to 9-year-olds)

Please look for the box in the narthex marked for Foster Closet donations, placing items listed above in the box by May 12. Thank you for helping Christ Lutheran be a part of working together in the community!

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

## CLCW News

### Cards and napkins for sale

The "Book Nook" (glass display case in Fellowship Hall) has been restocked and is now full of assorted greeting cards and napkins priced for sale as a fundraiser by the CLCW. Please leave payment in the wood box sitting on top of the cabinet.

### Thrift Sale coming soon!

The annual CLCW Thrift, Quilt, Plant & Bake Sale is coming up Thursday, May 2; Friday, May 3; and Saturday, May 4. 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 Tuesday, April 30, as we will set up for the sale the following day (May 1). Baked goods may be dropped off early on May 2 (the first day of the sale).

### Dates to remember

May 1: Set up Fellowship Hall for Thrift Sale at 9 a.m.

May 2: Thrift, Quilt & Bake Sale in Fellowship Hall from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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

May 4: Thrift, Quilt & Bake Sale in Fellowship Hall from 9 a.m. to 12 noon

May 14: Mission Work Day at 9 a.m.

May 16: Bible Study at 9:30 a.m.; Bible Study at 1:30 p.m.

May 28: Mission Work Day at 9 a.m.

*Nancy Bourget and Arla Graff*  
CLCW Co-Presidents

CLC – Halvorson Cemetery board will meet Sunday, May 5, at approximately 10:15 a.m. (following the 9 a.m. worship service).

## Tuesday's Table Clean-up Crew

Five volunteers are needed for Tuesday's Table at St. Joseph's Catholic Church on May 7 at 5:15 p.m. Please let Nancy Bourget or Dick Tyson know if you can help. Thanks!

## Spaghetti Supper Fundraiser

Come and enjoy a spaghetti supper on Saturday, May 11, with serving from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. This is a fundraiser for Pack 103. Thanks for supporting our Scouts!

## Missions Bake Sale - May 12

Donations of homemade baked goods would be appreciated for the Missions Bake Sale on Sunday, May 12. Proceeds will go to help support our sponsored missionaries, the Bencke family, currently serving in Japan. Thanks for your support!

## Missing coat

A hooded black coat with a light tan lining is missing. Please contact the church office if you find it. Thanks.

## Congratulations to . . .

. . . Kelsey Owens & Jordon Drake on the birth of Aria Jae Drake on March 1! Congratulations also to grandparents Tony & Chris Owens!

## Volunteer opportunities for serving as . . .

. . . chairperson for the Bakers Guild to line up bakers every week to provide goodies for Sunday morning coffee fellowship. (Contact the church office.)

. . . Communion Assistants for May. (Sign up sheet available in office wing hallway.)

. . . "keeper" of the church sign so that the message on the sign is up-to-date with happenings at the church. (Contact the church office.)

THANKS for volunteering!

# Christ Lutheran Church Council Minutes March 12, 2019

## Members Present

Leslie Falkner, Beth Hein, Jerry Hoeflein, Vickie Kuester, Tim Lehmann, David Lindquist, Mary Merritt, Sharon Mork, Kaye Wurm, Pastor Randy Skow-Anderson (ex-officio).

## Members Absent

Juan Gamez, Kathy Wagner, Joe Wurm.

## Call to Order

Council President Kaye Wurm called the meeting to order at 6:37 p.m. at the church.

## Vision Statement

Leslie Falkner recited our Vision Statement.

## Mission Statement

Mary Merritt recited our Mission Statement.

## Council Purpose

All Council members recited our Council Purpose.

## Approval of Agenda

[3-1] *A motion was made and seconded to approve the agenda with the addition of a transfer request. Lindquist/Lehmann; motion carried.*

## Devotion

Pastor Skow-Anderson led us in devotion.

## Approval of February 11, 2019, Council Minutes

[3-2] *A motion was made and seconded to accept the corrected minutes of the February 11, 2019, Council meeting. Kuester/Merritt; motion carried.*

## New Business

### A. Fire Safety Education Sponsorship:

[3-3] *A motion was made and seconded to approve a designation of \$100 from the Lenten offerings to support the Fire Safety Education sponsorship. Lindquist/Hoeflein; motion carried.*

### B. Designation of Lenten Wednesdays/Holy Week Offerings:

[3-4] *A motion was made and seconded to designate 50 percent of the Lenten Wednesday offerings and 100 percent of Holy Week/Easter offerings toward Current Expenses with designation of the remaining balance to be determined at the next Council meeting. Falkner/Lehmann; motion carried.*

### C. Council Commissioning Date: The date for the Council Commissioning will be held on March 31, 2019, during the church service to coincide with the Council Mission Retreat that will follow the service.

### D. Approval of membership changes:

[3-5] *A motion was made and seconded to approve membership for Sarah Butler by Affirmation of Faith and to approve transfer of membership for Marie Wintgens to Bethany Lutheran Brethren Church, Colfax, Wisconsin. Falkner/Hoeflein; motion carried.*

## Old Business

### A, Council Mission Retreat: A discussion was held regarding preparations for a Council Mission Retreat to be held on March 31, 2019.

### B. Loan Refinance: Administration Committee has been discussing the loan refinance.

[3-6] *A motion was made and seconded to approve a mortgage refinance including the \$12,500 architectural fees and any outstanding line of credit. Lehmann/Hoeflein; motion carried.*

## Reports

### A. Pastor's Report: Pastor Randy shared a book for the Council to read as a group and have discussion for future planning. Council members were asked to read Part 1 prior to the next Council meeting.

### B. Committee Reports/Actions/Financial Report: Committee reports were reviewed and discussed. No Committee action needed at this time.

The financial reports were received.

## Other

None.

## Adjournment

[3-7] *A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting. Kuester/Falkner; motion carried.*

Closed with the Lord's Prayer.

*Beth Hein, Secretary*

## Council E-Mail Directory

- Leslie Falkner (Council Vice President): lfalkner@clipay.com
- Juan Gamez (Administration Committee): mfd1697@aol.com
- Beth Hein (Council Secretary): heinfamily73@gmail.com
- Jerry Hoeflein (Congregational Life Cmte.): jer\_bear\_47@yahoo.com
- Vickie Kuester (Outreach Committee): kuesterv@uwstout.edu
- Tim Lehmann (Administration Committee): tmcleh@gmail.com
- Mary Merritt (Congregational Life Cmte.): jmsemptomerritt@wwt.net
- Sharon Mork (Congregational Life Committee): morks@charter.net
- Pastor Randy Skow-Anderson: Pr.Randy.CLC@gmail.com
- Kathy Wagner (Outreach Committee): kkg@wwt.net
- Joe Wurm (Administration Committee): kjwurm@hotmail.com
- Kaye Wurm (Council President): kayewurm@gmail.com



We are on Twitter!  
Follow us  
@PurpleDrzYouth

Many thanks to all the kids who joyously participated on Palm Sunday! There were 14 bright and smiling youth waving palms, singing in church, and helping at the brunch.

Congratulations to our four First Communicants! Karlee, Easton, Alex, and Marie took Holy Communion for the first time on Maundy Thursday and Easter Sunday!

Lenten Worship may be done for the year, but the Community Meal lives on! The Community Meal is served every Wednesday at 5:30 p.m.

The church softball league is starting to plan for the summer. If anyone is interested in being on the ELCA team, please let Josie know. More information will be coming.

## **First Communion – Maundy Thursday, April 18, 2019**

### ***Communicant: Easton James Kennedy***

Parents: Mike & Erin Kennedy

Sponsors: Cailey Simons, Natalie Stanek,  
Matt Kennedy, Timothy Ross

Baptism: February 10, 2013

### ***Communicant: Alexander Troy Zunker***

Parents: Troy & Cathy Zunker

Sponsors: Richard Haviland and Tina Zunker

Baptism: August 3, 2008

### ***Communicant: Marie Christine Zunker***

Parents: Troy & Cathy Zunker

Sponsors: Angela Haviland and Nathan Schmitz

Baptism: October 22, 2006

## **First Communion – Easter Sunday, April 21, 2019**

### ***Communicant: Karlee Marie Deutsch***

Parents: Kevin & Amanda Deutsch

Sponsors: Adam & Stacy Deutsch, Derek Evenson

Baptism: February 17, 2008



Holy Thursday greetings!

I pray that in this season, Jesus finds you and meets you where you are at. Perhaps you are "in the garden" where our Lord prayed to His Father to let the cup of death pass from Him. Perhaps your heart is still pondering the journey of life that takes us from Bethlehem to Egypt to Nazareth to Gethsemane. Or perhaps your eyes are fixed on the promise of resurrection. Wherever you are, may you find Him waiting for you.

Peace,

*Jackie and Patrick Bencke*

## Reconstruction

It is Lent. A period of reflection. Submission. It is also the three-year anniversary of two devastating earthquakes that shattered our city. And just a few days ago, a fire ravaged through one of the world's treasured buildings, Notre Dame.

A couple of weeks ago, just as the cherry blossoms were starting to open up, I took a walk near the Kumamoto Castle. The huge, centuries-old castle suffered massive damage during the main quake and afterward the "shivers," as Hannah called the aftershocks. I was quite impressed with how far along the reconstruction has come. The stones that had been strewn across the land "gucha-gucha" (pronounced "goo-cha goo-cha," a Japanese word meaning something like 'disorganized mess'), are slowly being replaced back in the foundation of the castle building. Work crews have

been very carefully hoisting the huge stones into small, cramped spaces. The smallest details, colors, shapes, sizes, as well as future durability and cost, have all been taken into consideration as the specialists figure out a way to preserve the building.

As Christians, we look forward to Easter, that big church festival that usually brings us joy, if not for the wonderful music at church, then certainly for the chocolate Easter candy that we enjoy. Resurrection is such a difficult concept to explain to Japanese non-Christians. It makes no sense to them. Why should they believe such a story? And even if they do believe that it happened, so what? Why is Easter so central to our Christian faith? Tough questions. Any pastors out there wanna shoot me a quick email as to how to respond?

One way I like to present the resurrection is by talking about the castle reconstruction. When that castle, which is sort of the "pride and joy" of Kumamoto, was decimated, we could all see the exterior damage, but it was the unseen interior damage that really endangered the castle's future.

Like that, we humans also experience things in our lives that cause us to be damaged in some way. Maybe we are damaged by things that are the result of some poor choice we made, or maybe we had no control over a situation but were harmed by it nonetheless. Sometimes the damage is visible, and sometimes it remains

hidden or stowed away, eating away at our souls. Maybe the damage we incur causes us to bring harm or darkness to others. Also, like buildings, once there is a little damage in us, the small injuries can become larger, making the pain even worse, unless and until we are able to do some reconstruction. Reconstruction, like the resurrection, offers us the opportunity to start over.

When Christ died on the cross, He was in full submission to God the Father. He offered Himself to be fully committed to a painful death. Our sinfulness puts us on a path toward pain and death as well. But the Good News – the GREAT news – is that Jesus overcame that death. He was resurrected, reconstructed into Wholeness with God.

Putting our faith in the resurrection means we are willing to submit to God in order to receive His full forgiveness, and as such, we are reconstructed over and over again, moment by moment, day by day. What we all need to be continually reminded of is that just like the castle can't rebuild itself, neither can humans reconstruct themselves. Intervention is required. The right tools, materials and workers, friends, family, and teachers all contribute to the reconstruction process. We can help one another 'be reconstructed' when we are involved in the lives of others, being a source of light and hope.

*(continued on next page)*

*("The Bencke Family in Japan"  
continued from previous page)*

Some of the prayers of our hearts . . .

We rejoice for new opportunities at the college. A new school year means new relationships, new experiences, new perspectives—each offering us a chance to be intentional about being change agents.

We pray for the leadership at Kyushu Lutheran College. As leaders look toward the future and decide how to remain financially stable and continue to attract students, we ask God to help them sustain solid relationships in the community and seek wisdom from Him.

We pray for our recent graduates – that they not be overwhelmed in their transition to full-time employment and the stress of setting out on their own. We also pray for our brand new freshman class – that each student find deep meaning in their studies and the activities in which they choose to engage. May those who decide to join our chapel committee find a special connection to a friend or faculty member who can point them toward Jesus.

**Our mailing address:**

Bencke Family  
KUMAMOTO SHI  
KITA-KU  
SHIMIZU MANGOKU 5-17-17  
861-8068  
JAPAN

Email:  
jacqueline.bencke@gmail.com

**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](http://www.elca.org/globalmission)

For more information on mission funding, please contact any of the following individuals:

Global Mission  
8765 W. Higgins Road  
Chicago IL 60631  
-800-638-3522, ext. 2769  
[www.elca.org/missionarysponsorship](http://www.elca.org/missionarysponsorship)

- Andrew Steele continues to lead the major fundraising efforts on behalf of missionary sponsorship and programs of ELCA Global Mission. His new title is Director, Global Mission Funding. Andrew is often on the road, visiting with the major donors who make much of this work possible.
- Jessica Hacker is the Director of Stewardship, Operations and Planning. Her work (and the larger team) includes not only Global Mission Funding, but the scholarship operations of the ELCA Fund for Leaders and donor relations related to all gifts made to ELCA ministries. She has been with the Mission Advancement Unit for nine years and is a returned missionary, having served as a GM2 in Germany.
- Jenny Ackerman joins the Global Mission Funding team as Global Mission Operations Manager. She serves as the main contact for any fundraising or home assignment questions, facilitates reporting of fundraising and best practice trainings and leads donor relations. She previously held a role with ELCA World Hunger's network engagement team.

- Diane Wilk is the project assistant for Global Mission Funding. Diane has been a part of the Global Mission Funding (previously the Global Church Sponsorship) team for eight years and provides wonderful continuity and wisdom for those of us who are new to this work. She helps steward congregational covenants and resource donors with information about our ministry and why their continued support is important.

**Thank you . . .**

. . . so much for having us [for a blood drive] on April 5! It was a wonderful day--we collected 33 whole blood and 10 power reds for a total of 53 units!

*– American Red Cross Staff*

. . . for your thoughtful donation to our facility.

*- Your friends at American Lutheran Communities - Menomonie*

. . . to CLC and its members for the support, encouragement, and love you all have given to us for our Eagle Scout achievement and through the years on our Journey to Eagle. We truly appreciate it and all of you.

*- Jacob Wurm and family;  
Steven Nelson and family*

. . . for your contribution of 84 pounds of groceries and personal care items to Stepping Stones of Dunn County on April 1!

. . . to the Scouts for donating the new U.S. flag to the church! Thanks to the Scouts for all their help with spring yard work!



## 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, pool activities, new friends, cookouts, campfires, and conversations that will help you discover what God has done and is doing in your life. For the more adventurous camper, Luther Park offers several programs that emphasize having fun in the outdoors. Adventure camps this summer include Adventure at the Woods, Boundary Water Canoe Trip, Namakagon Canoe Trip, and Trading Spaces. Many camps fill early so register today! Camp brochures are available at the church or go online at [www.lutherpark.org](http://www.lutherpark.org).

You can also contact Luther Park at [info@lutherpark.org](mailto:info@lutherpark.org) or at 715- 859-2215 for additional information.

### Save the date!

Sunday, May 5, is the Building and Rejoicing Campaign Kick-Off at Luther Park Bible Camp. This family event features bands *Breaking Chains* and *Them Coulee Boys*, showcasing their musical talents fostered at Luther Park when they were camp counselors. The money raised from this event will go towards the campaign, which focuses on a new ministry center and updates to the current dining hall. Visit [www.lutherpark.org](http://www.lutherpark.org) for campaign details.

## Did you know . . .

. . . that the 'Wonder Wall' has returned? You are invited and encouraged to write down your thoughts, wishes, and dreams for CLC on the Wonder Wall (formerly the wall calendar) to the left of the door facing the sanctuary.

. . . 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](http://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](http://www.welcome2clc.com). You may also elect to stop postal delivery of the newsletter using that form.

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

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

. . . plastic bags and ice cream pails (with lids!) may be placed in the food pantry cart in the narthex. (These

items are extremely useful at Stepping Stones, as 60 to 70 families are served every day.)

. . . a support group for those with dementia and Alzheimer's and/or for their caretakers and family members is held the first Wednesday of every month at 1 p.m. at United Methodist Church, 2703 Bongey Drive.

. . . there is a sign-up 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](http://www.welcome2clc.com).

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

. . . "God Pause" Daily Devotion is available on the homepage of the CLC website at [www.welcome2clc.com](http://www.welcome2clc.com).

. . . *Christ in Our Home* devotional booklets (regular- and large-print) are available in the narthex. Please take one! Envelopes are provided to help the CLCW cover the cost.

. . . there is a Prayer Cross in the sanctuary for attaching prayer requests to it on post-it notes? CIA youth will pray for all requests on the Prayer Cross when they gather on Sunday mornings.

. . . monetary donations are needed and appreciated for the CLC Library Fund to maintain an up-to-date library in our church, and to provide titles that promote Christian values to the youth of our church and THE SPOT.

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 5	Youth Sunday
May 12	Dick Tyson
May 19	Kaye Wurm
May 26	Don Johnson

### Ushers

Sundays—May 5, 12, 19, and	Gary & Andrea Johnson
----------------------------	-----------------------

### Greeters

May 5	Youth Sunday
May 12	Jerry & Cindy Hoeflein
May 19	Nancy Bourget
May 26	Judy Hanson

### Communion Assistants

May 5
May 12
May 19
May 26

### Bakers Guild

May 5
May 12
May 19
May 26

### Acolyte/Coffee Serving

May 5	Aiden Dowd
May 12	Cassidy Smith
May 19	

**May Altar Care:** Kathy Hinzman

**May Money Counters:** Jim & Pat Johnson

# Prayer Ventures for May

**1** Throughout Asian Pacific American Heritage Month, give thanks for the rich history, gifts, influence and contributions to our nation of our Asian and Pacific Islander brothers and sisters. Ask God to bless and further the work and witness of ELCA Asian and Pacific Islander Ministries and the Association of Asians and Pacific.

**2** *National Day of Prayer:* Encourage individuals, congregations and communities to pray, asking the Spirit to help us — and our nation — follow Jesus' instruction to "Love one another as I have loved you" (John 15:12).

**3** Remember in prayer the leaders, voting members and others gathered for the assemblies of the Southeastern Pennsylvania, Rocky Mountain, Northeastern Minnesota and Minneapolis synods, that the Spirit will strengthen, guide and encourage them in doing God's work in the world, proclaiming the gospel and growing the church.

**4** Remember in prayer the leaders, voting members and others gathered for the assemblies of the Northwest Synod of Wisconsin, South-Central Synod of Wisconsin, Western Iowa and Arkansas-Oklahoma synods, that the Spirit will strengthen, guide and encourage them in doing God's work in the world, proclaiming the gospel and growing the church.

**5** How will we react when God calls us to do something or go someplace new and unfamiliar? Pray that we will follow where the spirit of God leads, find companions in ministry to work with and invite others to join in doing God's work in the world.

**6** Pray for students who are taking final exams and anticipating employment, further education, or vocations of leadership in the church or military service. Ask God to grant them comfort and reassurance in times of stress and uncertainty, and to provide supportive, attentive and loving people in their lives.

**7** Ask God to bless and energize our church's commitment to wholeness for creation in collaboration with ecoAmerica and its Blessed Tomorrow program, which helps faith-based organizations care for creation and elevate their leadership on climate change as a moral, religious and justice issue.

**8** The ELCA International Camp Counselor Program, partnering with Lutheran Outdoor Ministries and ELCA Global Mission, trains up to 40 Lutheran young adults from Europe, Asia, Africa and Latin America. Pray for these young adults, who serve as leaders and global partners in our summer camp programs. Give thanks for the faith, gifts, leadership skills and global perspectives they bring to their work with children, youth and adults.

**9** God worked miraculous changes in the heart, mind and life of Saul that he might spread the gospel, grow the church and serve his neighbor as the reborn apostle Paul. Give thanks for how God calls us by name, equips us for ministry and service, and reaffirms that there is a place and purpose for everyone in the church, the body of Christ.

**10** Remember in prayer the leaders, voting members and others gathered for the assemblies of the Oregon, Pacifica and Southeastern Iowa synods, that the Spirit will strengthen, guide and encourage them in doing God's work in the world, proclaiming the gospel and growing the church.

**11** Remember in prayer the leaders, voting members and others gathered for the assembly of the Sierra Pacific Synod, that the Spirit will strengthen, guide and encourage them in doing God's work in the world, proclaiming the gospel and growing the church.

**12** Pray that we will trust that Jesus is the true son of God and will be faithful and fearless in following his examples and teachings revealed to us in Scripture.

**13** Remember in prayer the ELCA's work of using innovative models for starting new congregations and ministries in a diverse and changing world as we seek to grow God's church, welcome all God's people and equip our neighbors with both spiritual and physical sustenance.

**14** Thank God for being a loving and ever-present shepherd who restores us, stirs our courage, strengthens our faith and guides us through the challenges and joys of life.

**15** Give thanks for ELCA campus ministry, communities of faith that accompany students in their journeys of faith, education, service and discerning vocation at more than 180 state and private colleges and universities and at an additional 400 schools nationwide with assistance from congregations.

**16** Remember in prayer the leaders, voting members and others gathered for the assemblies of the Northern Great Lakes, East-Central Synod of Wisconsin, North/West Lower Michigan and Metropolitan New York synods, that the Spirit will strengthen, guide and encourage them in doing God's work in the world, proclaiming the gospel and growing the church.

**17** Remember in prayer the leaders, voting members and others gathered for the assemblies of the Saint Paul Area, Texas-Louisiana Gulf Coast and Southeast Michigan synods, that the Spirit will strengthen, guide and encourage them in doing God's work in the world, proclaiming the gospel and growing the church.

**18** Remember in prayer the leaders, voting members and others gathered for the assemblies of the Northwest Washington and Eastern Washington-Idaho synods, that the Spirit will strengthen, guide and encourage them in doing God's work in the world, proclaiming the gospel and growing the church.

**19** Pray that, as the body of Christ, we encourage one another and work together to follow Jesus' words in our daily lives: "I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

**20** Remember in prayer people who are traveling across the country in search of seasonal employment. Pray that they find employment, fair wages, fulfillment of basic needs for housing and food, and welcoming congregations that understand the unique needs of seasonal workers.

**21** Give thanks for the special skills, creativity and enthusiasm of people who write blogs, online stories, social media posts and newsletters that help communicate how congregations, synods, the churchwide organization, ecumenical partners and related organizations are sharing the good news of Jesus Christ, serving our neighbor and working together for justice, peace, mercy and healing in the world.

**22** Ask God to make us bold, persistent advocates and agents in society to end gun violence across our nation, for the sake of our neighbor's well-being and out of gratitude and respect for the fragile gift of life.

**23** Pray that our vision of the church and its mission will be broadened by the knowledge that the word of God and the good news of Jesus Christ are meant for all people and all nations.

**24** Pray that the ELCA Guardian Angel and Welcoming Congregation programs will flourish and continue to expand across our nation as part of our church's strategy to support and accompany — physically and spiritually — migrant children and families through their immigration court process.

**25** Praise God's infinite power, glory and presence as reflected in our life experiences and every aspect of nature and creation.

**26** Give thanks for the gift of the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, sent to remind us of Jesus' teachings and God's love, and to stir our faith, peace and courage when we are troubled or fearful.

**27** Give thanks and praise God for the significant and lasting impact of *Always Being Made New: The Campaign for the ELCA*. Pray that we will build upon what it has accomplished and continue to be generous in supporting new and existing programs and ministries that serve our neighbor, nurture new leaders and grow the church.

**28** Pray with joy and thanksgiving, for God is gracious and generous in blessing us, and God's saving power stretches to every corner of the earth.

**29** Pray for more than 3,500 summer camp staff and volunteers as they prepare to serve in ELCA outdoor ministries as role models, affirming and encouraging the faith of campers — of all ages and abilities — and guiding them toward the paths and ways of God throughout life.

**30** Remember in prayer the leaders, voting members and others gathered for the assemblies of the South Dakota, Nebraska, Upstate New York, Delaware-Maryland and North Carolina synods, that the Spirit will strengthen, guide and encourage them in doing God's work in the world, proclaiming the gospel and growing the church.

**31** Remember in prayer the leaders, voting members and others gathered for the assemblies of the South Carolina, Southeastern, Southwest California, Southeastern Minnesota, Greater Milwaukee and West Virginia-Western Maryland synods, that the Spirit will strengthen, guide and encourage them in doing God's work in the world, proclaiming the gospel and growing the church.

**The Friendly Visitor  
from  
Christ Lutheran Church  
1306 Wilcox Street  
Menomonie, WI 54751**



Please let us know if you do not wish to receive this newsletter any longer by calling our office at 715-235-5573 or by emailing us at [The.Office.CLC@gmail.com](mailto:The.Office.CLC@gmail.com). THANK YOU!

**Pastoral Ministry**

Ministers: All Members of the Congregation.

Pastor: Randy Skow-Anderson (218-329-7904; [Pr.Randy.CLC@gmail.com](mailto:Pr.Randy.CLC@gmail.com)).

Lutheran Campus Ministry Director: Katie Wagner ([lcmostout@wwt.net](mailto:lcmostout@wwt.net)).

**Music Ministry**

Chancel Choir Director:

Accompanist: LuAnn Dohms.

Substitutes: Andrew Maki, Mary Merritt.

Choir Accompanist: LuAnn Dohms.

**Youth Ministry**

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

**Sunday School (COSMO)**

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

Accompanist: Mary Merritt.

**Maintenance**

Custodian: Tom Surdick (cell 715-505-7022).

**Missionary Sponsorship**

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

**Office Staff**

Church Secretary Office Hours: Monday through Thursday—8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.;

Friday—office closed.

(Please note that the pastor's day off is Friday.)

Secretary: Jane Amble (home 235-0748; [The.Office.CLC@gmail.com](mailto:The.Office.CLC@gmail.com)).

Treasurer: Dick Rank/Tricia Rank-Larson ([Financial.CLC@gmail.com](mailto:Financial.CLC@gmail.com)).

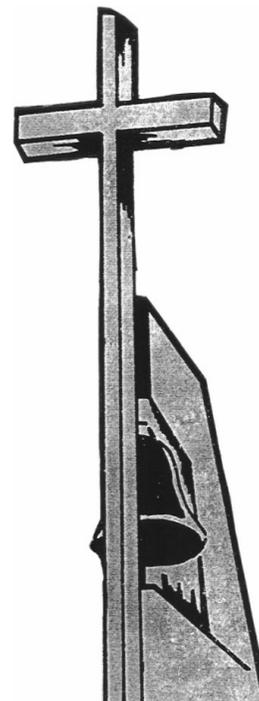
**Radio Ministry**

Radio Broadcast on 880 AM Sundays at 9:30 a.m.

**Internet Ministry**

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

**We're on the Web!**  
[www.Welcome2CLC.com](http://www.Welcome2CLC.com)



**Christ  
Lutheran  
Church**

**PHONE  
715-235-5573**

"Where God's  
promise  
of love  
and  
forgiveness  
is for all."

**Welcome!**

# May 2019 - CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<b>1</b> 9:00 AM Set up Fellowship Hall for Thrift Sale 3:30 PM THE SPOT 5:30 PM Community Supper in FIRESIDE ROOM 6:00 PM Christ Time	<b>2</b> 8:00 AM -4:00 PM Thrift, Quilt & Bake Sale in Fellowship Hall 6:30 PM Chancel Choir	<b>3</b> 8:00 AM -4:00 PM Thrift, Quilt & Bake Sale in Fellowship Hall	<b>4</b> 7:00 AM Synod Assembly, Trinity Lutheran, Eau Claire 9:00 AM -12:00 PM Thrift, Quilt & Bake Sale in Fellowship Hall
<b>5</b> YOUTH SUNDAY NEW MEMBER SUNDAY MALAWI COMPANIONSHIP CELEBRATION 8:00 AM New Member Orientation Brunch 9:00 AM Worship with Holy Comm. 10:10 AM COSMO/CLIA/Playgroup (last day party) 10:10 AM Halvorson Cemetery Board Meeting 10:30 AM Outreach Cmte	<b>6</b> 5:30 PM Worship with Holy Communion in Fellowship Hall	<b>7</b> 10:00 AM Spiritual Direction 6:30 PM Exec Board	<b>8</b> 3:30 PM THE SPOT 5:30 PM Community Supper	<b>9</b> 6:30 PM Chancel Choir	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> 4:00 PM -7:00 PM Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser in CLC Fellowship Hall for Pack 103
<b>12</b> MISSIONS BAKE SALE HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY! 9:00 AM Worship with Holy Comm.	<b>13</b> 5:30 PM Worship with Holy Communion in Fellowship Hall	<b>14</b> 9:00 AM Mission Work Day 10:00 AM Spiritual Direction 6:00 PM Administration Cmte 6:00 PM Congregational Life Cmte. 6:30 PM Council in FH	<b>15</b> 3:30 PM THE SPOT 5:30 PM Community Supper	<b>16</b> 9:30 AM CLCW Bible Study 1:30 PM CLCW Bible Study 6:30 PM Chancel Choir	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>19</b> BACCALAUREATE 9:00 AM Worship with Holy Comm.	<b>20</b> <b>DEADLINE FOR "FRIENDLY VISITOR!"</b> 5:30 PM Worship with Holy Communion in Fellowship Hall	<b>21</b> 10:00 AM Spiritual Direction	<b>22</b> 11:30 AM Sunshine Lunch in Fellowship Hall 3:30 PM THE SPOT 5:30 PM Community Supper	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b> FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION SUNDAY 9:00 AM Worship with Holy Comm.	<b>27</b> MEMORIAL DAY (church office closed) 5:30 PM Worship with Holy Communion in Fellowship Hall	<b>28</b> 9:00 AM Mission Work Day 10:00 AM Spiritual Direction 3:00 PM Communion at The Neighbors	<b>29</b> 3:30 PM THE SPOT 5:30 PM Community Supper	<b>30</b> 2:00 PM Worship at American Lutheran Communities	<b>31</b>	

**Are you serving in ministry this month? See page 11 to find out!**