

# The Friendly Visitor *from* Christ Lutheran Church

1306 Wilcox Street

Menomonie, WI 54751

May 2023

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## May @ Christ

- 1 Worship with Holy Communion in the Fellowship Hall at 5:30pm;
- 2 Executive Board Meeting at 6:30pm
- 3 THE SPOT at 3:30pm; CLC FoodShelf from 5pm - 6pm; Wednesday's Table from 5pm - 6pm; CIA Youth Group at 5:30pm; Christ Time at 6:15pm; 6ths Only at 6:15pm
- 4 Set up for CLCW Thrift Sale
- 5 CLCW Thrift, Plant, Quilt and Bake Sale from 8am - 4pm
- 6 CLCW Thrift, Plant, Quilt and Bake Sale from 9am - 2pm
- 7 YOUTH SUNDAY; BLESSING OF THE BICYCLES; Worship with Holy Communion at 9am; Picnic at 10am; Worship at Autumn Village at 2pm
- 8 Worship with Holy Communion in the Fellowship Hall at 5:30pm
- 9 Mission Workday at 9am; ALL COMMITTEE NIGHT; Committees meet at 5:30pm; Committees meet with Council at 6:30pm; Council meets at 7:00pm
- 10 THE SPOT at 3:30pm; CLC FoodShelf from 5pm - 6pm; Wednesday's Table from 5pm - 6pm; CIA Youth Group at 5:30pm; Christ Time at 6:15pm; 6ths Only at 6:15pm
- 14 MOTHERS' DAY; Worship with Holy Communion at 9am
- 15 Worship with Holy Communion in the Fellowship Hall at 5:30pm
- 17 The SPOT at 3:30pm; CLC FoodShelf from 5pm - 6pm; Wednesday's Table from 5pm - 6pm
- 21 SENIOR RECOGNITION SUNDAY; Worship with Holy Communion at 9am
- 22 Worship with Holy Communion at 5:30pm in the Fellowship Hall
- 23 Mission Workday at 9am
- 24 THE SPOT at 3:30pm; CLC FoodShelf from 5pm - 6pm; Wednesday's Table from 5pm - 6pm
- 28 PENTECOST; Worship with Holy Communion at 9am
- 29 MEMORIAL DAY; Office Closed; Worship with Holy Communion at 5:30pm



Pastor Stephen and Anne  
Hilding

**Christ Lutheran Church  
Council Minutes  
March 14th, 2023 7:00 p.m.**

Members Present

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

Call to Order

Council President Tim Lehmann called the meeting to order at 6:51 p.m. at the Church.

Vision Statement was read by JMerritt.

Mission Statement was read by All. Council Purpose was read by All.

Approval of Agenda

Discussed addition needed to the agenda. Additions include: Action add to New Business to purchase a new laptop for Live Stream.

*[3-1] A motion was made and seconded to approve a revised agenda; DTyson/KWurm; motion carried.*

Dwelling in the Word

Pastor Mamy Ranaivoson led us in a Word/Meditation John 4:5-42.

Approval of January 10, 2023 and February 7, 2023 Council Minutes

*[3-2] A motion was made and seconded to approve January 10, 2023, and February 7, 2023 Council Meeting Minutes; KWurm/VKuester; motion carried.*

New Business

1. Action: Call Committee Presentation

*[3-3] A motion was made and seconded to go into closed*

*session with the call committee; DTyson/AGraff; motion carried.*

*[3-4] A motion was made and seconded to come out of closed session; KWurm/JMerritt; motion carried.*

*[3-5] A motion was made and seconded to approve the Call Committee's recommendation of the Pastor to be presented to the Congregation to vote on 3/19/23; KWurm/JMerritt; motion carried.*

2. Action: Lenten and Easter Offering Designations

*[3-6] A motion was made and seconded for 75% of the Easter, Maundy Thursday and Lenten Offerings to go to the General Fund and 25% to go to Lutheran Campus Ministry; DTyson/KWurm; motion carried.*

3. Action: Synod Assembly Delegates - No action taken. Need to add to the bulletin and Friendly Visitor stating we are in need of two delegates to attend the Synod Assembly.

4. Action: Linda Tylee's (Lacey) daughter requests the use of the Fellowship Hall on Saturday, April 1, 2023 for a Baby Shower.

*[3-7] A motion was made and seconded to approve the use of the Fellowship Hall by Lacey Wilson on April 1, 2023; KWurm/VKuester; motion carried.*

5. Action: New Batteries and Pads for the Defibrillator - no action needed. President Tim Lehman authorized the purchase.

6. Action: Facility Usage Request by Liz Boyle/Christian Homeschool Program - At this time, the Council feels this is not a good fit.

7. Action: Request for donation for the National Fire Safety Council

*[3-8] A motion was made and seconded to donate \$105.00 from Undesignated Memorials to the National Fire Safety Council; KWurm/LTylee; motion carried.*

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**Council E-Mail Directory**

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- Pastor Stephen Hilding (ex-officio)

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8. Action: Purchase a New Laptop to be used for Live Streaming

*[3-9] A motion was made and seconded to purchase a new laptop from the Technology Fund for live streaming; DTyson/Sjosephson; motion carried.*

#### Old Business

1. Cash Flow: Discussed needing to add financials to the bulletin every week and Friendly Visitor.

2. Discussion: Bylaw Changes - After further discussion the item has been tabled until next month

3. Discussion: Application for Use of Facilities/Property on each group meeting at CLC - After further discussion the item has been tabled until next month

4. Discussion: Purchase Orders - The Policy Reviewed by Council. Until such a time that the Bookkeeper can tell the Church Council that our cash flow has improved, the following Policy will be in effect.

A Purchase of \$0-\$100.00 - A purchase order needs to be filled out along with which account the money is being taken from to cover the purchase.

B Purchase of \$101.00 - \$250.00 - A purchase order needs to be filled out along with which account the money is being taken from to cover the purchase. Also the signature from one of the following: Chair of the Committee that oversees

individual, Administration Committee or the Church Council.

C Purchase of \$251.00-\$500.00 - A purchase order needs to be filled out along with which account the money is being taken from to cover the purchase. Also the signatures from each of the following: Chair of the Committee that oversees individual, Administration Committee and the Church Council.

D Purchase of \$501.00-above - Two bids/quotes must be obtained. A purchase request needs to be brought forward to the Church Council to approve.

#### Reports

A. Pastor's Report presented to Council.

B. Committee Reports/Actions/Financial Reports received to the Council.

#### Adjournment

*[3-10] A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting; LTylee/KWurm; motion carried.*

Meeting was adjourned at 8:29 p.m. and closed with The Lord's Prayer.

*Leslie Falkner, Secretary*

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



**Volunteers are needed** at the Sunday service each week: ushers, communion assistants and help with coffee fellowship.

Please consider helping in this way. Signups are on the table in the center of the Narthex.

### **Christ in Our Home**

Devotional booklets (both regular and large-print) for April, May, June are available in the office wing hallway or in the narthex. Please take one! Envelopes are provided to help the CLCW cover the cost of approximately \$2 for each regular-print booklet.

# CLCW News

## THRIFT, QUILT, PLANT and BAKE SALE

The CLCW Thrift, Quilt, Plant and Bake Sale will take place Friday, May 5 from 8am - 4pm and Saturday, May 6 from 9am - 2pm. The Sale will be in the Fellowship Hall. Your donations of thrift items and baked goods for the sale will be needed and are appreciated! Please drop off items for the sale only on Thursday, May 4 as there is no space for storing items before that date. Baked goods may be dropped off the morning of the sale. Please be sure to mark the price on the items you donate. No clothing or Christmas items at this time. Thank you!

## ELECTION BAKE SALE RESULTS

The April 4th election bake sale raised \$1100.00 . This was split between the general fund and our Missionary Sponsorship. Thank you to all who baked, all who sold and all who bought!

## Dates to remember

May 4: Thrift Sale drop off/set-up day

May 5: Thrift, Bake, Plant and Quilt Sale 8am - 4pm

May 6: Thrift, Bake, Plant and Quilt Sale 9am - 2pm

May 9: Mission Work Day at 9am

May 23: Mission Work Day at 9am

*Nancy Bourget and Arla Graff*  
CLCW Co-Presidents

## Memorials/Honoraria

### For the General Fund in memory of:

4/9 - Bea Jensen from Cheryl Lowery

4/9 - Joan Labs from Sue Dahm

### For Undesignated in memory of:

4/9 - Bea Jensen from Kelly & Diane Stevens

4/9 - Joan Labs from Ann Sorebo; from Edwin & Nancy Sorebo

### For the Radio Broadcasts in memory of:

4/9 - Bernita Doebbert whose birthday would have been April 11 from her daughter, Christine Ness

### For the Radio Broadcasts in honor of:

4/30 - the 90th birthday of Arlene Mork (April 30) from her family

## Our sympathy to . . .

. . . the family and friends of Jone Lindbo who passed away March 31. A celebration of life will be held later this year.

. . . the family and friends of Rich Hendrikson who passed away on February 26; a memorial service will be held on May 5.

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## Committee Night- May 9

All committees will meet individually on Tuesday, May 9, from 5:30pm to 6:30pm. Full committees and council then meet at 6:30pm with Church Council meeting beginning at 7:00pm

# The Bencke Family in Japan



this assignment in Japan. What began as a four-year commitment has stretched into al-

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Dear friends, family, and partners in mission,

We are now firmly in the trenches of Holy Week. We remember the suffering even as we remember the glory of resurrection. We live redeemed by Jesus' sacrifice and even as we are compelled to come to the cross for forgiveness. We are baptized to new life through Jesus' death. Such contradictions, and yet such a singular focus.

My prayer is that the Holy Spirit bring your Holy Week a hope in the resurrection of our King, even as you remember the sacrifice, and that you may live and remember the fullness of God's promise for our eternity with Him.

Attached is just a short newsletter, marking this season of spring.

Be blessed,  
The Bencke Family

## Happy New Year!

Well, sort of. In Japan, the new academic year of school, the new fiscal year, the time for changing jobs, the time for all things new occurs on April 1<sup>st</sup>. We started our new academic year a few days ago and are welcoming in about 170 new students. With slightly relaxed mask requirements, it has been nice to see some faces of students and faculty for the first time, even if we may have met three years ago!

Early April generally coincides with tree blossoms in full bloom, so it is particularly easy to correlate the freshness that occurs within God's creation to the newness and transformations in life. Cherry trees, plum trees, magnolia, wisteria, and a myriad of other treasures. As Patrick and I look ahead to this new year, we continue to be grateful for God's provision and His mercy.

March 1<sup>st</sup> marked the beginning of our 18<sup>th</sup> year on

most two decades. When that much time passes, one can imagine how many unexpected things have crossed our paths. We did not expect to raise our kids here. We did not expect to make such deep, lasting friendships. We did not expect to say goodbye to my mother here or lose so many good friends, either due to their departure from Japan or their departure to their heavenly life. We did not expect to miss almost every Thanksgiving, Christmas, Easter, birthday, family reunion, baby shower, retirement celebration, and funeral with our families and friends. Instead, we expected that in around 2010, we would return to the U.S., probably the Midwest, with our (one at that time) daughter and return to public school teaching. But, as we read in Romans 8:28, "We know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his

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purpose.” The word “good” cannot be mistaken for the word “ease.” What is good is not always easy. In fact, it usually is not.

When we gather together as a Church this Sunday to celebrate the resurrection of our King, I pray that all gatherings will be blessed, even if they aren’t easy. Even if those gatherings are missing some key people. Even if the ham gets burnt. Even if things don’t go as expected. I imagine that Mary, at the tomb of Jesus, did not expect an angel to appear, or the ground to shake beneath their feet, or to find the stone rolled away. In fact, those things may have made her tremble at the time as she tried to discern what to do next. She couldn’t have known what much bigger things God had in store for her and for the world, and that those expectations would soon give way to a new path toward eternal life.

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## FROM STEPPING STONES OF DUNN COUNTY



### ANOTHER GREAT YEAR FOR EMPTY BOWLS!

For three hours on Saturday, March 25th, the Menomonie High School cafeteria was filled with the sounds of music, volunteers, and more than 300 community members who took part in our Empty Bowls fundraiser. Not only did we go through 48 gallons of soup, but we also sold over 180 handmade bowls!

### A LOCAL LEGACY LIVES ON!

A tiny piece of family history was saved when the building at the corner of 17th and Stout Rd was torn down for the new Stepping Stones emergency shelter.

Sara Beguhn reached out, asking if it was possible for a keepsake from the building her grandfather built in 1954, which operated their family feed mill for more than 30 years until they moved to their current location by Dick's Fresh Market. We were more than happy to fulfill this request with a few mementos including glass blocks from the windows and a metal feed sign.

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## YOUTH GROUP WISH LIST

### Snack Items

Flavored Waters  
Microwave Popcorn  
Cheese Crackers  
Pretzels  
Wrapped String Cheese Sticks



## 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://](https://www.welcome2clc.com/volunteer-signup.html)

[www.welcome2clc.com/volunteer-signup.html](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.



### May's Financial Spotlight is Lutheran Disaster Response

A branch of the ELCA, LDR works both in the U.S. and around the world bringing God's hope, healing and renewal to those whose lives have been disrupted by disasters, natural and man-made. Staying long after the headlines change to assure that each community receives the physical, mental and emotional care needed to recover from a disaster.

Using long-standing connections with local organizations Lutheran Disaster Response is able to take into account not just the immediate needs, but the long-term goals of the communities in which they are engaged.

Donations may be made through Christ Lutheran by putting Lutheran Disaster Response on the memo line of the check or on your envelope. Or you may send your check directly to:

Lutheran Disaster  
Response  
39330 Treasury Center,  
Chicago, IL 60694-9300

**TIME CHANGE:**

**SUNDAY WORSHIP**

**WILL RETURN TO**

**9:00am**

**on**

**May 7, 2023**

# Youth News

TIME CHANGE: Youth Sunday/Blessing of Bicycles/Last Day Picnic: May 7! Join us for Youth Sunday worship at **9:00am** with a Blessing of Bicycles for ALL! A picnic for everyone will follow the service.

I am in need of youth participants for Youth Worship. If you are interested, please let me know.

Pastor Stephen will be here for his first Sunday at Christ Lutheran!

## Blessing of Bicycles



**MAY 7, 2023 \* CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH**

**\* Blessing during 9:00am Worship \* Picnic after worship at 10:00am\***

City and country biking is not without their hazards. Many in our community rely on biking for transportation, exercise, and recreation. While many efforts have been put in place by our city to enhance the safety of our riders, the risks of sharing road space with motorized vehicles remains. As a way of acknowledging God's gifts of life, health, and science through the simple but ingenious bicycle, we will Bless the Bicycles in this annual tradition.

Open to all community members, regardless of religious affiliation, race, creed, color, sexual orientation, fat or thin tires, rim or disc brakes, drop or flat bars, or brand of bike.

**We openly and warmly welcome everyone of all rides of life!**

Baccalaureate will May 21. Please get photos of your senior to Josie no later than May 8 to have them in the slide show.





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## AMERICAN LUTHERAN COMMUNITIES 2023 ANNUAL MEETING NOTICE

March 30, 2023

TO: Sponsoring Congregations RE: ALC 2023 Annual Meeting

Greetings!

I hope this finds everyone doing well.

Please consider this a "Save-the-Date" for the upcoming American Lutheran Homes Annual meeting which will be held on Tuesday, May 23, 2023 at American Lutheran Homes – Mondovi, Wisconsin.

Details will be forthcoming, but I thought it would be advantageous to get this out to share with your congregation with the upcoming Palm Sunday, Holy Week, and Easter Sunday services coming up and fast approaching.

If you have any questions regarding this meeting information, please feel free to call the Grace Lutheran Communities Corporate Office at 715-832-3003.

We look forward to seeing you and/or your congregation's representatives at this annual meeting.

## Senior Recognition Sunday

Sunday, May 21, during the 9am worship service we will recognize our high school graduates.

The CLCW has been making special quilts to be presented to the graduates during the service.

Josie is making a slide show for the service and needs photos submitted by May 8.

Graduates are asked to let the church office know by May 15 if they will be present for the recognition service on May 21.

We remember our graduates in our prayers, praying the presence of God's Spirit to lead, guide, and protect them.



## RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

Mark your calendars now for the next blood drive at CLC. Tuesday, June 20 is the date; time from noon to 6pm. We will need people to work check-in the day of the drive as well as people to replenish the canteen (snacks). We also need people to supply snacks and to give blood.



## Prayer Ventures for May

**1** Praise God that we are never alone or forgotten and that God is our comfort, courage and guide in every circumstance of life. "Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me" (Psalm 23:4).

**2** *Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month* Give thanks for the rich heritage, gifts, cultures and contributions to our nation and church of our Asian and Pacific Islander neighbors and siblings in Christ. Ask God to bless the work and witness of ELCA Asian and Pacific Islander Ministries and the ELCA's Association of Asians and Pacific Islanders.

**3** Pray for an end to the invasion of Ukraine and for a lasting peace that will lead to rebuilding, renewal and hope-filled visions of the future for the people and communities of Ukraine and its neighboring countries.

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**4** Ask God to help us face hardships, perplexing problems and worries with faith that produces confidence, courage, wisdom and a resilient spirit.

**5** Pray for the leaders, voting members and others gathering for the assemblies of the Pacifica, Southwestern Washington, Metropolitan New York and Southeastern 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.

**6** Pray for the leaders, voting members and others gathering for the assemblies of the Southeastern Minnesota and Arkansas-Oklahoma 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.

**7** Pray for the leaders, voting members and others gathering for the assembly of the North/West Lower Michigan 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.

**8** Pray that our baptismal journey and the work we do as children of God will be inspired and informed by the generous and compassionate example of Jesus, who reveals God's amazing love for humankind.

**9** Give thanks for the work we do together through ELCA Mission Support and the funding it provides for the Lutheran Church of Rwanda's Bible school, which trains lay leaders, and for construction of a seminary in Rwanda to train and equip pastors and evangelists.

**10** Lift up prayers of praise and thanksgiving to God for Jesus Christ, our Savior and the enduring cornerstone upon which our faith, life and church are built.

**11** Remember in prayer college and university students preparing for finals, discerning their futures and wondering how God will use their particular skills, knowledge and passion for the sake of the world and serving our neighbors in need.

**12** Pray for the leaders, voting members and others gathering for the assemblies of the Saint Paul Area and Northeastern Ohio 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.

**13** Pray for the leaders, voting members and others gathering for the assembly of the New Jersey 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.

**14** On Mother's Day thank God for mothers, stepmothers, foster mothers and expectant mothers, and pray for women struggling with parenting, women trying to conceive and women who cannot bear children of their own but serve as loving, caring and faithful adults in the lives of children and youth.

**15** Pray for the leaders, voting members and others gathering for the assemblies of the Southeastern Iowa (online) and Rocky Mountain 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.

**16** Ask the Spirit to strengthen our faith that Jesus Christ lives in us and continues to shape us throughout life until the day when he returns for us.

**17** "Holy Spirit, truth divine, dawn upon this soul of mine; breath of God and inward light, wake my spirit, clear my sight" (*ELW* 398). Praise God for the gift of the Spirit, which awakens us to each day and sheds light on how we can live as children of God and followers of Christ, eager to share the gospel, serve our neighbors and radiate hope in the world.

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**18** Pray for the leaders, voting members and others gathering for the assemblies of the Northern Great Lakes and Southeast Michigan 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.

**19** Pray for the leaders, voting members and others gathering for the assembly of the Texas-Louisiana Gulf Coast 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.

**20** Pray for the leaders, voting members and others gathering for the assemblies of the Southeastern Iowa (in-person), Oregon, East-Central Wisconsin, South-Central Wisconsin and West Virginia-Western Maryland 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.

**21** Our faith is centered in the good news of Jesus Christ and inspires gratitude, joy and a spirit of love and mercy. “Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth; sing praises to the Lord” (Psalm 68:32).

**22** Pray for those recently diagnosed with cancer, who experience fear, hope, disbelief and difficult decisions; give thanks for health care professionals, chaplains, congregational ministries and cancer support groups that surround them and their families with care, encouragement and prayer.

**23** What a life we live as disciples of Christ! We encounter temptations, humbling situations and conflict, yet we are emboldened by our faith and prodded forward by the Spirit in our baptismal journey. Give praise and thanks to God!

**24** Pray for young people celebrating their graduations from high school and for parents and teachers who have equipped and encouraged them

along the way; remember students who struggle with school, that they might have people in their lives who encourage and support them.

**25** Remember in prayer candidates who serve in congregations and are involved in the ELCA Theological Education for Emerging Ministries (TEEM) program; give thanks for the scholarship assistance provided by ELCA Fund for Leaders.

**26** Give thanks and praise to God for the gift of the Holy Spirit, which enriches our faith and gives us the ability to witness to God’s love and mercy and serve our neighbors everywhere.

**27** Give thanks for the work of ELCA World Hunger and Lutheran Disaster Response, ministries of our church that gather our resources and combine them with those of domestic and global partners and companion churches to respond to our neighbors who have been impacted by hunger, poverty, Injustice, and natural and human-caused disasters.

**28** *Day of Pentecost* Praise God for the variety of gifts we have been given and how they complement the gifts of our siblings in Christ for spreading the gospel, growing the church, serving the needs of our neighbors and bringing hope to our communities and the world.

**29** *Memorial Day* Remember, honor and give thanks for those in the armed forces who have given their lives for the sake of peace, justice and freedom. Pray for those who serve in harm’s way today, that they will be safe and that their faith, courage and commitment to the well-being of others will be strengthened and sustained.

**30** Pray for people engaged in seasonal work, that they will have adequate housing, fair wages, safe work environments and supportive communities and congregations; promise to express recognition and gratitude for their hospitality, gifts and service.

**31** Ask God to help us discern our spiritual gifts — as individuals and as communities of faith — and where they are most needed in the church and the world.

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**Pastoral Ministry**

Ministers: All Members of the Congregation.  
Pastor: Stephen Hilding (cell: 715-222-2475)  
Lutheran Campus Ministry Director: Sara Reed  
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**Music Ministry**

Worship/Choir Accompanist: LuAnn Dohms  
Alternate Accompanists: Andrew Maki, Mary Merritt

**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

**Missionary Sponsorship**

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

**Food Ministry**

Coordinator: Jim Kausie

**Office Staff**

Secretary: Jillyn Geissler ([The.Office.CLC@gmail.com](mailto:The.Office.CLC@gmail.com))  
Treasurer: Dick Rank/Tricia Rank-Larson  
Office Hours: Monday through Thursday - 8:30am to 3pm;  
Friday - office closed

**Radio Ministry**

Radio Broadcast on 880 AM Sundays at 9:30am

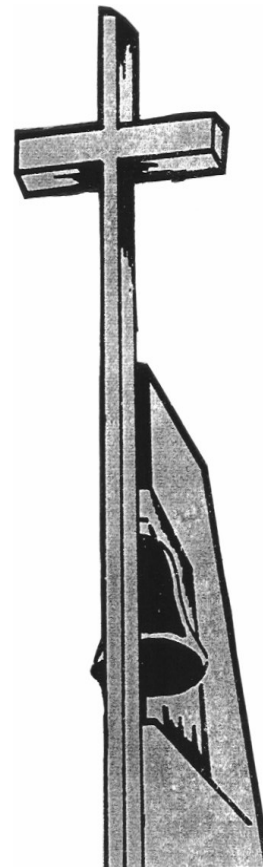
**Livestream Ministry**

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

**Internet Ministry**

Sunday bulletins, newsletters, video of Sunday services, volunteer opportunities and much more may be found at [www.Welcome2CLC.com](http://www.Welcome2CLC.com)

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**"Love Jesus,  
Grow Together,  
Serve Others."**

**Welcome!**



# May 2023 - CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 5:30 PM Worship with Holy Communion in the Fellowship Hall  6:45 PM -8:45 PM Scouts (FR)	2 6:30 PM Exec Board	3 3:30 PM THE SPOT 3:30 PM THE SPOT 5:00 PM -6:00 PM CLC FoodShelf 5:00 PM -6:00 PM Wednesday's Table 6:30 PM CIA Youth Group 6:15 PM 6th's Only 6:15 PM Church Time	4 8:00 AM Set up for CLCW Thrift Sale	5 8:00 AM -4:00 PM CLCW Thrift, Plant, Bake & Quilt Sale	6 9:00 AM -2:00 PM CLCW Thrift, Plant, Bake & Quilt Sale
7 YOUTH SUNDAY Blessing of the Bicycles 9:00 AM Worship service (in-person and livestream)  2:00 PM Worship at Autumn Village	8 5:30 PM Worship with Holy Communion in the Fellowship Hall	9 ALL COMMITTEE NIGHT  9:00 AM Mission Workday 5:30 PM Committees meet 6:30 PM Cnle's and council meet in sanctuary 7:00 PM Council	10 3:30 PM THE SPOT 3:30 PM THE SPOT 5:00 PM -6:00 PM CLC FoodShelf 5:00 PM -6:00 PM Wednesday's Table 6:30 PM CIA Youth Group 6:15 PM 6th's Only 6:15 PM Church Time	11	12	13
14 Mother's Day 9:00 AM Worship service (in-person and livestream)	15 5:30 PM Worship with Holy Communion in the Fellowship Hall	16	17 3:30 PM THE SPOT 5:00 PM -6:00 PM CLC FoodShelf  5:00 PM -6:00 PM Wednesday's Table	18	19	20
21 Senior Recognition Sunday  9:00 AM Worship service (in-person and livestream)	22 DEADLINE FOR "FRIENDLY VISITOR"  5:30 PM Worship with Holy Communion in the Fellowship Hall	23 9:00 AM Mission Workday	24 3:30 PM THE SPOT 5:00 PM -6:00 PM CLC FoodShelf  5:00 PM -6:00 PM Wednesday's Table	25	26	27
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