

The Friendly Visitor *from* Christ Lutheran Church

1306 Wilcox Street

Menomonie, WI 54751

September 2023

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September @ Christ

- 3 Worship with Holy Communion at 9:00am
- 4 Labor Day; **NO Monday Night Worship**; Church Office CLOSED
- 5 Executive Committee Meeting at 6:30pm
- 6 Staff Meeting at 9:00am; Wednesday's Table from 5:00pm - 6:00pm; CLC FoodShelf from 5:00pm - 6:00pm
- 10 RALLY SUNDAY; Outdoor worship (weather permitting) with Breaking Chains at 9:00am; Play it Forward (the Tables Fundraiser) at Woodwind Park from 1:00pm - 5:00pm
- 11 Worship with Holy Communion in the Fellowship Hall at 5:30pm
- 12 Mission Workday at 9:00am; **ALL COMMITTEE NIGHT**; Committees meet at 5:30pm; Committees meet with Council at 6:30pm; Church Council meets at 7:00pm
- 13 Staff Meeting at 9:00am; The SPOT from 3:30pm - 5:30pm; CLC FoodShelf from 5:00pm - 6:00pm; Wednesday's Table from 5:00pm - 6:00pm; NYG Info meeting from 5:30pm - 6:00pm; Christ Time Orientation at 6:00pm; 6ths Only at 6:00pm
- 17 Pack the Park worship service at Wakanda Park Pavilion at 10:00am; **NO WORSHIP SERVICE AT CHRIST LUTHERAN**
- 18 Worship with Holy Communion in the Fellowship Hall at 5:30pm
- 20 Staff Meeting at 9:00am; The SPOT from 3:30pm - 5:30pm; CLC FoodShelf from 5:00pm - 6:00pm; Wednesday's Table from 5:00pm - 6:00pm; 6THs Only at 6:00pm; Christ Time at 6:00pm
- 24 BIBLE SUNDAY; Worship with Holy Communion at 9:00am; Faith Formation at 10:15am
- 25 Worship with Holy Communion in the Fellowship Hall at 5:30pm
- 26 Communion at The Neighbors of Dunn County at 3:30pm
- 27 Staff Meeting at 9:00am; The SPOT from 3:30pm - 5:30pm; CLC FoodShelf from 5:00pm - 6:00pm; Wednesday's Table from 5:00pm - 6:00pm; 6THs Only at 6:00pm; Christ Time at 6:00pm

ALL COMMITTEE NIGHT

September 12

All committees will meet individually on Tuesday, September 12 at 5:30pm; Full committees will meet with the Church Council at 6:30pm. The Church Council meeting begins at 7pm.

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



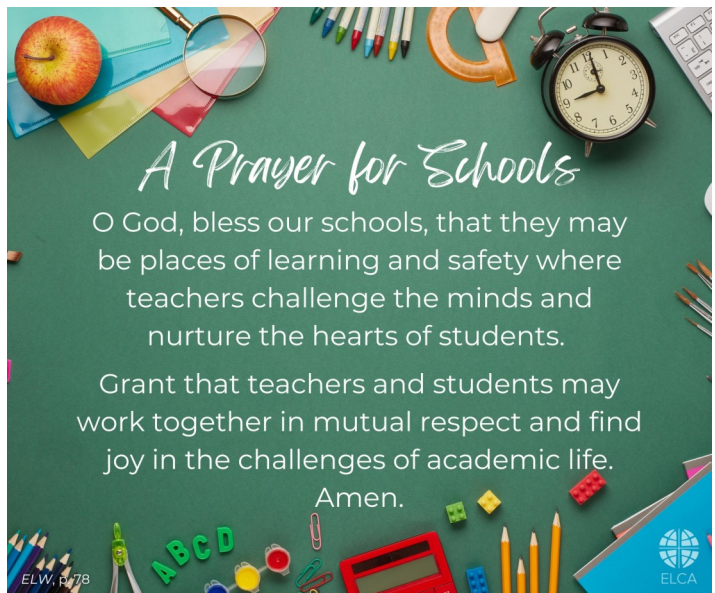
September is upon us! I know fall is near because I have been hearing about pumpkin spice drinks. If you don't know about this, this is a powerful phenomenon. People rush to get their hands on the latest seasonal varieties, they are

treasured by many and they have the added bonus of providing some serious eye rolls by others. Like it or leave it, Pumpkin Spice helps us mark a transition in season. If you ask most people in the Midwest, fall is a treat. Serving as a turning point, our humid days remind us this is a season and it won't last forever. We don't want to rush time, but we do want to consider how we will prepare for and "lean in" to fall. Our Wisconsin weather changes serve as a tangible expression of the many phases and chapters we encounter in life. Over the past several weeks, we have been exploring the portrait of Jesus. What are the characteristics we associate with Jesus? Who does the world say that Jesus is? Who do we say Jesus is? As our Gospel passage this last week displayed, this is a personal endeavor. We all are invited to claim our faith with boldness. God desires a relationship with us, not a "fair weather" relationship, but one of honest and true dialogue with our Creator. As we make a seasonal weather change, we get to prepare by taking a faith inventory. Through reflective questioning, we can grow into the fullness of the season. For example, it is a great time to ask, how has God been active in my life lately? What did this summer teach me in my faith journey? How is God calling me to stretch in new ways? How can I go into this new season with an open heart and care for those around me? As we consider the hinge toward fall, I am reminded of a worship song by the band, United Pursuit. The lyrics of their song, *Seasons Change* sums up God's promise of accompaniment in every time and season.

Though the music changes, and the songs we sing
We still lift our praises to our loving God and King
Though the seasons change

Your love remains
Your love remains

Indeed, we have a faithful God who wants to walk with us through all times in life. What a promise, what a gift! As we turn the corner to fall, set aside time for reflection. How will you approach this new year? What areas of life do you want to continue to build upon? What habits or thinking patterns might you want to change or leave behind? How will you live out the gift of faith this year? As this new school year starts, know that God goes with you! You have a God who wants to know you completely and share in all that life brings. We have a God who wants to hear your joys, your struggles, your concerns, your doubts, your wonderings, and your longings. We have a God who can do no other than give us strength and help us live in the life-giving love of Jesus. As we prepare for a new school year, I want to share with you the prayer and blessing put out by the ELCA from our ELW Hymnal, p. 78.



At Christ Lutheran Church, we are surely looking forward to seeing how God's Holy Spirit will continue to be at work in us. Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is life, and there is always newness with each season. God is faithful, God is good!

- Pastor Stephen

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Christ Lutheran Church
Council Minutes
July 11, 2023 7:00pm

The approved minutes of the July 11, 2023 Church Council Meeting are not available due to lack of a quorum at the August meeting. Minutes will be printed in the October issue of the Friendly Visitor.

CHECK IT OUT!

There is a Lost and Found box in the office hallway by the coat rack. If you lost something, it may be there.

The bulletin boards in the narthex hallway have lots of information on upcoming events, external opportunities and area resources.

ATTENTION:

If you receive an email or text that looks like it is from Pastor Stephen or the church office requesting the purchase of gift cards, please delete the message it is not from the church.

UPDATES TO THE CHURCH PHONE DIRECTORY

If you, or someone that you know is a member of Christ Lutheran, have moved or updated your/their phone number, please let the church office know so we can update our records.

Thank you !

Youth News

School has started and Faith Formation is right around the corner at Christ Lutheran! Faith Formation information was sent in the mail last week. Be sure to fill out a registration form for all youth in your family from birth through 12th grade and sign up for updates through the Remind app.

Rally Day is September 10! We will have Breaking Chains helping lead worship and then we will have a kick-off carnival. We will not be having a picnic lunch this year; sorry! BUT, we WILL be having a head signing! All youth will get the chance to make their mark on my bald head. Adults can also make their mark for a donation to the National Youth Gathering.

Christ Time Confirmation will have an orientation meeting on September 13 at 6:00p. Christ Time will have two classes this year. 7th and 8th grades will meet together and 9th grade will meet separately. Christ Time classes will run the entire school year, with Affirmation of Baptism Sunday in April.

The Spot is back! I am in need of group guides! Upper middle school and high school youth can volunteer to help at the Spot and ride the bus directly from their school on Wednesdays to the church.

September 13: National Youth Gathering Information Meeting at 5:30pm! Get all the details to prepare you to participate with 30,000 other ELCA Youth from the country in New Orleans summer of 2024!



September

10..Rally Day with Breaking Chains, Teacher Commissioning, Carnival, and Head Signing

13..5:30-6p National Youth Gathering Information Meeting

17..LCM Pack the Park @ Wakanda Pavilion

24..Bible Sunday

30..NYG Commitments and Down Payment Due

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Memorials

To the **Furnace Fund** in memory of:
Doug Hinzman from Kathy Hinzman

To the **General Fund** in memory of
Ryan Josephson from Larry & Vickie Kuester

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Our sympathy to the family and friends of Ryan Josephson (Steve and Diane Josephson's son) who passed away on August 22.

Scripture Readings for September

Sept. 3 Jeremiah 15:15-21
 Psalm 26:1-8
 Romans 12:9-21
 Matthew 16:21-28

Sept. 10 Ezekiel 33:7-11
 Psalm 119:33-40
 Romans 13:8-14
 Matthew 18:15-20

Sept. 17 Genesis 50:15-21
 Psalm 103:8-13
 Romans 14:1-12
 Matthew 18:21-35

Sept. 24 Jonah 3:10-4:11
 Psalm 145:1-8
 Philippians 1:21-30
 Matthew 20:1-16

2nd Annual Park for a Purpose Car Show and Concert



**Play it
 Forward**

Fundraising for
 good causes @



E7115 1058th Ave
 Wheeler, WI (Otter Creek)

**SUNDAY,
 SEPT 10TH, 2023**
Gates Open @ Noon

**FOOD- HIKING- YARD GAMES
 BONFIRE- RAFFLES- LIVE MUSIC**

Benefitting:



Grass parking
 CAR GATES OPEN 12:00 pm
 SHOW 1-5 pm

1st 50 Cars: DASH PLAQUES
 Prizes drawn throughout the day

FREE

**Gourmet hot dogs, nachos, desserts
 beer/wine/ soft drinks for purchase**

Raffles/Games 1-5 pm

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Musical Guests The Cutaways

NEWS FROM the AMERICAN LUTHERAN HOME

Deb, the activities director at our neighbors to the east, is looking for red and green construction paper as well as used Christmas cards for a project for the residents. If you have any you would like to donate, please drop it off in the church office.



All benefits will go to support the vision and mission of Lutheran Campus Ministry to UW-Stout. Thank you so much for your prayers, and financial support! We couldn't do this ministry without the help of you! If you have any questions please contact Sara McCullough, LCM Director at lcmstoutdirector@gmail.com or 715.235.4258.

Chicken Dinner Fundraiser: benefiting Lutheran Campus Ministry to UW-Stout

Lutheran Campus Ministry is hosting their largest fundraiser of the year on Sunday, September 17, 2023. Grab your family and friends and join us at the Wakanda Park Pavilion (Christ Lutheran is the rain site) for an outdoor worship service with the three local ELCA churches in Menomonie! Following worship, you are invited to partake in a delicious chicken dinner, stay for games of bingo, and enter your name into a drawing to win THREE LARGE raffle prizes! Worship will begin at 10:00 a.m. and the Chicken Dinner will be served following worship at approximately 11:00 a.m.

The Chicken dinner is \$15 per person and includes three sides, a roll, dessert, and a beverage.

*NEW this year!! We will be hosting only THREE LARGE raffle prizes! For just \$25 your name will automatically be entered into ALL three raffles! Tickets can be purchased on the morning of the event.

Bingo is \$2 per card, with your chance to win prizes from local businesses in the Chippewa Valley.

WE ARE LOOKING FOR 3 VOLUNTEERS to help with ushering and/or communion during the Pack the Park service. For more information or to volunteer, please see Pastor Stephen.

LUTHERAN CAMPUS MINISTRY is seeking volunteers to cook a meal for college students on the following dates: October 2, November 27 and December 4. The meal is served at The Ministry building and begins at 6:00pm. Each week we serve on average 15 students. The students are very appreciative of any homemade food. We have a full kitchen with all the dishes and a full stove/oven if you wish to cook any food at the building. If you would like to sign up to serve a meal, or have any questions, please reach out to Sara McCullough, Lutheran Campus Ministry Director at lcmstoutdirector@gmail.com or 715.563.6336



VENDORS/CRAFTERS WANTED!

Christ Lutheran Church is hosting its 3rd Annual Holiday Vendor/Craft Fair on Saturday, November 18th from 9am to 2pm. Booth cost is \$30 and includes one table and two chairs. If interested, please contact Beth Hein at heinfamily73@gmail.com or Kaye Wurm at kayewurm@gmail.com for more information or to reserve a spot. All proceeds go toward the church's general fund.



LUTHER PARK | FALL WORK WEEKEND | OCTOBER 6-7

Join volunteers, families, and church groups on Saturday, October 7th, to help Luther Park get all our projects completed before winter! Come on Friday evening, October 6th, for a campfire and stay overnight for free at camp. (Must RSVP for lodging at info@lutherpark.org.)

A variety of projects are being prepared, and camp will have something suitable for all ages and abilities. Please dress for the weather that day, as most projects are outdoors. Come for the whole day (9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday), including lunch, or spend part of the day volunteering.

If you can't be at camp for the work weekend, there are projects for volunteers at any time. Call ahead and let the office or Bill Reed know when you'd like to come and help!

Contact for more information or to RSVP: info@lutherpark.org or 715-859-2215.

Malawi Campaign 2023

Hello friends of the *Warm Heart of Africa*,

Thank you for your ongoing generosity, prayers, and commitment to our partners in ministry in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Malawi.

In communication with the ELCM staff, we have been learning more about the outbreak of cholera that Malawi has been facing as a result of widespread flooding over the last couple of years. As of today, there are more than 30,000 reported cases of cholera and more than 1,000 deaths. The Ministry of Health has been establishing oral vaccine clinics in several areas, however, lack of resources and the country's economic crisis has made it difficult to keep up with the demand. Women and children have been most affected and some of our close friends are grieving the loss of their own children and friends.

Our partners in ministry in the ELCM are hoping to respond with the following plan:

- Train church and local leaders and supply them with educational materials for their congregations and communities about prevention, symptoms, testing, and treatment.
- Support local leaders in the construction of new toilets and sanitation stations.
- Provide chlorine, oral rehydration salts, and buckets for communities
- Create local teams who can assist households actively experiencing cholera
- Create teams that can provide mental health resources and support for those impacted by cholera (which can include: active illness, loss of income, and grieving the loss of family members).

Our goal is to assist our partners with **\$20,000** for the supplies, equipment, and, training needed for them to respond and assist with this outbreak.

If you, your household, or your congregation feels called to give a financial gift toward these cholera relief efforts, you can do so in one of two ways:

Send a check to: The Northwest Synod of Wisconsin

(*Please indicate 'Cholera Relief' in the memo line)

944 24 1/4 Street Suite 2

Chetek, WI 54728

OR

You can give a gift online: <http://nswswi.org/giving>

*Please choose 'Malawi Support' in the funds list, and in sub-funds, please choose 'Cholera Relief'

Together we give thanks to God for this partnership, we pray for an end to hunger, disasters, illness, and inequity, and ask God to surround those who are suffering with comfort and hope. If you have any questions or would like more detailed information, please feel free to contact me.

Peace,

Deacon Laura Ramlow

Companion Coordinator - Malawi, Africa

lramlow@nswswi.org



Northwest Synod of Wisconsin
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF KITS

Time is running out to purchase supplies for the Lutheran World Relief Kits for 2023. Kits are being assembled in September. Contributions may be placed in the PINK TOTE in the entry way of the church. Thrivent encourages all of us to “live generously”. With your help and your donations and with the help of Thrivent Financial, we will once again be packing and sending quilts and kits to Lutheran World Relief this fall. Thank You.

SCHOOL KITS

Two things to be aware of:

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

FABRIC KITS

- *Two spools of neutral colored, general purpose thread, 250 – 300 yards.
- *Two pieces of cotton or cotton blend fabric (No knits or polyester)
 - *2 ¼ yards of 60” wide fabric
 - *3 yards of 44” wide fabric
 - *4 yards of 36” wide fabric

BABY CARE KITS

- *Two lightweight cotton t- shirts (no onesies)
 - *Two long or short sleeved gowns or sleepers (without feet)
 - * Two receiving blankets between 36 and 52 inches
 - *One jacket, sweater or sweatshirt with hood or include a baby cap
 - *Two pair of socks
 - *One hand towel, dark in color
 - *Two or three bars of soap totaling 8 or 9 oz. gentle soap in original wrapping
 - *Large safety pins for diapers
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PERSONAL CARE KITS

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



The Concert bEAT

Enjoy a free concert in support of Stepping Stones with live music, food trucks, and drinks in celebration of the good work being done.

Saturday, Sept 9
5pm - 8pm
Wilson Park
800 Wilson Ave, Menomonie, WI 54751

Music by:
The Cutaways

Stuff the Truck Food Drive
Bring food to donate to stuff "Moby" and Sunshine Learning Center will match \$1/pound up to \$2,500!

Food Trucks
NeNe's Tacos
Big Papa BBQ
Smackdaddy's

**Beer
Wine
Soda**

Stepping Stones of Dunn County
Food. Shelter. Support.

Sunshine Learning Center

A special thank you to our current bEAT sponsors:

DAIRY STATE BANK
Banking on Relationships

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Jackie Hunt - Agent

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Menomonie, WI

UPCOMING EVENTS

bEAT Concert

September 9, 5:00pm - 8:00pm
At Wilson Park - Celebration of
Stepping Stones of Dunn County

Rally Sunday

September 10, 9:00am
Outdoor worship with Breaking
Chains and Teacher Installation

September 10, 10:00am
Faith Formation

Play it Forward

September 10, 1:00pm - 5:00pm
At Woodwind Park (fundraiser for
the Tables)

National Youth Gathering Information Meeting

September 13, 5:30pm - 6:00pm
At Christ Lutheran

Pack the Park

September 17, 10:00am
Worship service and fundraiser for
Lutheran Campus Ministries at
Wakanda Park (no worship service at
Christ Lutheran)

Bible Sunday

September 24, 9:00am

Quilt Dedication Sunday

October 1, 9:00am

Luther Park Work Weekend

October 6 -7 at Luther Park, Chetek,

Malawi Sunday

October 8, 9:00am
Worship
October 8, 10:00am
Mission Brunch, served by Outreach
Committee

Mission Sunday

October 15, 9:00am
Worship with guest speaker from
Lutheran Social Services

Youth Sunday

October 22, 9:00am

Fall Congregational Meeting

October 22, 10:00am

Red Cross Blood Drive

October 27, 11:00am - 4:30pm
In the Fellowship Hall

Lutheran Campus Ministry Sunday

October 29, 9:00am
Worship

Trick or Treat at Christ Lutheran

October 31, 5:00pm - 7:00pm on
Wilcox-side of the building

CLCW News

Dates to remember

September 12: Mission Work Day at 9am

September 19: Mission Work Day at 9am

Nancy Bourget and Arla Graff
CLCW Co-Presidents



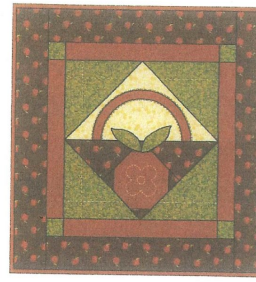
The CLCW would like to know if there are people

interested in **in-person Bible Study** again. In the past (before CoVid-19) there was a group that met in the morning and one that met in the afternoon.

Anyone interested in a Bible Study please let the church office know by September 15 either by phone (715-235-5573) or by email at

the.Office.clc@gmail.com

We will need to know name, contact information and times that work best for you (morning, afternoon or evening).



September Wall
Quilt
29" square



December Wall Quilt
43" square

Quilt fabric for these two designs was donated to the quilters. They decided due to the quality of fabric, they would like to make them into wall quilts but the instructions were not included. If someone knows where to find the instructions, please let the church office know. Thank you!



Prayer Ventures for September 2023

1 Pray for God's protection, reassurance and wisdom as climate change impacts every aspect of our lives including work, economic systems, community resilience, food stability, immigration, and physical and emotional well-being. Remember in prayer those impacted who are particularly vulnerable to poverty, hunger or illness.

2 Give thanks to God for the love and forgiveness we have in Jesus Christ; unshakeable, it endures amid all that seems unstable, temporary and conditional in our world.

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3 The suffering, death and resurrection of Jesus may not seem logical to us. Pray for the Spirit to reveal the truth of God's profound gift to us through Jesus Christ — love, forgiveness, a new identity and eternal life.

4 *Labor Day* On this day we pray for the work people do to sustain themselves and their families and benefit their communities and society. Pray that all will receive fair wages and benefits, work in safe environments, receive respect and gratitude, experience joy and fulfillment in their labor and be renewed through times of sabbath. Remember in prayer also those seeking employment or unable to work.

5 Pray for the Association of Lutheran Church Musicians, an ELCA Worship partner organization, and the "Hearts Hands Voices" workshops offered across the country for church musicians to learn new skills, share best practices and build relationships.

6 Pray for the strength and humility to treat others with love, respect and compassion, especially those whom we find difficult to love or whose politics, personal values, religious beliefs or worldview differ from our own.

7 More than 828 million people in the world — including in the United States — experience hunger, and an estimated 2.3 billion face food insecurity, an increase over previous years. Pray that our concern will move us to action and generosity and that our work together through ELCA World Hunger, Lutheran Disaster Response, Lutheran World Federation and other organizations will bring relief and hope to our neighbors.

8 "Your words were found, and I ate them, and your words became to me a joy and the delight of my heart" (Jeremiah 15:16). Pray for the word and wisdom of God to become part of our very being as we study Scripture, hear and share the gospel, and converse with our siblings in Christ.

9 Remember in prayer young adult delegates gathering in Wisla, Poland, prior to the Lutheran World Federation Assembly to worship, build community, discuss concerns and priorities, and

prepare for the event.

10 *"God's work. Our hands."* Sunday On the 10th anniversary of our annual day of service, give thanks for the chance to draw closer to our neighbors and embrace them as children of God, listening with respect and empathy and responding to their needs.

11 Ask God to help us understand more fully how our lives and faith express God's love, compassion and respect for the neighbor. "To be your presence is our mission bold, to feed the poor and shelter homeless cold, to be your hands of justice, right uphold, alleluia!" (ELW 546).

12 "Praise the Lord! Sing to the Lord a new song, his praise in the assembly of the faithful" (Psalm 149:1). Praise God that worship and the sacraments renew, sustain and equip us as children of God living in communities of faith. Give thanks for the resources that guide and enrich our worship, including ELCA Worship and Faith Practices ministries, Augsburg Fortress publishing and our seminaries.

13 Pray for those gathering for the Lutheran World Federation Assembly in [Kraków, Poland](#) — "One Body, One Spirit, One Hope." Ask God to bless and guide our work together as a global Lutheran community for a just, peaceful and reconciled world.

14 Remember in prayer African-descent siblings in Christ as they gather for the ELCA African Descent Ministries' RECLAIM event in Minneapolis. Ask God to bless their work building community, teaching new ministry skills and approaches, sharing resources and rejuvenating preachers, teachers, professionals, young adults and laity.

15 *First Day of Hispanic Heritage Month* Thank God for the history, contributions and rich cultural diversity of our Latino siblings. Pray for the growth and vitality of ELCA Latino Ministries, the Latino Ministries Association (Asociación Luterana de Ministerios Latinos ELCA) and the 147 ELCA Latino ministries around the country as they work to share the gospel, encourage unity in Christ, fight racism and promote Christian values that unite Latinos of the ELCA in a "community of communities" to do God's work in the world.

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16 Pray for the leaders, voting members and others gathering for the assembly of the Sierra Pacific Synod, that the Spirit will strengthen, guide and inspire them as they reflect on the mission of the church, elect a new bishop and encourage one another to proclaim the gospel, serve our neighbors in need and grow the church.

17 Reflect on what hinders us from exercising forgiveness and patience with others, including those we see as adversaries. Ask the Spirit to recenter our lives and interactions with people in the boundless and undeserved mercy that God demonstrates with us.

18 Pray that students and teachers in our schools will be safe and that students who suffer trauma, anxiety, depression and other mental health concerns will have ready access to counselors, social workers and psychologists.

19 Pray for the congregations, youth and adults registering for the 2024 ELCA Youth Gathering in New Orleans and for those who prayerfully consider participating.

20 “The prophet Miriam, Aaron’s sister, took a tambourine in her hand; and all the women went out after her with tambourines and with dancing. And Miriam sang to them: ‘Sing to the Lord, for he has triumphed gloriously; horse and rider he has thrown into the sea’” (Exodus 15:20-21). Give thanks for the wonderful variety of instruments and musicians who help us praise God, and recall God’s activity in the world throughout history.

21 *International Day of Peace* With our global neighbors and siblings in Christ, pray for peace, reconciliation and unity wherever conflict divides our communities and the world.

22 Ask God for strength and boldness to fight the rising tide of hate crimes motivated by race, ethnicity, ancestry, religion, sexual orientation, disability, gender, gender identity, and social and economic status.

23 What an amazing and reassuring gift it is to know that God is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and

abounding in steadfast love for all people, everywhere. Give praise and thanks to God!

24 Pray that we might understand justice, fairness and generosity from the perspective of God, whose creation benefits all humanity.

25 Remember in prayer leaders gathering for the “Stewardship Kaleidoscope” conference in Minneapolis, offered in partnership with the Presbyterian Foundation of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and the ELCA Stewardship and Generosity team to develop deeper understanding of stewardship and generosity and to share resources for cultivating generosity in congregations.

26 Pray for ELCA Children’s Ministry and its partners, who support and encourage the intergenerational faith formation of Christian communities including family households, congregations and child-centered ministry settings.

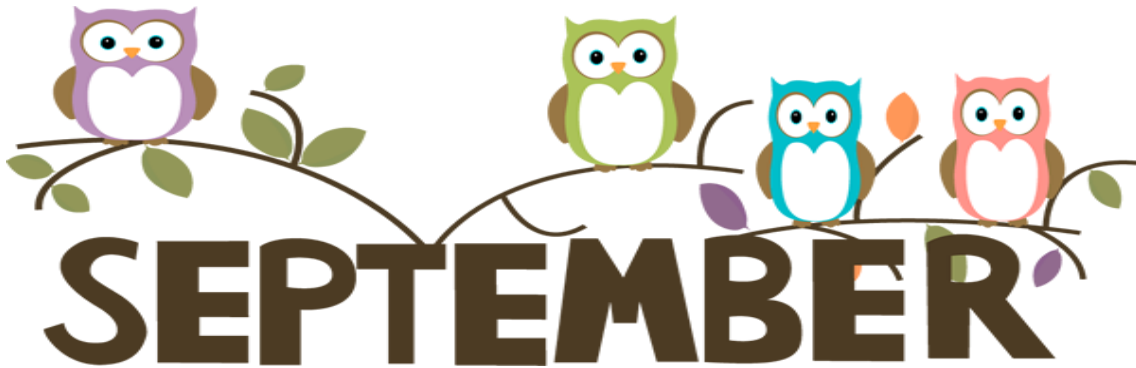
27 Pray that we will remember the wonderful and miraculous things God has done and revealed to us throughout the history of humankind. Ask the Spirit to help us share — with young and old alike — stories of our faith and of God’s presence and activity in the world.

28 Give thanks for our ecumenical and interreligious relations and partnerships, which lead to unity and cooperation, mutual understanding and respect, and shared resources for serving our neighbors in need.

29 “When God saw what [the people of Nineveh] did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it. But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry” (Jonah 3:10–4:1). God’s love and justice do not always sit well with us. Ask forgiveness for when we wish ill upon others, and ask the Spirit to inspire our patience and love as we strive to do God’s work in the world.

30 Pray for God’s guidance and wisdom throughout the Future Church: God’s Love Made Real initiative as our church tries to discern God’s will and navigate the challenges and opportunities of an ever-changing world.

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Pastoral Ministry

Ministers: All Members of the Congregation.

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

Lutheran Campus Ministry Director: Sara McCullough
(lcmstoutdirector@gmail.com)

Music Ministry

Accompanist: LuAnn Dohms

Substitutes: Andrew Maki, Mary Merritt

Worship Leader: Lexi Marsh

Youth Ministry

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

Sunday School (COSMO)

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

Accompanist: Mary Merritt

Maintenance

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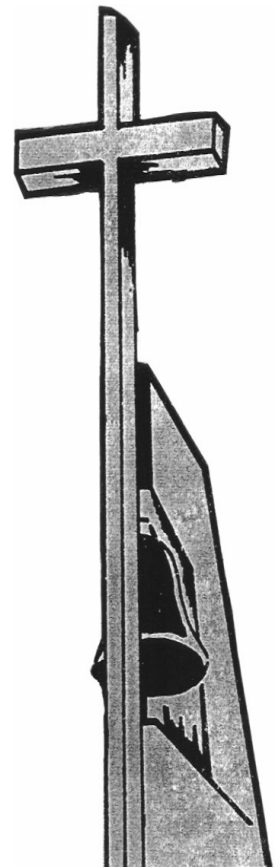
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September 2023 - Christ Lutheran Church

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>3</p> <p>9:00 AM Worship service (in-person and livestream)</p>	<p>4</p> <p>No Monday Evening Service</p> <p>Church Office Closed</p>	<p>5</p> <p>6:30 PM Executive Board</p>	<p>6</p> <p>9:00 AM Staff Meeting</p> <p>5:00 PM -6:00 PM CLC FoodShelf</p> <p>5:00 PM -6:00 PM Wednesday's Table</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>1</p> <p>Church Office Closed</p>	<p>2</p>
<p>10</p> <p>TEACHER INSTALLATION RALLY DAY</p> <p>9:00 AM OUTDOOR WORSHIP (weather permitting) with Breaking Chains band</p> <p>10:15 AM Faith Formation</p> <p>1:00 PM -5:00 PM Play It Forward - Woodwind Park</p>	<p>11</p> <p>5:30 PM Worship with Holy Communion (in Fellowship Hall)</p>	<p>12</p> <p>9:00 AM Mission Work Day</p> <p>5:30 PM Admin, Cong Life/Worship, Outreach Cmte's</p> <p>6:30 PM Cmte's and council meet</p> <p>7:00 PM Council Meets</p>	<p>13</p> <p>9:00 AM Staff Meeting</p> <p>3:30 PM THE SPOT</p> <p>5:00 PM -6:00 PM CLC FoodShelf</p> <p>5:00 PM -6:00 PM Wednesday's Table</p> <p>5:30 PM -6:00 PM National Youth Gathering into Meeting</p> <p>6:00 PM 6th's Only</p> <p>6:00 PM Christ Time Orientation</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Church Office Closed</p>	<p>16</p>
<p>17</p> <p>10:00 AM -11:00 AM Pack the Park at Wakanda</p>	<p>18</p> <p>5:30 PM Worship with Holy Communion (in Fellowship Hall)</p>	<p>19</p> <p>9:00 AM Mission Work Day</p>	<p>20</p> <p>9:00 AM Staff Meeting</p> <p>3:30 PM THE SPOT</p> <p>5:00 PM -6:00 PM CLC FoodShelf</p> <p>5:00 PM -6:00 PM Wednesday's Table</p> <p>6:00 PM 6th's Only</p> <p>6:00 PM Christ Time</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Deadline for Friendly Visitor</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Church Office Closed</p>	<p>23</p>
<p>24</p> <p>BIBLE SUNDAY</p> <p>9:00 AM Worship service (in-person and livestream)</p> <p>10:15 AM Faith Formation</p>	<p>25</p> <p>5:30 PM Worship with Holy Communion (in Fellowship Hall)</p>	<p>26</p> <p>3:30 PM Communion at The Neighbors</p>	<p>27</p> <p>9:00 AM Staff Meeting</p> <p>3:30 PM THE SPOT</p> <p>5:00 PM -6:00 PM CLC FoodShelf</p> <p>5:00 PM -6:00 PM Wednesday's Table</p> <p>6:00 PM 6th's Only</p> <p>6:00 PM Christ Time</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p> <p>Church Office Closed</p>	<p>30</p>