

CHRIST LINE

SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER

Happy Anniversary!

David & Diane Herrmann - 9/1
CJ & Anne Martin - 9/3
Dave & Tami Taysom - 9/4

Jeff & Jessica Grulkowski - 9/6
LeRoy & Barb Pyka - 9/14
Glen & Jeanette Reit - 9/14
Ben & Jackie Anderson - 9/30

Mark & Chloe Sobotta - 9/17
Tony & Nikki Myers - 9/25
Brian & Ellie Konkel - 9/26

Happy Birthday to these September Birthdays!

Zach Loesel - 9/1
Travis Tamke - 9/1
McKenzie Getter - 9/2
Chad Losinski - 9/2
CJ Martin - 9/2
Kay Wiemer - 9/2
Michele Ziegeweid - 9/2
Mason Brugger - 9/3
Tayler Schlosser - 9/4
Dylan Nelson - 9/7
Michael Scow - 9/7
Mary Backes - 9/8
Kaylee Erickson - 9/8

Jennifer Kampa - 9/8
Diane Konkel - 9/8
Hawken Roskos - 9/10
Ron Schreiber - 9/10
Dan Weltzien - 9/10
Pastor Cheryl Matthews - 9/11
Morgan Bremer - 9/12
Bethany Jaszewski - 9/12
Devon Rumpel - 9/12
Darlene Feltes - 9/14
Tessa Lockington - 9/15
Greg Konkel - 9/16
Jessica Grulkowski - 9/17

Dalton Schlosser - 9/17
Jackie Anderson - 9/18
Kevin Ely - 9/19
Lindsay George - 9/19
Ireland Konkel - 9/20
Rick Schreiber - 9/22
Melvin Berg - 9/23
Gerald Hilmanowski - 9/24
Brandon Nisiewicz - 9/24
Sandra Hoch - 9/25
Shannon Ely - 9/27
Pamela Haines - 9/29
Robert Greenwold - 9/30

If you're not on the Birthday / Anniversary list and want to be, please call the church office and I will be sure to add you!

Living and Growing in God's Amazing Grace

Pastor's Message

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Faith Family (Part 1)

The spiritual benefit of Covid 19 is to point out in our individual lives, our congregation and our society the stark deficiencies that we continue to gloss over. The problem of declining congregational involvement in "organized religion" for many decades is nothing new, but it is more imperative than ever. First, the place of Christ in individual lives will continue to wane, maybe even fast than before. Secondly, we are challenged not only to stop the trend but reverse it.

Authority: Those who are senior citizens know that church attendance and congregational involvement was not an option in our younger years. Sunday meant worship, Sunday School, and other church activities. Sure there were those families who took this casually and didn't take "church" seriously, but they seemed a minority. Now they appear to be the majority. This pattern is not unique to the church. We have steadily seen the erosion of authority in schools, communities, and our country. Just because the teacher, the policeman, the mayor (governor or president), the parent requires certain behavior doesn't mean it is followed. Societal authority is persistently and regularly questioned to satisfy personal needs and desires. But what about the authority we possess in Christ?

The Gospel of Matthew ends in Jesus addressing his disciples in what is known as the Great Commission: *"All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."* (28:18-20) Do we actually take this authority of Jesus seriously both in our personal faith and the life of the congregation? Do we "go and make disciples", first within ourselves and then reach out to others? Do we care enough about someone who has not darkened the door of the church in years to reach out to them? Born into a Christian family no longer guarantees being a disciple and follower of Christ in the congregation.

Our Faith Family: Our culture claims to put the highest value on the family. Business even uses the term to demonstrate their positive relations with its workers and customers. Likewise, the family is an essential element within scripture. Those boring genealogical lists through the Old Testament (the Jewish tradition) and in the Gospels of Matthew and Luke, as well as other scripture passages, make clear the great importance of the family.

Jesus, however, adds a further understanding to family when he says, *"Who is my mother and my brothers."* Pointing to his disciples, he said *" Here are my mother and brothers. For whoever does the will of my Father in heaven is my brother, sister, and mother."* (Matthew 12:48-49) The faith family, the church and the congregation, moves family commitment to a new level. This is not genealogy. It is a spiritual relationship with each other in the congregation. Would you consider your faith family of equal priority as your biological family? Some years ago an elderly man's wife died and he was anxious to join her in heaven. But in the meantime, the most important family to him was his congregational family, maybe even more than his two sons and daughter. Jesus is not asking us to forsake our biological family. But if you read the New Testament closely, you will discover that he puts the body of believers at least equal.

Pastor Johnson

Youth & Family Ministry

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2022 ELCA National Youth Gathering

The 2022 ELCA National Youth Gathering is scheduled for Sunday, July 24 through Thursday, July 28th in Minneapolis, MN. The Theme is **BOUNDLESS, God Beyond Measure.**

Every three years, 30,000 high school youth and their adult leaders from across the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America gather for a week of faith formation known as the ELCA Youth Gathering. Through days spent in interactive learning, worship, Bible study, service and fellowship, young people and their adult guides grow in faith and are challenged and inspired to live their faith in their daily lives.

Who's attending the 2021-2022 Sunday School Program?

Will your child(ren) be attending Sunday School at Christ Lutheran Church for the 2021-2022 School year? Please call the church office at 608-323-3572 or email at christlutheran@trivest.net if your child(ren) will be joining in the fun this upcoming school year! Please let us know as soon as you can so we can plan accordingly.

September Cause of the Month

POPS—"Power of Positive Students".

From the Arcadia High School Principal, Alan Herman: The Pops Account is used to meet the needs of students in need. Past examples of how these funds were used would include covering athletic insurance costs, uniform costs (additional items outside of the assigned uniform, advanced class fees, food gift cards for students, meeting clothing needs, etc. When there is a student need, the POPS account is our first go-to.

Offerings - Worship Through Giving

General Fund Giving:

8/1 - \$2,610.00
 8/8 - \$2,190.00
 8/15 - \$1,878.00
 8/22 - \$2,350.00

Needed weekly for projected expenses: \$3,795.90

Ways to give:

- Venmo - Christ Lutheran Church-Arcadia
- Offering / Mail in your Envelope
- Vanco

Church Attendance:

Please contact Tiffany at the church office if you need assistance setting up online giving!

8/1 - 34
 8/8 - 38
 8/15 - 39
 8/22 - 54

August Church Council Minutes

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These minutes have not been council approved!

**Christ Lutheran Church Council Regular Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, August 11th, 2021 @ 7:00pm**

Present: Tony Myers, Judy Borchert, Greg Konkell, Pastor David Johnson, Shannon Ely, John Wiemer, Karen Mullikin and Tiffany Lambricht.

Not present: Pat Rohn, Dan Reit, and Marv Rodvold

Youth Representative: -----

President Shannon Ely called the meeting to order at 7:07pm and Greg Konkell brought a devotion.

Announcements:

Secretary's Report: Tony Myers moved / Judy Borchert seconded to accept the July Council Minutes. Motion Passed.

Treasurer's Report: Greg Konkell moved/ Karen Mullikin seconded to record the financial report as faithful accounting. Motion Passed.

Put Youth Gathering money in a dedicated Youth Gathering 2022 Fund.

Take the new computer money out of the Sagen Fund

Pastor's Report: Pastor brought forth some ideas that need to be thought about and addressed by the council before forming a call committee.

Old Business:

1. Water Guardians – Update – Everything is ready to go for 8/22! Ed Scharlau is going to contact Marv or Dan Sampson regarding his power point presentation and set up.
2. Storm Damage / Contractors – Dan - Met with Carter Halvorsen to go over storm damage and get a bid to repair.

New Business:

1. Parking Lot Food Pantry - Discussed at Stewardship meeting. Food Bag ministry will take over the Parking Lot Food Pantry. Effective this month. We put in a list of all the local food pantries in the Parking lot pantries to inform them that it will be discontinued at the end of the month
2. Mt. Sinai / Saturday Bible Study – Mt. Sinai did not attend the council meeting so Shannon will reach out to them and let them know when the next meeting is so we can talk about the previous issues before we can decide on the bible study proposal. We would like to have a representative from Mt. Sinai attend each council meeting.
3. Technology Issues - Pastor Dave -

Pastor Dave doesn't feel that Tiffany should have to use her own PTO during the time that she was out of a computer. Council agreed and John will communicate with Kay.

Marv was gone on vacation during this computer issue at the office. It was suggested to have a back up person to handle computer issues when Marv isn't around and or hire someone.

Judy will talk to Justin White to see if he would be willing to be back up with the computers.

August Church Council Minutes Continued

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4. Covid 19- Procedures – Pastor Dave: With the uprising numbers in Trempealeau County, council decided that it's up to the congregation if they want to wear a mask or not during worship. We will put a sign on the main door and elevator door to please sign in and wear a mask if you want. Your choice! The main door is the only door to access.

Committee Reports:

Youth & Family Ministry: Tony, Karen & Shannon – Meeting coming up on 8/22. Confirmation meeting on 8/18. Pastor Johnson will be doing the confirmation program starting on Wednesday, September 22nd.

Property and Management: Dan – Met with Carter Halvorsen regarding storm damage, repaired the loose fascia on the church (Thank you Tim Putz for bringing the city's bucket truck,)

Membership - John – Committee met in July. Next meeting is on 8/16. Some of the categories that aren't useful and not needed will be removed.

Stewardship: Greg–Decided to stop the Parking Lot food pantry. Feed my people rep came in. Jen will be doing a temple talk regarding the CLC buddy bags. Received donations from Kwik trip, Ashley, and Pilgrims for the CLC buddy bags in total of \$8,000.00.

Worship and Music: Judy – Our wedding guide needs to be updated. This is more on the council than the Worship & Music committee.

Trust Fund: Shannon- met a couple of weeks ago. Went through the procedures and Shannon will be sending it to Tiffany.

IT Committee: Tony, Marv - Sound system issues addressed, and software configuration accomplished. Web camera ordered for FB Streaming video, 4th camera installation (parking lot or basement*) rescheduled for mid-August, New computer set up in Secretary's office. Communication with Ed Scharlau for IT requirements for the 8/22 presentation.

Executive Committee: Tony, Greg, Shannon, Pat – Met prior to council. Everything is good

Constitution Team-Pat – The updated information for the constitution is not the most recent. We will have to update to the most recent.

Long Range Planning Team – Pat – *discussed* issues like what will we be looking for in a pastor, youth education, life in the ELCA, restoring energy to the church. We didn't really have any conclusions, just bullet points to think about for our next meeting.

Next Regular Meeting Wednesday, September 8th at 7:00pm

Devotions at next meeting: Pat Rohn

Cause of the Month for September: Arcadia Public School POPS Program

MSC to adjourn with the Lord's Prayer at 8:20pm

Respectfully submitted,

Tiffany Lambright, Christ Lutheran Church Office Administrator.

Homebound

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We can't forget about our members who live alone, or are in a nursing homes, or are homebound. Why not give the friends that you know fall into this category, a phone call, or send them a thinking of you card? Let them know that they are still a part of the Christ Lutheran family and that we have not forgotten them. Start with those on our Homebound list and then add others that you know of.

Shirley Finner - Grandview Care Center, 620 Grand View Ave Blair, WI 54616

Ramona English - Grandview Care Center, 620 Grand View Ave Blair, WI 54616

Eldon & Helen Berg - 303 N. Spring Street, Arcadia 608-323-7350

Theresa Zastrow - W206B Theurer Ln. Arcadia 608- 323-3895

Marion Doenier - W 664 Cty Rd. C, Independence, WI 54747 608-323-7610

Janice Fink - N 22519 Pine Creek Ridge Rd. Arcadia, WI 54612 608-863-0873

Sharon Schultz - 315 Spring St., Arcadia, WI 54612 608-323-3598

Carole Wieland - S2351 River Road, Arcadia 608-323-3089

Lorraine Shepherd - N27205 Cty. Rd. T, Arcadia 608-323-3278

If you want to be added to the homebound list please contact the church office

LWR Boxcar in

Updates & Events



**La Crosse
LWR Boxcar loading will take
place Sat., October 9th,
7 - 11 am**

The women of our church have hundreds of quilts and kits ready to pack and deliver to La Crosse. We will need help packing, loading, and transporting our boxes. From La Crosse, our boxes go to a warehouse in Maryland and then into containers to be shipped overseas to the places they are most needed. If you can help us the week of October 3 - 9, please contact Linda Backer, JoDeen Forsyth, or the church office.

Bell Choir & Vocal Choir

Bell Choir and Vocal Choir (formerly known as Senior Choir, but we are trying to remind everyone that ALL are invited, not just seniors) will practice on Thursday evenings starting Thursday, September 9th. Bell Choir will practice from 5:15-6:00 with Vocal Choir practicing at 6:15-7:00. All are welcome and are encouraged to recruit a friend or two as well!

Updates & Events Continued...

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Watch Christ Lutheran Worship on TV or your internet device The next time Christ Lutheran will be on WTCO will be in October.

The week of the second Sunday of every **even** month.
October 11th- 2:30 p.m., 14th-8:00am, 16th- 6pm, & 17th- 8am.

W-ELCA

The Gift of the Spirit is the title of our Bible study for the months of September, October, and November. We will track the Holy Spirit's actions throughout the Bible and throughout our lives. We will explore how the Spirit moves God's people into adventures and lives we would never dare risk on our own.

The Mary Circle meets for Bible study and fellowship on the second Thursday of each month, at 7 pm. We meet in the church lounge and all women are invited to come as often as you are able.

This is the only Women's Circle at Christ Lutheran Church at this time, but if you would be interested in attending a morning or afternoon Bible study, please let the church office know. If a few are interested, we will try to start a second circle.

Join us on Thursday, September 9th at 7 pm and we will see where the Spirit leads the women of Christ Lutheran.

Prayer Chain

The church women maintain a phone prayer chain that all members are welcome to call whenever there is an urgent or private need for prayers. These prayer requests are kept private. It is not the prayer list that appears in the Sunday bulletins. Anytime you have a prayer need, you can call Nancy Schultz at 323 7323 and she will put the prayer chain into action

Food Pantry at Bethel

Arcadia Food Pantry hours are the 4th Thursday of the month. The pantry is at the Bethel Lutheran Church in Arcadia from 3:30 to 4:30 pm. Any Questions? 608-323-7116. We appreciate your support in spreading the word about this resource in our community.

Trempealeau County Food Pantry

Held on the 3rd Saturday, 9-5 p.m. A form of ID for each household member, proof of address and self-declared income within eligibility guidelines. Open to all residents in Trempealeau County. Please bring 2 boxes or baskets. Trempealeau County Care Center W20410 State Road 121, Whitehall.

Trust Fund

As a reminder, the Christ Lutheran Church Trust Fund has two different scholarships available. The Harland Newcomb Fund offers up to \$500.00 for youth and young adults, age high school freshman thru 29, to help cover the cost of positive development opportunities. These can be classes, trips, conferences, or other programs that are relevant to personal growth and development among a global community. Programs can be church related, but are not required to be.

Also, scholarships up to \$1,500.00 / year are available for students attending an ELCA college. These are renewable for up to four years. Please contact Gene Buss, Kay Sobotta, or the church office for a applications for either of these scholarships.

September 2021 –Cause of the Month: Arcadia High School POPS Program

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
8/29	9:00am In Person Worship & Facebook Live Guest Preacher Caroline Garman 12:30pm Mt. Sinai Worship Service	8/30	8/31	1 6:00pm Stewardship Meeting	2	3 6:00pm - Mt. Sinai	4
5	9:00am In Person Worship & Facebook Live Guest Preacher Ron Christenson 12:30pm Mt. Sinai Worship Service	6 Labor Day Church Office Closed	7	8 8:30am Quilters 6:30pm Executive Committee 7:00pm Church Council meeting	9 7:00pm Mary Circle in Church Lounge	10 6:00pm - Mt. Sinai	11
12	9:00am In Person Worship & Facebook Live Guest Preacher Ron Christenson 12:30pm Mt. Sinai Worship Service	13	14	15	16	17 6:00pm - Mt. Sinai	18 9am to 5pm Trempealeau County Food Pantry @ TCHCC
19	9:00am In Person Worship & Facebook Live 12:30pm Mt. Sinai Worship Service	20	21	22 First Day of Confirmation ! 3:30pm 7th & 8th Graders	23 3:30pm - Arcadia CommUNITY Food Pantry @ Bethel Lutheran Church	24 6:00pm - Mt. Sinai	25
26	9:00am In Person Worship & Facebook Live 12:30pm Mt. Sinai Worship Service	27 10:00am Membership Committee Meeting	28	29 3:30pm 7th & 8th Graders	30	10/1 6:00pm - Mt. Sinai	10/2
10/3	9:00am In Person Worship & Facebook Live 12:30pm Mt. Sinai Worship Service	10/4	10/5	10/6 3:30pm 7th & 8th Graders	10/7	10/8 6:00pm - Mt. Sinai	10/9

September Serving Schedule

Date/Time	Acolyte	Ushers	Projection	Reader	Council Communion Assistant / Worship Checker	Altar Care
9/5 9:00am	Joselyn Lockington	Todd Fetsch Bill Lockington	Gavin Instenes	Renee Schank	Dan Reit	Mary Jo Fetsch
9/12 9:00am	Mackenzie Wenger	Carmen & Gene Buss	Tessah Ely	Peg Baumgartner	Judy Borchert	Dori Wenger / Carson
9/19 9:00am	Austin Hughes	Bob & JoDeen Forsyth	Kaiden Rotering	Bob Scharlau	Pending	Connie Scharlau
9/26 9:00am	Hawken Roskos Nolan Bremer	Jeff Hulberg Bill Lockington	Kalyce Sobotta Joselyn Lockington	Pamela Weltzien	Pending	Betty Schlessler
10/3 9:00am	Gavin Instenes Olivia Passehl	Kevin Longseth Tami Taysom	Nolan Bremer Austin Hughes	Dave Taysom	Pending	Beth Killian

If you are on the schedule and are unable to serve, please let Tiffany know or find a replacement as soon as possible (christlutheran@triwest.net or 608-323-3572).

Keeping in Touch

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**with Christ Lutheran Church Arcadia,
the La Crosse Area Synod, and the ELCA**

Interim Pastor: David Johnson

Office Hours: Wednesdays

Cell Phone: 608-323-2109 / Church Phone: 608-323-3572

E-mail: shepherdvalley1859@gmail.com

Church Office Administrator: Tiffany Lambright

Office hours: Monday through Friday - 8:30am to 12:30pm

Church Phone: 323-3572 E-mail: christlutheran@trivest.net

Bookkeeper: Kay Wiemer

Leave a message on church phone or cell phone: 608-606-4819

Choir & Music Director: Danielle Tamke

Custodian: Becky Weisenberger

Web Sites:

www.christlutheran-church.org

www.lacrosseareasynd.org

www.elca.org

2021 Council Members

Shannon Ely-President608-317-7627

Tony Myers - Vice President.....608-797-1398

Pat Rohn - Treasurer..... 715-896-9007

Greg Konkel - Secretary.....608-863-1262

John Wiemer 608-797-6794

Judy Borchert.....715-495-6380

Dan Reit.....608-484-1900

Marv Rodvold507-450-4305

Karen Mullikin608-863-2449

Youth: Confirmation Student Rotation

Prayer List

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| Eldon & Helen Berg | Ramona English |
| Janice Fink | Shirley Finner |
| Chad Kuester | Lois (Hanson) Rowe |
| Karen Seabern | Sharon Schultz |
| Lorraine Shepherd | Carole Weiland |
| Jay Wiltse | Theresa Zastrow |
| Bill Lisowski | |
| The Family of Chris Dorn | |
| The Family of Allen Kreher | |
| The Family of Lois (Hanson) Rowe | |
| The Family of Jeff Halvorsen | |



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Help with: Domestic Violence, Child Abuse, Sexual Assault, Suicidal Thoughts, Other Crisis Situations
Information about: Support Groups, Drug/Alcohol Abuse, Food Resources, Housing, Many other needs.



Gods Work. Our Hands



Look for: Christ Lutheran Church - ELCA Arcadia, WI



"Like" our page for information, events and updates!

We're on YouTube!

Christ Lutheran Church is on YouTube! If you are unable to watch the Facebook live worship services you can go into YouTube and in the search bar put **Christ Lutheran Church, Arcadia, Wisconsin.**

Christ Lutheran Church Website

Information about Christ Lutheran Church can be found at the Christ Lutheran Church website at www.christlutheran-church.org. You can find information on coming events, pdf files of the latest Christ Line newsletter and news notes. There is also information on the history of our church, pastors who have served our church and well as information on the various groups in our church and organizations in the community that we support. There is information on the staff of the church also.

The OLPH Mission/Thrift Store

419 South Washington St.

(the former convent on OLPH grounds)

Volunteers needed at the OLPH

Mission-Thrift Store

contact Cyndy Jacoby at 715-530-0949

Thrift Store Hours:

Mon: 9:00 to noon **Wed:** 1:00 to 4:00

Fri: 3:00 to 6:00 **Sat:** 10:00 to 1

Lutheran Social Services:

Free assessment and referral

— For on-going care they accept insurance billing or, if you have no insurance, a sliding scale is available.

La Crosse 608-788-5092