

# CHRIST LINE

# AUGUST NEWSLETTER

## Happy Anniversary!

Bern & Michele Ziegeweid - 8/1	Ivan & Bev Pronschinske - 8/7	Chad & Amanda Rossa - 8/15
Bob & JoDeen Forsyth - 8/2	Tanner & Kelly Kidd - 8/9	David & Susan Glenzinski - 8/18
Mark & Sandy Frahm - 8/2	Gerald & Tammy Hilmanowski - 8/11	Tim Putz & Carol Janka - 8/19
Steven & Mardelle Marsolek - 8/4	Gene & Carmen Buss - 8/13	Bob & Connie Scharlau - 8/20
		Daryl & LuAnn Kramer - 8/30

## Happy Birthday to these August Birthdays!

Gordon Hohamnn - 8/1	Luke Kramer - 8/12	Brandon Kowalsky - 8/26
Samantha Knutson - 8/1	Danielle Bisek - 8/13	Mike Quelle - 8/26
Bob Scharlau - 8/1	Robin Tamke - 8/15	William Sokup - 8/26
Andrew Rotering - 8/2	Taylor Ely - 8/16	Joe Tulip - 8/26
Dan Reit - 8/3	Jackson Hovey - 8/17	Ali Ryan - 8/27
Gene Buss - 8/4	Brandon Doenier - 8/18	Lynn Hicks - 8/28
James Hicks - 8/5	Ella Dorn - 8/18	Lisa Anderson - 8/29
Donald Fetting - 8/6	Jaylee Pape - 8/18	Virgie Stecha - 8/29
Randy Scharlau - 8/7	Mary Jo Tulip - 8/20	Robert Bergum - 8/30
Dawson Glenzinski - 8/9	Kelly Kidd - 8/21	Sloan Pape - 8/30
Trey Mayzek - 8/9	Chelsey Losinski - 8/21	Jeanette Reit - 8/30
Jenna Dorn - 8/10	Hayden Rumpel - 8/21	John Derek Wiemer - 8/30
Daryl Kramer - 8/11	Rebecca Weltzien - 8/21	
Cody Zastrow - 8/11	Linette Pulido - 8/23	
Jasper Dunn - 8/12	Dylan Stelmach - 8/23	
Charlie Halvorsen - 8/12	Becky Parr - 8/25	

***Living and Growing in God's Amazing Grace***

## Pastor's Message

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### Growth

We are in the middle of the growing season in the Upper Midwest. Despite drought conditions in early June, the grass is growing, the corn is well beyond “knee high at the 4th of July”, fruits and vegetables are being harvested as they ripen. Growth is happening all around us. Then, especially, we Americans love to plan, calculate, and experience growth. We like more! A **bountiful** harvest

Harvest. This means, in the natural world, there is an end to the growth. Growth comes to fruition where the benefits are gained, and a new beginning is anticipated. We could call this maturity, **sustainable**. However, in the human sphere growth is never ending, continually calculating and believing there are no limits. The numbers and records just keep piling up, until there is the stark reality that it is unsustainable. If your birth weight was, say, eight pounds, and you continued to grow for your lifetime, how physically big would you be now? Obese would be puny.

When the council and I sat down a few weeks ago to discuss my pastoral role in the congregation, one of the issues was membership loss, inactivity, and growth. Conversations like this usually boil down to **quantity** — how many members have been lost, how many members are inactive, and how can we get new members. Although numbers are important, the real important question is **quality**. This is why I wrote last month, “the Christian church is not about making members, it is about making disciples that are “called out” and “congregate”. Therefore, how we understand and pursue growth is very important. We need to concentrate on **quality!**

Growth is a wonderful thing, and after a long, cold winter, we cannot wait to see the spring that ushers in the natural growth we are experiencing now. The satisfaction received by genuine, sustainable growth is what needs to be our commitment, both as individuals and as a congregation at Christ Lutheran Church.

The congregation has chosen a mantra “Living and Growing in God’s Amazing Grace”. The place we need to first consider “growing” is our own personal relationship to Jesus Christ. We need to take a look at our individual selves first. How am I “growing in God’s amazing grace?” Am I starving this “growing” because I am providing limited, little or no nourishment for my spiritual life? Am I so active that I do not have the time, energy, patience, and peace to pray, meditate, worship, “be still and know that I am God” (Psalm 46:10a), personal devotions, and ready **my** Bible — daily?, weekly?, monthly?, sometime? These are the ways we learn and grow to practice God’s grace. How can we know the way and will of God when we spend all of our time and energy consumed by the way and will of the world? The irony is that when it comes to unsustainable worldly ways, it is a “natural” for us but the way of the Godly takes a constant and dedicated special, **sustainable** effort. So let us grow inside through our Christ-centered spirituality so that we can all grow win God’s amazing grace as a congregation. Then the numbers will change because Jesus Christ, the Word of Life, has changed all of us together. This is the growth that continues for eternity. This is **sustainable growth**, and the **harvest** will be ours.

Pastor Johnson

## Youth & Family Ministry

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### Youth & Family Meeting

The Youth & Family Ministry will be meeting on Sunday, August 22nd(after worship) . All you need to do is come to the meeting and bring your ideas!

If you are parent with a child / student (Kindergarten through 12th grade) we ask that you please attend the meeting! We want our Youth / Parish Ed to flourish, so we need everyone's help!

### 2022 ELCA National Youth Gathering

The 2022 ELCA National Youth Gathering is scheduled for Sunday, July 24 through Thursday, July 28<sup>th</sup> 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.

### Confirmation Meeting

There will be a mandatory Confirmation Meeting on **Wednesday, August 18th** for Parents & students at the following times : 9th graders - 6:30pm & 7th & 8th graders - 7:00pm.

## August Cause of the Month

### CLC Buddy Bags

Thanks to your contributions, Christ Lutheran is able to help feed some of the youth in our community on the weekends. We will be distributing "Buddy Bags" to the 1st and 2nd grade students at the Arcadia Elementary School. The bags will include food for 2 breakfasts, 2 lunches and snacks. We have also secured donations from some local businesses. We are excited to help those in our community with this program.

**Please stay tuned to the temple talk on August 15th for more information!**

## August 22nd - Water to Thrive

On Sunday , August 22nd we will have a special presentation delivered by Arcadia native, and graduate of 1957, Ed Scharlau. After a 35 year career with 3M, Ed led a study at his church in Austin, TX "God's Mission in the World". The focus was on world hunger/poverty and the UN Millennium Development goals. Following the study Water to Thrive was founded. Since inception over 1,200 wells have been funded in Eastern Africa serving nearly one million people." Come to Worship on August 22nd!

# 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**

## Offerings - Worship Through Giving

**General Fund Giving:**

**Needed weekly for projected expenses: \$3,795.90**

- 6/27 - \$1,235.00
- 7/4 - \$3,510.00
- 7/11 - \$5,170.00
- 7/18 - \$3,530.00
- 7/25 - \$995.00
- 8/1 - \$2,610.00

**Ways to give:**

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

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

**Church Attendance:**

- 6/27 - 29
- 7/4 - 39
- 7/11 - 53
- 7/18 - 33
- 7/25 - 38
- 8/1 - 34

## Updates & Events

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### Pastor Johnson Serving You!

Pastor Johnson always carries his cell phone with an Arcadia telephone number ( 608-323-2109), so is available as your needs arise. This is his preferred communication after face to face. Simply passing on basic, simple, clear information by text or email ( shepherdvalley1859@gmail.com) is appropriate.

He will be actively present in the church building ( meetings, counseling, confirmation, etc.) and member visitation ( home, hospital, workplace, etc.) on Wednesday's all day, as well a Sunday morning worship, etc.. Sermons, preparations, administrative tasks, telephoning, etc. will be conducted primarily at home.

### Watch Christ Lutheran Worship on TV or your internet device

**The next time Christ Lutheran will be on WTCO will be in August.**

A Christ Lutheran worship service will be aired on WTCO (new name for TCC TV) cable channel 18. If you do not have cable, you can watch our worship service at these same times on your computer, tablet, or phone. Simply enter [live.wtco.tv](http://live.wtco.tv) into your web browser. If you click on the green triangle you can watch whatever is on channel 18, Trempealeau County TV at that time.

Mondays at 2:30pm      Thursdays at 8:00am      Saturdays at 6:00pm      Sundays at 10:00am

### W-ELCA

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 join us as often as you are able. At this time, this is the only Women's Circle at Christ Lutheran Church, 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.

### Quilters-New and Seasoned

If you enjoy good fellowship with Christian women and have an interest in helping struggling families around the world, the Christ Lutheran Quilters welcome you to join us on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month, starting at 8:30 am in the church basement. If you love to sew, we need you. If you don't sew at all, we need you. If this doesn't fit your schedule, but you desire to help on your own time, talk to JoDeen Forsyth or Judy Borchert about projects you can do at home.

### 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.

## August 2021 –Cause of the Month: CLC Buddy Bags

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9:00am In Person Worship & Facebook Live 12:30pm Mt. Sinai Worship Service	2	3	4 5:30pm Stewardship Meeting	5	6 6:00pm - Mt. Sinai	7
8 9:00am In Person Worship & Facebook Live 12:30pm Mt. Sinai Worship Service	9	10	11 8:30am Quilters 3:30pm Homebound Servers Meeting 6:30pm Executive Committee 7:00pm Church Council meeting	12	13 6:00pm - Mt. Sinai  Church Office closed	14
15 9:00am In Person Worship & Facebook Live 12:30pm Mt. Sinai Worship Service	16 1:00pm Membership Committee Meeting	17	18 3:30pm Worship & Music Meeting	19	20 6:00pm - Mt. Sinai	21 9am to 5pm Trempealeau County Food Pantry @ TCHCC
22 9:00am In Person Worship & Facebook Live / Water to Thrive Presentation - Ed Scharlau 9:45am Youth & Family Meeting 12:30pm Mt. Sinai Worship Service	23	24	25 8:30am Quilters	26	27 6:00pm - Mt. Sinai	28
29 9:00am In Person Worship & Facebook Live 12:30pm Mt. Sinai Worship Service	30	31	9/1 6:00pm Stewardship Meeting	9/2	9/3 6:00pm - Mt. Sinai	9/4
9/5 9:00am In Person Worship & Facebook Live 12:30pm Mt. Sinai Worship Service	9/6 Labor Day Church Office Closed	9/7	9/8	9/9	9/10 6:00pm - Mt. Sinai	9/11

# August Serving Schedule

Date/Time	Acolyte	Ushers	Projection	Reader	Council Communion Assistant / Worship Checker	Altar Care
8/1 9:00am	Mackenzie Wenger	Bob Konkel Anne Martin	Hawken Roskos	Diane Konkel	Pat Rohn	Mary Jo Fetsch
8/8 9:00am	Austin Hughes	Bern Ziegeweid Dan Weitzien	Kaiden Rotering	Michele Ziegeweid	Judy Borchert	Dori Wenger / Carson
8/15 9:00am	Austin Hughes	Bob & JoDeen Forsyth	Joselyn Lockington	Jeff Hulberg	Pending	Connie Scharlau
8/22 9:00am	Tessah Ely	Henry Schultz Randy Rugoitzke	Mackenzie Wenger	Nancy Schultz	Pending	Betty Schlessner
8/29 9:00am	Kaiden Rotering	Bob Scharlau Duane Miller	Austin Hughes	Jen Rotering	Pending	Beth Killian
9/5 9:00am	Joselyn Lockington	Todd Fetsch Bill Lockington	Gavin Instenes	Renee Schank	Pending	Mary Jo Fetsch

If you are on the schedule and are unable to serve, please let Tiffany know or find a replacement as soon as possible ([christlutheran@trivest.net](mailto:christlutheran@trivest.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**

**Pastor: David Johnson**

*Office Hours: Only Wednesdays*

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

E-mail: [shepherdvalley1859@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://www.christlutheran-church.org)

[www.lacrosseareasynod.org](http://www.lacrosseareasynod.org)

[www.elca.org](http://www.elca.org)

## 2021 Council Members

Shannon Ely-President .....608-317-7627

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 Rodvold .....507-450-4305

Karen Mullikin .....608-863-2449

Youth: Confirmation Student Rotation

## Prayer List

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

The Family of Chris Dom

The Family of Allen Kreher



## Dial 211 Free/Confidential 24 / 7

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

## 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](http://www.christlutheran-church.org). You can find information on coming events, pdf files of the latest Christ Line newsletter and newsnotes. 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**



Look for: Christ Lutheran Church - ELCA Arcadia, WI

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