

CHRIST LINE

April Newsletter



Holy Week Schedule

Palm Sunday
April 14th at 9:00am

**Maundy Thursday
(Living Last Supper)**
April 18th at 7:00pm

Good Friday
April 19th at 1:00pm
(no 7:00pm service)

Easter Sunday
April 21st at
9:00am & 10:30am

April Cause of the Month

ATTENTION: We have a change to the Cause of the Month! We are giving the option to either donate locally, outreach, or even both! Please specify on your offering envelope so we put your donation in the correct place you would like. Thank you!

Local: Building Damage Due to snow

Our Local Cause of the Month is "Area farm damage to buildings due to snow". If you know of someone that has had damage to buildings due to the snow please contact the church office. At the end of the month we will divide it up.

Outreach: Lutheran Immigration & Refugee Services

For more than seven decades, Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service has been a champion for migrants and refugees from around the globe. Our legacy of courageous and compassionate service has made a difference in the lives of hundreds of thousands of people who have sought safety and hope in America's communities. Our history reflects American Lutherans' deep immigrant roots and passionate commitment to welcoming newcomers. We are a church that does God's work in the world and in local communities pursuing justice, peace and human dignity for and with all people.

**CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH IS ON
FACEBOOK!!!**



**"Like" our page for information, events and updates!
Look for: Christ Lutheran Church -ELCA Arcadia, WI**

- In Christ, All Things Hold Together -

A Note From Pastor Bob

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Dear Friends,

As I write this letter to you today I have so many things on my mind as I am beginning to feel the excitement of the coming of Holy Week and Easter. At the same time, I am getting excited to see the fruit trees getting ready to bloom and hear the delightful sounds of birds singing and children playing outside once again. Just yesterday I saw my first robin of the season and I noticed that the red-winged blackbirds had returned to my birdfeeder. My son-in-law is up at their cabin tapping their maple trees to make this year's batch of maple syrup. My yard that just a week or so ago was covered with snow is now finally becoming clear and ready for raking. So the season of change is certainly in the air.

You may also be experiencing the excitement of the coming of spring, but for a few more days there's still a cold chill in the air and you may be lying awake at night wondering if you'll be able to get all of the things done on your list. I think it is only natural to notice an increase in our stress level as the Easter season draws closer along with the approaching spring time activities. So if you're getting feelings of being overwhelmed in spite of the warmer weather, sunshine and flowers to come, then please join me for a moment as we consider Jesus and his disciples at the garden of Gethsemane. There, in that garden, Jesus is anticipating the trial and suffering that lies ahead of him so as he often does during important times in his ministry, he goes off to pray. Jesus tells his disciples "remain here and stay awake." But the disciples are not able to follow that one small request from their master and they fall fast asleep. In this pre-Easter story it is Jesus who is overwhelmed with the time that has come. When we take a few quiet moments to consider this time in Jesus' life, it kind of helps us to get our seasonal life struggles in perspective doesn't it?

Even if we fall asleep in our waiting, watching and praying or if we flee in fear and abandon him as the disciples did, when we come back to our senses Jesus appears to us and offers forgiveness. What is even more incredible is that he then empowers us with the Holy Spirit so that we may become strong in faith and go out to serve others who need our neighborly help. This is the hope of our Christian faith: That Christ has risen from the grave and appeared to those same sleepy and anxious disciples and also appears to you and me as we faithfully gather in his name. So let us all keep the faith as we wait, watch and pray together, for as we do, we will also experience the risen Lord saying, "Peace be with you, my peace I give to you."

May the blessings of God's goodness and God's promise be with each and every one of you this Easter season.

Pastor Bob Schoenknecht

February Council Minutes Approved by Council

Christ Lutheran Church Council Regular Meeting Minutes Wednesday, February 13, 2019

Present: Judy Borchert, Shannon Ely, Dale Howard, Dan Reit, Connie Scharlau, John Wiemer, Shanna White, Pastor Tom Bryan, Pastor Bob Schoenknecht **Also Present:** Youth Samantha Kidd

Came late: Tony Myers and Brad Duellman

Vice President Shanna White called the meeting to order at 6:10 pm and Pastor Tom opened with prayer..

Approval of Agenda: MSC to approve the agenda. (MSC = Motion made, Seconded, Carried)

Announcements: none

Secretary's Report: MSC to Approve minutes of January 9, 2019

February Council Minutes Cont.

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Annual Meeting Minutes: MSC to review annual meeting minutes of Feb 10 at March Council meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Will be given in March. It is not available today.

Pastor's Report: See attached report. On page 2 "Installation of Church Council" the date for that was set for Sunday, March 3 and all council members will be installed at that time. See also "Housing Allowance." Pastor Tom requests that his monthly housing allowance be set at \$900. (There is a typo in the report.) and Pastor Bob requests that his housing allowance be set at \$1,000 per month. MSC that their respective requests be granted.

Tony M. arrived. Re: "New Member Classes" Pastor Bob noted that the last of the four classes will be held on Sunday, March 17. He will then gather names of those requesting to become members of Christ Lutheran and present them to council for approval and schedule a new member Sunday to welcome them.

Old Business:

Insurance: Dan Reit reported that we would have good savings if switched insurance companies. MSC to approve the switch from Tri-Core to Church Mutual as our insurance provider. Brad D. Arrived.

Pastor's plans for this summer and vacations: Both Pr. Tom and Pr. Bob would like to have eight weeks off this summer. June 23rd to August 11th. Pastor Dave Johnson of rural Arcadia has been contacted and would be able to cover for six of those eight Sundays. He is not available for June 16 and July 7. Bob and Tom agreed that they could each cover one of those Sundays. They would also be available for council meetings, emergencies, funerals and phone calls and would be willing to come to Luther Park Bible Camp for one day. Both are being paid during entire 8 weeks. No mileage will be paid during this time which will cover the cost of the supply pastor.

New Business:

Committee Restructuring: Each council member volunteered for committees that interested them. Social Concerns--Connie, Parish Ed--Shannon, Property and Management--Brad, Membership/Stewardship--John, Shanna & Dale, Executive Committee--Shanna & Tony, Worship & Music--Tony, Trust Fund--Tony, Youth /Milestone Ministry--Dan Reit, WELCA--Judy. It was noted that Youth includes Parish Ed/Confirmation, Jr League/Confirmation, Sr. League/High Schoolers. Tony will continue working with youth until next month. There followed some discussion about various committees and what they do. Each committee to prepare their committee guidelines for review at the next council meeting.

Future Planning / Visioning Committee: We need an ad hoc committee to plan events. No action taken. (Pastor Tom and Shanna White to speak of this further and come up with a plan)

Cause of the Month: Council received a listing of COMs for 2018. There followed discussion whether or not simply follow last year's plan. There was suggestion that we should have more local causes of the month. Some suggestions were: Food Pantry, a coat drive, school supplies, humane society, and New Horizons. It was pointed out that the usual monthly offering for COM is \$1000 to \$1500. Plan moving forward is to have two COM one for the local and one for outreach. COM for March will be Wisconsin / Nicaragua Partners. Connie volunteered to write the newsletter article about it. The local COM will be the Trempealeau County Humane Society. Shanna White will do this article for newsletter. Council Members are to come up with other local COM for next council meeting.

Constitution: A couple of things were noted: Bylaws may be changed at any time by a vote of the congregation if they have had a two month notice. A Continuing Resolution may be put in force by the church council. There was some thought that Karina O'Brien had worked on the constitution as some time in the past. Dan Reit will ask her about that. Any further action will be tabled until next month's meeting.

Pastor's Housing Allowance Designation was voted on at this time. It is described under Pastor's Report on the previous page.

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Tiffany as signer in Good Samaritan check book. MSC that Tiffany be given permission to sign checks in the Good Samaritan checkbook with the approval of pastor(s) or executive committee. In related action MSC that there be a \$500 cap on disbursements for the Good Samaritan Fund.

Next Regular Meeting is set for March 12 at 6:30 pm.

Devotions at next meeting: Shanna White

Cause of the Month for March: The Wisconsin Nicaragua Partners and the Trempealeau County Humane Society

News Article for March Newsletter (due February 22): Connie Scharlau, Shanna White

Another person from church council to sign checks. Judy Borchert volunteered to do this.

MSC to adjourn with the Lord's Prayer.

Committee Procedure

Constitution (page 6): The congregation shall develop an organizational structure to be described in the by-laws. The Congregational Council shall prepare descriptions of the responsibilities of each committee, task force, or other organizational groups and shall review their actions. (Such description shall be contained in continuing resolutions of the Congregational Council.)

Every committee, task force, or organizational group should consist of a minimum of 3 or more people along with a chair and secretary. Each is responsible for recruiting new members to their team each year. Meeting times need to be giving to the church secretary for posting in the bulletins and newsletter. A report after each meeting needs to be submitted to the church secretary 1 week prior to the council meeting for council review to keep council up to date and to allow for recommendations and improvement actions. Each committee or group is responsible to set goals for each year along with a plan and outcome and report them to council. Every committee, task force and organized group is responsible for review and definition of descriptions of responsibilities and guidelines for council review and approval each year.

Constitution C13.06: Other congregational committees may be formed as the need arises, by decision of the Congregation Council.

C13.07 Duties of congregational committees shall be specified in the bylaws (continuing resolutions).

BYLAWS Section B. COMMITTEES OF THE CHURCH COUNCIL: From its own membership the church shall appoint representatives to the regular committees on Evangelism, Worship and Music, Stewardship, Parish Education, Youth, Property and management and shall also have authority to appoint such other committees as may be necessary or advisable.

The church council shall have the authority to appoint additional congregational members who are not members of the council as members on its regular committees.

Approved at the 3/12/19 Council meeting

Youth

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YOUTH PANCAKE BREAKFAST & BAKE SALE

Sunday, April 7th - After Worship (10:15am)

The free-will offering will be used to support the upcoming Youth trips!



PANCAKE EATING COMPETITION!!

How many pancakes can you eat in 2 minutes?

Age groups are 1-14 then 15 on up. Awards to be determined later!!

5th Graders First Communion Classes

The 5th Grade First Communion classes will be meeting during the regular Sunday School hour from March 10th through April 14th. Students completing the First Communion class are welcome to receive their First Communion during Holy Week at the Maundy Thursday Worship Service on March 18th at 7:00 p.m. If your family must be out of town on March 18th please let the church secretary know and your child will be welcome to receive the sacrament on the Sunday after you return. As part of their preparation for their First Communion, students will prepare and bake bread during the Sunday School hour on Palm Sunday—April 14th.

Confirmation Camp at *Luther Park Bible Camp*

Camp will be from July 14th - 19th for 6th-8th graders. There are opportunities for all ages during this week. Letters have been sent out to the students with registration for those that can attend.

Lenten Season 2019

Jesus Says "I Am"

In the four Gospels Jesus' unique authority and identity as the Son of God is expressed in sayings which begin with the words 'I am.' John's Gospel is unique in that John explicitly records the words of Jesus saying "I Am." Seven times in John's Gospel we find Jesus saying 'I am' and then adding a vivid metaphor. During this season of Lent we will explore five of these "I Am" statements and see how they apply to our life and our faith. All services begin at 7:00.

Lent Schedule:

Lent Four - April 3, 2019 - Jesus said, "I am the Vine." John 15: 1-8

Lent Five - April 10, 2019 - Jesus said, "I am the Resurrection and Life." John 11: 17-27

Lenten Season Schedule

starting March 13th and ending April 10th

On Wednesdays during the Lenten Season:

5:30pm - 6:30pm Soup & Sandwich Supper

7:00pm Lent Service

Lenten Soup and Sandwich Suppers

Please plan on joining us starting Wednesday, March 13th through April 10th. Invite your friends, neighbors and family for a free delicious meal. You and the public are invited to the suppers between 5:30pm and 6:30 pm.

The suppers are free, but free will donations are welcomed. Remember to thank the cooks!

Updates & Events Continued...

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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 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.

Mission Store

The Mission Thrift store needs store volunteers to ensure that we are able to keep the store open on the following days of the month: **Fridays, from 3pm to 6pm and Saturdays from 10:00am to 1:00pm, 3rd, 4th, and 5th**. Presently each volunteer hour brings about \$8.50 in receipts to the Mission. Working a 3 hour shift donates over \$25.00 to assist families and individuals struggling to make ends meet. Call Cyndy Jacoby at 715-530-0949 for more information. The Mission store is also in need of stockers to stock shelves. Please contact Cyndy Jacoby at 715-530-0949 if you are able to help!

100 Quilts by October?

Thank you to the many helpers who have taken a quilt top kit, sewn it, and returned it to church. With your help, the Quilters have finished 42 quilts since November 2018. Our goal is to complete 100 quilts for Lutheran World Relief, by October 1, 2019. With your help, we can do this. Please consider sewing up a quilt top for us now, before you get busy with spring and summer activities. Kits with directions are available at the back of church.

Quilt for Sale

A vintage dresden plate pattern round table cloth was donated to our church quilters' group, and we were able to transform it into a very nice, full size bed quilt. We will sell it for \$160 and use the money to buy supplies for making the many quilts that we send to Lutheran World Relief each year. The main colors in the quilt are pink and brown and the dresden plate blocks are multicolored. This quilt is on display in the back entry to church. If you are interested in purchasing it, contact JoDeen Forsyth 323 7460 or Judy Borchert 715 495 6380.



Senior Choir is back!

Please join us on Thursday, April 4th and Thursday, April 11th at 5:15 for Choir Practice. We plan to perform on Maundy Thursday and Easter Sunday. We will be performing songs you have heard in the past, so now would be a great time to join the choir!

New Horizon Donations

We are still taking donations of small shampoos, conditioners, lotions, soaps for New Horizons. Please put them in the container in the back of the church.

Donations

The Lioness is collecting reading glasses, prescription glasses, and hearing aids. Please put them in the bucket by the coats in the back of the church.

Adult Education

The adult Sunday School Class meets each Sunday and is open to anyone interested in sharing a time of Bible reading and discussion. We meet on the upper floor of the education wing in the classroom closest to the elevator. We begin about 10:25, after enjoying post worship coffee fellowship. You do not have to be present every week, just come when you can.

Luther Park Information

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Concert at Luther Park

Save the date Sunday May 5 for the Building and Rejoicing Campaign Kick-Off at Luther park Bible Camp. This family event features bands, Breaking Chains and Them Coulee Boys, showcasing their musical talents fostered at Luther Park when they were camp counselors. The money raised will go towards the campaign as a whole, which focuses on a new ministry center and updates to the current dining hall. Visit www.lutherpark.org for campaign details and to purchase tickets for May 5.

Early Bird Discount—May 1

Take some time to look at the summer camp programs offered at Luther Park and Luther Woods. Brochures are available at the back of church or you can check it out at www.lutherpark.org. Programs offer something for everyone—swimming, archery, canoeing, kayaking, ropes courses, crafts, cookouts, games, creative worship, campfires, and new friends. For the more adventurous camper looking for fun in the outdoors, check out the Adventure at the Woods, Boundary Water Canoe Trip, Namakagon Canoe Trip, or Trading Spaces. And don't forget to look at Family Camp, too. If you register and pay before May 1st, you will receive an Early Bird Discount.

Luther Park Event

Building and Rejoicing Campaign Kick-Off at Luther Park

May 5, 2019 (Sunday) 12 noon to 4 pm

A family event featuring two bands— "Them Coulee Boys" and "Breaking Chains"

Concert from 1:45 to 3:15

check out the bands at www.themcouleeboys.com/

Breaking Chains on Facebook

Them Coulee Boys on Facebook

WELCA Events

LaCrosse Area Synod W-ELCA Spring Convention

at Bethany Lutheran, New Lisbon

April 6th, 2019 (Saturday) 8:30 am to 3:30 pm

Speakers: Michael Johnson from Lutheran World Relief, speaking about where quilts and kits end up and Pastor Ben Morris from Common Ground Campus, Ministry at UW-LaCrosse

Mother's Brunch at Blair Lutheran

May 1, 2019 (Wednesday) 10:00 am

Speaker: Inga Witscher from "Around the Farm Table" on Wis. Public Television

W-ELCA North Conference Summer Event at Zion Lutheran, Galesville

June 13, 2019 (Thursday)

Speaker: Bishop Arends, LaCrosse Area Synod

Salad Luncheon at St. John Lutheran, Alma

July 12, 2019 (Friday) 11:00am

Easter Lilies and Special Gifts

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Help Christ Lutheran Church welcome the Risen Christ on Easter Sunday by decorating our sanctuary with flowers!

This year you can order either an Easter Lily or any other blooming plant in honor or in memory of a loved one. All you have to do is call one of our local florists to place the order. They will deliver the flower to church and record the person or persons that you would like to remember or honor. **Please contact the church office at 323-3572 if you have any questions.**



Give a Gift to a Special Fund

Another option for Easter, instead of donating a plant to Christ Lutheran, is to donate a monetary gift in honor or memory of someone to one of our special funds. Please fill out the form on this page and designate which fund you would like the donation to go to, or whom you are honoring or remembering, and your name. **Return the form and donation to the church office by Monday, April 15th.**

EASTER SPECIAL FUND GIFT

In Honor of: _____

In Memory of: _____

Special Fund:

General Fund

World Hunger

Music

Youth

Trust Fund

Other: _____

Given by: _____

Keeping in Touch

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

Interim Pastor: Bob Schoenknecht

Office Hours: Tuesday & Wednesday

Cell Phone-715-797-3424 / Church Phone: 323-3572

E-mail: rschoenk@luthersem.edu

Interim Pastor: Thomas Bryan

Office Hours: Tuesday & Wednesday

Cell Phone: 715-829-2624 / Church Phone: 323-3572

E-mail: prtwb@hotmail.com

Church Office Secretary: Tiffany Lambright

Office hours: Mon through Friday - 8:00 am to 12:00pm

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

Minister of Music:

Bookkeeper: Kay Wiemer

Leave a message on church phone or at home: 323-3916

Caretakers: Mark & Lynn Finner

Leave a message on the church phone: 323-3572

Web Sites:

www.christlutheran-church.org

www.lacrosseareasynod.org

www.elca.org

2019 Council Members

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

Shanna White - Vice Pres.608-863-1326

Dan Reit -Treasurer608-484-1900

Connie Scharlau - Secretary.....608-323-7297

Brad Duellman.....507-458-5760

Dale Howard..... 608-863-1370

John Wiemer 608-797-6794

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

Shannon Ely608-317-7627

Youth: Confirmation Student Rotation

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**

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

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

Prayer List

Jay Wiltse
Steve Kletzke
Sylvia Waters
Sherri Fredrickson
Pauline George
Jose & Family
Dodie Motszko
Robert Henson
Brenda Suchla
Katherine Pecha
Russell Tourville



Gods Work. Our Hands