

CHRIST LINE

February Newsletter



IMPORTANT INFORMATION

ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS OF CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

We ask that you please plan to attend our Annual congregational meeting on **February 10th** after the Sunday church service. The hour or so meeting is an important time to hear of the church activities during 2018 and your council's plans for 2019. The budget will be presented for congregational approval. We will vote to elect three new members to the church council. This is the time of the year when you approve or modify the actions proposed by your council who represent you throughout the year. The church council strongly encourages everyone to please come to the Annual meeting for the future of our church.

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- In Christ, All Things Hold Together -

Pastor Bob's Report

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

One of my favorite Bible stories is shared in Mark chapter 10. It is the story of a blind man named Bartimaeus who is calling out to Jesus to have mercy on him. Jesus stops and asks Bartimaeus, "What do you want me to do for you?". "Rabbi," Bartimaeus said, "I want to see!" Seems logical. A blind man would want to see. What I love though is that Jesus asks and lets Bartimaeus answer.

When Jesus began His public ministry, His entire focus was on others. He was healing every type of disease, teaching what it meant to love and care for others, and preaching about the way to eternal life. His intention for people was to see how important it was to treat others with love, respect, and kindness. Giving up of Himself so that others might know what it means to think of others in these ways.

Unfortunately, most these people who followed Jesus were not hearing the message of love and kindness Jesus brought. They were following Jesus because they were getting their needs met in a certain way. Thinking of themselves and not of what Jesus was proclaiming through these miraculous healings, the giving of Himself, and the eternal message He was speaking.

Recently though I thought what would it be like to turn that question that Bartimaeus asked around? Instead of asking what Jesus can do for us, what if we asked Jesus, "What do you want me to do for you?" According to the scriptures here are some of the answers we would receive:

LOVE ME & ONE ANOTHER: Jesus replied, "You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind." This is the first and greatest commandment. A second is equally important: "Love your neighbor as yourself." *Matthew 22:37-39*

OBEY MY COMMANDMENTS: "If you love me, obey my commandments." *John 14:15*

TRUST ME: "Trust in the Lord with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding. Seek his will in all you do, and he will show you which path to take." *Proverbs 3: 5-6*

SHARE ME WITH OTHERS: "Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age." *Matthew 28: 19-20*

In this month of love when we celebrate Valentine's Day, let's ask Jesus what we can do for Him! That might be the best Valentine of all.

With transforming hope,

Pastor Bob Schoenknecht

Membership Statistics

Baptism: 1/20/19 - Madalyn June Rossa &

Kaitlyn Joyce Rossa

Transfer In: 1/29/19 - Joan Fetting

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CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, January 9th, 2019 @ 6:00pm

Members Present: Tony Myers, Michele Ziegeweid, Dan Sampson, Connie Scharlau, Brad Duellman, Shanna White, Dale Howard.

Members Absent: Dan Reit **Also Present:** Pastor Bob Schoenknecht, Pastor Thomas Bryan, Sid Halvorsen, Youth Representative; Kay Wiemer, Bookkeeper.

Meeting called to order at 6:13 p.m. by Vice President, Tony Myers.

Opening Devotion: Pastor Tom reflected on Psalm 72.

Approval of Agenda: MSC

Announcements: None

Secretary's Report: - December minutes were amended under pastor's report. It was moved to amend the year end letter and send it to the congregation members. The amended letter was attached to the minutes. MSC to approve minutes with changes.

Treasurer's Report: "Record the financial report as a faithful accounting" MSC

Pastors' Reports: Pastor Bob has started the new members' class. Pastor Tom reported that there will be an Area Ministry Strategy meeting January 24 at Osseo Evangelical from 6-8 p.m. It will be a joint meeting between the Northwest Synod and the La Crosse Synod to explore possible ways our churches can remain vital amid the current shortage of pastors. Our pastors and several council members will attend. We discussed the pastors' suggestion regarding changes to their summer work schedule.

Old Business:

1. Insurance / Mt. Sinai Church – Rental Agreement - waiting on quote from Church Mutual. No movement.
2. Blair Lutheran Church: No contact
3. Review of Mark & Lynn Finner's job description: Brad, Tony and Dan Reit will meet with Finners.

New Business:

1. Call Committee / Update: No contact from synod.
2. Budget: Kay went over the budget proposal. MSC to approve the draft budget.

Cups: Shannon proposed that we purchase compostable cups to be used for hospitality after worship citing the fact that some people don't want to stay until the end of the fellowship time to wash cups. After some discussion the proposal to purchase 500 cups for use on a trial basis passed by a vote of 4 to 3.

Committee Reports:

Social Concerns Committee: Michele – Suggestion Box Nothing new

Parish Ed: Shanna - There will be a pizza party for children during the annual meeting February 10 thereby allowing their parents to attend the meeting.

Property and Management: Brad - Mt. Sinai will be using the room behind the stage to store their equipment. The quilts and knitters materials have been moved to a renovated classroom.

Membership/Stewardship: Shanna, Connie, Dale - The committee plans to meet soon.

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Staff Support: Dan Reit – No report

Worship and Music: Dan Sampson – We will be using Tree of Life on Sundays during Lent. Holden Evening Prayer will be the Wednesday night Lenten service. Soup and sandwich suppers will be served starting at 5:30 p.m. with worship at 7:00 p.m. Brad suggested we invite the community to the soup suppers. Maundy Thursday service at 7:00 p.m. will be the Living Last Supper. Good Friday services will be at 1:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. Easter Sunday services will be at 9:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

Trust Fund: Dan Reit – No meeting

Youth Committee/Milestone Ministry: Tony The youth will be serving a fund raising breakfast in March. Sid, our youth representative for the month, suggested we advertise to the younger generation. Don't make kids feel bad if they don't come to church on a regular basis. Start youth activities at a younger age. He suggested a youth outing to Action City in Eau Claire. A number of CLC middle school students are in a school choir. He said it might be possible for them to sing at a Sunday morning service. They are preparing music for the March Mystery concert.

Next Regular Meeting: February 13 at 6:00 p.m.

Devotions at next meeting: Shanna

Cause of the Month: February: Lutheran Social Services of Wisconsin and Upper Michigan

Newsletter article for January: January 27th

Annual Report Deadline: January 20th

Adjourn with Lord's Prayer MSC

Respectfully submitted,

Michele Ziegeweid, Secretary

February Cause of the Month

Lutheran Social Services

Lutheran Social Services of Wisconsin and Upper Michigan is the social ministry arm of over 800 Evangelical Lutheran Church in America congregations in Wisconsin and Upper Michigan and our Cause of the Month for February. Its mission is "Motivated by the compassion of Christ, we help people improve the quality of their lives." Each year LSS touches the lives of over 100,000 people through a variety of compassionate social services including adoption, foster care, mental health and counseling, youth and family programs, older adult services, senior living, housing and homeless programs. Additional services include addiction counseling, corrections and restorative justice. Its programs and services are offered to all, regardless of faith. LSS has twelve offices located throughout Wisconsin and Upper Michigan. Those closest to us are at 1320 W. Clairemont Avenue, Suite 200, Eau Claire, WI 54701. Phone: 877-967-5577 and 2307 South Avenue, La Crosse, WI 54601. Phone: 608-788-5090.

 **Lutheran Social Services**
of Wisconsin and Upper Michigan, Inc.

New Membership Class

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Join Us for Discover Christ Lutheran / There's a Place for You Here

"Discover Christ Lutheran" is a four-session course designed to introduce new people to our Lutheran traditions and our congregation's mission. We also welcome those members who would like a little refresher course in Lutheran teachings and church organization. The class will meet right after worship in the social hall from 10:30 until 11:15 and will begin in January. If you're looking for a faith community to provide you support, guidance, and growth in faith as well as joyful fellowship and opportunities to serve with people who love God, please join us! "Discover Christ Lutheran" is available for you to learn more about our church and become a member. If you are interested in being a part of this class please contact the church office at 608-323-3572 or email at christlutheran@trivest.net. If you have any questions please contact Pastor Bob Schoenknecht at 715-797-3424.

Week Three: Church Organization – Sunday February 3rd

1. Polity
2. Christ Lutheran Organization
3. Where does the synod money go?
4. Rostered Leaders and Bishops

Week Four: The Lutheran Church – Sunday February 17th

1. Martin Luther and Reformation History
2. Lutheran History in America and Heritage
3. Why so many flavors of Lutherans and how to tell the difference?

Updates & Events

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.

A Sons of Norway & Fagernes Lodge event - Barneløpet...kids ski event

February 9th @ Arcadia Memorial Park.

Registration at 9:00am

\$2.00 fee per child

Prizes and snacks. Skis available. Bring your skis if you have them

Questions call Todd Fetsch 323-3261

Updates & Events Continued...

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2019 Offering Envelopes

Please be sure to pick your 2019 Offering envelopes. They are located in the back of the church. If you are unable to pick them up and would like them, please call the church office. Thank you!

W-ELCA - Looking Ahead

LaCrosse Area Synod W-ELCA Spring Convention —Saturday, April 6, 2019 at Bethany Lutheran, New Lisbon

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!

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.

100 Quilts in 2019

Help the Christ Lutheran women make 100 quilts for Lutheran World Relief. Look for the sign at the back of church and take home a quilt top kit. Detailed directions are included. Everything is cut and all you need to do is sew simple seams and press. Put the completed top back in the original package and return it to church. We thank you for your help!

Thank you

Thank you for all who helped make Christmas a great success at Christ Lutheran. Special thanks to Mark and Lynn Finner for the help with the high decorations.

Glencoe Cemetery

The Glencoe Cemetery Committee is looking for someone to mow the cemetery during the 2019 season. Contact Keith Weltzien at 608-323-3985 if interested.

Lenten Season Schedule

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Ash Wednesday Service

March 6th at 7:00pm

(No Soup & Sandwich after Ash Wednesday)

Lenten Season Schedule starting March 13th

On Wednesdays during the Lenten Season

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

7:00pm Lent Service

Lenten Soup and Sandwich Suppers

Soup Sergeants will be organizing groups to serve soup and sandwiches each Wednesday of Lent beginning the week after Ash Wednesday (March 13th - April 10th).

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!

Youth



YOUTH PANCAKE BREAKFAST & BREAKFAST PIZZA !

Sunday, March 10th - After Worship

We will be serving pancakes with sweet toppings, sausages and other goodies! The free-will offering will be used to support the upcoming Youth trips!

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

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Interim Pastor: Thomas Bryan

Office Hours: Tuesday & Wednesday

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

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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: Rebecca Swanson

Cell Phone: 218-750-4463

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.lacrosseareasynd.org

www.elca.org

2018 Council Members

Dan Reit- President608-484-1900

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

Michele Ziegeweid - Secretary.....608-323-3395

Dan Sampson - Treasurer.....608-323-2026

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

Shanna White608-863-1326

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

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

Youth:

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

Norma Bautch
Jay Wiltse
Steve Kletzke
Sherri Fredrickson
Pauline George
Jose & Family
Robert Henson - Father of Janet Abts
Steven - Brother of Karen Kletzke
The Family of Richard Kiekhoefer



Gods Work. Our Hands