

**CHRIST LINE**

# January Newsletter

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION****ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS OF CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH**

The holiday season is a very busy time for all of us and also for Christ Lutheran Church. Shortly after the first of the year, when we are catching our breath from our Christmas activities, the Christ Lutheran Church Council will hold its first meeting of 2019. The budget review is scheduled for January 9<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm with the council meeting following at 6:00 p.m. At that meeting, the council will approve the final 2019 draft budget which will then be presented at the congregational meeting for final approval. The church council strongly encourages you to bring forth any suggestions, concerns or questions at this time concerning the future of our church.

Another important time, when all members can have their voices heard in the business of their church, is the annual meeting. Please plan to attend our 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.

**CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH IS ON  
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**- In Christ, All Things Hold Together -**

# Pastor Bob's Report

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## PASTOR'S NEW YEAR'S MESSAGE

We've all just been handed something very special: a "brand, spanking-new" New Year with which to do some very special things. OR not. It's really up to us.

Newness is something that is very popular in our American culture. Who doesn't enjoy that "new car" smell, or that fresh-out-of-the box aroma of a new pair of leather shoes, or the feel of that nice Christmas sweater you just opened? Even now, New Year's resolutions have that new car smell to them. Our resolve is high to make this year different than other years. But if the truth be told, the average time between the moment we make our resolutions and their demise is a sad three weeks. By that time all the newness has been aired out of them and they become mere chores. It's one of the reasons I don't make resolutions.

Instead, I'd like to offer up a different focus for our New Year's enthusiasm. Let's focus instead on gathering provisions for the journey. We're also a culture that, when faced by the unknown, like to stock up on what we need. We are now in the winter season when often we hear of a winter storm bearing down on us from the north. When that happens, you can go anywhere and you'll see people "stocking up" for the possibility that they'll be sheltering in place against a blizzard. I've often been fascinated why a snowstorm requires bread, milk, and eggs, any more than any other day in the year. But apparently, it makes our anxious spirits less riled up to make sure we have these staples in the refrigerator.

So, focusing on the year ahead, my question for you is this: what are the most important "provisions" that you will need for the journey? When you think about the most challenging times in your life, what are the most important things that have tided you over? Personally, I can think of some precious things that have gotten me through difficult times. Most of these things take up little or no physical space, which makes sense because Jesus always encouraged his disciples to travel light. In Mark 6:8-9, Jesus charged them *"to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; but to wear sandals and not put on two tunics."*

His point was to focus them, not to impoverish them, but to clear their vision of material things so that they can clearly see the most precious provisions of all: other people, and the presence of God in those people. Of the most precious things on my journey, I count the kind presence of friends in dark hours. I recall in my mind the sound of their voices. I also gather up within my soul those moments when I have been transported by beauty far beyond the ordinary. The ring of truth in scripture; a perfect poem, or word of wisdom from a spiritual friend. And those transcendent moments when I hear the voice of God through music or song. You know these moments when you experience this soul-stirring event that takes you to a whole new level of existence.

These are my provisions for the times the wind blows. So, at the beginning of this new journey of 2019, as you put away your milk, eggs and bread, I ask you to contemplate this: who and what are the real provisions of your life? Think of them, and tuck them away in that special part of your heart that you reserve for precious things. I wish you all a happy new year and a safe and productive journey into the future.

Blessings  
Pastor Bob Schoenknecht

**Membership Statistics**

**Funeral: Dorothy Lucille Sobotta**

# December Church Council Minutes

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## CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, December 12th, 2018 @ 6:00pm

**Members Present:** Dan Reit, Tony Myers, Michele Ziegeweid, Dan Sampson, Connie Scharlau, Brad Duellman, Shanna White, Pastor Bob Schoenknecht, and Pastor Thomas Bryan

**Members Absent:** Dale Howard **Also Present:** Kathy Lockington and Kay Wiemer, bookkeeper

**Call to Order** – Meeting called to order at 6:10 p.m. by President Dan Reit.

Kathy Lockington was recognized. She reported that the parsonage has been rented to Rebecca Swanson. She will only be using the downstairs. Kathy also listed projects that have been completed at CLC and thanked a number of people for their help. Special thanks Jason Lockington for letting the church put up a sign on his land on highway 93 south of Arcadia.

**Opening Devotions:** Michele read from Luke about the angel's visit to Zechariah. The message was, "Do not be afraid."

**Approval of Agenda:** MSC

**Secretary's Report:** - November minutes MSC

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

**Pastor's Report:** Pastor Tom submitted a written report which included a letter with an end of the year giving request to be sent to members.

### Old Business:

1. Insurance: We have a quote from Tri Cor and will be getting a new quote from Church Mutual for comparison. No action on Mt. Sinai.
2. Blair Lutheran Church: We have had no contact with them in the last month but may need to consider a two point call with them due to the shortage of pastors.

### New Business:

1. Call Committee: No report
2. Budget: We drafted the 2019 budget with Kay. MSC to hold CLC annual meeting February 10, 2019.
3. Review of Mark & Lynn Finner's job description: Dan Reit will take care of this.

Audit Committee – Find one new person, Judy Borchert and Ron Jacoby are one the committee. Peg Baumgartner and Dave Taysom were suggested. Michele will contact Peg first.

### Committee Reports: (Limited to items requiring council action / 3 minutes)

Social Concerns Committee: Michele – Suggestion Box, Nothing new

Parish Ed: Shanna - No report

Property and Management: Brad – The elevator has been inspected and passed and is state certified. Brad detailed projects that have been completed and listed others yet to be done.

Membership/Stewardship: Shanna, Connie, Dale - No report

Staff Support: Dan Reit – No report

Worship and Music: Dan Sampson – The committee decided we will continue with communion every Sunday. Hymns have been picked into March.

# December Church Council Minutes Cont.

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Trust Fund: Dan Reit The Trust Fund may be able to provide funds to update the sign in front of our church. The CD's will be updated. There was no request from confirmation campers for money this year.

Youth Committee/Milestone Ministry: Tony The eighth grade confirmation students will each take a month to attend a council meeting as the youth representative.

**Next Regular Meeting:** January 9, 2019

**Devotions at next meeting:** Pr. Tom

**Cause of the Month: January** – Souper Bowl of Caring

**Newsletter article for January:** December 21<sup>st</sup> / **Annual Report Deadline was not set.**

**Adjourn with Lord's Prayer**

Respectfully submitted,  
Michele Ziegeweid, Secretary

## New Membership Class

**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@triwest.net](mailto:christlutheran@triwest.net). If you have any questions please contact Pastor Bob Schoenknecht at 715-797-3424.

### **Week One: Basic Lutheran Theology – Sunday, January 6th**

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| 1. Justification  | 4. Theology of the Cross |
| 2. Law and Gospel | 5. Worship               |
| 3. Sinner/Saint   | 6. Vocation              |

### **Week Two: The Means of Grace – Sunday January 20th**

1. Confession
2. Baptism
3. Holy Communion
4. The Bible

### **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 17<sup>th</sup>**

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?

# January Cause of the Month

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## 2019 Souper Bowl of Caring

Hunger is a serious issue for many of the people in our communities. Our local food pantries work hard to give some relief in the form of emergency food and supplies. As an expression of thanks for God's generous love revealed in Jesus' birth, we share that generous love by collecting and giving food and cash donations for the food pantries to distribute.

For the Souperbowl Challenge, we collect cans and money for the pantry in unison with other churches in our area who collect for their local pantries. It is a friendly competition between congregations working to "outdo one another in love".

- Collections take place during January and end on Superbowl Sunday.
- Every dollar counts as two points.
- Each can, box, or food item counts as one point (no matter the size).

Please bring your cash offerings or offerings of non-perishable food to Church during the month of January.

Thank you for supporting this important cause of the month.



## 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.

### Parsonage Rental

The Christ Lutheran Church parsonage will be available to rent as of **January 1st, 2019**. If you know of anyone interested in renting a house please call the church office at 608-323-3572 or Kathy Lockington at 608-484-0711.

# 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](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.

## 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!

## Luther Park News

**Annual Meeting:** Church Delegates... mark your calendar to attend our annual meeting the morning of Saturday, January 26th. Stay the night at camp and attend our fun filled Sunday at Chili-fest! (register ahead, free-will donation)  
**ChiliFest, Sunday, Jan 27th:** We welcome you to attend this afternoon of fun for all ages; chili, hot dogs, hot chocolate, coffee, games, sledding, campfire, live music, fellowship and lots of fun.  
 We will have a day of raffle... please let us know if you would like to donate a basket or items for the event.  
 Returning this year is our **Chili cook-off**... now is the perfect time to test your recipes and pick your winning soup!  
 Please call ahead to register your chili and get more details to enter.

## Christmas Poinsettias and Special Gifts

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A gift to the Youth Fund in Memory of Mary Lou Halvorsen was given by Paul Halvorsen  
A gift to the World Hunger Fund in Memory of Sonia Doenier was given by Waine Doenier  
A gift to the Music Fund in Memory of Clyde & Fern Stuntz was given by Mark & Linda Backer  
A gift to the Youth Fund in Memory of Johnny & Ethel Backer from Mark & Linda Backer  
A gift to the World Hunger Fund in Memory of Darell Schultz was given by his family  
A gift to the World Hunger Fund in Honor of Pastor Bob was given by Bernard & Michele Ziegeweid  
A gift to the World Hunger Fund in Honor of Linda Backer was given by Bernard & Michele Ziegeweid  
A gift to the World Hunger Fund in Honor of Tiffany Lambright was given by Bernard & Michele Ziegeweid  
A gift to the World Hunger Fund in Honor of Pastor Tom was given by Bernard & Michele Ziegeweid  
A gift was given to the Music Fund in Honor of Dani Tamke from all the choir members  
A gift was given to the Music Fund in Honor of Rebecca Swanson by all the grateful congregation members  
A gift was given to the General Fund in Honor of Tiffany Lambright from all of us here at Christ Lutheran Church.  
A gift was given to the General Fund in Honor of Mark & Lynn Finner. Thank you for all that you do for us!  
A gift was given to the General fund in Honor of Pastor Bob. Thank you!  
A gift was given to the General Fund in Honor of Pastor Tom. Thank you!  
A gift to the General Fund in Honor of Tiffany Lambright was given by Bill & Kathy Lockington  
A gift to the Trust Fund in Memory of Donald Scharlau was given by Avis Scharlau  
A gift to the Youth Fund in Memory of Bob Schreiber was given by Ronald Schreiber Family  
A gift to the Youth Fund in Memory of Natasha Abts was given by Janet & Clyde Abts  
A gift to the World Hunger Fund in Memory of Lowell Doenier was given by Marion Doenier  
A gift to the Music Fund in Memory of our Parents was given by Todd & Mary Jo Fetsch  
In Memory of our Parents from Glen and Jeanette Reit  
In Memory of our Sisters from Glen and Jeanette Reit  
In Memory of our Brothers from Glen & Jeanette Reit  
In Honor of Holly Engel's 30th Birthday from Mom, Dad and Grandma  
In Honor of Dani Tamke, Becky Swanson, and Linda Backer from Todd & Mary Jo Fetsch  
In Honor of Bob and Connie Scharlau from Pastor David and Sonja Johnson  
In Memory of Arnold Platteter from his wife and family  
In Memory of Loretta Meyers from Dave & Mary Ehlert  
In Memory of Marjorie Kube from her daughters Diane, Donna, Nancy, and Families  
In Memory of Jim Boberg from Darlene Boberg  
In Memory of Genevieve from Dawson Olson  
In Memory of our Parents and Grandparents from Kerry and Bridget Tamke and Family



# 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](http://www.christlutheran-church.org)

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

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

**2018 Council Members**

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

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 White .....608-863-1326

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

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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

**Prayer List**

- Norma Bautch
- Jay Wiltse
- Steve Kletzke
- Sherri Fredrickson
- Pauline George
- Florence Urbick
- JoDeen Forsyth
- Robert Henson - Father of Janet Abts
- Jose & Family



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