

CHRIST LINE

March Newsletter



March 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: Trempealeau County Humane Society

Our Local Cause of the Month is the Trempealeau County Humane Society. The Trempealeau County Humane Society is a no-kill, non-profit animal welfare/rescue organization. Your gifts to our cause of the month will help the Trempealeau County Humane Society continue to care for the animals until they are able to find their forever home.

Outreach: Wisconsin / Nicaragua Partners

Wisconsin/Nicaragua Partners of the Americas is a not-for-profit, non-political organization working to enhance the quality of life in both Wisconsin and Nicaragua through people-to-people programs promoting cultural awareness and sustainable community development. Trempealeau County organizers for the group are responsible for 23 fire trucks and 13 ambulances from Wisconsin having been sent to Nicaragua along with fire fighting gear and equipment. The Managua, Nicaragua office of W/NP operates learning centers, a lending library and organizes sewing projects with treadle sewing machines sent from Wisconsin. Over 20,000 pairs of eyeglasses from the Lions Foundation have been distributed by W/NP to those in need in several cities in Nicaragua. For more information check out Wisconsin / Nicaragua Partners on the world wide web.

**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,

The Lenten season always reminds me of the Bible verse that I first learned in Sunday school and perhaps you did as well: “For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son and whoever believes in him, should not perish, but have eternal life.” John 3:16 is called the “Gospel in a Nutshell,” because it contains the essence of what we believe as Christians. I can’t remember when I first learned the verse, but I know it was in one of my early Sunday school classes at First Lutheran Church in Eau Claire. As I began to understand the meaning of the verse, I realized that the message was clear. God loved the world, and he loved us. God has chosen to show us love through his Son and through Jesus’ death on the cross.

As we grow older and hopefully wiser, the deep theological implications of John 3:16 become clearer. As we follow the story of God’s covenant with his people during this Lenten season, we begin to understand the history of the people of Israel and their relationship to God. We discover what a tremendous and beautiful gift God has given to them and to us. Subsequently, John 3:16 becomes more than just a verse that we learned in Sunday school, but a gift that speaks directly to each one of us. As Jesus first shared this gift with Nicodemus and now with us; it becomes the “central” message of our faith. The power of this message is further strengthened with the verse that follows: “For God sent his Son into the world, not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him”.

What greater gift can God give us than showing us how much he loves us. What greater gift can God give to us than his Son’s own life? What greater gift can God give to us than raising his Son from the depths of the grave to that glorious resurrection on Easter morning? Indeed, the gospel hymn, “Jesus loves me this I know, for the Bible tells me so”, helps us remember God’s gift to us and we say this Lenten season, “Thank you Lord Jesus”!

God’s blessings to you in your work and in your play and in your rest.

Pastor Bob Schoenknecht

February Church Council Minutes

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)

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

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.)

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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.

Pastors' 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 there 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 at 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.

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 12th at 6:30 pm.

Devotions at next meeting: Shanna White

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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.

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:

Ash Wednesday - March 6, 2019

Lent One - March 13, 2019 - Jesus said, "I am the Bread of Life." John 6: 25-35

Lent Two - March 20, 2019 - Jesus said, "I am the Good Shepherd." John 10: 11-18

Lent three - March 27, 2019 - Jesus said, "I am the Truth and the Way." John 14: 1-6

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

On Wednesdays during the Lenten Season, the following changes are to be noted:

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

7:00pm Lent Service

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

March 6th at 7:00pm

(No Soup & Sandwich on Ash Wednesday)

Lenten Soup and Sandwich Suppers

Lent is just around the corner, and that means the chance to visit with friends and neighbors over a bowl of warm soup and delicious sandwiches is almost here! 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!

Youth

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YOUTH PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Sunday, April 7th - 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!

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.

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.

2019 Offering Envelopes

Please be sure to pick up 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.

Updates & Events Continued...

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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!

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.

Adult Fellowship

Progressive Dinner

Come and bring a friend to the progressive dinner, Saturday, March 30. We will start the evening at 5:30, at the Fetsch home and then progress to the Janka-Putz home for the main course, ending with dessert at the Taysoms'. The main course will be lasagna with gluten free and dairy free options. Please contact Tami Taysom by March 23, if you plan to participate. Call or text 608-863-1463 or email ttaysom@diarylandlabs.com. Hope to see you there!

Arcadia Community Blood Drive

At Christ Lutheran Church!

Thursday, March 16th from 1:00pm to 6:00pm

Mark them calendars!!!

To sign up call 608-323-3195



Thank You

Thank you to everyone that made yourself available and helped in any way possible with clearing off the church roof!

Luther Park Information

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Luther Park A Camp of Growth and Change

Camp is a Christ centered place that allows kids to get away and have fun in a safe space, while building and deepening friendships in an intentional community. Luther Park has recently participated in The Effective Camp Research Project, looking to answer “What is the impact of the one week summer camp experience on the lives of the primary participants and their supporting networks?” Some of the results from that study show “Kids report that by growing in faith at camp it helps them in their daily life back home.” and “Camp doesn’t end when the week is over, research shows that it has a lasting effect. Many campers read their Bible more, pray with their family more, and attend church more.” Learn more and go to effectivecamp.com Register today to secure your spot at Luther Park this summer. www.lutherpark.org



Looking for Summer Employment?

Do you know a college student who is good with kids and is looking for a fun and rewarding summer experience? Luther Park is always looking for passionate people in your church community to be summer camp counselors to help make summer camp a success. If you know someone, please direct them to www.lutherpark.org where they can complete an online application or have them contact Luther Park at 715-859-2215 for more information

Adult Photography Retreat

Learn to capture some amazing pictures at Luther Park with an adult ministry retreat. A Basic Digital Photography Retreat is offered April 6 – 7, 2019. The cost is \$ 75.00 and includes meals, lodging, and a knowledgeable instructor who guides adults through the basics of taking a great picture. Register online for this retreat, and check out summer camp programs at www.lutherpark.org or by contacting the Luther Park office at 715-859-2215.

Sunday Afternoon Fun 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* & *Them Coulee Boys* showcasing their musical talents fostered at Luther Park when they were camp counselors. The money raised from this event 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.

The Luther Park Mission & Vision:

In Partnership with Lutheran congregations; ministers in a natural setting as Jesus did; reaching out and touching people of all ages with the good news of salvation. Prepare ye the way of the Lord. - Isaiah 40:3

Membership Statistics

Transfer Out: 2/4/19—Briana Olson & Sophia Olson – Transferred to Central Lutheran in Mondovi, WI

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

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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.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
Sherri Fredrickson
Pauline George
Jose & Family
Robert Henson - Father of Janet Abts



Gods Work. Our Hands