

## CHRIST LINE

# May Newsletter

## May 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: Repairs to our Church Parsonage

Our Local May Cause of the Month is repairs to our church parsonage. It needs some tender, love and care before the new pastor arrives. We need to sand and seal the floors @ \$2,700.00, paint, screen windows, some plumping valves, and outside yard work. We would like to have these projects completed before the new pastor arrives. Please donate what you can! May it be money, time, talents, any kind of resource would be extremely helpful! Thank you!

### Outreach: Luther Park

Our Outreach Cause of the Month for May is Luther Park Bible Camp. Luther Park offers a Christ-centered camping experience for people of all ages. Staff is trained to help campers understand God's message of love and grace and to provide positive Christian role models. Our congregation has a long history with Luther Park as we were one of the founding congregations when the Luther Park Association was formed in 1932 and the first Board of Directors was elected. In 1946 the Rice Lake Circuit, Eau Claire Circuit and Mondovi Circuit of which our church was a member formed Luther Park Camp Inc. In the past eighty-five years our congregation has sent hundreds of kids to camp at Luther Park. In addition a number of daughters and sons of our congregation have been counsellors at the park. We also have members who have served on the Board of Directors over the years. Check the bulletin board at the back of church for more information about Luther Park Bible Camp and pick up a brochure from the table. We hope you will be generous in your support of the camping ministries of Luther Park Bible Camp.

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



**“Like” our page for information, events and updates!  
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*- In Christ, All Things Hold Together -*

## A Note From Pastor Bob

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A few years ago, the Northwest Wisconsin Synod started a yearly gathering called "Walking Together." These gatherings consist of numerous workshops for clergy and lay people to learn about ways to invigorate their churches and grow their faith. I have attended some interesting and worth-while presentations along with the almost four hundred people who attend each year. My favorite session was on generosity. The presenter was Keith Mundy, ELCA Program Director for Stewardship. He started by giving a Biblical perspective on generosity. He said, "God made the first move of generosity by giving life to human kind. Then God offered the gift of salvation through the death and resurrection through Jesus Christ. This was followed by the release of the Holy Spirit on the first Pentecost. Together these acts made a sustaining covenant between God and humankind."

The culture of generosity was embraced by the early church where no one claimed any of their possessions as their own, but shared everything. Because of this communal act of generosity, there were no needy people among them. This spiritual value of generosity helped the church grow from a few small communities to include all of the Mediterranean area.

Generosity often expresses itself through the spiritual gift of giving. For the rich young man who approached Jesus with the question of how he could be saved, this was very difficult, and he walked away. And so it is no less difficult today. And why is that? Perhaps it is because while we believe that God is able to provide every blessing in abundance, God's gifts often go unrecognized and underappreciated. As faithful followers we are told that each of us can use our talents to bear much fruit, so that Christ's joy will be in us and so that our joy will be complete.

Finally generosity is not so much a function of what we do, but rather an aspect of who we are. A familiar commentary on generosity comes from the Apostle Paul, "It is more blessed to give than to receive." We must remember that God has been, is, and will be generous. This gives us confidence, hope, and faith. Generous is who we are as God's people and so we are called to show the love of God and show kindness in the world each and every day of our lives.

As we enjoy the warm weather of spring and the renewal of God's creation in the flowers and the trees, let us take a cue from our God who lavishly provides for us each day and learn to live generously.

God's Peace to you,  
Pastor Bob Schoenknecht

## March Council Minutes Approved by Council

### Christ Lutheran Church Council Regular Meeting Minutes Wednesday, March 12, 2019

**Present:** Judy Borchert, Brad Duellman Shannon Ely, Dale Howard, Tony Myers, Dan Reit, Connie Scharlau, John Wiemer, Shanna White, Pastor Tom Bryan, Pastor Bob Schoenknecht

**Also present** at the beginning of the meeting: bookkeeper Kay Wiemer

**President Tony called the meeting to order at 6:15 pm** and Shanna brought a devotion.

**Approval of Agenda:** and item #10 (Pay for Dave Johnson) was added to the agenda. MSC to approve the amended agenda. (FYI: MSC = Motion made, Seconded, Carried)

**Action Log:** Tony passed around an Action Log sheet. Tasks will be recorded that need to be done, and who will be responsible for doing them and when. It is essentially to hold people accountable to get things done. Tony then asked Shanna to use it for this meeting.

# March Council Minutes Cont.

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**Announcements:** Shannon said that Parish Ed will hold a bake sale in connection with the pancake breakfast on April 7. The Call Committee will interview a candidate next Monday, meet after church the Wednesday after that, and then meet with council and possibly make an announcement.

**Secretary's Report:** MSC to Approve minutes of February 13, 2019

**Treasurer's Report:** February was a low income month because of one cancelled service and lots of snow keeping people away. Kay had to borrow from the contingency fund, but thinks it will be made up before too long. She indicated she would be happy to schedule a session to answer questions about church finances for council or congregation. Pr. Tom asked if she could prepare a list of special funds and their amounts. She will do that as soon as tax season is over.

**Pastor's Report:** Report described the vagaries of the weather, confirmation classes, and meetings of interim pastors at the synod office. The Bishops of the ELCA is reviewing the document "Visions and Expectations" which governs expectations regarding (among other things) clergy behavior.

### Old Business:

1. Regarding Mt. Sinai church. Tony volunteered to approach them on Sunday the 24<sup>th</sup> about our arrangements together.
2. MSC to approve Committee Procedure as presented to council.
3. Open forums / Future planning was tabled for now.
4. Constitution. A new committee is being developed to start a new constitution.

### New Business:

1. Record Request Policy. We received a handout noting a policy to be followed when someone requests a look at our church records. Essentially the policy states that church records belong to the church OR to the Wartburg Seminary Archives of the ELCA (563-589-0320). Members, past members or genealogists with proper ID may access our records. Staff time required shall not exceed 30 minutes. Such viewing may be halted until preservation of the old books has been handled.

MSC to approve the Church Record Request Policy.

2. Electronic copies of history books / preservation. This would include a record of confirmation photos, pictures of former pastors, and the occasional bulletin board. Connie volunteered to take this on with the possible help of JoDeen Forsyth.
3. MSC to change the Tiffany Lambright's job title from secretary to Administrative Assistant. Pastor Tom and Tiffany will write her job description.
4. Re-instituting the Stephen Ministry Program. Dan agreed to do this. It would involve listing persons who have had this training at CLC and figuring out if additional training is necessary.
5. Request from CLC member Chelsey Losinski has requested to use our building for a girl scout troop of K thru 1<sup>st</sup> graders. MSC to allow girl scouts to meet at CLC on Wednesdays provided they are finished before 7:00 pm during Lent. Shanna / Dale will contact them.
6. Crew for Chicken Pit during Broiler Days. Dale will find someone to organize this effort before our April meeting.
7. Need pastoral coverage for August 11. Dave Johnson cannot be here. Connie volunteered to tell stories in lieu of a sermon. Pr Tom will lead the worship.
8. Re: unapproved minutes in the newsletter MSC to wait until minutes are approved at the next council meeting before they appear in the newsletter.
9. Regarding a policy for extended time supply pastors. There was some discussion, but no action was taken at this time.
10. MSC to reimburse and express thanks to Pr. Dave Johnson for leading worship last Sunday, March 10, on very short notice.

## March Council Minutes Cont.

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#### Committee Reports:

Social Concern Committee: No Report

Parish Ed Committee: Shannon met this week. Jen Rotering is Chair and Dori Wenger is Secretary. See announcements above re: bake sale planned for Apr 7.

Youth: Dan Reit is considering a pancake eating competition during the pancake breakfast.

Property & Management: Brad A group of folks cleaned the roof of ice. The eaves are all on. There's a new desk and carpet in the office that Tiffany will occupy.

Evangelism (Membership / Stewardship): Shanna - Guidelines were given to council members. John, Dale, and JoDeen Forsyth were named as members of this committee. The page of guidelines includes updating membership listing and reviewing the guidelines annually.

MSC to adopt the guidelines as presented.

Worship and Music: Tony Holden worship will be used for Lenten services. Easter worship will be at 9:00 and 10:30 am. MSC to hold only one worship on Good Friday at 1:00 pm. We need a new system of wireless microphones.

The current system is on its last leg. Cost would be around \$1300 for a new system and a wireless mic. We could use Joe Feltes memorial money. John Wiemer will tell the Feltes family what we are planning and get their approval.

MSC to buy the new system and microphones as described.

There was discussion about whether or not to give students offering envelopes as has been done in the past. This has been deferred to the Stewardship Committee.

WELCA: Judy reviewed the many projects and work done by WELCA.

Executive Committee: consisting of Tony, Shanna, Connie, and Dan. No report.

There followed a discussion about causes of the month. No motion was made last month so

MSC that in the future council will choose two causes of the month, one local and one outreach.

**Next Regular Meeting** is set for April 9 at 6:30 pm.

**Devotions at next meeting:** Connie

**April Causes of the Month:** **Local:** Building Damage due to Snow **Outreach:** Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service

**News Article about Causes of the Month for March Newsletter** (due March 22):

MSC to adjourn with the Lord's Prayer at 9:00 pm.

## Youth

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### 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.

### Congratulations to our 5th graders that received First Communion on Maundy Thursday



Tessah Ely  
Mackenzie Wenger  
Joselyn Lockington  
Austin Hughes

### Sunday School Teachers and the Parish Ed Committee Recognition

On Sunday May 19th, we will recognize the Sunday School Teachers along with the Parish Ed Committee members.

### High School Graduate Recognition / Baccalaureate

We here at Christ Lutheran would like to recognize our graduates on **Sunday, May 19th**. If you have a family member graduating from high school or college, please let the church office know so we can put their name proudly on the projection screen. Please mark your calendars so your whole family and come and enjoy this wonderful day. You are also invited to the **Baccalaureate service at the High School Auditorium Wednesday, May 8th at 5:15pm**.

## Luther Park Information

### Time to Support Our Bible Camp

On May 5, 2019, Luther Park is hosting a capital campaign event. Building and Rejoicing Capital Campaign is an opportunity for the many supporters, donors, former staff and campers to pay it forward as we prepare Luther Park for a strong future. A beautiful new Ministry Center and renovated Dining Hall will provide the needed investment for this camp to live into the future. Learn how you can support the growing needs of your year-round ministry, today and into the future. A concert of Christian music by Breaking Chains will take place from 12:30 to 1:15. Them Coulee Boys will be performing a concert of Bluegrass, rain or shine, from 1:45 to 3:15. The band started from Luther Park counselors who joined their musical talents together and are now touring nationally. The event starts at 12:00 p.m. and runs until 4:00 p.m. Tickets are \$ 10.00 for ages 13+ and are available at [lutherpark.org](http://lutherpark.org).

### Summer is Just Around the Corner! Have you registered for camp yet?

With the summer fast approaching, camp is just around the corner! Plans are well underway for another great summer at Luther Park and Luther Woods, and we want you to be a part of the fun. The programs this summer have something for everyone- outrageous games, creative worship, pool activities, new friends, cookouts, campfires, and conversations that will help you discover what God has done and is doing in your life. For the more adventurous camper, Luther Park offers several programs that emphasize having fun in the outdoors. Adventure camps this summer include Adventure at the Woods, Boundary Water Canoe Trip, Namakagon Canoe Trip, and Trading Spaces. And don't forget about Family Camp. It will be the best vacation your family has ever had. Many camps fill early so register today! Camp brochures are available on the table at the back of church or go online at [www.lutherpark.org](http://www.lutherpark.org). You can also contact Luther Park at [info@lutherpark.org](mailto:info@lutherpark.org) or (715) 859-2215 for additional infor-

## Updates & Events

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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](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.

### 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.

### Looking for Some Help!

Help is needed to refurbish the parsonage! General windows, a little painting, and a good deep clean! If your able to help out please contact Kathy Lockington at 608-484-0711. Cleaning will happen in May! Also, we are needing to beautify the grounds outside the parsonage!

### Broiler Days Chicken Pit Help!

We are looking for volunteers to help out with CLC's chicken pit crew on Sunday, May 27th from 4pm to 8pm. Please call the church office at 608-323-3572 or sign up in the back of the church if you are interested!

### 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.

## WELCA Events

### 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

### WELCA Prayer Chain

The church women maintain a prayer chain that all members are welcome to call for prayer requests. At the present time, 323 7322 is the number that starts the prayer chain. (This is not the prayer list that appears in the Sunday bulletins.) We would like to update the chain and we invite anyone interested in being a part of the prayer chain, to contact one of us by May 15. When you receive a call about a prayer request, all you need to do is call the next person on the chain list. We thank you for your willingness to be a link on the prayer chain and to pray for those in need.

WELCA Night Out

# WELCA Events Continued..

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## Mary Circle

All women of Christ Lutheran, and friends, are invited to join the Mary Circle for a time of Bible study and fellowship on Thursday, May 9, at 7:00 pm in the church library. Our devotional study for the evening will be, "From generation to generation: Two-way blessings." It should be a lively and interesting time discussing conflicts between the generations and learning from examples in Scripture. There will be snacks and a good time will be had. After the long winter we've had, YOU deserve a night out with the ladies.

# Thank you!

## Soup & Sandwich Thank you!

We want to extend a big thank you to all the people who helped or contributed to the Wednesday night soup and sandwich suppers. We especially want to thank the soup Sergeants, Anne Martin, Brad Duellman, Bill & Judy Borchert, Mary Jo Fetsch, and Tony & Nicole Myers for organizing each week so efficiently. A special thanks to Diane Konkel for the delicious home made egg salad and ham salad she donated. Thanks to all the people who made homemade soup each week, truly appreciated and yummy! It was a special treat! A big thank you goes to the Confirmation students and parents who helped serve and added so much to the Wednesday worship service. And a big thank you to Mary Jo Fetsch for all your hard work correlating this all!

## Holy Week Thank you!

Thank you so much to all the volunteers that helped out in any way during Holy Week! We truly appreciate it!

## Thank you Senior Choir and Bell Choir

Thank you to all the Senior Choir and Bell Choir members! We have wrapped up another season filled with singing, ringing, fellowship, and fun. Thank you for sharing your talents and love of music with the congregation in our worship of the Lord. We are always looking for more members, so if you are interested in joining us next fall, please watch for an announcement in September. Thank you!

## Office Remodel Thank you!

Where do I even begin... I want to thank everyone that helped in anyway possible with the remodel of new church office! I wish I could name each person for the enormous jobs that were tackled (moving in the extremely heavy desk) to all the small projects that were completed. The church office looks absolutely stunning and it's all because of our amazing volunteers! Thank you all so much! -Tiffany Lambright  
(make sure to come check it out!)

*Volunteers ....*



*They don't necessarily have the time;  
they just have the heart.  
Thank You!*

Thank you to all the volunteers, those dedicated people who give selflessly their time, talents and treasures.  
**THANK YOU!!**



The sign says:  
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# Easter Lilies and Special Gifts

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## Special gifts

- *In Honor of Brad Duellman a gift was given to the General Fund from Bernard & Michele Ziegeweid*
- *In Memory of Howard & Betty Knutson a gift was given to the Youth Fund from Jim, Jenny & Nicholas Knutson*
- *In Memory of Sonia Doenier a gift was given to the World Hunger Fund from John & June Sendelbach*
- *In Memory of Marvin, Joey, and Joshua a gift was given to the Music Fund from Mary Platteter*
- *In Memory of Florence & Lewis Harms a gift was given to the World Hunger Fund from LuAnn & Daryl Kramer & Family*
- *In Memory of Lowell Doenier a gift was given to the World Hunger Fund from Marion Doenier*
- *In Memory of my wife Sonia a gift was given to the World Hunger Fund from Waine Doenier*
- *In Memory of Darell Schultz a gift was given to the World Hunger Fund from His Family*
- *In Memory of Mary Lou Halvorsen a gift was given to the General Fund from Paul Halvorsen*
- *In Honor of Marion Doenier a gift was given to the World Hunger Fund from Jeff, Linda, Jason, Lindsay George, Alyssia & Zach Hilton*
- *In Memory of Lowell Doenier a gift was given to the World Hunger Fund from Jeff, Linda, Jason, Lindsay George, Alyssia & Zach Hilton*
- *In Honor of Elaine Wrobel gift was given to Repairs to the Parsonage from Bill & Kathy Lockington*
- *In Memory of Harold Wrobel, Kathryn & Marion Lockington a gift was given to Repairs to the Parsonage from Bill & Kathy Lockington*
- *In Honor of Pastor Tom a gift was given to the General Fund*
- *In Honor of Pastor Bob a gift was given to the General Fund*
- *In Honor of Mark & Lynn Finner a gift was given to the Youth Fund from a grateful congregation*
- *In Honor of Danielle Tamke a gift was given to the Music Fund*
- *In Memory of Jim W. Schultz a gift was given to the Wold Hunger Fund from his Family*

## Easter Lilies

*In Memory of parents & grandparents from The Kerry and Bridget Tamke Family*

*In Memory of our parents from Glen and Jeanette Reit*

*In Memory of our brothers from Glen and Jeanette Reit*

*In Memory of our sisters from Glen and Jeanette Reit*

*In Memory of John & Elfa Wiemer from John & Kay Wiemer & Kids*

*In Memory of Doug Shawley from Dawson Olson*

*In Memory of Genevieve Shawley from Dawson Olson*

*In Memory of Emil & Marian Dorn from the family*

*In Memory of Elden & Eldora Schorbahn from the 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  
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@triwest.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](http://www.christlutheran-church.org)  
[www.lacrosseareasynd.org](http://www.lacrosseareasynd.org)  
[www.elca.org](http://www.elca.org)

**2019 Council Members**

- Tony Myers - President.....608-797-1398
- Shanna White - Vice Pres. ....608-863-1326
- Dan Reit -Treasurer .....608-484-1900
- 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 Ely .....608-317-7627
- 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

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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**

- Jay Wiltse
- Steve Kletzke
- Sylvia Waters
- Sherri Fredrickson
- Pauline George
- Jose & Family
- Dodie Motszko
- Robert Henson
- Brenda Suchla
- Katherine Pecha
- Russell Tourville
- Theresa Zastrow
- Jerry, Janet, & Eric Magnuson



Gods Work. Our Hands