

CHRIST LINE

September Newsletter



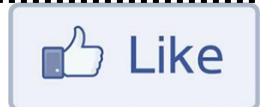
Have you updated your membership information yet?

If you have not called or emailed the church office in regards to your membership listing (verify your phone number, email address, and the church membership status of those living in your home) we ask that you do so. You can contact the church office at 608-323-3572 and or email at christlutheran@triwest.net. Thank you for your prompt attention!

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 -

Pastor's Message

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Dear Friends in Christ:

School has started and soon our Sunday School program will be underway here at Christ Lutheran. The Confirmation students and parents have had their orientation meetings for the 7th and 8th Grade class and for the 9th Grade students who will be confirmed in October. The 7th and 8th Grade will be studying the New Testament this year as well as portions of the Catechism. Classes will meet Wednesday afternoons after school. The 9th grade students will be busy meeting with their mentors, writing their Faith Statements, fashioning a Confirmation Stole, and enjoying their Confirmation Banquet with family and friends.

This year, our Sunday School kids will attend church with their parents and stay through the Children's Message. Then they will be dismissed for a learning time together, assisted by adults and some of our student volunteers. We are looking for a wonderful year of Sunday School. Join us for Rally Sunday with a great meal and lots of fun and games on the church lawn. There will be a bake sale as well.

As I think of the days when my own daughters went off to school, I recall some tips that helped them in their academic success. I offer my **Top Ten List** as you strive to support your child/children in their learning.

- #1 - Take an active interest in their learning. Kids are more successful when parents are involved. You show kids you believe what they do is important.
- #2 - Know the teachers — and what they're looking for. Attend school events, such as parent-teacher conferences, to meet your child's involved.
- #3 - Set up a homework-friendly area. Make sure kids have a well-lit place to complete homework. Keep supplies — paper, pencils, glue, scissors — within easy reach.
- #4 - Schedule a regular study time. Some kids work best in the afternoon, following a snack and play period; others may prefer to wait until after dinner.
- #5 - Help make a plan. On heavy homework nights or when there's an especially big assignment to tackle, encourage your child break up the work into manageable pieces. Create a work schedule for the night if necessary — and take time for a 15-minute break every hour, if possible.
- #6 - Keep distractions to a minimum. This means no TV, loud music, or phone calls. (Occasionally, a phone call to a classmate about an assignment can be helpful.)
- #7 - Make sure kids do their own work. They won't learn if they don't think for themselves and make their own mistakes. Parents can make suggestions and help with directions. But it's a kid's job to do the learning.
- #8 - Be a motivator and monitor. Ask about assignments, quizzes, and tests. Give encouragement, check completed homework, and make yourself available for questions and concerns.
- #9 - Set a good example. Do your kids ever see you diligently balancing your budget or reading a book? Kids are more likely to follow their parents' examples than their advice.
- #10 - Praise their work and efforts. Post an "A-graded" test or art project on the refrigerator. Mention academic achievements to relatives and friends.

If your child has continuing problems with homework, do ask for help. Discuss the issues with your child's teacher. Some kids have trouble seeing the board and may need glasses; others need an evaluation for a learning problem or

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an attention disorder. The key is to interested, invested, and involved.

That's what we are seeking here at Christ Lutheran - a partnership of learning with parents and their children. Come, worship with us, learn with us, experience the love and grace of God in Christ Jesus in the community of faith that we share together. Let's have a great year.

In Jesus' love and service,

Pastor Cheryl L. Matthews

September Causes of the Month

We are giving the option to either donate locally, outreach, or both! Thank you!

Local: The Flat Roof on Christ Lutheran Church: The flat roof on the church has been replaced! The cost to replace it is \$28,000 with a 20 year warranty. We are looking for donations to help cover the cost. Thank you so much!

Outreach: Victims of El Paso and Dayton Shootings: The cities of El Paso, Texas, and Dayton, Ohio, are reeling from mass shootings that have left 31 people dead. In El Paso, a gunman opened fire at a Walmart and killed 22 people and injured 22 others. Less than a day later, nine people were killed and 27 others were injured when a gunman opened fire in a historic nightlife district in Dayton.

Youth

3rd Grade Bible Bonanza

All third grade students in our congregation will be gifted a copy of the *Spark Bible*. Going beyond traditional Bible reading, the *Spark Bible* includes stickers that help kids experience about the Bible in a personal way.

We will offer two-session courses for students and parents called **Bible Bonanza** as preparation for the day when we give all the children their Bibles. **The course will meet on Tuesday evenings at 6:00p.m. on September 10th and 17th in the downstairs Learning Center at Church.** Bibles will be presented to children participating in the class on Sunday, September 22nd at the 9:00am Worship Service.

Holte Invitational Cross Country Concessions @ Memorial Park - 10/12

Middle School Youth will be working the concessions stand at the Cross Country meet Saturday, October 12th. Money raised through these concessions helps support our high school mission trips and outdoor adventures. Participation in these fundraisers is an expectation for confirmation students.

RALLY SUNDAY on September 15th!

Join us to bless our children as they start their next new adventure. Show your support!

Worship at 9:00am - followed by bake sale, games, and fellowship

Plenty of fun for the kids and the young-at-heart, including a bounce house and lots more.

July Council Minutes

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Christ Lutheran Church Council Regular Meeting Minutes Tuesday, July 16th, 2019 @ 6:30pm

Present: Tony Myers, Dan Reit, Connie Scharlau, Shannon Ely, John Wiemer, Shanna White, Judy Borchert, Tiffany Lambright, and Pastor Cheryl Matthews. **Youth Representative:** -----

Not Present: Dale Howard & Brad Duellman

President Tony Myers called the meeting to order at 6:30pm and Connie Scharlau brought a devotion.

Secretary's Report: Shanna White moved/ John Wiemer seconded to accept the June Minutes. Motion Passed.

Treasurer's Report: It was moved and seconded to record the financial report as a faithful accounting. Motion Passed

Pastor's Report:

Administrative: Youth Committee Meeting, Signed up for Social Security, met with Pastor Wayne Kauwenbergh prior to him supply preaching on Sunday, July 7th.

Community Outreach: Met with Jenna Putz regarding the Welcome Room.

Pastoral Care: 1 Home Visits, 4 Home Communion visits, 1 hospital visit, 1 assisted living visit, 3 Care Center visits, 5 lunches / dinners with members

Miscellaneous: Synod Assembly, volunteered to be on the Church and Society Committee for the Synod, and Continuing Education event @ Luther Seminary –Dare to Lead.

Up-Coming Events: Musical with the middle School students this fall. Letters will be going out in August. Ways to participate in the God's Word-Our Hands Sunday, September 8th. I was on vacation from July 4th through July 11th.

Upcoming Continuing Education: Compassionate Presence: Accompanying the Dying, Saturday August 17th

Old Business:

Mt. Sinai / Liability Insurance – an email has been sent to Peter Tesch on 7/16/19 with Church Mutual to get in contact with Mt. Sinai to get this liability insurance accomplished.

Billing Statement/Additional cleaning: it was discussed to start sending out billing statement to Mt. Sinai prior to their monthly rent letting them know of any additional cleaning charges that will be added to their rent. A receipt of their payments will be sent out to them each month also.

Bus - Connie will do a write up of the bus and submit it in to the Synod office for sale. It was decided to sell it for \$5,000.00.

New Business:

1. Harvest Dinner- Set for **Tentative Date** of Friday, October 4th. Start advertising and get volunteers!
2. Finner's Job Description – The job description is completed. Finner's will be given the new description.
3. Vacation Tracker – this will be used to keep track of any vacation time / Continuing Education that Tiffany and Pastor Cheryl will take. Executive committee will be notified of any vacation dates requested.
4. Elevator – We are in a 5 year contract with Braun Elevator service. It's \$1700.00 a year to be in this contract. It was decided to finish out the contract and then look into cheaper options.
5. Fundraising for Roof – Total amount for the roof is \$28,000. This will be completed in the fall so we need to start getting the word out. Newsletter/projection/ newsnotes. In need of donations!

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Pastor Cheryl was approached to have John Sullivan come here to Christ Lutheran and do piano lessons. It was decided at council not at this time.

Committee Reports:

Parish Ed: Shannon – A new Parish Ed program was discussed and decided that will be implemented this fall. Next meeting is July 28th at 10:15am.

Property and Management: Brad – The heart defibrillator in the back of the church needs to be updated with new pads. The battery was just replaced. Shanna got in contact with Bridget Kupietz and she recommended we go through the ambulance service to purchase updated products for the defibrillator. They are cheaper. It was decided to continue having the heart defibrillator. Shanna will look into requirements to keep it updated.

Eventually the appliances in the parsonage need to be updated.

Bill Lockington needs to be reimbursed for the new fan he got for the parsonage. Dan White will install the fan.

Shanna brought up the idea of selling old furniture and items we don't use around the church on the Facebook Marketplace site.

Membership/Stewardship: Shanna, John, Dale – Nothing to report

Worship and Music: Tony – Nothing to report. Next meeting: August 1st at 6:00pm

Youth Committee/Milestone Ministry: Dan, Shannon – Met on June 27th. Trying to contact other pastors and hasn't had any luck. Pastor Cheryl wants to put on a musical for all the Youth in the church. Next meeting is July 25th @ 6:30pm

Executive Committee: Tony, Shanna, Connie, Dan, and Pastor - Met with Pastor Cheryl. There is nothing needing council attention.

Other Reports:

Transition Team: JoDeen – Nothing to report.

Trust Fund: Tony – Nothing to report. No meeting scheduled.

WELCA: Judy – The Quilters, Knitters, and Mary Circle all met in June and July. Nancy and JoDeen are asking the congregation to help fill backpacks for Luther World Relief. WELCA feels they can help with the Harvest dinner with help from volunteers. Main concern is the refrigeration. No meeting scheduled.

Archive Team: Connie Scharlau - Nothing to report

Constitution Team: Shanna White, Tony Myers – In review.

Next Regular Meeting Tuesday, August 6th @ 6:30pm

Devotions at next meeting: Tony Myers

July Causes of the Month: Local: The Roof Outreach: New Horizons Shelter and Outreach centers

News Article deadline about Causes of the Month for August Newsletter - July 26th

MSC to adjourn with the Lord's Prayer at 8:15 pm

Respectfully submitted, Tiffany Lambright, Christ Lutheran Church Office Administrator

Thank you!

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THANK YOU to Duane and Norma Herold for covering the full expense of the air conditioning situation. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

THANK YOU to Ron Jacoby, Bill Lockington, Tony Myers, Bob Scharlau, and Mark & Lynn Finner for clearing out the overgrown bushes at the parsonage and the work that was done to the chimney.

THANK YOU to Dave & Diane Herrmann for purchasing new office chairs for the church!

Updates & Events

Harvest Dinner - October 4th!

Hello everyone! Before we know it fall will be upon us! We have decided to do the harvest dinner this year on a Friday, October 4th. We will deliver as we have in the past along with sit down option if needed! We are in need of volunteers! Please let the church office or Shanna White know if your interested in helping or have any ideas.

Storytime Offered at Living Hope in Ettrick

On Mondays during the school year, Living Hope will be offering a story time, PIPS, Pretty Important Persons Storytime.

PIP's Storytime is for children and their caregivers to come together to hear wonderful stories, sing and play. Snack will also be provided. PIPS will provide educational opportunities for the children and time for their adult caregivers to be with other adults.

PIP's Storytime will begin on **Monday, September 9th** from 10:00am-11:00am in the Parish Center at Living Hope Lutheran Church in Ettrick (15630 East 4th Street.)

Calling All Musicians (Or Aspiring Ones)!

It is that time of year again when the singers and ringers of our congregation get together to create beautiful music. Whether you are a seasoned musician or just looking to start your music experience, we would love to have you join us!

If you are interested in joining us, please attend our first practices on Wednesday, September 11th in the church sanctuary. Bell Choir will rehearse from 5:30-6:15 and Vocal Choir from 6:15-7:00. If you have any questions, feel free to email me (Danielle Tamke) at dtamke@hotmail.com. Once again, you don't need to be an expert to join in on the fun of these two welcoming groups! You just need a good attitude and time for a weekly commitment! Please consider joining us!

Busy Bags need Updating!

Have you looked at the kids' "busy bags" lately?? They're looking pretty bedraggled. We're hoping to remedy that very soon.

We received a Thrivent grant to buy new bags as well as new contents so they will be inviting to use. We'd welcome any help you could give us such as making or finding new bags or perhaps just washing them. We'd like ideas for quiet toys, games, puzzles, etc to put in the bags.

If you are interested, please contact Mary Jo Fetsch at 608-863-5475 or maryjofetsch@gmail.com or the church office.

BOOYA TIME - October 20th!!!

BOOYA, BOOYA on October 20th. Will need help organizing as well as Booya day stuff. That is if we want to do it this year? I will have my arm in a sling due to shoulder surgery. - Todd Fetsch

Keeping in Touch

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

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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

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.

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

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

Prayer List

- Jay Wiltse
- Steve Kletzke
- Janet Abts
- Sherri Fredrickson
- Robert Henson
- Brenda Suchla
- Bill Borchert
- Katherine Pecha
- Theresa Zastrow
- Jerry, Janet, & Eric Magnuson
- Dalton Schroeder
- The Family of Clara Forsyth



Gods Work. Our Hands