

Christ Lutheran Church

April 2024

The FRIEND

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH SOMERSET, WI 54025



Women of the ELCA Synod Women's Organization of the Northwest Synod of Wisconsin

Morning of Renewal
St. Croix Valley Conference
April 20, 2024
First Lutheran Church
218 County Road K, New Richmond, WI

All My Deserts Are Rivers of Joy

Ginny will encourage us with stories of God's faithfulness to revive us in our desert seasons and situations. We will remember the Biblical heroes of our faith and be encouraged by their unexpected joy as God made a way where there didn't seem to be a way. Ginny will share her personal experience of finding hope in the hard places. Together we will reflect on God's goodness and deepen our trust in His love for us.



Isaiah 35:1-2

The desert and the parched land will be glad;
the wilderness will rejoice and blossom.
Like the crocus, it will burst into bloom;
it will rejoice greatly and shout for joy.

Speaker
Ginny Rassier

- Local friend, wife, mother and grandmother who loves Jesus.
- Grateful to have been a lifetime part of the church community.
- Involved in prayer, youth and recovery ministries.
- Loves people and conversations with friends and family.



8:30—9:00 am — Registration
9:00-11:30 am — Program
11:30 am—12:30 pm — Lunch
Registration Fee \$15 (at the door)

Grace Place will also be presenting
We will be collecting an in-kind donation of paper products: Paper Towels and Toilet Paper, please bring what you can to the event. Thank you!



AMERICAN RED CROSS



BLOOD DRIVE

Red Cross Bloodmobile

Christ Lutheran Church

510 Germain St. Somerset, WI 54025

Monday, April 29, 2024

1:00 pm - 7:00 pm

To make an appointment, visit

www.redcrossblood.org/ and enter: Somerset
or call 1-800-RedCross (1-800-733-2767)



Dear Partners in Ministry,

With Lent and Holy Week now past, we move into the 50 days of the Easter season. During this time, confirmation and children's education will come to an end, the church council will have a retreat to discuss where God is calling us as a church in the year ahead, and youth will be getting excited about summer camps and the mission trip. In addition, you will have the chance to experience an Agape Meal.

Agape Meal **Wednesday, April 17 at 6:30 p.m.**



We had planned to host the “**Agape Meal**” as part of our Maundy Thursday Service, but delayed it due to so many being gone for Spring Break. (Agape is a Greek word used in the New Testament to describe the expansive, self-giving love that God has for us. The Agape Meal is a special service of Christian fellowship that recalls the meals Jesus shared with his disciples during his ministry and expresses the koinonia (community, sharing, & fellowship) that is enjoyed by the family of Christ.

The service includes special prayers, scripture and numerous simple food items such as bread, crackers, figs, nuts and olives, as well as wine & juice that we will share together around a special table. (Note: This is more appetizer-style and not a full meal.) I hope you will join us for this special service!

RSVPs are not required, but helpful to give us an idea how much food and seating to have ready.

May the promise or the resurrection of our Lord Jesus give you renewed hope and joy this Easter season!

Blessings,

Pastor Jeff

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

The church office will be closed Monday, April 1st.

Our last night of Christ's Kids and Confirmation will be Wednesday, April 3rd at 5 pm. We will celebrate our fun year by enjoying fast food, fun, and games. Invite your friends and don't miss this great night!

Please join us for an "Agape Meal" on Wednesday, April 17 at 6:30 p.m. The Agape Meal is a special service of Christian fellowship that recalls the meals Jesus shared with his disciples during his ministry and expresses the koinonia (community, sharing, & fellowship) that is enjoyed by the family of Christ. The service includes special prayers, scripture and numerous simple food items such as bread, crackers, figs, nuts and olives, as well as wine & juice that we will share together around a special table. (Note: This is more appetizer-style and not a full meal.) I hope you will join us for this special service! RSVPs are not required, but helpful to give us an idea how much food and seating to have ready. Monetary donations are gratefully accepted to offset the cost of food.

All women are invited to the annual St. Croix Valley Conference Morning of Renewal at 8:30-12:30 pm on April 20, 2024 at First Lutheran Church, 218 County Road K, New Richmond, WI. Registration fee \$15 (at the door). We will be collecting an in-kind donation of paper products for Grace Place: please bring paper towels and toilet paper to the event. Thank you! Together we will reflect on God's goodness and deepen our trust in His love for us.

Please hold these dear friends in prayer: Robin Knutson, Tom Warren, Ross Swanson, Wyatt Schmit, Ronald Rixmann, Jeff and Carol Reed, Bill Neuman, Merle Meisner, Jan Kjellberg, Vern and Roberta Jelle, Curt Hughes, Paul H, Scott and Sue Hovet, Gary Grant, Eric Grant, Tom and June Boyer.

You are invited to the 2024 Ecofaith Summit on April 6th, 9 am - 4 pm at First Lutheran Church in Duluth, MN. Summit goals: confront the reality of the climate crisis, listen for God's call through the cries of the world, conspire for life across generations, and equip communities for action. Co-Presented by: Northeastern Minnesota Synod, St. Paul Area Synod, and Northwestern Synod of Wisconsin. Find more info and register at <https://www.ecofaithnetwork.org/ecofaith-summit-2024>

Encourage Middle School Youth Gathering on April 13th, 2024 from 8:00 am - 4:30 pm for grades 5-8. \$50 per participant. Held at Bethany Lutheran Church, 55 W Messenger Street, Rice Lake, WI. Information and registration at <https://nswi.org/synod-youth-board>

Annual Ditch Clean Up for Somerset Community Town & Village starts on April 20th and goes until May 31st. They will have a kick-off cleanup day event and picnic/BBQ afterwards. To adopt a section of road, simply pull up the map via link: [Volunteer Street Cleanup Map \(arcgis.com\)](#). There are 258 miles of village and town roads that are in need of garbage collection. Thanks for taking pride in your community and helping to revitalize it! Questions: Text JoAnn at 715-220-2784.

Christ Lutheran Church Council Minutes

Date: February 14, 2024

Attendees: Marty Morud, Sharon Swanson, Jeff Smith, Sarah Warren, Lisa Mevissen, Tricia Davis

Absent: Donnie Kern, Sharon Ammerman, Carol Hokenson, Erv Schauer, Karen Nork, Beth Hankel, Ashley Cochran, Paul Nasvik,

Devotion: Skipped

Meeting called to order: Time 4:14

Approve previous month's minutes (January 19, 2024): Motion made by Sarah Seconded by Tricia.

Motion to approve Lisa Mevissen as Secretary by Sarah, seconded by Tricia.

Motion passed unanimously. Installation of all council members this Sunday. (Chris – Please send out an email to council members)

Pastor's Report – See Pastor's report

Mini-retreat: Discussed possibility of mini-retreat.

Vice President –

Marty proposed contacting digital contacts for purposes discussed in the annual meeting. Budget was approved in the annual meeting. Need to ensure Sunday services are still being streamed online.

Discussed the possibility of a Change Task Force (Scott Wells, Marty, Paul, others)

Mara Erickson volunteered at annual meeting to get involved. Sarah will reach out to Mara. Would like to include her in Council meetings.

Motion to formally create the Change Task Force and invite members made by Tricia, seconded by Sarah. Members will be asked to join the monthly council meeting, and implement jointly with Council.

Change Task Force purpose:

- Define marketing strategies
- Define welcoming strategies
- Change management
- Growth

Motion approved unanimously.

Financial, President's and Ministry reports were skipped.

Financial Report

President's Report

Ministry Reports

- Building and Properties

- Education

- Youth

- Stewardship

- Community Life/Men in Aprons

- WELCA

- Worship

- Call Committee

New Business:

Pastor Jeff's contract goes through June 8th. Still need clarity on vacation time.

In the annual meeting the desire was shown to have more of Pastor Jeff's time. Marty and Sarah to discuss contract extension with Pastor Jeff and bring back to council. Need vacation worked out in the next week, and contract by mid March. Motion by Tricia, seconded by Sharon to make Pastor's 4 unpaid weeks of vacation converted into up to 4 paid weeks of work in the office. Motion passed unanimously.

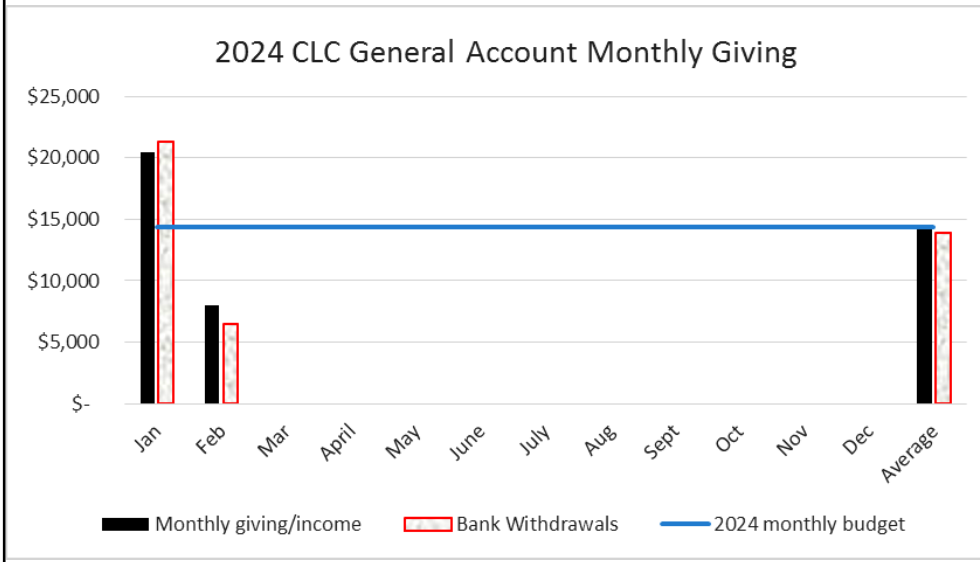
Worship committee needs to identify a lead and work on pulpit supply as Ellen has stepped down. We are covered through March.

Next Executive Meeting: As needed, and email agenda topics 1 week before next council meeting. Next Council Meeting: 3/13 4:00 PM (Google Hangout will be sent by Marty)

Adjourned: Motion to adjourn Lisa Seconded Marty Time 5:06 PM

Closed with the Lord's Prayer

Monthly Financial Report for February 2024



Monthly Budget
\$14,375

February Deposits
\$8,034.53

February Withdrawals
\$6437.65

April Birthdays

Montana Rudek	Luke Dressel
Denise Metzger	Joy Totka
Sue Meyers	Heather Mitchell
Jason Hills	David Webster
Kennedi Kjellberg	Ellen Smith
Glenn Mevissen	Lorna Justesen
Jimmy Siggins	Lukas Smith
Ron Thompson	Douglas Halberg
Mikayla Cheaney	Jenna Anderson
Marcy	Grant Nerby
Wegleitner	Emma Crotty
Dianne Bevans	Sherry Thompson
Jennifer	Joseph Waskow
Gryskiewicz	Tasia Ludwik
Adalynn Smith	Kari Madden
Jordan	Cherrie Wood
Neuberger	

We All Have Spiritual Gifts

CLC is blessed with many people in our congregation who are willing to share their spiritual gifts. We are grateful to these people who read, serve communion, usher, light candles, count the offering, live-stream the services, and serve on Altar Care setting up communion and changing paraments and banners. Special thanks to Doug Halberg, Roger Hughes, Rachel Erickson, Beth Hankel, and WELCA for their faithful assistance!

Readers Schedule

April

7	Berit Strom
14	Sharon Swanson
21	Sue Strese
28	Carol Hokenson

May

5	Sarah Warren
12	Cherrie Wood
19	Rachel Erickson
26	Sharon Ammerman

Counters Schedule

April

7	Erv and Roger
14	Joan and Sharon
21	John and Sue
28	Karen and Carol

May

5	Joan and Sharon
12	Karen and Carol
19	Carol and Joe
26	John and Sue

June

02	Erv and Roger
09	Carol and Joe
16	John and Sue
23	Joan and Sharon
30	Carol and Karen

Communion Server Schedule

April

7	Berit Strom
14	Cherrie Wood
21	Sue Strese
28	Carol Hokenson

May

5	Sarah Warren
12	Kevin Noeldner
19	Donnie Kern
26	Carol Hokenson

Altar Care Schedule

April	Ardie Wold
May	Carol Hokenson
June	Cherrie Wood

April 2024

Connection and Community

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Office Closed 9 am Quilters 7 pm Boy Scouts (Upstairs) 7 pm AA (Downstairs)	2 Spring Election 1-3 pm Cards 5:30 pm Girl Scouts	3 5 pm Last Night Celebration!	4 9:30 am Bucket Bible Study 10 am-3 pm River Valley Foot Care	5	6
7 9 am Worship 4-6 pm Girl Scouts	8 9 am Quilters 7 pm Boy Scouts (Upstairs) 7 pm AA (Downstairs)	9 1-3 pm Cards	10 4 pm Council	11 9:30 am WELCA Bible Study	12	13
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28 9 am Worship 4-6 pm Girl Scouts	29 9 am Quilters 1-7 pm Bloodmobile 7 pm Boy Scouts (Upstairs) 7 pm AA (Downstairs)	30 1-3 pm Cards				

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Somerset, Wisconsin 54025
Church Office - 715.247.3341

Sharing God's Love with Hearts and Hands

Christ Lutheran Church
SOMERSET, WISCONSIN

Established in 1896, we are a Christ-centered faith community with the heart and mind of those living in the 21st century. Our mission is to love and serve you right where you live. Everyone is welcome here!

Contacts for CLC

Church Address: PO Box 123
510 Germain Street - Somerset, WI 54025
Church Office: 715.247.3341
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Council President: Sarah Warren
Accompanist: Beth Hankel
Music Director: Rachel Erickson
Custodian: Roger Hughes
Office Manager: Chris Dubak

SUNDAY WORSHIP - 9:00 AM

Followed by coffee and fellowship

Sunday service is live-streamed on YouTube - search Christ Lutheran Somerset.

A link is posted on our Facebook page as well.



E-mail: christluthsom@somtel.net



Website: <https://somersetlutheran.com>



[CLC YouTube Channel](#)



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