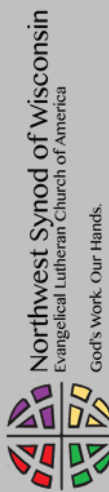


Christ Lutheran Church

January 2024

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CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH SOMERSET, WI 54025



PASTOR'S PEN

A word from the heart

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good. ~Genesis 1:1-4a

Dear Partners in Ministry,

As we move from the season of Christmas to the season of Epiphany, we remember that Christ is the light that entered a dark world. How appropriate that the shortest day of the year, when it comes to daylight, is just a few days before the date we celebrate the Lord's birth. Each day now we are now gaining a little more light as we move towards the longest day of the year for daylight on the summer solstice June 21.

Even though we've had an unusually mild winter so far, cold and snowy days are surely ahead which will have us "hunkered down" a little more than the rest of the year. But those days huddled under a blanket or next to a fire are a great chance to reflect on how you and I can be a light in the darkness for those in our community or world who are in need of an act of kindness, love, grace, or forgiveness and also those who simply need to hear the good news of the gospel (that God so loved the world, that God sent his only begotten Son so that whoever believes in him might have eternal life.) I know that Christ Lutheran has provided much light over the years and I trust we will continue to do so in the year ahead.

On a side note, I'll be taking some vacation the first couple of weeks of January, including several Sundays, so I'll look forward to seeing you when I get back just before we prepare to move into Lent!

God's peace!

Pastor Jeff

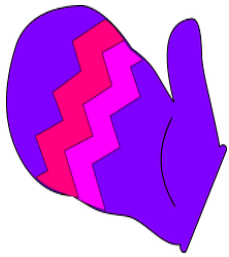


CLC Children's Program

December 17, 2023

Special thanks to Rachel Erickson, Ashley Cochran, Rori Kern, Jeff Smith and Kate Smith for their hard work and dedication!





Thank you for your Mitten Tree donations. The warm winter wear will be brought to the local schools for distribution.

Christ Lutheran Church is so blessed by our talented musicians! Our adult and children's choirs and soloists add beautiful music throughout the year. Special thanks to our choir director Rachel Erickson and organist Beth Hankel, who provide the musical inspiration for all of our services. We are so grateful for your wonderful contributions to our church!

Love Baskets Collection was a success! The Community Life Team has gathered and delivered the gifts. Thank you for helping two families in our community! You have brought many smiles and great Christmas memories to children. Without your help, they may not have had Christmas this year.

Sympathy to David Webster and family on the loss of his loved one.

Condolences to Sandy Johnson and family on the loss of Sandy's beloved mother.

Prayers go out to the Chris Dubak and family on the passing of Chris' mother Patti Ritter on December 8th, 2023. Patti's Celebration of Life will be held on January 26th, 4-7 pm at Joseph's Grill in St. Paul.

Feed My Starving Children

Service learning project is scheduled for January 24th and anyone age 5+ is welcome to join. We will meet at church @ 3:30 pm, then will drive to the Eagan packing location. We will return to Somerset at approximately 7:15 pm. Watch for the sign-up sheet.

Wi-Fi furnace thermostats have been installed throughout the church. Please contact the church office if adjustments need to be made to the heating and cooling schedule.

Huge thanks to the Rudek Family for their generous donation of these energy-efficient stats. Also thanks to Joe Dubak for installing and setting up the thermostats. Having wireless controls for the heating and cooling will increase comfort and decrease our energy bills!

Christ Lutheran Church Council Minutes

Date: November 14, 2023

Attendees: Marty Morud, Tricia Davis, Ashley Cochran, Beth Hankel and Paul Nasvik
Absent: Sharon Ammerman, Ellen Smith, Sharon Swanson, Jeff Smith, and Erv Schauer

Meeting called to order: Time 5:55 pm

Approve previous month's minutes: Motion made by Marty. Seconded by Tricia.

Pastor's Report:

Ongoing stewardship campaign work.

Start working with finance and committee chairs on 2024 mission spending plan.

Preparing for Advent & Christmas.

Financial Report:

General Fund deposits \$10,015 and withdrawals were \$9,760.

Designated Fund deposits \$944 and withdrawals were \$1199.

Ministry Reports:

Building and Properties

No Report

Education

Adult education - nothing new to report.

Children's education - started practicing for our Christmas Program.

Youth

They had a meeting and are trying to decide what to do for the summer trip.

They are interested in broomball nights.

Middle School programming is of interest with the group also.

Stewardship

Stewardship appeal mailings have been sent out and we encourage everyone to turn in their pledge cards.

Tricia is keeping the computer updated.

Community Life/Men in Aprons

Trunk or Treat served approximately 200 people.

Love Basket sign-up is out.

Collecting food for the Food Shelf.

This weekend is crafter's weekend.

WELCA

The Ham Dinner served about 130 people, raising about \$1800. Thank you to all the volunteers who brought in food and/or worked, and those who made a cash donation.

Worship

No Report

Call Committee

No Report

New Business:

Consider a new contract to Pastor Jeff that would extend his stay; we would like to have this ironed out prior to February's Annual Meeting.

Discussed advertising the church for rental.

Next Executive Meeting: As Needed. Next Council Meeting: December 12th at 5:30pm.

Adjourned: Motion to adjourn Tricia. Seconded Marty. Time 6:29 pm.

Closed with the Lord's Prayer

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

We hope you are blessed with peace, love and joy in this New Year!

Join us for Dinner Church and Education on January 3rd, when the Community Life Committee will be treating us to tacos!

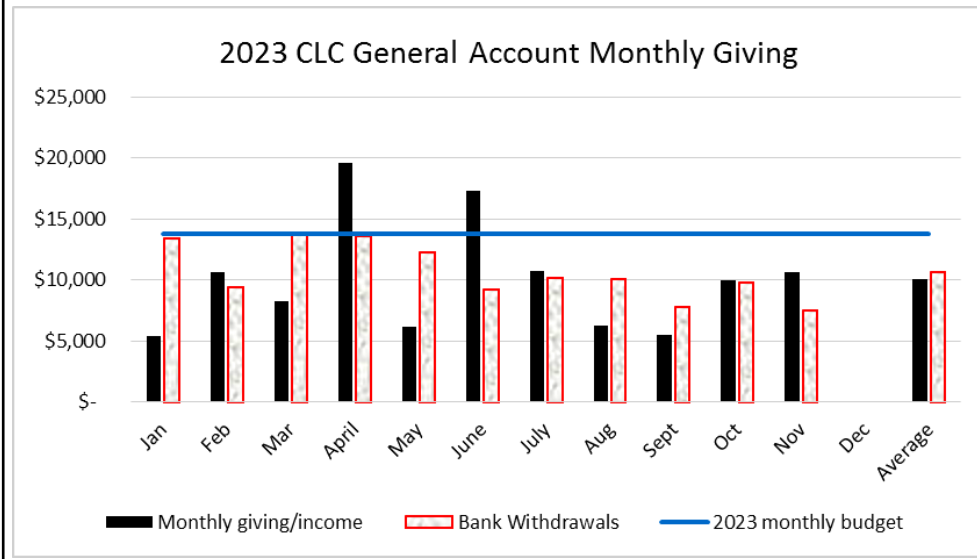
Please hold these dear friends in prayer: Sharon Becker, Tom and June Boyer, Eric Grant, Gary Grant, Paul H, Adam Hedlund, Scott and Sue Hovet, Curt Hughes, Vern and Roberta Jelle, Jan Kjellberg, Merle Meisner, Linda Myers, Bill Neuman, Jeff and Carol Reed, Ronald Rixmann, Wyatt Schmit, Ross Swanson,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

In case of inclement weather on a Sunday morning- a decision to cancel services will be made by the pastor and Council president by 7:30 am.

In case of inclement weather on a Wednesday – if school is cancelled, all Wednesday church activities will also be cancelled. This includes all education classes and Dinner Church. Closings will be announced via Facebook and our web site.

**The church office hours are changing!
Effective January 2nd, the office hours will be
Monday through Thursday, 11 am-4 pm.**

Monthly Financial Report for November 2023



Monthly Budget
\$13,814

November Deposits
\$10,681

November Withdrawals
\$7,521

January Birthdays

Margaret Hughes	Cody Kjellberg
Liana Kulibert	Sharon Rixmann
Jacob Determann	Kade Madden
Rocky Larson	Rori Kern
Ethan Smith	Janice Kjellberg
Sawyer Fox	Paytton Mattren
Andrew Iverson	Denise Siggins
Brooks Iverson	Hallie Rudek
Kate Smith	Darren Halstead
Beth Hankel	Chris Westphal
Briella Nichols	Gary Hokenson
Hayden Halstead	Chuck Koller
Pauline Klatt	Tyler
Michael Ray	Hantsbarger
Haley Bassett	
Adam Galloway	

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

January 2024

7 Donnie Kern
14 Lisa Mevissen
21 Kevin Noeldner
28 Sue Strese

February

4 Cherrie Wood
11 Sarah Warren
18 Sharon Ammerman
25 Tricia Davis

Counters Schedule

January 2024

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

February

4 Erv and Roger
11 Joan and Sharon
18 Karen and Joe
25 John and Sue

March

3 Erv and Roger
10 Sharon and Joe
17 John and Sue
24 Karen and Sharon
31 John and Sue

Communion Server Schedule

January 2024

7 Donnie Kern
14 Lisa Mevissen
21 Kevin Noeldner
28 Sue Strese

February

4 Cherrie Wood
11 Sarah Warren
18 Berit Strom
25 Tricia Davis

Altar Care Schedule

January Karen Nork
February Ellen & Wendy Smith
March Sue Strese

January 2024

Connection and Community

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Office Closed	2 1-3 cards 5:30 pm Girl Scouts	3 5-7 pm Dinner Church and Education	4 9:30 am Bucket Bible Study 10 am-3 pm River Valley Foot Care	5	6
7 9 am Worship w/ Pr. Jon Becker 12-5 pm Crowning Achievements 4-6 pm Girl Scouts	8 9 am Quilters 7 pm Boy Scouts (Upstairs) 7 pm AA (Downstairs)	9 1-3 pm Cards	10 5-7 pm Dinner Church and Education	11 9:30 am WELCA Bible Study	12	13
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21 9 am Worship w/ Message from Amy Wells 4-6 pm Girl Scouts	22 9 am Quilters 7 pm Boy Scouts (Upstairs) 7 pm AA (Downstairs)	23 1-3 pm Cards	24 NO Dinner Church or Education Feed My Starving Children, meet at 3:30 - 7:15 pm	25 9:30 am Bucket Bible Study	26	27
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Office Hours: Mon-Thurs: 11 am - 4 pm

Pastor Jeff Smith: clcsomersetpastor@gmail.com

Council President: Vacant

Accompanist: Beth Hankel

Music Director: Rachel Erickson

Custodian: Roger Hughes

Office Manager: Chris Dubak

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!

SUNDAY WORSHIP - 9:00 AM

Sunday service is live-streamed on YouTube - search Christ Lutheran Somerset. A link is posted on our Facebook page as well.

WEDNESDAY ACTIVITIES - 5:00-7:00 PM

5:00 pm - Meal

5:30 pm - Casual Worship

6:00 pm - Confirmation, Children's Choir and Education, Faith Connections (A new ministry for adults!)



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