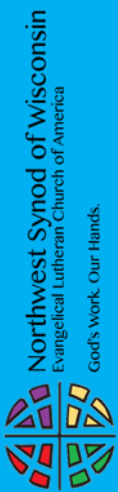


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The FRIEND

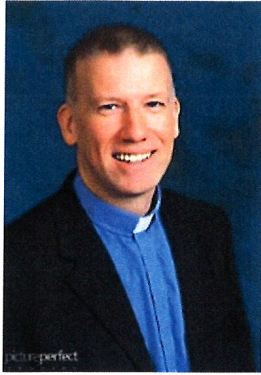


CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH SOMERSET, WI 54025



Blessing of the Quilts

Christ Lutheran Church's Quilters have been hard at work! They have created over 60 original works of art to be distributed to those in need or as a celebration or comfort. Pastor Jeff and the congregation blessed these quilts during worship service on May 12th. We are grateful to have so many talented and caring individuals in our midst!



Faith Reflections

by Pastor Jeff Smith

“Garden Reflections”

Dear Partners in Ministry,

One activity I mostly enjoy in the summer is tending to the perennial and vegetable gardens on my family’s property. I say mostly because sometimes the weeding and mulching can take more time than I have to give. But I do think gardening can be a sort of devotional practice as well.

When we garden, we remember that the weeds and toil of it are a result of the original sin described in the book of Genesis. We also can think of those weeds as metaphors for the areas of our lives that need to be yanked out, roots and all, to make room for growth of “plants” that are more desirable and beneficial to us.

When we garden, we remember the parables of Jesus, including about the seed that fell on good soil, versus on rocky or poor soil.

When we garden, we can slow down from our otherwise busy lives, and literally stop to smell the roses and other fragrant smells God created for us.

When we garden, sometimes we try to bring a bit of order out of chaos, much like I believe God does in our own lives when we stop to be in God’s presence and spend time in prayer with our Lord.

When we garden, as we harvest the fruits of our labor, such as strawberries or raspberries, we are reminded of the fruits of the Spirit which are love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.

Finally, when we garden, we can remember that God created us from the dust beneath our feet, and since we shall return to that same ground, we ought to use a good portion of our time on this earth loving God and our neighbors out of thanks for this precious life that God gave us and the eternal life that Jesus makes possible for us. May God bless you this summer abundantly!

~Pastor Jeff

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

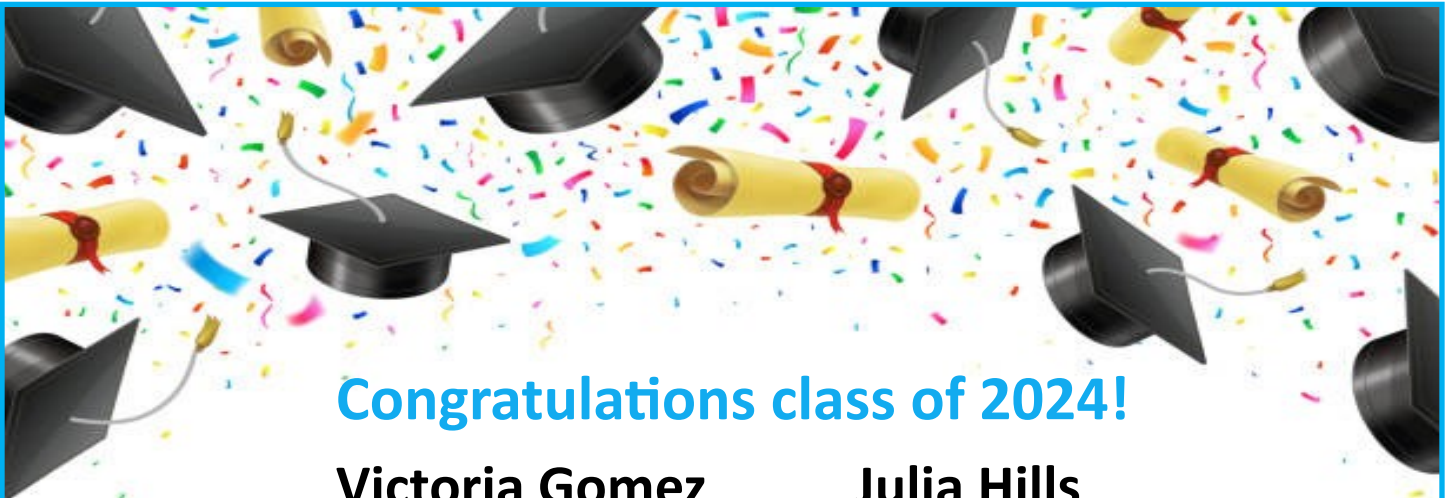
The church office will be closed on Thursday, June 6th so that Chris may attend the Synod Women's retreat.

Thank you Somerset High School students for your help! We had help in our garden, the pews were polished, and the shed got a fresh coat of paint. Along with others from our congregation, we were able to get a bunch of spring projects checked off our to-do list!

Let's celebrate our graduates! Graduate recognition Sunday is June 16th at 9am, with an additional brief service on Wednesday, June 19th at 6 pm. We want to make sure all graduates are honored and celebrated!

The Pea Soup Days parade is June 8th. Sign up in the Narthex if you can join us. We are collecting wrapped, non-melting candy and trinkets for the parade. We are looking forward to another great day connecting with our community!

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



Congratulations class of 2024!

Victoria Gomez

Julia Hills

Aiden Johnson

Rori Kern

Ellie Kjellberg

Morgan Kjellberg

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Montana Rudek

Payton Westphal

**JOIN US IN HONORING THESE GRADUATES ON
JUNE 16TH AT 9 AM AND JUNE 19TH AT 6 PM.**



My name is Ashley Cochran and I am currently the lead of the Children's Education ministry team. I have been actively involved with this ministry team since 2014 helping in the classroom with my children. My son is now a proud confirmand and my daughter will be affirming her baptism this coming fall!

Christ's Kids, as we call our Wednesday evening Christian education classes, was created to offer families an alternative to Sunday school. Many families struggle with committing to a Sunday morning program but still want to find a time to worship and study the bible. My family originally joined Christ Lutheran Church because of this alternative schedule and I am still loving it 10 years later! We have dinner church prior to classes, so families can have a hot meal to bring their children to after a full day of school and activities.

We've worked really hard to make Wednesdays as easy and enjoyable as possible - because I am one of those parents that is tired of the hustle and bustle everyday life brings. It's such a relief to know that Wednesday evenings I can eat a hot meal, worship with my friends and neighbors, and know that there is a church community surrounding and supporting my family.

Thanks to **YOUR** generosity, we have been busy “Sharing God’s Love with Hearts and Hands” throughout Somerset.

To date, we have distributed \$750 dollars in the form of grocery and gas cards and made a donation to the schools earmarked for music. Most recently, we donated \$200 to the Somerset Community Food Pantry, as well as planning to hand out DQ and Pizza Planet gift cards at the Pea Soup Days parade. Big thanks for all of your donations! What a fun way to spread the good word in our community!



Fresh Expressions Summit

Have you ever wondered how you can reach new people in new places in new ways with the life changing message of God's love? Join Rev. Diane House and Bryan Willkom from Jesusfit in learning about and experimenting with many Fresh Expressions of Church. Please RSVP for lunch.

June 19, 2024 | 9 AM - 2 PM
Luther Park Bible Camp

For More Information and to RSVP :
<https://nswi.org/congregational-vitality/fresh-expressions>

Northwest Synod of Wisconsin
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

Bible study and crafters are taking a break over the summer. CLC quilters continue to meet every Monday 9-12 pm for quilting and potluck lunch. Card players meet every Tuesday 1-3 pm. Everyone is welcome to join. Happy Summer!

Christ Lutheran Church Council Agenda 4:00 p.m., April 10, 2024

The Mission of Christ Lutheran Church is:

Sharing God's Love with Hearts and Hands

4:05 **CALL TO ORDER** – Sarah Warren

Present: Lisa Mevissen, Martin Morud, Pastor Jeff, Sarah Warren, Sharon Ammerman, Ashley Cochran, Paul Nasvik, Beth Hankel

Not Present: Donnie Kern, Carol Hokenson, Tricia Davis

4:05 **READING OF THE MISSION STATEMENT** – All

4:05-4:13 **DWELLING IN THE WORD & OPENING PRAYER** – (Ashley) Psalm 90 1-12
May Leader: Lisa

4:13 – 4:14 **APPROVAL OF APRIL 10 AGENDA & MARCH 6 MINUTES** - Ashley made motion to approve minutes, Lisa Seconded. Approved. Ashley made motion to approve Agenda, Lisa seconded. Approved.

4:14-4:21 **Pastor's Report** (early since Jeff leaving early for a Confirmation Banquet) – Sent in separate email. Sharon made motion to approve education fund used for bible camp. Lisa seconded. Approved. Ask Chris to send out a reminder email on the Agape meal and to RSVP so we can get a head count.

NEW BUSINESS:

4:24-4:29 **ACTION ITEM:** Set location & lunch plan. Location is at Christ Lutheran Church in conference room. Lunch will be ordered in. Will decide on that day where to order from.

4:29-4:33 Endowment Request for Somerset Food Pantry in the amount of \$500.

ACTION ITEM: Approve (if requires council approval) - Ashley made motion to approve, Sharon Seconded. Approved.

UNFINISHED/OLD BUSINESS:

4:33–4:35 Creating a Welcoming Environment for Visitors (Sarah & Jeff)

ACTION ITEM: (To be continued at retreat. Last month's action item was to move treat location starting after Easter – Need volunteers to help with this). Would like to see the return of a greeter.

4:35-4:44 Marketing/SEO/Website

ACTION ITEM: Discuss & Approve/Deny Proposal from Adam Johnston – Marty made a motion to approve SEO proposal/funding. Discussion ensued. Seconded by Sarah. Approved

4:44-5:03 Change Task Force: Next step of inviting members to join (Marty & Paul?)

ACTION ITEM: Decide who are we inviting and who is doing the inviting. First step was to get the marketing campaign going (above). Need to make sure we are ready to receive new individuals as a result of the marketing campaign. We will table Change Task Force until the April retreat.

5:03-5:10 **REPORTS: (If Time!)**

- Finance/Treasurer's (Approve)
 - March: General Fund: \$4618-Deposits, \$11,763-Withdrawals. Ending balance \$2,130.00
 - April – Put request in for \$10K for transfer from Endowment to General Fund.
 - Sharon made motion to approve Treasurers report. Sarah seconded. Approved.
- Pastor's (Accept) - reviewed
- No President's Report (Accept)
- No Building & Property (Accept)
- Worship (No Meeting)
- Education (No Meeting) - Children's is done until September. Thursday Bible study is meeting through April. Wednesday Bible study will start up in September again.
- Youth (No Meeting) - Still working on trying to find a mission trip.
- WELCA - Will wait to bless next set of quilts until Sharon Swanson is recovered from her upcoming surgery.
- Stewardship (No Meeting)
- Endowment
- Call Committee (No Meeting)

Next Meeting, April 21, 10 AM – Council Retreat

Next Meeting, May 8, 4 PM – Council Meeting

Ashley Motion to adjourn at 5:14. Marty seconded. Approved.

LORD'S PRAYER & ADJOURNMENT – Sarah Warren

Christ Lutheran Church Council Retreat Agenda April 21, 2024

Present: Ashley, Sharon A., Sharon S., Sarah, Pastor Jeff, Paul, Donnie, Beth, Lisa

Devotions

Team Building: Survival Simulation Game

Creating a Welcoming Environment: Part 2

- Try to sit with different people during worship or fellowship.
- Take out the 4 back rows of pews.
- We need to re-instate the greeter at the door before service. Donnie shared an example of an individual that came here recently for the first time, and shared her thoughts.
 - o Lisa sent out an email to the reader/communion list to see if people would be willing to add greeter in on their assigned Sunday. Pastor Jeff will write up a cheat sheet.
- Why do we not have more youth attending our church?
- Should we make a list of strategic contacts (i.e business, apartment owners)
- Put cards in pews for visitors to let us know there were here, if they have prayer requests, contact info, etc. Need to make sure if we do this we have a plan for follow-up.

Lunch

Team Building

Who do you admire, Why?

What's your favorite charity? Why?

New Ministry Ideas: In & For the community

- Graduates – Go to them with blanket, etc. since we do not have much success with them coming to Graduation Sunday.
- Meals for First Responders
- Community Garden
- Youth Community Center
- Splash Pad (too much liability)
- VBS
- Dog wash
- Partner with another community group for a shared goal
- Looking at focus groups (i.e. latino community in Somerset)
- Boy/Girl Scouts – Ideas on what they could help us with (i.e. first responders breakfast)
- HS Volunteer day – Chris sending list of what CLC needs help with

Ministry Pruning – Not discussed

A “Change” task force or B. CLC logo & brand standards

- Discussed meeting with Trinity in Stillwater. Sarah to call this week to see what they can offer and bring back to the next council meeting.
- Logo colors will be Blue and White. Pastor to work with Chris to finalize the design.

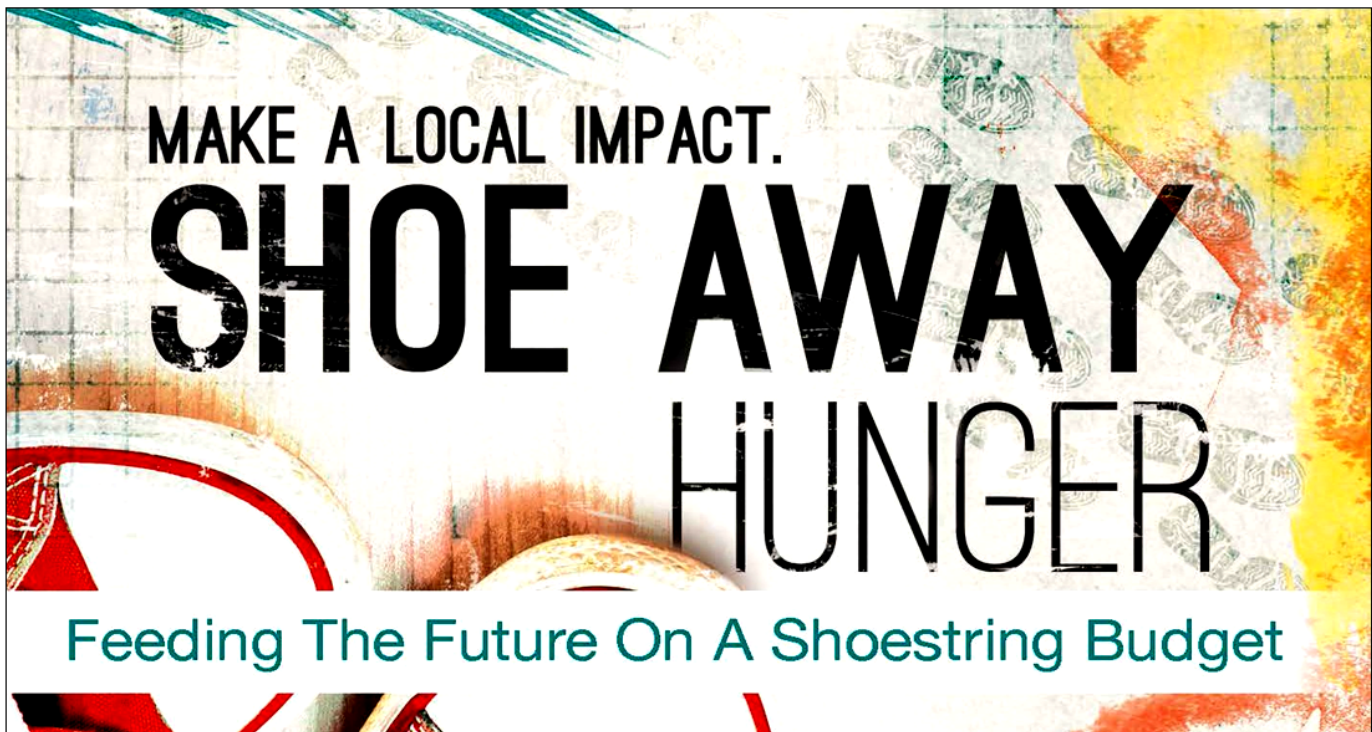
Cleaning out your closets? Do you have shoes that you no longer need? Drop them off at **Christ Lutheran Church to support the **Shoe Away Hunger** program!**

It is very helpful if you tie pairs together. We can even recycle your worn shoes!

Collection will take place June - September.

A cart is located outside the front door of the church for convenient drop-off anytime!

Big thanks to Olson Sanitation for the support!!



Shoe Away Hunger offers affordable quality footwear to those in need. In addition, this amazing program offers a simple and meaningful way to eliminate local hunger "one sole at a time".

2020 = 595 pairs

2021 = 1184 pairs

2022 = 1151 pairs

2023 = 903 pairs

Help us reach our goal of 1500 pairs in 2024!!

<http://goodinthehood.org/our-programs/shoe-away-hunger/>

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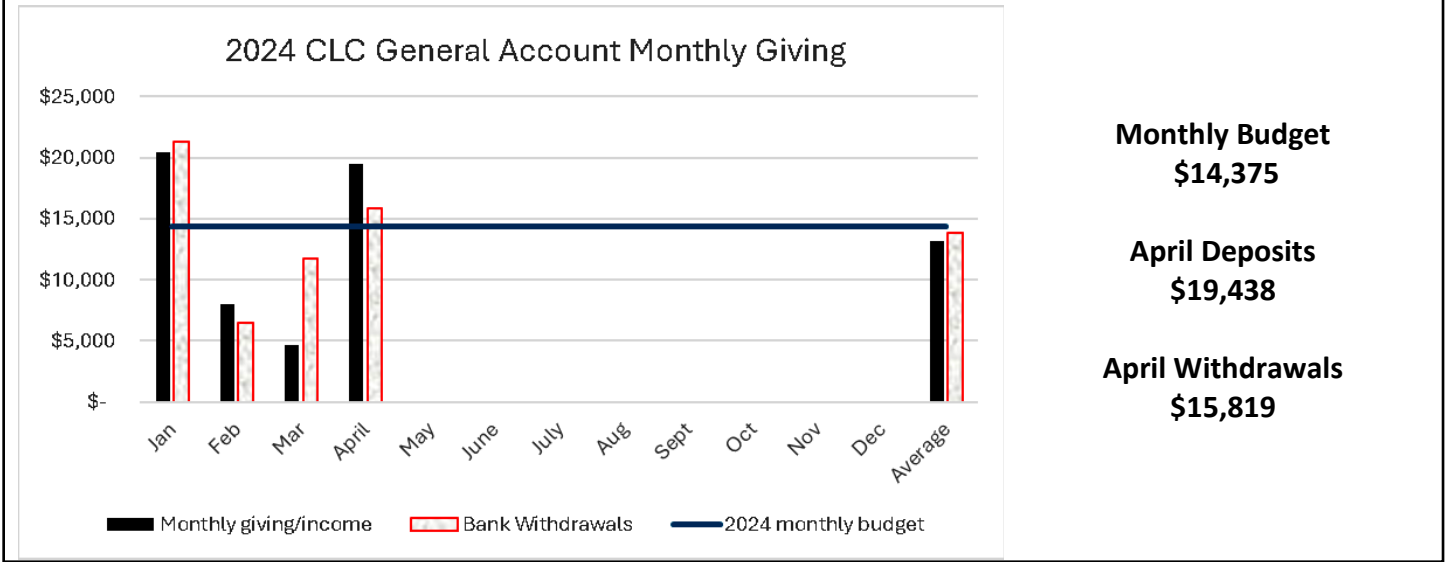
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Monthly Financial Report for April 2024



Monthly Budget
\$14,375

April Deposits
\$19,438

April Withdrawals
\$15,819

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| <p>Cora Atkins Cody Anderson Mackenzie Erickson Martin Morud Berklee Gryskiewicz Sue Strese Mara Erickson Hannah Erickson Julia Warren Ken Halberg Wade Erickson</p> | <p><u>June Birthdays</u></p> <p>Theodore Justesen Jessica Linkletter Stephen Peterson Kathy Atkins Piper Nerby Max Kiekhoefer Ruth Halverson LaRae Schauer Pamela Bursch</p> | <p>Pat Harrington Lisa Waskow Adam Larse Jason Crotty Nicholas Ludwik Sandra Nichols Matt Hankel Berit Strom Daniel Bassett Vincent Morud</p> |
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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!

| Month | Altar Care | Reader | Communion Assistant | Greeter | Counters |
|---------------|----------------|-----------------|---------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| June | Cherrie Wood | | | | |
| 2 | | Berit Strom | Berit Strom | Berit Strom | Erv and Roger |
| 9 | | Sharon Swanson | Cherrie Wood | Cherrie Wood | Carol and Joe |
| 16 | | Lisa Mevissen | Lisa Mevissen | Lisa Mevissen | John and Sue |
| 23 | | Beth Hankel | Sue Strese | Sue Strese | Joan and Sharon |
| 30 | | Carol Hokenson | Carol Hokenson | Carol Hokenson | Carol and Karen |
| July | Sue Strese | | | | |
| 7 | | Donnie Kern | Donnie Kern | Donnie Kern | Erv and Roger |
| 14 | | Kevin Noeldner | Kevin Noeldner | Kevin Noeldner | John and Sue |
| 21 | | Sue Strese | Sue Strese | Sue Strese | Sharon and Joan |
| 28 | | Cherrie Wood | Cherrie Wood | Cherrie Wood | Karen and Joe |
| August | Carol Hokenson | | | | |
| 4 | | Rachel Erickson | Lisa Mevissen | Lisa Mevissen | Erv and Roger |
| 11 | | Sharon Ammerman | Kevin Noeldner | Sharon Ammerman | John and Sue |
| 18 | | Carol Hokenson | Carol Hokenson | Carol Hokenson | Sharon and Joan |
| 25 | | Berit Strom | Berit Strom | Berit Strom | Carol and Karen |

June 2024

Connection and Community

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 2 9 am Worship 4-6 pm Girl Scouts | 3 9 am Quilting 7 pm Boy Scouts (Upstairs) 7 pm AA (Downstairs) | 4 1-3 pm Cards 5:30 pm Girl Scouts | 5 WELCA Women's Retreat | 6 Office Closed WELCA Women's Retreat 10 am-3 pm River Valley Foot Care | 7 Synod Assembly | 8 Synod Assembly Pea Soup Days Parade! |
| 9 9 am Worship 4-6 pm Girl Scouts | 10 9 am Quilting 7 pm Boy Scouts (Upstairs) 7 pm AA (Downstairs) | 11 1-3 pm Cards | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 |
| 16 9 am Worship Graduate Recognition 4-6 pm Girl Scouts  | 17 9 am Quilting 7 pm Boy Scouts (Upstairs) 7 pm AA (Downstairs) | 18 1-3 pm Cards 5:30 pm Girl Scouts | 19 4 pm Council 6 pm Graduate Recognition | 20 10 am-3 pm River Valley Foot Care | 21 | 22 |
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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!

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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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