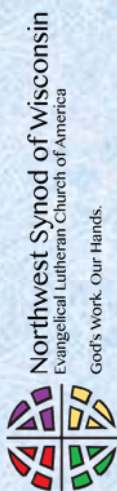


Christ Lutheran Church

September 2024

The FRIEND



CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH SOMERSET, WI 54025

RALLY SUNDAY

September 15th, 2024

***Please note: beginning September 15th our new worship time is 10 am!**

Join us as we celebrate the start of another year of fun, food, and fellowship as we grow in our faith together!

After service, we will be counting and tying up our Shoe Away Hunger collection.

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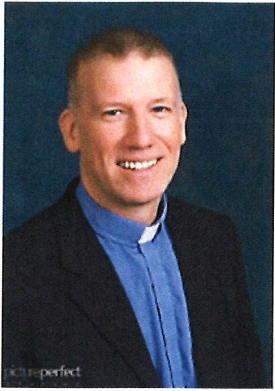
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Faith Reflections

by Pastor Jeff Smith

“A Challenge”

Dear Partners in Ministry,

How are you? I hope your summer has gone well, and if it has not, I pray that you are finding peace and comfort through your faith in Christ.

Summer is now coming to a close, which means it's almost time for the traditional “Rally Sunday” at church. Twenty or thirty years ago, Rally Sunday was the day everyone returned from their cabins, campsites, or family vacations and jumped back into regular worship and education opportunities at church. Those days are mostly over. As I look at the congregation on Sunday mornings, it's mostly the same people as during the rest of the year. That said, Wednesdays will kick off soon as well, which will include many faces we haven't seen since last April.

Which brings me to my challenge. Since I've been your bridge pastor, aside from Christmas and Easter or maybe a baptism, the attendance on Sunday has rarely gone above 40-45 people. Most Sundays attendance is in the 20s or 30s.

**So what if we all actually try to “rally” at Christ Lutheran
on September 15 at 10 am?**

Whether you normally worship with us only on Wednesdays or just a few times a year on Sunday, if you are in town, please join us for worship for a church family reunion of sorts? I'd love to see **at least 60** of you in worship that day! It promises to be a great day of worship with special music from Memorial Dixieland Jazz Band, fellowship and service to others. Come be a part of this festive day! So clear your calendar, set your alarm, invite your friends and neighbors, and join us for worship September 15 at our NEW 10 am service!

Blessings,

~Pastor Jeff



HEY 6-12th GRADERS! JOIN US FOR MONTHLY YOUTH ACTIVITIES THIS YEAR!

Are you or your child/grandchild in Grades 6-12? This year Pastor Jeff and other adults will be leading a variety of fun activities and we'd love to have you there! Most events will be either the first or second Wednesday of the month at 6 pm, with some exceptions. Come early for Dinner Church from 5-6 pm too!

Here's the plan so far!

| | | |
|---------|-----------|---|
| Sep. 11 | 6-7 pm | Gaga & Campfire (Indoor games if weather is bad) |
| Oct. 2 | 4-7:30 pm | Feed My Starving Children (5-6:30 pm shift) |
| Nov. 6 | 6-7 pm | *Folk Dancing* |
| Dec. 4 | 6-7 pm | Christmas Party |
| Jan. 8 | 6-9:30 pm | Feed My Starving Children (7-8:30 pm shift) |
| Feb. 5 | 6-7 pm | Three Step (Dodgeball Game) |
| Mar. 5 | TBD | Cards & Board Game Night |
| Apr. 2 | TBD | Mystery Fun Night |
| May 7 | 6-7 pm | Yard Games & Campfire |

** (Thousands of skeptical youth have tried, and fallen in love with this activity!
It's WAY less awkward than a middle-school dance!)*

Levi David Nichols was baptized at CLC by Pastor Jeff Smith on 7.7.24. Parents are Gregory and Brittany Nichols. Sponsors are Kevin and Mercedes Nichols.



Emmett Lee Nichols was baptized at CLC by Pastor Jeff Smith on 8.25.24. Parents are Kevin and Mercedes Nichols. Sponsors are Gregory and Brittany Nichols.

Church Council Minutes

June 19, 2024

Christ Lutheran Church Council Agenda 4:00 p.m., June 19, 2024

The Mission of Christ Lutheran Church is:
Sharing God's Love with Hearts and Hands

- 4:00 **CALL TO ORDER** – Sarah Warren
Present: Sarah Warren, Lisa Meissen, Carol Hokenson, Sharon Ammerman, Ashley Cochran, Marty Morud, Beth Hankel, Paul Nasvik, Pastor Jeff, Sharon Swanson
- 4:01 **READING OF THE MISSION STATEMENT** – All
- 4:02-4:10 **DWELLING IN THE WORD & OPENING PRAYER** – (Sarah) - 7/31/2024 Leader: Sharon Ammerman
- 4:10 **APPROVAL OF JUNE 19 AGENDA & MAY 8 MINUTES** - Motion to approve all by Sharon A., Seconded by Sarah. Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

4:13-4:30 New Resident Postal Marketing (All, email via Chris D.) – Like the idea and concept, but would like to explore if we can get the list of addresses, and send a card ourselves. We could focus on just the Somerset area. Chris replied back with the cost if we get the addresses and supply the cards, etc.

ACTION ITEM: Motion to try the service (new neighbor list) for 2 months at .32 a label. One-time enrollment fee and shipping fee by Ashley, Seconded by Sharon S. Somerset, Star Prairie and Houghton. Motion passed. Chris to pursue.

4:30-4:40 Mission Trip Update (Paul) – 6 participants for 7/15 – 7/19 to Souix Falls, SD. Paul reached out to Habit for Humanity for an effort. Paul will not be able to attend. Jake Hughes will be leading. Also scheduling for concert help on 7/8, and 2 more in September.

4:40-4:50 “Rally” Sunday Plan
ACTION ITEM: Set a date and general plan. Per Tricia, this is the Sunday we will tie and count the shoes from Shoe Away Hunger Campaign. Date will be Sunday, September 15th. Potluck will be served. We will have a sign-up sheet. Beth to ask Rachael if the Dixieland Band is available. Rachael asked the band to reserve the date.

Service Project: We would like to do project 363 and make sandwiches sometime this year, but not during Rally Sunday. Will need a board for signup for the sandwich making materials. Will need to get a list of suggested amounts. Ashley will look back on her emails for info.

UNFINISHED/OLD BUSINESS:

4:50-4:55 Trinity – Sarah reached out to Paster Chris. We need to set a date & participants (Sarah, Marty, Beth, Donny, Paul is interested in participating). Marty to text and get a meeting setup. Establish a date/time with our team first and then setup the meeting.

4:55-5:24 **REPORTS: (If Time!)**

Finance/Treasurer's (Approve) – General Fund: Deposits May \$6,335. Withdrawal \$8,287. Ending balance \$3,799.
Quickbooks expired. Beth bought new Quickbooks Online license. Request was put in for \$20K from the endowment fund to General fund.

Pastor's (Accept) – sent via separate email

President's Report (Accept)

Building & Property (Accept)

Need to put up a new sign at the other parking lot entrance by the baseball field.

Worship (No Meeting) Date set for 7/9.

Education (No Meeting) Pastor Jeff suggests we meet before September

Youth (Accept)

WELCA (Accept)

Stewardship (No Meeting) Pastor Jeff suggests we should meet before September

Endowment (No Meeting)

Call Committee (No Meeting) Pastor Jeff asked Rev. Randy Olson for an update. Randy said there is no change in pastor availability.

Next Meeting: July 31, 2024 (combined July/August meeting). Marty to remove his reminder for July, and Chris to send out a new meeting reminder for 7/31.

LORD'S PRAYER & ADJOURNMENT – Pastor Jeff. Sarah Warren motion to adjourn, Seconded by Lisa. Motion passed.
5:24 PM.

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

The church office will be closed September 2nd for Labor Day.

Youth in grades 6-12 are invited for an evening of gaga ball and campfire! September 11th, from 6-7 pm.

Thursday morning bible study resumes September 12, now at 10 am!

Get creative with the CLC Crafters! September 13th and 14th. ALL crafters welcome! Come set up at 9:00 a.m. on Friday and stay as long as you like. Leave your supplies and equipment in the space, and come back on Saturday at 9:00 a.m. and craft to your hearts content! There will be plenty of space to spread out...INVITE ALL YOUR CRAFTING FRIENDS!

Welcome to Acoustic Storytime Hosted by Jason Gray! Join us at First Lutheran Church on September 13 for an intimate evening of music and storytelling. Jason Gray and guests will serenade you with their soulful acoustic tunes while sharing the stories behind the songs. It's a night filled with heartfelt lyrics and personal anecdotes that will leave you feeling inspired. Don't miss out on this unique event that promises to touch your heart and lift your spirits. Grab your friends and come enjoy a cozy night of acoustic bliss! No tickets will be available at the door. Here is the ticket link:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/acoustic-storytime-hosted-by-jason-gray-tickets-925451138267>.

Beginning Rally Sunday, September 15th, we will be changing our worship start time to 10 am. We hope this change will attract and encourage more participation from young families. This experiment will last until the end of October. Please reach out and let us know what you think!

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Our Wednesday evening activities return September 18th at 5-7 pm with education registration and dinner church. This year will feature additional youth group activities. We are so excited to be back together during the week!

Our Shoe Away Hunger collection is ending. Don't forget to clean out your closets! We will be tying and counting our collection on Rally Sunday, September 15th. Mark your calendars!

We Do Feet is holding an open house on Saturday, September 21st, 1-4 pm. 614 Badlands Rd, Hudson 715-781-0622 trinityhudson.org. Trinity's outreach ministry was founded with a mission to provide basic household items to anyone in need, especially those desiring to make a fresh start in life. Since the 1990's, We Do Feet has made a large impact in the St. Croix Valley, now serving hundreds of households annually.

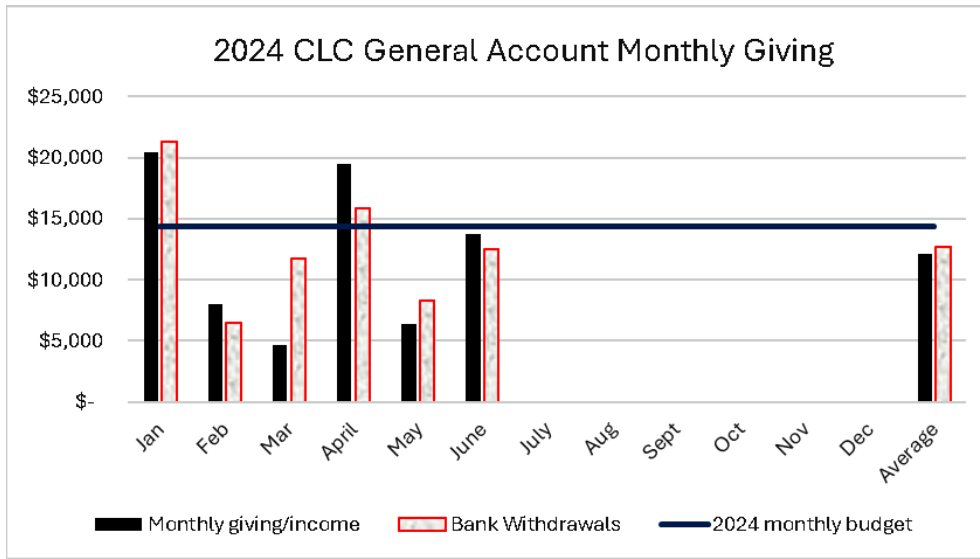
Donations needed: Beds, dressers, sheets, mattresses & box springs (must be in good, clean shape) Household items-dishes, silverware, pots & pans, bowls & small appliances. Volunteers needed: Weekly shifts are Tuesday evenings from 5-7 pm and Saturday mornings from 9 am – noon.

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

Harvest Festival at Holy Trinity Orthodox Church, 523 1st Street, Clayton, WI, htoc@amerytel.net, www.htocclayton.org, 715 948-2203. Sunday, September 15, 2024. Featuring a full meal, bazaar, bake sale, raffle & children's games. Prices: Ages 12 & up: \$15, Ages 5-11: \$8, Ages 4 & Under: Free. Cash/check only.

2024 Synodical Women's Organization Convention: Caring for God's creation. September 27– 28, 2024 at Spirit Lutheran Church, 1310 Main St, Eau Claire. COST: \$30. See church office for more information and registration form. Questions? Phyllis Beastrom, Convention Chair 715-821-5847 beastrom@redwing.net. REGISTRATION IS DUE SEPTEMBER 18TH!

Monthly Financial Report for June 2024



Monthly Budget
\$14,375

June Deposits
\$13,778

June Withdrawals
\$12,498

September Birthdays

Ervin Schauer
Logan Parnell
Erin Larse
Keenan Strom
Caitlyn Cheaney
Bethanie Mangine
Holton Mattren
Lili Peterson
Brant Jackson
Jacob Crotty
Marcia Johnson
Michael Wedig

Waylin Waskow
Lorelei Cochran
Cory Larse
Sandra Johnson
Holly Germain
Daniel Backes
Jason Erickson
Joe Hutter
Brittany Jackson
Brooke Mitchell
Jamie Hantsbarger



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 |
|------------------|------------|----------------|---------------------|----------------|------------------|
| September | Ardie Wold | | | | |
| 1 | | Sue Strese | Sue Strese | Sue Strese | Erv and Roger |
| 8 | | Lisa Mevissen | Lisa Mevissen | Lisa Mevissen | Carol and Joe |
| 15 | | Tricia Davis | Tricia Davis | Tricia Davis | John and Sue |
| 22 | | Berit Strom | Berit Strom | Berit Strom | Karen and Sharon |
| 29 | | Cherrie Wood | Cherrie Wood | Cherrie Wood | Carol and Joe |
| | | | | | |
| October | Sue Strese | | | | |
| 6 | | Kevin Noeldner | Kevin Noeldner | Kevin Noeldner | Erv and Roger |
| 13 | | Sharon | Lisa Mevissen | Sharon | Sharon and Joe |
| 20 | | Sharon Swanson | Carol Hokenson | Sharon Swanson | Carol and Karen |
| 27 | | Donnie | Donnie Kern | Donnie Kern | John and Sue |

September 2024

Connection and Community

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|--|---|--------------------------|---|---|--|--|
| 1 9 am Worship | 2 Office Closed  | 3 1-3 pm Phase 10 | 4 | 5 10 am-3 pm River Valley Foot Care 12 pm-2 am Building and Parking Lot Reserved | 6 12 pm-2 am Building and Parking Lot Reserved | 7 |
| 8 9 am Worship 4-6 pm Girl Scouts | 9 9 am Quilting 7 pm Boy Scouts | 10 1-3 pm Phase 10 | 11 4 pm Council 6-7 pm Gaga & Campfire! (6-12th grade)  | 12 **New Start Time** 10 am Bible Study | 13 9:00 am- Midnight - CLC Crafters | 14 9:00 am- Midnight - CLC Crafters |
| 15 **Begin New Worship Time** 10 am <u>RALLY</u> <u>SUNDAY</u> <u>Worship</u> 4-6 pm Girl Scouts 6-8 pm Confirmation | 16 9 am Quilting 7 pm Boy Scouts | 17 1-3 pm Phase 10 | 18 Education Registration 5-7 pm Dinner Church and Education | 19 10 am Bible Study | 20 | 21 |
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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

Followed by coffee and fellowship

Beginning Rally Sunday, September 15th, we will be changing our worship start time to 10 am!

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

A link is posted on our Facebook page as well.



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