

Christ Lutheran Church

January 2025

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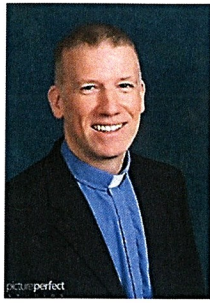
CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH SOMERSET, WI 54025



Members of the Community Life Committee had a blast visiting with community members and handing out bags of popcorn at the Light the Night event on December 7th.



CLC also participated in the Somerset Champion's Holiday Greeting Card by featuring a lighted heart in our window to promote community cheer.



Faith Reflections

by Pastor Jeff Smith

***May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace
in believing, so that you may abound in hope
by the power of the Holy Spirit."***

~Romans 15:13

Dear Partners in Ministry,

Happy New Year 2025! For those over 30, Y2K doesn't seem like it was 25 years ago! But here we are, a quarter of the way through this 21st century. Time keeps marching on. Some are born and some die each year- reminding us that this world is in a constant state of change. That's certainly true in the church too. Ministries that drew in families by the dozens years ago, no longer do. Pastors and staff come and go. Annual traditions come to an end. New ones begin.

But one thing is constant, the Good News of Jesus Christ! The message of God's unconditional love for us and the promises of forgiveness of our sins and eternal life remain true as ever.

Our annual meeting is right around the corner. Like most mainline Protestant congregations, the traditional metrics of Sunday school enrollment, worship attendance, and offering income are trending the opposite direction of growth. Barring a reversal of those trends, which is always possible when God is involved, this congregation will face some tough decisions in the next year or two.

If you'd like to see this congregation continue to minister to the Somerset area beyond the next couple of years, and you aren't already fully supporting Christ Lutheran with your time, talents and finances, I ask you to prayerfully consider what new ways you can support our work together. On the other hand, If you are one of the 20% doing 80% of the ministry, I thank you for your faithfulness and want you to be careful of burning out.

I still believe God can do great things through CLC, but it's going to take the efforts of all of us (volunteering, praying, donating, leading, etc.), as well as personally inviting others to join us, to make the next faithful step in our ministry together.

Your sibling in Christ,

~Pastor Jeff



Sign up **TODAY** to join us for a fun, inspirational time of packing food for starving children around the world! We're going to **Feed My Starving Children's** Eagan Packing Facility - 990 Lone Oak Road, Suite 136, Eagan, MN 55121 on **Wednesday, January 8th from 6-9:30 pm.** (We will carpool there) Open to ages 5-105! (but youth under age 9 need-a-parent-along, and youth under 18 need a permission slip.) Please sign up in the Narthex by Jan. 5, so we can pre-register everyone and make sure we fill all of our spots so as much food get packed as possible! (We have 25 spaces, so invite your friends & family!)



CLC Volunteers had a great time packing meals in October!



SATURDAY, JANUARY 25TH - 10:00 AM

JOIN US FOR A THOUGHT-PROVOKING PRESENTATION AND CONVERSATION ON THE PRESSING ISSUE OF CLIMATE CHANGE. LET'S COME TOGETHER TO ASK QUESTIONS OF AN EXPERT AND TO SHARE IDEAS AND EXPLORE SOLUTIONS TO ADDRESS CLIMATE CHANGE. DON'T MISS THIS OPPORTUNITY TO BE PART OF THE CONVERSATION AND MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN OUR COMMUNITY. REFRESHMENTS AND SNACKS WILL BE SERVED.

PRESENTED BY: DR. JAMES BOULTER

Dr. James Boulter is a professor of chemistry and chair of the department of Public Health and Environmental Studies at the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire. There, he teaches and collaborates with students and colleagues in research that emphasizes issues of air pollution, climate change, and sustainability.



To register for **FREE**:



ENGLISH LUTHERAN CHURCH OF BATEMAN
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**SYNOD-WIDE
CREATION CARE
ZOOM MEETING**

SATURDAY, JANUARY 18TH @ 11AM

Does your Church have a Green Team or is interested in starting one? Connect with other Synod Churches as they share what they have done and their ideas for the future. We are also excited to share information about our Synod Creation Care Team. Please join us!

PLEASE SIGN UP TO RECEIVE ZOOM LINK:
[HTTPS://FORMS.GLE/FY1SPP8XJ54KZTIL9](https://forms.gle/FY1SPP8XJ54KZTIL9)



Join us for our meetings on the Third Wednesday each month at 1pm on Zoom.

Meeting ID:
811 4473 3838
Passcode:
739625



Email: creation.nswi@gmail.com

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CLC Crafters! January 10th and 11th. ALL Crafters Welcome! Come set up at 9:00 a.m. on Friday and stay as long as you like. Leave your machines, paper stacks, cutters, and knitting needles 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!

A Congregational Budget Review meeting will take place Sunday, January 26th, 2025 immediately following the worship service. The Annual Meeting will be held after the worship service Sunday, February 9th. Please join us as we explore the opportunities before us in 2025. We will elect our leadership, discuss and update the goals of our ministry teams and vote on the congregation's mission plan and budget.

Church Closing Policy for Inclement Weather: 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 trial time for the 10:00 am worship time is almost over. The Worship Committee is seeking your input to determine if we should continue with the 10:00 start time or revert back to 9:00. Place your completed survey in the offering basket, or visit this link:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScW8T7ApX3seiimPzatWIiKAD5deEVAAd5JpfWqQmeINV4enQA/viewform?usp=header>

Please hold these dear friends in prayer: Evelyn, Dean Strehlau, Tom Sirovatka, 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, Jeff and Carol Reed, Ronald Rixmann, Wyatt Schmit, Ross Swanson.

Christ Lutheran Church Council Agenda
4:00 p.m., November 13, 2024

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

4:00 **CALL TO ORDER** – Sarah Warren
Present: Lisa Mevissen, Ashley Cochran, Paul Nasvik, Carol Hokenson, Beth Hankel, Sharon Ammerman, Sharon Swanson

4:01 **READING OF THE MISSION STATEMENT** – All

4:02-4:10 **DWELLING IN THE WORD & OPENING PRAYER** – (Carol H)

Dec. Leader: Paul

4:10 **APPROVAL OF October 16 MINUTES & November 13 AGENDA** - Motion to approve all by Lisa
Seconded by Carol. Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

4:11 – 4:15 Community Non-Profit Use of Building (Sarah/Ashley) – Sarah sent out letter after last Council meeting. Update? **ACTION ITEM:** No update as Sarah not present. Revisit next month.

UNFINISHED/OLD BUSINESS:

4:16 – 4:19 **“BOLD INITIATIVE”** Listening Sessions Planning (Jeff & Sarah) – Paul contacted Pastor Chris from Trinity, and they lost their Youth Director recently. They need to step due to the extra work load. Paul reaching out to the Synod for help. Determine if we have enough interviewers. If so, possible training dates? No volunteers have been identified. Paul has volunteered to secure the questions for the interviews. Paul will text when he has info, and we will set a date for training. **Update/Action Item:** There is a 3rd individual we are now dealing with from the synod, and would like to come and meet with Paul. Need to define a date for her to come. We will suggest next council meeting on December 11th. Recommend that Paul starts putting together questions for the council to review.

4:20 – 4:22 Website Updating: Updates on plan for who/how to keep website up to date. This was tabled until Pastor talked to Chris. **Update:** The website is updated and has been signed off on. Chris is updating the calendar of events and announcements. This item can be closed.

Thank you to buildings and grounds and Joe for the new light by the kitchen. It was much appreciated.

4:23- 4:29 **REPORTS: (If Time!)**

Finance/Treasurer's:

General fund October: deposits 16,913.98 (8,000 was a transfer endowment) expenses: 13,141.05.

Ending balance \$10,356.89. Motion to approve Lisa, seconded by Sharon S. Motion passed.

Pastor's (Accept) – Not present. Report not sent.

Building & Property

Worship

Education

Youth

WELCA - Ham Dinner: \$2,400, and 170 people served. About \$500 more than last year. 246 volunteer hours.

Thank you everyone that helped out.

Stewardship

Endowment

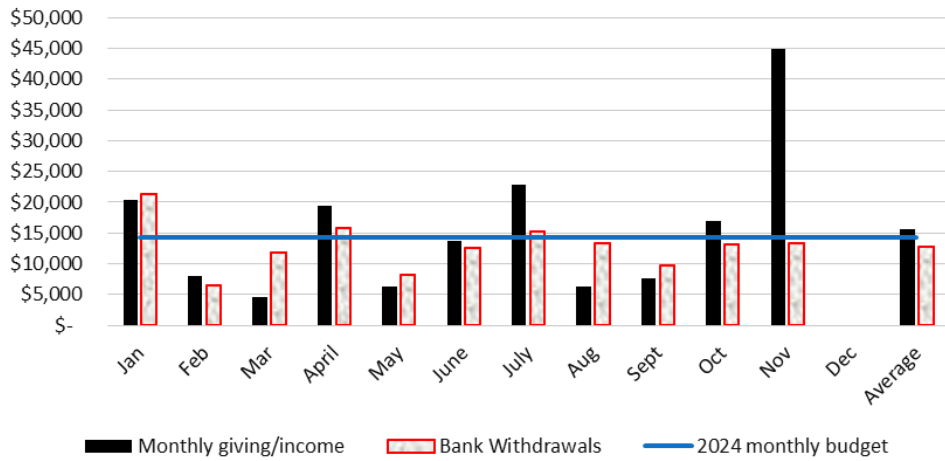
Call Committee

Next Meeting: 4 pm, Dec 11th

LORD'S PRAYER & ADJOURNMENT – Lisa motion to adjourn, Seconded by Ashley. Motion passed. 4:30 PM.

Monthly Financial Report for November 2024

2024 CLC General Account Monthly Giving



Monthly Budget
\$14,375

November Deposits
\$44,904

(Includes \$32,000 Deposit from Endowment Fund)

November Withdrawals
\$13,246

January Birthdays

Margaret Hughes
Liana Kulibert
Jacob Determann
Rocky Larson
Ethan Smith
Kate Smith
Beth Hankel
Briella Nichols
Hayden Halstead
Pauline Klatt
Michael Ray
Haley Bassett
Adam Galloway

Cody Kjellberg
Sharon Rixmann
Kade Madden
Rori Kern
Paytton Mattren
Denise Siggins
Hallie Rudek
Darren Halstead
Chris Westphal
Gary Hokenson
Chuck Koller
Tyler 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	Greeter	Counters
January					
5		Kevin Noeldner	Kevin Noeldner	Kevin Noeldner	Erv and Roger
12		Beth Hankel	Sue Strese	Beth Hankel	Carol and Joe
19		Sharon Ammerman	Cherrie Wood	Cherrie Wood	Karen and Sharon S
26		Berit Strom	Berit Strom	Berit Strom	John and Sue
February					
2		Donnie Kern	Donnie Kern	Donnie Kern	Erv and Roger
9		Tricia Davis	Tricia Davis	Tricia Davis	Joan and Sharon S
16		Rachel Erickson	Cherrie Wood	Cherrie Wood	Karen and Joe
23		Sue Strese	Sue Strese	Sue Strese	John and Sue

January 2025

Connection and Community

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Office Closed No Evening Activities 	2 10 am-3 pm River Valley Foot Care	3	4
5 10 am Worship 4-6 pm Girl Scouts	6 9 am Quilting 7 pm Boy Scouts 7 pm AA	7 1-3 pm Phase 10	8 6-9:30 pm Feed My Starving Children Event	9 5 pm Council Meeting	10 9:00 am- Midnight - CLC Crafters	11 9:00 am- Midnight - CLC Crafters
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19 10 am Worship, then Budget Review 1-5 pm Upper Fellowship Reserved 4-6 pm Girl Scouts	20 9 am Quilting 7 pm Boy Scouts 7 pm AA No School	21 1-3 pm Phase 10	22 5-7 pm Dinner Church and Education	23 10 am Bible Study	24	25
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Sharing God's Love with Hearts and Hands

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SOMERSET, WISCONSIN

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Office Hours: Mon-Thurs: 11 am - 4 pm

Pastor Jeff Smith: clcsomersetpastor@gmail.com

Council President: Sarah Warren

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 - 10:00 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.

WEDNESDAY ACTIVITIES

5:00 pm - Meal for Everyone!

5:30 pm - Casual Worship

6 - 7 pm Kid's Choir and Education, Confirmation, and Faith Connections.



E-mail: christluthsom@somtel.net



Website: <https://somersetlutheran.com>



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