

# Christ Lutheran Church

January 2026

The FRIEND



CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH SOMERSET, WI 54025



**Silent Night...Holy Night  
What a blessing it was to  
celebrate the birth of our  
Savior together on Christmas  
Eve! We are grateful for our  
church family being part of  
such a meaningful and  
beautiful time of celebration.**



## **Faith Reflections**

by Pastor Jeff Smith

“You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind... and you shall love your neighbor as yourself.” — Matthew 22:37–39

Dear friends in Christ,

The beginning of a new year often brings resolutions, which are promises we make to ourselves about what we hope to change, deepen, or renew. As followers of Jesus, our resolutions are not only personal; they are also communal. They shape who we are together as the body of Christ and how we live out God’s love in the world.

As we enter this new year, I invite us to reflect on three simple, yet life-shaping commitments: loving God more deeply, loving our neighbors more intentionally, and loving one another more faithfully.

Loving God invites us to listen again for God’s voice: through worship, prayer, Scripture, and quiet attentiveness to where God is already at work among us. Loving our neighbors calls us beyond our comfort zones, helping us see Christ in those who may be overlooked, struggling, or simply different from us. Loving one another reminds us that the church is not built on perfection, but on grace which is practiced through patience, forgiveness, encouragement, and care.

At the same time, this new year invites Christ Lutheran Church to ask an important question: Who is God calling us to be at this moment in our history? Every season of ministry brings new opportunities and new challenges. As we discern together, we trust that God is still shaping us — not by asking us to be something we are not, but by deepening the gifts, relationships, and faith already present in this community.

May this year be one in which our resolutions are rooted not in self-improvement alone, but in faithful response to God’s love. As we grow in love for God, neighbor, and one another, may we also grow in clarity, courage, and trust as we follow where Christ leads next.

*~Pastor Jeff*

## **CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Huge thanks to our volunteers for Light the Night** at Edgy Eats on December 13th. They set up a table, popped, packaged, and distributed over 120 bags of popcorn to our community! Donnie Kern, Wade and Rachel Erickson, and Bella Dubak served as our ambassadors.

**The upstairs fellowship hall is reserved** Jan 11th from 12-5 pm for Crowning Achievements.

**The Synod Creation Care team** wants to extend an invitation to anyone in our congregation who is interested in Creation Care to attend their next meeting on January 21st at 1 pm via zoom. The meeting ID is 811 4473 3838, Passcode 739625.

**Luther Point Bible Camp's winter camp** is happening in the new year Feb. 6 - 7! This is a weekend long camp for 6th-12th graders to come and experience what camp is like in the winter. There will be workshops focused around the theme "Building Community" but there will also be some free time for fun winter, games and building community. They also need chaperones for this event, they need 1 chaperone for every 9 youth attending! If you or someone you know is willing to be a chaperone please fill out this Google Form:

<https://forms.gle/JrpBt6rLXF89snCW8>. To register parents/guardians will need to log into their same account they used for summer camp or create an account if they didn't come to camp last summer. Here is the page to login or to create an account: <https://lutherpoint.campbrainregistration.com/>

**Please hold these dear friends in prayer:** Merle Maisner, Mirandi & Dylan, Deb and Tom, Gary H., Deanna and Jonathan, Darrell Wold Sr., Bob Treloff, Evelyn, Tammy Nick, Dean Strehlau, Marya, Stephen Peterson, Tami, Tom and June Boyer, Eric Grant, Paul H, Scott and Sue Hovet, Curt Hughes, Jeff and Carol Reed, Ronald Rixmann, Ross Swanson.

### **ANNUAL BUDGET HEARING**

**January 25th at 12 pm**

Please remember the importance of attending our annual budget hearing, where we prayerfully set the church's budget for the coming year. Together, we will discern how God is calling us to use our resources. This is a meaningful opportunity to listen, ask questions, and share your perspective—every voice matters!

### **ANNUAL MEETING**

**February 8th at 11 am**

You are invited to attend our Annual Meeting, where we will review the past year's challenges and triumphs and look ahead to the coming church year. As we seek to be faithful stewards of all that God has entrusted to us, we gather in prayer and discernment, remembering,

*"In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths"* (Proverbs 3:6).

We received this lovely message from the Love Baskets organizers:

Good Morning,

On behalf of our organization, please accept our sincere appreciation for your generosity and commitment in sponsoring families. Your support played a vital role in serving 354 families and 918 children, ensuring they experienced joy, dignity and care during the holiday season.

Through your sponsorship, families were able to provide meaningful gifts for their children, easing financial burdens and creating lasting holiday memories. Your willingness to give made a direct and measurable difference in the lives of those we serve.

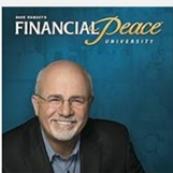
We are deeply grateful for your compassion and community spirit. The success of this outreach would not have been possible without your partnership and dedication. Your contribution exemplifies the power of generosity and the positive impact it can have on families in need.

Thank you for your thoughtful support and for helping make this initiative a meaningful success.



We extend our sincere thanks to Balius Marketing and Web Design for generously donating their services to support our church's social media presence. Their expertise and partnership have helped expand our outreach and increase the impact of our ministry in the community. We are truly grateful!

## "SAY GOODBYE TO DEBT - HELLO TO FINANCIAL PEACE"



*"You will either learn to manage money, or the lack of it will manage you."*  
- Dave Ramsey



### ABOUT OUR CLASSES

Ever feel like you can't get ahead with money? You're not alone. You'd be surprised how many people feel that way. But there's hope — with a Financial Peace University class. Over nine weeks, you'll learn biblical principles for handling money that will give you peace with your finances. Class starts on January 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:30.

### WHEN

Wednesdays at 6:30 pm

January 28th to March 25th

### WHERE

United Methodist Church  
209 E 2nd St  
New Richmond, WI 54017

### COST

\$50 for the 9 classes

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND REGISTRATION

CONTACT JACKIE KUMM: JACKIEKUMM@YAHOO.COM  
715-381-3744

## Church Closing Policy

**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 the event that the pastor is out of town, the Council president will oversee making the decision and notify the congregation.) Closures will be announced via Facebook.**

**In addition, if school is canceled during the week, all church activities for that day will also be canceled.**

**Christ Lutheran Church Council Minutes****11:25 a.m., Nov. 30, 2025**

<b>The Mission of Christ Lutheran Church is:</b>
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Sharing God's Love with Hearts and Hands
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11:25 **CALL TO ORDER** – Sarah Warren

11:25 **READING OF THE MISSION STATEMENT** – All

11:25 **DWELLING IN THE WORD & OPENING PRAYER** – (Donnie) December  
Leader: Ashley ?

11:29 **APPROVAL OF Oct. 19 MINUTES** Donnie moved, Carol 2nd - Passed

**Approval of Nov. 30 AGENDA** Sharon Ammerman motioned, - Passed

**NEW BUSINESS**

11:30 Establish a Constitution Committee to revise changes to present at the Annual Meeting (Sarah to assign)

Sarah will be calling Chris Dubak, Ellen Smith, and Scott Wells to see if they are interested in helping. All were in favor of doing this.

11:34 Employee Handbook - Donnie will get changes to Exec. by 5:30, Dec. 18 for review, will present approved changes at Council meeting 11 AM Dec. 21st.

11:36 Proposed Budget - Pastor's Call

**REPORTS:**

Buildings and Grounds - Furnace is starting to fail- pricing for repairs / Donnie may get up and talk about the furnace needs

WELCA - paid for the garbage disposal \$1,673 repair

Next Executive Meeting: Thursday, Dec. 18, 5:30 PM

Next Council Meeting: Sunday, Dec. 21, 11 AM

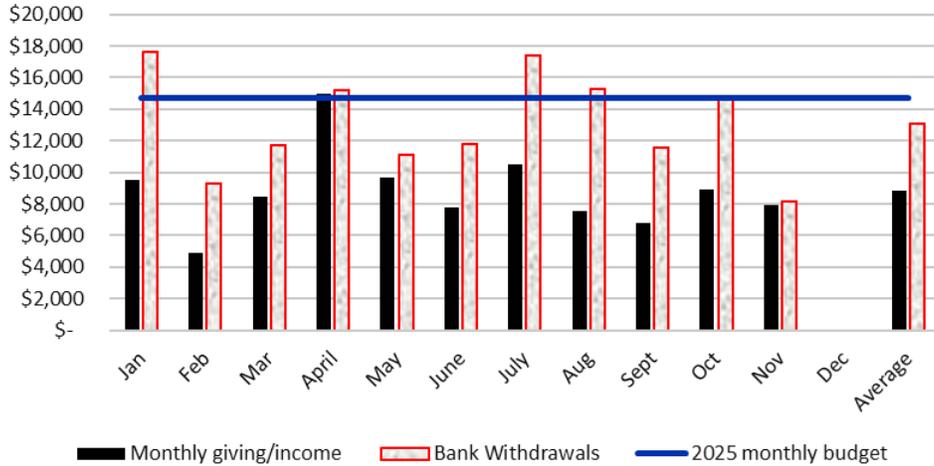
**LORD'S PRAYER & ADJOURNMENT** - Pastor Jeff

Motion to Adjourn - Sarah Second made by Carol - Passed

Prayerfully and respectfully submitted by Rachel Erickson

# Monthly Financial Report for November 2025

2025 CLC General Account Monthly Giving



**Monthly Budget**  
**\$14,689**

**November Deposits**  
**\$7962.74**

**November Withdrawals**  
**\$8147.12**

## January Birthdays

Margaret Hughes  
Liana Kulibert  
Rocky Larson  
Ethan Smith  
Kate Smith  
Cameron Wittnebel  
Beth Hankel  
Briella Nichols  
Pauline Klatt

Michael Ray  
Sharon Rixmann  
Rori Kern  
Payton Mattren  
Hallie Rudek  
Chris Westphal  
Gary Hokenson  
Chuck Koller

## 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
January 2026	Cyndy Folie				
4		Kevin Noeldner	Kevin Noeldner	Kevin Noeldner	Erv and Roger
11		Sharon Ammerman	Carol Hokenson	Sharon Ammerman	Carol and Gary
18		Sharon Swanson	Sharon Swanson	Sharon Swanson	Joan and Sharon
25		Berit Strom	Berit Strom	Berit Strom	John and Sue
February	Ellen & Wendy Smith				
1		Donnie Kern	Donnie Kern	Donnie Kern	Erv and Roger
8		Cherrie Wood	Cherrie Wood	Cherrie Wood	Joan and Sharon
15		Rachel Erickson	Tricia Davis	Tricia Davis	Roger and Joe
22		Sue Stresse	Sue Strese	Sue Strese	John and Sue

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## Connection and Community

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Office Closed	2 10 am-4 pm River Valley Foot Care	3
4 10 am Worship- 11 am-12 pm Education	5 9 am Quilting 7 pm Boy Scouts	6 1-3 pm Phase 10	7	8 10 am Bible Study 8:00 am- Midnight - CLC Crafters	9 8:00 am- Midnight - CLC Crafters	10 8:00 am- Midnight - CLC Crafters
11 10 am Worship 11 am-12 pm Education 12-5pm Upper Fellowship Reserved	12 9 am Quilting 7 pm Boy Scouts	13 1-3 pm Phase 10	14	15 10 am Bible Study	16	17
18 10 am Worship- 11 am-12 pm Education 12 pm Council	19 9 am Quilting 7 pm Boy Scouts	20 1-3 pm Phase 10	21	22 10 am Bible Study	23	24
25 10 am Worship 11 am-12 pm Education 12 pm Budget Review Hearing	26 9 am Quilting 7 pm Boy Scouts	27 1-3 pm Phase 10	28	29 10 am Bible Study	30	31

## Christ Lutheran Church

PO Box 123  
510 Germain Street  
Somerset, Wisconsin 54025  
Church Office - 715.247.3341

### Sharing God's Love with Hearts and Hands

**Christ Lutheran Church**  
SOMERSET, WISCONSIN

#### Contacts for CLC

Church Address: PO Box 123  
510 Germain Street - Somerset, WI 54025

Church Office: 715.247.3341

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

Pastor Jeff Smith:  
clcsomersetpastor@gmail.com

Council President: Sarah Warren

Accompanist: Beth Hankel

Cantor: 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.

#### SUNDAY EDUCATION

10:00-10:45	Worship
11:00-11:30	Large Group Education (Open to ALL Ages-Kids, Youth, Adults)
11:30-Noon	Confirmation Small Group Time



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