

On our way rejoicing, proclaiming, teaching, and sharing God's love!



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
9:15 Choir					1	2
3 *No Sunday School* 10:15 Worship - In Person and Facebook Live 1:00 Crop Walk	4 6:00 - WELCA Meeting	5	6	7	8	9
10 9:15 Choir 9:00 Sunday School 10:15 Worship - In Person and Facebook Live	11	12	13	14 6:00 - Council Meeting	15	16
17 9:15 Choir 9:00 Sunday School 10:15 Worship - In Person and Facebook Live 11:00 Youth Gathering Meeting	18	19	20	21	22	23
24 9:15 Choir 9:00 Sunday School 10:15 Worship - In Person and Facebook Live	25	26	27	28	29	30
31 *No Sunday School* *Reformation Sunday* 10:15 Worship - In Person and Facebook Live				The Choir is BACK! Choir practice begins Sunday, October 3rd at 9:15! Please consider joining us!		

Christ Lutheran News

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A Word From the Pastor

During the month of October, we will be having our fall stewardship campaign. Most people think about stewardship as the time when the church asks for money. They enjoy the thought of stewardship about as much as they enjoyed the thought of eating broccoli when they were kids. People dread stewardship even more if they are asked to help plan the stewardship campaign, or worse yet, talk in front of the church about it! I also used to feel that way until the synod sent me to a stewardship conference that changed my feelings about stewardship.

The presenters at the conference were stoked about stewardship. They were filled with joy and gratitude as they shared stories about thankfulness, generosity, and ministry. Nobody there talked about "paying the bills." They shared how they saw people excited to contribute to ministries that were making a difference in people's lives. They talked about God's abundance toward us and the awesome privilege of stewarding space, money, time, and relationships entrusted to us by God in creative and amazing ways to help others. I left the conference with excitement and a whole new outlook on stewardship.

The other day I came home later than usual because of a stewardship planning meeting, and Evie asked me why I was at church late. I told her I was at a stewardship meeting, and she said, "What's stewardship?"

I paused before answering because I didn't want to give her any indication that it meant asking for money to pay the bills, and I didn't want her to think stewardship was boring. I told her that stewardship is remembering that everything we have is God's. I explained that the stewardship committee's job is to stir up people's imaginations about all the ways they can use what they have to serve God. She said, "Oh. Cool."

One of my goals as a pastor is for adults in the congregation to say, "Oh, Cool" about stewardship too! Over the next weeks, we will have several members of the congregation sharing the ways they use what they have to serve God. Each week there will be a challenge inviting all of us to find a new way to give to God. Spoiler alert--it's not all about money! God gave us money, and we are called to be wise and generous sharers of financial resources, but God gave us many other gifts too. When we give from our hearts out of gratitude for all God has given us, and when we give because we care about a cause and want to help others, stewardship is not boring or threatening. It's exciting. It is God inviting us to be a part of what God is doing.

At the end of this month's campaign I hope you come away with a different understanding of stewardship. Participate in the challenges, thank those who will be talking on Sunday mornings, and watch for a stewardship devotion emailed to your inbox each week. Who knows? After this week, you may be asking to be on the stewardship committee!

God's Peace, *Pastor Kalen Barkholtz*

Crop Walk

The Walworth County CROP walk is taking place Sunday October 3rd. Registration is at the Williams Bay Recreation Fieldhouse (next to Subway) from 12:30-12:50. The walk begins at 1:00. Walkers will walk in Kishwaukee Nature Preserve. The money raised goes to local and global hunger organizations. Our Sunday school children and youth will be walking, and it would be wonderful if others from our congregation would walk for this great cause as well. Several area churches are participating. If you'd like to walk, take a donation envelope on the table at the entrance of the sanctuary, and let Pastor Kalen know you plan to go.



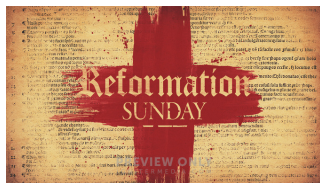
National Youth Gathering Meeting

If you are a high school student interested in attending the ECLA National Youth Gathering, there will be a meeting for youth and parents after worship on October 17th. The National Youth Gathering will take place in Minneapolis, July 24th-28th 2022. Those who attend will experience different kinds of worship, hear inspiring speakers, learn about their faith, gather with other Lutheran youth from across the country, and have an opportunity to serve others in the Minneapolis area. Talk to Pastor Kalen with any questions. We will be trying to register by the end of November, so please look at your summer schedule if you are interested. Attendees will pay a \$150 deposit. We will fundraise together to meet the rest of the cost.

Second Sunday Offering

During the month of October, we will be collecting food for the Sharon Food Pantry. We will collect nonperishable foods with a special focus on Thanksgiving meal items including—pumpkin pie filling (with spices added), canned gravy, cranberry sauce, stuffing mix, boxed potatoes, fixings for green bean casserole (green beans, dried onions, cream of mushroom soup), etc. Other nonperishable foods will be accepted as well. If you would rather give money, you may do that also.

Wear Red on Reformation Sunday!



This year Reformation Sunday falls on October 31st which is actually Reformation Day—the day when Martin Luther nailed his 95 theses to the church door in Wittenberg, Germany in 1517. This act spurred changes that would reform the church and the world. On Reformation Day we celebrate the movement of the Holy Spirit as she constantly changes and renews the church. Red is the color of the day. It is a tradition for church goers to wear red on Reformation Day. You do not have to wear red on Reformation Day, but if you feel inspired, you are welcome to wear red in celebration of the Spirit's renewing work.

Remembering Children from Kamloops Residential School

The ELCA's American Indian and Alaska Native Lutheran Association has invited all Lutheran churches to join them in remembering the 225 children whose bodies were recently discovered at the Kamloops residential school in British Columbia. They are requesting that we churches hang an orange banner in their sanctuaries for 225 days. We will be hanging an orange banner in our sanctuary on Sunday, October 17th.

A Message From the Council

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Fall is upon us. We at Christ Lutheran have returned to our fall and winter worship time, Sunday School is in full swing, choir will be starting, and the turkey dinner is fast approaching. Last Sunday we started some messages about Stewardship and why we give. The message was not centered around monetary giving, but of time and talent giving. While monetary giving is essential to our being, it is not the only way to make contributions. Singing in choir, reading the lessons during worship, helping with Sunday school, lending a hand at the turkey dinner (and it takes many, many hands), are just a few of the ways people can give.

Last month I mentioned that in January, we will be needing four people to fill seats on council. While this is a bigger commitment, it is a way of making a very important and necessary contribution to Christ Lutheran Church. Please give this some serious thought. If you have sat on council before, please consider it again. If you have not and have questions, please talk to any council member about the role council plays in the operation of our church.

Stay Safe, Stay Healthy, Pray a Lot,

Dan Way

Council President

Featured Family of the Month



The Webster Family - Gianna is a junior at Big Foot High School and where Jacqueline also works in the maintenance department. In addition, Jacqueline serves as a member of the council at Christ Lutheran. Together, they

enjoy bike rides and watching movies.

Gianna's favorite book is *Red Queen* by: Victoria Aveyard

Jacqueline's favorite book is *To Kill a Mockingbird* by: Harper Lee

Gianna's favorite movie is *Avatar*

Jacqueline's favorite show is *Yellowstone*

They share a favorite meal of steak 🥩 cooked medium and lobster 🦞.

Gianna's favorite class is English and Jacqueline's favorite class in school was gym.

WELCA

Mark your calendars for Saturday, November 6th - **it is Turkey Dinner time!** Plans are underway for this year's dinner, and while it may be organized by the Women of the ELCA (WELCA), it requires help from every member of the church. Funds raised from the turkey dinner are used to support ministries as well as needs of the church including projects such as the bell tower.

This year, we are changing to a carryout only format of 600 dinners. We will be setting up lines to package dinners in the fellowship hall and continue with our drive through format. So how can you help? There are many tasks to be done before, during, and after the dinner:

- Squash baking and final prep (dates to be determined)
- Potato peeling and cutting/Turkey washing and prep/Filling of cranberry containers and boxing slices of pie (done the day before and some can be done sitting down)
- Turkey Carving (morning of)
- Baking dressing (recipe will be provided)
- Line servers: It takes 8 people to work an assembly line format to package dinners, not to mention runners to transport it to the men working the drive through lines and strong people to carry and move roasters, pans of gravy and mashed potatoes We are considering 3 lines this year so we could use up to 30 people for this part only.
- Dish washers/Clean up

We also will be in need of portable generators and long extension cords—Roasters require a lot of energy, and we tend to pop a lot of circuits so extra power is always helpful. Finally, we could also use boxes to pack for large orders.

I ask you to consider offering your time and talent to any one of these areas. If you have questions or want to let us know you are willing to help, please contact me, Denise Gibbons, or Kathy Frederick.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.



Please remember these people in your prayers: Cindy Bangert, Orson Bangert, Tom Fredrick, Kim Jacobs, Erik Jelinek, Tom Kleiber, Jean Kovarik, Marilyn Lowry, Ray Lowry, Bill Piculas, Janet Schilke, Jimmy Sheppard, Joy Smith, Flo Supay, Jacqueline Webster, Doris Wehrwein, and Toad Wenzel.

Please remember our members in care facilities:

Thank you for your continued prayers and cards for those who are in care facilities.

Tom Kleiber is at St. Michael's Manor

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% Tom Kleiber
1516 Russet
Racine, WI 53402

Tom Fredrick is at Delavan Health Services

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Delavan Health Services
905 Geneva St.
Delavan, WI 53115

LET'S celebrate

Birthday and Anniversary Celebrations This Month!

(If you or someone you know is not listed here, or if our information is incorrect, please let the Church Office know.)

Birthday Celebrations

10/2 Mary Kline	10/16 Cindy Bangert	10/24 Jamie Jansen
10/7 Sue Kragenbrink	10/20 Randy Janes	10/25 Brantley Kalb
10/8 Margie Christenson	10/20 Lukas Tislau	10/27 Cambrie Jacobs
10/10 Lito Alicea	10/21 James Sheppard Jr.	10/31 Sue Fredrick
10/13 Collin Frederick	10/23 Emily Zimmerman	

Wedding Anniversary Celebrations

10/3 Denny & Carol Frederick	10/14 Steve & Erica Jacobs
10/8 Mark & Robin Ruosch	10/21 Butch & Mary Diderich
10/8 Dan & Sue Rambatt	10/27 Matthew & Kelly Timmons
	10/30 Andy & Rosemary Bell

Baptismal Anniversary Celebrations

10/2 Randy Janes	10/13 Kendra Rambatt	10/26 Weston Lawler
10/9 Tyler Frederick	10/13 Brittany Rambatt	10/27 Stacie Sheppard
10/10 Travis Berryman	10/20 Betty Rambatt	