

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



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 1:00-6:00 Blood Drive	3 6:00 Bible Study	4	5	6 4:00-7:00 Turkey Dinner
7 *All Saints Day* 9:00 Sunday School 9:15 Choir 10:15 Worship - In Person and Facebook Live	8 6:00 - WELCA Meeting	9	10 6:00 Bible Study	11 6:00 Council Meeting	12	13 10:30-1:00 Saying Goodbye with Grace at Christ Lutheran
14 *Baptism of Milo Carreno* 9:00 Sunday School 9:15 Choir 10:15 Worship - In Person and Facebook Live	15	16	17 6:00 Bible Study	18	19	20 10:30-1:20 Saying Goodbye with Grace at Faith Lutheran in Walworth
21 9:00 Sunday School *No Choir Practice* 10:15 Worship - In Person and Facebook Live	22	23	24	25 	26	27
28 *No Sunday School* *Advent Begins!* 9:15 Choir 10:15 Worship - In Person and Facebook Live	29	30	Funds for Friends! Please remember to save your Daniels Foods "Sentry" receipts and ask for a green sticker to put on the receipt. Then turn in your receipts in the marked box as you enter the sanctuary within the month (or two). Sentry pays 1% of the total receipts. Looking back a year, Christ Lutheran turned in receipts totaling \$59,000 so received \$590. This is an easy fundraiser so please save your Sentry receipts, turn them in and watch this amount grow.			

Christ Lutheran News

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A Word From the Pastor

As November comes and we celebrate the saints who have died in Christ's love, and as we prepare for the "Saying Goodbye with Grace" event at church this month, I have been thinking about dying, about what people's hopes and fears are, and what we believe as Christians.

In the words of the hymn, "Borning Cry," the hymn writer imagines God speaking to us about all the ways God is with us throughout our lives. There is a line at the end that always gets my attention. And when evening gently closes in, and you shut your weary eyes, I'll be there as I have always been, with just one more surprise. I take that line to mean that God is teaching us and showing us new things to the very end.

Every skill and fact we gained in this earthly life came to us by way of some sort of surprise. When we were one year old, we grabbed hold of the coffee table to pull ourselves up, and we were surprised that we could let go of it and walk. When we were two, we were surprised to go outside one winter morning and see that the puddle in our driveway had turned to ice.

Life is full of surprises. Throughout our lives, God surprises us with the truth that we can mess up and still be loved, that others can mess up, and they are still included in the circle of God's love. As God's love continues to surprise us, we learn to be gentle with ourselves. We learn to throw open the doors of our hearts. We learn to forgive others. We learn to forgive ourselves. We learn to judge less. We learn to receive the love others are trying to give us. We learn which things God is calling us to let go, and which things God is calling us to take hold of.

The more we live, the more we understand the depth of God's love. The baptismal journey is a lifelong lesson in eternal love. God's love is so vast and abounding, it takes a lifetime to understand. In the last moments of our life, God will have more to teach us about love. I wonder if the "one last surprise" in the hymn refers to the last Aha! moment of love. In the last days and moments, even if we are not speaking or opening our eyes, God will be there as promised. We will learn how to cross the river, how to take God's hand and walk one step at a time, and how to allow God to lead us. We will learn how love lasts beyond death. We have been promised it will. We believe that love will not leave us, but when we make the journey, we will learn for ourselves how God causes that promise to unfold.

The Apostle Paul writes in Ephesians 3:18, "I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God."

Just like I won't know how to retire until I retire, just like I didn't know how to be a mom until I became a mom (I'm still learning how!), I won't know the fullness of God's love until I die in Christ. When it comes to God's love, I am certain I don't understand it yet, but I believe that in death I will understand in a way I can't possibly grasp now. I think I will be surprised at how big and amazing it is. I think you will be too.

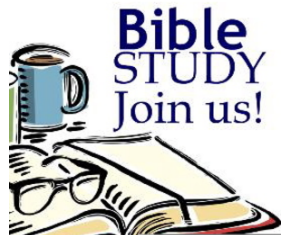
Peace,

Pastor Kalen Barkholtz

Second Sunday Offering

Our November Second Sunday Offering will go toward the Community Fund. People going through transitions or difficult times can find it challenging to make ends meet. The Community Fund assists people in crisis with rent, utilities, home repairs, and other living needs. In the past your donations to the Christ Lutheran Community Fund have helped people experiencing homelessness and facing eviction, and have made it possible for families in the area to keep their lights, heat, or water on for one more month. When the pastor receives a request for assistance, the community fund committee reviews the request and determines how the church might help. The fund provides one-time assistance to those going through financial difficulties. It is not a long-term solution, but sometimes a small amount can make a big difference in a challenging time. Thank you for your contribution to this ministry.

Bible Study



All are welcome to join us for Bible Study. We will gather to study the book of Isaiah each Wednesday at 6:00 through November 17th. You don't have to come to all the sessions to attend. We have great conversations because many things that happened in Biblical times apply to events happening today. We would love to have you join us anytime! Come grow in the Word with us. Bible study will not meet in December. We will reconvene again in January with a new topic.

Saying Goodbye with Grace

Imagine the family scene during a health emergency or immediately after your death if you leave no instructions. What might it be like? Saying Goodbye with Grace is a 2-day series to assist you with being prepared. Please join us for a learning luncheon to inform, prepare and empower you to make decisions regarding changes in your health and end of life now. Everyone is welcome. This is a two-part series taking place November 13th at Christ Lutheran from 10:30-1:00 and at Faith Lutheran in Walworth November 20th from 10:30-1:20. A light lunch of soup and bread will be provided. Reservations are encouraged but not necessary. A sign-up sheet is on the table by the sanctuary entrance. Both sessions are different, but if you are only able to attend one, you are still welcome to participate. Please call Christ Lutheran Church at 736-4757 if you have any questions.

First Communion

On Monday, October 25th, Pastor Kalen held a special first communion class where she taught three students the importance of sharing the special meal of communion. They shared about some of their favorite meals, learned that there is room for everyone at the altar, and gained an understanding of how communion is just a taste of what is to come. On Sunday, October 31st, Kylie Dowden, Mia Dowden, and Weston Lawler will share in Holy Communion for the first time, remembering the great extent of God's love and sacrifice for us.



A Message From the Council

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Sundays in church are looking much more ‘normal’ as each week passes. Sunday School is in full swing. Last week there were fourteen kids in attendance that sang and performed during worship. What a great thing to see. Choir is back rehearsing and performing. This Sunday will be First Communion for three of our young people. With this, we will begin offering Communion with bread and wine individually at the communion rail. We will also offer the pre-packaged wafer and grape juice, if preferred. If you are not comfortable or are unable to come forward, you may take the pre-packaged to your seat as we have been doing.

Saturday, Nov. 6 is our turkey dinner. We will be serving carry-out only this year. If you are able and have not yet been contacted to help, please volunteer some time. Help is always needed, and this year will be no different.

I have mentioned in previous newsletters our need for council members in January. There will be room for four new members. There will be one, two year term and three, three year terms. Please give this some serious thought. Council is a vital and necessary group needed to oversee and carry out the functions of the church. If you have any questions about council and its functions, please feel free to contact me or any council member.

Stay Safe, Stay Healthy, Pray a Lot,

Dan Way

Council President

Featured Member of the Month



Collin Frederick - After growing up in Sharon, Collin is very glad to finally be calling it home again. Upon graduating from Big Foot High School, he headed north to the University of Minnesota – Twin Cities, where he earned a bachelor’s degree in Entrepreneurial Management & Finance from the Carlson School of Management. One day after walking across the stage to receive his diploma, he was back home and working for the family business, Austin Pier Service, where he is still working with his father, Darrell, and older brother, Tyler. Collin currently serves as the company’s Vice President of Sales & Human Resources. Outside of work, Collin coaches defensive line for the Big Foot Chiefs and serves as the President of the Big Foot Wolves Youth Tackle Football and Cheerleading program. He is also currently serving as the property committee chair on Christ Lutheran’s council. Collin enjoys spending time with friends and family, playing euchre and board games, attending concerts and sporting events, Friday night fish fry, and especially hunting. Collin’s favorite hunting partner is

his three-year-old chocolate lab, Euchre, and he’ll be adding a German Shorthaired Pointer puppy from Kansas to the pack in 2023. While hunting birds and deer are two of his favorite pursuits, he also has a black bear, two wild hogs, and a hybrid ibex goat under his belt.

WELCA

It's Turkey Dinner time! Saturday, November 6th from 4-7 p.m. (or until we sell out). While this year's format will be different as it is carryout only, we can still use help to make it a successful one.

Here's how you can help:

- Potato Peelers: We will meet at 8:00 a.m. on Friday, November 5th to peel and chop potatoes in preparation for cooking on Saturday. Potato peeling can be a sitting activity.
- Turkey Prep: Immediately following potato peeling on Friday, November 5th. We will be cleaning and prepping the turkeys for roasting.
- Cranberry and Pie Prep: Friday, November 5th at 1:00 p.m. We will dish cranberries and pies into carryout containers. This can also be a sitting activity.
- Line servers: We can still use some servers to prepare the meals on Saturday, November 6th. We will gather at 3:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall.
- Clean Up: Saturday, November 6th - washing roasters, pans, and serving utensils.

Still want to help but cannot do any of the above? We are taking monetary donations to help cover the cost of the pies. In addition, we are looking for boxes to place larger orders in (think 5 carryout containers or more). If you have questions or are available to help, please contact Cindy Wuttke, Denise Gibbons, or Kathy Frederick.

Endowment Fund

The Endowment Committee is now accepting applications for funds through November 30th. Funds can be requested for support of mission projects within the church or community. Applications can be found on the bulletin board or attached to this newsletter. Please see Cindy Wuttke with any questions.

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

Tom Fredrick
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

11/3 Rick Bursh	11/24 Mason Lawler	11/28 Katie Hyndman
11/11 Joe Ogura	11/24 Brittany Rambatt	11/28 AJ LaFrance
11/12 Colton Jacobs	11/25 Greg LaFrance	11/28 Tayten Tislau
11/21 Ian Ogura	11/25 Ron Maas	11/29 Victoria Bell
11/22 Lonnie Teichen	11/27 Joe Maas	11/30 Jen Hennig-Tislau

Wedding Anniversary Celebrations

11/11 Joe & Laura Jacobs Ogura

11/11 Dan & Deb Way

Baptismal Anniversary Celebrations

11/8 Brittany Countryman	11/12 Dennis Frederick	11/17 Helena Bell
11/8 Kelly Timmons	11/12 Steve Jacobs	11/17 Victoria Bell
11/11 Kenzley Woodrich	11/15 Butch Diderich	11/18 Gavin German

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Endowment Fund Application

Project Name: _____

Submitted By: _____

Telephone: _____ Fax: _____

Email: _____

Date Submitted: _____

On a separate page, please include a brief summary of the following:

1. A description of the project/program
2. The objective of the project/program and how it promotes Christian values
3. Any timeline of the project/program
4. The estimated total cost and the amount requested from the fund
5. Any other funding sources
6. Name who will be managing the project/program

Date Received: _____

Received By: _____