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A MESSAGE FROM THE BISHOP

Dear Friends in Christ,

Bread for the Day, a daily bible reading and prayer resource published by Augsburg Fortress, ended 2021 with this prayer December 31st:

God we turn to you at year's end with these prayers: for children to be safe, for peace to reign, and for hunger to be satisfied. We trust your wisdom and your word, for you are endless love.

This is a beautiful prayer as we begin 2022 as well. Our trust is in God's wisdom and word. God is endless love. We so desire our children to be safe, for the hungry to be fed and for peace to reign.

I know that you are bringing this prayer to truth. Thank you, people of the South-Central synod, of Wisconsin for showing and sharing God's endless love throughout your communities, our state, country, and across the globe. It is because of you children are being made safe. The hungry are receiving food. Quilts are being made and sent for warmth. You proclaim and practice ways of peace and justice. You see the neighbor and include the unseen in your prayers and in your actions of care. Thank you. Each of the 138 congregations and ministries of our synod makes a difference in the lives of real people. You share the endless love of God in big and small ways each day. Thank you.

Thank you also for ways we are church together. As the pandemic drags on, we continue to yearn for its end. We continue to wonder what things will return and what things are changed forever. Thank you for the ways that congregations, leaders, conferences, laity and clergy continue to bravely pray and discern together in this uncertain time. It is a privilege to walk alongside of you in these conversations. God is present in these days. God is active in these days. We are not alone. Your congregation is not alone.

Please know that your synod, the South-Central synod of Wisconsin, is committed to being your partner in ministry. Together we are finding new ways to share God's grace, build community and to be Christ's endless love in the world.

God's blessings to you and upon your Annual meeting,

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Bishop Joy Mortensen-Wiebe

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AGENDA

Call to Order

Devotions – Pastor Kalen

Prayer

Quorum Call

Congregational Mission – *On our way rejoicing, proclaiming, teaching, and sharing God's love.*

Minutes from the 2021 Annual Meeting

Minutes from the August 8th Congregational Meeting

Financial Secretary's Report

Treasurer's Report

Committee Reports

Audit

Endowment

Christian Education

Property

Stewardship

Evangelism

Worship and Music

Youth

WELCA

Technology

President's Report

Pastor's Report

Old Business

Bell Tower Repair update

New Business

Synod Assembly Delegates

Nomination and Election of Audit Committee – 3-year term

Darrell Frederick elected in 2018 – completed 3-year term

Stephanie Smith, elected in 2019

Randy Wuttke elected in 2020

Nomination and Election of Endowment Committee – 3-year term

Ralph Bollinger completed 3rd year

Cindy Wuttke completed 2nd year

Beth Frederick completed 1st year

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Nomination and Election of Council Members – 3-year term

Day Way completed final year of term

Stephanie Smith completed final year of term

Beth Frederick completed final year of term

Kelly Alicea completed 1 year of 3-year term

Budget

Other

Motion to Adjourn

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Minutes from the Annual Meeting for 2020
Meeting held on January 24, 2021

President Beth Frederick called the meeting to order at 10:59 am

Pastor Kalen led us in devotions and prayer.

President Beth Frederick asked Council member Dan Way if there was enough to make quorum. There were 19 members in person and 7 members on Zoom. Dan confirmed that there was a quorum.

The Congregational mission was read.

Minutes from 2020 Annual Meeting:

President Beth Frederick asked for a motion and second to approve the minutes from the 2020 Annual Meeting. A Jerry Gibbons/Deb Way motion and second to approve the minutes from the January 26, 2020 annual meeting, carried unanimously.

Financial Secretary's Report:

Mary DeYoung gave a brief explanation of the report and the state of our financial affairs. It was asked about if there was going to be an opportunity to receive the PPP Loan again, Mary explained that we will not qualify again for the loan as we didn't make the percentage requirement between the first quarter of 2020 and the previous year. No further discussion. President Beth Frederick asked for a motion and second to approve the Financial Secretary's Report. A Dennis Frederick/Peggy Rotta motion and second to approve the 2020 Financial Secretary's Report, carried unanimously.

Treasurer's Report:

Mary DeYoung gave a brief explanation of the report. No discussion/questions. President Beth Frederick asked for a motion and second to approve the Treasurer's report. A Dan Way/Denise Gibbons motion and second to approve the 2020 Treasurer's Report, carried unanimously. Thank you Mary DeYoung for your work!

Committee Reports:

Audit	Worship & Music
Endowment	Youth
Christian Education	Youth Fundraising
Property	WELCA
Stewardship	Renewal
Evangelism	President's Report

There weren't discussion/questions. President Beth Frederick asked for a motion and second to approve all the committee reports. A Darrell Frederick/Dennis Frederick motion and second to approve all the above committee reports, carried unanimously.

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Pastor's Report:

Thanked the willingness of the Council for all that they have done throughout this last year. With all the extra meetings and extra duties, big thank you to Beth for all her extra hard work. Thanked Chris Lynch for all her extra trips to the church to prepare for the week's services for Facebook Live, outdoor services and in-person worships. Thanked Sue Rambatt for all her work as the Sexton that she has now retired from. Welcomed Jacqueline Webster as the new Sexton. Thanked Michael Dowden and the Tech team for their work for the online projects that took place over this last year. Dennis Frederick wanted to thank us on behalf of the Lions Club for the use of the church this last year, for all we have done to provide the space for the bi-monthly blood drives. No further discussion/questions. President Beth Frederick asked for a motion and second to approve the Pastor's Report. A Kathy Frederick/Chris Lynch motion and second to approve the Pastor's report, carried unanimously.

Old Business:

Parsonage:

Report will be included in the Property committee report, no extra information at this point because everything had come to a halt because of the pandemic.

New Business:

Synod Assembly Delegates:

The Synod Assembly will be held May 1 & 2, at this point it will be held online. President Beth Frederick asked for nominations for delegates. Jerry Gibbons nominated Dennis & Carol Frederick, Dan Way seconded the nomination. There were no other nominations. A Dan Way/Deb Way motion and second to close nominations. President Beth Frederick asked for a motion and second to approve Dennis & Carol Frederick as our delegates. A Kathy Frederick/Robin Ruosch to approve Dennis & Carol Frederick as our delegates to the Synod Assembly, carried unanimously.

Nomination and Election of Audit Committee:

Randy Wuttke's term is up. Jerry Gibbons nominated Randy Wuttke for a three-year term. Cindy Wuttke seconded the nomination. There were no other nominations. A Dan Way/Dennis Frederick motion and second to close the nominations. President Beth Frederick asked for a motion and second to elect Randy Wuttke to the Audit Committee. A Kathy Frederick/Dan Way motion to elect Randy Wuttke to Audit Committee, carried unanimously.

Nomination and Election of Endowment Committee:

Jean Kovarik's term is up. She has decided not to re-up for the committee. Jerry Gibbons nominated Dan Way, Dan Way nominated Chris Lynch, Randy Wuttke nominated Beth Frederick. Dan Way declined to serve on the Endowment Committee. Both Beth and Chris are willing to serve on the Endowment Committee. Paper vote was held for those in person and private message vote was held for those on Zoom, vote was 13/11. Beth Frederick will be on the Endowment Committee. President Beth Frederick asked for a motion and second to elect Beth Frederick to the Endowment Committee. A Dan Way/Michael Dowden motion and second to elect Beth Frederick to the Endowment Committee, carried unanimously.

Nomination and Election of Council Members:

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Kathy Frederick and Dan Rambatt's terms are up and cannot re-up as council members per the church constitutions. Marjorie Christenson has chosen to no longer serve on the council. There are 3 seats available. Thank you all that have faithfully served the church and the congregation.

President Beth Frederick asked for nominations, Stacie Sheppard nominated Kelly Alicea, Dan Way seconded the nomination. Dennis Frederick nominated Collin Frederick, Kathy Frederick seconded the nomination, and Jerry Gibbons nominated Stacie Sheppard, Dan Way seconded the nomination. There were no other nominations. All agreed to serve for 3 year terms. President Beth Frederick asked for a motion and second to close nominations. A Dennis Frederick/Dan Way motion/second to close nominations. President Beth Frederick asked for a motion and second to elect Kelly Alicea, Collin Frederick, and Stacie Sheppard to church council. A Cindy Bangert/Dan Way motion/second to approve all to council, carried unanimously.

2021 Budget:

Mary DeYoung presented the proposed budget from the Finance Committee. A huge Thank you to Chris Lynch and Sue Rambatt for all they have done and continue to do. There is an increase of \$1,582 or 1.4% from last year's budget. No discussion. President Beth Frederick asked for a motion and second to accept the 2021 budget. A Stacie Sheppard/Darrell Frederick motion and second to accept the 2021 budget as presented, carried unanimously. Mary wanted to thank the Finance Committee for their time and work on the committee.

Other:

Motion to adjourn:

President Beth Frederick asked for a motion and second to adjourn. A Kathy Frederick/Robin Ruosch motion and second to adjourn at 11:39 am, carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by,

Stephanie Smith

Council Secretary

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Congregational Meeting Minutes
August 8, 2021

The meeting was called to order at 9:40 am. A quorum was confirmed with members in attendance in person and via Zoom.

Council President, Dan Way presented the project for tuck pointing, bell tower repair, and opening the drain on the front flat roof. We have a bid for \$51276.00. The Finance Committee requested a ceiling of additional 25,000 to cover possible expenses if the parapet requires additional, unseen repair. This project could be completed this fall.

In addition, a line of credit should be set up with the bank in case fundraising is incomplete of the full balance needed.

A Deb Way/Dennis Frederick motion/second carried unanimously.

A Kathy Frederick/Robin Ruosch motion/second to adjourn at 9:58 am was made. Motion carried Unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,
Beth Frederick
Council Secretary

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2021 FINANCIAL SECRETARY REPORT CONTRIBUTIONS

GENERAL OFFERING	2021	2020
Benevolence Synod	\$373.00	\$450.00
Candle	\$15.00	\$130.00
Current Offering	\$112,289.86	\$100,500.96
Evangelism/DEBY Dinners	\$0.00	\$750.00
Funds for Friends	\$514.73	\$495.62
Initial Offering	\$58.00	\$62.00
Loose Offering	\$1,234.00	\$589.00
Sunday School	\$55.00	\$12.00
VBS	\$0.00	\$0.00
TOTAL	\$114,539.59	\$102,989.58
Second Sunday	\$2,884.00	\$3,017.90
Building Fund	\$41,330.61	\$3,525.00
Community Fund	\$250.00	\$950.00
Lutheran Disaster Relief	\$425.00	\$0.00
Memorial Fund	\$150.00	\$1,315.00
Offering for Endowment Fund	\$2,000.00	\$2,065.00
World Hunger	\$410.00	\$365.00
Youth Fund Offering	\$2,306.40	\$1,000.00
TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS	\$164,295.60	\$115,227.48
Building/Property Fund - Thriven	\$460.00	\$18.00
Youth Fund - Sub Sandwich Sale	\$0.00	\$1,645.00
Payroll Protection Program Loan - Forgiven by Federal Government	\$0.00	\$12,400.00
TOTAL REVENUE	\$164,755.60	\$129,290.48

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EXPENDITURES FOR 01/01/2021 THROUGH 12/31/2021

ACCOUNT	2021 Budget	2021 Actual
Administration		
Copier Lease/Service Contract	1,416.00	429.00
Council Retreat	200.00	0.00
FICA - Employer Share	1,025.00	1,164.14
Internet Service	600.00	697.76
Offering Envelopes	200.00	183.34
Office Supplies	300.00	51.64
Postage	200.00	144.60
Postal Box & Safety Deposit Box	135.00	76.00
Software	410.00	458.84
Synod Assembly	1,000.00	0.00
Vanco - EFT Charges	225.00	263.75
SubTotal Administration	5,711.00	3,469.07
Benevolent Giving		
Synod Benevolence Expense	8,705.00	8,705.04
SubTotal Benevolent Giving	8,705.00	8,705.04
Christian Education		
Confirmation	200.00	0.00
Stewardship/Adult Education	300.00	213.81
Sunday School	600.00	320.79
Vacation Bible School	750.00	0.00
SubTotal Christian Education	1,850.00	534.60
Operations and Upkeep		
Church Maintenance	2,000.00	1,894.06
Organ & Piano Expense	150.00	0.00
Parsonage Maintenance	500.00	0.00
Property & Workers Comp Insurance	5,500.00	6,316.62
Repair & Cleaning Supplies	150.00	236.70
Sexton - Salary	5,980.00	5,980.08
Snow Removal & Lawn Care	1,750.00	1,419.10
SubTotal Operations and Upkeep	16,030.00	15,846.56

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ACCOUNT	2021 Budget	2021 Actual
Pastoral Ministry		
Book Allowance	250.00	81.01
Continuing Education	800.00	0.00
Housing Allowance	9,000.00	9,000.00
Mileage	1,500.00	546.12
Official Meetings	450.00	179.56
Pastor Salary	34,755.00	34,755.12
Pension & Health	16,716.00	17,044.44
Renewal Ministry	335.00	0.00
Social Security	3,347.00	3,207.58
Supply Pastor	750.00	350.00
SubTotal Pastoral Ministry	67,903.00	65,163.83
Utilities - Church		
Electric	3,600.00	2,710.88
Gas	1,700.00	1,119.47
Telephone	600.00	583.38
Water & Sewer	1,200.00	1,070.62
SubTotal Utilities - Church	7,100.00	5,484.35
Utilities - Parsonage		
Electric	600.00	309.27
Gas	500.00	589.91
Water & Sewer	600.00	413.24
SubTotal Utilities - Parsonage	1,700.00	1,312.42
Worship & Music		
Choir Music	200.00	28.61
Organist - Salary	7,416.00	7,416.00
Supply Organist/Musicians	300.00	0.00
Worship Supplies	600.00	688.09
SubTotal Worship & Music	8,516.00	8,132.70
Total Expenditures	117,515.00	108,648.57

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Benevolent Giving/Second Sunday	4,678.00
Lutheran Disaster Relief	425.00
World Hunger Expense	410.00
NOTE: Benevolent Giving/Second Sunday, Lutheran Disaster Relief, and World Hunger are non-budgeted items. Donations cover the costs of these items.	

Other Expenses	
Building Fund - Water Softener-\$889 & Vacuum Cleaner-\$279.99	1,168.99
Community Fund - Rental Assistance	750.00
Endowment Fund - Move donation from Endowment Fund to General Fund	5,466.86
Youth Fund - Mission Trip-\$1146; Lutherdale-\$400; Youth Gathering Registration-\$450; Bus Transportation for Youth Gathering	2,266.00

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ACCOUNT BALANCES

Change in Net Assets for Period: 01/01/2021 to 12/31/2021

	Beginning Balance	Receipts	Disbursements	Ending Balance
Building/Property Fun	9,837.95	41,790.61	1,168.99	50,459.57

	Beginning Balance	Receipts (Offerings & Second Sunday)	Disbursements	Ending Balance
Community Fund	2,137.06	481.00	750.00	1,868.06

	Beginning Balance	Receipts	Disbursements	Transfers From (+) or To Other Funds (-)	Ending Balance
General Fund	7,127.21	164,295.60	114,161.57	-44,283.82	12,977.42

	Beginning Balance	Receipts	Disbursements	Ending Balance
Memorial Fund	27,450.54	150.00	0.00	27,600.54

	Beginning Balance	Receipts (Deposits & Refund)	Interest	Disbursements	Ending Balance
Youth Fund	4,975.58	2,411.40	1.00	2,266.00	5,121.98

	Beginning Balance	Receipts	Disbursements	Change in Value	Ending Balance
Endowment Fund	56,224.99	2,000.00	5,466.86	12,620.87	65,379.00

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2021 AUDIT COMMITTEE REPORT

Sunday, January 9, 2022

The Audit Committee has examined the financial records of Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church for the year 2021. These include revenue and expense accounts for the General Fund, the Building/Maintenance Fund, the Community Fund, and Undesignated Memorials. In addition we reviewed financial records pertaining to the Endowment Fund and the Youth Fund. We have found no discrepancies in any funds. All accounts appear in good financial order.

Respectfully Submitted,

Darrell Frederick, Audit Committee Member

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Stephanie Smith, Audit Committee Member

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Endowment Report 2021

The endowment account which is use for mission support of our church, members, and community has grown from it's initial \$25,000 investment to \$65,226.16 over the past 13 years. Each year the interest gained from October 1 to September 30 is available for distribution. The endowment committee reviews requests and distributes funds. This year, \$1875.67 was gained in interest and has been awarded for a book giveaway to help renew our ties to the community.

An excerpt from the application:

The pandemic caused a disruption in learning, and many students struggled because of online schooling. Providing children with a book of their choosing is a small way to help kids grow academically, and a big way to reach out to residents of Sharon.

The event would take place this spring or summer. We would purchase 100 books appropriate for ages infant through teen. In order to ensure the books are popular and appealing, we would work with the library and teachers in our congregation. If we hold the event, we will advertise weeks in advance and provide free food. The food we provide is yet to be determined and dependent on the amount we are able to spend. Any books remaining after the event can be donated. If we decide to host a book giveaway, I will put together a small committee of interested church members to organize the event. The cost estimate for the project is \$2,000. I hope the endowment committee will consider supporting this event, which will give us a chance to meet new neighbors and provide a gift for the community.

The endowment committee is excited that we are able to support this opportunity for the children of our community. Please consider helping to further support the endowment by designating memorial funds specifically to the endowment or giving a special offering to the endowment. As this fund grows, we are able to further touch others.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Wuttke, Ralph Bollinger, Beth Frederick, Mary DeYoung

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Christian Education Committee Report

Our mission directs us to rejoice, proclaim, teach, and share God's love. This mission is at the heart of what the Christian Education committee works to provide for all members of our congregation through our educational offerings. We offer a variety of programming for all ages where we promote personal growth through faith. This year, our Christian Education Committee was blessed to serve members of our congregation, from the oldest to the youngest.

Although our Sunday School was on a COVID hiatus at the start of the year, Pastor Kalen reached out virtually to our youngest members to share God's love and proclaim the teachings of Christ. These meetings served to remind our children that even though we were apart we were still together in God's love.

In September, our Sunday School program was able to begin meeting in person again. This year, we have been blessed with 13 children aged 3-11 who come together each week to sing about, learn about, and practice God's love. The Sunday School staff officially consists of Chris Lynch, Kim Mizelle, Stacie Sheppard, Kenny Sheppard, and Denise Gibbons. However, as the kids know, they are all responsible for teaching about God's love to one another! This has been especially true this year as we transitioned to a one room Sunday School. In this program the "Big" partners with a "Little" and they work together to support each other. It was Oppenheimer who said, "the best way to learn is to teach" and that is exactly what our "Bigs" have been doing! It is amazing to see the growth and understanding that the kids have for the lessons each week.

Thankfully again this year, Sunday School was able to bring back our Christmas program and the month of December was spent rehearsing the poem/play that Chris Lynch wrote specifically for our kids! There was a nativity of cute characters that shared about what Christmas really means. This performance, combined with the virtual Advent Calendar, allowed our students to carry out Christ Lutheran's mission of proclaiming God's love to our members, their families, and the community.

Christian Education was also able to host a community wide Vacation Bible School this year. We had over 35 kids join us as we learned that we were **treasured** and priceless to God! Thank you to all of the wonderful volunteers who helped make this week a success.

In October, Pastor Kalen held a special first communion class where she taught three of our young members 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 only a taste of what is to come. Kylie Dowden, Mia Dowden, and Weston Lawler are now joining the Congregation for the Lord's Supper each week remembering the extent of God's love and sacrifice for us.

Beyond the offerings for our youngest members, Pastor has offered several book studies throughout the year. These book groups are open to all members of the congregation allowing members of the congregation to continue their own growth in the Word.

As we move into 2022, we look forward to even more growth and participation in our Christian Education programming. If you have new ideas or are interested in helping, please let a member of council or myself know!

Stacie Sheppard, Chairperson

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2021 Property Report

This year saw church operations begin to shift slowly back towards “normal”, and we were fortunate to be able to put our wonderful property back to work for our congregation. Being back in the church for worship was a breath of fresh air for all of us, and we’re blessed to have the facilities that we do, as well as the generous members of the congregation that give their time and talents to keep it up. In particular, thank you to Dan Way for all of the work that you do. From mowing the lawn to changing light bulbs to meeting with masonry contractors, your impact is certainly felt.

While no major projects were completed this year, we do have a few projects in motion. Most notably, the congregation has decided to move forward with and has generously supported a major project on the exterior of the building. We have hired a contractor to complete some tuck pointing, repair our deteriorating bell tower, and resolve our drainage issues on the flat roof above the office. While this project is a large undertaking, it is going to play a major role in maintaining the integrity of our building in the long term. In addition to the bell tower project, we will be having our parking lot sealcoated and re-striped. While we had hoped both of these projects could happen in the fall of 2021, they will instead be taking place in the spring of 2022. The final notable project that took place this year was the rekeying of our locks in February, so as to better protect and secure our building.

Because of the scope of the bell tower project and the attention that it has required, nothing was done with the parsonage this year. It is our hope that we can begin meeting and come to a resolution in 2022.

Respectfully Submitted,
Collin Frederick

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STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT – 2021

Stewardship in the Bible has to do with understanding your life is not your own. Your life is on loan from God – regardless if you acknowledge this or not – and God calls you to steward everything about your life for his glory, your good and the good of others.

If it were not for our congregation and their loyalty and understanding of the importance of the many projects we sponsor, it would not be possible to achieve our goals.

Our main Stewardship drive included 5 weeks each with a different theme based on giving. A congregation member spoke each week during worship. Pastor Kalen emailed a devotion each week. Each week the congregation was given a challenge to act on the theme of each week.

Week one – I give time because... Denise Gibbons

Week two – I give talent because... Chris Lynch

Week three – I give money because... Gianna Webster

Week four – I give myself because... Collin Frederick

Week five – I give thanks because... Audrey Way

Thank you to each of the speakers and to Pastor Kalen for her work on the drive.

We at Christ Lutheran fulfill our stewardship duties in many ways. Christ Lutheran is active in the Sharon community thru Second Sunday special offerings for ministries outside of our Church. The Second Sunday special offerings go for:

- Agape House
- Students for Good Choices
- Lutherdale
- VBS
- Sharon Lions Club
- Brigham Memorial Library
- Sharon Community Backpacks and school supplies
- Sharon American Legion
- Sharon Food Pantry
- Sharon Fire & Rescue
- Sharon Community Fund
- Sharon Children Christmas gifts and mitten tree

Stewardship is alive and at work in Christ Lutheran.

Respectfully submitted,

CELC Stewardship Committee

Beth Frederick, Chairperson

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Evangelism Committee Report

We would like to thank the congregation for the patience this year as we try to return to normal and get back to doing activities the Evangelism Committee wanted to do this year.

The committee wanted to plan an end of summer picnic and unfortunately time slipped by too fast and was not able to put into action. We are hoping to see the return of DEBY dinners, picnics, and fellowship hour after church service.

Respectfully submitted by,

Stephanie Smith

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Worship committee report

As we all know Covid has hit every organization pretty hard. We were fortunate enough to still gather amongst each other for worship but singing at times was kept to a minimum. We followed the synod and CDC's recommendations for wearing masks and also chose to not have choir during those times. Of course, we chose music throughout the year according to worship. All in all, it was a great year because we were fortunate enough to have our doors open and able to share services with those who chose to stay home via Facebook and YouTube videos.

Jacqueline Webster

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YOUTH REPORT

Our mission: To involve youth in our church and surrounding communities by providing them opportunities to engage in events and activities that foster faith, teach servant leadership, and how to make a positive impact within the community.

Long Term goal: To have monthly or bimonthly events for various youth in the community. Events may be hosting local social gatherings, attending a concert or sporting event, doing community service, hosting a fundraiser or sale, creating contests, or other similar activities.

2020 Update: We need to do a better job of maintaining a more consistent schedule and growing our group.

2021 Update: Three youth joined Pastor Kalen at a youth mission trip in the summer of 2021. They hosted a few fundraisers to help in the cause, fought through normal (and not normal) pre-trip issues, and were able to have a blast on their trip. They are already planning to do another trip this summer. In addition, we joined a few other local churches to host a youth night filled with minute-to-win-it games and a campfire in the early fall and participated in the CROP walk in the late fall.

2022 Goal: We are planning to help with the Sub Sale in February and are looking to do five or six activities (about once every other month) in 2022.

"For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many." - Mark 10:45

Stacie Sheppard, Co-Chairperson

Michael Dowden, Co-Chairperson

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Christ Lutheran Church Women of the ELCA (WELCA)

Share with God's people who are in need. Practice hospitality.
Romans 12:13

And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased.
Hebrews 13:16

My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you.
John 15:12

WELCA is an organization that share's God's love by helping others. Reaching out to help others is part of our faith in God and our Christian life.

WELCA was able to meet again in August 2021 and we were able to resume some of our activities.

Christ Lutheran Women of the ELCA supported our congregation:

- Provided food and served at funeral luncheons
- Arranged for palms, Easter lilies, and poinsettias to decorate the Church
- Sent cards to those who were sick or in honor of special events
- Telephoned church and community members who might be alone
- Planned and worked at the Turkey Dinner
- Donated to the Bell Tower
- Decorated the Church for Advent and Christmas
- Delivered Poinsettias, fresh fruit, and snack items to our older church and community members at Christmas time.
- Provided communion wine and juice

Christ Lutheran Women of the ELCA supported community activities:

- Donated money to help purchase school supplies
- Provided mittens, hats, and scarves for the mitten tree
- Purchased Christmas gifts for school children

Christ Lutheran Church members are examples of people who "act boldly on their faith in Jesus Christ." Any action to help others will make a difference in that person's life but will also make a difference in your own life. One small act of kindness can bring someone closer to God. It is an honor to be part of the faithful life we share at Christ Lutheran.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary DeYoung, Secretary
December 31, 2021

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TECHNOLOGY REPORT

Our mission: To use technology to continue and improve our outreach, engagement, and impact in the community.

Long Term goal: As technology and the world changes, this goal changes. With that in mind, we want to ensure our goals match our mission and we use technology to praise and glorify God.

2020 Update: We need to create a new sub-committee titled "Technology." This sub-committee will ensure the website is up to date, help Pastor with any tech questions, and ensure our equipment is adequate.

2021 Update: We added a new domain - clcsharon.com - using GoDaddy services, a new direct email for Pastor in addition to the general church email and continue to update the website weekly. In addition, we used Google Forms to find readers for service, used YouTube and Facebook Live to stream services, and updated our computer systems. We also received a donation of a new Ring doorbell and a few extras to make it easier to hear the doorbell within the building.

2022 Goal: Our goal is to continue to provide methods to sign up for lawn mowing, reading lessons, donating communion bread, and being a communion assistant via Google Forms. These forms automatically update and notify Pastor. In addition, we will continue to update and utilize our website and would like to add more pictures of all the good we do in the community and beyond.

Michael Dowden, Chairperson

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Council President's Report

Another year comes to an end and a new year begins, with hope and prayers for better times. You, as a Congregation, have done a fabulous job of keeping things together as we worked our way through some very unprecedented times. As a Council, we have worked very hard to do what we hoped would be best for Christ Lutheran Church. With the placement of Pastor Kalen, through the Synod Renewal Program, to making her our secured called Pastor, we can look to a positive future. On behalf of the Council, I would like to thank Pastor Kalen for her guidance and leadership through my time on Council, and years as Council President.

I need to thank Beth Frederick and Stephanie Smith for their dedicated time and service on Council as they both come to the end of their two, three-year terms. Stephanie chaired many of our committees as did Beth, who also served two years as Council President. Their contributions have always been supportive, thoughtful, and positive.

As you should get this report a couple of weeks prior to the annual meeting, you still have time to consider filling one of the four vacant council seats.

Fundraising for the Bell Tower project is going quite well. We are on schedule to begin work on this project early in the spring. Our hope is to have the needed funds before work begins. God bless you all for your contributions. We still have time to reach our goal.

I am glad to have had the opportunity to serve on Council and get to know all those I have had the privilege of serving with. I have learned the important role that Council has in keeping Christ Lutheran a positive, functioning organization in our community.

Thank you all for your support and cooperation.

Outgoing Council President,

Dan Way

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Pastor's Report

As 2021 comes to an end, and I look back at our year as a congregation, I am grateful that God has helped us come through a tough time. We started the year with worship services taking place online and council meeting over ZOOM. God kept us connected over that time, and now we are enjoying the sanctuary filled with beloved members once again. Sunday mornings are lively. As I lead worship, I love hearing the sound of children and babies! It's a life sound, and it's a sign that God is doing something new among us.

Another recent shift is that in the last two years our council has become younger. Our older, faithful members have long contributed their time and talents to the leadership of the church, and although their contribution is crucial, a sign of health in a congregation is having members of all ages involved in leadership. This year, a few members of the council are younger than myself. Maybe it's just a sign I'm getting older, but in the world of rural and small-town ministry, I'm still considered young. I'd like to think that it's also a sign that God is up to something new!

One of my favorite highlights from this year was taking some of our high school youth on a mission trip to Bemidji, MN. Our young people learned about the Native American culture and the struggles Native Americans face. They met some amazing people and learned about the importance of relationships in ministry. This coming year, they will be attending the ELCA National Youth Gathering.

In addition to the new things God is doing among us, God continues to do some of the old things. This congregation has a history of generosity. Throughout the pandemic, you continued to share your gifts. People signed up to give electronically, mailed their offerings, and remembered to give even when the offering plate wasn't passed in front of them. As the need arose to fix the bell tower, people rose to meet the challenge, and we are well on our way to our goal. Members continue to support the community by giving to the Second Sunday Offering. In December we held a cookie walk to help send students to the ELCA National Youth Gathering. I estimated 8-10 people would participate, so I only purchased 24 Chinet plates and one roll of Press n' Seal. That Sunday morning, people walked in with armloads of Tupperware containers filled with all kinds of treats. We needed four tables instead of the two I had set up. Several people jumped in to help organize the event. The one event raised \$345. I was amazed at the generosity and joy shared that Sunday morning. The four loaded tables and the people jumping in to help seemed to me a symbol of God's abundance.

As we look to this next year, I have some goals in mind. We are going to be taking part in a process offered by the synod called Faithful Innovations. The process is similar to the renewal process. A team made of congregation members will help us listen for how God is calling us to serve our community. I anticipate that the process will stir up new energy and move us outward. Additionally, I would like to focus on building up our youth ministry. We have an awesome opportunity to be intentional about the way we minister to the children in our midst.

Even though we have so many things to celebrate, I am also aware that we are not out of the pandemic. In the coming months, the world might change again, and we may have to lean into our faith in God and remember how God has brought us through in the past. The pandemic and the events of the past year and a half have revealed the need for God's people to be proclaiming, teaching, and sharing God's

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love. Please pray that our congregation will be faithful to that call and that God would help us meet all challenges for Jesus' sake.

I thank God for each and every one of you. Thank you for being such amazing partners in ministry. You all teach me about Jesus every day.

Peace,
-Pastor Kalen

Baptisms

Everett Charles Roth
Theodore Ray Frederick
Milo Kai Carreno
Avah Grace Hyndman
Quinn Kristine Hyndman

Children Receiving First Communion

Kylie Dowden
Mia Dowden
Weston Lawler

Funerals

Lorna Weiffenbach
Debra Ulrich
Bruce Koltz

Members (not listed under *Funerals*) who died in 2021

Mary Kline
Thomas Fredrick

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ACCOUNT	2021 Budget	2021 Actual	2022 Proposed Budget
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Administration

Copier Lease/Service Contract	1,416.00	429.00	800.00
Council Retreat	200.00	0.00	200.00
FICA - Employer Share	1,025.00	1,164.14	1,051.00
Internet Service	600.00	697.76	750.00
Offering Envelopes	200.00	183.34	200.00
Office Supplies	300.00	51.64	200.00
Postage	200.00	144.60	200.00
Postal Box & Safety Deposit Bo	135.00	76.00	80.00
Software	410.00	458.84	400.00
Synod Assembly	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00
Vanco - EFT Charges	225.00	263.75	275.00
SubTotal Administration	5,711.00	3,469.07	5,156.00

Benevolent Giving

Synod Benevolence Expense	8,705.00	8,705.04	9,013.00
SubTotal Benevolent Giving	8,705.00	8,705.04	9,013.00

Christian Education

Confirmation	200.00	0.00	200.00
Stewardship/Adult Education	300.00	213.81	300.00
Sunday School	600.00	320.79	600.00
Vacation Bible School	750.00	0.00	750.00
SubTotal Christian Education	1,850.00	534.60	1,850.00

Operations and Upkeep

Church Maintenance	2,000.00	1,894.06	2,000.00
Organ & Piano Expense	150.00	0.00	150.00
Parsonage Maintenance	500.00	0.00	500.00
Property & Workers Comp Insur	5,500.00	6,316.62	6,200.00
Repair & Cleaning Supplies	150.00	236.70	150.00
Sexton - Salary	5,980.00	5,980.08	6,100.00
Snow Removal & Lawn Care	1,750.00	1,419.10	2,000.00
SubTotal Operations and Upkee	16,030.00	15,846.56	17,100.00

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Pastoral Ministry

Book Allowance	250.00	81.01	250.00
Continuing Education	800.00	0.00	800.00
Housing Allowance	9,000.00	9,000.00	9,500.00
Mileage	1,500.00	546.12	1,500.00
Official Meetings	450.00	179.56	450.00
Pastor Salary	34,755.00	34,755.12	35,719.00
Pension & Health	16,716.00	17,044.44	17,961.00
Renewal Ministry	335.00	0.00	335.00
Social Security	3,347.00	3,207.58	3,460.00
Supply Pastor	750.00	350.00	750.00
SubTotal Pastoral Ministry	67,903.00	65,163.83	70,725.00

Utilities - Church

Electric	3,600.00	2,710.88	3,600.00
Gas	1,700.00	1,119.47	1,700.00
Telephone	600.00	583.38	700.00
Water & Sewer	1,200.00	1,070.62	1,200.00
SubTotal Utilities - Church	7,100.00	5,484.35	7,200.00

Utilities - Parsonage

Electric	600.00	309.27	600.00
Gas	500.00	589.91	700.00
Water & Sewer	600.00	413.24	500.00
SubTotal Utilities - Parsonage	1,700.00	1,312.42	1,800.00

Worship & Music

Choir Music	200.00	28.61	200.00
Organist - Salary	7,416.00	7,416.00	7,638.00
Supply Organist/Musicians	300.00	0.00	300.00
Worship Supplies	600.00	688.09	700.00
SubTotal Worship & Music	8,516.00	8,132.70	8,838.00

Total Expenditures	117,515.00	108,648.57	121,682.00
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Budget Increase - \$4,167 or 3.55%

Synod Benevolence - 8% (Same percentage as 2021)