

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



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9:00 Worship - In Person and Facebook Live	2 6:00 -WELCA Meeting at Church	3	4 6:00 - Bible Study	5	6	7
8 9:00 Worship - In Person and Facebook Live <i>*Congregational Meeting following worship*</i>	9	10	11 6:00 - Bible Study	12 6:00 - Council Meeting	13	14
15 9:00 Worship - In Person and Facebook Live <i>*Cindy Wuttke will lead worship!*</i>	16	17	18 6:00 - Bible Study	19	20	21
22 9:00 Worship - In Person and Facebook Live 6:30-9:30 Middle & High School Mash Up at Jefferson Prairie	23	24 <i>*Pastor on Vacation*</i>	25 No Bible Study <i>*Pastor on Vacation*</i>	26 <i>*Pastor on Vacation*</i>	27	28
29 9:00 Worship - In Person and Facebook Live Baptism of Theodore Frederick	30	Second Sunday Offering The recipient of our August Second Sunday offering is Backpacks for Children. Like last year, the school will be accepting monetary donations, so they can purchase supplies for students. They have backpacks in storage they will be filling with supplies for students who need help at the beginning of the year. If you would like to donate toward school supplies for area children, we will accept the offering all month. Please write the check to Christ Lutheran and put <i>Backpacks for Children</i> in the memo.				

Christ Lutheran News

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A Word From the Pastor

It has been a busy month! We started July with the Sharon parade. Christ Lutheran was represented by walkers handing out ring pops with VBS info on them, and by a bright new sign with our church name and website carried in the back of Larry Hardt's pick-up truck. Two days after the parade, we welcomed 21 children to VBS who were served by 17 adult and teen volunteers. The following week, three of our youth attended a mission trip to the Leech Lake Indian Reservation in Bemidji, Minnesota. Upon returning, the youth prepared a thank you dinner for those who purchased stock in their trip. In-person indoor Bible study is happening once again. The Lion's Club hosted the blood drive this month, and plans are underway for Sunday school in the fall.

After a year and a half of minimal in-person activities, it feels amazing to be together again, to see faces, to welcome children and youth, to go places, to eat with each other, and to work side by side! Thank you to all who helped with this month's ministries!



As I reflect on this month, I would like to take a moment to share some of the things our youth experienced on the mission trip. We joined two other area churches: Sugar Creek Lutheran in Elkhorn, and Faith Lutheran in Walworth. When we arrived at the mission trip site, a group from a Catholic church was participating as

well. The organization facilitating the trip was called Youth Works. Four college-age women served as our leaders for the week. They directed our youth in preparing and cleaning up after all their meals. The Youth Works leaders also helped arrange our community service opportunities, led the worship and educational activities, and spent time getting to know us. They were fantastic!

The Youth Works leaders led us in a powerful and interactive activity that helped us to understand the devastation suffered by Native American people. We were educated about the ways in which Native Americans were stripped of their land, cultures, and languages. We learned how the Europeans brought deadly diseases, and we heard about the horrors of boarding schools run by the Church. The purpose of these schools was to erase all aspects of Native culture and assimilate Native American children into white culture. The priests and nuns running the schools broke up families. They emotionally,

psychologically, physically, and sexually abused the children, and in far too many cases, children died at these schools, and their deaths were covered up. One of our speaker's family members was pushed down the stairs by a teacher, and the child died as a result. The child who died was 9 years old.

On one of our work days, we stopped by a park to have lunch and there just happened to be a group of people from the Red Lake Nations gathering for a demonstration to raise awareness of what happened at the boarding schools. In particular, their demonstration was to remember babies who had been put in furnaces and killed at the boarding schools. An 80-year-old woman was present and told us her story. She had attended a boarding school where abuses occurred. She shared that she had been hit in the mouth many times because she dared to speak Ojibwe to her younger brothers and sisters who could not speak English.



Some of the people from the Red Lake Nations group gathered at the entrance of the park for a drum circle. Although they sang in Ojibwe, any listener would know the song was about sorrow and loss. Hearing that song was the most powerful moment of the trip for me, and I think it was for several of the youth as well.



The youth worked hard during community service time, cleaning, moving, fixing, and doing yard work, but the most important work they did was simply being present with people and receiving the gift of others' stories, hospitality, and grace. Those who welcomed us into their spaces were gracious and kind.

We heard from those we served about the things beginning to happen in an effort to restore the language and culture that has been lost, and to teach the present generation the Ojibwe traditions, values, and life-sustaining skills. When we arrived back, the youth agreed they would do it all over again. God was with us, blessing us through those we met and teaching us many things! My prayer is that the youth who attended continue to listen to the stories of others with humility and openness, and that through others, their understanding of Jesus, the one who so loved the World, will deepen and grow. Thank you for your prayers and support of youth ministry at Christ Lutheran!

God's Peace,

Pastor Kalen Barkholtz

Sunday School is Back in the Fall!

Sunday School will be back in the fall! You can register your child on the church website. www.clcsharon.com. Don't forget that RALLY DAY is September 12th - mark your calendars!

Thank You!

Thank you to Larry Hardt for driving his truck in the Sharon Fourth of July Parade and to all those who walked and handed out information about Vacation Bible School!



Thank you to Stacie Sheppard for coordinating VBS this year and to all those who volunteered their time and talents. The ministry of sharing God's love with the children in our community couldn't happen without you.

Thank you to all those who prayed for and supported the youth on their mission trip, whether you purchased stock or bought items from Wunburg produce.

Thank you to Wunberg Produce for partnering with us to raise money to send the youth on their mission trip.

Calling All High School & Middle School Students:

We are going to gather at Jefferson Prairie Lutheran Church in Poplar Grove, IL (just a few miles from us) for a fun youth night for high school and middle school students. We'll play games, eat pizza, and have a bonfire. This event will take place Sunday, August 22nd from 6:30-9:00. Please contact Pastor Kalen or the church if you plan on coming. Bring friends! Just let us know how many so we know how much pizza to order. A couple years ago we gathered with this group for a shared confirmation event, and it was a lot of fun!

Volunteers Needed

Would you like to be a lector (reader) on Sunday mornings and read the Scripture lessons? We are looking for more readers. If you currently read or would like to start, please use the sign up on the church website. Pastor will email you the readings ahead of time. We are also looking for volunteers to mow the church lawn. If interested, you can sign up on the church website www.clcsharon.com or call Dan Way at (262) 736-9221.

A Message From the Council

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

On Sunday, I announced that a Congregational Meeting will be held on August 8th following worship. The purpose of the meeting will be to discuss and authorize the funding and/or possible financing of the bell tower tuck pointing and a repair project with a drain enlargement project on the flat roof over the front entrance and old Pastor's office.

The tuck pointing of the bell tower is a much needed and important repair in the overall safety and integrity of our building. It has been bid as a possible two part project. The upper fifteen feet or so is in very bad shape and may require rebuilding rather than just tuck pointing. Other options, such as removing this section and capping with a roof may be explored as a more cost effective method of repair. This will be discussed with the contractor after further inspection is done once the project is underway.

The flat roof over the front entrance and old Pastor's office has caused water leaks for many years. The leaks seem to happen in early winter and early spring. The accumulation of snow and ice, freezing and thawing, and rain cause a build-up of water that cannot always drain due to the drain on the roof being frozen shut or blocked by ice and snow. The current drain is about 4" in diameter. The drain will be enlarged to allow drainage during the freezing and thawing seasons.

- The cost of the tuck pointing and roof drain enlargement is Twenty-Nine Thousand Three Hundred and Ninety Seven Dollars. (\$29,397.00)
- The cost of rebuilding the top section of the bell tower if needed is Twenty One Thousand Eight Hundred and Seventy Nine Dollars. (21,879.00)

Through the years and many important projects, this Congregation has seemed to always rise to the occasion. It is the hope of the Council that we can once again raise the needed funds for this project. We are currently accepting special donations for this project and will continue to do so. Please designate donations with "Bell Tower" noted.

Thank you to all who have supported and continue to support our church and our many projects. We will do our best to pass along information as this project moves forward. Please plan to attend the meeting on August 8th after church.

Be safe, stay healthy, pray for our church - a lot,

Dan Way

Council President

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.



Please remember these people in your prayers: Cindy Bangert, Orson Bangert, Ginny Bursh, Tom Fredrick, Kim Jacobs, Erik Jelinek, Tom Kleiber, Mary Kline, Jean Kovarik, Marilyn Lowry, Ray Lowry, Bill Piculas, Janet Schilke, Jimmy Sheppard, Joy Smith, Flo Supay, Family of Laura Vanderstappen, Jacqueline Webster.

Please remember our members in care facilities:

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

Ginny Bursh is at Golden Years

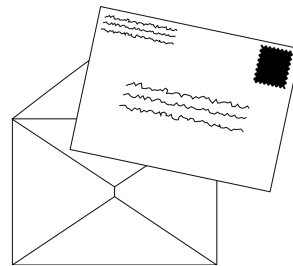
Ginny Bursh
Golden Years
270 Ridge Rd.
Walworth, WI 53184

Tom Fredrick is at Delavan Health Services

Tom Fredrick
Delavan Health Services
905 Geneva St.
Delavan, WI 53115

Tom Kleiber is at St. Michael's Manor (NEW)

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% Tom Kleiber
1516 Russet
Racine, WI 53402



Featured Family of the Month



The Sheppard Family - Kenny and Stacie met after Kenny moved up here from Arkansas to work for the Sharon Telephone Company. They were married in August of 2008 and were blessed with Samantha (Sami) in June of 2011. As an only child herself, Stacie wanted to make sure Sami would have a sibling to grow up with. In October of 2011, James was born and their lives became complete! This fall, Kenny will celebrate 17 years with Sharon Telephone Company, while Stacie starts her 8th year of teaching at Big Foot High School. Both feel blessed to love what they

do for a living. When not busy with work, Kenny and Stacie are busy chasing Sami and James, well mainly James. Sami loves singing, reading, riding her bike, and watching Boy Meets World. James loves Elmo, popsicles, driving the lawn mower, playing with his sister, and smiling.



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

8/1 Thomas Fredrick	8/16 Trenton Tislau	8/27 Audrey Way
8/4 Weston Lawler	8/17 Stacie Sheppard	8/29 Rita Ekman
8/10 Kay Olson	8/21 Kenny Sheppard	8/29 Laura Jacobs-Ogura
8/11 Laurie Hardt	8/22 Jean Kovarik	8/30 Leslie Ross
8/14 Irene Dowey	8/23 Mia Dowden	8/31 Abby LaFrance
8/16 Lois Damak	8/23 Kaylee Fredrick	

Wedding Anniversary Celebrations

8/2 Kenny & Stacie Sheppard	8/18 Wayne & Elaine Smith
8/5 Dan & Julie Huff	8/20 Orson & Cindy Bangert
8/7 Rick & Laura Bursh	8/23 Russell & Jamie Jansen
8/9 Jerry & Denise Gibbons	8/27 Ken & Betty Rambatt

Baptismal Anniversary Celebrations

8/1 Elaine Maas	8/17 Jean Kovarik	8/27 Cindy Wuttke
8/7 Samantha Sheppard	8/20 Kaylie Ruosch	8/27 Trevor Rambatt
8/11 Larry Hardt	8/24 Jacalyne Rambatt	