

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



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2  <b>9:00-11:00</b> Diaper Bank Open
3 <b>9:00</b> Worship	4 	5 <b>1:00-6:00</b> Blood Drive <b>6:00</b> Bible study	6	7	8	9
10 <b>9:00</b> Worship	11	12  <b>6:00</b> Bible study	13  <b>6:00</b> Council Meeting	14	15	16
17 <b>9:00</b> Worship	18	19 <b>3:00-5:00</b> Diaper Bank Open <b>6:00</b> Bible study	20	21	22	23 <b>8:30</b> HS Youth Leaves for Mission Trip <b>*Pastor on Mission Trip*</b>
24 <b>9:00</b> Worship <b>*Pastor on Mission Trip*</b>	25  <b>*Pastor on Mission Trip*</b>	26  <b>*No Bible Study*</b>  <b>*Pastor on Mission Trip*</b>	27  <b>*Pastor on Mission Trip*</b>	28  <b>*Pastor on Mission Trip*</b>	29 HS Youth Return from Mission Trip <b>*Pastor on Mission Trip*</b>	30
31 <b>9:00</b> Worship						

## 4th of July Parade

This year, Christ Lutheran Church will be walking in the Sharon 4th of July Parade to hand out bubbles and information regarding our Vacation Bible School this summer. We don't have specific details regarding time or meeting spot; however, if you are interested in joining us, please contact Stacie Sheppard (262) 215-3777 or Dani Lawler (262) 903-6536 and we will get you the information as soon as we have it.

# Christ Lutheran News

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## A Word From the Pastor

Food is on my mind today. Recent news stories have highlighted the food crisis in Sudan. The war in Ukraine has prevented food from coming into the country. Sudan has been facing famine due to three years of unusual flooding. Children are starving and thousands of people are at risk of losing their lives because of malnutrition.

I admit, I often take food for granted. I have never experienced real hunger, only the occasional trouble focusing if I miss a meal or eat late. When I clean out my fridge, I often end up throwing out food our family couldn't finish before it went bad. While I realize that many people around me are struggling with the higher cost of food, and I am noticing my steep grocery bill, I am by no means hungry. I have always had food. It's shamefully easy for me to forget that food is not guaranteed. But in the days since that news story has come out, I have been noticing food more—how much I have, how little I actually work for it, how much is around me, from fast food restaurants I drive past, to grocery store shelves that are taller than me and contain every kind of cereal, and canned fruit, and sauce, and spice imaginable, to the full, green, waving fields of corn I see outside my car window on the way to work.

The earth produces more than enough food to feed the world. However, because of many factors such as war preventing transport of goods, corruption in governments, and the truth that climate change most devastatingly affects poor regions of the world that rely on their local land for food, hunger senselessly occurs. We also must realize that hunger is not just an overseas problem. Many of our neighbors suffer from food insecurity. They worry about affording food, and kids in our community don't always know where their next meal will come from.

The Bible tells us that food disparity is against God's plan for creation. The prophets who delivered the Word of God to the people warned the Israelites against hoarding and polluting resources.

From Ezekiel chapter 34, "Is it not enough for you to feed on the good pasture, but you must tread down with your feet the rest of the pasture? When you drink of clear water, must you foul the rest with your feet? And must my sheep eat what you have trodden with

your feet, and drink what you have fouled with your feet? ...They shall no more be plunder for the nations...I will provide for them a splendid vegetation so that they shall no more be consumed with hunger in the land.”

God cares for the ones who suffer because of others’ greed and carelessness. If I am honest with myself, I see myself among the sheep who are running amok through the pastures, taking what is needed for themselves and leaving a path of polluted resources.

I begin to feel overwhelmed by the problem of hunger and the ways in which my own belonging to a wealthy society contributes to the problem. I don’t have answers, except that I know that God calls us to be concerned about hunger, to pray about poverty, and to examine how our actions affect others. I also believe it’s important to be thankful, to realize that if we are not worrying about food, we are fortunate.

Give thanks for your food. Don’t take it for granted. If you are able to help, remember your hungry neighbors, the close ones, and the ones around the world. Consider giving a donation to ELCA World Hunger, or Lutheran World Relief, or consider helping locally. This summer our church is going to be helping our close neighbors by providing kids’ lunches during VBS, and distributing kids’ lunches Thursdays in August. Email the church at [clcsharon1845@gmail.com](mailto:clcsharon1845@gmail.com) if you would like to help.

All human beings are dependent upon the health of God’s creation, and the generosity of others. God commands us to love our neighbor. Addressing hunger is a faith practice.

Peace,

*Pastor Kalen Barkholtz*

## Thank You!



Thank you to all who helped plan and implement the Book Giveaway Event! It was a wonderful day! It was held on the last day of school for the Sharon elementary and middle school students. The kids were released from school at 11:30, so we invited them to the park for a hot dog lunch and the opportunity to pick out a free book. 85 children from the community participated. It was so much fun to wish them a good summer and help them pick out exciting books. The project was funded by the endowment committee and WELCA. There are plans to continue hosting this event on the last day of school every year.

## Pastor Richard Dowling Leading Worship July 24<sup>th</sup>

I will be gone on July 24<sup>th</sup> for the mission trip. My father-in-law, Richard Dowling, who recently retired from over 40 years in the ministry, is now supply preaching in the synod, so I invited him to lead worship while I am gone. I am excited to share him with you, and you with him!

## Christ Lutheran High School Youth Mission Trip

High school youth Kaylee Fredrick and Jacob Schmig, along with Pastor Kalen, will be leaving for a mission trip to Logan, West Virginia July 23<sup>rd</sup>. They will be meeting people there and learning about the issues facing people who live in the Appalachian region of the United States. They will have an opportunity to meet people, worship, and serve. Please pray for their safety and for the Holy Spirit to open their hearts to learning and growing in faith. They will return July 29<sup>th</sup>.

## Summer Bible Study

Join us and learn about women of the Bible. We will meet 6 weeks throughout the summer, Tuesdays at 6:00 p.m. All are welcome. You do not have to be present for all the sessions to attend. Come when you can! We will be discussing women in the Bible, how their stories shape women's lives today, and what we can learn from them. We'd love to have you join us!

**June 28** There's a Woman to Blame: Eve, Delilah, and Bathsheba

**July 5** Wise Women: Miriam, Jochebed, and Pharaoh's Daughters, Deborah and Jazael

**July 12** Women Disregarded and Discarded: The Unnamed Concubine and the Countless Victims of Violence

**July 19** Women of Faith: Ruth and Naomi

**July 26** No Bible Study, Pastor on Mission Trip

**August 2** The Ideal Women: How the Bible has influenced our ideas of the perfect woman, wife, and mother, and how the Gospel frees women and men alike

**August 9** Unshakable Love: The Women Who Walked with Jesus

**Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.**



**Please remember these people in your prayers:** Cindy Bangert, Orrin Bangert, Orson Bangert, Betty Chism, Jacob Friesema, Kim Jacobs, Erik Jelinek, Tom Kleiber, Jean Kovarik, Ray Lowry, Bill Piculas, Janet Schilke, Joy Smith, Ike Strasser, Deb Way, and Doris Wehrwein.

**Please remember our members in care facilities:**

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

**Jean Kovarik**  
Golden Years  
270 Ridge Road  
Room 44  
Walworth, WI 53184

## Second Sunday Offering

The Second Sunday Offering for the month of July is the Brigham Memorial Library in Sharon. In addition, the Sharon library connects people with information and connects people to people. The library provides our communities with many services including offering community members internet service and printing, and meeting spaces for not-for-profit groups and students. Several of our congregation members participate in the library's weekly coffee hour. This summer, both kids and adults can participate in reading programs that encourage them to read more and be rewarded for their reading with fun prizes. We are fortunate to have such a wonderful library as a part of our community!

## Vacation Bible School

Join us for monumental time August 1st-August 5th for Vacation Bible School. Children will share all they learned during worship on Sunday, August 8th. Scan the QR code below to register or visit our website [clcsharon.com](http://clcsharon.com). We hope to see you there!

*It's time for fun  
in the sun!*

**A MONUMENTAL time will be  
had at Christ Lutheran Church  
Vacation Bible School!**

**Monday, August 1 - Friday, August 5  
9 a.m. - 11:45 a.m. with daily lunch**

**VBS Sunday, August 7 at 9 a.m.**

**Scan the  
QR code to  
register!**

**MONUMENTAL**  
CELEBRATING GOD'S GREATNESS

# 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

7/2 Alivia Lawler	7/14 Edna Sormula	7/25 David Crump
7/2 Joy Smith	7/15 Megan Stafford	7/25 Elaine Maas
7/7 Kyle Rambatt	7/17 Haley Woodrich	7/25 Kimberly Mizelle
7/8 Brooke Berryman	7/18 Jerry Olson	7/27 Dave Mizelle
7/8 Elise Glos	7/18 Alyssa Wenzel	7/30 Dennis Frederick
7/10 Addison Schmig	7/23 Ralph Bollinger	7/31 Mary DeYoung
7/10 Peter Zimmerman	7/24 Teagen Tislau	

### Wedding Anniversary Celebrations

7/1 Mat & Erin Faulkner	7/22 Ken & Mary DeYoung
7/7 James & Lin Stafford	7/22 Michael & Dani Lawler
7/8 Josh & Katie Hyndman	7/24 Josh & Sarah Kalb
7/11 Tyler & Jen Frederick	7/26 Dave & Kimberly Mizelle
7/16 Peter & Carrie Zimmerman	7/30 Randy & Kendra Janes

### Baptismal Anniversary Celebrations

7/5 Alivia Lawler	7/12 Jaxson Janes	7/17 Timothy Frederick
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**NOW  
PROVIDED  
AT:**

**CHRIST LUTHERAN  
CHURCH**

# **WALWORTH COUNTY DIAPER BANK**

**Every 1st Saturday 9AM - 11AM  
Every 3rd Tuesday 3PM - 5PM**

**BABY DIAPERS, ADULT  
INCONTINENCE  
BRIEFS AND FEMININE  
HYGIENE PRODUCTS  
ARE AVAILABLE TO  
FAMILIES IN NEED**

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EAST PARKING LOT ENTRANCE |**