

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



Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church

P.O. Box 346

228 Martin Street

Sharon, WI 53585

Phone: (262) 736-4757

June

2021

June 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
6 9:00 Worship - In Person and Facebook Live	7 *Pastor on Vacation*	8 *Pastor on Vacation*	9 *Pastor on Vacation*	10 *Pastor on Vacation*	11 *Pastor on Vacation*	12 *Pastor on Vacation*
13 9:00 Worship - In Person and Facebook Live *Pastor on Vacation*	14	15	16 6:00 Bible Study	17 6:00 Council Meeting	18	19
20 9:00 Worship - In Person and Facebook Live	21	22	23 6:00 Bible Study	24	25	26 *Newsletter Deadline*
27 9:00 Worship - In Person and Facebook Live	28	29	30 6:00 Bible Study			

Please Note

Pastor Kalen will be on vacation June 7th-13th. Please contact Council President Dan Way if you have a pastoral emergency, and he will contact the pastor providing coverage.

Second Sunday Offering

This month's Second Sunday Offering is the Brigham Memorial Library in Sharon. The library is a wonderful resource in Sharon. Not only does it offer a tremendous resource of free reading material, it provides a place to connect with free WI-FI, a center that supports the learning and literacy of children in the community, and a gathering space for people. Libraries connect people with valuable resources like information and other people! We are blessed to have an active library that cares about the community. The Brigham Memorial Library is now allowing browsing without an appointment.

Christ Lutheran News

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

A Word From the Pastor

I am reading a most amazing book by Diana Beresford-Kroeger called "To Speak for the Trees." It's one of those books that opens windows and doors, communicates important truths, and causes you to think about the world in new ways. It's a memoir written by an Irish born botanist and environmentalist whose life's work and passion is the study of trees, and the advocacy for the preservation of the world's forests. I am in the middle of the book right now, wherein she is still telling the story of her childhood, and how events led to her knowledge and love of the natural world.

She was orphaned, and her mother's family, who lived in a small village in Ireland where Celtic Wisdom was still a part of the culture, passed the local folk wisdom onto her. The older people in the village deemed that she was the chosen one to carry on the lessons of the past. Over one summer she received lessons from the people of the village. She learned how to make butter, and how to identify and use medicinal plants. They taught her poems, stories, and old songs. The people taught her to care for her mind, body, and soul. They showed her she was valuable, and that she had inherent worth. That summer of incredible learning infused her with life-sustaining knowledge, confidence and a foothold to begin her own healing, an appreciation for nature, and an understanding of the connectedness of all things.

As I was reading and imagining those wise village people brim full of knowledge and life experience, I couldn't help but think of our aging congregation, and all the wisdom and life experience present among our older members. They know how to cook and fix. They know little remedies for ailments and problems. Having lived lives of joys and sorrows, they know many lessons about caring for mind, body, and spirit. They know about relationships, healing, birth, life, and death. They know about faith.

The author did not receive religious knowledge, but she did learn lessons of spirituality. It made me wonder what gems of spiritual wisdom are hidden among our older members. Her invaluable wisdom and education stirred in me a longing to glean the folk wisdom of those around me. It made me wonder about the possibility of pairing confirmation students with elders in our congregation, or possibly taking some time to collect stories and advice—especially pertaining to living lives of faith.

In the years following her unique summer of learning, one by one, her wise teachers left the world. Had they not handed their knowledge to her, the treasures they gave would have been lost. What she learned shaped the author and continues to feed her environmental work of preserving nature and humanity through the saving and planting of trees.

I don't know what to do with my new imaginings about collecting wisdom, but I felt moved to share it. Maybe you have an idea for procuring wisdom, or a lesson you want to teach. Let me know. It would be a gift to receive your wisdom!

Peace,

Pastor Kalen Barkholtz

Vacation Bible School

The Council will be deciding at the next meeting whether or not to hold VBS, and if VBS is held, how to do so safely. Outdoor VBS, and limiting food to prepackaged items have been discussed as ways to lower the risk of spreading COVID. If VBS does happen, it will take place during the week of August 9th-15th.



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, Jim Raith, Janet Schilke, Joy Smith, Flo Supay, the family of Bill Teichen,

and the family of Lyle Wunberg.

A Message From the Council

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As I write this note for this month's newsletter, I wanted to say that it is nice that summer is upon us. But I look outside and it is 45 degrees and raining. We all know that summer will get here, we just need a bit more patience. Patience, a word we have heard a lot these last fourteen months. Things will get back to normal, another phrase we have heard over and over again. All of these things have been applied in our daily lives including our Church life. As a group, and as individuals, we have all been praying for the time in our lives that we could begin to use the word "normal." Now exactly what normal will look like, I'm sure it can look different to each person. Church is no different. As a council, with the guidance of Pastor Kalen and our Music and Worship Committee, we will be discussing our many options to moving worship to a more normal setting. We will follow Synod and other guidelines and apply them as it best fits our congregation. We will be discussing and making these decisions at our June council meeting. These decisions will be passed along to the congregation as they are made as this could be an ongoing process.

Patience. Normal. We will get there.

God's Peace,

Dan Way

Council President

Produce Sale

Thank you to all who purchased items from Wunberg Produce in support of the high school mission trip! The display will be at church the first week of June, and then it will be taken down. The students will also be at a booth selling goods from Wunberg's at Model A Days to finish their fundraising for the mission trip. They will be visiting the Leech Lake Ojibwe Reservation in Bemidji, MN this July.

Thank You!

Dear Christ Lutheran Evangelical Lutheran Church, Thank you so much for your generous donation towards Kaycee and I to go to camp this year! This will be my eighth year and Kaycee's third year. We've almost reached our goal to get there!

Much love, *Kaylee Fredrick*

Summer Bible Study

This year, our Summer Bible Study will focus on Christian spiritual practices, based on Marjorie Thompson's bestselling book, *Soul Feast*. Many Christians have the desire to grow closer to God in their daily lives, but don't know where to begin. Many people have questions about prayer—what it is, and how to do it. This class will cover practices such as taking Sabbath (rest), various forms of prayer, showing hospitality, and creating a spiritual routine and foundation for your own life. Books will be available for free for anyone who would like one. If you are not interested in reading the book, but would like to be a part of the class, you can still participate. Each class, we will discuss sections of the book, but you can easily join the discussion without having read. I read Marjorie Thompson's book my first year of seminary, and it opened a whole new world of possibilities for me. Before learning about spiritual practices, I didn't know how to nurture my spiritual life outside of worship. Now I am aware of tools I can put into practice myself that help me see and receive the activity of God in my life. Each week participants will have something new to try that will help them notice God working in their lives. This year, we will be able to meet indoors in the fellowship hall. We will meet Wednesdays during the summer beginning June 16th. If you would like a book, please let me know by June 6th. Adult education is one of my favorite areas of ministry. It's wonderful to get to know each other better and have great conversations about things that matter. I hope you can join us!

--Pastor Kalen

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

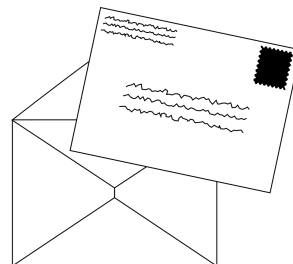
Ginny Bursh
Golden Years
270 Ridge Rd.
Walworth, WI 53184

Tom Fredrick is at Delavan Health Services

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

Tom Kleiber is at Sunnyside Assisted Living

Just Like Home
W5140 County Rd. A
c/o Tom Kleiber
Elkhorn, WI 53121



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

6/1 Kalen Barkholtz	6/10 Gianna Webster	6/22 Linda Schutt
6/2 Trevor Rambatt	6/14 Tanner Tislau	6/25 Sami Sheppard
6/3 Devin Olson	6/15 Dave Friesema	6/27 Cindy Wuttke
6/7 Kayla Crump	6/15 Skylar Jacobs	6/29 Ezekiel Hardt
6/9 Denise Gibbons	6/22 Mary Diderich	

Wedding Anniversary Celebrations

6/17 Larry & Lois Damak

6/24 Adam & Brittany Countryman

Baptismal Anniversary Celebrations

6/8 Konnor Glos	6/17 Edna Sormula	6/19 Makenzie Dowden
6/15 Danny Mizelle	6/19 Darrell Frederick	6/29 Logan Crump

Featured Family of the Month



The Mizelle Family - Dave and Kim met when Dave's older brother married Kim's best friend's sister... confusing, right? Soon after, they went on their first date - dinner and a movie. Kim fell asleep at the movie and Dave fell in love. Three years later, they married on one of the best days of their lives.

Since then, they have welcomed 2 happy and silly boys who keep them busy! Charlie is 3 and Danny is 2. Dave is a Physical Education teacher at Sharon Community School and Kim works as a nurse at Mercy. They love to spend time with family and friends and chase their two adorable boys around.

