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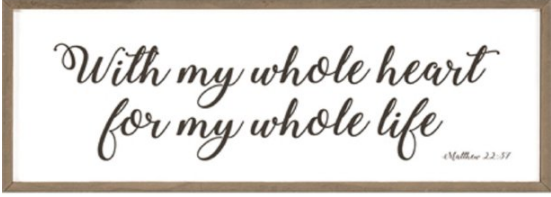
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3 11:30-2:00 Book Giveaway @ Goodland Park	4 9:00-11:00 Diaper Bank Open
5 *Baptism of Simon Wuttke* 9:00 Worship	6 *Pastor on Vacation*	7 *Pastor on Vacation*	8 *Pastor on Vacation*	9 *Pastor on Vacation*	10 *Pastor on Vacation*	11 *Pastor on Vacation*
12 9:00 Worship *Pastor on Vacation - Pastor Larry Froemming Preaches*	13	14	15 6:00 Lion' s Club	16	17	18
19 9:00 Worship	20	21 3:00-5:00 Diaper Bank Open	22	23	24	25
26 9:00 Worship 12:00 Faithful Innovations Guiding Team	27	28	29	30		

Second Sunday Offering

Our Second Sunday Offering for the month of June will go toward lunches for VBS. This summer the Sharon School is only able to provide lunches during the weeks that summer school is in session. The summer is often a time when families struggle to feed their families because they can no longer rely on the extra help of school breakfast and lunch. Providing lunches at VBS is very helpful for families during the summer months. Thank you for your support!

Christ Lutheran News

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A Word From the Pastor

Our congregation is currently participating in a process hosted by the synod called Faithful Innovations. The focus of Faithful Innovations is listening, particularly listening to God, listening to each other, and listening to our communities. We have a few members who are attending three trainings throughout the year, and they are going to be inviting us to try some new things that will invite us into deeper listening. I joined a couple of members for our first training on Sunday May 22. The event was held from 2:00-6:00. Pastors are usually tired on Sunday, so I was anticipating the time spent in this four-hour training session to feel long. We spent the afternoon listening. We participated in Dwelling in the Word, which is an exercise in listening deeply to a passage of Scripture. We also took some time to listen to each other tell stories about a time in our lives when we were most spiritually energized.

I found I was not watching the clock. The time was full of connecting and sharing. When I finally did look up at the clock, I was surprised that our time was over. When you are truly listening, and others are sharing from their hearts, you lose track of time. The same is true when you have the wonderful and rare experience of having someone truly listen to you.

When I shared with my listening partner my story, he listened intently. He was able to repeat back to the group everything I said. I felt valued, and I felt my story mattered to him and the group. The validation took me a bit by surprise. I often feel heard when I am with friends, family, and church members, but this listening was even more intentional than usual. The experience inspired me to be more intentional in my listening. I also noticed what a blessing it was to have time and space set aside to listen to others. Freedom from distractions deepened my listening to others.

I have a book on my shelf called, *The Art of Listening in a Healing Way* by James E. Miller. He suggests that healing listening begins with triple intention. If we are to listen in a healing way, whether we consciously or unconsciously make commit to each intention, we say yes to three things—that we will, “do more than merely hear,” we will, “listen to this person, in this time, in this moment,” and we will, “listen with the other person’s needs foremost in mind.”

Our culture keeps us from listening in this committed way. We are busy, and our cell phones and devices never stop pinging. We listen with the intention of finding a pause when we can interject with our own comment or story. Sometimes we fail to listen in conflict situations because we are formulating our own points. Listening is rare, and this is unfortunate because listening is ministry. Listening is healing. Listening to others can even be a form of prayer. Often the best prayer is listening, and God speaks through others all the time.

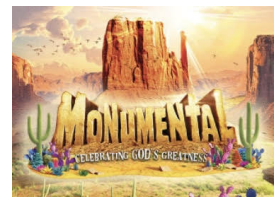
I encourage you to consider how you might listen a little more deeply. Next time you are in a situation when someone reaches out to you and begins sharing the story of their day, see if you can't commit to intentional listening. Your commitment to be present and open, and your intention of listening for the other person's wholeness will be a gift to them. It might even provide some healing! I'm excited to begin Faithful Innovations and to listen more deeply with you to God, each other, and our community! I expect that God has something we are meant to hear!

Peace,

Pastor Kalen Barkholtz

Vacation Bible School

Please note that the originally published dates for VBS have changed. We changed the VBS dates once we learned summer school was occurring the same days. The new VBS week is August 1st-5th! We hope to see you there!



Thank You!

Thank you to Stacie & Kenny Sheppard for all their work with the children this year in Sunday School! Chris Lynch for the music she shares with the Sunday School Children throughout the year! And thank you to Cindy Wuttke for another great year of choir; it's wonderful to be singing again!

To everyone at Christ Lutheran, Thank you so much for the kindness you showed our family and your help/acts of service with the funeral luncheon. Being at the church brought back many memories—mom singing in the choir, functions in the fellowship hall, and love and fellowship with the church family. Thank you so much!

Bob Moore, Jeremy and Charity Wagner

From the Chism Family:

Thank you for a beautiful memorial service for Billy Chism. We appreciate all you did to make it a special memory for our friends and family.

Christ Lutheran High School Youth Mission Trip

This summer, two of our youth, Jacob Schmig and Kaylee Fredrick, will be going on a mission trip to Logan, West Virginia with Pastor Kalen. If you would like to support them, you can do so by purchasing "stock" for \$20 per share. Investors receive a stockholder's certificate, a postcard from a student while on the trip, and an invitation to a stockholder's dinner where students will give a presentation about their experience. The stockholder's dinner will likely take place on a Sunday afternoon in August. A form is attached to this newsletter!

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.



Please remember these people in your prayers: Cindy Bangert, Orrin Bangert, Orson Bangert, Jacob Friesema, Kim Jacobs, Erik Jelinek, Tom Kleiber, Jean Kovarik, family of Marie Moore, Ray Lowry, Bill Piculas, family of Karen Ross, 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.

Tom Kleiber
Updated Address
Coming Soon!

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

**Celebrate Summer
with a Book Giveaway!**

FREE LUNCH WHEN? JUNE 3RD 11:30-2:00PM
WHERE? GOODLAND PARK
WHY? BECAUSE EVERY GREAT SUMMER
NEEDS A GREAT BOOK! **FREE BOOK**

**Summer is in the air and
so are BOOKS!**

KIDS JK - 8TH GRADE

Project funded by: The women of the
ELCA and the endowment fund of
Christ Lutheran Church

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

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

**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**

**228 MARTIN ST. SHARON, WI
| ENTER THROUGH SIDE DOOR ON CHURCH ST OR
EAST PARKING LOT ENTRANCE |**

Dear Friends and Family,

This summer, I am going on a mission trip with my church. We will be visiting Logan, West Virginia. This trip will give me an opportunity to meet new friends, hear the stories of people who live in that region of the country and learn about the struggles they face, serve others, have fun, and through it all, grow in my relationship with God.

Please pray for me and my group that the Holy Spirit will be with us helping us learn, opening our hearts, and connecting us with others. Prayer is the most important way you can support me.

If you wish to support me financially, one way to do that is to invest in my faith formation by purchasing stock in the mission trip for \$20 per share. Investors receive a stockholder's certificate, a postcard from a student while on the trip, and an invitation to a stockholder's dinner where students will give a presentation about their experience. If you wish to purchase stock, email the church at clcsharon1845@gmail.com or fill out and mail the request form in this newsletter.

Thank you for taking time to read this letter. Thanks in advance for your prayers, which mean more than you know! We are serious about the prayer part. If you are a praying person, we would be grateful if you added our group to your prayer list.

If you would like to purchase stock, information is below.

God's Blessings!

Christ Lutheran High School Youth

To purchase shares in the high school mission trip: Please cut below the line and send a check to Christ Lutheran Church, P.O. Box 346 Sharon, WI by June 5th .

I would like to invest in the faith formation of youth at Christ Lutheran Church who will be attending the mission trip to Logan, WV this summer. I will receive a postcard from a youth attending the trip, and an invitation to a stockholder's dinner in August (date TBD). If you are not able to attend the dinner, you can still purchase stock.

I would like to purchase _____ shares for \$20 each, totaling \$_____.

Name_____ Phone_____

Mailing Address_____

Checks can be written to Christ Lutheran Church with "Mission Trip" in the memo. Thank you!