

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



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# May 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> <b>9:00</b> Sunday School <b>9:15</b> Choir <b>10:15</b> Worship - In Person and Facebook Live	<b>2</b>  <b>6:00</b> WELCA Meeting	<b>3</b>  <b>1:00-6:00</b> Blood Drive	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>  Synod Assembly	<b>7</b>  Synod Assembly
<b>8</b> <b>9:00</b> Sunday School <b>9:15</b> Choir <b>10:15</b> Worship - In Person and Facebook Live	<b>9</b>  4-H in the Fellowship Hall	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>  <b>6:00</b> Council Meeting	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> <b>8:00</b> Road Clean-up
<b>15</b> <b>*Baptism of Madison Dowden*</b> <b>9:00</b> Sunday School <b>9:15</b> Choir <b>10:15</b> Worship - In Person and Facebook Live	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>  Bill Chism Service
<b>22</b> <b>*Faithful Innovations*</b> <b>9:00</b> Sunday School <b>9:15</b> Choir <b>10:15</b> Worship - In Person and Facebook Live	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> <b>*Summer Worship Hours begin!*</b> <b>9:00</b> Worship - In Person and Facebook Live	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>				

## Book Giveaway Committee



We will be working on our book giveaway project. We plan to hold the event this summer and we are excited to begin planning! If you're interested in helping, let Pastor Kalen know.

# Christ Lutheran News

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## A Word From the Pastor

It has been a dreary spring. We've had lots of rain, spring flurries, wind, and cold, but the grass is getting greener, and the daffodils and a few dandelions have appeared. Nature is not the only active thing this spring. Our church also seems to be filled with activity.

Our Easter celebration was the first big Easter celebration since 2019 and it was beautiful! In 2020, we imagined that we would be back to worship in the building in the same way as before within a few weeks. We had no idea we would wait three years to experience a full Easter church with all the traditions!

In addition to our lively Easter, many new activities and projects are getting underway. Work on the bell tower has begun. We are beginning to plan our book giveaway project which will happen sometime this summer. VBS is planned for the week of July 11th-15th. We will be participating in the Faithful Innovations program with other churches in the area, and the council voted to be a site for the Walworth County Diaper Bank.

I am excited for all these ministries and projects. However, because we have been active, but active in a different way for the last two years, all the activity feels new. Please pray for our church that all our activities in the coming months are to the glory of God. Pray that God would use our offerings to serve others and bring them the good news of Jesus. Pray for our members who are giving of their time and organizing ministry. I would appreciate prayers myself too! I will be praying for you too. May God bless all of you as spring comes and life begins to stir around us.

Peace,

*Pastor Kalen Barkholtz*

## Diaper Bank

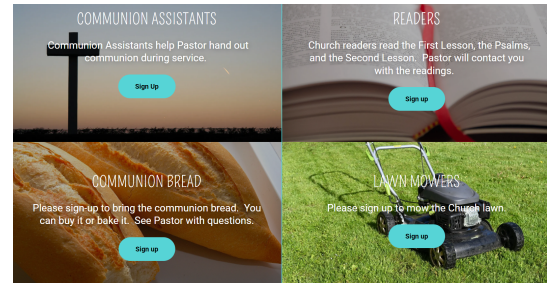
At our April meeting, the Council voted that Christ Lutheran Church would host a diaper bank in our building. We had received a request from the Walworth County Food and Diaper Bank to be a distribution site. People from the Darien/Sharon area who used the service located in Elkhorn expressed that paying for gas to get to the diaper bank was becoming an issue. We had conversations with other services in the Sharon community to make sure we were not overlapping services or providing for a need already addressed. We will not have to collect the diapers and products. The Walworth Co. Food and Diaper Bank will supply us with our inventory. We will offer baby diapers and wipes, adult incontinence products, and feminine hygiene products. Our role will be housing the diapers and opening the building so that people can use the service. At this time we estimate we will have the diaper bank open twice monthly. If you have ideas, or would like to help with this ministry in any way, please contact the church.

## Faithful Innovation

Our congregation will be participating in a synod led process called Faithful Innovations beginning this May. Our members Carol Frederick, Marie Rithamel, and Denise Gibbons will be part of our Faithful Innovations Team. The team will gather with other teams from other Lutheran churches in our area a few times throughout the year and Lutherdale Bible Camp. The team will be praying about how God is present in our congregation and how God might be leading us. Stay tuned, because eventually, they will be sharing what they learn with you and will be inviting the congregation to be praying and acting too. Thank you to those who are participating on the team. If you are still interested in being a part of the team, it's not too late! The first gathering is May 22nd . Talk to Pastor Kalen if you have questions.

## Calling All Volunteers!

Please sign up to help with worship by reading the lessons, helping serve communion, and bringing bread. With the warmer weather coming (hopefully), we will also need volunteers to mow the church lawn. Everyone is welcome to help in these ways. If you have never done one of the jobs before and don't know how, we'll explain what is needed, and do what we can to help you feel comfortable participating. You can use our church website to sign up at [www.clcsharon.com](http://www.clcsharon.com).



## Thank You!

Thank you to all who helped make Lent, Holy Week, and Easter at Christ Lutheran meaningful this year. Many people contributed to the worship and fellowship events. Thanks to all who were a part of our Lent skits and provided simple suppers, those who read and provided music in worship, and all who made Easter extra special by organizing the egg hunt, bringing breakfast foods, and decorating with balloons. It was wonderful to be together as a congregation growing in our faith during Lent, and to hear again the story of Jesus' death and resurrection. It takes a lot of volunteers for the extra worship services and activities. Thank you for sharing your time and talents. He is risen! He is risen indeed, Alleluia!



## Synod Assembly

The Synod Assembly of the South Central Synod of Wisconsin takes place May 6th and 7th. Thank you to our voting members Dan and Deb Way. Thanks also to Cindy Wuttke for her work on Synod Council. The Synod Assembly is a time to celebrate and give thanks for our partnership in Christ's mission. The assembly will include meaningful worship, fellowship and opportunities for learning and spiritual growth as well as decision-making on how we will use our resources and gifts to be partners in God's work in the world.

## Second Sunday Offering



The Sharon Lions Club is going into its 41st year of serving our community. The club has participated in a number of activities over the past year, we have a float in the 4th of July parade, the food booth at the park for the 4th of July. We run bi-monthly blood drives and usually collect more than 30 units of blood. The Lion's Club helps provide vision screenings for children at the Sharon School. Our two yearly fund raisers include the Spring Rose Day and the Fall Bowling Activity. We have helped raise money for the new playground equipment. We host Breakfast with Santa every

December. Every year we give out scholarships to Sharon's graduating seniors. Outside of our community we have donated money to Lions programs such as Leader Dog for the Blind, Wisconsin Lions Camp, Diabetes Awareness. We have also donated to the Agape House, Kathy's House, and Restoring Hope Transplant House. The Lion Club thanks Christ Lutheran Church for the use of the building for breakfast with Santa. We are always looking for members, so keep us in mind as a way to participate and help the community!

## Invest in our Youth Attending the Mission Trip in July!

This year, Kaylee Frederick and Jacob Schmig along with Pastor Kalen will be attending a Youth Works mission trip with other Lutheran youth from our area. They will be heading to Logan, West Virginia, a small town in the Appalachian Mountains where they will get to meet people who live there and hear their stories. They will have the opportunity to work with kids in a summer program, which is a great service for the community because there isn't a lot for kids to do in the summer. They will also learn about the struggles faced by people who live in the region. Last year, the youth sold "stock" in the mission trip. You can purchase stock in their trip for \$20.00. You will receive a postcard from the youth while they are on the trip, and you will be invited to attend a special shareholders dinner to be held when they return. They'll show pictures of the trip and tell you everything they learned! The form is included at the end of this newsletter.

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



**Please remember these people in your prayers:** The Family of Jeff Bailey, Cindy Bangert, Orrin Bangert, Orson Bangert, Jacob Friesema, Kim Jacobs, Erik Jelinek, Tom Kleiber, Jean Kovarik, Marjorie Krause, Ray Lowry, Bill Piculas, Karen Ross, Janet Schilke, Joy Smith, Ike Strasser, 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**

5277 N 29th St. Apt. 1  
Milwaukee, WI 53209

### **Jean Kovarik**

Golden Years  
270 Ridge Road  
Room 44  
Walworth, WI 53184

# 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

5/1 Erin Faulkner	5/5 Helena Bell	5/22 Ashley LaFrance
5/4 Orson Bangert	5/8 Darrell Frederick	5/24 Orson D. Bangert
5/4 Kathy Frederick	5/10 Larry Damak	5/27 Wayne Smith
5/4 Robin Ruosch	5/12 Evie Barkholtz-Dowling	5/30 Rosemary Bell
5/4 Deb Way	5/15 Dan Dowden	5/31 Kenneth DeYoung
	5/18 Dan Way	

### Wedding Anniversary Celebrations

5/12 Roger & Karen Wuttke

5/24 Tom Dowling & Kalen Barkholtz

5/28 Mike & Chris Lynch

### Baptismal Anniversary Celebrations

5/6 Kylie Dowden	5/8 Karly Ruosch	5/21 John Rambatt
5/7 Katie Hyndman	5/20 Karlie Dowden	5/27 Mark Ruosch
5/8 Conner Ruosch	5/21 Dan Rambatt	

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](mailto: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 .

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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!