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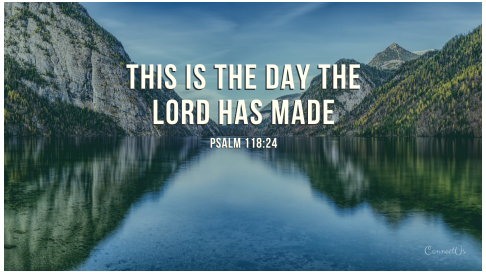
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2 10:15 Worship - In Person and Facebook Live	3	4 1:00-6:00 Blood Drive	5	6 7:00 Lion' s Club Meeting	7	1 ----- 8
9 10:15 Worship - In Person and Facebook Live	10	11	12	13 6:00 Council Meeting	14	15
16 10:15 Worship - In Person and Facebook Live	17	18	19	20	21	22
23 10:15 Worship - In Person and Facebook Live	24	25	26 *Newsletter Deadline*	27	28	29
30 9:00 Worship - In Person and Facebook Live	31 Memorial Day					

9am Worship!

Please note that our worship time changes to 9:00 a.m. starting on Sunday, May 30th!

Blood Drive

On Tuesday May 4th, the Sharon Lion's Club is hosting a Red Cross Blood Drive at Christ Lutheran Church from 1:00-6:00. If you would like to make an appointment to donate, please visit www.redcrossblood.org.

Christ Lutheran News

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A Word From the Pastor

This morning, I was trying to find a way to record a video on ZOOM that included a slideshow with a voiceover, download it to YouTube, and share it as a link. Within minutes, I had worked out the basics, and I knew my plan was a go. A year ago, I would have never imagined that I would be able to figure out something like that on my own. The pandemic has forced me to expand my technology skills beyond what I thought possible for myself. I still ask for lots of help from our newly formed technology committee. I often contact Mike Dowden with technology questions when I get stuck. He is a great help and never makes me feel embarrassed about what I don't know. Even though I am still a novice, I am amazed at what I have learned. Using technology has become, I can't believe I'm saying this, a little fun.

My small success today came to me after a year of trial and error. It came after the blow of realizing I could no longer get away with ignoring technology as a ministry tool. It came after a year of countless instances of feeling completely lost as to where to even begin. My excitement this morning reminded me how amazing the process of learning truly is.

As disciples, we are constant learners. I Googled the word disciple and found this definition from etymonline.com: one who follows another for the purpose of learning. In Jesus' culture, there were many traveling spiritual teachers who recruited disciples. The disciples were following Jesus to learn from him. They didn't spend time in a classroom. They traveled from city to city, accompanying Jesus as he preached, made friends, cast out demons, and healed people. They learned about God by watching Jesus transform people's lives.

Jesus was teaching them about love, and the journey was not easy, but it was more worth it than anything else on earth. The same is true for us in our discipleship. Jesus is teaching us about love. The journey is not always easy, but it's the most worthwhile journey we'll ever take. We make mistakes. We get stuck. We find ourselves in situations where we don't even know where to begin. We have to ask for help. Sometimes we encounter the difficult truth that if we are going to grow, we have no

choice but to face those challenges we avoid. When we follow Jesus, we are sure to have moments when we need to let go of comfortable, long held, limiting beliefs about God. There will be moments when we realize we've been terribly wrong. We will encounter the cross, but we will rise with Christ.

We are learning about God's love for the whole world. The totality of God's love is difficult for us to grasp. It's hard to wrap our minds around the absolute wonder that God's love is eternal, and it's for everyone--especially those we think don't deserve it. God's love is endless. It's unconditional. It's for us—especially when we think we don't deserve it.

There are so many wonderful things to learn about God's love, and Jesus wants to be our teacher. Life in the church and life as a Christian is about learning to love through Jesus. What have you learned? What are you learning right now? What poses a challenge for you? What lessons have been difficult? When have you been joyfully surprised?

When I left teaching to be a pastor, I knew I would miss the classroom, but I have found that the journey of learning remains integral to my daily work. Life in the church is learning with Jesus. In him, whether we live or die, the learning continues. What subject could be more fulfilling, more fascinating, than the mysteries of love, especially with Jesus as our teacher?

Peace,

Pastor Kalen Barkholtz

Vacation Bible School

Due to Covid, plans for whether there will be VBS and what it will look like are up in the air. What we can share is that if we do have VBS this summer, it will be held 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, Denise Gibbons, the family of Lori Guif, Dan Hammett, Avah Hyndman, Quinn Hyndman, Kim Jacobs, Erik Jelinek, Tom Kleiber, Mary Kline, Jean Kovarik, Marilyn Lowry, Ray

Lowry, Bill Piculas, Jim Raith, Janet Schilke, Joy Smith, Flo Supay, and the family of Lyle Wunberg.

A Message From the Council

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Our in person worship is going well. While only for a short time, it is nice to see our friends and neighbors again. We have adjusted our service now to include communion in our seats. This is for those who are comfortable doing so. The communion packs can still be taken home if you are more comfortable with that.

We have been averaging 20 to 25 people for Sunday service, with our largest at 34. Depending how the family groupings are configured, we have been able to accommodate this size group comfortably and safely.

Just a quick update on the tuck pointing of the bell tower project. I made a number of phone calls for bids for the project. I received only one returned call and on the same day. At this point, we are waiting for their proposal. I will be working with our Property Committee Chair, Collin Frederick, as this project moves forward.

Be safe, stay healthy!

God's Peace,

Dan Way

Council President

Second Sunday Offering

The Second Sunday Offering for the month of May is the Sharon Lion's Club. The Sharon Lion's Club mission is to assist individuals with disabilities and to contribute time, talent, and money to projects that benefit the entire community. Throughout the pandemic, the Lion's Club continued to reach out to the community. They were able to host blood drives this past year, which was important because blood donations were down. Every year, the Sharon Lion's club gives away one scholarship to an area student. This year, they received 13 applications and made the decision to grant a scholarship to every applicant. The Sharon Lion's Club is an invaluable group in our community. The members care about their neighbors and are always looking for ways to help. Several members of our congregation are involved in the Sharon Lion's Club. Thank you, Lions for all you do! If you wish to contribute to our Second Sunday offering in support of the Lion's Club, you can send your offering to Christ Lutheran Church. Put Sharon Lion's Club in the memo. You can also bring your offering to in person worship throughout the month of May.

High School Mission Trip

Our high school students are getting ready to go to MN in July! We still have some money left to raise. If you would like to support them financially, you can order goods from Wunberg Produce. There is a table of canned goods for purchase at church. You can also purchase goods by going to the Wunberg Produce website to order products. Just remember to put, "Mission Trip," in the buyer's notes when ordering from the website. A portion of all proceeds will go toward the Mission Trip.

You can also invest in the mission trip by purchasing stock. Investors receive a stockholder's certificate, a postcard from a student while on the trip, and an invitation to a shareholder's dinner where students will give a presentation about their experience. In the case that a dinner is not possible because of COVID, we will provide investors with a take-home meal and will find an alternative way for youth to share their experience.

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 53585.

I would like to invest in the faith formation of youth at Christ Lutheran Church who will be attending the mission trip to the Leech Lake Ojibwe Reservation in Bemidji, MN this summer. I will receive a stock certificate in the mail, a postcard from a youth attending the trip, and an invitation to a stockholder's dinner on Sunday, July 25th. If you are not able to attend the dinner, you can still purchase stock.

I would like to purchase _____ shares for \$25 each, totaling \$_____.

Name_____ Phone_____

Mailing Address_____

Checks can be made out to Christ Lutheran Church with "mission trip" written in the memo. Thank you!

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 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	5/18 Nicholas Bursh	5/31 Kenneth DeYoung
	5/18 Dan Way	

Wedding Anniversary Celebrations

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	

Please remember our members in care facilities:

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

Please note that Tom Kleiber has moved. His new address is listed below.

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

Featured Family of the Month



The Alicea Family - Sergio, Kelly, Lito, and Roselynn Alicea started attending CLC in Sharon in 2015 when they moved into Kelly's late grandparent's home (Bud and Virginia Reiher) on Burr Oak Rd. Since then, Sergio has retired from the US Navy with 24 years of service and will be graduating from UW- Whitewater with a degree in Occupational Safety this summer.

Kelly also graduated from UW- Whitewater in 2020 with a degree in Liberal Studies, with a focus in Spanish, Teaching English as a Second Language, and Diversity Leadership. Lito, 11 years old, is the family comedian. Rosie, who is 10 years old is learning to use her strong heart and mind for God. Both have been enjoying a chance to do Home Schooling throughout the pandemic and have grown in their love of making music, reading, creating art, and caring for animals. The Aliceas currently have 11 chickens, 28 bunnies, and one grouchy, old lady dog named Flynn. Sergio recently accepted a new job in Arcadia, Wisconsin and the Aliceas will be moving out to western Wisconsin in June. The amazing people of CLC in Sharon will always have a special place for the whole family.