

May 2026

Christ Lutheran Church Christ Chronicles

Mark your calendars!

- **Bible Study** is held every Thursday at 10:00 am both in person and online via zoom.
- **Evening Bible Study** will have started and will continue every Wednesday at 7:00pm. We will start our study in the book of Matthew. All are welcome to join, either in person or via Zoom. Please contact the office if you need the Zoom link!
- **Food Pantry** is also held the first and third Wednesdays of each month. We are in need of donations due to being used heavily. Hours are 9:00am-10:30am.
- **Choir practice** is every Wednesday, 11:00am-12:00pm. All are welcome to join! Looking for some females to join! Any questions contact Sue Hand or the office.
- **Wild Church** has returned! Will be held at CLC the 1st Sunday over every month at 4:00pm and also the 3rd Sunday at Stormy Acers at 4:00pm. If interested please contact the office or Pastor John.
- **Grace Notes** will meet on Thursdays around 6:30. If you are interested in joining the band please contact Dave for more info: daverepecki@yahoo.com or 570-401-7662
- **Sunday School** has concluded for the season and will resume in the fall. We encourage our youth and families to stay connected by participating in upcoming fellowship events and activities throughout the summer months.
- **Confirmation Class** is completed for this year! Congrats to all who were confirmed!
- **Men's Breakfast** will be held on the 3rd Wednesday of every month at Terra Cottage, Lake Harmony at 9:00am.
- **Community Breakfast** is held on the 3rd Sunday of every month! All are welcome to join and cost is by donations as you are able!
- **Ladies Luncheon** will be held on the 3rd Monday of every month at Terra Cottage, Lake Harmony at noon!
- **Updating our Congregational Constitution— check page 4 for information!**

Altar Flowers

Flowers are available to be sponsored on throughout June and July. If you are interested in sponsoring one week, please sign up in the Narthex or contact the office. The price is \$27 for vases.

March Weekly Offerings:

These amounts are what we collect in the offering plate and also simply giving.

May 3rd- \$931.37
May 10th- \$4,046.43
May 17th- \$1,707.62
May 24th- \$2,356.37
May 31st- \$2,421.37



*"See, I am doing something new! Now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?"
Isaiah 43:19a*

*"Send forth your spirit, they are created and you renew the face of the earth."
Psalm 104:30*

*"They will spring up like grass in a meadow, like poplar trees by flowing streams."
Isaiah 44:4*

*"He makes springs pour water into the ravines; it flows between the mountains."
Psalm 104:10*

*"And God said, "Let there be lights in the expanse of the heavens to separate the day from the night. And let them be for signs and for seasons, and for days and years.,"
Genesis 1:14*

WORSHIP SERVICES are held every Sunday at 9:00 am
Sunday School and Confirmation Classes have ended for summer! Look for VBS information soon!

Important Information

From the Food Pantry:

The need for food and/or monetary donations is ongoing and we always appreciate whatever donations we receive. If you would prefer, monetary donations would also help.

From the Choir:

You may have noticed that our choir is in need of female singers, especially since soprano Jo Strausser has moved away. Ladies, if you like to sing and can read a little bit of music, we could really use your help. Gents are welcome too, of course. Practices are at 11 am on Wednesdays. See Sue Hand (570-325-4888) if interested.

From the Band:

If interested,
please contact Dave Repecki at (570) 401-7662.
They practice every Thursday evening at 6:30pm. Locations do change, so for more information,
please contact Dave at daverepecki@yahoo.com or call 570-401-7662.

Sunday School and Confirmation Classes:

Classes are done for the summer but look for VBS info soon!

Wild Church:

Wild Church is a return to nature as a spiritual practice. We gather in nature for prayer, meditation, songs, wandering and wondering and communion with nature and with each other. Services have restarted! Every one is welcome to join!

Memorial garden update:

Dedication was held on May 30th. Garden burials will cost \$250 for perpetual care and \$250 for the burial (price is tentative and may vary). The committee will work on pricing for future stone purchases and engraving fees.

Property Committee:

The Property Committee recently met and conducted a walkthrough of the building and grounds. Work is underway to address items identified during the walkthrough. Anyone interested in helping is encouraged to contact the church office.

The playground area is also receiving attention, with repairs already underway to the playsets, fencing, and grounds within the fenced area.

Gardening/Landscaping – Council recently met with a landscaper to assess the church grounds. Additional updates will be shared as more information becomes available.

Outreach & Community Care:

- Community Breakfast: Sunday, June 21st
- Family Promise: Raffle going through the summer, see Sally for details.
- Homebound: Pastor is making visits

Scholarship Committee:

We are excited to recognize three graduating seniors who will receive scholarship awards during Senior Sunday on June 21st.

Worship & Music Committee:

2026 Synod Assembly will be held at Split Rock June 4th-6th with an election of a new Bishop. Pam Bos and John Strupewski will be our voting delegates at the synod.

Church Picnic:

will be held at Knoebel's this year on Sunday, July 19th! We will begin the day with worship service at Pavillion T-9, followed by fellowship, fun in the park, and a picnic-style lunch. We already have generous donations of burgers, hot dogs, a grill, and paper products. We are asking attendees to help by bringing drinks, side dishes, or desserts to share with everyone. We hope you will join us for a wonderful day of worship, food, fellowship, and fun!

Council Meeting Highlights

Committees

Finance Committee

- ⇒ April Income: \$18,347.10
- ⇒ April Expenses: \$10,602.21

- **Youth Council Representative:** Stacy Bos as joined council as the Youth Representative.
- **Youth Group** – Pastor is currently working on reorganizing the Youth Group and planning for future activities and opportunities for our youth.
- **Youth Spiritual & Craft Night** The final gathering of the season will be held on June 11th from 6:00–7:30 PM, with meetings scheduled to resume in September. This month, the youth will complete their gift bags and prepare them for distribution.
- **Book Club** has been going well and will pause for the summer months. We look forward to resuming discussions and fellowship in the fall.
- **Investments:** Experienced a small increase.
- **Attendance** – We're seeing encouraging growth in attendance at our in-person services!
- **Facebook**– Events have been added to the CLC Facebook page.
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- **Homebound** - Pastor has been meeting with our homebound members. If you know of anyone needing assistant please reach out to the church office.
- **Food Pantry Here to Help, Here to Serve**
At Christ Lutheran Church, we believe that no one in our community should go hungry. If you are struggling to put food on the table, please know that our Food Pantry is here for you—open to all who are in need, no questions asked. Our pantry is not government-funded; it is a labor of love, stocked entirely by the generosity of our neighbors to support those in need. If you would like to help, donations of non-perishable food items are always welcome and greatly appreciated. Together, we can make a difference and ensure that no one in our community goes without. Thank you for being a part of this mission, whether as a recipient or a supporter.
- **Prayer Chain – Help Needed!**
Our Prayer Chain is an important ministry that provides comfort and support through the power of prayer. We are still looking for someone to assist with this effort. If you feel called to help coordinate and share prayer requests with our church community, please consider volunteering. Your support can make a meaningful difference in the lives of those in need of prayer. If you're interested or would like more information, please contact the church office. Thank you for helping us lift others in prayer!
- **Prayer Shawl Ministry – Sharing Comfort & Love**
Our Prayer Shawl Ministry is a beautiful way to share God's love and comfort with those in need. Each shawl is lovingly handcrafted and blessed before being given to individuals facing illness, loss, or difficult times. These shawls serve as a tangible reminder that they are wrapped in prayer, support, and God's Grace. If you or someone you know would benefit from a prayer shawl, or if you'd like to contribute by knitting or crocheting, please contact the church office. Together, we can offer warmth, hope, and healing—one stitch at a time.
- **Youth Group – Join the Fun and Fellowship!**
Our Youth Group is a place for young people to grow in faith, build friendships, and serve the community—all while having fun! Whether it's games, service projects, Bible studies, or special outings, there's always something exciting happening. All youth are welcome to join us as we learn, laugh, and grow together

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Connecting Our Community Through Communication

We are working to increase awareness and participation in church activities by improving how we share information with our congregation and community. A monthly schedule of events will be posted on the front entrance and both lower doors to help keep members and visitors connected to all that is happening at our church.

We are also looking into more youth activities and family events. Please share any suggestions you may have.

Ministry Teams:

- ◆ **Growing Young Book Club** - now a different book called "Good to Great"
- ◆ **Social Ministry** - The various social ministries are going well.
- ◆ **Visitation Team** - Pastor is in the process of setting this up. If you are interested in participating, please reach out to the church office.
- ◆ **Youth Group** - We are looking for a Youth Group Leader. If anyone is interested in this position, please reach out to the office. In the meantime, council is working on organizing some events in the upcoming months. Suggestions are always welcome.
- ◆ **Youth Craft and Scripture** - First Thursday, May 7th
We are currently working on spiritual and uplifting projects to be shared with others.
- ◆ **Gardening / landscaping**
- ◆ Church clean up date - Saturday, May 16th at 9:00 am
- ◆ **Homebound** - Members are watching services via Facebook. Pastor made home visits with everyone for Easter
- ◆ **VBS programs** are being reviewed for the 2026 program.
- ◆ **Church Picnic** dates and details will be shared once available.

Updating our Congregational Constitution

Every three years, the ELCA holds a Churchwide Assembly. During those assemblies changes are made to the Model Constitution for Congregations. We, the congregations, are then required to update our constitutions to stay in line with the ELCA Model Constitution. We would like to approve those changes at our next Congregational Meeting. We have prepared 3 copies of our Constitution with the changes highlighted in yellow and they are available in the Narthex. If you would like to review the changes, you are welcome to take one of the copies along and then we ask that you return it for others to review as well.

Upcoming Events:

- * CLC Day at Knoebels: July 19th– Contact Anita!
- * Senior Sunday: Sunday, June 21st
- * Mini Golf and other activities - 940 Golf and Fun - Looking to book end of June
- * Bowling - Cypress Lanes *Not booked yet*; will book closer to fall
- * Roller Skating - LaRoses *Not booked yet*; will book closer to fall

Outreach:

Family Promise– send requests to individuals for donations

Homebound is good.

Food Panty received a large donation and is going well.

Community Breakfast - Our community breakfasts are going wonderfully! We've had an amazing number of volunteers, great feedback, and generous donations.

Thank you to everyone for your support. We purchased two additional prep tables to continue improving our work and prep area in the kitchen. **The next**

breakfast will be held on Sunday, June 21st!

Next Council Meeting

CLC Council Meeting - Tuesday June 16th, 2026 at 7:00 pm

Collaborating with St. John's Lutheran Church

We are working closely with St. John's on joint events and services, as well as exploring ways to better meet the needs of our local community. Together, we aim to strengthen our outreach and community presence.

Visioning Committee

Pastor is in the process of organizing a Visioning Committee.

The purpose of this committee will be focused on shaping the long-term direction of the church. They help define the church's mission and goals, plan for future growth, and ensure that all efforts align with the church's purpose.

2026 Investment Comparison

	January 31	February 28	March 31	April 2026
Thrivent Youth Fund	\$70,491.04	\$60,125.27	\$57,311.22	\$61,325.67
MCT Youth Fund		\$10,491.04	\$10,491.04	\$10,491.04
Total DA Thrivent Scholarship Fund	\$134,122.12	\$135,443.27	\$131,162.99	\$136,346.44
ELCA Endowment Fund	\$653,078.01	\$657,094.91	\$630,063.22	\$670,427.53
Thrivent Building Fund	\$41,267.61	\$41,833.31	\$40,311.81	\$41,961.83
Thrivent MSK Scholarship Fund	\$36,292.49	\$36,789.99	\$35,451.92	\$36,903.03
Total Investments	\$935,251.27	\$941,777.79	\$904,792.20	\$957,455.54

Financials

Full financial statement is available on the bulletin board in the narthex.



Congrats to all who received confirmation!



2026 Council Members

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