

August 2021 Light & Life  
Christ Lutheran Church Newsletter  
Pastor H. Elizabeth Becker

**Our Mission Statement: As members of Christ Lutheran we gather in worship, grow in God's Word, serve in Jesus' name.**

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# Pastor Elizabeth is happy to be at Christ Lutheran

I am so happy to serve as Interim Pastor for Christ Lutheran, a vibrant, thriving community with a heart for mission, both locally and globally. From the church council to the staff to the Tri-Valley Program and beyond, Christ Lutheran is a wonderful place to be a pastor.

Before arriving here, I served churches in Kentucky, Missouri, Texas, and Oklahoma. I have a Masters in Divinity from the Virginia Theological Seminary, 1996.

I married Dan Becker, Glencoe class of 1981, on June 13 in St Paul, and we combined our family: one daughter – Carmen (17), and two



**PASTOR H. ELIZABETH  
BECKER**

sons – Aidan (20) and Joseph (17).

I am adjusting to life in the land of lakes, because I love the outdoors, especially learning all the beautiful trails. I like swimming, knitting, and, of course, reading the Bible and depicting its salvation through the magic of felt.

Now that you know a little about me, I hope we have an opportunity for me to get to know Christ Lutheran through YOU. My cell is 270-792-6491.

If you were going to introduce a Martian to earth, and the only place they could visit was Christ Lutheran, what would you tell about or show first?



Left: Dan and Pastor Elizabeth Becker at Gooseberry Falls.

Above: Son Aidan, Dan's sister Annette, Dan, Pastor Elizabeth, daughter Carmen, and son Joseph.

Right: Dan and his parents, Carol and Beryl Becker.







# Christian Education/Youth

## AUGUST 2021

KNOW – GROW – SHARE – LIVE – WITNESS



We pray for all students and family members as we look forward to the school year and fall activities. We pray for continued guidance and the focus to see and hear the ways that God is working in and through us for the good of our families, friends, school, and community. May the Spirit guide our prayers and give us the focus to see the opportunities to love and care for all those we meet each day. Amen.

### 2021 Vacation Bible School:

[www.christluth.com/vbs](http://www.christluth.com/vbs)

**Monday, August 9<sup>th</sup> - Thursday, August 12<sup>th</sup>**  
**@ 5:00pm – 7:30pm**, beginning with a family meal each evening @ 5:00pm.

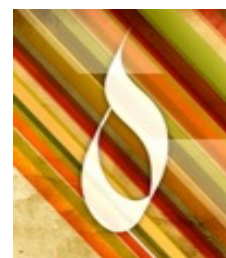
We are looking forward to a fun week together growing in our faith and having lots of fun focusing on the ways that God is active in our lives and in community together. Watch for VBS updates on our activities in the Sunday bulletins, on our CLC website ([www.christluth.com/vbs](http://www.christluth.com/vbs)), and the CLC Facebook page.

**There is still time to register your student(s)!**  
***VBS registration forms available on the VBS webpage.***



### 7<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation:

A Confirmation orientation will be held for all 7<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> grade students on the evening of **Wednesday, September 8<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00pm.**

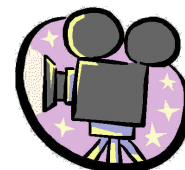


The first night of Confirmation classes for 7<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> grade students will be **Wednesday, September 15<sup>th</sup>.**

[www.christluth.com/confirmation](http://www.christluth.com/confirmation)

### Outdoor Family Fellowship & Fun Movie Night August 27<sup>th</sup>:

Join us for our FIRST Outdoor Family Fellowship & Fun Movie Night as we celebrate the ending of summer and beginning of our fall activities!



Our evening will be hosted by Chad & Erin Sauter and family at their home just northeast of Glencoe on **Friday, August 27<sup>th</sup>. Activities will begin @ 7:00pm.**

Watch for additional information in the Sunday bulletins and on the CLC home page @ [www.christluth.com](http://www.christluth.com).

### Sunday School:

The first Sunday School hour of our 2021-2022 Christian Education Year will be on **Sunday, September 19<sup>th</sup> @ 10:10am.**

Sunday School registration forms are available now. Register your student(s) ASAP to help us plan for supplies and configuring class sizes.  
***All Sunday School students are required to complete a new registration form each year to ensure we have the most up-to-date information.***

[www.christluth.com/sunday-school](http://www.christluth.com/sunday-school)



# Acolyte Training:



This year there, because of class size, there will be **TWO** Acolyte training sessions. One on **Wednesday, September 8<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00pm** and one on **Wednesday, September 15<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00pm**. Both training sessions will be held in the Sanctuary.

Please visit the Confirmation web page @ [www.christluth.com/confirmation](http://www.christluth.com/confirmation) to sign your student up for **ONE** of the training sessions ASAP. Each training session will be limited in size.

Acolyte training is for all **5<sup>th</sup> grade students AND for ANY students in 6<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> grade** that have not yet completed Acolyte training.

**Serving as an Acolyte is a Confirmation requirement.** All 7<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> grade Confirmation students who have not yet completed the Acolyte training, please plan to attend this session or contact Vicar Susan.

The updated 2021 Fall/Winter Acolyte schedule for 5<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> grade students can always be found @ [www.christluth.com/acolyte](http://www.christluth.com/acolyte).

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## Rally Sunday & “God’s Work. Our Hands.” Sunday:

The 2021-2022 Christian Education year will begin on **Rally Sunday, Sunday, September 12<sup>th</sup>**, which is also “God’s Work. Our Hands.” Sunday.



**God's work.  
Our hands.**

### **3 Year Old & 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Bibles:**



During the 9:00am Worship Service on **Rally Sunday, September 12<sup>th</sup>**, the 3-year-old, and 3<sup>rd</sup> grade Sunday School students will be called forward and, together, we will share in keeping our Baptismal promise by placing the Scriptures in their hands. Student’s Godparents, grandparents, aunts and uncles are invited to attend the Worship service to help them celebrate this special day. A letter with additional information for all 3-year-old and 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students will be mailed at the beginning of August.

Also, during the 9:00am Worship Service we will be installing our Sunday School teachers and Confirmation guides for the upcoming Christian Education school year.

### **God’s work. Our hands. Sunday:**

This year “**God’s work. Our hands.**” Sunday is also **September 12<sup>th</sup>**. We are in the process of planning a family / inter-generational service project for all members of Christ Lutheran. We hope you and your entire family will be able to be a part of the day’s service-oriented events.

Please stay tuned for more details on all the Rally Sunday and “God’s work. Our hands.” events in August’s Sunday bulletins and September’s Light & Life!!



***Please continue to check our CLC, Sunday School, Confirmation, Youth & VBS web pages for the most up-to-date information regarding our Christian Education programming.***

For additional information regarding any of our CE or Youth programs or to volunteer to grow in faith together with our students, please contact Vicar Susan @ 320.292.1032 or [clceducation@christluth.com](mailto:clceducation@christluth.com).

[www.christluth.com/youth](http://www.christluth.com/youth)

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# Steps in the Call Process

Greeting, friends!

This is a time of transition at Christ Lutheran! In June, we said a fond goodbye to Pastor Katherine and wished her well as she starts her retirement.

At the beginning of July, we welcomed Pastor Elizabeth Becker to serve as our interim pastor. You have probably met her already, but if you haven't yet, please be sure to come in soon!

This is only the beginning of the changes that will be coming. On this page, you will see the steps that we need to complete before we welcome our next pastor. Right now, our Vision Team is working on our "Ministry Site Profile." The MSP will contain a description of our congregation that is as thorough as possible. The process for writing this MSP is lengthy and will include small and large group meetings. When you are invited to attend a meeting, please accept if you possibly can! The more input we have, the better our description will be. During the call process, people who are interested in being our pastor will read this description.

Thank you all for your patience and support!

*Vicky Harris, Council President*

Greetings CLC!

I am writing on behalf of the Vision Team. This committee was established in early 2020; however, due to the challenges that year brought us, we did not initiate in-person meetings until this past spring, 2021.

The Team consists of:

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|--------------------------------------|--------------|
| Pastor Elizabeth .....               | 270-792-6491 |
| Council President, Vicky Harris .... | 320-327-2728 |
| Daris Remus.....                     | 320-864-5301 |
| Dennis Davis .....                   | 612-750-0211 |
| Marilyn Ueland .....                 | 320-864-5394 |
| Parker O'Donnell.....                | 320-894-5682 |
| Alex Schons.....                     | 320-510-1083 |
| Erin Sauter.....                     | 651-332-0696 |

We have reached out to some congregation members for some preliminary trends observed and identified within our community and congregation. Seeking feedback from as many congregation members as possible is a goal, as this allows us to prepare the most comprehensive picture of what our members desire in and for our church. Please be watching and listening for ways to contribute in the upcoming weeks and months, as we move forward, imagining what Christ Lutheran may look like in the future.

*Thank you, Erin Sauter  
Vision Team Chair*



**1.** The current pastor retires – Have a farewell celebration.



**2.** The interim pastor begins – The Synod appoints, and the Council makes arrangements for an interim pastor.



**3.** Ministry site profile – The Vision Team meets with the congregation and writes a description of the congregation.



**4.** Call committee is formed.



**5.** Consider candidates – The Synod staff presents names, and the Call Committee interviews candidates.



**6.** Call is extended – The Call Committee recommends a candidate and the Council votes.



**7.** The Council recommends a candidate and the congregation votes.



**8.** Call is accepted – Welcome our new pastor!

## Join us for Christ Lutheran's 2021 VBS ~ August 9th – 12th, 2021



VBS will take place each evening from 5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. and is for students PreK through 4<sup>th</sup> grade (students entering Kindergarten in the fall of 2021 and students who have completed 4<sup>th</sup> grade in 2020-2021). Students in 5<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade are invited and encouraged to participate as small group leaders.

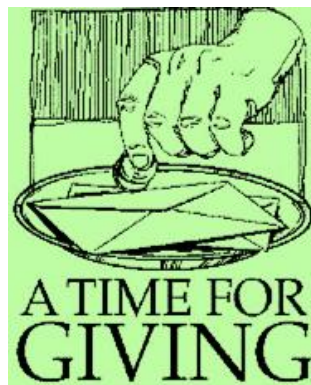
On Thursday afternoon, we will have our annual Pool Fellowship at the Glencoe Aquatic Center from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. and Family Pizza Party at Oak Leaf Park Shelter #2 at 5:00 p.m. (All activities are at Oak Leaf Park on Thursday.) See our website for more details.

**Additional information and sign-up links can be found at [www.christluth.com/vbs](http://www.christluth.com/vbs). If you have any questions or need any other information, please contact Vicar Susan Christianson at 320-292-1032 (cell/text) or at [clceducation@christluth.com](mailto:clceducation@christluth.com) any time prior to the start of VBS and throughout the week.**

## Stewardship at Christ Lutheran

During this challenging time, Christ Lutheran members have generously contributed to the work and ministry of our community. Thank you for your faithful stewardship. You may also use the Online Giving button at [www.christluth.com](http://www.christluth.com) and choose the way you would like to donate.

This is an ideal time to sign up for SimplyGiving. For instructions, go to our website, [www.christluth.com](http://www.christluth.com). You can also mail your offering or drop them off in the locked Christ Lutheran mailbox. Thank you for your support!



## Personal care kits being collected for Lutheran Relief



VBS kids are teaming up with WELCA to collect items for Personal Care Kits that will be sent to Lutheran World relief. We would like to invite the entire congregation to participate! From now until August 11<sup>th</sup> items may be dropped off in the basket in the narthex. Include the following in each personal care kit:

- ONE light-weight bath-size towel (between 20" x 40" and 52" x 27"), dark color recommended
- TWO or three bath-size bars of soap equaling 8 to 9 oz., any brand, in original wrapping
- ONE sturdy comb, remove packaging
- ONE metal nail clippers (attached file optional), remove packaging
- ONE adult-size toothbrush in its original packaging \*

For more information contact Vicar Susan Christianson at 320-292-1032 or Jodi Braband at 320-864-4001.

*\* Toothbrush multi-packs may be used by sealing an individual toothbrush in a business-size envelope, no plastic bags or wrap.*

## Equal Exchange coffee items available for purchase at the Coffee Hutch

Check out the items at the Equal Exchange Coffee Hutch! There are coffees, teas, hot cocoa, olive oil, candy bars, etc.

Purchasing these items helps the small farmer co-ops around the world. Farmers earn a fair price for their crops, have access to affordable credit, and can invest in education, health care and sustainable agriculture, building a better future for their families.

Take a look, and if purchasing, please place your monies in the locked box attached to the hutch.





## Noisy Pail Offering for school supplies in August



Missions held a Noisy Pail offering for school supplies on **Sunday, Aug. 1<sup>st</sup>**. They will be collecting through the month of August. Paper money and checks are welcome, too! **If you write out a check, please make sure to note on the memo line that it is for school supplies.**

## Check out the beautiful Columbarium project book!

There is a book located on the Columbarium table in the church entryway that chronicles The Garden Project from its beginning to the beautiful Garden we have today. This wonderful book was designed by Linda Roisum.



## Christ Lutheran's sanctuary lighting project is moving ahead

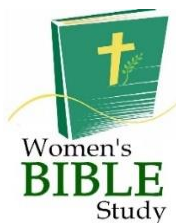


All of the sanctuary lighting will be replaced with new energy-efficient and better illumination LED fixtures. The 52 hard-to-

service and sometimes failing lights will be replaced, and the aging lighting controls will also be replaced with the newest state-of-the-art system. The lighting project will be installed over a two-week period in late summer or early fall.

The council has dedicated about \$52,000 of existing funds to the \$87,000 project. The council hopes we can raise the remaining \$25,000 through gifts. Please mark your checks or special envelope with the memo "Lighting." Gifts can also be given through Christ Lutheran Church "Online Giving" at our website, [www.christluth.com](http://www.christluth.com). (Choose general/ operating and email Dawn at [office@christluth.com](mailto:office@christluth.com) to tell her you are giving to the lighting fund.)

## Women's Bible Study meets on Tuesday mornings



Join me, The Rev. H. Elizabeth Becker, for **Women's Bible Study on Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m. in the Narthex**. We will be using a Lectionary-based study. All are invited. Remember to bring your Bibles! (This is the Women's Bible Study group that was meeting on Friday mornings.)

## Diapers for Common Cup

August will be a collection month at Christ Lutheran for diapers, all sizes, larger sizes most needed. Diapers are given out for free at both Common Cup sites, Hutchinson and Glencoe, the last Tuesday of each month from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Your donations make a difference in the lives of many families in need.



## Common Cup school supply collection is underway



Your help in providing supplies for children in need is essential. **Supplies will be distributed August 19<sup>th</sup> at Lincoln**

**Elementary School in Glencoe, 3:00 to 6:30 p.m.**

Christ Lutheran's goal this year is for 20 backpacks, 100 pencil boxes, 40 colored pencil boxes (12 count), and 100 yellow college-ruled spiral notebooks. Collection boxes will be available in the narthex. All supplies are welcome as are money donations. Your generosity is appreciated!

## Thank you from Common Cup

Common Cup thanks all the members of Christ Lutheran for sharing their warm coats and jackets during the May coat drive. Your generosity

to keep others warm this coming fall and winter is appreciated. If you still have coats to share, we will be collecting again in September





Thank you to all the people who made Pastor Katherine's retirement celebration happen on June 13<sup>th</sup> including Kevin and Peg Menning, Alex Menning, Emily and Chloe Walters, Vicky Harris, Dennis and Chris Davis, Dan Perschau, Daris and Kathy Remus, Vicar Susan Christianson, Loren and LaMane Mueller, Jim, Becky and Dawn Peterson, Linda Simonson, Judy Ide, Jeff Grant, John Bergseng, Jon and Jodi Braband, Erin Sauter, Bonnie Hahn, Bobby Scheidt, Scott Kuehn, Kay and Randy Wilson, Katherine Grant, Twyla Kirkeby, and the Christ Lutheran Choir.

A special thank you to Wendy at Wonderworks for donating the flowers on Memorial Day and the flowers for Pastor Katherine's retirement celebration.

Thank you to Shari O'Donnell for taking care of the altar flowers for Pastor Katherine's retirement celebration and the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Worship Service.

Thank you to the volunteers who assisted with Laundry Love on Tuesday, July 20<sup>th</sup>.

Thank you to Linda Roisum for creating the beautiful book on the building stages of the Christ Lutheran Columbarium and Memory Walls.

Thank you to Vicar Susan for preaching on Sunday, June 27<sup>th</sup>.

Thank you to Dr. John Bergseng for leading the Adult Sunday School sessions.

Thank you to Jane Larter and Jeanne Pagel, Duane Scharpe, Kevin and Peggy Menning, Linda Roisum, and Suzann Adams for their help with Hunter Christopher and Hudson Jamie Garcia's Baptisms on June 6<sup>th</sup>.

Thank you to Jodi Braband for giving a Temple Talk in July.

Thank you to Shari O'Donnell for putting together the list of worship helpers for August and September.

Thank you to Chris Davis, Becky Peterson, Nancy Mellesmoen, and Kathy Grant for serving as Cantors.

Thank you to Brad Hahn with Bill Heuer, Nathan Stoltenburg, and Jim Carlson for serving as Head Ushers.

Thank you to Kevin and Peg Menning, Dave Meyer, Duane McDougall, Wally Rannow, Larry

Gutknecht, Marv Gustafson, and Eli Kuehn for serving as Ushers.

Thank you to Linda Simonson, Gloria Kaytor, Jon Braband, and Jim Peterson for serving as Lectors.

Thank you to Dennis Davis with Vicky Harris, the Choir under the direction of Kay Wilson and accompanied by Twyla Kirkeby, and Jon Braband with Vicky Harris for Special Music.

Thank you to Dennis Davis, Judy Larsen, Connie Duenow, Joanne Chrast, Cheryl McDougall, Louise Carlson, and Vicar Susan Christianson for serving as Communion Assistants.

Thank you to the Church Council, Hank and Judy Larsen, and Brian and Shari O'Donnell for serving refreshments.

Thank you to Marv and Gloria Gustafson, Fran Huwe, and Jim Peterson for volunteering to put together the June/July issue of Light & Life.

Thank you to Shari O'Donnell and Susan Wedin for serving on the Altar Guild in June, and for Judy Larsen and Joanne Chrast for serving on the Altar Guild in July.

Thank you to Linda Roisum for serving on the Kitchen Guild in June, and to Judy Larsen for serving on the Kitchen Guild in July.

Thank you to Vicky Harris, Chris Starr, and Peg Hatlestad, for playing organ and piano for our Worship Services.

Thank you to Scott Kuehn and Vicar Susan Christianson for serving as Audio/Visual Technician and to Vicar Susan Christianson for the design of our Digital Worship experiences.

Thank you to Nita Enderson for mailing HomeTouch each week to our homebound members, and for mailing Splash! materials to our youngest members for their first three years.

Thank you to Vicky Harris for organist and pianist scheduling.

Thank you to our Monday morning money counters and treasurer, Jeff Grant, for their dedication regarding CLC financial matters.

Thank you to Suzann Adams for the upkeep of the flowers and plants in church.

Thank you to Mark and Cindy Robertson for their ministry of caring for our church facility.

Thank you to Joanne Chrast for her ongoing care of the outdoor planters.

Thank you to all members who have served and are currently serving in the armed forces.

*If we have missed someone for thank you's, please contact the church office and let us know.*



## Thanks from Pastor Elizabeth

Thank you to:

- ✝ Vicky Harris for her tireless work during my arrival.
- ✝ Erin Sauter and the Vision Team for laying a solid foundation for Mission Assessment.
- ✝ Dawn Peterson for orienting me to the office, procedures, and answering 1,000 questions.
- ✝ Vicar Susan for orienting me to the technology and the Christian Education program and answering 1,000 questions.
- ✝ Shari O'Donnell for reinstituting refreshments.
- ✝ Mark and Cindy Robertson for cleaning the pastor's office.
- ✝ Jeff Grant for changing to direct deposit.
- ✝ Linda Simonson for accommodating my schedule to move Women's Bible Study to Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m. (All are welcome.)
- ✝ Louise Carlson and Twyla Kirkeby for ministry with me at GlenFields and Grand Meadow.
- ✝ And everyone who has made me and my family feel so welcome.

## Thank you for the kindness

A heartfelt thank you from Gary and Mary Metag for the meals, the kindness, and the prayers as we follow this difficult path.

## Thank you for the scholarship

We appreciate the Lutheran college scholarships. Putting the scholarships toward tuition will be very helpful! Thank you, committee members.

*Sincerely,  
Grace and Hope Kosek*

## Thank you for the generosity

Members of Christ Lutheran Church, thank you so much for your generous donation to this year's Habitat for Humanity home build. I am blessed every day to have such a kind and big-hearted church family. I am excited to be able to build my own home with your support.

*Thank you,  
Becky Peterson*

## Coffee time for CLC Women

Women of Christ Lutheran monthly coffees have been a success! Women attending have asked that we continue meeting into the fall.



Join us on **Thursdays, August 26, September 30, and October 28 at 10:00 a.m.** We will chat, share, listen, and enjoy each other's company. Hope to see you in August. 😊

## Laundry Love is held on the third Tuesday of each month



Laundry Love takes place on the third Tuesday of each month. The next date will be **Tuesday, Aug. 17<sup>th</sup>** at the Glencoe Laundromat Center (Haukos Bros.), 707 13<sup>th</sup> St. W., Glencoe. Hours are from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and 4:30 to 7:00 p.m.

## Baptism at Christ Lutheran

**Hudson Jamie Garcia**, son of Angela Binder and Hunter Garcia, and **Hunter Christopher Garcia**, son of Christopher Garcia,



were received into the church through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism on Sunday, June 6<sup>th</sup>. Hudson's sponsors were Nichole Binder and Ethan Mahlberg, and Hunter's sponsors were Nate and Amy Mahlberg and Angela Binder. May God bless Hudson and Hunter and their families.

## Welcome to our new members!



*New Members Are Joining*

New members were welcomed to Christ Lutheran on Sunday, June 6<sup>th</sup>. They are Christopher Garcia, Angela Binder, and their son, Hunter. Please introduce yourself and welcome them into our Christ Lutheran family!

Workers needed...

## Christ Lutheran Council creates two new positions

### Livestream

#### Video Streaming & Video Projection Workers Needed

The Church Council members, at their May meeting, formally created two new paid positions.

The two positions are Video Streaming and Video Projection. The

goal is to recruit CLC members to staff these positions on a rotating schedule. Neither position requires any previous experience or training. Participants will be fully trained and receive reference materials.

The goal is to have no less than four trained Video Streaming operators. This position involves operating the video camera, sound board, and streaming/recording interface. Training will include a private hands-on tutoring session and supervised operating training session during an actual worship service(s).

The Video Projection operator position includes: turning on TV's, projectors, and computer prior to the service and then cuing the computer to project the slides as the service progresses. This position involves minimal training. The goal is to have at least 8 to 10 Video Projection operators.

Both positions will be staffed at each worship service with a rotating schedule. The more participants that commit to this ministry, the less often each operator will be scheduled.

The council established a compensation payment, per service, of \$25 for the Video Streaming operator and \$10 for the Video Projection operator.

All members interested in either or both of these positions should contact one of the following: Council officers Vicky Harris, Dennis Davis, Shari O'Donnell; staff members Pastor Rood, Vicar Susan, Dawn Peterson, or "Master" video operator Scott Kuehn.

Please consider this very important ministry. Video technology has become increasingly important this last year and a half and will continue to be an important part of our mission in the future.



## McLeod Emergency Food Shelf – help is available when needed!

As a church, we think in terms of supporting the Food Shelf, but we do not always think about families in our church

who might be having a difficult time. Lennie Albers, McLeod Emergency Food Shelf Director, encourages anyone in need to use the Food Shelf. Please call the Food Shelf with questions at 320-864-2088.



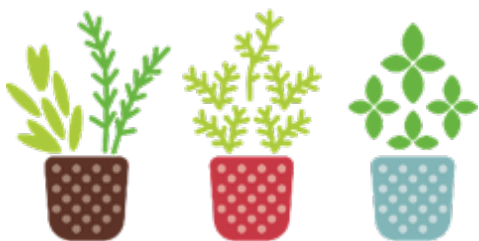
The Food Shelf's distribution hours are Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and 3:30 to 7:30 p.m. on Thursday. But there are other options for people. A pre-order can be called in, and curbside pickup is available.

Most needed items requested by the Food Shelf are:

- **Whole grains** – Cereal, grains, crackers, pasta, and rice
- **Fruits and vegetables** – Canned and dry (low sodium, no added sugar), garden fresh
- **Proteins** – Nuts and nut butters, canned meats, and canned and dry beans
- **Cooking and baking items** – Condiments and assorted flours
- **Meals and sides**
- **Personal care and household items**

Financial support may be mailed or dropped off at MEFS, 808 12<sup>th</sup> St E, Glencoe, MN 55336 or processed electronically at [www.mcleodemergencyfoodshelf.org/donate](http://www.mcleodemergencyfoodshelf.org/donate) (via PayPal).

Cash donations are needed to buy hamburger, cheese, eggs, and other necessary food items for a balanced diet. Cash donations can be put in a mission envelope. Checks can be made out to Christ Lutheran and write on memo line "for the food shelf."



**Christ Lutheran Church Women of the ELCA**

**Cheryl McDougall, President; Nita Enderson, Secretary; Linda Simonson, Treasurer; Jane Larter, Barb Jenneke, Jodi Braband, Lois Tritz**

## **TEND TO YOUR SOUL**

**As Christian women, we can tend to our souls by:**

- **communicating regularly with God**
- **living in community with Christians**
- **regularly worshipping God**
- **immersing ourselves in God's word**
- **spending time in God's creation, and**
- **recharging our soul through quiet contemplation and meditation**

**These are the basics, the foundations of our faith. They are essential to our life of faith, and yet sometimes we just get so caught up in other things so that we don't attend to these. What does your soul need these days as you work in your garden?**

**Welcome**

We warmly welcome **Lois Tritz** to our coordinating team. Lois, thank you for giving of your time and energy to serve the women of Christ Lutheran.



## **OUR THREE MISSIONS: GROWTH, ACTION, COMMUNITY**

Think of the **Mission Growth** as your head. You were given a brain to learn. Use it to study the Bible. Grow in faith. Encourage one another. Find your gift.

Now think of **Mission Action** as your feet. Hit the ground running so to speak. This is the hands-on mission. Make quilts and kits and take action to make this a better world.

Now think of **Mission Community** as your arms. Hold them out to work with our fellow Missions to stand against hunger, violence, social issues and whatever the cause. This can be local or world wide. With our heart in the middle we can move mountains.

**Three missions but they all have to work together to get the job done.** We are God's hands, heart and feet. Our work is never done. We need everyone to make a difference. Remember the cross. Head at the top for Growth, Feet at the bottom for Action, and arms for community.



You are important to us. We are always looking for more active members to our team. Consider joining us! Call Cheryl at 320-510-1593.

**Fall activities and events are in the planning stage. Share with us any ideas you may have for Christ Lutheran Women. We welcome your ideas!**





## August and September 2021 Worship Helper Schedule

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| <b><u>August 1, 2021</u></b> <b><u>9 am</u></b><br><b>Head Usher:</b> Jim Carlson<br><b>Usher:</b> Dennis Roisum<br><b>Usher:</b> Duane McDougall<br><b>Lector:</b> Dawn Peterson<br><b>Communion Server:</b> Char Dittmer<br><b>Communion Server:</b> Carla Kuehn<br><b>Communion Server:</b> Joan Johnson<br><b>Communion Helper:</b> Mary Metag<br><b>Audio/Video Tech:</b> Scott Kuehn<br><b>Cantor:</b> Dennis Davis<br><b>Refreshments:</b> Steve and Becky Olmstead  | <b><u>August 8, 2021</u></b> <b><u>9 am</u></b><br><b>Head Usher:</b> Brad Hahn<br><b>Usher:</b> Jeff Grant<br><b>Usher:</b> Eldean Enderson<br><b>Lector:</b> Lucia Beste-Zehnder<br><b>Communion Server:</b> Dennis Davis<br><b>Communion Server:</b> Julie Becker<br><b>Communion Server:</b> Vicar Susan Christianson<br><b>Communion Helper:</b> Carla Kuehn<br><b>Audio/Video Tech:</b> Scott Kuehn<br><b>Cantor:</b> Katherine Grant<br><b>Refreshments:</b> Jim, Dawn and Becky Peterson                            |
| <b><u>August 15, 2021</u></b> <b><u>9 am</u></b><br><b>Head Usher:</b> Jonathan Becker<br><b>Usher:</b> Bob Tibbits<br><b>Usher:</b> Jim Carlson<br><b>Lector:</b> Clark Christianson<br><b>Audio/Video Tech:</b> Scott Kuehn<br><b>Cantor:</b> Chris Davis<br><b>Refreshments:</b>   | <b><u>August 22, 2021</u></b> <b><u>9 am</u></b><br><b>Head Usher:</b> Jonathan Becker<br><b>Usher:</b><br><b>Usher:</b><br><b>Lector:</b> Char Dittmer<br><b>Audio/Video Tech:</b> Scott Kuehn<br><b>Cantor:</b> Nancy Mellesmoen<br><b>Refreshments:</b>  |
| <b><u>August 29, 2021</u></b> <b><u>9 am</u></b><br><b>Head Usher:</b> Brad Hahn<br><b>Usher:</b> Dennis Davis<br><b>Usher:</b> Shawn Davis<br><b>Lector:</b> Trevor Kirchoff<br><b>Audio/Video Tech:</b> Scott Kuehn<br><b>Cantor:</b> Jon Braband<br><b>Refreshments:</b>   | <i>If unable to serve, please find another person to do your task. Contact the church office at <a href="mailto:office@christluth.com">office@christluth.com</a> or 320-864-4549 about the change in worship assistants. Thank you.</i>   |
| <b><u>September 5, 2021</u></b> <b><u>9 am</u></b><br><b>Head Usher:</b><br><b>Usher:</b> Mike Sundblad<br><b>Usher:</b> Dennis Wendlandt<br><b>Greeters:</b> Lee and Connie Hanson<br><b>Lector:</b> Joan Johnson<br><b>Communion Assistant:</b> Mary Stoltenburg<br><b>Communion Assistant:</b> Kathy Remus<br><b>Communion Assistant:</b> Vicar Susan Christianson<br><b>Communion Helper:</b> Jodi Braband<br><b>Audio/Video Tech:</b> Scott Kuehn<br><b>Cantor:</b><br><b>Refreshments:</b> Marv and Fran Huwe | <b><u>September 12, 2021</u></b> <b><u>9 am</u></b><br><b>Head Usher:</b><br><b>Usher:</b> Steve Olmstead<br><b>Usher:</b> Kurt Landin<br><b>Greeters:</b> Brian and Shari O'Donnell<br><b>Lector:</b> Becky Olmstead<br><b>Communion Assistant:</b> Marcia Miller<br><b>Communion Assistant:</b> Connie Duenow<br><b>Communion Assistant:</b> Vicar Susan Christianson<br><b>Communion Helper:</b> Shari O'Donnell<br><b>Audio/Video Tech:</b> Scott Kuehn<br><b>Cantor:</b><br><b>Refreshments:</b> John and Pat Bergseng |
| <b><u>September 19, 2021</u></b> <b><u>9 am</u></b><br><b>Head Usher:</b><br><b>Usher:</b> Julie Becker<br><b>Usher:</b> Bob Kaytor<br><b>Greeters:</b> Howard and Jan Giese<br><b>Lector:</b> Becky Peterson<br><b>Audio/Video Tech:</b> Scott Kuehn<br><b>Cantor:</b><br><b>Refreshments:</b> Jim, Dawn and Becky Peterson  | <b><u>September 26, 2021</u></b> <b><u>9 am</u></b><br><b>Head Usher:</b><br><b>Usher:</b> Janel Tangen<br><b>Usher:</b> Marv Gustafson<br><b>Greeters:</b> Brian and Tiffany Mikolichek<br><b>Lector:</b> Nolan Sundblad<br><b>Audio/Video Tech:</b> Scott Kuehn<br><b>Cantor:</b><br><b>Refreshments:</b> Duane and Cheryl McDougall  |

## Fundraisers scheduled for Habitat for Humanity's 28<sup>th</sup> home project



BECKY PETERSON

Lori Mittelsteadt, Executive Director of Crow River Habitat for Humanity, recently shared the news that they have received their permit so now they can coordinate with excavation and concrete work to get things started on their build. Their next project will be their 28<sup>th</sup> home, and will be a new home for Becky Peterson from

Christ Lutheran Church. She is a veteran and will also be a first-time homeowner.

Lori says this will prove to be a great partnership with MidCountry Bank's support and the support of others within the community, the church, friends, and family.

They will soon be looking for volunteers to provide lunches for their volunteers and build. You will soon be able to check their website at [www.crhhf.org](http://www.crhhf.org) for sign-up information and dates.

There will also be a link on Christ Lutheran's website at [www.christluth.com](http://www.christluth.com) and updates in our church bulletins and Light & Life. Also consider a day at the build site or a donation for the build. Donations will be matched up to \$50,000 by MidCountry Bank.

Habitat for Humanity has scheduled several fundraisers in the Hutchinson area and is working on some fundraisers in Glencoe. Here's what is coming up:

**August 16 – Fundraiser at Buffalo Wild Wings:** Fundraiser runs all day! 15 percent of sales of food only goes back to Habitat for Humanity.

**August 23 – Music in the Park Library Square, Hutchinson, Everett Smithson Band:** They are in need of pie-makers to donate some homemade pies for this event. Pies can be brought to the Crow River Habitat office before 4:00 p.m. on the 23<sup>rd</sup> or directly to the park at 5:30 p.m. They accept fresh-baked or store bought. You could also donate your time and help with the booth. Email or call Katris at [Katris@crhhf.org](mailto:Katris@crhhf.org) or 320-

224-1547 with pie quantity or if you want to help. Proceeds go towards their 28<sup>th</sup> Habitat Home Veterans Build.



**September 17-18 – Barn Sale and Donations Wanted:** They are looking for gently-used select home furnishings.

**October 8 – Octoberfest Fundraiser:** Join them at Bobbing Bobber Brewing Company, Hutchinson, from 6:00 to 10:00 p.m. Live polka music by the Jolly Ramblers from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. German food buffet for dinner by Joannie's Catering. Tickets are \$35, which includes the buffet and one drink ticket. Limited number of tickets are available. Proceeds go towards their 28<sup>th</sup> Habitat Home Veterans Build.

**Thrivent Action Team** – Apply for Thrivent Action Team Dollars to help provide meals for their volunteers and/or items for their build.

You can help support Crow River Habitat for Humanity in their mission to provide safe, decent and affordable homes for all families. Their address is 1020 Hwy. 7, Suite 7, Hutchinson, MN 55350. For more information call Lori Mittelsteadt, at 320-587-8868.

## Recycle aluminum cans for food packs for Vryheid Circuit in Africa

The trailer for the aluminum can recycling mission project is set up next to the church garage in the back of the parking lot.

Please put your aluminum cans in a tall kitchen garbage bag and place them in the trailer. This project will provide funds for food packages for Vryheid circuit in South Africa.



## All-Church Email List

*In an effort to keep our members up to date with church announcements, scheduling changes, and important Covid-19 updates, we are asking all members to email the church office with their current email address or addresses. Email updated contact information to [office@christluth.com](mailto:office@christluth.com).*