

October 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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*Make new friends, but
keep the old...
...one is silver and
the other gold.*

This tried-and-true song adopted by the Girl Scouts is one way I look at Interim Ministry and Ministry Assessment. I appreciate and honor the past and always keep looking forward; the best is yet to be.

Thanks to the Vision Team for collecting the information needed to create a Ministry Profile of Christ Lutheran. Once their task is complete a call committee will be formed and can set in motion a formal search for a new Pastor. In the meantime, the process of self-examination stirs up old notions and new musings together. Here is a sample of my latest old/ new learnings:

Why does the men's Bible Study meet at 8:00 a.m.?

Because one former pastor launched the group by cooking breakfast (no longer included).

What do confirmands study?

Among other topics like Holy Scripture, the curriculum has modules titled:

- ♦ **Seven Important Things Martin Luther Said**
- ♦ **Five Important Things Reformers Wrote**
- ♦ **Five Things You Should Know About the Lutheran Reformation**
- ♦ **A Brief History of the Lutheran Movement**
- ♦ **Article #4 of the Augsburg Confession**

I am particularly interested in our curriculum because October 31 is Reformation Sunday. Martin Luther's role in the Reformation is a big deal for most protestants and most especially for Lutherans. If you attend worship that day, I will not read all of Martin Luther's ninety-five theses.

But I will probably read at least one. They were really important to him and are important to Christ Lutheran.

What is Simply Giving and why is there a table full of giving envelopes in the narthex?

Simply Giving is a pre-authorized withdrawal from your bank account.

You can access a button on the website to click and make a one-time gift or fill out a form to set up a reoccurring contribution schedule from your bank.

Some people don't use the envelopes and write a check out for the offering plate. It helps the money counters if you use the envelopes, so they have your envelope number for record keeping. Some people use Simply Giving, don't use the weekly envelopes, and have forgotten they are on the table in the narthex to be picked up. If you use Simply Giving, you can still use the envelopes for

additional offerings like Thanksgiving, the Building Fund, or a special love offering.

When I am not in these conversations I am pondering:

What do you feel most curious about when you think of your ministry at Christ Lutheran? Do you ever wonder what God's hopes and dreams are for Christ Lutheran?

What memory of your time at Christ Lutheran makes your heart feel warm and brings a smile to your face?

*A circle is round, it has no end...
That's how long God's love lasts!*

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Elizabeth



**PASTOR H. ELIZABETH
BECKER**

Abundant Table Community Meal



The Abundant Table Community Meal is FREE and open to everyone – families and children, elderly, and all seeking fellowship or in need of a helping hand.

When: **October 6th** (the first Wednesday of every Month)

Where: Christ Lutheran Church Basement Fellowship Hall

Serving: BBQ's, chips, pickles, veggies and dip, glazed fruit salad, and cookies for dessert.

Time: We start at 4:30 and serve the meal from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m.

For information call Christ Lutheran Church at 320-864-4549.

All are welcome to join us for wonderful food and fellowship.

Laundry Love is held on the third Tuesday of each month



Laundry Love is back, providing a much-needed service to our community! For the last three months we have been meeting those

in need at the Glencoe Laundry Center to pay for the cost of their washing and drying.



In July, we served 23 family units, 22 in August, and 23 in September. These numbers are significantly higher than the number served before COVID. The need is there, and you have made it possible to meet that need.

Laundry Love is the third Tuesday of each month, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., and 4:30 to 7:00 p.m.

The next date will be **Tuesday, Oct. 19th** at the Glencoe Laundromat Center (Haukos Bros.), 707 13th St. W., Glencoe. If you would like to volunteer for this outreach contact Barb Jenneke, or Cheryl McDougall.

Special Congregational Meeting will be held on Sunday, Oct. 3rd

There will be a Special Congregational Meeting after our church service on Sunday Oct. 3rd. The purpose of the Special Meeting is to vote on the Council recommended installation of a sign outside the church building.

Abundant Table thank you

The Abundant Table Meal was held on September 1st. We served 35 guests a meal of grilled hamburgers and hot dogs, firehouse baked beans, chips, watermelon, and ice cream for dessert.



We want to thank all our Christ Lutheran members who helped set up, serve and/or clean up. They include Wally Rannow, Rodger Jenneke, Duane McDougall, Bob Scheidt, Lee and Connie Hanson, Joanne Chrast, Marvin and Gloria Gustafson, Mary Lou Platt, Louise Carlson, and Jon and Jodi Braband for help setting up, serving and clean up.

We thank all who jump in and help with the set up and clean up. We thank the many hands that helped; without your generosity we cannot provide this ministry.

We especially want to thank Joanne Chrast and Deb Heuer for providing those wonderful fall pickles!!

We thank the Ministry Team for their work and making the meal: Connie Heitz, Chris Davis, Deb Heuer, Jane Larter, Mary Jo Schimelpfenig and especially for her flowers; Bob Scheidt for grilling and the firehouse baked beans; and Barb Jenneke.

Without these dedicated folks we could not achieve our mission "to provide a nourishing and hearty meal every month for men, women and children in the Glencoe area and provide an atmosphere of hospitality and openness around the dinner table."

Mission Sunday is October 10th



October 10th is Mission Sunday, and our guest speaker will be David Pedersen, who is one of the founding fathers of the South African Partnership with the Vryheid Circuit (started in 2008).

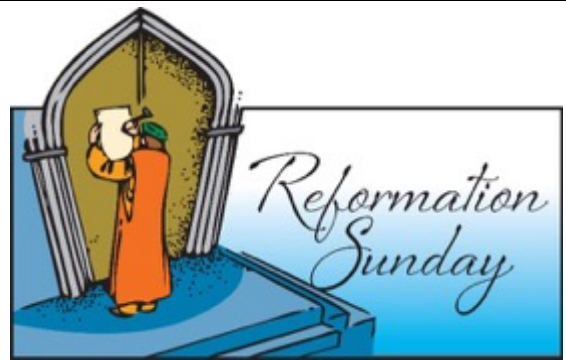
ELCSA (Evangelical Lutheran Church in South Africa) has 25 circuits, and each circuit is paired with one conference from our Synod. The Minnesota Valley Conference, of which Christ Lutheran Church is a member, is paired with the Vryheid Circuit. Our goal is to work hand in hand with their church members and the Vryheid Hospice care center. We have identified four areas of concern. They are education, health and wellness, agriculture and leadership.

The Vryheid Circuit is one of the poorest Circuits in South Africa. In the past 10 years our conference has supplied food packages, money for scholarships, school uniforms, leadership opportunities and salaries for health workers at the Hospice Care Center.

David Pedersen will give you a brief history for our conference involvement and report on how we can help with the current issues.

Coffee and cake will be provided after the service, and you will have a chance to ask David questions concerning this mission.

Thank you,
Mission and Social Concerns Committee



Sunday, Oct. 31st

9:00 a.m. Worship Service
with Holy Communion

Questions about memorial gifts?

When you donate to the church in memory of someone, your name, dollar amount, and designated or undesignated fund you choose to list is recorded by the Memorial



Committee. Memorial book records are kept in a wooden stand near the glass archive wall in the Narthex.

After you have given a memorial gift, you will receive a letter from the Memorial Committee telling the amount and to which fund it has been added. If this information is not correct, please notify the church office immediately. If you hand endorsed checks to the office from friends and loved ones who have given memorial gifts to you, the Memorial Committee will send letters thanking them for the amount and fund to which the memorial gift has been added.

If the family wishes, gifts will go to their choice of designated funds. Funds that are given as undesignated are kept in the undesignated fund and may be used at the council's discretion.

There are several designated funds within the memorial fund. Some of them are old and have been mostly spent for things like hymnals. Other funds include quilting, The Garden, and more. These are listed each year in the annual report.

If at any time you have questions about the memorial fund or other funds given to Christ Lutheran, please ask the Pastor or a council member.



*Beautiful fall decorations
invite us to Christ Lutheran*

The Rev. Dr. Dee Pederson will be installed as Bishop on October 9th



You are invited to attend the Service of Holy Communion with the Installation of The Rev. Dr. Dee Pederson as Bishop of the Southwestern Minnesota

Synod, ELCA, on **Saturday, Oct. 9, 2021, at 2:00 p.m. at Granite Falls Lutheran Church, 350 9th Ave., Granite Falls Lutheran Church, Granite Falls, MN 56214.** Reception to follow. RSVP: www.swmnelca.org/installation.

The Rev. Elizabeth Eaton, Presiding Bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, will be present to preside and install Bishop-Elect Dee Pederson. Space is limited. Livestream will be hosted on the synod's website for those not able to attend in person.

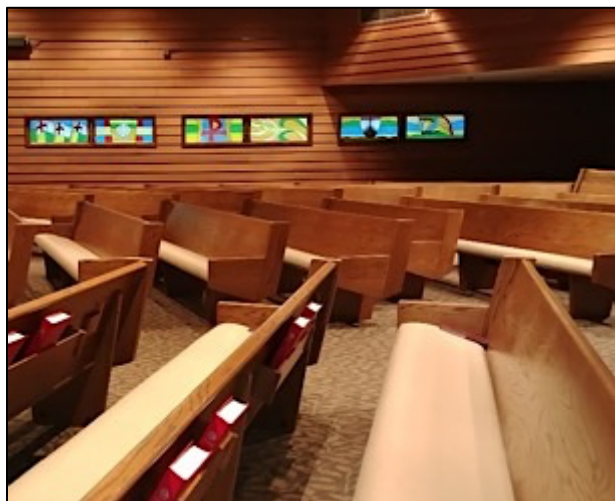
Recycle aluminum cans for food packs for Vryheid Circuit in Africa

The trailer for the aluminum can recycling mission project is set up next to the church garage in the back of the parking lot. Do not put bags in the trailer. This project will provide funds for food packages for Vryheid circuit in South Africa.



Fall flowerpots outside of Christ Lutheran were decorated by Joanne Chrast, her dear friend, Barb, Mark and Joan Johnson, and Melba Carlson. Joanne also gives a big thanks to her husband, Tom, for helping her.

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,



Christian Education / Youth October 2021

KNOW – GROW – SHARE – LIVE – WITNESS

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

3-Year-Old & 3rd Grade Bibles



In keeping with the Baptismal promises that their parents, Godparents, and members of the congregation made to place the Scriptures in the student’s hands, the 3-year-old and 3rd grade Sunday School students received new Bibles during the Sunday, September 12th, Worship Service.

Congratulations to the students and their families on this exciting milestone in their faith journey.

Thank you to all those who participated in the God’s work. Our hands. service project on Rally Sunday. Jon & Jodi Braband were able to deliver **50 Personal Care Kits** to Lutheran World Relief.

GWOH continues through the month of October as we continue to collect youth-sized shoes for Wings of McLeod County.

Visit www.christluth.com/GWOH for more information.



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



Sunday School:

1st & 2nd Rotation Lessons:

Daniel & The Lions

Jonah & The Big Fish

Sundays: Oct. 3rd, 10th, & 17th.



There will be **NO Sunday School** on Sundays, Oct. 24th (MEA Break) & Oct. 31st (Reformation Day).

We are still in need of a couple of SS teachers for upcoming rotations. If you are interested, please contact Vicar Susan ASAP.

www.christluth.com/sunday-school

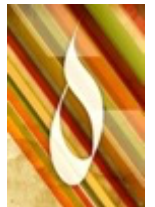
7th – 9th Grade Confirmation:

Confirmation classes continue for all 7th – 9th grade students on

Wednesdays: October 6th, 13th, and 27th.

There will be **NO Confirmation classes** on **Wednesday, October 20th** (MEA Break).

Confirmation classes will begin with fellowship and announcements @ 5:30, class time from 5:50 – 6:50, and a short wrap-up and prayer @ 6:50pm – 7:00pm.



www.christluth.com/confirmation

Please continue to check our 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 please contact Pastor Elizabeth @ pastorelizab@christluth.com or Vicar Susan @ clceducation@christluth.com.

Acolyte Schedule:

Thank you to all the students and parents that attended the Acolyte Training Sessions.

The updated 2021 Fall/Winter Acolyte schedule for 5th – 6th grade students can be found @ www.christluth.com/acolyte.





Thank you to the employee at the Glencoe Post Office for traveling to the Christ Lutheran Church office to assist Dawn with ordering a new set of bulk mailing labels for Light and Life. We received exceptional customer service!

Thank you to Dennis Davis for providing the acolyte training for the fifth-grade students.

Thank you to the Columbarium Committee for overseeing the maintenance of The Garden.

Thank you to Jon and Jodi Braband for delivering the 50 personal care kits put together on Rally Sunday to Lutheran World Relief. Thank you to congregation members and VBS students and parents for donating the parts of the personal care kits.

Thank you to Louise Carlson and Twyla Kirkeby for their assistance at GlenFields and Grand Meadows.

Thank you to Jim and Dawn Peterson to putting together the special congregational meeting mailing.

Thank you to Marv and Gloria Gustafson, Chris Davis, and Jim Peterson for volunteering to put together the September issue of Light & Life.

Thank you to Erin Sauter, Vicar Susan Christianson, Jim Carlson, and Dennis Davis for giving Temple Talks in September.

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

Thank you to Becky Peterson, Dennis Davis, and Vicky Harris for serving as Cantors.

Thank you to Jonathan Becker, Brad Hahn, and Nathan Stoltenburg for serving as Head Ushers.

Thank you to Dennis Wendlandt, Mike Sundblad, Kurt Landin, Steve Olmstead, Brian O'Donnell, Bob Kaytor, Jack Becker, and Marv Gustafson for serving as Ushers.

Thank you to Joan Johnson, Becky Olmstead, Nolan Sundblad, and Becky Peterson for serving as Lectors.

Thank you to Dennis Davis and Don Petrick and the choir directed by Randy Wilson and accompanied by Twyla Kirkeby for Special Music.

Thank you to Jon and Jodi Braband, Mary Stoltenburg, Connie Duenow, Louise Carlson, Kathy Remus, Shari O'Donnell, and Vicar Susan Christianson for serving as Communion Assistants.

Thank you to the Christian Education/Youth Teams and Dr. John and Pat Bergseng; Jim, Dawn, and Becky Peterson; and Duane and Cheryl McDougall for serving refreshments.

Thank you to Fran Huwe and Shari O'Donnell for serving on the Altar Guild in September.

Thank you to Barb Jenneke for serving on the Kitchen Guild in September.

Thank you to Chris Starr, Vicky Harris, and Jeff Iverson, 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 everyone who has shared floral arrangements and bouquets on Sunday mornings, whether they are shared in honor of a special occasion, in memory of a loved one, or from your garden.

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.

THANK YOU

A big thank you for all the prayers for my sister, Arlene. Her surgery went well in Rochester, and she is now back home in her apartment in Lake Mills, IA. *Mary Ellen Bullert*

THANK YOU

Fran and Marv Huwe are so grateful for all the prayers, the support, the kindness, and visits shown to us during Fran's surgery and on-going recovery.

All the food brought to our home was so delicious! We will watch for opportunities to pay forward this kindness. Thank you!

THANK YOU

Thank you so much to our friends at Christ Lutheran Church. There were so many acts of kindness, cards, calls, and especially all the prayers for both of us during Bruce's hospitalization and now during recovery. It is appreciated more than you can imagine. Thanks.

Bruce and Marcia

THANK YOU

Thank you to Mark Johnson for the cornstalks, Melba Carlson and my dear friend, Barb, for all the pumpkins, and my husband, Tom, for his heavy lifting. Thank you, also, to my church sisters for watering the flowerpots this past very hot summer and to continue to water into the fall: Fran Huwe, Jan Giese, and Judy Larsen.

If anyone has extra pumpkins, please bring them to church and place in the rock area. Blessings and love to all. *Joanne Chrast*

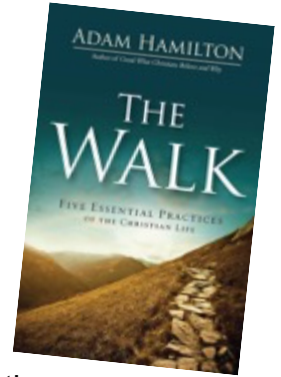
Do you have favorite hymns?



If you have a favorite hymn, and it seems as though it has been years since we sang it, you may be right! If you would like to hear that hymn included in a worship service again, please give the name of the hymn (and hymn number if possible) to Vicky Harris or Dawn Peterson. It may take us a while to use it in a service, but we would like to include your favorites when we can. Please include your name. Thank you!

New Adult Education Series begins on Sunday, Oct. 3rd

Dr. John Bergseng begins a new Adult Education series after the Worship Service and Special Congregational Meeting on Sunday, Oct. 3rd. The group will meet in the Conference Room to study "The Walk (Five Essential Practices of Christian Life)" by Adam Hamilton. Contact Dr. Bergseng for more information.



"Keeping Hope Alive During Troubling Times" community conversation on Thursday, Oct. 28th



TED BOWMAN

The United Way of McLeod County is pleased to be offering the second of three community conversations featuring Ted Bowman, grief and loss educator, on Thursday, Oct. 28th, from 6:30-8:30 p.m., at the Hutchinson Event Center, 1005 Highway 15 South, Hutchinson, and virtually on Zoom. This event is free, and helpful resources will be available to be picked up.

Register to attend in person or virtually via Zoom with Ted Bowman "Keeping Hope Alive During Troubling Times." This free presentation is sponsored by the United Way of McLeod County and the Hutchinson Health Foundation. CEU's have been applied for, and participants will receive a folder of helpful resources including books by Ted Bowman.

Men's Bible Study is back!

Join the Men's Bible Study group every Wednesday morning at 8:00 a.m. to study the scripture lessons that will be used for the upcoming Sunday's Worship Service, good conversation, a treat, and a fresh cup of coffee. The Bible Study is led by Pastor Elizabeth. You will find each week's scripture lessons listed in the bulletin the Sunday before. Contact Pastor Elizabeth for more information.



McLeod County Wings mission project is collecting through October



Our mission is to provide a care package that serves as an immediate bridge for every child as they enter the uncertainty of foster care.

Wings is a mission project that works in partnership with Common Cup Ministry and McLeod County Social Services to provide children with supplies they can take with them to their foster care placement.



Wings was started by a group of moms, aunties, and grandmas who want to help kids in our community who have been placed in foster care. We have wonderful foster care families in our community, and this is a way we can help and support them and their kids.

One of the items they would like to provide each foster child is a new (or like new) pair of shoes. We will be collecting new or like new shoes through October. There will be a designated collection box placed in the Narthex.

If you would like to donate money to help us purchase new pairs of shoes, please designate your offering and place in the offering plate or drop off at the church office. We will also be applying for a Thrivent Action Team grant to help us purchase additional pairs of new shoes.

Luther Social Services wants Companions' time and talents

Make a difference in your life and in the lives of those in your community. Share your time and talents as a Lutheran Social Services Companion and help older adults in your community with a friendly visit each week. Provide friendship, transportation, and support to someone in need.



Senior Companion volunteers are 55 years of age and older and spend 10 hours per week visiting the same three to five older adults. Our volunteers can earn a small hourly stipend and mileage reimbursement. Call Gail Sumerfelt today at 507-530-2295 and become the difference in your community.

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 **October 28 at 10:00 a.m.** We will chat, share, listen, and enjoy each other's company. Hope to see you in October. 😊

Remember our TEAF Mission!



Christ Lutheran has a TEAF fund (temporary emergency assistance fund). We have chosen the last Sunday of each month to collect donations to this fund, but, of course, donations at any time are welcome. Please

remember this mission in your giving.



Annual Community Thanksgiving meal on Friday, Nov. 25th will be takeout only – watch for more details

The 2021 Annual Community Thanksgiving meal will be on Friday, Nov. 25th at First Congregational United Church of Christ in Glencoe and is takeout only, as your health and safety are our priority. Watch for more details on the required sign-up.

Monetary donation slips to purchase the food for the dinner will be available in early October. There will be no charge for the dinner, but there will be an opportunity for a free will offering at the time of pickup, which benefits the local food shelf. God bless you all!



McLeod Emergency Food Shelf



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 MEFS 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 12th St E, Glencoe, MN 55336 or processed electronically at 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."

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 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. You can also mail your offering or drop them off in the locked Christ Lutheran mailbox. Thank you for your support!

Sign up to bring flowers for the sanctuary on Sunday

You are invited to share the beautiful flowers from your garden to place near the altar on Sunday mornings. There are many places for flowers to be displayed near the altar, so there is no need to sign up in advance.



There is also a sign-up sheet in the narthex for the upcoming year to schedule floral arrangements. If you have a date to celebrate or want to honor someone who holds a special place in your heart, you are encouraged to sign up to bring flowers for Sunday Worship Services.

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.

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.

Workers needed...

Christ Lutheran Council creates two new positions

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.

Octoberfest will be a Crow River Habitat for Humanity Fundraiser on October 8th



Join the fun while supporting Habitat for Humanity on Friday, Oct. 8th from 6:00 to 10:00 p.m. at the Bobbing Bobber Brewing Company in Hutchinson. Live polka music will be provided by the Jolly Ramblers from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

There will be a German food buffet by Joannie's Catering. There will also be a beer and wine raffle and silent auction. Tickets are \$35, which includes the buffet and one drink ticket.

Tickets are available by contacting Crow River Habitat for Humanity, 1020 Hwy. 7 West, Suite A, Hutchinson, or Dennis Davis. A limited number of tickets are available. Proceeds go towards the 28th Habitat Home Veterans Build, which will be built for Christ Lutheran member Becky Peterson.





Christ Lutheran Church Women of the ELCA

Planning Team: Cheryl McDougall, Linda Simonson, Nita Enderson, Jodi Braband, Jane Larter, Barb Jenneke, Lois Tritz, Shannon McQueen, Connie Heitz

Waiting to Hear: There have been no decisions made by the Southwest Synod or our Minnesota Valley Conference as to fall gatherings. The ongoing covid spread continues to be of concern in the planning of all fall meetings

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.

20 acts of SERVICE

IT IS TIME TO PAY IT FORWARD

- drop off treats at you or your husband's office
- open the door for someone and hold it
- Leave quarters at a laundromat, vending machine, pay phone, etc.
 - Give the trash man bottled water
- put someone's grocery cart away
 - Read a book to a child
- pay for the car behind you in the drive-thru
- make someone cookies - Tip big
- invite someone over for dinner
- Offer to watch your friend's kids
 - compliment a stranger - visit the sick
- let someone go in front of you in line
 - wash a car - Forgive someone
- write a thank you note to the mail carrier
 - Draw a picture for someone
- Smile at 5 strangers
- give someone you know who may be struggling, an envelope with cash in it

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You Say... God Says...

You Say	God Says	Bible Verses
I can't figure it out.	I will direct your steps.	Proverbs 3:5-6
I'm too tired.	I will give you rest.	Matthew 11:28-30
It's impossible.	All things are possible.	Luke 18:27
Nobody loves me.	I love you.	John 3:16
I can't forgive myself.	I forgive you.	Romans 8:1
It's not worth it.	It will be worth it.	Romans 8:28
I'm not smart enough.	I will give you wisdom.	I Corinthians 1:30
I'm not able.	I am able.	II Corinthians 9:8
I can't go on.	My grace is sufficient.	II Corinthians 12:9
I can't do it.	You can do all things.	Philippians 4:13
I can't manage.	I will supply all your needs.	Philippians 4:19
I'm afraid.	I have not given you fear.	II Timothy 1:7









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.



October and November 2021 Worship Helper Schedule

October 3, 2021 9 am Head Usher: Jim Carlson Usher: Duane McDougall Usher: Bill Heuer Greeters: Jerome and Judy Ide Lector: Cheryl McDougall Communion Assistant: Vicar Susan Christianson Communion Assistant: Eldean Enderson Communion Assistant: Chris Davis Communion Helper: Erin Sauter Audio/Video Tech: Scott Kuehn Cantor: Dennis Davis Acolyte: Lydia Freitag Refreshments: Darin and Kathy Remus	October 10, 2021 9 am Head Usher: Nathan Stoltenburg Usher: Dave Meyer Usher: Joan Johnson Greeter: Rosie Nelson Lector: Mary Lou Platt Communion Assistant: Vicar Susan Christianson Communion Assistant: Connie Heitz Communion Assistant: Marcia Miller Communion Helper: Carla Kuehn Audio/Video Tech: Scott Kuehn Cantor: Becky Peterson Acolyte: Tenley Roberts Refreshments: Mission Team
October 17, 2021 9 am Head Usher: Jonathan Becker Usher: Howard Giese Usher: Jan Giese Greeter: Joanne Chrast Lector: Hunter Schmitt Audio/Video Tech: Scott Kuehn Cantor: Chris Davis Acolyte: Lauren Scheidt Refreshments: Marv and Gloria Gustafson and Eldean and Nita Enderson	October 24, 2021 9 am Head Usher: Brad Hahn Usher: Porter Mikolich Usher: John Bergseng Greeters: Will and Christina McLeod Family Lector: Connie Duenow Audio/Video Tech: Scott Kuehn Cantor: Katherine Grant Acolyte: Ryker Wendorff Refreshments: Mary Metag
October 31, 2021 9 am REFORMATION SUNDAY Head Usher: Usher: Brian O'Donnell Usher: Rob Lemke Greeters: Matt and Kayla Muenchow Lector: Jake Schrupp Communion Assistant: Vicar Susan Christianson Communion Assistant: Becky Peterson Communion Assistant: Shari O'Donnell Communion Helper: Becky Olmstead Audio/Video Tech: Scott Kuehn Cantor: Jon Braband Acolyte: Refreshments: Jon and Jodi Braband	<p><i>If unable to serve, please find another person to do your task. Contact the church office at office@christluth.com or 320-864-4549 about the change in worship assistants. Thank you.</i></p>
November 7, 2021 9 am Head Usher: Usher: Kevin Menning Usher: Peg Menning Greeters: Louise Carlson Lector: Jim Carlson Communion Assistant: Vicar Susan Christianson Communion Assistant: Cheryl McDougall Communion Assistant: Mary Metag Communion Helper: Dawn Peterson Audio/Video Tech: Scott Kuehn Cantor: Dennis Davis Acolyte: Jaxson Hoffman Refreshments: Hank and Judy Larsen	November 14, 2021 9 am Head Usher: Usher: Mark Johnson Usher: Brian O'Donnell Greeter: Bob and Gloria Kaytor Lector: Dennis Davis Communion Assistant: Vicar Susan Christianson Communion Assistant: Joan Johnson Communion Assistant: Kayla Muenchow Communion Helper: Shari O'Donnell Audio/Video Tech: Scott Kuehn Cantor: Jon Braband Acolyte: Emma Kohout Refreshments: Scott and Carla Kuehn
November 21, 2021 9 am CONSECRATION SUNDAY Head Usher: Usher: Mary Lou Platt Usher: Larry Gutknecht Greeter: Jonathan and Julie Becker Lector: Mary Stoltenburg Audio/Video Tech: Scott Kuehn Cantor: Chris Davis Acolyte: Refreshments: Stewardship Ministry Team	November 28, 2021 9 am Head Usher: Usher: Wally Rannow Usher: Dennis Roisum Greeters: Dennis and Charlotte Dittmer Lector: Louise Carlson Audio/Video Tech: Scott Kuehn Cantor: Katherine Grant Acolyte: Porter Simonson Refreshments: Brian and Shari O'Donnell

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 NA from 6:00 to 9:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall.
3 Worship Service with Holy Communion @ 9:00 am – Everett Howard Style Baptism. Vision Team Special Congregational Meeting to vote in installation of a sign after the Worship Service. Informational Meeting during the Sunday School Hour. Sunday School @ 10:10 am. New Adult Education series begins @ 10:15 am. 	4 Televised Worship Service @ 3:00 pm on Channel 10. Cub Scout Adult Leaders @ 7:00 pm. Worship & Music @ 6:00 pm.	5 Women's Bible Study @ 10:00 am.	6 Men's Bible @ 8:00 am. Televised Worship Service @ 2:00 pm on Channel 10 Worship Service with Holy Communion @ Grand Meadows @ 2:00 pm. Worship with Holy Communion @ 3:00 pm @ Grand Meadows. Abundant Table @ 5:00 pm – doors open @ 4:30 pm for fellowship. 	7 Pastor Elizabeth has Episcopal Clergy Zoom Meeting from 10:00 to 12:00 pm. UCAP Homes meets from 10:30 to 11:30 am in the Conference Room.	8	9 Installation of The Rev. Dr. Dee Pederson as Bishop of SW MN Synod of the ELCA @ Granite Falls Lutheran Church, @ 2:00 pm. NA from 6:00 to 9:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. 
10 Worship Service with Holy Communion @ 9:00 am – Mission Sunday; David Pederson, guest speaker. Sunday School @ 10:10 am. Adult Education series @ 10:15 am. Fall Theological. 	11 Televised Worship Service @ 3:00 pm on Channel 10. Fall Theological.	12 Women's Bible Study @ 10:00 am. Fall Theological.	13 Men's Bible Study @ 8:00 am. Televised Worship Service @ 2:00 pm on Channel 10. Bell Choir @ 5:15 pm. Confirmation @ 5:30 pm. Choir @ 6:00 pm in the Sanctuary. Council meets @ 7:00 pm.	14 Rachel Circle @ 9:00 am in the Conference Room.	15	16 NA from 6:00 to 9:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall.
17 Worship Service @ 9:00 am – Rev. Donna Olsen here for Pastor Elizabeth. Sunday School @ 10:10 pm. Adult Education series @ 10:15 am.	18 Televised Worship Service @ 3:00 pm on Channel 10.	19 Laundry Love from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm and 4:30 to 7:00 pm @ Glencoe Laundry Center. Women's Bible Study @ 10:00 am. 	20 Men's Bible Study @ 8:00 am. Bible Study @ Grand Meadows @ 9:30 am. Televised Worship Service @ 2:00 pm on Channel 10. MEA Weekend: No Bells or Choir. No Confirmation.	21 Worship Service with Holy Communion @ GlenFields @ 10:30 am. Education Minnesota (MEA) Break – no public school. 	22 Education Minnesota (MEA) Break – no public school. 	23 NA from 6:00 to 9:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall.
24 Worship Service @ 9:00 am – The Rev. Dr. Dee Pederson, Bishop of the SW MN Synod of the ELCA, will be here. No Sunday School – MEA Weekend. Adult Education series @ 10:15 am.	25 Televised Worship Service @ 3:00 pm on Channel 10.	26 Women's Bible Study @ 10:00 am.	27 Men's Bible Study @ 8:00 am. Televised Worship Service @ 2:00 pm on Channel 10. Bell Choir @ 5:15 pm. Confirmation @ 5:30 pm. Choir @ 6:00 pm in the Sanctuary.	28 Women's Monthly Coffee @ 10:00 am in the Narthex. 	29	30 NA from 6:00 to 9:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall.
31 Worship Service with Holy Communion @ 9:00 am – Reformation Sunday. No Sunday School. Adult Education series @ 10:15 am. 					Altar Guild: Connie Heitz, Shari O'Donnell, and Rachel Strobel	Kitchen Guild: Pam Beck

