

Summer 2022 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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# Glencoe: A few of my favorite things

**I** order a slice of chocolate cake and the Beef Commercial, and I eat them in that order at Bump's Restaurant. When I first saw the name "Bump's" my mind generated all the different meanings of the word "bump." How many meanings does your mind generate when you hear the word 'bump's'?

If you like warm fuzzies, check out Plumeria Alpaca Ranch. Not only will the mamas and their babies bring a smile to your face, but their wool is my go-to for gifts that warm the hands as well as the heart. <https://www.plumeriaalpacaranch.com>

"Spring rains have flooded fields and delayed planting and rain has been scarce this summer. How will this affect yield," is a conversation I have heard for many weeks already. My appreciation for our dependency on the earth and all who labor to plant is deepened.

And no list would be complete with Dan Becker, Glencoe class of 1981. He is my favorite of all!

As seasons change and the landscape begins to settle from summer toward fall, one thing remains constant: The Love of God in Christ Jesus is steadfast and continues to bind this community together while ever moving onward.

Postscript: Earlier this summer, the call committee announced that their work continues to search for a new pastor. That means I get to

stay here a little longer. It may also mean that the search process feels bumpier than originally anticipated. Why did not one but two candidates of choice decline an offer? I'm surprised because I think this place is an attractive call. I'm not surprised because the Holy Spirit works in ways I simply don't anticipate. Most of the time that's fun, but some-

times it is not that fun.



**PASTOR H. ELIZABETH  
BECKER**



**ALPACAS FROM THE PLUMERIA ALPACA RANCH**

**I**s the Holy Spirit guiding Christ Lutheran's call process? I believe so. Can Christ Lutheran weather the next chapter in the call committee's process. I believe so.

Why do I believe this? Because Christ Lutheran is faithful to God's mission even in the midst of unanticipated events. AND because most people I've met here are aware of, affiliated with, and in a relationship with

bumps of all kinds.

*Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. Hebrews 13:8*

God bless you,

*Pastor Elizabeth*



## Update from the Call Committee

*[Mark Johnson gave this Temple Talk during the Worship Service on Sunday, May 29<sup>th</sup>.]*

I'm Mark Johnson, and one of the members of the Christ Lutheran Church call committee. Dave Meyer is our chairperson and is out of town this weekend, so I was asked to speak and give an update.

While our committee was formed in December, due to delays with the congregational profile (the MSP) being completed, and a change with our contact person at the Synod, we were unable to have our first official meeting until January.

As some background for you, here's the typical process a call committee in the ELCA follows:

The call committee receives a RMP from our synod contact. A RMP is a rostered minister profile (think resume for the candidate).

The call committee reviews the RMP and decides if we want to set up an interview with that candidate.

In our case, each first interview for all candidates has been done by Zoom. If we feel the candidate may be a fit, we have then set up an in-person interview.

At this point, we have done a number of Zoom interviews, and then some in-person interviews. The call committee has found some suitable candidates, we have indicated a candidate of choice, but have been turned down, for various reasons.

We are continuing the process, and when we do have a candidate of choice come back with a positive response, we will then make the recommendation to the Council to vote to approve the candidate. Then the Council will call a special meeting of the congregation, to vote to approve the call.

As of now, we are in regular contact with Pastor Heather at our synod office, who continues to provide suitable RMPs as they are available. Keep in mind, there are many openings in our SW MN Synod, and the candidate pool is limited.

Please respect that our ability to give details is limited. Information on candidates is confidential.

Our nine-person call committee has been very committed to this process. All of this takes time – scheduling the interviews, meeting with the candidates and evaluating the information. We want to get this right!

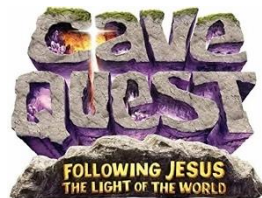
We're fortunate for now to have Pastor Elizabeth here as our interim pastor. Many congregations in the call process are having a hard time finding an interim pastor.

We ask for your patience and prayers. We will continue to update the congregation along the way.

Respectively submitted,  
Mark Johnson, Candidate Communicator  
Christ Lutheran Call Committee

*[Additional Call Committee members include Chairperson Dave Meyer; Secretary Kayla Muenchow; Council Representative Linda Simonson; Sara Brown, Elisa Dording, Eldean Enderson, Kurt Landin, and Karin Ramige.]*

## Vacation Bible School starts on Monday Aug. 8<sup>th</sup>



Christ Lutheran's Christian Education/Youth Team, led by Vacation Bible School Director Stacey Groe, is set to begin this year's Vacation Bible School on Monday,

Aug. 8<sup>th</sup>. VBS will run from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. Monday through Wednesday at Christ Lutheran. On Thursday, Aug. 11<sup>th</sup>, there will be pool fellowship from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m., and a family pizza party at Oak Leaf Park at 5:00 to wrap up this year's program.

VBS is for all students in kindergarten through fourth grade including those students who will be entering kindergarten in the fall of 2022 and those students who have completed fourth grade during the 2021-2022 school year.

***Donations are needed of cardboard egg cartons and 10 jam jar-size mason jars with lids. Contact Stacey Groe at [clceducation@christluth.com](mailto:clceducation@christluth.com).***

Christian Education/Youth Team members include Tami Alsleben (Council Liaison), Stacey Groe, Megan Hoffmann, Erin Sauter, Tiffany Simonson, and Emily Walters. For more information, contact [clceducation@christluth.com](mailto:clceducation@christluth.com).



# Congratulations to Pastor Susan



Pastor Susan Christianson was ordained on Sunday afternoon, May 22<sup>nd</sup> by Bishop Dee Pederson, Bishop of the Southwestern MN Synod, ELCA, at Christ Lutheran. Assisting Pastor was Christ Lutheran's Interim Pastor, H. Elizabeth Becker. Previous Christ Lutheran Pastor, Rev. Katherine Rood, Pastor Susan's Mentor and Internship Supervisor, read the Gospel and gave the sermon.

Pastor Susan is pictured above with her family, Clark, Jake, and Brooke Christianson.



Participants at Pastor Susan's ordination included Bishop Dee Peterson, Pastor Eric Carlson, Interim Pastor H. Elizabeth Becker, Pastor Scott Richards, Pastor Susan, Pastor Amy Carlson, and Rev. Katherine Rood.

moments of joy as we laughed, celebrated, and demonstrated love for one another through the sharing of the Gospel together.

**Thank you** to LaMane Mueller for the preparation of the food, the Christian Education and Fellowship Team for the hospitality, and ALL those who provided bars and for the reception following the ordination. It was so much fun to see my family and past and future congregations sharing conversations and celebrating my ordination event together.

**Thank you** to Christ Lutheran for the beautiful gold/white stole that was given to me at my farewell celebration during Worship. I was able to wear the stole on Trinity Sunday during my installation at St. Paul's and Swedlanda churches on Sunday, June 12<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

*Pastor Susan*



**Thank you to Christ Lutheran** for the many years of love, support, and encouragement during the last 11 years as I served as the Christian Education & Digital Media Coordinator. I

will carry all you have taught and shared with me into my future years in ministry with fondness and gratitude.

**Thank you** to ALL those who were involved in the planning and preparations for a wonderful farewell celebration following Worship on Sunday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>! Creating and watching the slideshow was an amazing way to recall the multitude of

## Pastor Susan was installed at Hector churches on June 12<sup>th</sup>



Pastor Susan Christianson was installed at St. Paul's and Swedlanda Lutheran churches at Hector by Pastor Heather Culuris, Synod Minister of the Southwestern Minnesota Synod of the ELCA, on Sunday, June 12<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

## Ukraine relief offering donation



Thanks to the generosity and compassion of members of Christ Lutheran, a total of \$5,355.00 was donated to provide relief to refugees of the conflict in Ukraine. The need for food, clothing and shelter

may be beyond our comprehension. This gift will certainly provide desperately needed help to so many in need.

## A heartfelt thank you to Synod Minister Stephen Cook

By Bishop Dee Pederson

For the past four years, this synod has been blessed by the ministry of Pr. Stephen Cook, called especially to lead the ministry of equipping synod congregations. Last summer, Pr. Steve agreed to continue this call until the beginning of 2022. Then I was thrilled he agreed to continue serving during this year, bringing his knowledge, expertise, and leadership to our synod ministry. Pr. Steve has discerned that he will officially retire by the end of 2022 – and we have been blessed by his leadership for a whole year longer than anticipated. Thanks be to God and to Pr. Steve!

A message from Pr. Stephen Cook –

Good friends,

It has come to pass that I will be leaving my Call as Synod Minister in November. There is a nice symmetry to this. I began this Call on November 1, 2018. When I accepted this Call, I of course knew that there would be Bishop Election in June of 2021, so I imagined serving into the new term for a bit. So here we are.



PR. STEPHEN COOK

A great deal of life has happened in those years! We all know the toll of the pandemic. Death came for both of my parents – my father in November 2018 and my mother in December of 2019. As a synod we have a new Bishop. Many beloved colleagues have moved on and new friends have come. That is the way of ministry and of life itself. It was an honor to serve with Bishop Jon, and with my synod staff colleagues. When Bishop Dee asked me to stay on to help with the transition I was pleased to agree. Bp Dee and I had served together in the parish, and I know the sort of leader she is. I have been blessed in the relationship and I know our Synod will be blessed.

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I want to say a particular word of gratitude to our Synod Staff. Tammy Schacher, Kristin Bakeberg, and Maggie Berggren each bring such gifts to the team. We absolutely would be in the weeds without them. My fellow members of the pastoral staff – Pastor Heather Culuris and Pastor Troy Pflibsen – bring terrific new insights and energy.

I will continue to be involved in the life and work of our Synod in the future, especially with Family Emotional Systems Theory work and the Congregational Resource Team and its ministries with congregations.

December 15 will be the 43rd anniversary of my ordination. How time flies! How things change!! And through it all the Lord of the Church continues to call forth the New Creation from the Table and the Font and will do this until that day when all creation gathers to feast at the Supper of the Lamb. May God speed the day and, in the meantime, bless the church with gifted leaders and faithful people.

Peace and joy,  
Steve

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We will extend heartfelt thanks to Pr. Steve this fall, but for now want to share this information with you and ask for your prayers that God call forth a leader to serve in this ministry. And we pray for a new chapter of renewal and refreshment for Pr. Steve and Sylvia as they continue to walk in God's grace and light.

As the position posting for this call is being developed, we know that this Synod Minister position will continue to focus on call processes and will require strengths of knowledge and experience in working with finances. A position description will be posted by August 1, with applications closing at the end of August. Interviews with prospective candidates will take place during September, with the call announced in early October and the Synod Minister beginning to serve by November and overlapping with Pr. Steve.

## Welcome to McKenzie Ebert, Information and Media Technology staff at Christ Lutheran

Mckenzie Ebert has been hired as Christ Lutheran's Information and Media Technology staff as of July 1<sup>st</sup>. She has been a wonderful new addition in the church office during the week, and to our worship services on Sunday mornings. We asked Mckenzie to introduce herself, and this is what she shared:



**MCKENZIE EBERT**

"I'm excited to join Christ Lutheran Church as their new Information and Media Technology personnel! Everyone has been very welcoming, and I am glad to be a part of the team.

Prior to coming here, I worked as an Embedded Software Engineer at Sentra in the Twin Cities for two years, where I worked on agricultural imaging drones. I have schooling through both the University of Minnesota - Twin Cities and Ridgewater College.

I grew-up in Dassel, but currently reside in Hutchinson. Pets are a big part of my life; I own two cats and two snakes at the moment and am hoping to get a dog in the future.

I enjoy running a Dungeons and Dragons campaign on the weekends, listening to music, and leatherworking. I can often be found singing along to musicals in my kitchen while experimenting with foods and flavors from around the world."

Please be sure to greet Mckenzie and welcome her to Christ Lutheran.

COUNT YOUR  
BLESSINGS.  
NAME THEM ONE BY ONE.  
COUNT YOUR  
MANY BLESSINGS  
SEE WHAT GOD HAS DONE.

## Basement Assessment Project meeting on Sunday, July 31<sup>st</sup>

After the wild success of the Required Records management project, the team is ready for one more project: The Basement Assessment Project. Join Shari O'Donnell in the basement on



**Sunday, July 31<sup>st</sup> after worship** (and a cup of coffee) to see what there is to be seen in the CLC basement. All invited. Roll up your sleeves! Contact Pastor Elizabeth for more information.

## Meeting for Organize and Sparkle Brainstorming on August 1<sup>st</sup>



Please join Pastor Elizabeth and Elisa Dording for a one-hour brainstorming session to celebrate how much we love CLC and ask, "Are there spaces that need organization and/or some

TLC?" Just because you attend this meeting doesn't make you obligated to a project. Please come share your favorite things about spending time in the spaces we treasure. **We will meet at 4:45 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 1<sup>st</sup> in the Narthex.**

## Noisy Pail Offering for school supplies will be on August 7<sup>th</sup>

Missions will be holding a Noisy Pail offering for school supplies **on Sunday, Aug. 7<sup>th</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.**



## S'more Night with the Glencoe Police Department on August 15<sup>th</sup>



This is a family event to get to know your local police officers on **Monday, Aug. 15<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.** at Oak Leaf Park, 200 DeSoto Ave. S.,

Glencoe. Bring your family and kids out for a night of fun around the campfire, roasting marshmallows and getting to know the officers that serve your community.

## Personal Care Kit collection now through Monday, Aug. 8<sup>th</sup>

Christ Lutheran Women of the ELCA is having a collection for Personal Care Kit items for LWR (Lutheran World Relief).



**LUTHERAN  
WORLD RELIEF**

**Beginning in June through August 8<sup>th</sup>** we will be collecting Personal Care Kit items, which include towels, soap, toothbrush, nail clipper and a sturdy comb. There is detailed information near the collection box in the Narthex.



## Common Cup Back-to-School Drive now through August 13<sup>th</sup>

Common Cup Ministries' Back-to-School Drive is accepting SCHOOL SUPPLY donations.



- **Collecting through August 13<sup>th</sup>**
- Cash donations used for bulk purchasing
- Items needed include backpacks, spiral notebooks, colored pencils, dry erase markers (four-pack)
- Spiral notebooks, colored pocket folders, complete list on CC website
- All items collected go to McLeod County's 400 registered school children

**Distribution dates are August 17<sup>th</sup> in Hutchinson and August 18<sup>th</sup> in Glencoe.**

**Deadline to register your child to receive school supplies is August 5<sup>th</sup>.**

Call Jen at 320-587-9929 for registration information.



## Head ushers are needed!

Head ushers are needed for Sunday morning Worship Services. If you are available to serve as a head usher one Sunday a month, we have a place for you!

Contact Brad Hahn, Pastor Elizabeth, or Dennis Davis if you need more information.

**Please prayerfully consider serving Christ Lutheran as a head usher. You are needed in this ministry.** Thank you.

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

Laundry Love served 33 families in May. This is the highest number served since last July when we resumed the program after the covid shutdown. The generosity of Christ Lutheran members allows us to continue this valuable outreach. Volunteers have included Barb Jenneke, Cheryl McDougall, Connie Heitz, Jane Larter, Linda Simonson and Chris Davis. Donations to support this ongoing mission can be left in the church office.



laundry love

Laundry Love is held on 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, Aug. 16<sup>th</sup> at the Glencoe Laundromat Center (Haukos Bros.), 707 13th St. W., Glencoe.

## Favorite hymns during worship



On a recent Sunday, the congregation was asked to write down their favorite hymns, and an impromptu hymn sing was held. Almost 50 hymn choices were collected, al-

though a smaller number were chosen to sing that morning. Now that the Worship and Music Team has those requests, the team will continue to include them in upcoming worship services. Watch for them in the future!

## Thank you from Abundant Table



The June Abundant Table Meal was served on the 1<sup>st</sup>. We served **57** guests plus 15 helpers (72 total) a meal of hamburgers and hot dogs, baked beans, potato salad, pickles, and ice cream cups for dessert.

We want to thank all our Christ Lutheran members who helped set up, serve and/or clean up. We thank all who jump in and help with the set up and clean up. We thank the many hands who helped; without your generosity we cannot provide this ministry.

We thank the Ministry Team for their work and preparing the meal: Cheryl McDougall, Connie Heitz, Chris Davis, Shannon MulQueeney, Jane Larter, and Linda Simonson.

Thanks to Joanne Chrast, Louise Carlson, Jim and Dawn Peterson, Marv and Gloria Gustafson, Darlene Hennessey, Duane McDougall, Loren Mueller, Warren Mathwig, and Lee and Connie Hanson for their assistance.

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

*Respectfully submitted by  
Jane Larter and Cheryl McDougall*

## Next Abundant Table Community Meal will be on Wednesday, Sept. 7<sup>th</sup>

Abundant Table Community Meals are held four times a year. **The next Abundant Table Community Meal will be on Wednesday, Sept. 7<sup>th</sup> – watch for updates!**



## Remember our TEAF Mission!



TEAF

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.



# Pentecost observed at Christ Lutheran

Rev. Donna Olsen was guest pastor at Christ Lutheran on Pentecost Sunday, June 5<sup>th</sup>. She brought a surprise with her for the end of the worship service and invited the congregation to join her outside on the front lawn. The congregation gathered around her while she opened a

mysterious basket that had gone unnoticed during the service, and voila! – a dove flew out! What a beautiful symbol of Pentecost for all of us to observe!

*Photos courtesy of Mary Stoltenburg*



**All of them were  
filled with  
the Holy Spirit!**  
Acts 2.4



# *Personal Care Kits*

LWR (Lutheran World Relief) in conjunction with Christ Lutheran Women of the ELCA are sponsoring the collection of Personal Care Kits.

We will have a collection box in the Narthex for the following items:

- one light weight new bath size towel (20x40 to 52x27)
- soap-2bath-size bars
- one adult size toothbrush in its original package
- one sturdy medium to wide tooth comb, remove packaging
- one metal nail clippers, remove packaging

We will be collecting through August 8<sup>th</sup>.

Often when natural disasters strike or when war drives families from their homes, our hearts ache with compassion for those families, but we don't know how to help. One tangible way to offer comfort to the suffering and express our love is LWR Kits. By providing good hygiene tools, the kits provide dignity and hope in the direst situations.

Please help us make kits to send to LWR.





Crow River Habitat for Humanity's Roaring 20's Hammer and Nails Gala was held at The Crow River Country Club on June 29<sup>th</sup>. Attendees had a great time. Do you recognize any familiar faces from Christ Lutheran?



## Thrivent grants are a great way to donate to many ministries at Christ Lutheran or other non-profits



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*Thrivent grants are a great way to donate to Laundry*

Love, school supplies, diapers, coat collections, or other ministries dear to your heart. If you have accounts with Thrivent, you are eligible to access a \$250 grant, twice a year, by doing an online application. The application is short and simple. Contact Cheryl at 320-510-1593 for questions or help in completing the application.

## 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.



**laundrylove**

## Laundry Love Glencoe needs your donations.

In the month of June, 43 family units were served using over \$800 in quarters. July's attendance was 35 family units using \$800. Both months, we were forced to shut down an hour early in the evening shift of 4:30 to 7:00 because we were out of money.

Our mission is to serve all that come in need. Those that come in the evening need to be served as well. United Fund through Common Cup has given us a donation and we are actively pursuing other funding sources as well. Your generosity is always appreciated.

We are currently not accepting pill bottles as the money counters find them cumbersome to count. All cash donations go directly into the laundry machines and dryers at Glencoe Laundry. Laundry detergent pods are always a need we have as well. Donations can be placed in an offering plate or dropped off at the church office.



## Part-time position at Christ Lutheran

Christ Lutheran Church seeks part-time position which includes Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings of Christian Education Coordinator to begin as soon as possible. Will also oversee the potential reinstatement of the afterschool program. For application contact Pastor Elizabeth at [pastorelizabeth@christluth.com](mailto:pastorelizabeth@christluth.com).



Thank you to the archive project group who worked in the church office going through file cabinets of archived records on July 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>. The group included Shari O'Donnell, Vicky Harris, Fran Huwe, Susan Wedin, and Kathy Remus.

Thank you to Courtney Hatlestad who spent many volunteer hours organizing paper and office supplies in the church office.

Thank you to Vicky Harris for serving as Worship Leader on July 3<sup>rd</sup> in Pastor Elizabeth's unexpected absence.

Thank you to Vicky Harris, Chris Starr, Becky Peterson, and Scott Kuehn for leading the impromptu hymn sing on July 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Thank you to Dr. John Bergseng for leading the spring Adult Education study. Thank you to Scott Kuehn for his technical assistance.

Thank you to Scott Eckhoff for getting four yards of mulch and Dennis Roisum and Hank Larsen for applying it to The Garden. It looks so nice and fresh.

Thank to Mark and Cindy Robertson, Angie Young, and Jessica Lehmann for cleaning up water on the carpeting from the water leak near the front entry. Thank you to Mark for discovering the broken pipe in the wall and for Jeff Mullenbach's assistance with repairing the damage.

Thank you to Steve Schmidt from the City of Glencoe Water Department for all the trips to Christ Lutheran to tell us about leaking water and for trying to figure out how to work with our water meters.

Thank you to everyone who assisted with Don Exsted's funeral and visitation on June 27<sup>th</sup>, including the Hospitality Committee for serving the funeral luncheon, Twyla Kirkeby, Randy Wilson, and Brad and Bonnie Hahn.

Thank you to Dennis Davis, Jane Larter, Duane Scharpe, Kevin and Peggy Menning, Linda Roisum, and Suzann Adams for their help with the Baptism of Callie Marie Rose on June 26<sup>th</sup>.

Thank you to Dennis Davis, Jane Larter, Loren Mueller, Kevin and Peggy Menning, Linda Roisum, and Suzann Adams for their help with the Baptism of Charlotte Dorothy Witte on June 12<sup>th</sup>.

Thank you to the Quilters for the beautiful quilts given to Christ Lutheran's graduates during

Baccalaureate Service on May 15<sup>th</sup>. Thank you to Pastor Susan for putting together the slide show and to Pastor Elizabeth for her narration. Thank you to the seniors for their meaningful Confession of Faith and to Pastor Katherine for serving as editor. God's blessing to them as they move on to the next part of their lives.

Thank you to everyone who took part in Pastor Susan's Farewell Coffee and luncheon after her Ordination on May 22<sup>nd</sup>. Thank you to Milestone Ministry for serving refreshments after the Worship Service and to the Fellowship Team for organizing the meal after the Ordination. Thank you to those who brought bars, set up, served, and cleaned up after the meal.

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

Thank you to Linda Simonson for leading Bible Study at Grand Meadows.

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Thank you to Brad Hahn, Bonnie Hahn, and Dave Meyer for serving as Head Ushers.

Thank you to Nathan Stoltzenburg for his service as Head Usher during high school and best wishes to him as he heads off to college in August.

Thank you to Jeff Grant, Brian O'Donnell, Duane McDougall, Jim Peterson, Marv Gustafson, Joan Johnson, Kurt Landin, Janel Tangen, Eldean Enderson, Jim Carlson, Larry Gutknecht, Chase Duenow, Connie Duenow, Dennis Davis, Shawn Davis, Howard Giese, Jan Giese, Fran Huwe, Eli Kuehn, Dennis Wendlandt, Becky Peterson, Kevin Menning, Peg Menning, Steve Olmstead, Becky Olmstead, Louise Carlson, and Dr. John Bergseng for serving as Ushers.

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Thank you to Katherine Grant, Becky Peterson, Jon Braband, Nancy Mellesmoen, Dennis Davis, Chris Davis, and Vicky Harris for serving as Cantors.

Thank you to Linda Simonson, Cheryl McDougall, Dennis Davis, Gloria Kaytor, Kathy Remus, Dr. John Bergseng, Chris Davis, Dawn Peterson, Jim Peterson, Becky Peterson, and Louise Carlson for serving as Lectors.

Thank you to the Choir, directed by Randy Wilson, and to the Bell Choir, also directed by Randy Wilson; to Kay Wilson for her solo with the Choir, to Peg Hatlestad, organ, Aron and Samantha Bohnert, brass, and Michelle Downie, brass, for accompanying the Bell Choir; and to Dennis Davis, baritone solo, for Special Music. Thank you to Twyla Kirkeby for accompanying the Choir.

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Thank you to Judy Ide and Kathy Remus for serving on the Altar Guild in May; Mary Metag and Susan Wedin in June; and Judy Larsen and Joanne Chrast in July.

Thank you to Fran Huwe for serving on the Kitchen Guild in May; Linda Roisum in June; and Judy Larsen in July.

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

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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, pianist, and cantor 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 to the Christ Lutheran Women**

Thank you for all the bars for my dad's funeral on June 27<sup>th</sup>. Special thanks to all the luncheon servers – thank you. Chairperson Scharpe and Chairperson Anderson – thank you. The children of Don Exsted are very appreciative!! You all did a great job.

*Don's daughter, Sandy, and  
Don's sons, Dave, Collin,  
Carl, Craig, and Bert Exsted*

### **Thank you to the CLC church family**

Thank you for all the prayers of healing. It's a great feeling to know that the church family was praying. Thanks also for all the calls from the church family and food brought to the house. God bless you all.

*Rosie Nelson*

## **Baptisms at Christ Lutheran**




**Charlotte Dorothy Witte**, daughter of Dan and Rhonda Witte, was received into the church through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism on Sunday, June 12<sup>th</sup>. Charlotte's sponsors were Kevin Witte and Erin Gray. May God bless Charlotte and her family.

**Callie Marie Rose**, daughter of Eric and Angela Rose, was received into the church through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism on Sunday, June 26<sup>th</sup>. Callie's sponsors were Emily and Erik Metag and Derek and Jessica Peterson. May God bless Callie and her family.



## August 2022 Worship Helper Schedule

<p>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.</p>	
<p><b><u>August 7, 2022</u></b>                      <b><u>9 am</u></b>  <b>Head Usher:</b>  <b>Usher:</b> Brian O'Donnell    <b>Usher:</b> Mark Johnson  <b>Greeters:</b> Hank and Judy Larsen  <b>Lector:</b> Hank Larsen  <b>Communion Assistant:</b> Shari O'Donnell  <b>Communion Assistant:</b> Carla Kuehn  <b>Communion Assistant:</b> Erin Sauter  <b>Communion Helper:</b> Bonnie Hahn  <b>Audio/Video Tech:</b> Mckenzie Ebert  <b>Cantor:</b> Chris Davis  <b>Acolyte:</b>  <b>Refreshments:</b> Kuehns and Johnsons</p>	<p><b><u>August 14, 2022</u></b>                      <b><u>9 am</u></b>  <b>Head Usher:</b>  <b>Usher:</b> Bob Kaytor    <b>Usher:</b> Rob Lemke  <b>Greeters:</b> Dennis and Karen Wendlandt  <b>Lector:</b> Linda Simonson  <b>Communion Assistant:</b> Louise Carlson  <b>Communion Assistant:</b> Chris Davis  <b>Communion Assistant:</b> Dawn Peterson  <b>Communion Helper:</b> Connie Duenow  <b>Audio/Video Tech:</b> Mckenzie Ebert  <b>Cantor:</b> Dennis Davis  <b>Acolyte:</b>  <b>Refreshments:</b> Jo</p>
<p><b><u>August 21, 2022</u></b>                      <b><u>9 am</u></b>  <b>Head Usher:</b>  <b>Usher:</b> Brent Duenow    <b>Usher:</b> Linda Simonson  <b>Greeters:</b> Mike and Jill Sundblad  <b>Lector:</b> Becky Peterson  <b>Audio/Video Tech:</b> Mckenzie Ebert  <b>Cantor:</b> Nancy Mellesmoen  <b>Acolyte:</b>  <b>Refreshments:</b> Muenchow and O'Donnell</p>	<p><b><u>August 28, 2022</u></b>                      <b><u>9 am</u></b>  <b>Head Usher:</b>  <b>Usher:</b> Joan Johnson    <b>Usher:</b> Jim Peterson  <b>Greeters:</b> Larry and Sharon Gutknecht  <b>Lector:</b> Dawn Peterson  <b>Audio/Video Tech:</b> Mckenzie Ebert  <b>Cantor:</b> Becky Peterson  <b>Acolyte:</b>  <b>Refreshments:</b> Jim, Dawn, and Becky Peterson</p>

**McLeod 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 Food Shelf Director, encourages anyone in need to use the Food Shelf. Please call the McLeod 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.

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."



## September 2022 Worship Helper Schedule

<b><u>September 4, 2022</u></b> <b><u>9 am</u></b> <b>Head Usher:</b> <b>Usher:</b> Duane McDougall <b>Usher:</b> Dennis Roisum <b>Greeters:</b> Daris and Kathy Remus <b>Lector:</b> Dave Meyer <b>Communion Assistant:</b> Joanne Chrast <b>Communion Assistant:</b> Charlotte Dittmer <b>Communion Assistant:</b> Kathy Remus <b>Communion Helper:</b> Connie Heitz <b>Audio/Video Tech:</b> Mckenzie Ebert <b>Cantor:</b> Chris Davis <b>Acolyte:</b> <b>Refreshments:</b> Steve and Becky Olmstead	<b><u>September 11, 2022</u></b> <b><u>9 am</u></b> <b>Head Usher:</b> <b>Usher:</b> Jeff Grant <b>Usher:</b> Hank Larsen <b>Greeters:</b> Marv and Fran Huwe <b>Lector:</b> Bob Tibbits <b>Communion Assistant:</b> Mary Stoltenburg <b>Communion Assistant:</b> Mike Sundblad <b>Communion Assistant:</b> Eldean Enderson <b>Communion Helper:</b> Jodi Braband <b>Audio/Video Tech:</b> Mckenzie Ebert <b>Cantor:</b> Katherine Grant <b>Acolyte:</b> <b>Refreshments:</b> Gustafson and Enderson
<b><u>September 18, 2022</u></b> <b><u>9 am</u></b> <b>Head Usher:</b> <b>Usher:</b> Wally Rannow <b>Usher:</b> Loren Mueller <b>Greeters:</b> Muriel and Roxanne Wavra <b>Lector:</b> Louise Carlson <b>Audio/Video Tech:</b> Mckenzie Ebert <b>Cantor:</b> Vicky Harris <b>Acolyte:</b> <b>Refreshments:</b> John and Pat Bergseng	<b><u>September 25, 2022</u></b> <b><u>9 am</u></b> <b>Head Usher:</b> <b>Usher:</b> Dave Meyer <b>Usher:</b> Kurt Landin <b>Greeters:</b> Errolan and Donna Senske <b>Lector:</b> Connie Duenow <b>Audio/Video Tech:</b> <b>Cantor:</b> Jon Braband <b>Acolyte:</b> <b>Refreshments:</b> Linda Simonson

## Garden grant received by Tri-Valley Migrant Head Start allows them to install raised garden beds for fresh

Jackie Olson, Director of Tri-Valley Migrant Head Start, recently announced the receipt of a garden grant from Farm To Early Care, a program dedicated to garden and food for early education. They were approved for funding of raised garden beds, which will provide produce for their food service program and also to be given to their families to extend nutrition into their homes.



# SUMMER

## Christ Lutheran Women of the ELCA

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

*Our Purpose:* As a community of women created in the image of God, called to discipleship in Jesus Christ, and empowered by the Holy Spirit, we commit ourselves to grow in faith, affirm our gifts, support one another in our callings, engage in ministry and action, and promote healing and wholeness in the church, the society, and the world.

## Women's Summer Coffee



Consider joining us Thursday, Aug. 25th at 10:00 for a cup or two of coffee, treats, conversation, and fellowship. We hope to see you there.

## Collecting Personal Care Kit items for LWR through Monday, Aug. 8<sup>th</sup>

- One light weight new bath size towel 20x40 to 52x270x
- Soap, 2 bath size bars
- One adult size toothbrush in original packaging
- One sturdy medium to wide tooth comb, no package
- One metal nail clipper, no package



## Minnesota Valley Women's Conference Meeting

*Join us, all welcome to attend*

**When:** Saturday, Sept. 10 at 11:30

**Where:** Trinity Lutheran Church, St. Peter

**What:** Noon luncheon with gathering to follow – speaker Kris Langworthy



## PLANTING YOUR SPRING GARDEN For the Garden of Your Daily Living

### PLANT THREE ROWS OF PEAS

1. Peace of Mind 2. Peace of Heart 3. Peace of Soul

### PLANT FOUR ROWS OF SQUASH

1. Squash Gossip 2. Squash Indifference 3. Squash Grumbling 4. Squash Selfishness

### PLANT FOUR ROWS OF LETTUCE

1. Lettuce Be Faithful 2. Lettuce Be Kind 3. Lettuce Be Patient 4. Lettuce Really Love One Another

### NO GARDEN IS COMPLETE WITHOUT TURNIPS

1. Turnip For Meetings 2. Turnip For Service 3. Turnip To Help One Another

### TO CONCLUDE, OUR GARDEN WE MUST HAVE THYME

1. Thyme For Each Other 2. Thyme For Family 3. Thyme For Friends Water freely with patience and cultivate with love.

There is so much in Your Garden because you reap what you sow.

## Pass it on!

*thank you!*

Thank you to all who attended and donated cakes for the birthday party at GlenFields/Long Term Care on May 26th, to all who donated bars for the Ordination Celebration for Pastor Susan, and to those women who have and continue to bring treats to Women's Monthly Coffee.

Faith  
is not hoping  
God can  
it is knowing  
He **Will**





# Congratulations to Christ Lutheran's graduates!



## Becky Peterson's House Blessing and Open House were celebrated on Sunday, July 17<sup>th</sup>



**Thank you** – I would like to give my heartfelt thanks to everyone who has supported me in getting a new home. I'm thankful for those who supported me financially, to those who provided meals at the build site, and to those who helped to build the home. I'm so grateful to have help from Habitat for Humanity and MidCountry Bank. Without the love and support from friends, family, and church family I would not be able to now own my own home.

*Gratefully, Becky*

Highlights from Christ Lutheran Church Council Meeting on May 11, 2022.

### **New Members**

- Warren Mathwig
- Gloria Lovett
- Dale Anderson
- Rhonda Witte

### **Personnel**

- Made last edits to drafts of lay job descriptions. Personnel hopes to have them adopted at the June council meeting.
- Discussed temporary staffing for education and technology positions until a new pastor is called and staffing organization is determined.
- Personnel recommends creating a temporary Vacation Bible School part time position.

### **Sign Project Update**

Sign permit is approved, shop drawings are being finalized, and the footings are scheduled to be installed in the coming weeks. Message display shipment is on track for September 1st.

### **Vicar Susan's Resignation**

There was a Motion to accept Vicar Susan Christianson's resignation as Christian Education Coordinator and Media/Technical Director, effective May 20, 2022. M/S/C

### **Vacation Bible School Position**

- There was a Motion to create a Temporary Vacation Bible School position with a minimum of three weeks at 25 hours per week, or the equivalent hour total, at \$15.00 per hour. The position, with the approval of the Church Council, may be extended and modified upon recommendation of the supervising Pastor and Executive Team. M/S/C
- Upon recommendation of the Personnel Team and Pastor Elizabeth, Stacey Groe was hired for the Temporary VBS position created at the last council meeting.

### **Noisy Pail Offerings**

- June 12<sup>th</sup> – Habitat for Humanity
- August 7<sup>th</sup> – School Supplies

### **Upcoming Events**

- May 15<sup>th</sup> – Baccalaureate
- May 22<sup>nd</sup> – Vicar Susan and Family Recognition and New Member Sunday at the 9:00 a.m. Worship Service and Vicar Susan's Ordination at the 4:00 Worship Service with Holy Communion, and a reception to follow in the Fellowship Hall
- June 1<sup>st</sup> – Abundant Table
- June 5<sup>th</sup> – Pastor Elizabeth is gone – Pastor Donna Olson will be pulpit supply

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## **VBS**

The theme this year is Cave Quest – Following Jesus The Light of the World. The dates for this year's VBS will be Monday, August 8<sup>th</sup> – Thursday, August 11<sup>th</sup>, from 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

## **Personnel**

- There was a Motion to adopt the Information and Media Technology Position job description and to seek a candidate to fill this position on a temporary basis for 6 months (26 weeks) starting July 1, 2022. The position description may be modified as needed with approval of both the Pastor and employee. The position will be staffed at 20 hours per week. M/S/C
- There was a Motion to have the Personnel Team and Youth/Christian Ed Team advertise to seek candidates to fill the position of Christian Education Coordinator with the qualifications and job description as defined in the Employee Position Description, which was approved in May 2020. M/S/C
- Pastor Elizabeth Becker's Letter of Agreement is in the process of being updated to reflect her duties during her extended contract.

## **Sign Project Update**

Sign drawings have been finalized, with footings to be installed next Monday June 13<sup>th</sup>. Sprinkler system pipes and electrical lines will need to be marked as well as resetting the location stakes for the sign.

## **Wireless Microphone Problems**

There was a Motion to have the Council President purchase and implement the installation of remote wireless microphone antennas from AVE with funds from the savings account Video/Computer funds. M/S/C

## **Upcoming Events**

- June 12<sup>th</sup> – Baptism of Charlotte Witte at the 9:00 a.m. service
- June 12<sup>th</sup> – Noisy Pail Offering – Habitat for Humanity
- June 26<sup>th</sup> – Baptism of Callie Rose at the 9:00 a.m. service

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AUGUST CALENDAR