

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH
220 S. Main Street
DeForest, WI 53532
Return Service Requested



The Door Post

*Ask, and it will be given you;
search, and you will find;
knock, and the door will be opened for you.*

Matthew 7:8

June 2020

You, Lord, are forgiving and good,
abounding in love to all who call to you.

Psalm 86:5



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SUNDAY WORSHIP**

On-line at either
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FINANCIAL REPORT for June, 2020 Door Post

Combined General & Building Fund

	April, 2020		Year to Date	
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
REVENUE				
Offerings/Donations/Misc	\$ 39,835.57	\$ 32,862.33	\$ 143,124.66	\$ 131,449.33
Total Revenues	\$ 39,835.57	\$ 32,862.33	\$ 143,124.66	\$ 131,449.33
EXPENSES		\$ -		
CLC Expenses	\$ 31,119.40	\$ 32,862.33	\$ 148,720.72	\$ 131,449.33
Total Expenses	\$ 31,119.40	\$ 32,862.33	\$ 148,720.72	\$ 131,449.33
Total Net Income (Loss)	\$ 8,716.17	\$ -	\$ (5,596.06)	\$ -
Capital Campaign				
Revenue	\$ 3,656.00	\$ 6,250.00	\$ 37,162.32	\$ 25,000.00
Expenses	\$ -	\$ 6,250.00	\$ 5,070.00	\$ 25,000.00
Net Income (Loss)	3,656.00	-	\$ 32,092.32	-

Capital Campaign has a beginning balance of \$115,087.31

Pastor Sue's Newsletter Article

Keep On. . .

Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you. (Philippians 4: 8-9)

Dear Friends in Christ,

Even though it's only been 10 weeks, it seems like an eternity since we gathered for worship without even giving it a second thought. We sang, we prayed, we hugged and shook hands. We gathered in the Friendship Room to share coffee and treats and shared our stories with one another. Sunday School, Confirmation, and Bible Studies continued and our building was open and used by many and various outside groups. I greatly miss gathering for worship with all of you.

The world is much different now and we, as the church, need to be patient as we wait and watch. The church has always been essential because you are the church. The building is also essential, but one that will wait and watch with us until the time is right for us to gather again. For now, until a time I can't predict, we will remain the church doing the work and will of God with the people and places God has called us. Separate, but not separated. As St. Paul wrote, "Keep on doing." Keep on. We'll get through this.

Enclosed in this newsletter is a letter from our congregational president, Mike Paulson. His letter details the decisions of the church council, decisions I agree with and wholeheartedly support.

Here is what I ask of you:

1. Keep on praying:

- *for those who are grieving, suffering, and recovering from Covid-19
- *for people who are struggling financially and emotionally
- *for patience and kindness to prevail in this country
- *for a vaccine
- *for health care professionals

2. Keep on following science and medical experts.

3. Keep on trusting that our time away from worshiping at church is temporary.

4. Keep on being the church wherever you are!

5. Keep on remembering the ministries of Christ Lutheran Church as you are financially able.

6. Keep on letting me know what is happening in your life, so I can pray for you.



We will keep you informed on the decisions of our church council. Please know our decision to not worship in our sanctuary was not an easy decision to make, but one we knew was the best decision at this point.

May the God of peace be with you,
Pastor Sue Beadle

Letter from Mike Paulson, CLC Council President

On Thursday, May 21, 2020, the CLC Church Council met virtually and voted unanimously to extend the closure of Christ Lutheran Church for worship services, activities, and meetings where more than ten people are present through June 30, 2020. Exceptions to the closure are any essential business operations or ministries. One of those essential ministries is Norski Nibbles, and we will continue to serve the Deforest area community children in need of meals once the school year comes to an end.

As Dane County re-opens and the public health guidelines evolve daily, I want to reassure you that that we are doing our very best to monitor and prepare for re-opening our doors when we feel it is safe for ALL of our members to worship together and participate in activities once again. We will continue to provide video worship opportunities on our website:

<http://www.christlutherandeforest.org/worship/>

We are also looking into ways to come together and worship in an outdoor parking lot setting. As details become available, we will share them with everyone!

I'd like to personally thank Pastor Sue, Bonnie Vize Linda Capener, and Judd Blau for all of their hard work each week to provide us with a wonderful worship experience! I would also like to thank the members of our congregation for your understanding, support and generosity during these uncertain times.

We will continue to communicate with the congregation as we know more details. In the meantime, if you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at 608-220-2055.

God Bless,
Mike Paulson



Deacon Bonnie's Blurp



Ever wonder about the hymns we sing that are so familiar to us? On June 7th, we will celebrate the Trinity. The Three in One. A doctrine we don't spend a great deal of time celebrating, but here is the one time of the year we do. Almost without fail, we page each year to the one hymn that speaks to the Trinity and celebrates. "Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty." I venture to say we all know that hymn.

The words of the hymn were written by an Anglican clergyman named Reginald Heber (1783-1826). It is almost two centuries old. He tried throughout his ministry to improve the singing in his tiny congregation at Hodnet, near Birmingham, England. His drive was to give folks a sense of spirit in their hymn-singing. To "wake them up," so to speak. He wrote dozens of hymns. Three of his hymn texts made it into our ELW hymnal. Along with "Holy, Holy, Holy," he also penned "God Who Made the Earth and Heaven" and "Brightest and Best."

Heber wrote "Holy, Holy, Holy" specifically for Trinity Sunday, although it is used as a general use hymn. The emphasis is, as stated in the hymn "God in three persons, blessed Trinity."

When Rev. Heber was 40 years old, he was sent to Calcutta, India, to serve as the Bishop. He went reluctantly. The job, the hot climate and the primitive conditions were too much for Bishop Heber. He died at the age of 43 after serving there 3 years.

His legacy was his music. A hymnal of his poems was published after his death. Most modern hymnals include 2 or 3 of his hymns. This hymn has blessed many people. It is very familiar and translated into many languages.

The hymn tune was written by John Dykes in the mid-1800s. He called it Nicaea (also spelled Nicea) after the church council that established the doctrine of the Trinity. When the hymn tune was "Married" to the words, it proved to be a good fit and they have remained together ever since. Enjoy our celebration of the Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Deacon Bonnie Vize

Vacation Bible School

There will be no Vacation Bible School this year. Look for the 2020-2021 Sunday School sign-up information in the Door Post later this summer.





Bible Readings

Week of June 7

Genesis 1:1- - 2:4a

Psalm 8

2 Corinthians 13:11-13

Matthew 28:16-20

Week of June 14

Exodus 19:2-8a

Psalm 100

Romans 5:1-8

Matthew 9:35- - 10:8

Week of June 21

Jeremiah 20:7-13

Psalm 69:7-10, 16-18

Romans 6:1b-11

Matthew 10:24-39

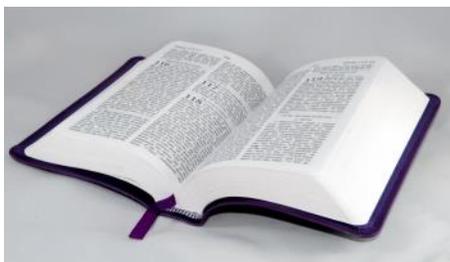
Week of June 28

Jeremiah 28:5-9

Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18

Romans 6:12-23

Matthew 10:40-42



Silver Linings

For next month's Door Post, we are looking for the "Silver Linings" that have come from our current experiences with the COVID-19 pandemic.

If you have experienced or discovered a positive outcome, we would enjoy hearing about it. Please email your Silver Linings to office@christlutherandeforest.org.

The deadline for next month's articles is Wednesday, June 16th. We look forward to hearing from YOU!



Join us on-line for Sunday Services.

Keep an eye out for our opening schedule!

Be Present

Missing being present in church with the virtual on-line services?

Now, you can **Be Present!** Virtually, that is. Send in a photo of you and your family, or simply send in your permission for us to use your last directory photo. We will print it out and place it on the pews where you would normally sit.

This will help Pastor Sue have an audience and you can look for your photos in the on-line service recordings!.

Grace Meal Update

Warm wishes to all of our Christ Lutheran Family. We hope you are all doing well during this crazy time of Covid 19. We wanted to give you a brief update on the men's shelter which Christ Lutheran Church has helped support for the past 20 years at Grace Episcopal Church in Madison.

On the evening of March 22, Porchlight Executive Director Karla Thennes, managers and two UW nursing students entered the Men's Shelter at Grace Episcopal Church to do health assessments on 140 homeless men entering the shelter. The downtown shelters were then all transitioned to Warner Park Recreational Center.

Things are going well at Warner Park. They have been serving anywhere between 65-95 per night, depending on time of month. **The meals continue to be catered from Food Fight** (breakfast and supper). The men are picked up at the Beacon at 4:45 pm and dropped off in the morning back at the Beacon at 8 am.

Men with symptoms have been placed in a hotel and men at high risk have been placed in another hotel. Porchlight now knows exactly how things would run if they were able to get out of their 3 cramped basements into a larger shelter space.

They have lost 4 full time shelter workers. Two had their own health issues and two were concerned about the nightly risk of exposure. So they are down to a small dedicated group of men and women who are working overtime every week. Porchlight is paying them a \$2 an hour hazard pay (of course, in our front-line world, that increase puts them at \$15/hour).

As far as what we as a faith community can do, right now is provide cash donations. Porchlight will be paying an extra \$200,000 in payroll just for the emergency shelter over the next six months. On top of that is the thousands of dollars we will be paying for personal protective equipment for each employee and volunteer and guest showing symptoms.

Donations can be made directly to the shelter on our website at:

<https://interland3.donorperfect.net/weblink/weblink.aspx?name=E343331&id=1>

If anyone is on Facebook please "like" our Porchlight page. I post almost daily things we need like deodorant and small facial tissue packets.

The talk right now is we won't be back to Grace Episcopal in 2020 in case there is a resurgence of the virus and we can't have folks smashed in a church basement.

Thank you for all you do to serve the homeless in our community.

Stay well! And Best Wishes
Tim, Jean and Kathy





It's Norski Nibbles Time

Norski Nibbles will be operating this summer to provide kids with nutritious lunches. The need in our community is great! Last year we distributed approximately 3,600 lunches. With over 800 students eligible for free or reduced lunches in the DeForest Area School District, there will be a lot of hungry children in need of a nutritious meal. Norski Nibbles is filling that need with your help.

How can you help?

Monetary Donations

We are planning to operate as in the past, but realize the COVID-19 may cause us to change our usual operation. Because of the "safer-at home" order from the Governor, we are asking that instead of food donations, monetary donations be made. Norski Nibbles has sources to buy the items that are needed and thereby eliminating the need for you to go out to the stores and keeping you safer. Please make checks payable to Christ Lutheran Church and put Norski Nibbles in the memo area. Thank you for your generosity!!!

Volunteer - Sign Up to Distribute Lunches

Christ Lutheran has been assigned the first two days - June 11 and June 12, along with two full weeks, July 6 to the 10 and Aug 24 to the 28. With the church being closed, we are asking members who want to sign up to distribute the lunches to use the new Sign Up.com program link that is on Christ Lutheran DeForest home page.

On CLC's Main Page, Go to Programs, then Norski Nibbles. To sign up, please click on the link that will take you to the Norski Nibbles sign-up, select the park and date(s) you would like to volunteer and click Sign Up. The system will ask for your email address, then click Next. If you have used CLC's signup system before for Greeter, Reader, etc. the rest of your information may automatically populate. If not, continue to follow the instructions and click Save. If you have troubles or questions, either send an email to norskinibbles@gmail.com or phone Bob Mathweg at 608-772-3893.

Thanks for volunteering!