

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

February 2021

*Lord
Teach
us to
Pray*

Luke 11:1

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JOIN US FOR SUNDAY WORSHIP

Register for in-person Service
On-line at either
Christlutherandeforest.org
Or YouTube.com

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Mon-Thurs 9:00-3:00

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For December Financial Information please see Annual Report.



Members who are on the e-mail list, should have received a copy of the Annual Report attached to an e-mail along with information on the annual meeting. Members can pick up a printed copy in the church office or call for one to be delivered to you. Please check the webpage or e-mail for further updates on the annual meeting.

Pastor Sue's Newsletter Article
February 2021

Likewise, the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. (Romans 8:26)

As the first month of 2021 comes to an end, we leave behind the tinsel and ornaments of Christmas and quickly have our attention turned to the beginning of Lent. Ash Wednesday is February 17th. This year, like many things over the past 12 months, Ash Wednesday will look a bit different. I couldn't come up with a safe way to distribute ashes on people's foreheads, so this will be an Ash-less Ash Wednesday. Instead, we will focus on confession and Holy Communion, which I think is a good place to start Lent.

My focus for the mid-week Lenten services will be on Prayer Practices. We will have an in-person worship on **Ash Wednesday at 11:00 a.m.** The service will be recorded and posted on our YouTube channel and website. The remaining five Wednesdays will all be pre-recorded services.

Each Wednesday in Lent, I will be offering a different type of prayer practice. Not everyone connects with God in the same way and often times, our own prayer life changes over the years. Pre-recording the worship services will allow you to worship and learn a new type of prayer and then "practice" it. I have found it helpful to be able to return to a new teaching a few times before it sinks in.

I've also put together a Lenten Devotional of Fixed Hour Prayers for morning and evening. You will be receiving the booklet, which begins on Ash Wednesday and continues until the day before Palm Sunday. There are morning and evening prayers for each day of the week, so we will all be praying the same prayers, singing the same songs, and reading the same Scripture for 5 weeks. I will send out separate Fixed Hour Prayers for Holy Week (Palm Sunday on March 28 - Easter on April 4).

We will gather in person during Holy Week. I anticipate holding two services on Palm Sunday as well as two or three on Easter morning. We will also gather on Maundy Thursday and Good Friday. All times for Holy Week services will be determined by early March.

I pray this Lenten season will be meaningful for all of us. The Church Council continues to monitor the pandemic totals as well as the vaccine roll-out. We will continue to worship in-person on Sundays and limit our attendance to 50 people. Please remember to sign-up. I look forward to the day when we can sit shoulder-to-shoulder again and greet one another with a handshake or hug. Until then, we will pray for an end to this pandemic and a return to all that was good.

God's Abiding Peace,
Pastor Sue Beadle



Bible Readings

Week of February 7

Isaiah 40:21-31
Psalm 147:11, 20c
1 Corinthians 9:16-23
Mark 1:29-39

Week of February 14

2 Kings 2:1-12
Psalm 50:1-6
2 Corinthians 4:3-6
Mark 9:2-9

Ash Wednesday



*Remember that you are dust,
and to dust you shall return.*

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Week of February 21

Genesis 9:8-17
Psalm 25:1-10
1 Peter 3:18-22
Mark 1:9-15

Week of February 28

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16
Psalm 22:23-31
Romans 4:13-25
Mark 8:31-38



In Loving Memory

*The sympathy of the congregation goes out
to the family of
Ginny Johnson*

*Mother of Jennie Freischmidt
who went to be with our heavenly
Father on January 8, 2021*



First Communion Classes

Watch the website, bulletin, and Door Post for more information



Help Needed

We would love to add some new faces to our usher teams. If you would be available one Sunday monthly, please email or call the office and we will forward your information on to the Usher Committee. Thank you!!



Christ Lutheran Church Annual Meeting

February 7, 2021

10:00 am

Good News! After consulting with a representative from Public Health Madison & Dane County, CLC is allowed to hold an in-person meeting with up to 40 members following these guidelines:

1. Use of separate spaces
2. Maximum of 10 people in those spaces
3. Everyone wears a mask
4. Everyone has the 6-foot social distancing option while in rooms
5. Ensure that when people are entering and exiting, they are staggered so there is no mingling.

In addition, CLC will provide a virtual option for members to attend the annual meeting via Zoom.

Because we need to limit the number of people in the building, we may not be able to accommodate walk-ins.

How do I sign up? Select one of these options:

1. Go to the website and follow the link to sign up on line.
2. Call the Church office at 846-4718 and ask for assistance to sign up.

For the annual meeting, a quorum of 25 is needed to hold the meeting. Please take a few minutes to sign up before February 1, 2021.

Ash Wednesday Services

This year, Ash Wednesday is on February 17th. There will be one in-person service at 11am. We will then post the service on-line. This year we will have an Ash-less Wednesday with Holy Communion. Start your Lenten journey with us on Ash Wednesday either in-person or on-line.

Journey through Lent

Lenten Services this year will be pre-recorded and available on YouTube. In the services, you will be able to worship and learn a new type of prayer.

Pastor Sue has written a new Fixed Hour Prayer devotional booklet for mornings and evenings lasting five weeks. The devotional begins on Ash Wednesday and ends the day before Palm Sunday. There will be a second devotional booklet for Holy Week.

The devotional booklets will be distributed in the same manner as the Door Post. There will also be hard copies available at church. You can pick them up after services or call the office to pick up a copy at:

608-846-4718, M-Th 9am-3pm.



2021 Flower Chart

Are you celebrating a special birthday or anniversary this year? Maybe you'd like to honor a loved one. If you would like to share your celebration or memorial with us, the new 2021 flower chart is in the Narthex. Please sign up on the chart to provide flowers for the altar or you may call



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Many of you directed Choice Dollars® to Christ Lutheran Church. And by doing so, you have helped to make a difference. The donation we receive from both you and Thrivent helps us to continue our important mission. Thank you for your support.

Put your 2020 Choice Dollars to use. Designate your Choice Dollar monies to Christ Lutheran Church. ***March 31st is the last day to designate built up Choice Dollars from the previous year.*** If you have questions regarding this process please contact your Thrivent Agent, or go online.



Good News

We have received more directories in!!

The committee members have been trying to get out delivering directories to those who are close by and will be mailing others.

If you have not received your directory, it is on its way.

Souper Bowl of Caring Sunday

The Souper Bowl of Caring is a great way to show support for both your favorite Super Bowl team and for your community. The week before February 7th there will be two soup kettles, one for each team, into which you can place food item and/or cash (or you can mail in your vote.) The donations will be given to DeForest Area Food Pantry. Go Teams!



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Bulletin & Door Post

If you know of anyone that is a shut in or does not have computer access, please let us know.

We are snail mailing the Door Post, Bulletins and Sermons to those who do not receive them via in-person or electronic communications.

Worship

"and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth." - John 4:24

How to Worship

We have many different ways for you to join us for worship.

† For those who would like to worship in-person, please register on-line with SignUp. You will find the link on the church website: christlutherandeforest.org, on the Worship tab.

† For those who would like to view services on-line with YouTube, the recording will post later, after the service.

† For those who don't use computers, call the office at 608-846-4718, and we will be more than happy to mail you the bulletin and Pastor Sue's sermon.

† If you like, we have an audio copy of the service, contact the office and we will send it to you as well.

† If you like to share communion with either the on-line or audio service, please call the office to arrange to get a pre-packaged communion.

Deacon Bonnie's Blurp

A few weeks ago we began hearing our weekly Gospel lessons about our Lord calling to his chosen disciples saying, "Follow Me." And they did. They followed. What an exciting time that was. And, still is. As Christians, we follow the Lord through the world. We listen, we learn, and try to respond to what God wants in the world, filled with those He loves.

There are practices down through the centuries that are designed to help us respond, to help us hear God's voice in the world, in our lives. So throughout the year, I'd like to explore some of the meditative practices that help us draw closer, help us listen, help us respond.

Some forms of meditating resonate better than others for each of us. I am extending to you an invitation to try them out and see what works well for you. If we explore a practice that you try a few times and just do not respond to, let that practice go. Try another. Everyone who seeks to draw closer to God has their favorite "go to" practices that, for us, "work". I hope you find the journey this year into meditation and prayer practices interesting, relaxing, and rewarding.

This month, the invitation is simply to make yourself fully, intentionally, present to God for a period of time. Hmm. "Fully present" is a rather tall order. Our brains are wired so that many things flood into our thoughts. We have distractions. I doubt that those disciples, fishing by the sea were listening to their walkmans, or their latest podcasts, music or audiobook. Their world was quite a bit quieter than our world is today. We have lots of noise much of the time. Even in silence, there seems to be everyday noises. This is what drives religious orders to retreat to monasteries and convents to seek total silence and to remove distractions. That is a radical thought. So how can we practice being totally present to God?

We can set aside a period of time to practice that. You are invited to set aside 10 minutes 3 times a week for the next month. We're going to practice being fully present. It will help to find a comfortable place to sit. A designated spot you've decided would be conducive to simply be present for God. Try to remove all distractions that are normally present. Perhaps you have a beautiful statue, a candle, a restful photograph or picture. hold it, or set it beside you or in front of you. Enter the space and time with deep, cleansing breaths. Maybe you'd like to set a timer. (That would save you the distraction of looking for the time).

During this 10 minute period, set aside thoughts and plans...whenever thoughts enter your mind, simply look at your object and try to empty your mind again. Listen. You might start the time by simply saying, with little Samuel, "Speak, Lord, your servant is listening". How does God speak to us? In every imaginable way. Through feelings, through inspiration, through every breath. The goal of being present is not to fill up our time with prayer. It is, if you will, simply being with God and being open.

Those who practice "Fully Present" often describe an overwhelming feeling of feeling fully known and fully loved. It is peaceful. It is refreshing. If you absolutely need to "say" something to God in those minutes, let it be thoughts of thanksgiving and praise. What, right then, are you thankful for? God does not need our prayer to be with us, to speak. In fact, we often get in the way of hearing God fully by speaking too much. Be still and know that God is with you. God is always with you. May you have an enriching experience in being fully present. May you find refreshment and deepening of your relationship with God. Fully Present. Not easy, but so worthwhile. We'll try something else next month. Have a blessed meditation.

Deacon Bonnie



Easter Flowers

Easter Sunday is April 4th. We would like to fill the sanctuary with beautiful flowers to honor the resurrection of Jesus. If you would like to help, please fill out an order form (below) and return it to the church office. Thank you!!

EASTER FLOWERS

Order Form



We are fast approaching Easter and it's time to order flowers for our Easter altar. We have a variety of choices this year, Lilies, Daffodils, Daisy Mums and Tulips, or you can give to the Decoration Fund.

To order, please complete the order form with your name, what kind of flower you wish to order, how many of each and enclose a check for the proper amount - payable to CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH. If you have any questions, please call the office.

EASTER FLOWERS

#_____ **Easter Lily**
(\$16.00)

#_____ **Yellow Daisy Mums**
(\$16.00)

#_____ **White Daisy Mums**
(\$16.00)

#_____ **Lavender Daisy Mums**
(\$16.00)

#_____ **Daffodils**
(\$16.00)

#_____ **Red Tulips**
(\$16.00)

#_____ **Pink Tulips**
(\$16.00)

#_____ **Yellow Tulips**
(\$16.00)

\$_____ **Decorations (will accept through March 29th)**

Given by: _____

In Memory of _____ or In Honor of _____

Amount Enclosed \$_____



**Order deadline is Sunday, February 10th, 2021.
(You may pick up your flowers after the late service
on Easter morning, or during regular business hours
the following week).**

