

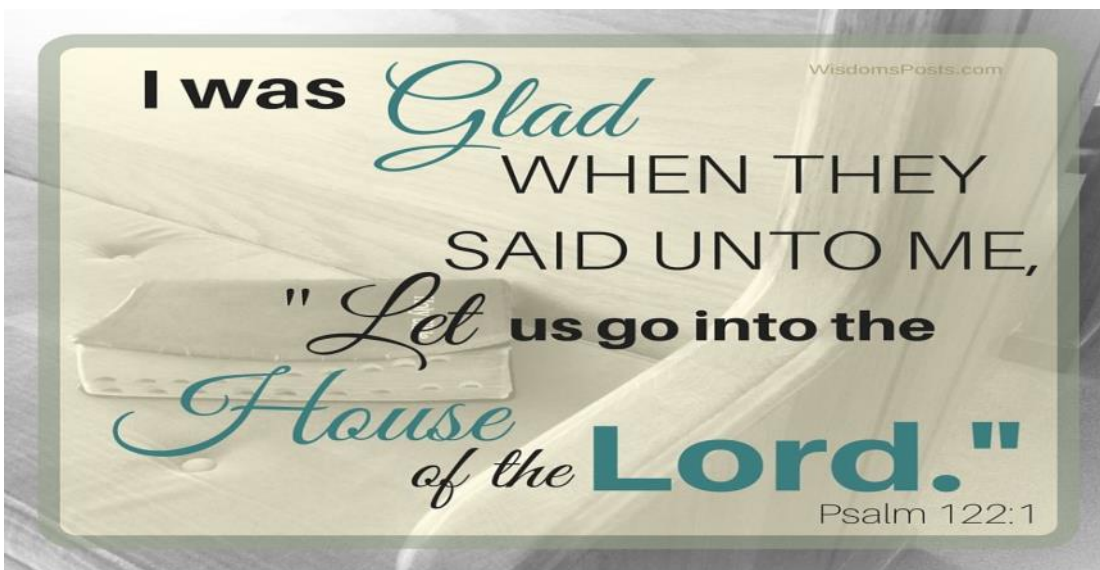
CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH
220 S. Main Street
DeForest, WI 53532
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The Door Post

*Ask, and it will be given you;
search, and you will find;
knock, and the door will be opened for you.*
Matthew 7:8

March 2021



<p align="center">JOIN US FOR SUNDAY WORSHIP</p> <p align="center">Register for in-person Service On-line at either Christlutherandeforest.org Or YouTube.com</p>	PUBLICATION DATE: February 25, 2021												
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<p align="center"><u>CHURCH OFFICE</u></p> <p align="center">Mon–Thurs 9:00-3:00</p> <p align="center"><u>PASTOR</u></p> <p align="center">Pastor Sue Beadle</p> <p align="center"><u>STAFF</u></p> <p align="center">Tawni Stenberg, Office Alice Marohl, Office Burgess Andruss, Maintenance Neil McLaughlin, Choir Director Deacon Bonnie Vize, Organist</p>	<p align="center"><u>CONTACT US:</u></p> <p align="center"><u>Phone:</u> 846-4718 or 846-4719</p> <p align="center"><u>Email:</u> office@christlutherandeforest.org</p> <p align="center"><u>Website:</u> www.christlutherandeforest.org</p>												

In-Person Worship Services!!

We are open for In-Person services. There will be only one service at **9 am**. Due to the social distancing restrictions, we are only able to have 60 people at each service. You can sign up to reserve your spot by using the sign-up link on our website on the Worship page. You may also call the office at 846-4718, if you would like the office staff to help you. If you have any problems signing up, please let the office know. Thank you.

FINANCIAL REPORT for March 2021 Door Post - January results

Combined General & Building Fund	January, 2021		Year to Date	
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
REVENUE				
Offerings/Donations/Misc	\$ 30,394.80	\$ 32,940.42	\$ 30,394.80	\$ 32,940.42
Total Revenues	\$ 30,394.80	\$ 32,940.42	\$ 30,394.80	\$ 32,940.42
EXPENSES		\$ -		
CLC Expenses	\$ 33,757.99	\$ 33,810.08	\$ 33,757.99	\$ 33,810.08
Total Expenses	\$ 33,757.99	\$ 33,810.08	\$ 33,757.99	\$ 33,810.08
Total Net Income (Loss)	<u>\$ (3,363.19)</u>	<u>\$ (869.67)</u>	<u>\$ (3,363.19)</u>	<u>\$ (869.67)</u>
Capital Campaign				
Revenue	\$ 2,366.00	\$ 1,666.67	\$ 2,366.00	\$ 1,666.67
Expenses	\$ -	\$ 1,666.67	\$ -	\$ 1,666.67
Net Income (Loss)	<u>\$ 2,366.00</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>\$ 2,366.00</u>	<u>-</u>
Capital Campaign has a beginning balance of \$138,031.25				

Pastor Sue's Newsletter Article March 2021

I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord!" Our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem. Jerusalem—built as a city that is bound firmly together. To it the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord, as was decreed for Israel, to give thanks to the name of the Lord. (Psalm 122: 1-3)

Almost one year ago, the world came to a halt. The last time we gathered freely for worship was March 15, 2020. "Flatten the curve" became a cry of hope and determination that didn't just take two weeks or two months. Even now we are just beginning to see the light at the end of a very dark and very long tunnel. But we are seeing light and hope and a glimmer of "normal."

Franklin D. Roosevelt once said, "We have always held to the hope, the belief, the conviction that there is a better life, a better world, beyond the horizon." My friends, I believe we are nearing the horizon. And as we near the horizon after a very long journey during this pandemic, we need to figure out how to be church again.

This letter is to let you know that the church council and I are discussing ways we can accommodate the increasing numbers of people who want to attend Sunday worship (thanks be to God!). We are committed to following the Dane County Health Department guidelines and offering as safe an environment as we can. In July, when we first opened for in-person worship, we established protocols that would minimize personal contact, but offer a meaningful worship service. Now, as county guidelines are relaxed due to decrease in cases and increase in vaccinations, we are anticipating more people feeling comfortable coming to worship. I've missed you and look forward to seeing you again when you are ready to return.

We will also be discussing when groups can gather again for meetings, such as Altar Guild, Men's Bible Study, Stephen Ministry, Sunday School, and Confirmation. As of today, the church council has determined that we can safely worship 60 people in our sanctuary, with the possibility of that increasing by Holy Week. We will keep you informed. Please sign-up on our website or call the church office. I know this is an inconvenience and I don't expect this to continue long-term, but for now, it is the only way we can think of to keep track of numbers. We are also asking you to contact the church office if you try to sign up but find we are full. This is how we will know if or when to move to two services (although we will have two services for Palm Sunday and Easter).

Thank you for your patience, your prayers, and your support of our congregation. This has been a trying year for all of us and I'm grateful that we seem to be on to a better life; a better world is just beyond the horizon. I will also pray for you as you discern returning to in-person worship at Christ Lutheran Church. If you would like to talk with me about your concerns, please contact me any time.

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Sue Beadle

Deacon Bonnie's Blurb

How did being "Fully Present" go? Maybe it was relaxing and easy. Maybe it was difficult. This month we are going to try something else in meditation to see how it goes. Pastor Sue is explaining several prayer practices in the midweek Lenten services. Those will serve us well as we go along. I encourage you to spend time quietly listening for God to speak, to build your relationship with God. We are waiting patiently for the world to 'normalize'. We seem to have turned some corners. Let's hope so as we use our time wisely.

This particular meditation comes to us from the fanciful notion that there are times when our bodies, our minds, **need** to be busy, but not thought provoking. Again, the drive to be quiet with our God and ever listening. This one can be practiced anytime, anywhere. If our weather cooperates, even outside gazing at nature could be a nice idea (later!)

When we encourage this with children, we ask them to color. You will need crayons, paint, markers, just a pencil of some sort. We are NOT creating art (at least, I am not creating art), we are simply allowing our hands, our eyes, our senses to roam around freely without a plan or a destination in mind. We will still work on the 10 minutes a day twice a week theory. This for many is scribbling or jotting.

1. Relax. No one is going to see this but you and God. No pressure at all.
2. Pick something or someone you would like to hold in thoughts and feelings before God.
3. Bring your writing pen/pencil/marker/crayon/whatever down on the paper
4. Perhaps make a letter or two and begin to "decorate" around it.

My example was done on a recent Monday afternoon at the church office. I'd like to center my thoughts for a bit on the church itself, so I began with CLC. Then I just started to scribble as I thought about the people and ministry of our church. Some things I held in gratitude while I scribbled. Some things I pondered. At moments, I thought of specific people and used their initial as they crossed my mind. I used the symbols of the sanctuary where I was sitting. Somethings are really important to me. Those things crossed my mind. I breathed deeply, and "communed" with God in a very real way. Both of us enjoying our time together in the church, about the church.

I share the end result with you before I discard it. Although, to be honest, I often keep them around for a bit, just to recall. Please DON'T judge my artistic ability. I am very aware that once I leave the keyboard, that's not there very often. But that is so not the point. The point is to hold time with God increasingly. I find it's much, much easier to sit quietly and "dwell" on something if my hands and eyes are busy. Yet, with this meditation, there is no 'end'. No one wins. It is not like a solitaire game. It is not thought, as much as release of thought.

Have FUN. It will need no explanation....the meanings and memory of the meditation belong to me alone. But, I will share it as an example. May our Lord bless your thoughts and your journey into meditation on a specific idea/place/group.

Deacon Bonnie





Bible Readings

Week of March 7

Exodus 20:1-17

Psalm 19

1 Corinthians 1:18-25

John 2:13-22

Week of March 14

Numbers 21:4-9

Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22

Ephesians 2:1-10

John 3:14-21

Week of March 21

Jeremiah 32:31-34

Psalm 51:1-12

Hebrews 5:5-10

John 12:20-33

Week of March 28

Isaiah 50:4-9a

Psalm 31:9-16

Philippians 2:5-11

Mark 14:1—15:47

Holy Baptism



February 6, 2021

Sylvia Louise Dolens

Daughter of Mathew & Patricia Dolens



*The sympathy of the congregation
goes out to the family of
Shirley Miller*

*who went to be with our heavenly
Father in February of 2021*



First Communion Classes

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

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 the office and they will help you sign up as well.



70+
BIRTHDAYS
THIS MONTH

Gerald Olesen	3/2
Daniel Anderson	3/2
Yvonne Swanson	3/6
Daniel Zell	3/7
Bob Johnson	3/12
Gerald Bowen	3/13
Lorena Evarts	3/14
Janice Fritz	3/15
Janice Tipple	3/23
Colleen Hagen	3/25
Lucille Haack	3/26
Joyce Mihlbauer	3/29

A 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.





Member Mailings

We will have the next quarter “Christ in Our Home” devotional available in the church office in March. If you would like a copy, please let the office know. If you are currently on the weekly mailing list and have not yet returned to services, we will be sending you a copy. If you know of anyone that would like to have any of the bulletins, sermons or other mailings, please contact the office, so that we may add them to our mailing list.



Communion Cups

We will be celebrating communion during Sunday Lenten services. We have new, easier-to-open cups with wine or grape juice, and a gluten-free option, as well. If you would like to have one of the individual communion cups from the Church and join us with the on-line service, please call the church office at 846-4718 to arrange how you can receive one.



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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 on-line.

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 DECORATIONS

If you would like to contribute to decorating the church for Easter Sunday, please complete the form below. Thank you

\$_____ Decorations

Given by: _____

In Memory of _____ or In Honor of _____

Donation deadline is Sunday, March 29th, 2021.

Make checks payable to
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