

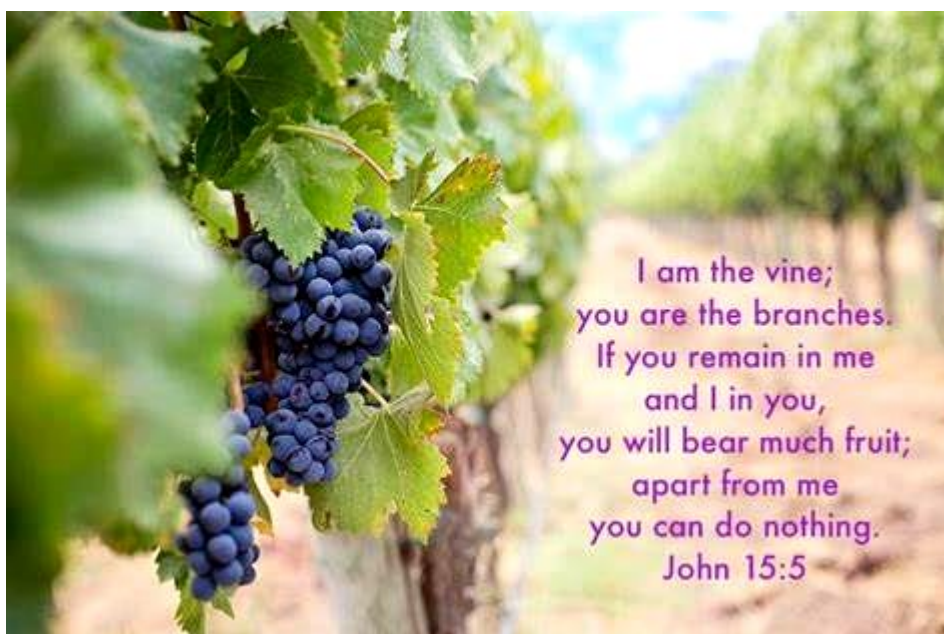
CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH
220 S. Main Street
DeForest, WI 53532
Return Service Requested



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

May 2020



*I am the vine;
you are the branches.
If you remain in me
and I in you,
you will bear much fruit;
apart from me
you can do nothing.
John 15:5*

**JOIN US FOR
SUNDAY WORSHIP**

Register for In-Person Service
On-Line at either
Christlutherandeforest.org
Or YouTube.com

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CHURCH COUNCIL

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CHURCH OFFICE

Mon–Thurs 9:00-3:00

PASTOR

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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!!

FINANCIAL REPORT for May 2021 Door Post - March results

Combined General & Building Fund

	March, 2021		Year to Date	
	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
REVENUE				
Offerings/Donations/Misc	\$ 30,642.12	\$ 32,940.42	\$ 104,458.18	\$ 98,821.25
Total Revenues	<u>\$ 30,642.12</u>	<u>\$ 32,940.42</u>	<u>\$ 104,458.18</u>	<u>\$ 98,821.25</u>
EXPENSES		\$ -		
CLC Expenses	\$ 29,919.37	\$ 33,810.08	\$ 97,408.83	\$ 101,430.25
Total Expenses	<u>\$ 29,919.37</u>	<u>\$ 33,810.08</u>	<u>\$ 97,408.83</u>	<u>\$ 101,430.25</u>
Total Net Income (Loss)	<u>\$ 722.75</u>	<u>\$ (869.67)</u>	<u>\$ 7,049.35</u>	<u>\$ (2,609.00)</u>

Capital Campaign

Revenue	\$ 1,251.62	\$ 1,666.67	\$ 5,468.62	\$ 5,000.00
Expenses	\$ -	\$ 1,666.67	\$ -	\$ 5,000.00
Net Income (Loss)	<u>1,251.62</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>\$ 5,468.62</u>	<u>-</u>

Capital Campaign has a beginning balance of \$138,031.25

Notes:

January & February revenues include a stock donation of \$5,082.21 and several one time annual contributions. 2021 Budget was built with a deficit of \$10,436 in revenues over expenses.

Pastor Sue's Newsletter Article

As much as I'd like to believe that I know what I'm doing, I really don't. I've never pastored during a pandemic, and like all of us have been finding out over this past year, it is hard to predict the next step at times. In March, I encouraged our church council to approve going to two services as we began Holy Week and to keep those two services going with the expectation that people would feel more comfortable coming back to worship. I was wrong.

Holy Week and Easter were grand celebrations with as many people as we could have and still be in compliance with CDC guidelines. Post-Easter has seen our attendance significantly decrease at both services. I know that changing service times is not a good habit to get into, yet I also know that having two services with relatively few people is not conducive to quality worship. Therefore, with the approval of our church council, we will be returning to **one worship service (9:00 a.m.) beginning on May 16th.** I will resume children's sermons at that time and leave the decision up to the parents if they want to send their kids up to the front of the church for those few minutes with me.

I have to admit that I don't know how to read the drastic decrease in attendance and I have vowed to stop losing sleep trying to figure it out. For now, we will worship together at 9:00 a.m. and will reassess attendance at the end of summer.

Please know that you are all in my prayers. It has been a long year and we are all still trying to navigate our way through the pandemic and back to some sort of normalcy. Please keep our church council in your prayers as we seek to make the best decisions we can regarding Christ Lutheran Church.

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Sue Beadle





Bible Readings

Week of May 2

Acts 8:26-40

Psalm 22:25-31

1 John 4:7-21

John 15:1-8

Week of May 9

Acts 10:44-48

Psalm 98

1 John 5:1-6

John 15:9-17

Week of May 16

Acts 1:15-17, 21-26

Psalm 66:8-20

1 Peter 3:13-22

John 14:15-21

Week of May 23

Acts 2:1-21

Psalm 104:24-35

Romans 8:22-27

John 17:1-11

Week of May 30

Isaiah 6:1-8

Psalm 29

Romans 8:12-17

John 3:1-17



Marlene Alsmo	5/3
Paul Hagen	5/5
Lyall Herwig	5/6
Ronald Haug	5/7
Lloyd Denman	5/9
Carol Mell	5/10
Nelda Noltemeyer	5/17
Nick Geeslin	5/18
Rachel Anderson	5/22
Paul Ethun	5/24
Bill Scholz	5/25
Wayne Noltemeyer	5/27
Larry Sobyak	5/30

VBS?

Sorry, there will be no VBS this year. The timing and restrictions prevent us from planning for this year's camp.

MEDITATION USING HOLY SCRIPTURE

In our quest to explore various meditation forms and “plans,” we will add a guided meditation on the Holy Scriptures. It is guided not by an author, or some human guide that explains where their meditation has led them, but rather, this meditation is deliberately set up so that the Holy Spirit is our guide. The Holy Spirit seems to require space and silence on our part. It always amazes me what we can hear when we are listening.

The easiest way to begin meditating on the scripture is to get something that can be organized into short pieces. So, we pick out a book with just a few chapters. There are a few books of the Bible that contain 5 chapters. That allows us to read a chapter, meditate on that chapter, and think about that chapter during the week. On whatever day you choose, read the next chapter and meditate on that chapter all week. That may mean rereading, or marking the places that are speaking to you. You can stretch the book out for an entire week, or, if you want speed, you can read the book in its entirety and then read a chapter every day. The final day, reread the book once again. My personal preference is to let it stretch out throughout the month. One book, one month. That gives us flexibility and allows the Word to sink in and through our system. We can dwell on the Word and invite the Spirit to speak to us.

This meditation plan allows us to finish what we start without a great deal of time involved. You may even mark some verses and memorize them. Remember to LISTEN, first and foremost. Books of the Bible with five chapters include Micah, 1 Thessalonians, James, 1 Peter, and 1 John. If you have never tried this before, start with 1 John. That book is attributed to the apostle John. He speaks about God as Light. “In Him there is no darkness at all” (1:5). Here we find “God is Love” (4:8). You will recognize many familiar verses. We are urged throughout to be the Light and Love of God for others in the world. We are urged to walk in the Light and follow Jesus, the way of Love. It is a comforting book and a foundational book.

I find this meditation of 1 John very comforting, especially in this time where we struggle to make sense of the world in new and different ways.

May the Holy Spirit of God guide your meditation, your silence, and speak to you in meaningful ways.

Deacon Bonnie



Holy Baptism



April 24, 2021

Desirae Marie Haas

Daughter of Colton & Danielle Haas

Holy Baptism



April 11, 2021

Leah Evie Alexandria Gest

Daughter of Joshua & Danielle Gest



*The sympathy of the congregation goes out to the family of **Marie Twila Lane** who went to be with our heavenly Father on April 8, 2021*



*The sympathy of the congregation goes out to the family of **Tina Marie Volenberg** who went to be with our heavenly Father on April 8, 2021*



*The sympathy of the congregation goes out to the family of **Nancy Reigstad** who went to be with our heavenly Father on April 20, 2021*

**FOR EVERYTHING THERE IS A SEASON, AND A TIME FOR EVERY MATTER UNDER HEAVEN:
A TIME TO BE BORN,
AND A TIME TO DIE;
A TIME TO PLANT,
AND A TIME TO PLUCK UP
WHAT IS PLANTED
Ecclesiastes 3:1-2**

First Communion Classes to Begin!

Parents of fifth and sixth grade students who have not yet had a First Communion class may sign their child up for the class that Pastor Sue is now organizing. Call the church office (608-846-4718) by **May 21st** to join the class list. Classes will begin early this summer. Have your students learn more about the Last Supper and the meaning of taking communion with the Lord.



Happy Mother's Day!

Wishing all mothers, grandmothers, and mother figures a very blessed and beautiful Mother's Day, on Sunday, May 9th.



Memorial Day Honors and Remembrances

CLC would like to take a moment to honor our fallen soldiers who made the ultimate sacrifice in the fight for freedom and remember the families who have lost those loved ones. God bless our heroes and their families.



Service Times Change May 16th!

Service times will change back to **ONE** service at **9:00 am** starting **May 16th**. Sign up as usual through the Worship tab on the church website. See Pastor Sue's letter on Page 3 of this newsletter for more information.



Please help Norski Nibbles this year!

The Norski Nibbles summer free lunch program for hungry kids in the DeForest Area School District will start serving lunches on June 7th, 2021. 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** can fill that need with your help!!!

We will once again be asking for volunteers to hand out the lunches at three local parks. The weeks for Christ Lutheran Church have not been assigned yet. **Please** watch for an announcement in the Sunday Bulletin when we will ask members to sign up on the CLC website.

We are also looking for volunteers to help in the day-to-day operations of Norski Nibbles. That includes the making of the lunches, getting the lunches ready for distribution, instructing volunteers when they pick-up lunches, replenishing parks with lunches as needed, and shopping at stores and local Farmer's Markets for products. Volunteers for this will be asked to work about 4 hours per day, 9 AM to 1 PM.

The need in our community is great! Last year, 2020, we distributed approximately **3,400** lunches. Please feel free to share this information with groups or individuals who would be interested in helping the kids of our community.

For more information, please contact Bob Mathweg, 608-772-3893
or NorskiNibbles@gmail.com.