

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH
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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

November 2023





IN-PERSON SUNDAY WORSHIP

Service at 8 am and 10:30 am
Sunday School at 9:15

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Or [YouTube.com](https://www.youtube.com)

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November 5th



FINANCIAL REPORT FOR NOVEMBER DOOR POST--SEPTEMBER, 2023 RESULTS

COMBINED GENERAL & BUILDING--DEBT SERVICE FUNDS

	October, 2023		Year to Date	
REVENUE	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Offerings/Donations, Misc.	\$ 25,239.26	\$ 33,322.50	\$ 295,193.45	\$ 333,225.00
Total Revenues	\$ 25,239.26	\$ 33,322.50	\$ 295,193.45	\$ 333,225.00
EXPENSES				
CLC Expenses	\$ 27,479.37	\$ 31,676.25	\$ 271,764.26	\$ 316,762.50
Principal & Interest Payments	\$ 1,885.64	\$ 2,062.50	\$ 16,970.76	\$ 20,625.00
Total Expenses	\$ 29,365.01	\$ 33,738.75	\$ 288,735.02	\$ 337,387.50
Total Net Income (Loss)	\$ (4,125.75)	\$ (416.25)	\$ 6,458.43	\$ (4,162.50)

Note: Members have contributed weekly, monthly, semi-annually, and annually. Annual contributions totaling \$37,200 (\$33,200 for the General Fund and \$4,000 for the Bldg--Debt Service Fund) were received through the end of July creating the year-to-date surplus of \$6,458.43. THANK YOU for your continued support!

Pastor Sue's Newsletter Article 2023

I watch the news each day hoping to hear that a cease-fire or peace treaty has been reached between Israel and Palestine. As with all wars, the senseless killing, terrorism, and slaughter of innocent people is horrifying. This war, even more so than the war raging between Ukraine and Russia, has caused the Christian church to respond with pleas for both peace and further violence. Let me explain.

There is a wing of the Christian church that believes the book of Revelation and Jesus' teachings about the end times continue to play out in our world today. The Christian Zionist movement was behind the push to move the US Embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem in 2018.

John Hagee, Texas televangelist and founder of Christians United for Israel, an influential Christian Zionist advocacy group, claimed he had helped convince the Trump administration to move the Embassy by stating that Jesus is coming back to Jerusalem to "set up His throne on the Temple Mount where He will sit and rule for a thousand years of perfect peace."

For many Christian Zionists, support for Israel is rooted in its role in the supposed end times: Jesus' return to Earth, a bloody final battle at Armageddon, and Jesus ruling the world from the Temple Mount in Jerusalem. In this scenario, war is not something to be avoided, but something inevitable, desired by God, and celebratory. (Susan Posner)

What is greatly disturbing to me is that humanitarian aid to victims in both Israel and Palestine is being scrutinized by some Christians who do not want Palestinians to receive any kind of help. They consider the Palestinians our enemies because they are "all" Muslims and part of the Hamas terrorists—which is simply not true. There are Christians, Jews, and Muslims living in both Palestine and Israel. They are not our enemies. Only Satan is our enemy.

As Christians, we follow the life and teachings of Jesus Christ. Time and time again, Jesus ministered to people his disciples considered enemies. Jesus ate with sinners, touched lepers, broke Sabbath laws, talked with women (forbidden!), and told His followers to love one another, love our enemies, do good to those who persecute you. Jesus washed the feet of both Peter, who denied knowing Him and Judas, who betrayed Him. And Jesus told us to do the same to people we would rather not even associate with.

I pray for peace in the Middle East. I pray that both Israel and Palestine will find a way forward to live in peace and harmony. What is happening in the Middle East does not indicate that the end of the world is coming. Only God knows when that will be. If we try to read the signs of the times, we get caught up in what we hope or think is happening, when it is only God who truly knows. I, for one, am content to let God be the only one who knows.

But about that day and hour, no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. (Matthew 24:36)

God's Abiding Peace,
Pastor Sue





Bible Readings

Week of November 5

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

Psalm 95:1-7a

Ephesians 1:15-23

Matthew 25:31-46

Week of November 12

Amos 5:18-24

Psalm 70

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Matthew 25:1-13

Week of November 19

Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18

Psalm 90:1-12

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Matthew 25:14-30

Week of November 26

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

Psalm 95:1-7a

Ephesians 1:15-23

Matthew 25:31-46



70+

Birthdays This Month

Jean McLaughlin	Nov. 3
Rosalie Kirkeng	Nov. 10
Eric Kvalheim	Nov. 11
Jody Gee	Nov. 12
Gordon Peterson	Nov. 14
Shirley Kruse	Nov. 15
Dennis Jones	Nov. 24
Gloria Hustad	Nov. 25
Joan Johnson	Nov. 27

Youth Group Events



Calling all fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth graders of Christ Lutheran Church. Please join us the first and third Mondays from 5-7pm in the Friendship Room at CLC. We promise, with the help of God, you won't want to miss this!

ATTENTION CHIMERS!

Anyone who rang before, or would like to learn to ring (no experience or knowledge necessary), chime group (Grade 4 and up) will begin on Tuesday, November 7th. We practice each Tuesday from 5:30-6:15. We will run for 6 weeks (through December 12th) and then we plan to play during the Sunday School Christmas program on December 17th.

If you have not already responded to let me know you are coming and plan to be in attendance, please call the church office or email me to let me know. My email is bonitavize66@gmail.com.

Let's make a JOYFUL NOISE to Jesus, our Lord!

Deacon Bonnie



Bonnie's Blurb

And here we are at last, the month of November. Giving Thanks for all things in creation in every way. With November, of course, comes the knowledge that December will soon be upon us. That brings us to the church season of Advent. It is a time of waiting and anticipating the birth of our Savior. Advent begins on Sunday, December 3rd and is celebrated until Christmas. Even though it is only November, perhaps we begin thinking a bit about Advent already. Getting ready for how we might observe this four week period spiritually. Planning ahead for devotion and prayer that will draw us away from the busy, busy season to a quiet moment with our God. That settles me down inside and actually makes the seasonal stress less, well, less stressful.

I have a spiritual director named Holly Whitcomb. She has written a book I love called "Seven Spiritual Gifts of Waiting". Until I read her text, I had not thought of waiting itself as a gift. But it is and it has been. Spiritual gifts we can center on with scripture, pray about, and accept our response as the gift of God that it is. I list all seven, in no particular order. Maybe you would like to spend the season of Advent with these gifts as well as we wait, and watch, and get ready.

Gift: Patience Psalm 25. We wait together with God. In what way can you claim waiting in this season a spiritual gift?

Gift: Loss of Control Matthew 27:57-61 Put yourself in the life of the women who were at Jesus' death. They had relinquished all control. What can we learn from this loss in our lives? Perhaps resilience.

Gift: Living in the Present Matthew 6:34 The gift to relinquish worry in our lives. Ask yourself what can you do to accept the words "It is enough?"

Gift: Compassion Psalm 139. We offer hope to others around us as we dwell on being compassionate. A greater learning is how can we accept from others the hope they bring from our living Lord?

Gift: Gratitude Matthew 5:1-12 Gratitude, as we meditate, can turn our obstacles into opportunity for ourselves and others.

Gift: Humility You are a child of God. God gifts you in many ways. How are you using those gifts for others. Can you identify your gifts? Ask someone close to you to help you identify your gifts and how to use them if you do not see them. Pray for that knowledge. God will guide you.

Gift: Trust in God And we return to trust. It is the basis for many things. Psalm 91:1-2 Trust in the Lord. Luke 1:38. Imagine the response recorded here. A young teenage girl uttering that response: "Let it be with me according to your word." The faith was strong and courageous. Imagine. God waits for you to realize the Love you are given. We cannot help but be confronted with waiting. It takes courage to respond with the voice of Mary.

A blessed November and a blessed four weeks to come. Advent. We wait. Jesus comes to us anew once again.

Deacon Bonnie



Date	Readers	Ushers	Communion	Acolytes
Nov. 5				
8:00 am	Tim Thompson	Team Ringhand CaylieJo Pereau	Team Paulson	Maddie Feldman
10:30 am		Jeff Gaffney Team Kvalheim	Team Blau	Leighton Vieau CaylieJo Pereau
Nov. 12				
8:00 am	Jeff Gaffney	Team Janovitz Team Nelson CaylieJo Pereau	Team Nelson	
10:30 am	Steve Ursin	Team Lockman Carson Roudebush	Team Emerson	CaylieJo Pereau
Nov. 19				
8:00 am	Gus Knitt	Team Paulson Carson Roudebush	Team Knitt	Maddie Feldman
10:30 am		Maddie Riedel Team Emerson	Team Lockman	Leighton Vieau Miriam Hilley
Nov. 26				
8:00 am	Beth Erickson	Team Blau	Team Legried	Leighton Vieau
10:30 am		Team Campbell	Team Ursin	

Thank You Sunday Helpers

Volunteers who usher, as well as those who read the scriptures, help with communion, and serve as acolytes are a big part of the Sunday services. They not only help get things done, but they add to the feeling of community that is so inviting and makes our church feel like "home." They all serve as our church together.

Those who volunteer regularly find that it is a great way to get to know one another and build great friendships along the way. Please consider volunteering to help during the worship services.



The Fellowship Committee is looking for new members to join! Our primary functions we need help with are the Sunday morning Coffee Hours between worship services and helping to plan the Easter Breakfast.



The Christian Education Committee is looking for teachers and assistants to help with Sunday School this fall. We're looking for help weekly, monthly, as needed whenever possible.

The Christian Education Committee is also looking for Adult Education facilitators/leaders.



Ushers - We are looking for help whenever possible.
Coffee Hour is happening now, please sign up to help.

It's time to think about Bazaar 2023!

For new members, the Christ Lutheran Church Women hold a Bake Sale and Raffle in the Friendship Room in conjunction with the Lutefisk Dinner, November 11. Some members create a variety of yummy treats for the Bake Sale, such as traditional Norwegian treats, brownies, cookies, bars, pastries, breads and canned items, such as jams, jellies, horseradish, relishes, beet pickles, etc. Other members with different skills and talents create items for the raffle portion of the Bazaar. The sky is the limit! Examples of items raffled in past years are paintings, carvings, table runners, floral arrangements, wood working, homemade cards, quilts and jewelry, just to name a few.



Other members have opted to donate gift cards for movies, food or gasoline. Money generated over the years from the Bazaar has been used for a wide variety of things both within our walls and throughout the community.

So start thinking about your talent and what you can contribute. Any questions can be directed to Vicki Sobczak, Bazaar Chair, at 444-1804 or email: vsobczak@yahoo.com



LUTEFISK DINNER HELPER SIGN UP

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2023

FAMILY (Please write each person's name by desired job)

PHONE

Confirmation students are encouraged to sign up to work during the dinner. Hours worked will count toward fulfilling the requirement for service hours. Other teenagers are encouraged to sign up too!

SAT, Oct. 21, 8:30am & SUN, Oct 29, 9:15am–

Prepare rutabagas

WED. & THUR., November 8 & 9, 8:30am – *Prepare meatballs*

FRIDAY, November 10 8:30 am –

Prepare coleslaw

FRIDAY, November 10 1 - 7:00pm - *Accept donated pies*

FRIDAY, November 10 1:00pm – *Set up*

SATURDAY, November 11 (Suggested shifts: 10:15 - 2:45 / 2:30 - 6:30 / or as much as you are able)

Cook/de-bone/dish up lutefisk _____ Time _____

Prepare/dish up other foods _____ Time _____

Wait on tables _____ Time _____

Serve coffee/clear & set tables _____ Time _____

Scrape, wash/dry dishes _____ Time _____

Wherever needed _____ Time _____

Final Clean-up _____ Time _____

FOOD DONATIONS: Please indicate your choice:

_____ (4) eight- or nine-inch pies: (1) pumpkin (3) fruit (apple, cherry, blueberry)

Please use disposable pans.

(Tip: For a more thoroughly baked pie crust, place pan on a cookie sheet while baking.)

\$_____ Cash donation for purchasing rutabagas

\$_____ Cash donation to pay for _____ cases of lefse (\$63.00/case)

\$_____ Cash donation to pay for _____ pounds of lutefisk to be served at the dinner (\$7.00/lb.)

Checks are payable to CLC, "lutefisk donation" in the memo section.

Lutefisk is extremely important to the missions of Christ Lutheran Church.

Please save the Lutefisk Committee the time of having to call you for help.

Return this form by mail or place in the offering plate no later than Sunday, October 29th.



Lutefisk & Meatball Dinner 2023

Fall is in the air... a sure sign that it's time for the annual Lutefisk and Meatball Dinner at Christ Lutheran Church! We expect about 1,300 members, friends and neighbors to come enjoy this wonderful meal, which includes the area's best-tasting lutefisk, homemade meatballs, the best potato lefse around, as well as rutabagas, mashed potatoes and gravy, coleslaw, cranberries and delicious pies.

Date: Saturday, November 11, 2023

Time: Seatings begin at 11:00 a.m. and continue every hour until 5:00 p.m.

Cost: Adults = \$24.00

Children (Age 4-12 years) = \$12.00

Children (Age 0-3 years) = Free

Reservations:

Begin Friday, September 15, 2023

End **Wednesday, November 8, 2023 at NOON.**



There are 2 ways to make reservations:

1. **Online:** Use Sign Up Genius to make your reservation using the link shown below:

Sign Up Genius – Lutefisk Dinner Reservations

2. **Call** the Church office at (608) 846-4718, or stop in the office (Monday-Thursday from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm).

Payment: Payments must be received by Thursday, November 9, 2023.

There are 3 ways to submit payment:

1. **Mail:** Checks can be mailed to the Church.
2. **Office:** Checks & cash can be dropped off in the office or in the outside box.
3. **Online:** When making your reservations online, there is also an option to pay for your tickets right in the same spot. One-stop shopping convenience! There is a small convenience fee when paying online.

Confirmation: Reservation confirmations are being handled via email. Reminders will be sent 4 days prior and should be brought to the dinner. *Remember to include your email address at sign-up to receive these reminders.*

Walk-ins are welcome, and carryout meals are also available!

Please share this information with your family and friends!





Ronald McDonald House

A special thanks to the 7th and 8th grade confirmation class for assembling snack bags for the kids at the Ronald McDonald House.

Thanksgiving Meals For The Hungry



This year we will be donating meals to elderly through the DeForest Area Community Center, donating non-perishable food items to the DeForest Area Food Pantry and also helping the Moravian Church with the Thanksgiving meal they prepare for community members in need. We will be distributing the meals etc. the week of November 20. Bags & shopping lists will be available outside of the Friendship Room on November 5th. Each bag will have a number on it. There will be a list next to the bags. Please write your name and phone number next to the number on the list which corresponds with the number on the bag you have taken. There will also be envelopes available if you would like to contribute towards buying turkeys for the meals. Please return the full bags to the Friendship Room no later than noon on November 16th. Any questions, call Pam Hamele at 608-215-0382 or the church office. Thank you everyone!!

Norski Nibbles Update

It was a good summer for Norski Nibbles. We fed a total of 4822 hungry mouths this year. Christ Lutheran Church handed out 859 lunches the two weeks they were running the program. We would like to give a big thanks to Blake Etheridge and Rhonda Steinbach for making sandwiches and running the program for those two weeks, plus many other times during the summer. We would also like to thank Vicki Sobczak and the Lions Club for faithfully packing the lunch bags for us, and the many volunteers who participated with distribution at the parks.





PILLOWCASE SEWING DAY A HUGE SUCCESS

Two hundred ninety-eight pillowcases were made by a group of 23 women on March 18th at Christ Lutheran for children at UW Children's Hospital in Madison. Just think how many smiles these pillowcases will put on children's faces undergoing cancer treatment. There was great fellowship and plenty of food to eat.

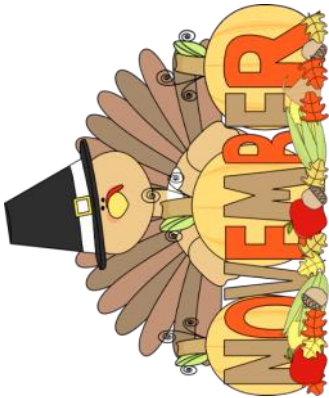
Thank you to Deb Bursaw, Sharon Jones, Rachel Anderson, Connie Leonard, Beth Brining, Anne Emerson, Isabelle Emerson, Cathy Nelson, Jen Lange, Marilyn Wild, Tina Standish, Rose Kirkeng, Barb Anderson, Jane Zuelsdorf, Cindy Edge, Vicky Heimbecker, Kim Niesen, Jane Fahey, Diane Bollig, Joyce Mhlbauer, Sue Bellefeuille, Pam Olson and Pam Hamele. Also thank you to Debbie Meister and Shirley Stronach for helping with washing, ironing and packaging the pillowcases.

Another date will be chosen in the spring to sew again so watch for that date. Come join us and bring your friends. If you would like to donate material it has to be 100% cotton. It takes 3/4 yard for the main piece and 1/3 yard for the pillowcase end. Otherwise, a money donation towards the material is always appreciated. Social Ministries



Giving Tree



The Giving Tree will be in the Friendship Room before we know it! Keep an eye out for more information.



2023



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 6 pm Confirmation-NK 7 pm Choir -FR	2 6 pm Boy Scouts -FH	3	4
5 Nametag Sunday 8:00 am Worship 9:15 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship	6 6 pm Girl Scouts Twp #8217-NK	7 Election Day 9 a.m Women's Bible Study- FR 5:30 pm Property Committee Meeting 6:30 pm Cub Scouts FH/NK/SSI 6:30 pm Bell practice -S 6:45 pm Defto Study Club FR	8 8:30 am Meatball prep 6 pm Confirmation-NK 7 pm Choir -FR	9 8:30 am Meatball prep 6 pm Boy Scouts -FH 6:30 pm Cub Scout Committee Meeting-FH	10 8:30 am Lutefisk set up, Coleslaw 1 pm dining rm set up 1 pm-7 pm pie drop off	11 Lutefisk Dinner 
12 8:00 am Worship 9:15 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship	13 6 pm Girl Scouts Twp #8217-NK	14 9 a.m Women's Bible Study FR 10 am C3-FR 6:30 pm Cub Scouts FH/NK 6:30 pm Bell practice - S	15 6 pm Confirmation-NK 7 pm Choir -FR	16 6 pm Boy Scouts -FH 6 pm Boy Scout Committee meeting-FH 7 pm Council Meeting - FR	17	18
19 8:00 am Worship 9:15 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship	20 6:30 pm Scout Committee meeting-FH	21 ** DOOR POST DEADLINE 9 a.m Women's Bible Study - FR 6:30 pm Bell practice -S 6:30 Pack party - FH	22	23 	24	25
26 8:00 am Worship 9:15 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship	27 8 am Quilters-NK 6 pm Girl Scouts Twp #8217-NK	28 9 a.m Women's Bible Study - FR 6:30 pm Bell practice	29 6 pm Confirmation-NK 7 pm Choir -FR	30 6 pm Boy Scouts -FH		NK = Norse Kerner FH = Fellowship Hall FR = Friendship Rm K = Kitchen S = Sanctuary CR = Conference Rm



**Christmas Poinsettias
Order Form**

We will be decorating our sanctuary with poinsettias for the celebration of the Christmas Season. We will also be accepting contributions for Christmas wreaths and decorations for the sanctuary. If you would like to provide poinsettia plants or make a contribution for decorations, please complete the form below and return to the church office by

**November 27th for Poinsettias
December 18th for wreaths and sanctuary decorations**

along with your payment.
Checks should be made payable to Christ Lutheran Church (CLC).

The poinsettias will be red. The cost is \$14.00 per plant.

_____ No. of plants desired _____ Amt. enclosed
_____ Amt. enclosed towards wreaths and sanctuary decorations

Given by: _____

In memory of _____ or In Honor of _____

Flowers will be available for pickup
after the 7 pm Christmas Eve Service

