

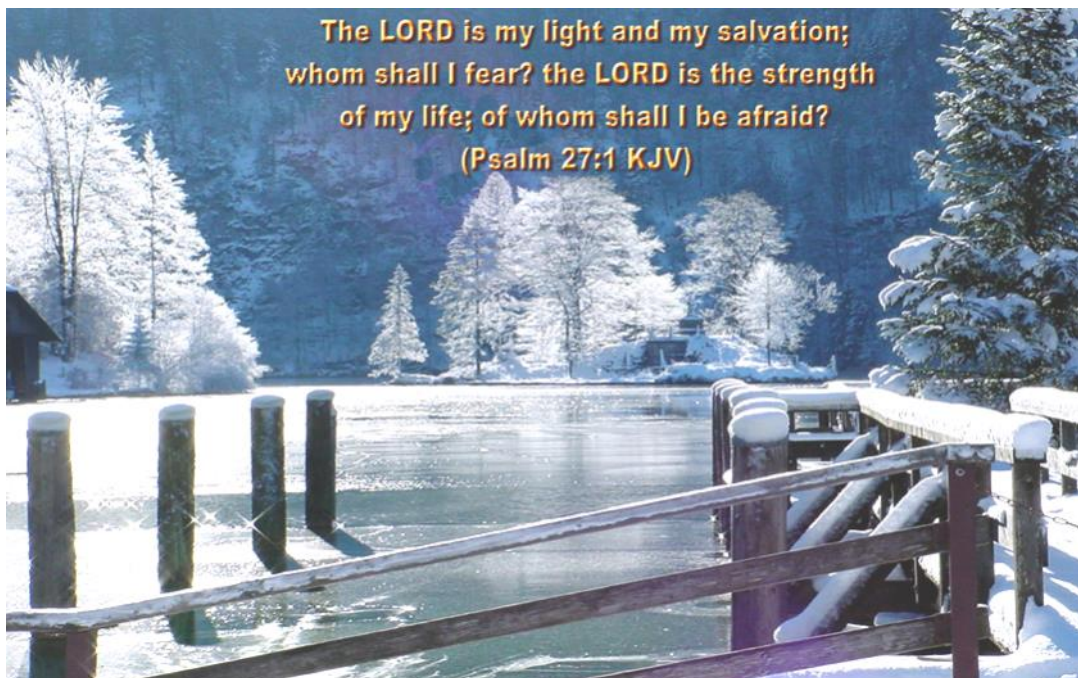
CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH
220 S. Main Street
DeForest, WI 53532
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The Door Post

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

JANUARY 2024





SUNDAY WORSHIP

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

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

CHURCH OFFICE

Mon–Thurs 9 am—3 pm

PASTOR

Pastor Sue Beadle

STAFF

Karen Berg, Office

Alice Marohl, Office

Burgess Andruss, Maintenance

Neil McLaughlin, Choir Director

Deacon Bonnie Vize, Organist

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

COMBINED GENERAL & BUILDING--DEBT SERVICE FUNDS

REVENUE	November, 2023		Year to Date	
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
Offerings/Donations, Misc.	\$ 28,541.29	\$ 33,322.50	\$ 350,301.37	\$ 366,547.50
Total Revenues	\$ 28,541.29	\$ 33,322.50	\$ 350,301.37	\$ 366,547.50
EXPENSES				
CLC Expenses	\$ 32,196.91	\$ 31,676.25	\$ 333,934.23	\$ 348,438.75
Principal & Interest Payments	\$ 1,885.64	\$ 2,062.50	\$ 20,742.04	\$ 22,687.50
Total Expenses	\$ 34,082.55	\$ 33,738.75	\$ 354,676.27	\$ 371,126.25
Total Net Income (Loss)	\$ (5,541.26)	\$ (416.25)	\$ (4,374.90)	\$ (4,578.75)

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. THANK YOU for your continued support!

On November 30, 2023 the General Fund has a deficit of \$12,896.86 and the Debt Service Fund has a surplus of \$8,521.96.

Pastor Sue's Newsletter Article

Flora Slosson Wuellner, in her book *Prayer, Stress, and our Inner Wounds*, writes this:

"A picture that was hung in my room when I was a child changed my life. It was a picture of a shepherd climbing down a rugged Cliffside; with one hand he gripped a rock and with the other he reached down to a sheep that had fallen to a ledge below. Its face looked up in terror and trust. A bird of prey circled overhead. I could not see the shepherd's face as he strained down to the sheep, but I could see the knotted muscles, the bleeding hands and arms gashed by thorns, the twisted garment torn in the steep descent."

"That's the Good Shepherd. That's Jesus," my parents told me. I stared in amazement. This picture was very different from the one on the wall of my Sunday school room. In that one, a placid shepherd in a spotless white robe strolled along a grassy level path, carrying an equally spotless and placid lamb.

The shepherd in my picture was paying a real and painful price. I could see from the concentrated body and the compassionate authority of the outstretched hand that to reach the hurt and crying animal mattered more to him than anything else in the world. And I knew as I gazed at the picture that that sheep would be reached, held, healed, a lifted to life."

There are many times when we feel we are the sheep that has gotten lost or fallen to a ledge where no one can find us. Other times, we try to hide from both the Almighty and ordinary people. But the Lord knows where we are and will do whatever it takes to bring us safely home to Him. God is in the muck and grit of our life, searching for us, reaching for us, paying a real and painful price for whatever happened that got us lost or frightened to begin with. And I know that sometimes the sins of other people wreak havoc on the lives of innocent ones.

During those times of sorrow or distress, know that Jesus is our Good Shepherd, calling our name and doing everything to reach us. As we begin a new year, we know we will all experience joys and sorrows, and through it all, the Lord is with us.

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Sue Beadle

"Which one of you, having 100 sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the 99 in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.' Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over 99 righteous persons who need no repentance." (Luke 15: 4-7)





Bible Readings

Week of January 7

Genesis 1:1-5

Psalm 29

Acts 19:1-29

Mark 1:4-11

Week of January 14

1 Samuel 3:1-20

Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18

1 Corinthians 6:12-20

John 1:43-51

Week of January 21

Jonah 3:1-5, 10

Psalm 62:5-12

1 Corinthians 7:29-31

Mark 1:14-20

Week of January 28

Deuteronomy 18:15-20

Psalm 111

1 Corinthians 8:1-13

Mark 1:21-28



Mona Duppen	Jan. 1
Deb Olesen	Jan. 4
Karen Konkol	Jan. 7
Deb Meister	Jan. 7
Loletia Rear	Jan. 11
Alice McPeck	Jan. 11
Maureen Eichstadt	Jan. 11
Gregg Tipple	Jan. 11
Margaret Hoffmann	Jan. 14
Don Hoffmann	Jan. 15
Merina Large	Jan. 16
Roger Leonhardt	Jan. 17
Robert Ziesch	Jan. 20
Joan Johnson	Jan. 25
Shar Cox	Jan. 26
Doris Bohage	Jan. 30



Christ Lutheran Church Annual Meeting

Sunday, February 4, 2024

Watch for the Annual report coming out in January



Date	Readers	Ushers	Communion	Acolytes
Jan 7				
8:00 am	Beth Erickson	Team Thompson	Team Paulson	Maddie Riedel
10:30 am	Vicki Sobczak	Team Ringhand	Team Blau	Maddie Riedel
Jan 14				
8:00 am	Jane Cahill Wolfgram	Team Kvalheim	Team Nelson	
10:30 am		Team Lockman	Team Emerson	
Jan 21				
8:00 am	Beth Erickson	Team Janovitz Team Nelson	Team Lockman	Maddie Riedel
10:30 am	Tim Gerritsen	Team Emerson	Team Knitt	
Jan 28				
8:00 am	Gus Knitt	Team Paulson	Team Legried	
10:30 am	Beth Erickson	Team Blau	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.

Altar Flowers

A special thank you to those who provide altar flowers throughout the year. As a reminder, when providing flowers, please make sure to contact the office at least a week or two in advance so an announcement can be put in the Sunday Bulletin.



**Have you moved? New address? Name change?
New phone number? New email?
Please let us know, update your information.**



MEMBER INFORMATION UPDATE FORM

☐ Name Change ☐ Address Change ☐ Email address ☐ Phone

Member Name _____

New Name _____

New Address _____

Email Address _____

Phone _____

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. Please send your contact information to the office, and we will pass on your information. 608-846-4718

Ronald McDonald House Project

The Social Ministries Committee invites you to join us on Saturday, February 3, 2024 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall to make no-sew fleece blanket kits for Ronald McDonald House in Madison, WI. If you are interested in donating material for this project we use no-pill or blizzard fleece. Each blanket has 2 sides so each side will need 1 1/2 yards of material. If you would like to make a money donation towards the fabric you can send that to the church office. Any donated fabric can be left on the desk in the Friendship Room. There will be a sign up sheet on the bulletin board outside the Friendship Room. Any questions, call Pam Hamele at 608-215-0382.

Giving Tree

Thank you to everyone who participated in providing gifts for the Giving Tree. We collected 41 gifts for families and the elderly in our community. Also thank you for supporting the Toys For Tots program.

Thanksgiving Meal

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Thanksgiving Outreach. We donated 15 meals to seniors through the Community Center, donated non-perishable food items to the DeForest Area Food Pantry and also helped the Moravian Church provide a meal to 85 people in need in our community.

For Sale

Lutefisk—in 5lb bags, \$7 per pound, \$35 per bag



Lefse—Bulk bags \$14/bag— Small bags \$3/bag

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January 2024



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Office Closed  HAPPY NEW YEAR!	2 9 am Women's Bible Study- FR 1:00 pm DeForest Study Club-FR 5:30 pm Property Committee 6:30 pm Cub Scouts-FH/NK	3 7 pm Choir practice	4 6 pm Boy Scout -FH	5	6
7 Nametag Sunday 8 am Worship 9:15 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship	8 8 am Quilters-NK 6 pm Girl Scouts Trip #8217-NK	9 9 am Women's Bible Study- FR 6:30 pm Bell Practice -S 6:30 pm Cub Scouts-FH/NK	10 6 pm Confirmation class 7 pm Choir practice	11 6 pm Boy Scout -FH 6:30 pm Cub Scout	12	13
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