

CHRIST LINE

February Newsletter

Annual Meeting!

MEMBERS OF CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH Sunday February 15th!

Please plan to attend our congregational Annual meeting on **February 15th** after the Sunday church service. The hour or so meeting is an important time to hear of the church activities during 2025 and your council's plans for 2026. The budget will be presented for congregational approval. We will vote to elect three new members to the church council. This is the time of the year when you approve or modify the actions proposed by your council who represent you throughout the year.

Lenten Season**LENTEN SEASON IS COMING! MARK THOSE CALENDARS!**

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE - February 18th at 6:45 pm (No Soup & Sandwich on Ash Wednesday)

LENTEN SEASON SCHEDULE STARTING FEBRUARY 25!

All Are Welcome! On Wednesdays during the Lenten Season
5:30pm - 6:30pm Soup & Sandwich Supper / 6:45 pm Lent Service

LENTEN SOUP AND SANDWICH SUPPERS

The Soup Sergeant (Brad Duellman) will be organizing groups to serve soup and sandwiches each Wednesday of Lent beginning the week after Ash Wednesday (February 25th—March 25th).

You and the public are invited to the suppers between 5:30pm and 6:30pm. The suppers are free, but free will donations are welcomed. Remember to thank the cooks!

If you are interested in signing up to bring a homemade soup please call the church office!

Pastor's Message

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Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

In Matthew 4:18–22, Jesus walks along the Sea of Galilee and calls ordinary fishermen, Simon Peter, Andrew, James, and John to follow Him. What's striking is not only who He calls, but how they respond. They leave their nets immediately and stepping away from the familiar to embrace the calling and mission of God. February is a season that invites us to listen again for Christ's call in our own lives. Like those first disciples, we are invited to trust that God is already at work, shaping us into people who share hope, compassion, and good news in our community.

As we enter February, we look forward to gathering for our Annual Meeting on Sunday, February 15, 2026, following our regular 9:00 am worship service. I am deeply grateful for your love for God, your care for one another, and the many ways you continue to show your passion for Christ Lutheran Church and this community of faith. I pause to give thanks to President Tami Taysom for her leadership, Pat Rohn and Duane Miller for serving this Congregation faithfully over the years and not leaving out Council and Committee members.

February also brings Valentine's Day, a time when we celebrate love by expressing care, gratitude, and affection for those who bless our lives. It is a joyful reminder of the relationships God has given us and the importance of love in all we do.

This year, on February 18, we will observe Ash Wednesday, marking the beginning of Lent. On this day, we gather to acknowledge our mortality and our deep need for God's grace. As the ashes are placed on our foreheads, we hear the solemn words: "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return." Lent invites us into a season of reflection, prayer, and renewal echoing Jesus' forty days in the wilderness as Jesus prepared for His ministry. As we walk this Lenten journey together, may we take time to reflect on our lives and our relationship with God.

I encourage each of us to use this month as an opportunity to pray, reconnect, and reach out perhaps by calling or visiting a friend or family member we haven't heard from in a while.

Brad Duellman will serve as sergeant for the Midweek Soup and Sandwich Suppers. Nancy Rohn will direct The Living Last Supper (4/2/2026).

- February 18: Ash Wednesday Service at 6:45 p.m.
- February 25–March 25: Soup and Sandwich Suppers at 5:30–6:30 p.m.
- February 25–March 25: Midweek Lenten Services at 6:45 p.m.

As we move through this month, let us remember that God's love extends to all people. May God bless you richly in the name of the Father, of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Peace, Pr. Rufus

January Church Council Minutes

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CHURCH COUNCIL AGENDA

These minutes have not been approved.

Tuesday, January 13, 2026 @ 6:00pm

Members present: Karen Mullikin, Marv Rodvold, Renee Schank, Duane Miller, Tami Taysom, Linda George, Pamela Weltzien, Julie Lisowski and Pastor Rufus Kudde

Absent: None

Youth Representative: None

Guest: Kay Wiemer

Call to Order: President Tami Taysom called the meeting to order at 6:03 pm

Opening Devotions (5 min.) None

Approval of Agenda: Julie Lisowski moved and Renee Schank 2nd. Motion passed

Announcements:

Secretary's Report: Renee Schank Moved, Julie Lisowski 2nd to accept. Motion passed

Treasure's Report: Kay reported several adjustments to the year end numbers. She still has to move money from the PPP fund into the checkbook. Marv Rodvold moved and Duane Miller 2nd to accept the financial report as a faithful accounting. Motion passed unanimously.

Pastor's Report: Pastor extended Thank You's to the departing Council Members. Pastor asked if we could move the starting time for Wednesday Lenten services to 6:45 to reduce dead time between Soup and Sandwich and the service. Tami asked about Pastor's plan to begin a Monday bible study program. Pastor is still working on the plan.

Old Business

Tami reported that the Executive Committee had interviewed a candidate today for the Office Administrator position and that the interview went well. The Ex Committee has recommended to hire the applicant. A brief discussion was held to determine how personal time off would be administered.

Budget: The budget has been approved. Pastor's compensation package has been added in.

Nominating Committee: Pat reported that we now have 3 candidates for Council. All other candidates have been identified for other positions.

Staff Support: No one has stepped up to join the Staff Support committee. Council will continue looking

Employee Policy Handbook: Work on the handbook was tabled until next meeting to allow new council to have input.

New Business

Brad Duellman will lead Lenten Soup and Sandwich

Start time has changed for Wednesday Lenten Services from 7 to 6:45

Pastor will put up sign-up for Soup and Sandwich

Check writing procedure for Good Samaritan Fund; If at all possible, checks will be made out to a business rather than an individual

The date for the February Council will be moved back one week to allow for the new Council to address council business with the new members.

Discussion was held to purchase new phones that would allow incoming calls to be transferred to pastor when no one is in the office. Linda George moved, Julie 2nd to purchase the new phones. Motion passed

Youth & Family Ministry:

Property and Management: Pat reported that he had again visited Halvorsen's to get a quote on the elevator door. Funding is still in the Elevator Project fund to cover the cost along with recent donations. Also working on getting

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Stewardship: Duane reported that the Buddy Bag packing would be changed to a different Sunday since the Annual Meeting is scheduled to be on February 15.

Constitution Team: Suggest printing Constitution Booklets. Printing of booklets will be delayed until effects of 2025 Synod changes have been made.

Next meeting: FEB 17, 2026

Cause of the Month: New Horizons

Devotions at next meeting: Pamela Weltzien

Motion to adjourn: Pat Rohn 2nd by Marv Rodvold. Motion passed

February Birthdays / Anniversaries

Dustin Gabrick - 2/1
Curtis Weltzien - 2/1
Renee Brueggen - 2/3
Wyatt Mercer - 2/4
Kathy Hohmann - 2/7
Kylie Mullikin - 2/9
Ben Anderson - 2/11
Phillip Pyka - 2/12
Kyle Flynn - 2/13
Matthew Frahm - 2/13
Alex Loesel - 2/14

Trent Kube - 2/15
Toby Weltzien - 2/15
Amanda Rossa - 2/16
Heather Mercer - 2/18
Alayna Tulip - 2/18
Rebecca Konkell - 2/19
Cole Lockington - 2/19
Eric Witte - 2/19
Sierra Instenes - 2/21
JoDeen Forsyth - 2/22
Ruth Seabern - 2/22

Lynnelle Bawek - 2/23
Joshua Miller - 2/23
Micah Axness - 2/24
Nancy Rohn - 2/24
Nicholas Hovey - 2/25
Duane Miller - 2/25
James Lisowski - 2/26
Cody Gabrick - 2/27
Jason Lockington - 2/27
Peter Lindberg - 2/28
Jennifer Luethi - 2/28

Keith & Karen Weltzien - 2/5

Matt & Heidi Hughes - 2/10

Stewardship

Help us fill our Buddy Bag shelves!

Thank you to everyone who continues to help donate towards the Buddy Bag program. We appreciate your donations and time you dedicate to this project. For the month of February we are looking for donations of **Fruit Snacks and Granola Bars** to help supplement our supply for the program. You can leave donations in the back of the church. We appreciate your commitment to helping us to keep this program going. The next Buddy Bag packing event is yet to be determined for February. A new date will be announced during worship service.

February Cause of the Month

The February Cause of the Month is New Horizons. Often, when victims come into shelter, they are forced to flee their homes quickly and under great stress, leaving most of their belongings. Thanks to generous community donations, New Horizons can offer individuals and families essential clothing and personal care items to help them during this difficult time.

Youth & Family Night

Youth & Family Night at Christ Lutheran Church

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 11

5:30pm - 7:30pm

EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

Please RSVP!

Call the church office at 608-323-3572
or email: christlutheran@triwest.net

Homebound

The cold dark days of winter would be a good time to send a cheery note to our church family friends who are homebound or living in care centers. Send them a note or card or give them a friendly phone call and keep them in prayer. Let them know that they are still a part of the Christ Lutheran family and that we have not forgotten them. Start with those on our Homebound list and then add others that you know of.

Brad Ceaglske	TCHCC W20298 State Rd. 121, Whitehall	Room 127	608-864-0104
Cheryl Hannon	Gundersen Moundview Hospital, 402 West Lake Street, Friendship WI 53934	Room 502	
Frances Ryan	Hope Stays Assisted Living, 3908 Circle Dr, Holmen, WI 54636		608-790-9080
Lorraine Shepherd	Grandview Care Center, 620 Grand View Ave Blair, WI 54616		608-989-2511
Carole Wieland	Send mail to P.O. Box 340, Arcadia		608-323-3089
	Living at Springbrook Memory Care Facility, 861 Critter Court, Onalaska		

FEBRUARY 2026
Church Calendar:

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1/25 * Reports out to congregation 9:00am Worship 12:30pm Mt. Sinai Worship Service	1/26 	1/27 Pastor Text Study 8:00am - 12:00pm	1/28 3:30 pm - Confirmation Class	1/29 	1/30 6:00pm Mt. Sinai	1/31 4pm - Mt. Sinai
1 9:00am In Person Worship & FB Live 12:30pm Mt. Sinai Worship Service	2 6:00pm Stewardship Meeting	3 Pastor Text Study 8:00am - 12:00pm Worship & Music Meeting at 4:30 pm	4 3:30 pm Confirmation Class	5 	6 6:00pm Mt. Sinai	7 4pm - Mt. Sinai
8 9:00am In Person Worship & FB Live 12:30pm Mt. Sinai Worship Service	9 5:30pm Youth & Family Meeting	10 Church Council Meeting at 6 pm	11 8:30am Outlets 2:00pm Mary Circle in lounge Youth & Family NIGHT 5:30pm-7:30pm	12 	13 6:00pm Mt. Sinai	14 9:00am to 5:00pm J&BOP County Food Party @ TCHCC 4pm - Mt. Sinai
15 9:00am In Person Worship & FB Live ANNUAL MEETING (After Worship) Buddy Bags Packing 12:30pm Mt. Sinai Worship Service	16 	17 Belts 6:30pm-7:15pm	18 ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE AT 6:45 PM.	19 	20 6:00pm Mt. Sinai	21 4pm - Mt. Sinai
22 9:00am In Person Worship & FB Live 12:30pm Mt. Sinai Worship Service	23 	24 Pastor Text Study 8:00am - 12:00pm 1:00pm Hope Stays Belts 6:30pm-7:15pm	25 6:30am Outlets Soup and Sandwich Supper at 5:30 pm Lent Service @ 6:45 pm	26 3:30pm - COMMUNITY Party @ Bethel Luncheon	27 6:00pm Mt. Sinai	28 4pm - Mt. Sinai
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February 26 Serving Schedule - 9:00am Wor-

Date/Time	EASY WORSHIP INSTALLER/ PROJECTION	USHERS	READER	COUNCIL COMMUNION ASSISTANT / WORSHIP CHECKER	ALTAR CARE	MONEY COUNTERS	ACCOMPANIST
2/8/26	Dan Sampson Treyton Mullikin	Robert & Diane Konkel	Diane Konkel	Duane Miller	Julie Lsowski/ Joan Fetting	Bern & Michele Ziegewald	Nancy Martinovici
2/15/26	Marv Rodvold Tyler Rotering	Bill & Kathy Lockington	Heidi Hughes	Karen Mullikin	Betty Schlessler	Karen Mullikin Renee Schank	Emily Kamrowski
2/22/26	Carol Janka Lexus White	Todd Fetsch Tim Puz	Henry Schultz	Julie Lsowski	JoDeen Forsyth	Karen Gallagher Henry Schultz	Danielle Schock
3/1/26	Dan Sampson Tyler Rotering	Jeff Hulberg Landon White	Hayden Hughes	Renee Schank	Dori Wenger	Jen Rotering Tony Myers	Danielle Schock
3/8/26	Marv Rodvold Lexus White	Bob & JoDeen Forsyth	Paul Forsyth	Pat Rohm	Dori Wenger Lexus White	Pat & Nancy Rohm	Nancy Martinovici

If you are on the schedule and are unable to serve, please find a replacement as soon as possible and let **the Office know of this change!** Thank you!
(christlutheran@triwest.net or 608-323-3572).

Offering

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Ways to give:

- Venmo - Christ Lutheran Church-Arcadia
- Mail in your Offering
- Vanco

Please contact Ella at the church office if you need assistance setting up online giving!

Church Attendance:

1/4 -51
1/11 - 55
1/18 - 44
1/25 - 44

General Fund Giving

1/4/26 \$2095 1/11/26 \$2209
1/18/26 \$1368 1/25/26 \$782

Needed weekly for projected expenses: \$4,682.21

Updates & Events

Upcoming Events

- February 17: Council Meeting at 6 pm
- February 11: Youth and Family Night at 5:30 pm
- February 15: Congregation Annual Meeting after Worship Service
- Buddy Bags Packing (Stay tuned for updates)
- February 18: Ash Wednesday Service at 6:45 pm
- February 25-March 25: Wednesday Soup and Sandwich Supper at 5:30 pm
- Mid-Week Lent Service at 6:45 pm
- March 29: Passion/Palm Sunday
- April 2: Maundy Thursday-The Living Last Supper at 7 pm
- April 3: Good Friday Service at 1 pm.
- April 5: Easter Sunday
- June 6 7:30 to 6:00 La Crosse Area Synod Assembly

Christ Lutheran Organizations

- Quilters—February 11th and 25th @ 8:30 am
- Mary Circle - February 11th @ 2:00 pm
- Luther Park Board meeting February 7 @ Chetek Coffee at 9:30 am Meeting @ 10:00am

News

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La Crosse Area Synod Receives Grant from Wartburg Theological Seminary's CaSTLE Project to Support Rural and Small Town Congregations

La Crosse, Wisconsin – The La Crosse Area Synod is honored to announce that it has been selected as a grant recipient through The CaSTLE Project: The Country and Small Town Lived Ecclesiology Project, a five-year initiative led by Wartburg Theological Seminary to support renewal in small town and rural congregations.

With this grant, the La Crosse Area synod will receive funding to support lay worship leader and lay Synod Authorized Ministers (SAMs) to further develop their skills and vocational identities in their local congregational contexts. With coaching provided for these leaders and the ordained pastors serving as their mentors, many smaller, rural congregations will be able to continue to have thriving ministry with spiritually and theologically grounded leaders. The project seeks to deepen baptismal identity and cultivate thriving, Spirit-led communities of faith in rural contexts.

"We are grateful for the opportunity to partner with Wartburg Theological Seminary and The CaSTLE Project," said Rev. Dione Stepanek, Director for Evangelical Mission & Assistant to the Bishop for the synod. "This grant will allow us to highlight and support the importance of lay leadership in a time when the world and our congregations are rapidly changing. We are equipping our leaders for a future rooted in hope and purpose."

The CaSTLE Project, funded by the Lilly Endowment Inc., aims to renew a baptismal ecclesiology for the long-term flourishing of rural congregational life. The La Crosse Area Synod joins a growing cohort of synod grantees, shaped by mutual learning, community building, and innovation.

Mission Thrift Store

Are you on a mission to some thrift shopping? Come to our local thrift shop located on Washington St. next to historical society. We have the lowest prices in the area on clothing, household items, home decor, baby items, toys, books and so much more.

Please come and take your 2026
offering envelopes that are on the back table! Thank you!

Keeping in Touch

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with Christ Lutheran Church Arcadia,
the La Crosse Area Synod, and the ELCA

Pastor: Rufus Kudee

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Custodian: Becky Weisenberger: Leave a message on the church phone

Web Sites:

www.christlutheran-church.org

www.lacrosseareasynd.org

www.elca.org

2024 Council Members

Tami Taysom - President.....	608-863-1463
Pat Rohn -	715-896-9007
Renee Schank -	608-863-2345
Marv Rodvold	507-450-4305
Karen Mullikin	608-863-2449
Duane Miller	608-323-2004
Linda George	608-797-1924
Pamela Weltzien.....	608-484-1448
Julie Lisowski.....	608-797-2491

Youth: Confirmation Student Rotation

FOOD PANTRIES

Arcadia CommUNITY Pantry - Bethel Lutheran

Arcadia Food Pantry hours are the **4th Thursday of the month**. The pantry is at the Bethel Lutheran Church in Arcadia from 3:30 to 4:30 pm. Any Questions? 608-323-7116. We appreciate your support in spreading the word about this resource in our community.

Trempealeau County Food Pantry

Held on the 3rd Saturday, 9-5 p.m. at the Trempealeau County

Health Care Center in Whitehall. A form of ID for each household

member, proof of address and self-declared income within eligibility

guidelines. Open to all residents in Trempealeau County. Please bring boxes or baskets.

Please go to the following website

<https://co.trempealeau.wi.us/community/services/index.php>

for the most updated Food Pantry list



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- ELCA Arcadia, WI

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The OLPH Mission/Thrift Store

419 South Washington St.
(the former convent on OLPH grounds)

Volunteers needed at the OLPH
Mission-Thrift Store

Thrift Store Hours:

Tues: 10-1 Wed: 1:00 to 4:00

Fri: 2:00 to 5:00 Sat: 10:00 to 1:00

Lutheran Social Services:

Free assessment and referral

— For on-going care they
accept insurance billing or, if
you have no insurance, a
sliding scale is available.
La Crosse 608-788-5092

Prayer List

Brad Gonsky

Cheryl Hannon

Francis Ryan

Lorraine Shepherd

Zach Wicka

Frank Hughes

Carol Janka

Carnecia Vaughan

Herman Hoesley

Cyndy Jacoby

Addison Hughes

Dial 211 Free/Confidential 24 / 7

Help with: Domestic Violence, Child Abuse, Sexual
Assault, Suicidal Thoughts, Other Crisis Situations
Information about: Support Groups, Drug/Alcohol
Abuse, Food Resources, Housing, Many other needs.



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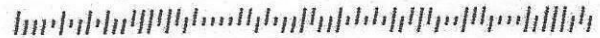
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