

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 Continued

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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

Keith & Karen Weltzien - 2/5

Trent Kube - 2/15

Toby Weltzien - 2/15

Amanda Rossa - 2/16

Heather Mercer - 2/18

Alayna Tulip - 2/18

Rebecca Konkel - 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

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@trwest.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 Living at Springbrook Memory Care Facility, 861 Critter Court, Onalaska	608-323-3089	

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	1/25 9:00am in Person Worship & FB Live 12:30pm Mt. Sinai Worship Service	1/27 Pastor Text Study 8:00am - 12:00pm	1/28 3:30pm - Confirmation Class	1/29	1/30 5:00pm Mt. Sinai	1/31 4pm - Mt. Sna
1	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. Sna
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 6pm	11 8:30am Quilters 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 JESOP County Food Pantry @ TCHCC 4pm - Mt. Sna
15 9:00am in Person Worship & FB Live ANNUAL MEETING (After Worship) Buddy Bags Packing 12:30pm Mt. Sinai Worship Service	16 17 Bells 6:30pm-7:15pm	18 ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE AT 6:45 PM.	19	20 6:00pm Mt. Sna	21 4pm - Mt. Sna	
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 Bells 6:30pm-7:15pm	25 6:30am Quilters Soup and Sandwich Supper at 5:30 pm Lent Service @ 6:45 pm	26 3:30pm - Community Pantry @ Befel Lutheran	27 6:00pm Mt. Sna	28 4pm - Mt. Sna	
31 9:00am In Person Worship & FB Live 12:30pm Mt. Sinai Worship Service	3/2 3/3 Pastor Text Study 8:00am - 12:00pm Bells 6:30pm-7:15pm	3/4 Soup and Sandwich Supper at 5:30 pm	3/5 6:00pm Mt. Sna	3/6 6:00pm Mt. Sna	3/7 4pm - Mt. Sna	
		Lent Service @ 6:45 pm				

February 26 Serving Schedule - 9:00am Worship

Date/Time	EASY WORSHIP INSTALLER/ PROJECTION	USHERS	READER	COUNCIL COMMUNION ASSISTANT / WORSHIP CHECKER	ALTAR CARE	MONEY COUNTERS	ACCOMPANIST
2/8/26	Dan Sampson Treyton Mullkin	Robert & Diane Konkel	Diane Konkel	Diane Miller	Julie Lisowski Joan Fetting	Ben & Michele Ziegweid	Nancy Martinovic
2/15/26	Mary Rodrick Tyler Rötting	Bill & Kathy Lockington	Heidi Hughes	Karen Mulkin	Betty Schlesser	Karen Mulkin Renee Schank	Emily Kamrowski
2/22/26	Carol Janka Lexus White	Todd Fetsch Tim Putz	Henry Schultz	Julie Lisowski	JoDeen Forsyth	Karen Gallagher Henry Schultz	Danielle Schrock
3/1/26	Dan Sampson Tyler Rötting	Jeff Hulberg Landon White	Hayden Hughes	Renee Schank	Don Wenger	Jen Rotering Tony Myers	Danielle Schrock
3/8/26	Mary Rodrick Lexus White	Bob & JoDeen Forsyth	Paul Forsyth	Pat Rohm	Don Wenger Lexus White	Pat & Nancy Rohn	Nancy Martinovic

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@trivwest.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

Office Hours: Monday-Thursday 8:00am to 3:00pm

Cell Phone: 651-353-7492 / Church Phone: 608-323-3572

E-mail: pastorclcrkd@gmail.com

Church Office Administrator: Ella Dorn

In Office: Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Thursdays, 9:00 am to 2:00 pm

Available by Phone or Email: Mondays thru Thursdays - 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM

Church Phone: 608-323-3572 E-mail: christlutheran@triwest.net

Bookkeeper: Kay Wiemer

Leave a message on church phone or cell phone: 608-606-4819

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

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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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

Web Sites:

www.christlutheran-church.org

www.lacrosseareasy.org

www.elca.org

2024 Council Members

Tami Taysom - President..... 608-863-1463

Pat Rohn - 715-896-9007

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Karen Mullikin 608-863-2449

Duane Miller 608-323-2004

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Pamela Weltzien 608-484-1448

Julie Lisowski 608-797-2491

Youth: Confirmation Student Rotation

Prayer List

Brad Geaglske

Cheryl Hannon

Francis Ryan

Lorraine Shepherd

Zach Wicka

Frank Hughes

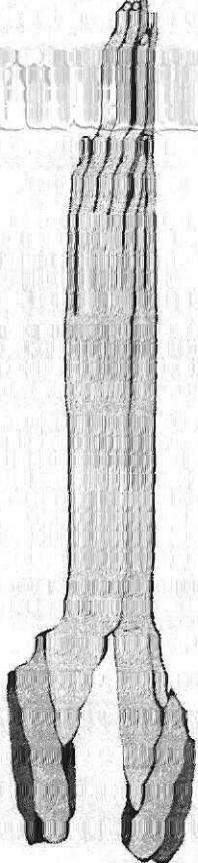
Carol Janka

Carnicia 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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