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November 2024 Newsletter



REGULAR WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday - 9 am Worship
- 10 am Sunday School
- 11 am Contemporary Worship
Wednesday - 4 pm - Worship

Thanksgiving Eve Worship is at 4 pm Wednesday, November 27th.

Communion is now celebrated at every worship service. Don't forget to fill out your communion card.

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WE NEED YOUR HELP! **Saturday, November 2nd, 2024, at 9:00 am** we are in need of helping hands for **food prep work** for the Harvest Dinner. Mary Felske will be coordinating the food and be there to assign tasks to everyone. More hands make it go quicker. **Sunday** after the **9:00 am worship service**, we are in need of helping hands to **set up** the Fellowship Hall tables, chairs, and place settings. We will also need help **cleaning up** after the dinner is done. Thank you.

HARVEST DINNER

Sunday, November 3rd
Dinner - 11:45 a.m.

Come and join other members of the congregation for fellowship and dinner!

MENU

Roast Beef • Mashed Potatoes
Gravy • Corn & Beverages Provided

Please bring a dish to pass.

Please sign up on the accompanying sheet so that we have a count for those who will be attending.

Free Will Donation Accepted (\$5.00 suggested donation)



ALL SAINTS' DAY will be observed on Sunday, November 3rd. We remember those who have passed this year:

James Mueller
Dean Heartwell
Emma Briggs

Gail Asperger
Donald Mielens
George Zurvalec



Daylight Savings Time ends Sunday morning, November 3rd at 2 am. Don't forget to set your clocks back one hour before you go to bed Saturday night.

Dear Friends in Christ,

“In everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.” 1 Thessalonians 5:18

This month I’m going to have **YOU** help me write the message for the newsletter. I have completed an acrostic for the word **THANKSGIVING** and the things I am especially thankful for relating to all of you here at Christ Lutheran Church. I invite you to do the same!

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Judy and I are especially thankful for all of you here at CLC and we pray God’s richest blessings for you and your families.

Love in Christ,
Pastor Mark & Judy

Greetings to you all,

Well, fall is definitely here. I wanted to thank Tony and Dale for mowing the grass all spring and summer, now you get a break. Tony has been taking care of the leaves for us too! Awesome machine he has! Thank you to all who brought in produce for the sharing table as well!

The stumps have been removed, we just need to figure out who took them and thank them! John is going to see that dirt is replaced where the stumps were ground up. It seems to be quiet around church, I did not want to say it, but since the lights I breathe cautiously so nothing else major happens!

Just a reminder, anyone that has group meetings at church we need end of the year reports for our annual meeting in January and records.

I am so thankful this year for all the help, and support from all of you! It truly is a blessing that we can, we do, and we will!

Happy Thanksgiving!

Sandy



Join us on November 10th as we honor our veterans. We will recognize our veterans during the 9 am worship service and have a coffee and donuts reception afterwards.



POINSETTIA orders will be taken for Christmas later in November. Due to a loss of our supplier, we are looking at purchasing a bulk quantity from Kroger in Frankenmuth. Watch the Sunday bulletin and December newsletter for more information regarding pricing and the deadline to order.



CHOIR practices are on **Monday nights** at **6 pm**. We welcome more voices to join us!



HANDBELL CHOIR practices are on **Wednesday afternoons** at **5 pm**.



FAITH CIRCLE will meet on **Monday, November 4th** at **10 am**. Come and join us in the new Bible Study "Busyness, Finding God in the Whirlwind". We will hear the invitation to draw the strength we need for the day from God.



CLCW will meet on **Monday, November 4th** at **11 am**. All women of Christ are invited to attend.



SEW FOR FAITH meets on **Wednesdays** from **9:30 - 11:30 am**. Come and join us for fellowship and project ideas - you do not need to sew.

education

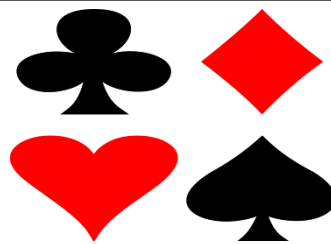
EDUCATION COMMITTEE meeting is **Monday, November 18th** at **6:30 pm**. If anyone is interested in serving on this committee or would like to join us for the meeting, please plan to attend.



JOY CIRCLE will meet on **Thursday, November 14th** at **6:30 pm**. All women of the church are welcome.



WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY - All women of the congregation are welcome to join us on **Thursday, November 14th** from **7 - 8 pm**. "The Proverbs 31 Women and the Stories of Faithful Women in Scripture" study has been misunderstood and misrepresented throughout ages. The women described in these verses sound like the Martha Stewart of King Solomon's court – an unattainable ideal of perfection – or perhaps a quaint example of ages past. However, this study is about more than some imagined ideal of womanhood. It will explore real women, with real struggles and gifts – women with deep, abiding faith and a passion for the will of God. The truth is that neither the women of Scripture nor we ourselves are called to be like Martha Stewart; we are called to be like Christ. **Session 5 – The Story of Ruth:** Ruth loved Naomi so much that she gave up a life of comfort to provide comfort for her mother-in-law. Proverbs 31:20 says that a woman of faith "opens her arms to the poor and extends her hands to the needy". A Proverbs 31 woman provides for the needs of those less fortunate than herself. The wisdom we gain from God's word helps us do what is good, just, and fair.



EUCHRE is **Saturday, November 9th** at **2 pm**. Bring your family and friends and enjoy an afternoon of fun and fellowship. This is the last euchre until January.



TOYS FOR TOTS collection starts **November 1st**. We will have our boxes out beginning **Wednesday, November 6th**.

YOUTH EVENTS



7th - 12th GRADE YOUTH - Saturday, November 2nd we will go Extreme Kart Racing. We will meet in the church parking lot at **1:15 pm** to car pool to Clio.

YOUTH & FAMILY - Saturday, November 9th - Laser Tag at 5 pm. We will meet at Stardust in Saginaw at 4:30 pm. Please let Kelly know if you are interested in going.

Sunday, December 8th – Santa’s Reindeer Farm from 12pm to 4pm. We will meet at Grandpa Tiny’s Farm in Frankenmuth at 11:45 pm. **If you are interested in going, please let Kelly know by Sunday, November 3rd as tickets as selling fast.**



SUNDAY SCHOOL CHILDREN are playing handbells on **Sunday, November 10 at 9 am.** Please make sure your children are here so that we have enough little hands to ring the bells. It always makes the congregation smile.

COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT - Saturday, November 16th – Christmas Totes at 2 pm. We will meet in the Fellowship Hall to package the Christmas Totes for the Great Lakes Dream Center and the Rescue Mission. All ages are welcome to attend. We will also welcome any donations to stuff the totes with. The ages range from 2 to 15. Some suggested items are hair bows and barrettes, hairbrushes, gloves, small toys, balls, dolls, card games, hot wheels, brain teasers, journals, makeup, craft kits, chap stick, jump ropes, etc. Please feel free to contact Kelly Walz with any questions.



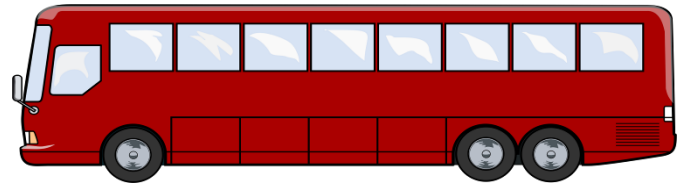
BAKE SALE FUNDRAISER - Sunday, November 24th after the 9 am worship service. The Youth will hold a bake sale to help raise funds for the Mission Trip and other fun Youth Events. 7th - 12th Grade Youth are asked to please bring 2 items. Thank you for your support. Please feel free to contact Kelly with any questions at 989-239-6912.



UCCS COLLECTION FOR NOVEMBER: Mac & cheese, crackers, pudding & Jello, bath soap, shampoo & conditioner. Please donate only what is requested - the listed items are the most needed. All other food items have already been collected. Last day for collection is Sunday, December 1. Thank you.



GOOD SAMARITAN RESCUE MISSION OF BAY CITY will update their want list after the first of the month. Watch next week's bulletin for updates.



LET'S GO COACHIN' - The Ministry of Congregational Life invites you, your family, and friends to join other members of Christ Lutheran Church for fun and fellowship on one of Renee Cragg's trips!
November 12th and December 10th - Soaring Eagle Casino Day Trip
 Check out the bulletin board for the trips for 2025!
 In the works: 7 day Alaska cruise, Eastern trip, and Nashville.

RENEE'S TRAVEL LLC 989-325-0408. SEE DETAILED INFORMATION ON THE BULLETIN BOARD.



OUR DAILY BREAD DEVOTIONALS for the fall months, including large print, are available in the basket in the lounge area.

ATTENDANCE

October	9 am Sunday	11 am Sunday	Wednesday	Sunday School
2			16	
6	82	6		21
9			17	
13	112	11		21
16			17	
20	55	9		18
23			19	
27	79	20		20
30			14	

Christ Lutheran Church of Reese Michigan
CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Monday, October 21, 2024

Present: David Abraham, Lora DeLong, Dennis, Felske, Mark Felske, Shirley Grabowski, Trista Jeske-Yax, Diane Kuhne, Sandy Schafsnitz, Jen Shores, Kelly Walz, John Ward, Renee Zimmer and Pastor Mark

Opened in Prayer: Pastor Mark opened in prayer at 7:03 pm

1. Monthly Reports

- a. Secretary Minutes: A motion was made by David Abraham to accept the minutes, supported by Mary Felske was carried to accept the minutes.
- b. General Fund Report: A motion was made by Lora DeLong to accept, supported by Shirley Grabowski, and was carried to accept the report.
- c. Special Funds Report: A motion was made by Jen Shores to accept the report, supported by Lora DeLong, and was carried to accept the report.
- d. Office/Pastor's Report: Deb continues to do a great job! Pastor reminded everyone of confidentiality and not be giving out names of potential pastors until the Call Committee is ready to announce it.

2. Unfinished Business

- a. Air Conditioning quotes are on hold.
- b. Lights are working and the invoice has been received. David Abraham is working with the electrician to try to get the LED humming sound under control on the youtube feed.
- c. Sandy is still working on getting snowplowing and salting quotes.
- d. Congregational voting procedures were discussed.
- e. Keys and Key-Pad: Jen Shores made a motion to change the key-pad code, supported by Shirley Grabowski and motion was carried. Diane Kuhne made a motion to rekey the locks, supported by John Ward and motion was carried.

3. New Business

- a. Andrew and Jessica Karg along with their daughters Vera and Willa have asked to join the church. David Abraham made a motion to accept their membership, supported by Mary Felske and motion was carried.

4. Ministry Reports

- a. Ministry of Youth and Family: Jen reported that butter braids were delivered and disbursed. The 7th-12th grade youth went to Frankenmuth Aerial Park to go ziplining and Youth & Families children went to Painterly Pottery. The Thanksgiving Placemat community service project was held on Saturday and the placemats will be delivered to the Commission on Aging. Thank you to the Memorial Fund Committee for the new furniture in the Youth Room. All furniture has been delivered and set up for use. John Ward made a motion to have the toys be put back in Classroom 6 and for the 7th-8th grade Confirmation class to be moved back to the Youth Room, supported by Jen Shores and the motion was carried.
- b. Ministry of Property: John cut down the pine trees. He will be covering the holes soon.
- c. Ministry of Worship and Music: Diane said that the Worship and Music Committee would like to bring back Communion every Sunday. They will need volunteers to help clean up after both services. Diane made a motion to start Communion every Sunday beginning on November 3rd, supported by Lora and the motion was carried. Diane also brought up that the communion wear has bad pitting on the bottom. The communion needs to have plastic wrap placed of top of the trays when they are set up. We will start having acolytes again on November 3rd. Robbie will have a meeting with all the 4-8th grade youth and parents, next Sunday, October 27th to discuss duties, wearing a robe and the schedule. Deva needs help putting up and taking down the paraments (banners). Diane will put up flowers when able. Choir would like to be more involved in the service, possibly singing during communion.
- d. Social Ministry, Outreach & Congregational Life: Trista reported that they had 7 tables for Euchre. There is some interest in having Euchre twice a month starting in January. Maybe one at 2pm and the other 6:30pm. Trista to get with Deb and Kelly to check the Calendar schedule. Funerals will always take priority.

- e. Ministry of Education: Shirley said Kelly and Diane covered everything.
 - f. Ministry of Communication: David Abraham is working on the issues with the mics and the feedback.
5. Diane Kuhne made a motion to adjourn the meeting, supported by John Ward and the motion was carried. We closed the meeting with the Lord's Prayer.
 6. Lora DeLong and Jen Shores will not be here for the next meeting.
 7. Next meeting will Monday, November 18 at 7pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Kelly Walz, Secretary

Worship and Music Meeting October 20th, 2024

Present: Deva, Phyllis, Diane K., Robbie

Deva started the meeting at 10:00am

Communion Setup & Put away:

- It has been suggested that we go back to communion at all services. – Diane to take to council.
- Need help for cleanup after both services.
- When putting communion away, the tray should have plastic wrap put on top before putting it in the refrigerator.
- Talked about the pitting on the bottom of the communion wear. It has gotten badly pitted over time from the wine. To help cut down on it. The communion needs to have plastic wrap put on top of the communion trays when they have been set up. Someone will have to take the plastic wrap off and set out on Sunday mornings.
- Was suggested that if the confirmands wanted to help with communion setup the students and parents could form a team

Acolytes:

- We will start having acolytes starting with November 3rd, 2024
- Robbie will have a meeting/training with the parents and students in grades 4 thru Confirmation Sunday October 27th, 2024 during the Sundry School time
- Student are responsible for getting a sub if they can not be at their assigned time. – Schedules are usually in the new letter. We will provide a schedule also.

Processional Cross - will only be processed in on Special Occasions

Kelly & Trista - Suggestions:

Have students be lectors

Other concerns:

Paraments - Deva said we need help with people willing to put up and take down paraments

Need help with changing the alter cloth

Diane will put up flowers when possible

Choir would like to be more involved with Sunday worship – singing during communion. We can put slides in so people can sing along.

Need to start having a schedule of the different choirs again so they are not all singing/playing on the same Sundays.

Next meeting – January 26th, 2025 at 10:00am

Adjourned 11:10 am

Submitted by Robbie Oldenburg, Secretary

Worship Assistants for November 2024

DATE	LECTORS	COMMUNION SET UP	ACOLYTES 9 am/11 am	USHER TEAMS
November 3	Kelly VanDenBoom	Dale Bremer	Rylie Clauss/ J. VanOchten	3
November 10	Jen Shores	Dale Bremer	Owen VanDenBoom/ Alaina Edie	1
November 17	Renee Zimmer	Dale Bremer	Harper Bauer/ William Ward	2
November 24	Diane Osantowski	Dale Bremer	Logan Matthews/ William Ward	3



November Birthdays

- 6 Tom Raymond
- 7 Ted Felske
Mitch Woolever
- 9 Bob Spiekerman – over 80
Ernie Rowe
- 10 Shelby Keyes
- 12 Lloyd Smith
- 15 Jaidyn VanOchten
- 17 Nicholas Schultz
- 18 Madilyn Oldenburg
- 27 Laikyn-May Chant
- 29 Isaac VanDenBoom
- 30 Linda Redwanz
Lacy Torrez



November Anniversaries

- 2 Jim & Deva Weber 1968
- 7 Gary & Jodie Keyes 1992
- 10 Neil & Diane Osantowski 2001
- 16 Pat & Shirley Grabowski 1979
- 26 Jim & Sue Kolak 1977



Jayden Rae Jasman, daughter of Andrew and Danielle Jasman, was baptized on October 13th. She was born August 7th. Her sponsors are Allison Jasman and Collin Bierlein.

Thank You

Thank you to Pastor Mark and Judy for all your visits and prayers. Thank you to Dave, and to all the church women and men who served the meal and cleaned up. God's blessings to all of you.

The family of Donald Mielens



George Zurvalec passed away on October 3rd. A memorial service was held at Christ Lutheran Church on October 12th.