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Christ Lutheran Church

October 2026 Newsletter



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday - 8:30 am Traditional Worship
- 9:45 am Sunday School
- 11 am Contemporary Worship

Wednesday - 4 pm Midweek Worship

Communion is celebrated at every service.



CHURCH DIRECTORY UPDATE: The last of the individual/family pictures are being taken October 3rd & 4th. If you were unable to get your picture taken for the directory and would like to submit one, please email it to the church office ASAP. Group pictures are currently being taken. Kelly Walz is working on the cover design. Our hope is to have the new directory ready in December.



CHOIR PRACTICE is Monday afternoons at 5. There is no practice on October 5th. We will practice on Thursday, October 8th instead. We would love to have more voices join us!

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HARVEST DINNER

Sunday, November 1st
Dinner - 12 p.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
(\$10 suggested
donation)

WE NEED YOUR HELP! Saturday October 31st, at 9 am we need helping hands for **food prep work** for the Harvest Dinner. Mary Felske will be coordinating the food and will be there to assign tasks to everyone. Also at 9 am, we need help to **set up the tables, chairs, and place settings** in the Fellowship Hall. Help will also be needed on Sunday for clean up after the dinner.

Dear CLC,

First, thank you all so much for the prayers and condolences after my grandfather's passing. Truly, it means a lot to have your support during this time while I am away from my family, as well as allowing me to travel so much last month and this month to be with family and friends to mourn with them.

After kicking off many different ministries this past month, I want to keep reminding and pointing us toward the focuses the Lord has put on my heart for the church for the rest of the year. Fathom the depths of Scripture, Find Jesus in our lives, and Follow Him wherever he leads. I hope and pray these focuses can unite us here at Christ Lutheran Church.

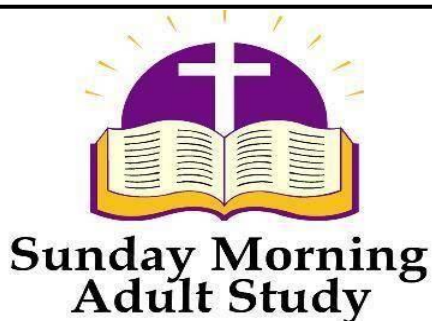
Blessings,
Pastor Phil

Peace to you!

How refreshing this weather is. The colors are starting and the furnace is turned on. I read three devotionals every day. Today all three of them talked about listening. I think I will try to listen more and not listen to reply but listen to understand and support what is being said. Jesus is part of this listening. I thought I listened in the past but now I am listening from the heart. What a message this meant to me this morning!

All is quiet on the repair side of things and thank you all again for the donations and support to get all done. We will give the new counters in the kitchen a workout in a few weeks with the Harvest Dinner around the corner. I hope you all come. We depend on our good Lord and the farmers to get the crops in so we are supplied for another year. We are so grateful for His hard work and the men and women of the church and out in the fields. The Lord keeps us safe and fed.

God has blessed us!
Sandy



ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL meets in the office meeting room at 9:45 Sunday mornings. Our study on October 4th is "What is the Church". Come hang out with us while your kids are in Sunday School. All adults are welcome!



PASTOR PHIL WANTS TO VISIT WITH YOU!

Please sign up on the bulletin board calendar with the time - greyed out days I am unavailable.

OCTOBER ACOLYTE SCHEDULE

DATE	8:30 AM	11 AM
October 4	Wade Clauss	Alissa Edie
October 11	Harper Bauer	Charlee Meyer
October 18	MiKayla Schulz	ACOLYTE NEEDED
October 25	Laine Yax	Mya Mae Meyer

FaithCircle

FAITH CIRCLE will meet **October 5th** at **10 am** when we will continue with lesson 7 of our study on Angels. Please join us.



CLCW will meet **Monday, November 2nd** at **11 am**.



JOY CIRCLE will meet **Thursday, October 8th** at **6:30 pm**. All women of the church are welcome. We look forward to seeing you!



WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY - All women of the congregation are invited to join us on **Thursday, October 8th**, from **7 - 8 pm** for the study "**Walking by Faith, Not by Sight**". "We walk by faith, not by sight" - 2 Corinthians 5:7. Faith asks us to cling to God's promise despite evidence to the contrary. It believes that even if the promise is not fulfilled in our mortal walk, it will be fulfilled in God's time and in the world to come and the new life promised through Christ.

Session One - Faith and Sight in Daily Living - VOCATION

We all want to see results that help us believe we are "doing it right". Or maybe given our human nature, we want our work to be congratulated or rewarded, or perhaps, simply to be noticed. Our thirst for proof or reward is a natural expression of self-centered human nature. We often look to what we do for affirmation. This is justification by works, which walks by sight. Faith on the other hand, points to the death and resurrection of Christ Jesus and grants us our justification before we have done a single thing.



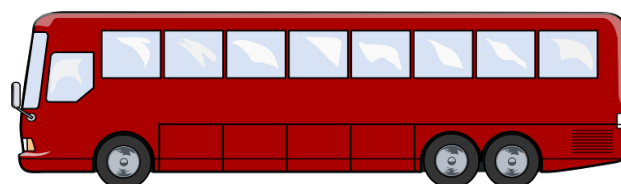
SEW FOR FAITH meets on **Wednesdays** from **9:30 - 11:30 am**. Come and join us for fellowship and help with our current projects. You don't need to know how to sew.



HANDBELL CHOIR practices at 5 pm on **Wednesdays**.

EUCHRE FUN GAMES -

Invite your family and friends and join us at **3 pm** for Euchre this fall on the following dates: **October 10th & 24th** and November 14th & 21st.



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 4-6, 2026: Island Resort & Casino

November 7-8, 2026: Bay Mills Resort & Casino

November 23-28, 2026: Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade 100th Anniversary

October 21-31, 2027 - Hawaii Five Island Paradise

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

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

BUTTERBRAIDS - Saturday, October 10th @ 10am -

Butterbraids will be delivered to the church. 7th-12th grade youth your help is needed with dividing out the orders and putting names on them.

Sunday, October 11th - Butterbraids will be distributed between services.



BELLS - Sunday, October 11th - The Sunday School children will play bells (Abide with Me) during **8:30 am service.**

COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT - Saturday, October 17th

@ 2pm - We will be making Thanksgiving placemats for the Commission on Aging in the Fellowship Hall. This is a great way to earn Community Service Hours and to put a smile on the faces of shut-ins who can't get out and about.



7TH-12TH GRADE YOUTH - Saturday, October 17th @ 4pm -

We will meet at church to carpool over to Leaman's Green Apple Barn for a hayride, donuts and apple cider. Please let Kelly know if you will be going.

YOUTH & FAMILIES - Sunday, October 25th @ Noon -

Trunk-or-Treat in the church parking lot. All are invited to dress up and/or decorate your trunks to hand out candy.



Saturday, October 31st @ 10am - We will meet at the front doors of the Saginaw Children's Museum for their "Monster Mix & Mash." Wear your costume and enjoy spooky crafts and fun throughout the museum. Please let Kelly know if you will be going.



HIGH SCHOOL SUNDAY SCHOOL meets Sunday mornings at **9:45** in the Youth room.

7TH - 12TH GRADE YOUTH BIBLE STUDY meets Sunday nights from **6:30 - 8:30.**



UCCS COLLECTION FOR OCTOBER:

Canned tuna and chicken, chunky beef and chicken soup, ketchup, mustard, syrup, jam and jelly, pancake mix. Donations can be placed in the bin under the coat rack. Please check that best buy dates are good through January 2027 or later and donate what is requested as these items are what is most needed. Thank you.



GOOD SAMARITAN RESCUE MISSION OF BAY CITY

has a need for the following items: men's and women's underwear, men's white T-shirts (all sizes), men's crew socks (all sizes), men's body wash and shampoo, washcloths and towels, 3-in-1 body wash for children, women's dress shoes (size 7-12), women's dress slacks and tops (size S-3XL). Youth shelter needs are iPhone chargers, water bottles, men's sweatshirts (size L,XL). Pantry needs are chicken and beef broth; ranch, French and Italian dressing; canned veggies; baking mix; coffee. Items can be placed in the tote under the coat rack.



July and August Mission Offerings were designated to LCMC, Lutheran Disaster Assistance Fund and Rescue Ministries of Mid-Michigan. Each of these organizations received \$496.50. September and October Mission Offerings are designated to the United Theological College of the West Indies, Samaritas and Youth for Christ - Bluewater Thumb.



TOYS FOR TOTS collection has begun. Toys must be new and unwrapped. Last day to bring in toys is **December 3rd**.

Thank You

CLCW would like to thank Gary Asperger for the work he did making the boards for the kitchen.

Thank you for your generous gift to the Rescue Ministries of Mid-Michigan. Your gift is helping meet our guests most pressing needs like meals and supportive care. Thank you for filling tables with nourishing food and hearts with hope. May God bless you.

Dan Streeter, CEO

Thank you for your generous gift to Wisner Christian Community Church in honor of our mother, Bernice Mowry, and her many years of faithful service at Wisner. Knowing the contribution will support the ongoing mission of Wisner CCC is a wonderful tribute to her legacy. I am deeply appreciative of the love and generosity of my Christ Lutheran family.

Terese Petro



OUR DAILY BREAD

devotionals for September - November and large print for October - December are available in the lounge area.

Christ Lutheran Evangelical Lutheran Church of Reese
Church Council Meeting Minutes
September 21, 2026

Present: Pastor Phil, Sandy Schafnitz, Mary Felske, Nancy Clauss, Dale Bremer, Chris Bublitz, Jen Shores, Dave Abraham, Irene Weiss, John Ward, Trista Jeske-Yax, Joanne Connelly

Sandy called meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Pastor opened with prayer.

Monthly Reports

- a. **Secretary Minutes:** A motion was made to accept the August minutes by Dale, supported by Irene and the motion was carried.
- b. **General Funds Report:** A motion was made to accept the General Funds Report by Jen, supported by Nancy and the motion was carried.
- c. **Special Funds Report:**
 1. Chris reported he cashed in a CD to pay for the newly installed kitchen countertop.
 2. Chris reported Cheryl from the Frankenmuth Credit Union will meet with council in the future to advise us of the changes that must be made to correct all the FCU accounts we have with them.
 3. A motion was made to accept the Special Funds Report by Jenn, supported by Dale and the motion was carried.
- d. **Office/Pastor's Report:**
 1. Pastor reported that Rally Day went well.
 2. Pastor reported the teaching of Daniel went well thru the summer services
 3. Pastor reported there will be a Volunteer meeting Sunday, Sept. 27, 2026.
 4. Pastor's High School Class will begin Sunday, Sept. 27, 2026.
 5. Pastor reported adult Sunday School was postponed for 2 weeks.
 6. Pastor reported he begins meeting with the Youth Group (7th – 12th) grade this Sunday.
 7. It was reported Right Now Media has been renewed for another year.

Unfinished Business

1. Dale reported the church directory is coming along great. He reported Deb Sigelko and Diane Osantowski are doing a wonderful job contacting all members.

New Business

1. A motion was made by Jenn to donate \$100.00 to the Community Trunk or Treat, supported by Dave and the motion carried.
2. A motion was made by Jenn to give the Sept-Oct Local Ministry 2026 Mission Support donations to the Blue Water Thumb Youth for Christ, Reese Chapter, supported by Nancy and the motion carried.

Ministry Reports

Ministry of Youth and Family:

1. Jenn reported an FBI agent gave a presentation on "Protecting yourself against SCAMS" at her workplace and a discussion was held whether to invite him to speak to our members and invite other community members. Mary made a motion to invite him to speak at our church, supported by Irene and the motion carried.
2. Jen reported Putt-Putt golf was rained out so the group went to Painterly Pottery instead. It was a wonderful day.
3. Jen reported youth will be attending a Disc Golf event next week.

Ministry of Property: Nothing to report

Ministry of Worship and Music: Nothing to report

Ministry of Outreach/Cong Life:

1. Trista reported Rally Day was a success.
2. Trista reported there will be 2 Euchre nights each month beginning in October.

Ministry of Education:

1. Nancy reported Sunday School is going well
2. Nancy reported there will be a Movie Night
3. Nancy reported the Confirmation class is on schedule

Ministry of Communication: Nothing to report

A motion was made to adjourn at 8:05 p.m.

The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne Connelly, Secretary



The next monthly Church Council meeting is scheduled for October 19th at 7 pm.

ATTENDANCE

	8:30 am Sunday	11 am Sunday	Wednesday	Sunday School
Sept. 2			13	
Sept. 6	48 (9 am)			
Sept. 9			16	
Sept. 13	71			16
Sept. 16			19	
Sept. 20	57	14		17
Sept. 23			23	
Sept. 27	45	14		15
Sept. 30			13	

Worship Assistants for October

DATE	LECTOR	COMMUNION SET UP	COMMUNION ASSISTANTS	COMMUNION CLEAN UP 8:30/11 AM	USHER TEAM
4	Kelly Walz	Ellen Schultz	Sandy Schafsnitz/ Nancy Clauss	Kamin Family/ Jill VanOchten	3
11	Kelly VanDenBoom	Kathy Bublitz	Nancy Clauss/ Denise Felske	Kevin Felske/ Ward Family	4
18	Phyllis Felske	Dale Bremer	Phyllis Felske/ Denise Felske	Kelly VanDenBoom/ Irene Weiss	1
25	Jen Shores	Lora & Makenna DeLong	Sandy Schafsnitz/ Jessica Karg	Kamin Family/ Jill VanOchten	2



October Birthdays

- 1 Mike Ruhanen
- 13 Nancy Clauss
Samantha Crawford
- 14 Wade Clauss
- 15 Vicke Raymond
Kristine Bauer
Nicole Zimmer
Dameo Jeske
- 16 Sue Rogner
Todd Felske
- 17 Bernadine Mielens – 92
- 19 Judy Stuart – over 80
Patricia Baranic
- 21 Phylis Brecht – 93
- 22 Janet Janson – 94
- 31 Jim Barrett



October Anniversaries

- 1 John & Amanda Ward 2011
- 5 Bob & Joyce Spiekerman 1963
Joe & Patty Baranic 1996
- 9 Marv & JoAnn Johnson 1971
- 14 Todd & Ellen Schultz 1990
- 17 Mike & Renae Kamin 2020
- 21 Jim & Dorothy VanOchten 1967
- 24 John & Linda Redwanz 1970



**Daylight Savings Time ends November 1st at 2 am.
Don't forget to set your clocks back one hour
before bedtime.**