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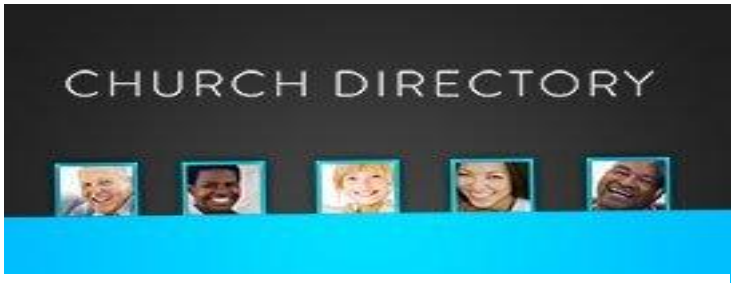
Christ Lutheran Church
November 2026 Newsletter



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: Pictures are available to be previewed and order forms are available if you would like to make a purchase. If you did not get a picture taken and would like to submit one for the directory, email it to the church office by **November 8th.** We hope to have the directory completed in December.



ALL SAINTS' DAY will be observed on Sunday, November 1st. We remember those friends and family who passed this year: Stewart Yockey, Ralph Bublitz, Hank Kuhne and Doris Howell.

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THANKSGIVING EVE WORSHIP will be at 4 pm Wednesday, November 25th.



POINSETTIA orders are being taken this month for Christmas. The cost remains at $15. Extra money raised will go to the youth. Order forms are on the bulletin boards. Please submit cash or check along with the form and place it in the offering plate or turn it into the office. **Order deadline is November 24th.** Poinsettias can be taken home after the Christmas Day service.

WORSHIP AND MUSIC COMMITTEE will meet **November 9th** at **10 am.**

EDUCATION COMMITTEE will meet **November 9th** at **6 pm.**

Dear CLC,
Since it is the time of year to think about what you are thankful for, I want to thank you all here at Christ Lutheran. After a season of a lot of traveling (thankfully for mostly good things) and mourning with my family after my grandfather's passing, it was helpful to know of your support and prayers.
I am also thankful for the goodness of our ever-loving God who leads this church. Let us give thanks for our Good Shepherd, Jesus Christ, from whom all good things come. He is ever present in our lives and in this church's ministries.

Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;
let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise! (Psalm 95:2)

Blessings and thanksgivings,
Pastor Phil

Happy Thanksgiving!
I love seeing the leaves turning color, but with that comes the raking, bagging or burning the leaves. The harvest is nearing its end, and we have a lot to be thankful for! I cannot wait for the Harvest Dinner! I want to thank everyone who brought many things to put on the sharing table for us to share!
All has been going well, choir is back, handbells are playing, and events have been well attended by the youth, and they are having a great time!
Now the quietness is going to be disrupted a little. A surprise for us all is a very generous family who has donated a new parking lot! They have asked to remain anonymous, and of course we will honor that! The project will take about three days to complete, and all the details are being worked out now. We are hoping to get this done before Thanksgiving. I thank this family and say a prayer of thanksgiving! God is Good to send us those who can do this for us all!
We are so blessed!
Sandy

Sunday Morning Adult Study

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL meets at 9:45 in the meeting room Sunday mornings. We are wrapping up our study on "What is the Church" on November 1st and will start a new study on Jonah November 8th. Come hang out with us while your kids are in Sunday School. All adults are welcome!



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.**



We invite our **VETERANS** to join us on **Sunday, November 8th** between services for a coffee hour to honor and thank them for their service to our country.



PASTOR PHIL WANTS TO VISIT WITH YOU!
Please sign up on the bulletin board calendar with the time - greyed out days I am unavailable.

FaithCircle

FAITH CIRCLE will meet on **November 2nd** at **10 am** when we will continue our study on Angels. Please join us.

Women's Ministry

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

JOY CIRCLE will meet **Thursday, November 12th** at **6:30 pm.** All women of the church are welcome. We look forward to seeing you!

Women's Bible Study

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY - All women of the congregation are invited to join us on **Thursday, November 12th**, 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 Three – The Christian as a Saint - Holiness It is true that people who keep the law and teach others to do the same are helping society. This obedience does help us live in safety, but it can not save us from our sin. Whenever the motive for obedience is to make ourselves greater or more righteous in the sight of God, the sin of pride is asserting itself. When obedience is self-focused, then our neighbor is being used as a means to an end. We are no longer loving and serving someone for their sake, but for our own. Jesus was clear - those who act this way will be exposed as white-washed tombs. Despite all of our sins, despite the self-righteousness of our good works, God still promises to scrub the walls of our white-washed tombs truly clean, making us not hypocrites but saints through His power. The reality of that sainthood is held within faith, not sight.



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.

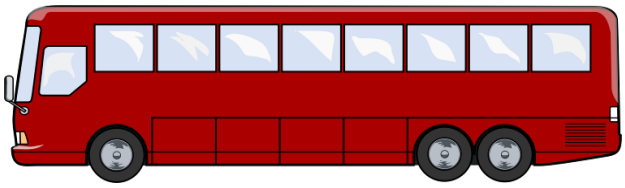


CHOIR PRACTICE is on **Monday** afternoons at **5.** We would love to have more voices join us!

HANDBELL CHOIR practices at **5 pm** on **Wednesdays**. There will be no practice November 25th.

EUCHRE FUN GAMES - Invite your family and friends and join us at **3 pm** for Euchre this fall on the following dates: **November 14th & 21st**. There is no Euchre in December.





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

7TH-12TH GRADE YOUTH - Saturday, November 14th @ 6:30pm - We will meet a church to carpool over to Stardust for Laser Tag.





SUNDAY SCHOOL CHILDREN PLAY BELLS - Sunday, November 15th @ 8:30 am service we will play, "We Gather Together".

COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT - Saturday, November 21st @ 10am - We will put together Christmas Totes in the Fellowship Hall. ***If anyone would like to donate items for the Christmas Totes there is a basket to drop off donations in the Narthex. We are in need of toothpaste, toothbrushes, toys, cards, card games, brushes, hairbows, stuffed animals, dolls, balls, brain teasers, fun socks, small makeup kits, etc.***





BAKE SALE FUNDRAISER - Sunday, November 22nd - We will have a Bake Sale in between services. All confirmands and youth interested in going on the Mission Trip will need to bring two items.

YOUTH & FAMILIES - Saturday, November 28th @ 5pm - We will be eating pizza and watching the movie David in the Fellowship Hall.



NOVEMBER ACOLYTE SCHEDULE

DATE	8:30 AM	11 AM
November 1	Annabelle Walz	Charlee Meyer
November 8	Owen VanDenBoom	Alissa Edie
November 15	MiKayla Schulz	Mya Mae Meyer
November 22	Deake Yax	Krissa Cunningham
November 29	Harper Bauer	Charlee Meyer



UCCS COLLECTION FOR NOVEMBER: Ketchup, mustard, fruit cups, toothbrushes and toothpaste. Donations are due by December 6th and can be placed in the bin under the coat rack. Please check that the 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 needs list will be printed in the Sunday bulletins and posted on the coat rack.



September and October Mission Offerings were designated to the United Theological College of the West Indies, Samaritas and Youth for Christ - Bluewater Thumb. Totals sent to these organizations will be available in the December newsletter. November and December Mission Offerings are designated to LCMC, LCMC Mission Congregations and Hidden Harvest.

Our Daily Bread Ministries™

OUR DAILY BREAD devotionals for September - November and large print for October - December are available in the lounge area. December - February regular print will be available in November.



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

Thank You

Thank you to everyone who purchased Butter-Braids or/and donated to the Youth.

Kelly



WEDNESDAY ADVENT SERVICES will be held at 4 pm on December 2nd, 9th and 16th. **We Three Kings** is a series of three services for Advent which features dramatic “interviews” not with the Wise Men but with three ancient monarchs whose reigns impacted directly on the coming of Christ • David, a direct ancestor of our Lord • Augustus, in whose reign Jesus was born • Herod, who sought to kill the infant Savior.

ADVENT MEALS will be served after the Wednesday Advent services. Meals will be paid for with a Thrivent grant. A free will donation will be accepted to be donated to the I Support the 1% Veteran’s Food Pantry. Two desserts will be needed per week. A sign up sheet will be posted.

Christ Lutheran Evangelical Lutheran Church of Reese
Church Council Meeting Minutes
October, 19, 2026

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

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

Pastor opened with prayer.

Monthly Reports

a. **Secretary Minutes**: A motion was made to accept the September Minutes by Dale, supported by Irene and the motion was carried.
b. **General Fund Report**: A motion was made to accept the General Funds Report by Dale, supported by Irene and the motion carried.
c. **Special Funds Report**: A motion was made to accept the Special Funds Report by Trista, supported by Mary and the motion carried.
d. **Office/Pastor's Report**:
    a. Pastor reported the High School classes have begun.
    b. Pastor reported the Youth group attended a presentation of The Chosen, season 6 at St Lorenz Church.
    c. Pastor reported the LCMC conference he attended went very well. Next year will be held in St. Louis Missouri.

Unfinished Business:

1. The congregational annual meeting will be held January 24, 2027.
2. The following updates were made on Frankenmuth Credit Union account's as follows:

Motion to update accounts at FCU on behalf of the Church to read Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church of Reese. Second line would be the specific fund. All the accounts use the Church EIN number and should all match by title. MOTION MADE BY Mary, SECONDED BY Irene. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion to add Sandra Schafsnitz, Church Council President, to all Church accounts at Frankenmuth Credit Union as per the church bylaws - specifically the Men's Club ending in 65, the Sunday School ending in 23, the CLCW ending in 65, and the Youth and Family Ministries account ending in 06. MOTION MADE BY Dale, SECONDED BY Mary. MOTION CARRIED.

Please delete Henry Kuhne from the Men's Club account and add Richard Zimmer as an authorized signer in his place. David Sigelko will remain as treasurer. MOTION MADE BY Dale, SECONDED BY Mary. MOTION CARRIED.

Please delete Jennifer Shores from the Youth and Family Account and add Deborah Heinzman as treasurer. Isacc Zimmer will continue as a signer. MOTION MADE BY Irene, SECONDED BY Dale. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion to close the basketball account ending in 65 and have the funds deposited into the Youth and Family Account ending in 06. MOTION MADE BY Irene, SECONDED BY Mary. MOTION CARRIED. Special thanks to Deb Heinzman for assisting on this project.

New Business:

1. A motion was made by Trista to purchase a new Angel Tree for the Christmas season for the Church Sanctuary using funds from the Memorial fund, supported by Dale and the motion carried.

1. A discussion was held on the safety of all of our parishioners during emergencies. The discussion was put on hold.

Ministry Reports:

Ministry of Youth and Family: Nothing to report.
Ministry of Property: Nothing to report
Ministry of Worship and Music: Nothing to report
Ministry of Outreach/Cong Life: Trista reported we will honor our Veterans Sunday, November 8, 2026, with a coffee hour between services.
Ministry of Education: Nothing to report
Ministry of Communication: Nothing to report

A motion was made to adjourn by Mary, supported by Irene and the meeting adjourned.

The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer at 8:39 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Joanne Connelly

THE PARKING LOT REPAVING PROJECT IS SCHEDULED TO START NOVEMBER 9TH AND IS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED NOVEMBER 11TH. DURING THIS TIME AND FOR THE REST OF THAT WEEK, PLEASE PARK ON THE GRASS.



The next monthly Church Council meeting is scheduled for **November 16th** at **7 pm.**

ATTENDANCE

	8:30 am Sunday	11 am Sunday	Wednesday	Sunday School
Oct. 4	70	5		13/3/7
Oct. 7			21	
Oct. 11	63	12		16/NA/8
Oct. 14			12	
Oct. 18	60	6		18/NA/6
Oct. 21			9	
Oct. 25	51	12		14/0/7
Oct. 28			16	

Worship Assistants for November

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



November Birthdays

2 Rachel Meyer
6 Tom Raymond
7 Ted Felske
Mitch Woolever
9 Bob Spiekerman – over 80
Ernie Rowe
10 Shelby Worth
12 Lloyd Smith
15 Jaidyn VanOchten
29 Isaac VanDenBoom
30 Linda Redwanz



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



Doris Howell passed away on October 4th. Her funeral service was held at Ware Smith Woolever Funeral Home on October 10th with Pastor Mark Gerisch presiding. Burial is in Eastlawn Memorial Gardens Cemetery.