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Christ Lutheran Church

May 2025 Newsletter

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday - 9 am Worship
- 10 am Sunday School
- 11 am Contemporary Worship
Wednesday - 4 pm - Midweek Worship
Summer Worship will be determined at the next Church Council meeting on May 19th.
Communion is celebrated at every worship service.

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CONFIRMATION SUNDAY is **May 18th** at **11 am**.
God's blessings on this year's confirmand, Jace VanOchten.



RECOGNITION OF GRADUATES is **Sunday, May 18th** at **9 am**. This year's high school graduate is Taylor Fachting. Taylor plans on studying Biomedical Sciences at SVSU in the fall.

We would also like to recognize any college graduates. If you are graduating from college this year, please notify the office.

Education Scholarships will be awarded June 1st.



SUNDAY SCHOOL

SUNDAY SCHOOL CHILDREN will be singing at the **9 am** service on **May 11th**.

The last day of Sunday School is **May 18th**. There will be an ice cream social for the children and their parents.



GERANIUMS for **Pentecost Sunday, June 8th**, can be ordered using the order form located on both bulletin boards and the back table. **Deadline to order is June 1st**. Price remains at \$6 with extra money going to the Youth Fund.



EUCHRE FUN GAMES - Mark your calendar and bring your family and friends for some fellowship and fun on the following dates and times: **May 10th – 2:00 pm** and **May 17th – 6:30 pm**. Note: Future dates and times will be discussed by those attending.

WORSHIP & MUSIC COMMITTEE will meet on **Monday, May 12th** at **6:30 pm**. Anyone who wants to be a part of this committee is invited to join us.

I want to start by saying, thank you! This past month has been a great honor to become the pastor here at Christ Lutheran. It has been a warm welcome, and I am genuinely appreciative of that welcome. So, thank you for all the housewarming gifts, help moving, and all the kind words so far.

Easter was a great time of worshipping our risen Lord, King Jesus! Holy Week was a blessing with all the services and the reception they had. I, personally, was impacted by the thought we encountered on Easter of Jesus as our Redeemer, and how Jesus puts right what we made wrong. I am grateful that Jesus endured my punishment, as well as yours, on the cross and rose from the dead to redeem you and me. What a wonderful friend we have in Jesus! Amen.

Besides worship on Sundays and Wednesdays, I have (slowly) been getting acquainted with the different ministries here at Christ Lutheran. I have been saying, it has been a lot so far, but it has all been good!

Peace,

Pastor Phil

My dear partners in Christ Jesus,

We are so thankful for Pastor Phil and the interest he is investing in each of us. He truly wants to know you. Many of you have introduced yourself, this is fantastic.

We have repaired the exhaust fan over the stoves, it was an easy fix, the belt was worn out. We are dealing with a few ants that want to join us, but we will find them another church.

There is a new AED two-sided sign hanging near the machine. There are three air purifiers in the sanctuary that were supplied to us at no charge. The heating boilers are temperamental. I called Dean Boiler Company to look at them and they will be replacing three relay modules. We are still waiting to hear back on a couple questions regarding the quotes. We will keep you informed.

The youth have raked the lawns and taken care of the needles near the shed, so we are looking great! The garden will soon be planted, and we look forward to the fresh vegetables!

I look forward to no jackets, open windows and the beautiful flowers throughout town!

Every day is a gift,

Sandy

COMMUNION HELPERS

| DATE | COMMUNION SETUP | COMMUNION ASSISTANTS | COMMUNION CLEANUP 9AM/11 AM |
|-------------|----------------------------|------------------------------------|--|
| May 4 | Dale Bremer | Phyllis Felske/ Nancy Clauss | Irene Weiss/ Jill VanOchten |
| May 11 | Lora & Makenna DeLong | Sandy Schafsnitz/ Denise Felske | Kelly VanDenBoom/ Ernie Rowe |
| May 18 | Ellen Schultz | Denise Felske/ Nancy Clauss | Kevin Felske/ John & Amanda Ward |
| May 25 | Nancy Clauss | Nancy Clauss/ Sandy Schafsnitz | Renae Kamin/TBD |

FaithCircle

FAITH CIRCLE will meet **Monday, May 5th at 10 am**. Come and join us in the Bible Study of **"Busyness, Finding God in the Whirlwind"**. We will hear the invitation to draw the strength we need for the day from God.



JOY CIRCLE will meet on **Thursday, May 8th at 6:30 pm**. All women of the church are welcome.



WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY - All Women of the Congregation are welcome to come join us on **Thursday, May 8th from 7 - 8 pm** as we conclude **"The Proverbs 31 Women and the Stories of Faithful Women in Scripture"** Bible Study. This study explores real women, with real struggles and gifts – women with deep, abiding faith and a passion for the will of God. **Session 9 – The Story of Priscilla:** The word "orthodoxy", the theme of this lesson, refers to right teaching or right belief. We see this exemplified in the lives of Priscilla and Aquila. They knew the Scriptures and understood the full story of Christ and His salvation. They shared His truths with the people who fell under their care. And they approached their task with understanding, compassion and courage.



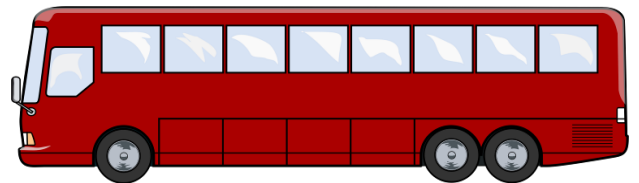
COMMUNITY SERVICE EVENT - **Saturday, May 10th at 2 pm** we will meet to plant the community garden.



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



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.



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 for 2025!

May 13th, 2025 - Soaring Eagle Day Trip

May 19-21, 2025 - 2 nights. Traveling to the Island Resort and Casino in Harris. On day one we will stop in Mackinaw City at the Odawa Casino before crossing the bridge, then travel across beautiful US-2 before arriving at the Island Resort and Casino for your 2 night stay.

September 7-11, 2025 - Lancaster, PA. Trip includes seeing Noah at the Sight & Sound Theater.
September 17-25, 2025 - New England Adventure. Trip includes Maine, Vermont & New Hampshire.

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



OUR DAILY BREAD DEVOTIONALS for June - August are available in the basket in the lounge area. Large print should be available in June.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

June 23rd - 26th: VBS will be held at Christ Lutheran this year. The theme is "Magnified". We are in need of volunteers such as a storyteller, group leaders, kitchen help, craft helpers, and recreation helpers. If you are interested in helping, please let Kelly know. There are forms in the Narthex to sign up as a volunteer and also to register your child/children. Volunteers will have T-shirts again this year, so please be sure to fill that portion in on your form.



KICKBALL! Wednesdays starting July 12th at 6:30pm. Children and adults of all ages are invited to join us for some fellowship and Blooper Ball/Kickball fun. This is totally not competitive, but is a ton of fun and a great time to get to know other members of the congregation. If you don't want to play, come on out any way. We could always use some cheerleaders.

Thank You

The Men's Club would like to thank Nancy Clauss for chairing the fish fry and all the people that volunteered their time to work and bake cookies for the event. Many people commented how delicious the food was and wanted to know when our next fish fry was going to be. Congratulations to everyone on a very successful fish fry.

Dave Sigelko

Thank you to all the Sunday School children who colored all the beautiful butterflies and flowers to decorate the cross. Thank you to Kaitlyn and her mom who cut them all out.

Robbie Oldenburg

A special thank you to everyone that helped with the meals, brought desserts and helped with clean up. Also, thanks to all that attended, joined in the fellowship, and enjoyed a good meal. It was a blessing to have the Thrivent Grant to provide the funds for the meals.

Deva Weber

Thank you to Deva Weber for your hard work on the Lenten dinners. Meals were enjoyed by all.

Thank you for your congregation's gift to Lutheran World Relief. I am so grateful for your generous support.

Daniel V Speckhard, President and CEO

Christ Lutheran Church of Reese Michigan
CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Monday, April 21, 2025

Present: Chris Bublitz, Lora DeLong, Mary Felske, Shirley Grabowski, Trista Jeske-Yax, Sandy Schafsnitz, Jen Shores, Kelly Walz, Irene Weiss and Pastor Phil

Guest: Deb Heinzman

Excused: David Abraham and John Ward

Opened in Prayer: Pastor Phil open in prayer at 7:04 pm

1. Deb Heinzman is struggling to find organists to fill in for Judy. Val Janson picked up Confirmation Sunday and Terese will play for funerals. Deb can order music videos that feature hymns that we typically use, from CCLI, to help fill in on the Sundays that we do not have an organist. Lora DeLong made a motion to order the music videos, it was supported by Irene Weiss and carried. Deb also suggested to have David Abraham cease streaming the music played before and after service, because we will have to pay additional licensing fees.
2. Monthly Reports
 - a. **Secretary Minutes:** Kelly will change the \$699 for the water heater to \$599 and change Mark Felske to Mary Felske in the March Meeting Minutes. A motion was made by Mary Felske to accept the minutes with the amendments, supported by Shirley Grabowski, and was carried to accept the minutes.
 - b. **General Fund Report:** A motion was made by Jen Shores to accept, supported by Shirley Grabowski, and was carried to accept the report.
 - c. **Special Funds Report:** A motion was made by Lora DeLong to accept, supported by Shirley Grabowski and was carried to accept the report.
 - d. **Office/Pastor's Report:** Pastor has made 4 home visits and 4 hospital visits.
3. Unfinished Business
 - a. **Air Conditioning in the Fellowship Hall:** Sandy Schafsnitz received three quotes for air conditioning the hall. Ryczek quoted \$56,000, Johnson Controls quoted \$25,000 and Goyette quoted \$23,000. Sandy was not impressed with Goyette. Jen asked if there were any riders to lock us into anything. Sandy did not believe so, but she will double-check with Johnson Controls and she will also check into the wording on electric and power install and clarify what it entails. This is tabled until we receive answers and will most likely require a vote from the congregation.
 - b. **Gas Stove/Exhaust:** This needed a new belt and has been fixed.
 - c. **Roof Drains:** We had standing water on the roof. Buchinger Roofing came out and cleaned the drains on the roof. We need to set up time in the spring and fall to clean out the roof drains, probably April 1st and November 1st should be put on the calendar. Sandy recommended having two people work together on this project.
 - d. **Window in the Kitchen:** The window in the kitchen has still not been fixed. We are asking people not to open the window until it is fixed. This is on John Ward's project list.
 - e. **Boilers:** Dean Boiler needs to fix three pump relay modules. The approximate cost is \$711.33 to fix.
 - f. **AED Sign:** Schwartz Graphics has created the sign, and Sandy will get it up this week.
4. New Business
 - a. **Air Purifiers – Filters**
 - b. **Grass:** Tony and Carter DeLong will mow the grass this year. Deb Heinzman said that Ernie is willing to help as well.
 - c. **VBS/Safety, Abuse and Neglect Training:** St. Elizabeth is requiring all volunteer adults that are in their building to attend a two-hour training session in St. Louis, MI, Port Austin, MI or Freeland, MI. Kelly expressed the concern of trying to get all of the volunteers to the training before VBS starts and that some volunteers might not want to volunteer if they have to travel to and sit through all of the training. She is waiting to hear if there is an online option and/or if maybe just she and the three people that had the VBS program at St. Elizabeth could be the

only ones to do the training. Kelly also offered to have it at our church again this year. As soon as she has answers she will let everyone know. Jen Shores also may be able to find someone to provide this information to our volunteers as well, so that we do not have to travel.

5. Ministry Reports

- a. **Ministry of Youth and Family:** Jen reported that the 6th- 12th Grade Youth attended The Chosen at the Vassar Movie Theatre. The Community Service project to clean up the church yard was done on April 12th. There is still more to do, so they will meet again on April 26th. The Younger Youth will be going to the Delta Pool on April 26th. The Community Garden will hopefully be planted on May 10th.
- b. **Ministry of Property:** N/A
- c. **Ministry of Worship and Music:** Irene asked Pastor Phil if we will be going to one service for the summer. It will be discussed at the next meeting.
- d. **Social Ministry, Outreach, Congregational Life:** Trista reported that they had 7 tables again and will probably do two events a month starting on the fall again. She will get with Kelly to work on a Loons Trip.
- e. **Ministry of Education:** May 18th will be the last Sunday for Sunday School, and they will have an Ice Cream Social for the kids and parents. Sunday School will resume Sunday, September 7th. May 18th is also Confirmation Sunday and Jace VanOchten will be our only confirmand.
- f. **Ministry of Communication:** N/A
- g. Pastor Phil is working through the shut-in list and trying to visit everyone. He would like to meet with families. He would like to begin with Church Council members after the shut-in visits. He also asked why we quit sharing the peace? We explained that it was because of Covid. He would like to begin sharing the peace again in a few weeks.

6. Lora made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Shirley supported, and the motion was carried. We closed the meeting with the Lord's Prayer at 8:27pm.

7. Next meeting will be Monday, May 19th at 7pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Kelly Walz, Secretary

ATTENDANCE

| April | 9 am Sunday | 11 am Sunday | Wednesday | Sunday School |
|-------|-------------|--------------|-----------|---------------|
| 2 | | | 35 | |
| 6 | 144 | Installation | Sunday | N/A |
| 9 | | | 46 | |
| 13 | 90 | 20 | | 16 |
| 17 | Maundy | Thursday | 42/33 | |
| 18 | Good | Friday | 35/21 | |
| 20 | 138 | 23 | | N/A |
| 23 | | | 25 | |
| 27 | 58 | 16 | | 15 |
| 30 | | | 12 | |

Worship Assistants for May

| DATE | LECTOR | ACOLYTE 9 am/11 am | USHER TEAM |
|--------|------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------|
| May 4 | Phyllis Felske | Logan Matthews/ Jace VanOchten | 3 |
| May 11 | Kelly VanDenBoom | Annabelle Walz/ Krissa Cunningham | 4 |
| May 18 | Jen Shores | Laine Yax/ William Ward | 1 |
| May 25 | Renee Zimmer | To be determined | 2 |



May Birthdays

- 2 Paula Anklam
- Janet Wascher
- 3 Joanne Connelly
- 4 Rowen Donath
- 5 Linda Lapak
- Diane Kuhne
- 7 Susan Kolak
- 8 Jace VanOchten
- 10 Stephen Yax
- 12 Dorothy Watkins - 94th
- Joe Baranic
- 15 Laine Yax
- 16 JoAnn Johnson
- 17 Carol Bremer - over 80
- Dale Bremer
- 19 Virginia Stockmeyer – 92nd
- Amanda Ward
- 26 Judy Haske – over 80
- Sandra Schafsnitz
- 27 Deva Weber
- Jacob Bauer
- 28 Levi Bauer
- Willa Karg
- 29 Waylon Stuart
- 31 Joyce Spiekerman - over 80

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

May Anniversaries

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|----|-------------------------|------|
| 2 | Randy & Deb Heinzman | 1981 |
| 4 | Bernie & Debbie Bittner | 1979 |
| 12 | Tom & Jill Lynch | 1984 |
| 16 | Alex & Laura Squanda | 1997 |

Shirley Mielens passed away on April 22nd. Her funeral service was April 27th with Pastor Phil officiating. Burial is at Floral Gardens Cemetery in Bay City.



UCCS COLLECTION FOR MAY & JUNE: Personal care items: shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, bath soap, tooth-paste & toothbrushes.

Watch for Good Samaritan Rescue Mission needs in the Sunday bulletin.