

### **Ten Ways to Love**

- 1. Listen without interrupting (*Proverbs 18*)
- 2. Speak without accusing. (James 1:19)
- 3. Give without sparing. (Proverbs 21:26)
- 4. Pray without ceasing. (Colossians 1:9)
- 5. Answer without arguing (*Proverbs 17:1*)
- 6. Share without pretending. (Ephesians 4:15)
- 7. Enjoy without complaint. (*Philippians 2:14*)
- 8. Trust without wavering (*Corinthians 13:7*)
- 9. Forgive without punishing (*Colossians 3:13*)
- 10. Promise without forgetting (*Proverbs 13:12*)

What if you woke up today, and all you had left was what you thanked God for yesterday?

We will seek God's will, share God's love, and serve as Christ's people.

# Worship Information

Sunday:

9:00 am Sunday School

10:00 am Worship

Confirmation Class- Wednesdays 6:30pm-7:30pm

Broadcasts:

Sunday, 11:30 am Worship broadcast on

Radio KJOE FM 106.1

### **Executive Council**

Jeff Grieme, President Sharlene Anderson, Vice President Janet Opdahl, Secretary Nathan Wurpts, Treasurer

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"Slayton Christ Lutheran Church"

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### **Prayer Requests**

Call the church office at 507-836-8291, or e-mail with your prayer requests. If you would like a pastoral visit or be included in pastoral prayers during worship, please call the church office.

### Address, Phone & Email Corrections

Christ Lutheran maintains a database of all members. If you have had any changes to your address, phone number, marital status, etc. please contact Bobbi-Jo with your name and the changes that need to be made.

### If You Are Ill

Hospitals no longer notify churches when their members are admitted for care. While we feel these laws are important to maintain your privacy, we would like to support you with prayer and a visit. Please call the church office 836-8291 to keep us informed of your situation.

### Weather Policy

When school is let out early because of stormy weather, we will automatically cancel after-school and evening events that night. We will rarely cancel Sunday morning worship, as people appreciate the radio broadcast even more in stormy weather. Sunday School may be cancelled, however, Listen to KJOE Radio for news of storm -related cancellations, or check the

"Slayton Christ Lutheran Church" Facebook page. The Office will be closed when school is closed.

Dear Christ Lutheran members and friends,

I came into the church on Monday morning - January 22nd - and opened my 'One Year Bible' and had a reading from Proverbs 4-11-13, where King Solomon wrote the following, 'I instruct you in the way of wisdom and lead you along straight paths. 12 When you walk, your steps will not be hampered; when you run, you will not stumble. 13 Hold on to instruction, do not let it go; guard it well, for it is your life.'

I started to ponder the meaning of this short yet very poignant Bible passage. Solomon reminds his son that he taught him the way of wisdom and led him in the paths of uprightness. Two observations are significant in this verse. First, it is important to teach others how they should live.

Second, it is also important to lead by example. This statement is complicated, coming from someone like Solomon. Scripture records that he drifted from following wisdom (1 Kings 11:4), only to realize his mistakes (Ecclesiastes 12:13). Spoken to a student (Proverbs 4:1), using fatherly terminology, this might be more literally true. Even so, a good father can use his own mistakes to help a child learn what is best. Solomon's own experience might have enhanced that message, in fact (Proverbs 4:13).

The use of a "path" as a metaphor for life is used often in the Bible. A rocky, twisting, darkened road is harder to navigate, and enhances the risks of falling. Straight and clear paths are much better — this is why TRUTH and GODLINESS are spoken of as "paths of uprightness," and so forth.

The apostle Paul both preached and lived out godly wisdom. He reminded the Christians at Thessalonica that he and his coworkers had declared God's Word to them "in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction" (1 Thessalonians 1:5), and had modeled the Christian life among them (1 Thessalonians 5:6).

As a result, the Thessalonian believers had become imitators of Paul and his teammates and "an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia" (1 Thessalonians 1:7). In his first letter to Timothy, Paul commanded Timothy to teach good doctrine and set an example for the believers "in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith, in purity" (1 Timothy 4:11–16).

Yet, as I have come to realize in my personal life, my church life, and my teaching life - there are many naysayers you will meet in your life who try to take you down the wrong path by their lies and deceitful ways. This can be especially sad when it is people from your own family, your place of employment, and/or your own church.

From 2 Timothy chapter 4 verses 3 and 4 - Apostle Paul wrote, '**3** For the time is coming when people will not endure sound[<u>a</u>] teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions, **4** and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander off into myths.'

This is unacceptable behavior for children, let alone adults who should know better. How can your family, your place of employment, and/or your church every truly grow and become a place of inspiration and hope for everyone when you have those 'false teachers'?

When you look in your bathroom mirror every morning and every night, who do you truly see? A 'Truly Devoted Christian' or a 'Christian Lite' - one who turns and twists things like the Pharisees to meet their personally needs - yet sits in the pews and acts just like those Jewish leaders of Jesus' days. Be careful like King Solomon was trying to teach his sons the appropriate ways. Don't become like those Jewish leaders.

As you see King Solomon's life was far from perfect. He went down many paths and regretted it as he reflected upon his life. So, as we start this month of February after just having our Annual Meeting on the 28th of January - we have many incredible leaders here at Christ Lutheran who I truly believe have sound doctrine and can help us grow our church and who are also pillars in our communities.

Leaders must remember - that you are not in front of others to make an impression on them. Leaders are not seeking to draw attention to themselves. Their purpose is to serve God and to help His people learn to do the same. When a leader works for God without the thought of reward - they demonstrate their fitness to be a great leader.

Again, King Solomon's wrote in his Proverb, "I instruct you in the way of wisdom and lead you along straight paths. **12** When you walk, your steps will not be hampered; when you run, you will not stumble. **13** Hold on to instruction, do not let it go; guard it well, for it is your life.'

May we all do the same!

Here are some items to remember for this upcoming month of February and into March as well -

- **Ash Wednesday** is on Valentine's Day the 14th. The service will start at 6:30 and we will have communion.
- Lenten season starts on February 21st and concludes on March 20th. The service will start at 6:30 and we will not have communion. Each service will be about 30minutes in length. Here are all the dates - February 21st. & 28th, March 6th, 13th, and 20th
- **Easter** is on March 31st. We tentatively have a 10:00 worship service time with communion.
- Messy Spirituality (God's Annoying Love for Imperfect People) - we have just started a new Bible Study on learning about our messy lives with God and how He still loves us regardless of what we have done. Please join us on this eight week class. The book is \$15.00, yet please come even if you don't want the book.
- **Sunday School** just a reminder our Sunday School runs from 9:00 to 9:45. We are blessed to have amazing adults teaching our youth!
- Griefshare is a class where people are always
  welcomed to come and talk about their loss of a loved
  one in a quiet, confidential environment in the
  Chapel Lounge at 6 pm each Monday led by Mary
  Baune and Lorna Badar.
- Home Visits please call, text, or email me anytime if you want me to visit with you or just want to talk. You are always welcomed to stop in the church to just talk, as well.

God's Blessings!!!

Pastor Chad Duffy 712-330-1491 cduffy0405@gmail.com

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# Christ Lutheran Church Executive Council Minutes

December 13, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by President Sue Blackmer. Those in attendance were: Pastor Duffy, Lorna Bader, Gail Radke, Trish Grieme, Jeff Grieme, Karen Tommerassen, Curt Jensen, Kathy Wurpts, Nancy Moberg, and Janet Opdahl

Pastor led us with devotions taken from Psalm 33.

The agenda was approved as presented. M/S/P Jeff and Lorna

The secretary's report for November 8,2023 was reviewed and approved. M/S/P Kathy and Nancy

The treasurer's report was reviewed and filed for audit. There was discussion about looking into buying a short-term CD. A motion was made to purchase a\$10,000 CD best possible interest rate (which was 5.75% for Nine months at FNB, Slayton) M/S/P Curt and Lorna

Presidents Report- A reminder is given to all boards and committees for their updated ministerial descriptions and annual reports.

### **Board Reports:**

Fellowship and Service: report submitted

Mission Outreach: report submitted

Parish Education/Youth: report submitted

Stewardship: report submitted Worship: report submitted WCLC: report submitted

### **Unfinished Business:**

- 1. Constitution-It will not be finished until 2025
- Shetek Lutheran Ministries-Discussed and a motion that donation should be based on active members with a check for additional balance owed to be sent. M/S/P Curt/Gail
- 3. Ballot from nominating committee: a motion made to accept this- M/S/P Trish/Gail

### **New Business:**

Annual report Everyone who hasn't finished their end of the year report or budget, needs to get them in to Bobbi by December 15.

1.Fellowship & Service A discussion regarding inventory of the kitchen prior to the Fellowship and Service members exchanging positions was held. Volunteer help was discussed and it was decided that it would be best to utilize volunteers to maintain order in the kitchen. But, it was decided the main documentation and inventory should be done by the Board members. The meeting was adjourned at 9:00pm with the Lord's Prayer. M/S/P Kathy and Lorna The next meeting is January 10, 2024 at 7:00 pm

Respectfully submitted

Janet Opdahl, Secretary to the Council

### Fellowship & Service December 13, 2023

Blessing to all those at Christ Lutheran. November has been fantastic for having parishioners sign up for coffee. I thank you all for the help. I am happy to see an increase in the past couple of weeks of people coming for coffee. I also enjoy being able to see the parishioners talking with one another. It is so fantastic when we are able to talk to one another and share our ideas. I do so enjoy when people reach out to me with new ideas. The amount in the checking account for Fellowship and Service is \$8503.10.

Respectfully submitted. Connie Berglund

### Parish Education Board December 13, 2023

The Children made and sold candy stocking stuffers. With the pumpkin and candy sales \$500 was made to donate to the Murray County Christmas Project. A check was given to Leroy Prahm and a picture taken.

Practice has begun for the Christmas program to be presented on December 17<sup>th</sup>. Coffee and cookies will follow with the Women helping to serve.

Pastor Chad continues a Bible study using the book "Not a Silent Night".

Nancy and Greg Moberg continue to teach confirmation on Wednesday nights. Mentors meet once a month. Respectfully submitted.

Lorna Bader

### Stewardship Committee December 13, 2023

To you dedicated Stewardship Committee people and Pastor Chad, Thank you for a challenging and inspirational year! The Synod's Revitalization Pilot was a big challenge, and we have really learned a lot.... not that we could ever have done all that was presented. But we did come to appreciate the newer, better ways that churches could operate. Hopefully these ideas can be implemented by your committee next year.... giving us the Vision and Mission that we've been seeking. We've laid the groundwork; with God's help and guidance we will become the family church that so many have talked about and wished for.

God bless you all, Karen Tommeraasen

### **Worship Committee Report**

We met on Wednesday, November 29<sup>th</sup>, to schedule our January 2024 worship assistants.

Present: Linda Wing, Karen Torbert & Trish Grieme Absent: Cindi Pavlis

After scheduling the worship assistants we discussed how our year went and what we needed to do to update the Ministry Description for the Board of Worship & Evangelism.

We've said it monthly, but continue to appreciate everyone who steps up with their time and talents. If there is anything you think you might be interested in learning, we welcome conversation and would love to add you to our list.

Respectively submitted. Trish Grieme

### **Property & Management Board Meeting**

Minutes from 11/29/2023 (December) Members Present: Jan Cuperus, Jeff Grieme, Denny Lickness, Jim Jens, & Curt Jensen.

### **Topics Discussed**

As per the current church constitution the budget was examined and discussed. The Property & Management Board concluded that we have insufficient data i.e.-projected revenue, payroll expenses, etc. to formulate a 2024 budget. The board feels that the Church Council should delegate budget planning to others with more information and expertise to finalize a new budget. Exterior doors for the chapel lounge and two adjacent to the alter area need replacement. It was previously decided to possibly replace them over time. The door to the east of the alter needs to be replaced first due to water pipe freezing in that area. Jim will get bids on door replacement.

The meeting was adjourned and Curt Jensen will report Board discussions to the Church Council.

The next Property & Management Board meeting is planned for 12/27/2023.

### **Lenten Services**

Ash Wednesday, February 14th at 6:30pm Wednesday, February 21st at 6:30pm Wednesday, February 28th at 6:30pm Wednesday, March 6th at 6:30pm Wednesday, March 13th at 6:30pm Wednesday, March 20th at 6:30pm

Each service will be about 30-minutes in length.
We will not have communion.
No meals before services

Maundy Thursday, March 28th at 6:30pm (Communion)

Good Friday, March 29th at 6:30pm (No Communion)

### **Easter Sunday**

Sunday, March 31st at 9:00am

## Opal Soderholm will be celebrating her 100th Birthday on February 13th.

She would appreciate Visits and or Cards.

Her Address is: 149 1st Ave Room 308 Westbrook MN 56183



### Worship Assistants

### Sunday February 4, 2024

Lector Kathy Wurpts
Ushers Connie & Jim Berglund
Power Point Laurie Jensen
Communion Deb Staples & Sharon Staples
Acolyte/ Bell ringer Jaida Carlson

### Sunday February 11, 2024

Lector Linda Wing
Ushers Pat Erickson & Chuck Blackmer
Power Point Jaida Carlson
Communion Linda Wing & Heidi Pedersen

### Sunday February 18, 2024

Lector Caren Voss
Ushers Sue Gass & Bill Nielson
Power Point Sue Blackmer
Communion Karen Frisk & Jim Jens
Acolyte/ Bell ringer Roya Wurpts

### Sunday February 25, 2024

Lector Sam Jens
Ushers Gene Short & Tom Kappes
Power Point Trish Grieme
Communion Lorna Bader & Judy Laboda

2023 Annual Report's are available in the Narthax.

# Christ Lutheran's Calendar for February, 2024

# Financial Information



4% of your offerings each month will be sent to the Synod office to meet our Synod Mission Support goal.

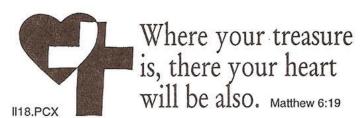
January Offering: \$10,449.06
(As of January 29th)
December offering to pay bills: \$33,464.02
December bills paid: \$29,166.53

### **Prayer Concerns**

Joyce Larson, Harris Johnson, Opal Soderholm, Kathy Marco, Rick Staples, Matt Clarke, Ken Borgstahl, Josh Berglund, Dale Nelson, Gwen Hartlep, Kim Lavoy (Ron & Judy Schreier's daughter), Helen Hutt (Alice Beattie's Sister), Robert Peton (Cynthia Duffy's brother) Harris Swan (Connie Berglund & Gail Radke's uncle) Jean Mundy (Elvera Nelson's sister)

Continue to remember in prayer ~

- Those dealing with cancer and other long-term illnesses.
- Members who are shut-in
- Service men and women
- Those who mourn the loss of loved ones
- Those dealing with mental health issues



### From your Parish Nurse... February is American HEART Month!

Did you know that people who have close relationships at home, work, or in their community tend to be healthier and live longer? One reason, according to the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute, is that we're more successful at meeting our health goals when we work on them with others. Here are some facts, how-to tips and resources to inspire you to join with others, even if you can't be physically together, to improve your heart health.

Heart disease is a leading cause of death for both men and women in the U.S. Most middle-aged and young adults have one or more risk factors for heart disease, such as diabetes, high blood pressure, high cholesterol, or being a smoker or overweight. Having multiple risk factors increases your risk for heart disease.

### Why Connecting is Good for your Heart

Feeling connected with others and having positive, close relationships benefit our overall health, including our blood pressure and weight. Having people in our lives who motivate and care for us helps, as do feelings of closeness and companionship. Follow these heart-healthy lifestyle tips to protect your heart. It will be easier and more successful if you work on them with others, including by texting or phone calls if needed.

- \*Be more physically active. You don't have to make big changes all at once.
- \*Maintain a healthy weight. Small steps will get you where you want to go.
- \*Eat a nutritious diet.
- \*Quit smoking.
- \*Reduce stress.
- \*Get 7-8 hours of quality sleep.
- \*Track your heart health stats.

### Move more

Invite family, friends, colleagues, or members of your community to join you in your efforts to be more Physically active:

- \*Ask a colleague to walk "with you" on a regular bases, put the date on both your calendars, and text or call to make sure you both get out for a walk.
- \*Even chair exercises are great!!

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### Our Mission:

To mobilize women to act boldly on their faith in Jesus Christ.

### WCLC Board Meeting

Tuesday, February 6, 2023

### Love Circle

Monday, February 12, 3:00 pm

### Peace Circle

Wednesday, February 14, at 9:00 am

### Quilting

Monday, February 26, at 1:00 pm Tuesday, February 27, at 1:00 pm

### **WCLC Council Report**

December 13th, 2023

The WCLC Board met on Tuesday, December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

The Balance on Hand as of November 30, 2023 in the Treasury is \$5,143.05. The total Thank Offering this year was \$1,647.30, which is included in the Nov. 30<sup>th</sup> balance above, will be sent to the National WELCA office to be distributed to various missions on the national level.

Reports from Committees were given and placed on file.

### Notes:

- 1.Quilting room renovation continues. Quilters have raised a total \$3,490.82 in fundraisers towards this project. The 2nd Quilt Silent Auction netted \$530.00.
- A grant of \$350.00 from Nobles County Coop's "Operation Round-up Program" was received toward the quilt room renovations. Kathy Behrends and Jim Jens have spent many hours painting the quilt room. Slayton Electric has completed the electrical work. Slayton Plumbing has to reinstall the heater. New flooring is planned. Jeff Grieme and Property & Management Committee will install the flooring, which will save a lot of money.
- 2. The WCLC Handbook for 2024 is completed will be printed and distributed to the women of CLC.
- 3.The WCLC will help serve the coffee after the SS program on Dec. 17<sup>th</sup>. Cookies for the coffee are being solicited from the congregation so we don't have to buy cookies.
- 4.Plans for the All Women's Christmas Potluck on Wed. Dec. 13<sup>th</sup> were finalized. Lisa Kremer, Carin Voss's sister, will speak about her pilgrimage to the Holy Land.
- 5. The year-end distribution of our funds to various local charities was decided on and a total of \$2,033.00 was given out. An itemized listing of these distributions will be in the CLC Annual Report.
- 6.Quilting Dates are Monday December 18<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday December 19<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm.
- 7. Our next meeting date is January 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2024.

Respectfully Submitted, Kathy Wurpts, President of WCLC

# February Birthdays

- Nicole Ash Ellen Malone Connor Kirchner
- Brenda Loosbrock Hailey Sinnen Reid Stokesbary Ivy Sandvig
- Steve Muecke
- Tim Gass
- Susan Blackmer Kraig Boese Kimberly DeLong Pam Peters Brvce Gertsema
- Derek Anderson Alba Hippen **Daisy Pierson**
- Judy Hakeneis
- Mitchell Hegstad Jodi Klein
- 10 Trish Grieme
- 11 Jim Johnson Carson Lewis
- 12 Kevin Ragan Crosby Sandvig
- 13 Kyle Cheskie Denver Kruse Dennis Lickness Zachary Ostman Rachel Malone Opal Soderholm
- 15 Lloyd Finke Arl Weinrebe
- 16 Elsie Lindberg

- Abby Van Meveren Ann Kirlin
- 18 Roy Radke Kris Rohrer Kim Winter Jakob Etrheim
- 19 Brad Hovdet
- 21 Donna Larson
- 22 Logan Gass Katie Johansen Joshua Peterson Amy Anderson
- 23 Mack Carlson
- 24 Scott Blv Betty Like Jacob Swart
- 25 Dorothy Mears Van Prahm Katie Voss
- 26 Cole Hegstad Hannah Hegstad James Rise
- 28 John Leysen





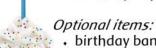
Please contact the office if you notice a mistake or omission on the Birthday or Anniversary lists. Thanks for your help!



For Murray County Food Shelf

Each large birthday gift bag should contain:

- box of cake mix
- can of frosting
- candles
- · birthday paper plates
- · birthday napkins



- · birthday banners
- · birthday cards
- · or anything you choose to add

### **Cash Donations**

for the Murray County Food Shelf can be made to either Christ Lutheran Church or Murray County Food Shelf



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# **Shetek Lutheran Ministries Where Christ Renews and Empowers**



We do rent our cross country skis and snowshoes to use this winter!

Help send kids to Camp...

Become a Pelican Club or Timber Society member today. Pelican Club members support the ministry with a gift of \$100 - \$499 a year and Timber Society members give \$500 or more a year.

Thanks for your support!

### <u>Mark your Calendar</u>

March 10-11 Confirmation Retreat
March 18 Pre-Marriage Retreat
March 26 Sugar Bush Pancake Breakfast
Register at shetek.org or
Call 507-763-3567 for more information

"I have loved you with an everlasting love; therefore I have drawn you with loving kindness." Jeremiah 31:3

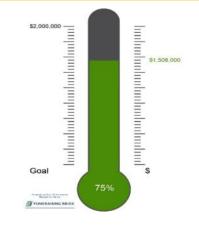
### Wish List

17 ft Aluminum canoe Vest style life jackets
Office supplies – reams of paper Pick-up truck
Volunteers
Summer staff - shetek.org/work-at-shetek



We met our Phase 1 goal! \$1,508,000 in gifts and pledges! Our challenge goal is \$2,000,000 and with increased costs, our budget has changed for our different phases. More info on our website.

https://shetek.org/slm-master-plan/



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