



# Christ Lutheran News

March, 2024

## ***Footprints in the Sand***

One night I had a dream...  
I dreamed I was walking along the beach with the Lord, and  
Across the sky flashed scenes from my life.  
For each scene I noticed two sets of footprints in the sand;  
One belonged to me, and the other to the Lord.  
When the last scene of my life flashed before us,  
I looked back at the footprints in the sand.  
I noticed that many times along the path of my life,  
There was only one set of footprints.  
I also noticed that it happened at the very lowest and sad-  
dest times in my life  
This really bothered me, and I questioned the Lord about it.  
"Lord, you said that once I decided to follow you,  
You would walk with me all the way;  
But I have noticed that during the most troublesome  
times in my life,  
There is only one set of footprints.  
I don't understand why in times when I  
needed you the most, you should leave me.  
The Lord replied, "My precious, precious  
child. I love you, and I would never,  
never leave you during your times of  
trial and suffering.  
When you saw only one set of footprints,  
It was then that I carried you."

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

**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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**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,  
How have you been doing during our very odd winter season which is starting to come to a close? I am sure we will have another winter storm from now until mid-April (hopefully not!) - but spring is coming as we turn our clocks ahead an hour on March 10th and spring occurs officially on the 19th. This reminds me of 'Spring Cleaning' and cleaning out stuff in our house and our garage (if you have one) along with reflecting upon our lives and trying to figure out where our lives are at. This is a great time to do this during the Lenten season, as this is a season of reflection and preparation awaiting Easter Sunday.

During this Lenten season as we reflect upon our lives and prepare for Easter, which is on March 31st, this is a great time to see where our life is going today, in the next few months, and throughout this 2024 year? Do you have 'stuff' you still have in your closet that you know you should be getting rid of yet you keep it for some reason? Have you ever asked yourself, 'Why do I keep it?' or do you say to yourself, 'One day I'll need that 1970s checked pair of pants?'

With all humor aside, this brings me to our 'Spiritual Life'. These past few months our church has been studying from a book called, ***Messy Spirituality - God's Annoying Love for Imperfect People***. Back on February 21st - for our 1st Wednesday of Lent - I spoke about this book and want to share a few thoughts for you to ponder this month.

A few weeks ago we were discussing Chapter 2 titled - ***The Place Where Are Messiness and Jesus Meet***. The author, Michael Yaconelli, stated that spiritual people admit that they are unfinished - incomplete - imperfect - - in progress - and 'Under Construction'

He said, 'Spiritual describes someone who is incomplete, imperfectly living their life for God. The 'Construction Site' of our souls exposes our flaws and our self-doubt in ourselves.' When we seek God - Jesus begins to take shape in our lives. He begins good work in us - but the finishing process is a more-than-a-lifetime process. The work of God in our lives will never be finished' -Mike said - '...until we meet Jesus face-to-face'. The author of Hebrews - wrote, 'Let us fix our eyes on Jesus - the author - the perfecter - (our finisher) of our faith.'

In other words, 'Spirituality isn't about being finished and perfect - spirituality is about trusting God in our unfinishedness.' We are constantly cleaning our spiritual closets out and being renewed each day. Maybe, today, you feel unqualified to call yourself a Christian because of your 'closet', your background, and because of your mistakes - but it is truly amazing how God can use the most unqualified in life like you and me to continue to build up God's kingdom.

It's amazing how few of us believe in the unqualified grace of God. Oh yes God loves us - as we are all 'Under Construction' when it comes to our 'Spiritual Life' - yet Jesus is constantly fixing us up for His Majesty when we meet Him in all of His Glory - someday. Jesus loves every one of us! He is the one who made us who we are today. He has plans for each of us regardless if we are 1 or 100 years old!

Take time this month of March and start cleaning out that house of yours and during this time, please don't hesitate to call, text, or email me if you need anything from me or want me to stop by for a visit!

God Bless!!!

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**Christ Lutheran Church  
Executive Council Minutes**

January 10, 2024

The meeting was called to order by President Sue Blackmer

Members present: Pastor Duffy, Lorna Bader, Gail Radke, Nancy Moberg, Trish Grieme, Jeff Grieme, Karen Frisk, Curt Jensen, Kathy Wurpts, Connie Bergland and Janet Opdahl

Pastor led us in devotions from Christ in our home

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

The secretary’s report was reviewed and accepted as presented M/S/P Lorna and Connie

The treasurer’s report was reviewed. There was discussion on a 10,000 CD purchased at FNB which has the best interest rate of 5.75 for 9 months.

President’s report- Again 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 Ed/Youth-report submitted
- Stewardship-report submitted
- Worship-Report submitted
- WCLC-report submitted

**Unfinished Business-None**

**New Business-**

- ACE of SW MN wants to meet here. for cherioga-
  - Tues &
- Friday-Jan 16-AP 5 M/S/P Kathy and Connie
- Correspondence- Women of CLC-\$200 for expense
  - 
  - Tellers for annual meeting- they are going to ask Bill Nielson, Jim Johnson with Trish Grieme and Doug Sieve as alternates.
  - Appoint someone to personnel –recommendation of Gail Radke- M/S/P Trish and Connie
  - Fellowship and service- the nominating committee will have to look for another person.
  - Constitution- Council gets 30 days to review it and make corrections and then the congregation gets 60 days to review it
  - Personnel recommendation for pay raises-Jeff Grieme declined the raise offered to him M/S/P-Sue and Connie
  - Recommendation to give Pastor Chad a 5% raise M/S/P Connie and Jeff
  - Recommendation to give Bobbi a 2% raise M/S/P Jeff and Connie
  - Trish Grieme-shared discussion about WCLC

Adjourn with the Lord’s prayer.

Next Meeting: Feb. 14, 2024



### Worship Committee Report

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

We met on Wednesday, December 27<sup>th</sup>, to schedule our February 2024 worship assistants. We were able to fill all openings and appreciated the sign up sheets being filled by volunteers for Christmas & New Year’s services.

We had a nice conversation with Pastor Chad regarding the attendance numbers. He also mentioned that the Constitution would not be able to be presented at the Annual Meeting due to Synod Guidelines.

Respectively submitted. Trish Grieme

### Parish Education January 10, 2024

The Sunday school gave a fun and successful Christmas program on December 17<sup>th</sup>. This was followed by cookies and coffee for the congregation. Many volunteers helped with costumes, the performance and serving coffee.

After two Sundays off for Christmas vacation. Sunday school resumed on January 5. Children are learning the 10 commandments and the Lord’s Prayer.

Pastor Chad began another Bible study using the book Messy Spirituality God’s annoying love for imperfect people. This is for all adults on Sunday at 9am.

In confirmation the students are working through the confirmation sessions. They are doing well and learning some valuable insights into being Christian. They are also having fun being young members of our church family. Looking forward to the new sessions in January and being more involved in the Church as a whole.

Respectfully submitted Lorna Bader

### Stewardship Board

We met on 12/19/2023 with Pastor Chad and all members were present at the Plaid moose. We discussed alternating our meetings between a.m. and p.m.’s. Pastor would like to have “COFFEE WITH THE PASTOR” at the Plaid moose every Tuesday. We discussed making a brochure to pass out stating “Thank you for being here and praying with our church family”

Respectfully submitted Karen Frisk

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VIP Floral is offering the following Easter flowers for sale:

- \_\_\_\_\_ Easter Lilies—florist quality with 5-7 blooms—\$20 each
- \_\_\_\_\_ Double Easter Lilies—\$38 each
- \_\_\_\_\_ Cyclamen—\$20 each
- \_\_\_\_\_ Kalanchoe—\$20 each
- \_\_\_\_\_ Begonia—\$20 each
- \_\_\_\_\_ Mums—\$20 each
- \_\_\_\_\_ Bulb Garden—\$20 each
- \_\_\_\_\_ Hydrangea—\$40 each

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
In Memory of \_\_\_\_\_

All flowers will be delivered to Christ Lutheran for Easter worship. To receive this pricing, all orders must be paid by the church. Please make your check payable to “Christ Lutheran Church” with “Easter Flowers” in the memo. **Orders and payment due to Christ Lutheran Office no later than noon, Monday, March 11th.**

## Property & Management Board Meeting

Minutes from 12/27/2023 (January)

Members Present: Jan Cuperus, Jeff Grieme, Denny Lickness, Jim Jens, & Curt Jensen.

### Topics Discussed

Jim Jens reported that he received rough bids for doors that need replacement on each side of the alter area and the chapel lounge. Side doors will cost approximately \$3,500 each (includes new jams, threshold, hardware, etc.) and the chapel door is larger and will cost \$4,000 to \$4,500. He stated that the chapel lounge door is in poor condition and needs to be replaced soon before replacing the other two doors. No work will be done without council approval.

Jeff reported that bids from Peschkes tree service for trimming two maple trees at the parsonage have been received. Cost is \$350 per tree or \$700 total. Approval from the church council is required to approve the bid. This was the final board meeting for Jim Jens & Denny Lickness. The board thanked them both for their service. As per the church constitution the Property & Management Board is responsible for developing the annual budget. Curt Jensen will meet with Gail Radke (treasurer), Sue Blackmer (president), and Bobbi (office manager) to formulate a budget for 2024.

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

The next Property & Management Board meeting is planned for 01/31/2024 with Jim Bertram and Tom Kappes replacing Jim Jens & Denny Lickness.

## Worship Assistant

### Sunday March 3, 2024

Lector	Sharyn Busswitz
Ushers	Jim Johnson & Bill Nielson
Power Point	Jaida Carlson
Communion	Tim Lange & Lynette Sieve
Acolyte/ Bell ringer	Roya Wurpts
Sound Board	Tom Kappes

### Sunday March 10, 2024

Lector	Sue Clarke
Ushers	Jon & Ruth Hoyme
Power Point	Sue Blackmer
Communion	Sue Clarke & Judy Lickness
Sound Board	Karen Frisk

### Sunday March 17, 2024

Lector	Jon Hoyme
Ushers	Gerald Gieson & Jim Jens
Power Point	Laurie Jensen
Communion	Jon Hoyme & Sam Jens
Acolyte/ Bell ringer	Jaida Carlson
Sound Board	Curt Jensen

### Sunday March 24, 2024

Lector	Nicole Jens
Ushers	Jeff & Trish Grieme
Power Point	Jon Hoyme
Communion	Judy Lange & Cheryl Krant

### Sunday March 31, 2024

Lector	Sharon Staples
Ushers	Rick Staples & Denny Lickness
Power Point	Trish Grieme
Communion	Sharon Staples & Deb Staples



**Radio Broadcast Ministry  
Sponsors are Needed**

Thank you to everyone who makes these broadcasts possible! Your sponsorship is greatly appreciated.  
Cost remains \$65 per weekend.

**Contact Information Changes**

Have you recently dropped your landline? If you could let the church office know of any telephone or address changes, it would really be appreciated.

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**World Day of Prayer 2024  
March 1, 2024, 1:00 pm**



The World Day of Prayer takes place internationally, annually on the 1st Friday of March.

“I Beg You... Bear With One Another in Love”

This program calls us to bear with each other in love, despite all difficulties and oppression. The program was written by a group of ecumenical Mideast Christian women in response to the passage from Ephesians 4:1-7. We reflected collectively on this theme from the context of our suffering as Mideast Christian women. We hope to inspire other women around the world to bear with one another in love during troubled times.

Wherever you are on March 1st, at 1 pm, please stop and pray for anyone on your prayer list.



# Christ Lutheran's Calendar for March, 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 World Day of Prayer. bell will ring at 1pm  1:30 Strengthening / Balance Exercise class  Pastor off	2     Pastor off
3 <b>Noisy Sunday</b> 9am Bible study 9am Sunday school 10am Worship	4 6pm Grief Support	5 9am WCLC Board 1:30 Strengthening / Balance Exercise class	6 6:30pm Lenten Service	7	8 1:30 Strengthening / Balance Exercise class  Pastor off	9     Pastor off
10 9am Bible study	11 3pm Love Circle	12	13 9am Peace Circle	14	15     Pastor off	16     Pastor off
9am Sunday school 10am Worship	6pm Grief Support	1:30 Strengthening / Balance Exercise class	6:30pm Lenten Service 7pm Council meeting		1:30 Strengthening / Balance Exercise class Pastor off	Pastor off
17 9am Bible study 9am Sunday school 10am Worship	18 6pm Grief Support	19 1:30 Strengthening / Balance Exercise class	20 9am Ladies will be cleaning the kitchen. 6:30pm Lenten Services	21	22 1:30 Strengthening / Balance Exercise class  Pastor off	23     Pastor off
24 <b>Palm Sunday</b> 9am Bible study 9am Sunday school 10am Worship	25 1pm Quilting 6pm Grief Support	26 1pm Quilting 1:30 Strengthening / Balance Exercise class	27 4:30pm Worship Meeting 6:30pm Confirmation	28  6:30 Maundy Thursday Service	29 1:30 Strengthening / Balance Exercise class  6:30 Good Friday service	30  Pastor off  Worship Service is broadcast every Sunday morning @ 11:30 am on KJOE 106.1 FM
31 <b>9:00am Easter Worship</b>						





**Our Mission:**  
To mobilize women to act boldly on their faith in Jesus Christ.

**WCLC Board Meeting**  
Tuesday, March 5th at 9:00 AM

**Love Circle**  
Monday, March 11, 3:00 pm

**Peace Circle**  
Wednesday, March 13 at 9:00 am

**Quilting**  
Monday, March 25 at 1:00 pm  
Tuesday, March 26 at 1:00 pm

The Ladies will be cleaning the kitchen on March 20th. at 9:00am. Everyone is Welcome!!  
Many hands make light work.

Women of Christ Lutheran are assembling Personal Care Kits for Lutheran World Relief. If you would like to donate we are collecting the following:

- ★ Light weight bath-size towel, dark color preferred.
- ★ Bath-size bars of soap in original wrapping.
- ★ Adult-size toothbrush in original wrapping
- ★ Sturdy combs (no picks or fine tooth combs)
- ★ Metal nail clipper

Monetary donations may be sent to the office or put in the collection plate. Please note in the memo Personnel Care Kit. There will be a box in the entry for donations.

*WCLC Council Report January 2nd, 2024*

The WCLC Board met on Tuesday, January 2<sup>nd</sup> 2024.

The Balance on Hand as of December 31, 2023 in the Treasury is \$1,345.15. Year-end disbursements to local charities totaled \$2,120.60 and the listing of these disbursements will be in the annual report.

Committee reports were given and placed on file.

Mission Action Committee gave a detailed report on their work this month.

Mission Community continues to send birthday cards to all women.

★ Cookies that were left from the from the Sunday School Christmas program were boxed up and delivered to Sunrise Terrace, Lindenwood Assisted Living, and the Hospice of Murray County on behalf of CLC. This was well received.

Mission Growth reported no new business other than the success of the All Women's Potluck Christmas Dinner & speaker Lisa Kremer's presentation on December 13<sup>th</sup> 2023. Forty women attended.

Notes:

1. The quilt room renovation progress was up dated and as the WCLC Board was meeting, Slayton Plumbing and Heating came to hook the heater back up in the quilt room. There is now heat in the Quilt Room. The electrical work is finished. The painting is finished. The flooring installation is the next and hopefully the final step to finishing the project.

2. Thanks to Bobbi Jo for putting the 2024 WCLC Handbooks that were not picked up in the Narthex in the mail boxes. A discussion regarding the 2024 WCLC Handbooks took place.

3. Quilting Dates are Monday January 29<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday January 30<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm.

4. Our next meeting date is Tuesday, February 6<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am.

Respectfully Submitted, Kathy Wurpts, President of WCLC



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

**February Offering: \$12,198.00**

January offering to pay bills \$11,274.06

January bills paid \$24,213.80

Opal Soderholm would like to thank everyone for helping her celebrate her 100th birthday. Thank you for the cards, flowers, and gifts. Your thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated.

***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), Robert Peton (Cynthia Duffy's brother) Harris Swan (Connie Berglund & Gail Radke's uncle) Jean Mundy (Elvera Nelson's sister) Makenzie Reith (Great granddaughter of Elver Nelson)

- ◆ 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
- ◆ Please continue to pray for our leaders, medical personnel and those personally affected by the COVID-19 pandemic.



**Lenten Services**

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  
(Easter coffee after Worship)

**Christ Lutheran Sunday school save the dates:**

- ★ Palm Sunday, March 24<sup>th</sup>. -  
The Sunday school students will be singing in Church.
- ★ Sunday April 7<sup>th</sup> -  
The students will be serving coffee after church.
- ★ Sunday May 5,  
we will be celebrating Parents' Day at coffee after Church.
- ★ Vacation Bible School will be June 11,12,13 at 5:30-8:30pm.

# March Birthdays

- |  |  |
|--|--|
| 1 David Van Meveren<br>Carter Wehye  | LaDean Lang<br>Gwen Hartlep                                  |
| 2 Arlys Husfeldt<br>Hannah Aspenwall   | Emsleigh Nordbye   |
| 3 Jeff Like<br>Will Hungerford   | 16 Jaelyn Kline  |
| 4 Joshua Berglund<br>Landon Rupp<br>Karen Frisk  | 17 Jeff Moline<br>Del Hoefker<br>Jack Stelter                |
| 5 Christopher Moline   | 18 Elayne Finke<br>Brady Haken                               |
| 6 Betty Hughes<br>Kim Schreier<br>Nicole Ure   | 20 Daniel Kirchner<br>Jem Hamilton                           |
| 7 Justin Opdahl<br>Lily Schmahl<br>Terry Schmidt<br>Sandy Stokesbary<br>Sutton Malchow | 21 Steve Lange<br>Connor DeGreeff                            |
| 8 Allan Johnson<br>Glen Yotter   | 22 Alson Husfeldt<br>Andrew Holm<br>Elsie Thooft             |
| 9 Sue Gass   | 25 Sarah Dahlgren<br>Dugan Kluis<br>Doug Pierson             |
| 10 Aaron Haugen<br>Kyle Saner  | 26 Tyson Rupp  |
| 11 Gary Finke<br>Lindsay Opdahl<br>Dr. Clayton Torbert<br>Whendy Gass                  | 27 Jeremy Winter<br>Danica Behnke                            |
| 12 Paige Wittrock<br>Randy Ackerman<br>Stella Obermoller                               | 28 Barb Hakeman<br>Dylan Kluis<br>Larry Rachuy<br>Levi Davis |
| 13 Richard Lober<br>Cal Wurpts<br>Ava Kirchner<br>Nickolus Obermoller                  | 29 Emily Rohrer<br>Brielle Plotz<br>Jerrett Bobeldyk         |
| 14 Eric Dahlgren<br>Lindsey Schreier   | 30 Jaedon Anderson   |
| 15 Vanessa Dahlgren<br>Dakota DeGreeff<br>Arnie Guild<br>Rachel Kathman                | 31 Kenslee Bobeldyk<br>Daniel Haken                          |



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

## I Will Do More

I will do more than belong – I will participate.

I will do more than care – I will help.

I will do more than believe – I will practice.

I will do more than be fair – I will be kind.

I will do more than forgive – I will love.

I will do more than earn – I will enrich.

I will do more than teach – I will serve.

I will do more than live – I will grow.

I will do more than be friendly – I will be a friend.

Think and pray on this – and then act.

March, 2024



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### Shetek Lutheran Ministries Where Christ Renews and Empowers



**Sugar Bush  
Pancake Breakfast  
March 24th**

**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!**

**Events at camp!**  
(Go to [shetek.org](http://shetek.org) for more info.)  
Call 507-763-3567 for more information

**Mark your Calendar**

- ★ March 15-16 Confirmation Retreat
- ★ March 24 Sugar Bush Pancake Breakfast & Square Dance
- ★ April 19-20 Confirmation Retreat
- ★ April 22-25 Quilt & Craft Retreat

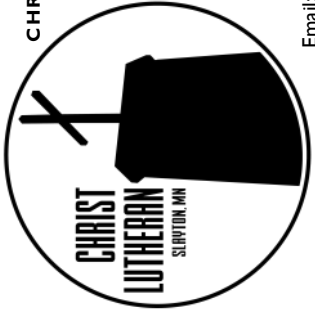
*Work at camp this summer! - [shetek.org/work-at-shetek](http://shetek.org/work-at-shetek)*

**Wish List**

- ★ Glue and Glue Sticks
- ★ Extension Cords
- ★ Volunteers
- ★ **Summer Staff -**  
<https://shetek.org/work-at-shetek/>

We met our Phase 1 goal!  
\$1,627,000 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->

Goal	\$2,000,000
Current Amount	\$1,627,000
Completion Percentage	81%



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