

# The Messenger

Christ Lutheran Church, LCMC

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Sunday, Nov. 4

# November 2018



## **Created in God's Love...*All Saints Day!***

We remember the saints who have gone before us! We are thankful for their love, hard, work, fellowship, and much more. But also in remembering we do not look just backwards but look forward to the day when we are reunited with them in God's kingdom!

We remember who we really are, saved and redeemed by Christ Jesus. We look forward to the day of His victory and ours. For we were created not just for ourselves and this life, we were created to have an eternal and incredible relationship with God. Out of a true fatherly love, God created us, sustains us, and will bring us back to himself.

Day by day God wants us to live the Good Life, fully experiencing his love and forgiveness. When sad news after sad news comes our way, we need to remember God's ways. God is at work in your life and fills the world with his goodness. Sometimes we want the world to change and we expect God to do something because we feel so powerless. But praise God, he is at work. May he open our eyes.

In prayer, we pray that we would change. That we would not be hung up about what we do not yet have, but that we would be moved by love to do what God would have us do each day. We were created as God's own children to love as He loves. As the world around us is hurting let's not magnify the hurt but let us bind the wounds and care for those hurting.

Having the power to love from Christ is the most rewarding part of living. To accept His love for you is the first step to passing it on. Rest in his love. In your suffering and pain know He cares. Read the Psalms and draw strength from the word. Take time to journal those worries and requests you keep bringing to the Lord. With them also, bring Him all the things you are thankful for. Be thankful for things that you have already received but also be thankful even more for all God has promised to bring to you. For our faith says we can rest in his care.

During this last year we commended to God three saints from our congregation; Kitty Eckblad, Peter Rennebohm, and Huck Burrows. Each of them are missed in profound ways, but we look forward to the day when we will see them again! There were also many of us who lost family and friends in the last year. God knows our grief! God is beside us to keep us well.

May we count our days wisely and live as to the Lord.

***In Christ,***

Pastor Ron Boettner

## October COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

~Gift of \$5000 from West Lakes Assembly of God and Ron Wipf.

~New budget approved by council for 2019. Budget information meeting will be held on Nov. 4.

~ **CLC Annual Meeting-**  
**Sunday, Nov. 11 at 10:30am**



## Wycliffe Bible Translators

is our *November*  
Benevolence Partner

### ***Christ Lutheran Financial Updates***

Our Year to Date giving from January through September is \$186,358 and our expenses have been \$196,124. We are doing better than our giving forecast which we are quite grateful for. It is possible with three months remaining we could narrow that shortfall.

*Thank you for your service and love to the Lord and Christ Lutheran Church!*

Month	Name	Term	Committee Assignment
January	Brad Sim	16-18	President Staff Support
February	Danielle Thomas	2018	CLW
March	Tom Zulkosky	17-20	Property
April	Greg Rietow	16-18	Worship & Music
May	Molly Sartor		Youth Director
June	Nancy Wood	18-20	Finance/Secretary
July	Dale KenKnight	17-20	Vice President/ Cemetery
August	Yvonne Breeschoten	18-20	Furnishings
September	Mark Mundahl	17-20	Treasurer/ Mission & Outreach
October			Adult Ed Thank You's
November	Rich Mickschl	18-20	Benevolence/ Endowment
December	TBD		
	Pastor Ron Boettner		



# November

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<div>4</div> <p>Daylight Saving Time ends</p> <p>9am - Worship</p> <p>10am - Coffee Fellowship</p> <p>10:15am - AIC</p> <p>10:15am - Good Life</p> <p>10:30am - Budget Meeting</p> <p>5:30pm - Financial Peace</p> 	<div>5</div> <p>9am - Quilters</p> <p>6:30pm - Prayer Team</p> <p>6:30pm - Youth Cmte Mtg</p>	<div>6</div>	<div>7</div> <p>6:30pm - Men's Bible Study</p> <p>6:30pm - Women's Bible</p> <p>6:30pm - Youth Group</p> <p>7:30pm - Choir Rehearsal</p>	<div>8</div> <p>9:15am - Charis</p> <p>6pm - Pre-Council</p> 	<div>9</div> <p>OFFICE CLOSED</p> <p>6:30am</p>	<div>10</div>
<div>11</div> <p>Veterans Day</p> <p>9am - Worship</p> <p>10am - Coffee Fellowship</p> <p>10:15am - AIC</p> <p>10:15am - Good Life</p> <p>10:30am - Annual</p> <p>5:30pm - Financial Peace</p>	<div>12</div> <p>Veterans Day observed</p> <p>9am - Quilters</p> 	<div>13</div>	<div>14</div> <p>6:30pm - Men's Bible Study</p> <p>6:30pm - Women's Bible</p> <p>6:30pm - Youth Group</p> <p>7:30pm - Choir Rehearsal</p>	<div>15</div> <p>9:15am - Charis</p> <p>7pm - COUNCIL</p> 	<div>16</div> <p>OFFICE CLOSED</p>	<div>17</div>
<div>18</div> <p>9am - Worship</p> <p>10am - Coffee Fellowship</p> <p>10:15am - AIC</p> <p>10:15am - Good Life</p> <p>10:30am - Adult Study</p>	<div>19</div> <p>9am - Quilters</p> <p>6:30pm - Prayer Team</p>	<div>20</div>	<div>21</div> <p>6:30pm - Youth Group</p> <p>7pm - Thanksgiving Eve</p> 	<div>22</div> <p>OFFICE CLOSED</p> <p>Thanksgiving Day</p> 	<div>23</div> <p>Black Friday</p> <p>OFFICE CLOSED</p>	<div>24</div>
<div>25</div> <p>9am - Worship</p> <p>10am - Coffee Fellowship</p> <p>10:15am - AIC</p> <p>10:15am - Good Life</p> <p>10:30am - Adult Study</p>	<div>26</div> <p>9am - Quilters</p>	<div>27</div>	<div>28</div> <p>6:30pm - Men's Bible Study</p> <p>6:30pm - Women's Bible</p> <p>6:30pm - Youth Group</p> <p>7:30pm - Choir Rehearsal</p>	<div>29</div> <p>9:15am - Charis</p>	<div>30</div> <p>OFFICE CLOSED</p>	<div>1</div>

## November 2018 Volunteer Schedule

### Nov. 4

Greeters: Vickie Innes

Lector: Dennis Grenell

Coffee: V. Homuth/Burlets

### Nov. 11

Greeters: M. Carlsons

Lector: Bonita Heilman

Coffee: Olsons/Stouts

### Nov. 18

Greeters: Weis Family

Lector: Paula Weis

Coffee: Hawkinsons/Zulkoskys

### Nov. 25

Greeters: Pettits

Lector: Shelly Anderson

Coffee: Innes/Hardings



Council Representative: Rich Mickschl

Sunshine Caller: Cindy Bergquist

Altar Guild: Mary Couser, JoAnn Ree, Sharon Michael

Ushers: Mark Mundahl, Silleruds, Rietows, Michaels

## QUILT & GIFT CARD RAFFLE & SILENT AUCTION

Our 2018 raffle and silent auction ended on Sunday, October 14.

*The lucky raffle winners are:*

The beautiful hand-crafted quilt:	Judy Lueck
The \$75 gift certificate to Axel's Loretto:	Donna Ruud
The \$50 Holiday Station Stores gift card:	Bonita Heilman
The \$50 Visa gift card:	Kayla Roiland

Congratulations to all our winners. Please accept our sincere thanks to everyone who supported these major fundraising events. We appreciate you!

### CLW MISSION STATEMENT

We open our hearts to God,  
by worshiping and hearing His word.

We serve Him and worship in work,  
by extending our hospitality to others  
and sharing His word.

## QUILTING

Our Quilters meet each Monday morning at 9:00 a.m., in the Fellowship Hall. You are invited to join this wonderful group as they create their beautiful quilts. Coffee and goodies are served and this fellowship time has become quite a special time for many in our church. If you have questions, please talk to Norma Drawert or Mary Couser. There are tasks that do not require sewing skills!

## ANNUAL MEETING

Our Annual Meeting was held on Tuesday, October 23. New officers were elected for the coming year: President Marilyn Rönkvist; Vice President Val Homuth; Secretary Mona Hawkinson; Treasurer Bonita Heilman. Jean Flatten was elected to serve as our voting member to the Congregational Council and will serve for a period of one year.

Our income from this year's rummage sale, raffle and silent auction is \$4,146.45. We voted to donate up to \$6,150.00 to several organizations/projects, including \$100 per person for camperships and youth who go on our mission trip, area schools for delinquent school lunch accounts, Smile Train, 363, The Sandwich Project of MN, a donation to a women's shelter, a meal for Love, Inc., and money to the Mission and Outreach Committee to purchase turkeys for Thanksgiving baskets.

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

*Wednesday, December 5, 12:00 noon:* Lutefisk luncheon for 65+  
(please watch for sign-up sheet)

*Saturday, December 8, 2:00-4:00 p.m.*

Lucia Tea and Prayer Partner reveal/exchange

*We, your sisters in Christ, cordially invite you  
to join us as we worship God in service, in sharing  
His Word and in fellowship.*

Danielle Thomas, Mona Hawkinson,  
Bonita Heilman & Marilyn Rönkvist



*Hi there, friends!*



The leaves have changed and we approach another change in season. I am always in awe at the beauty of God's creation this time of year. I pray that you have had opportunities to practice some mindfulness in this season of change, whether it be through listening to the leaves crunch beneath your feet or feeling the coolness of the air on your face as you take a walk. I specifically enjoy hearing the kids play at the park behind my house.

October has been a fun and busy month. The youth spent much time participating in the sports that they love as well as attending youth group and youth events when they could make it. This year we carved pumpkins and ate some tasty treats to celebrate this season. We also had the opportunity to go to an apple orchard to pick apples, go on a hayride, and solve trivia questions as we made our way through a corn maze. This past week, we dressed up in costumes and went trick or treating for canned goods for the food shelf. We collected quite a bit of goods and it was fun to see the kids' creativity as they found costumes to wear around.



We are participating in **Honey Sunday** again this year to benefit both our youth group and the Dakota Boy's and Girl's Ranch. Honey is sold for \$10 a bottle. The last day to buy honey is November 18, as the order will be sent out November 19, so that the honey can be here before Christmas.

Looking ahead to this month of November, the youth are participating in

**Operation Christmas Child** and will be packing boxes the night of **November 15**.

If you are wanting to donate items, on the NEXT page is a list of things that we need for the boxes:





**A WOW item: a toy or clothing item of some sort that really catches the kids attention  
(nothing used or worn. Must be new)**

**Combs**

**Hairbrushes**

**Toothbrushes**

**Washcloths**

**Bar soap (packaged and/or in a container)**

**Adhesive bandages**

**(Colorful ones can help a child be more willing to wear a bandage. Do not include liquid antibiotic ointment.)**

**Reusable plastic containers: cup, water bottle, plate, bowl, blunt-edged utensils**

**(Consider filling an empty container with non-liquid items such as hair bows, bracelets, sunglasses, or washcloths to maximize the space.)**

**Blanket**

**A picture of yourself/note from you**

**What NOT to Buy/Includes:**

*Candy; toothpaste; gum; used or damaged items; war-related items such as toy guns, knives, or military figures; chocolate or food; seeds; fruit rolls or other fruit snacks; drink mixes (powdered or liquid); liquids or lotions; medications or vitamins; breakable items such as snow globes or glass containers; aerosol cans.*



You can drop the items at church/leave them outside my door.

We are excited to participate in this!

I'm excited to see what this November brings and look forward to experiencing the changes in season with you all.

Take care,

*Molly*

## Bob & Mary Steffl Seasoned Veterans

*Get To Know Em'*



**Family**-Three daughters, their husbands and children:

Sarah and Brad (Brooke and Buddy)

Anika and Patrick (Bennet and Colten)

Elizabeth and Michael (Owen and Olivia)

**Hometown**-Bob-Echo, MN and Mary-Hanley Falls, MN

**Occupation**-Bob-Electrical Contractor (retired), Mary-math teacher and accounting manager (retired)

**How were you introduced to CLC?** Former Pastor Rudy Palo invited us.

**How long have you been attending CLC?** Since 1973

**What is your earliest memory of CLC?** Mary-meeting people that become friends for 45 years.  
Bob-repairing the balcony in the old church.

*It takes us 8 minutes to get to church*

**What are your hobbies? What do you like to do?** Bob: reading coffee sessions at Blackwater, outdoor projects. Mary: enjoying our grandkids, gardening, U of MN basketball, politics.

**What is something you can share that most people would not know about you?** Bob-I was a beach bum in California in the early sixties. Mary-I'm the youngest of 9 children.

**What is your favorite Bible verse?** Bob-Ephesians 6:10-11 *"Finally, be strong in the Lord and in His mighty power. Put on the full armor of God..."* Mary-Proverbs 4:5 *"Get wisdom, get understanding: do not forget my words or swerve from them"*

**Why is that your favorite verse?** Bob- this verse tells me God is my protector. Mary-I need to continue to listen and learn of God's plan for me.

**How have you used your God-given talents here at Christ Lutheran?** Bob-church council, property committee, electrical work, storage facility construction, and co-taught a 3-year old Sunday school class! Mary-taught Sunday School including a class of 3-year olds with Bob, served on the new church building committee, CLW president, co-chair of Lucia dinners and clothing sales, kitchen crew and quilting.

**Share a great story about CLC or something great you have seen here:** We have wonderful memories of Elizabeth's baptism in Lake Independence at the Lindholm residence and remembering the support of the congregation when we adopted Anika in 1982.

## NOVEMBER

Dennis Grenell	11/1	Shirley Hirsch	11/15
Sandra Ohlsson	11/4	James Pederson	11/19
Norma Drawert	11/7	Garret Hagglund	11/23
Wanda Anderson	11/8	Tim Carson	11/25
Rod Grandstrand	11/9	Raymond Weis	11/25
Janet Forstrom	11/15	Cindy Zulkosky	11/26
Dave Garwick	11/15		



*Nov. 11 –Annual Meeting-10:30am*

*Nov. 21-Thanksgiving Eve Worship-7pm*

*Dec. 5-Senior's Lutefisk Dinner-12 noon*

*Dec. 8-CLW Lucia Tea-2pm*

## **Mission & Outreach Committee**

CLC will be providing *Thanksgiving baskets* as our outreach for November. We have signed up to support 10 baskets through LoveINC Heartland and their Neighbors in Need program. This will be like “adopt a basket” where you do the shopping (list provided) and deliver to church.



### **Things to know:**

- CLW has offered to buy the turkeys for the baskets!
- there will be a sign-up sheet starting this Sunday, 11/4 for people to sign up for providing the rest of the food to make up the baskets.
- a suggested shopping list will be available by the sign up sheet
- tote bins will be provided by Mission & Outreach for those who are shopping for food to bring it back in
- completed baskets need to be brought back to CLC by the end of church on Sunday, November 18.



**Thanks for your generosity  
in supporting  
WeCAN's "Share the Warmth"  
Winter Coat drive!**





**"CLICKERS" NEEDED!**

We need some additional volunteers to operate  
the power point remote on Sunday mornings.

Please let the office know if you are able to serve in this way-  
approximately ONE time per month.

Thanks!



# *Your "Food Shelf" Shopping List*

## **Cocoa Mix & Tea**



## **Mayonnaise**



## **Jello, pudding mix**



## **Salad Dressings**



## **Boxed meals**



## **Toothbrushes**



## **Kleenex**



## **Baking Mixes**



## **Paper towels**

**ALWAYS NEEDED:**  
**Grocery bags**  
**for clients food!**

**November Food Items for the Maple Plain Food Shelf**

**THANKS FOR GIVING**