

The Messenger

Christ Lutheran Church, LCMC
Maple Plain, MN 55359

JUNE 2019

A photograph of a wooden cross in a garden. The cross is made of weathered wood and stands in the foreground. Behind it is a dense garden of green foliage and numerous bright yellow flowers, likely Black-eyed Susans. The scene is captured in a soft, natural light.

*Nature is the living,
visible garment of God.*

~ Johann Wolfgang Von Goethe



The Joy of Summer in Minnesota!!!

After two years, each with long winters, the very idea of a 75 degree day with lot's of sun seems like such a blessing! How nice it is to rest in the sun, to be renewed! How nice it is to get out of our homes and do outdoor activities together. God knows we need to be with each other and that we need to rest in Him as well. We were so excited that Steve Pennaz and Dale Anderson placed well, 2nd place, in the MNATC Fishing Fund Raiser. We were glad Allen and Paula Weis also did well and helped raise money for Teen Challenge. Altogether \$341,000 was raised by 151 fishing teams. God invented things like fishing, camping, hiking, and even golf for His people to find fun and fellowship. May we find rest, recreation , and time with family and friends this summer.

A Vision of the Vision Team's Vision

After our May 18th workshop with Tracee Swank and Church Doctor's Ministries, one of the workshop attendees shared from her devotional a vision of the plan of the Vision Team. This was written by Jonathon Kahn.

"One of the schools gardens was more of a small field than a garden. It was enclosed with a stone wall and filled with grass and wildflowers of every color. As we were walking through it the teacher bent down and picked a purple lily. "You know" he said, "Messiah spoke of these. He said the lilies of the field, how they grow, they neither toil or spin; and yet I say to you that Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these.' He was speaking of the care and the provision God gives to his children, comparing King Solomon in all his riches to a wildflower. And King Solomon in all his glory could not equal the beauty of a lily in the field. What does this reveal?

"If God cares enough to adorn a wildflower in the field, how much more does he care for His children."

"Yes, there is more. Solomon's clothing was the work of man. The lily in the field is the work of God. And between the two there is no comparison. It is the lily that is more beautiful, the more perfect, and the more majestic. You see the works of man are never perfect. But the works of God always are. And so perfection is not based on one's striving to produce good works. Perfection is found in the way of the lilies.

Learn their secret. Lilies neither toil or spin. They don't strive to produce the works of God. Their secret is; they are the works of God. And in this lilies are much wiser than men. A life spent trying to produce works of righteousness and holiness will never produce them...and will be focused on the source of those works...the self. But a life focused on the works of God will be focused on the source of those works...God.

So the secret is not to focus on your works for God. The secret is to become the work of God. Cease...stop the striving to do the work of God...start letting your life become His work.

Let everything you do and are begin in Him. Let your righteousness be an outflowing of His righteousness... your love the outflowing of His love, and your life the outflowing of His life. And your life will become as beautiful as the lily in the field."

Let us truly rest, and trust God with our lives. Let's believe not just in sunshine and beauty, but let us trust in Christ who has the power to give us life, rivers of living water.

As we recreate this summer let's ask God to speak his newness and brilliance into our lives, that He cares so much for.

God is ready!

Peace,

Pastor Ron

MAY COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

- * Develop a Choir Director Internship Program with Hannah Schendel and Bethel University
- * Reserved Rainbow Park for outdoor Worship and Potluck Picnic at 10:00 am on July 14th
- * Sent our Benevolence forward to support the new chapel being built in the new Haven Home Center
- * Early registration for Vacation Bible School 20 + children in 1-5 grade and 9+ children for 3-5 years old



BOB is RETIRING



Bob Tesarek Will Retire on June 30th!

Custodian Bob Tesarek has announced that he will retire on June 30th at the end of the month. After 19 plus faithful years Bob thinks it is time for letting go of his custodial responsibilities. Bob is very familiar to us as one who works with us, who has a good and kind spirit, and a great sense of humor. Most of all he has been with many of you through many of

life's important moments at church. We are thankful for his many years of service, and we are thankful for him.

On Sunday June 23rd we invite you to say thanks to Bob. We will serve coffee in his honor and share a few memories of his time here. There will be a basket for cards. Hope you can be with us!

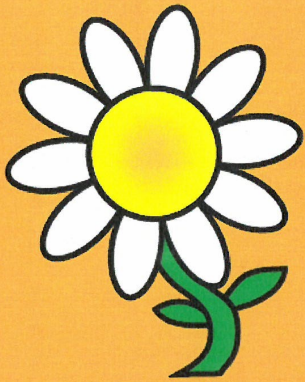
June Benevolence is Feed My Starving Children



2019 CLC COUNCIL

| Month | Name | Term | Committee Assignment |
|-----------|---------------------|-------|---|
| January | Dale KenKnight | 17-19 | Secretary Cemetery |
| February | Deb Stueven | 19-21 | Memorial Mission & Outreach |
| March | Tom Zulkosky | 17-19 | Property |
| April | Greg Rietow | 19-21 | Worship & Music Adult Mission Trip Vision |
| May | Mark Mundahl | 17-19 | Vice President Staff Support, Vision Memorial |
| June | Nancy Wood | 18-20 | President Staff Support Finance, Vision |
| July | Jean Flatten | 2019 | CLW Endowment Thank You's |
| August | Yvonne Breeschoten | 18-20 | Furnishings |
| September | Molly Sartor | | Youth Director |
| October | Brad Sim | 19-21 | Vision |
| November | Rich Mickschl | 18-20 | Treasurer Benevolence Finance |
| December | Dale KenKnight | 17-19 | Secretary Cemetery |
| | Pastor Ron Boettner | | |

Spring Cleaning



*donate to the
Fall Rummage Sale*

Sale dates September 26, 27 & 28th

Donations now being accepted for clean used clothing, jewelry, purses, household goods, books, furniture or sporting goods will be accepted. Watch for boxes of hangers in the front closet to use to hang clothing on!

To arrange a drop off in the shed call JoEllen Horazuk or Mary Couser to meet you!

Summer is Coming!



June 2019

QUILTERS

Our quilters were very busy this year and lovingly completed 91 quilts! 20 will be taken to Pine Ridge by Molly, the rest were distributed with JoAnn Ree delivering 10 to Vinland, Judy Johnson delivered 6 to Lakeside Academy (Teen Challenge Boys Campus) and 13 to Union Gospel, Norma Drawert delivered 26 to Love INC (including 3 baby quilts) and 2 were given to graduating seniors from our congregation. 14 have been set aside for a summer/fall raffle and to be sold at the fall rummage sale.

CRAFT DAY

Monday Quilters are off for the summer but some of the group will be meeting for a 'craft day and coffee' on June 5th at 9am and all are welcome – they will be making coasters.

SERVICE PROJECT

7 women went to serve a meal for participants of a Love, INC program on May 20th. We were informed by Lisa from Love INC that in the classes offered the participants learn budgeting, cooking and receive spiritual & emotional support. We plan to do this again in the Fall.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- * Please mark your calendars for the Rummage Sale Planning meeting on Monday, July 15, 2019, at 7:00 p.m. Dessert and coffee will be provided.
- * Rummage Sale dates are planned for September 26th, 27th & 28th and donations are now being accepted!

Your Sisters in Christ,

Jean Flatten, Val Homuth, Mona Hawkinson & Bonita Heilman

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.

ALL THE WOMEN OF CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH ARE MEMBERS OF CLW. YOU ARE
CORDIALLY INVITED TO JOIN US, YOUR SISTERS IN CHRIST.

JUNE



| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|--|----------------------|--|--|---------------|---------------|-----|
| 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | 1 |
| 9 am - Worship 10 am - Coffee | 6:30pm - Prayer Team | 9 am - Quilters | 6:30pm - Mission & 6:30pm - Vision Team | OFFICE CLOSED | OFFICE CLOSED | 8 |
| 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 |
| 9 am - Worship 10 am - Coffee | 6:30pm - Prayer Team | 9:15am - Charis In the 7 pm - COUNCIL | OFFICE CLOSED | OFFICE CLOSED | OFFICE CLOSED | 22 |
| 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 28 |
| Father's Day 9 am - Worship 10 am - Coffee 10:15am - Good Life | VBS | Independence Day OFFICE CLOSED | OFFICE CLOSED | OFFICE CLOSED | OFFICE CLOSED | 29 |
| 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 |
| 9 am - Worship 10 am - Coffee 10:15am - Good Life 10:30am - Worship & | | | | | | |
| 30 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| 9 am - Worship 10 am - Coffee 10:15am - Good Life | | | | | | |

June



2019

Youth Schedule

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|---|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------|--|--|
| | | | | | | Confirmation Retreat 9-4:30 p.m. |
| 2 Good Life 10:15-11 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 |
| 9 Valleyfair after church and get home around 7 p.m. | 10 | 11 | 12 Mission Trip Meeting @ 7 p.m. | 13 | 14 Coffee & Treats w/Molly @ Blackwater 9-10:30 | 15 |
| 16 Good Life 10:15-11 a.m. | 17 | 18 | 19 Bonfire @ Anderson's 7 p.m. - ? | 20 | 21 Coffee & Treats w/Molly @ Blackwater 9-10:30 | 22 VBS Set Up/decorating @ 10 a.m. to whenever it is done |
| 23 Good Life 10:15-11 a.m. | 24 Vacation Bible School | 25 Vacation Bible School | 26 Vacation Bible School | 27 Vacation Bible School | 28 | 29 Coffee & Treats w/Molly @ Blackwater 10-12 p.m. |
| 30 Good Life 10:15-11 a.m. | | | | | | |

Get To Know Em'

Katy Risvold



Name: Katy Risvold

Family: Mother-Robin Father-Mike, Siblings-Andy & Alyssa

School & Grade: Mound Westonka High School. I just graduated!

Hometown: Mound

What do you do in your free time? I love staying busy whether that's working or just being with my friends on the lake.

What is your favorite food? Any leftovers in the fridge.

What is your favorite movie? My Best Friends Wedding

What are your plans for after High School? I plan on attending Florida Gulf Coast University in Ft. Myers, Florida.

How long does it take you to get to church? 11 1/2 minutes.

How long have you been attending Christ Lutheran Church? Why do you enjoy coming to CLC? Christ Lutheran is the first and only church I have attended in my life. I love the community and love that surrounds this church. I feel welcomed always and know I will always have a home here.

What is your favorite Bible verse and why? Jeremiah 29:11 - One of the scariest parts of life is not knowing what's next. This verse reminds me that God has a plan for me and I need to trust him.

What talents has God given you that you want to expand and use? He gave me the ability to listen to others and through kindness and caring he lets me help others as well.

If you wanted someone to ask you about something, what would it be? I would want them to ask me why I'm happy. I think everyone has a reason to be happy and explaining it can help you remember the feeling and maybe even uplift the person that asked the question.

What else do you want to tell us about yourself? Thank you to everyone that has supported me these last 18 years. Please keep me in your prayers as I start the next chapter of my life far away from home.



We are thankful that God teaches us about faithfulness and financial management. God knows the financial needs we have for today and tomorrow. God also teaches us to go and do his mission! God encourages us to be excited about His mission and His plans. First it takes an open heart, a transformed heart that wants to share the Good News of God's relationship to us in Christ. Then it takes a servant's heart to desire to go and serve our neighbors and our church. Then it takes a financial commitment for us as God's people to faithfully make this happen.

We have many people committed to financially supporting our congregation. Thanks be to God! But all of us need to remind ourselves why we are committed, why we put the first fruits of our paychecks or savings into the offering. Simply because we honor God first, who has made possible all that we have and what we can do. Also because we believe that God calls us to love our neighbor and our church with His gifts to us. We give because God has asked us to. We trust and we obey God.

God rejoices in our free spirits to give with joy and love! Praise be to God who knows all our needs, and who is at work with us. What is God trying to teach us now? Today?

Let's listen, let's pray, and let's understand better what God is saying.

Our April finance report shows we paid all our regular expenses, plus we paid early on our benevolence commitment to the new chapel at the new Haven Home being built to raise awareness for the need to raise \$260,000 for the chapel. Our April income was \$23,074 and our expenses were \$25,131. Which is a little higher than our average monthly expense because of snow plowing payments and paying a month of benevolence early. For the current year January thru April we are about \$6,000 in the red. Please remember to give faithfully through the summer.

Our current savings and checking account balance is \$93,600.

Pastor Ron

June 24-27 - VBS

July 14 - Outdoor Worship & Picnic

July 28-Aug. 3 - Youth Mission Trip

August 17 - LOL Music Fest!





FREE CONCERT

AUGUST 17 3-6PM
CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH, MAPLE PLAIN

RAIN OR SHINE. BRING YOUR
LAWN CHAIR OR BLANKETS.
FACE PAINTING & CONCESSIONS
AVAILABLE ON SITE. WWW.MPCLC.ORG



NATIONAL ARTIST
CHRIS AUGUST
WITH OPENING ACTS
**NATE SABIN &
MOLLY SARTOR**



Get To Know Em'

Pierce Pennaz

In this picture, Pierce was so happy to receive his graduation quilt from the CLC Quilters that he kissed it!

Name: Pierce Pennaz

Family: Steve & Karen and sister Maddie

School & Grade: Orono Senior

Hometown: Independence

What do you do in your free time? Special Olympics Sports, ride bike, X-Box, swim, Frisbee, play with my dog, hang with friends, play electric guitar

What is your favorite food? PIZZA

What is your favorite movie? Right now....Aquaman

What are your plans for after High School? This summer Pierce is doing an internship with the Orono Police Department. He will have a uniform and be sworn in! This fall he will do Transitions at Orono, where he will work and learn life skills. He hopes to have his own house someday with 1 dog, 4 cats and a snake! He would like his roommate to be his friend Jacob. He wants to work at Game Stop or Dominos someday.

How long does it take you to get to church? 6 minutes

How long have you been attending Christ Lutheran Church? Why do you enjoy coming to CLC? 13 1/2 years - my whole life. Church is fun. Everyone is nice. I love to acolyte every week. Jesus is my brother.

What is your favorite Christian song? My Lighthouse

What talents has God given you that you want to expand and use? I am outgoing, athletic, funny and brave.

If you wanted someone to ask you about something, what would it be? Pizza, electric guitar or WWE

What else do you want to tell us about yourself? Thanks to every member of CLC for accepting and showing love to Pierce. Come to his grad party on Sunday, August 4th!



June 2019 Volunteer Schedule

June 2

Greeters: Stuevens
Lector: Shelly Anderson
Coffee: Ben Andersons/Steffls

June 9

Greeters: Roilands
Lector: Jean Flatten
Coffee: Roillands/Stuevens

Council Representative: *Nancy Wood*

Sunshine Caller: *Dolores Burke*

Altar Guild: *Shari Rennebohm, Nancy Wood*

Ushers: *Denny Grenell, Gary Stueven, Bob & Mary Steffl, Greg Roiland*

June 16

Greeters: D. Johnsons
Lector: Karen Pennaz
Coffee: Kathy Oman

June 23

Greeters: Weis Family
Lector: Judy Lueck
Coffee: Reitows/Mickschls

June 30

Greeters: Cal & Judy Johnson
Lector: Denny Johnson
Coffee: H. Petersons/R. Jerdes





Volunteer Schedule

July 7

Greeters: Stouts

Lector: Mary Steffl

Coffee: Boettners

Council Representative:

Jean Flatten

July 14 - Outdoor Worship

Greeters: Grenells

Lector: Renee Burrows

Sunshine Caller: Judy Johnson

Altar Guild:

July 7 - Jean Flatten

July 14 - Val Homuth

July 21 - Deb Stueven

July 28 - Linda Mickschl

July 21

Greeters: Burlets

Lector: Karleen Boettner

Coffee: Burlets

Ushers: Dennis & Mary Ann Johnson, Val Homuth, Howard Peterson, Karleen Boettner

July 28

Greeters: Horazuks

Lector: Deb Stueven

Coffee: Hawkinsons, Dale Andersons





JUNE BIRTHDAYS

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|-----------|-----------|--------|
| Walter | Brambilla | 4-Jun |
| Ronald | Gustafson | 5-Jun |
| Allan | Jenkins | 5-Jun |
| Shirley | Fries | 6-Jun |
| Austin | Ahlstrom | 8-Jun |
| Jerome | Ree | 10-Jun |
| Kayla | Dudzinski | 11-Jun |
| Matt | Mundahl | 12-Jun |
| Robin | Risvold | 12-Jun |
| Everett | Heupel | 13-Jun |
| Gary | Mutchler | 14-Jun |
| Christina | Ramirez | 16-Jun |
| Nancy | Wood | 17-Jun |
| Jon | Sillerud | 18-Jun |
| Nathan | Roiland | 19-Jun |
| Thomas | Zulkosky | 20-Jun |
| Emily | Robillard | 23-Jun |
| Skip | Flatten | 26-Jun |
| Tom | Heilman | 26-Jun |
| Ben | Anderson | 27-Jun |
| Alaina | Pettit | 27-Jun |
| Debra | Reed | 30-Jun |

MESSENGER

Your "Food Shelf" Shopping List



**Pancake Mix,
Cold Cereal**



Mayonnaise

Boxed Side Dishes



**Canned Corn
(NOT Creamed)**



Rice

Salad Dressings



Jello, Pudding mix



**Cake Mix &
Brownie Mix**



Toothbrushes



Kleenex

Boxed Pasta



Kook-Aid & Tea & Coffee

Paper towels



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

JUNE Food Items for the Maple Plain Food Shelf