

The Messenger

Christ Lutheran Church, LCMC
Maple Plain, MN 55359

How very
good and pleasant
it is when God's people live
together in unity!

Psalm 133:1, NIV

May
2019



The Kindness of the Lord!

The resurrection of Jesus is the greatest event in the history of humanity! It is so great, that we are still trying to get our minds around it and our lives in alignment with it! Easter not Christmas is the greatest holy day of the year for Christians! Without Easter, the holy days like Christmas, Good Friday etc..... are meaningless! The whole demise of sin taking over our lives, of death destroying life has been overcome by the work of Jesus!

Our hope is not in humanity getting better, or having the perfect environment to raise perfect children in, but it is in the resurrected living Jesus, being able to come into people's lives and give them a whole new taste of what it means to be children of the living God. It means the lost are found, the proud are humbled, the rich made poor. It means people experiencing the power of Christ to save them from the powers of darkness and the power of shame, guilt, fear, and suffering. In this world Christ has truly come. The Light does shine in the darkness.

In the resurrection of Jesus and the sending of the Holy Spirit God has kept his word to redeem humanity, to whomever believes. He who believes, will also live as Christ lives.

The most remarkable characteristic of Jesus is his kindness! God has a genuine love that suffers for us! God so desires us to be in a full relationship with him. He is relentless. God wants us to turn from surviving in life, to living life with complete trust in Him. Jesus' kindness is so great, that even when he is telling us to wake up and to get going, he does it with so much kindness and goodness, that we know it is him.

When Christ thinks of us, he thinks not of our faults or what we have done, but He thinks of creating a new life within us, what he makes possible. He thinks of us enjoying him, of us receiving the real life he pours out to all who come to him, he thinks of rivers of living waters gushing through our lives! He thinks of lifting the burdens of our lives, that we were not made to carry.

In his kindness he says "Come to me!" "Stay with me." "Be still and know that I am your God".

Now be filled with his kindness so that it flows over to everyone you meet.

God's Peace,

Pastor Ron

Jesus Encouraged People to Really Pray!


Nothing is more natural than for God's children to pray and ask God for help and guidance! Prayer is for calling upon God, as our lungs are for breathing air to live. The very life of Christ who promises to always be with us comes through prayer! Yet often we weary of prayer and we procrastinate. We often wonder if we pray the right way.

We have been growing a **Prayer Team** to help us serve with God in a more personal way. We have a Prayer Team of six individuals who simply feel called by God and are available to pray with you and for you. They have practiced prayer so that they realize prayer does not focus on us, but on God. We are invited by God simply to ask for his love and help. The Prayer Team does not have any set expectations for how God answers prayer, but simply bringing ourselves to God and letting God work as He pleases.

We realize, that for people to ask for prayer is a real step of courage and vulnerability. First, the Prayer Team has committed itself to confidentiality. Second, the Prayer Team will not seek to counsel or help beyond just being a partner who prays for you. Each person on the Prayer Team seeks to remember that you are very important to God, that you are to be respected and honored in every way.

The Prayer Team's approach is to be a good listener, towards you and God, and then to simply pray with you. Long prayers are not necessary. There is no need to make something happen. Only to seek God's grace, his will, and to receive all that God is doing with a sense of awe and gratitude. The Prayer Team is available to pray with you on any given Sunday after worship.

The following people have been on the Prayer Team for over a year: Ben Anderson, Karleen Boettner, Ron Boettner, Kathy Oman, Brad Sim, and Gary Stueven. Many times we have seen God answer prayers and often feel the tug of the Holy Spirit to enter into prayer for someone. Please know the Prayer Team is available for everyone!



James writes: "Is anyone in trouble? He should pray. Is anyone of you sick? He should call the elders of the church to pray over him and anoint him in the name of the Lord. And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well."

James 5:13-15

April COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

- * May 18th Congregational Workshop, 8:30am – 1:00pm with lunch included
- * \$1,200 in food and donations was raised in the Silent Action for Maple Plain Food Shelf
- * Save the date: July 14th, Outdoor Worship Service, 10am-11am with a potluck picnic at 11:15am. Location TBD.



May Benevolence is Inspiration Point Bible Camp



Inspiration Point

CHRISTIAN CAMP + RETREAT CENTER

Spring Cleaning Drive

May 1st-19th

Help community members in need by donating cleaning supplies, paper products and toiletries:

All purpose cleaner

Cleaning wipes

Dish soap

Floor cleaner

Laundry supplies (fragrance free)

Toilet paper

Paper towels

Kleenex

Lotion

Diapers (SZ 4, 5, 6)

Sunscreen

Pull-ups

Deodorant

First-aid items

Shaving supplies



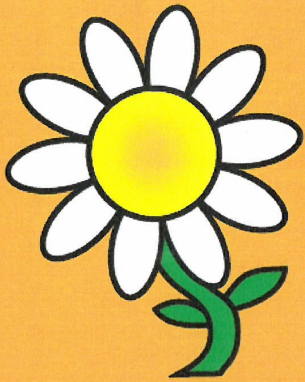
2019 CLC COUNCIL

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	Jean Flatten	2019	CLW Endowment Thank You's
July	Nancy Wood	18-20	President Staff Support Finance, Vision
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		

MAY

Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>1</p> <p>5:15pm - Confirmation 6:30pm - Men's Bible 6:30pm - Women's 6:30pm - Youth Group</p>	<p>2</p> <p>9:15am - Charis</p>	<p>3</p> <p>OFFICE CLOSED</p>	<p>4</p>
<p>7</p> <p>Molly's B-day 2pm - Staff Meeting</p>	<p>8</p> <p>6:30pm - Men's Bible 6:30pm - Women's 6:30pm - Youth Group</p>	<p>10</p> <p>OFFICE CLOSED 6:30am - Men's Prayer</p>	<p>11</p>
<p>5</p> <p>Cinco de Mayo 9am - Worship 10am - Coffee 10:15am - AIC 10:15am - Good Life 10:30am - Adult Study</p>	<p>6</p> <p>9am - Quilters 6:30pm - Prayer Team 6:30pm - Youth Cmte</p>	<p>9</p> <p>9:15am - Charis</p>	<p>16</p> <p>9:15am - Charis 7pm - COUNCIL</p>
<p>12</p> <p>Mother's Day 9am - Worship 10am - Coffee 10:15am - AIC 10:15am - Good Life 10:30am - Adult Study</p>	<p>13</p> <p>9am - Quilters</p>	<p>17</p> <p>OFFICE CLOSED</p>	<p>18</p> <p>8:30am - Congregational Workshop</p>
<p>19</p> <p>9am - Worship 10am - Coffee 10:15am - AIC 10:15am - Good Life 10:30am - Adult Study</p>	<p>20</p> <p>9am - Quilters 6:30pm - Prayer Team</p>	<p>23</p> <p>9:15am - Charis</p>	<p>25</p>
<p>26</p> <p>9am - Worship 10am - Coffee 10:15am - AIC 10:15am - Good Life 10:30am - Adult Study</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Bob's B-day Memorial Day 9am - Quilters</p>	<p>24</p> <p>OFFICE CLOSED 6:30am - Men's Prayer</p>	<p>31</p> <p>OFFICE CLOSED</p>

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 763-639-2938 or Mary Couser 612-306-2618 to meet you!

CHRIST LUTHERAN WOMEN – MAY 2019



Christ Lutheran Women – May 2019

THANK YOU TO MARILYN RONNKVIST

CLW met for their Annual Spring Meeting on Tuesday, April 30th where Marilyn Rönkvist resigned. Jean Flatten was nominated and accepted the position of President for the remainder of 2019. We thank Marilyn for her many years of dedication and leadership and look forward to her involvement from the sidelines!

OUR FANTASTIC CLW QUILTERS

Quilters last Monday will be May 20th and then they take a much-deserved break for the summer! Thanks for your hard work this year!

UPCOMING EVENTS

There will be a planning meeting for the CLW Annual Rummage Sale on July 15th at 7pm with the dates being set for September 26th – 28th.

Your Sisters in Christ,

Jean Flatten, Val Homuth, Bonita Heilman & Mona Hawkinson

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.

Jean Flatten, Val Homuth,
Mona Hawkinson,
Bonita Heilman

May



2019

Youth Schedule

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Last Confirmation 5:15-6:20 YG 6:30-8	2	3	4
5 Good Life 10:15-11	6	7 YG 6:30-8	8	9	10	11
12 Good Life 10:15-11	13	14 YG 6:30-8	15	16	17	18
19 Good Life 10:15-11	20	21 No YG	22	23	24	25
26 Good Life 10:15-11	27	28 End of School Year Party @ Pennae's 6:30-8:30	29	30	31	

June



2019

Youth Schedule

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						Confirmation Retreat 9-4:30 p.m. 1
2 Good Life 10:15-11	3	4	5 Mission Trip Meeting @ 7 p.m.	6	7	8
9 Valleyfair after church and get home around 7 p.m.	10	11	12	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.						



For the month of March we received \$23,089 and we spent \$22,361. Our average monthly budget is \$23,466. For the first quarter of the year we are about \$6,500 short of making our budget. During the winter we make above average payments on heat, snowplowing and our insurance payments come due. As we go through our summer months now, we pray for your faithful giving and hope our giving exceeds our expenses.

Thanks to God who is always at work so we might know his love and make him known to others.



May 18 - Congregational Workshop

June 24-27 - VBS

July 28-Aug. 3 - Youth Mission Trip

August 17 - LOL Music Fest!

Looking Forward

Looking Forward for Christ Lutheran

As we look forward as to how we network and share ministry with one another at church, we will be developing some new ways of sharing information and how we serve the needs of the congregation.

One of the most common ways we communicate is with the weekly worship folder, emails, and the monthly newsletter. After that comes the website and the bulletin boards at the entrance to the church and at Christ's Corner by the fireside room.

We will be working on two things this summer; First is replacing the newsletter with a four page brochure made every two months that will be available in hard copy for every household to have and to share extra copies with neighbors. We will update the website weekly. Secondly, with our list of servers for reading, ushering, greeting, coffee, etc... the council will be studying the ways that congregations organize themselves and will make a new plan that works for us.

After we have laid a foundation of how to do these things, we will be searching for the right person with the skills to help in the office administration.

Pastor Ron





SAVE THE DATE!!!

**LOVE OUT LOUD
MUSIC FEST 2019**



WHEN: **AUGUST 17** 3-6 PM

WHERE: CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH PARKING LOT

HEADLINING: NATIONAL ARTIST CHRIS AUGUST
WITH SPECIAL ARISTS NATE SABIN & MOLLY SARTOR



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: C. Johnsons
Lector: Denny Johnson
Coffee: H. Petersons/R. Jerdes





May & June BIRTHDAYS

May

Carole	Hemme	1-May
Declan	Heupel	1-May
Connie	Jenkins	4-May
Molly	Sartor	7-May
Zane	Raiche	8-May
JoEllen	Horazuk	9-May
Merrilyn	Koehler	9-May
Joan	Murphy	10-May
Alex	Forstrom	11-May
Joe	Stout	13-May
Don	Baird	16-May
Shelly	Anderson	16-May
Nolan	Anderson	16-May
Dolores	Burke	18-May
Asa	Pool	18-May
Jean	Rasmussen	22-May
Steve	Bren	22-May
Alden	Hirsch	23-May
Arne	Holm	28-May
Kevin	Hawkinson	29-May
Karen	Roiland	30-May

June

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



Rice

Salad Dressings



**Cake Mix &
Brownie Mix**



Jello, Pudding mix



Toothbrushes



Kleenex

Boxed Pasta



**Cocoa & Tea
& Coffee-especially!**



Paper towels



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

MAY Food Items for the Maple Plain Food Shelf