



The Good News

July 2021

Message from the Council President

Happy 4th of July to everyone! Hope you get a chance to spend some time with family and friends. I am heading to Colorado for the 4th for a family reunion with my in-laws. Looking forward to seeing everyone that we haven't seen for almost 2 years.

July will be an exciting month for CCLC too! We return back to "in-person" worship on Sunday July 11th at 10 am. Along with returning to worship there are a few new policies and procedures that we will be adhering to when we worship. These policies and procedures will be frequently evaluated and possibly altered as the Task Force approves.

WORSHIP POLICIES AND PROCEDURES SUMMARY

- CCLC follow the guidelines established by the CDC, WI Department of Health and the ELCA. Our policies will be updated as the information from these organizations becomes available.
- Come healthy!! Please do not attend worship if you are feeling ill or have a fever above 99.7
- Bring face mask! Masks will be required while in the building
- Sanitize hands when entering and exiting CCLC (sanitizing station located at main entrance)
- Maintain social distancing of 6 feet or more. Chairs are set up at appropriate distancing and the chairs can NOT be moved.

THIS MONTH....

♦ **Reopening Task Group**
mtg--Mon, Jul 5, 6:30pm

♦ **Finance Team**
mtg--Thu, Jul 8, 6:30pm

♦ **Church Council mtg--**
Mon, Jul 12, 6:30pm

♦ **August Newsletter articles due--**
Mon, Jul 19

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Message from the Council President continued

- Refrain from hugging and handshakes
- Usher will hand you a bulletin, please take it home with you when you leave.
- Songs will be sung by the worship team and we ask that you hum along if you wish.
- Weekly offerings can be dropped in the offering plate at the rear of the sanctuary, if you need an offering envelope please ask usher.
- Communion will look a little different so please follow the directions of the usher who will guide you to and from communion. Disposable cups will be used and can be discarded in the small baskets situated in the alter area
- Please leave the building immediately after worship. Fellowship can be done in the parking lot in the open air with social distancing.
- Before and after each worship service, the members of CCLC that have volunteered to sanitize will sanitize the areas used during each service
- CCLC will provide necessary materials (gloves, disinfecting wipes and sprays and masks) to be used in the sanitation process. Volunteers for taking a turn in sanitizing can contact me (Mary Hammer) if you would be so kind as to assist. It takes 3 people about 20 minutes to do the sanitizing check list.
- Ushers will maintain an attendance list to assure we have the names of everyone in attendance for each worship service for “contact” information in the event of a Covid 19 case in the congregation.

This will be a fluid process and the task force asks for your patience as we figure out what works and what doesn't work. Your Covid -19 task force has worked very hard during this whole ordeal and I thank them for their service to our congregation. Everyone's goal is to make it possible for us to worship together in-person and be safe!!

With that being said, I am looking forward to seeing everyone on July 11th. It will be a special day filled with smiling eyes and probably a few tears. You know me, it doesn't take much to make me cry...

Have a safe 4th and enjoy!! Peace, Mary Hammer

Message from the Pastor**REDISCOVERING OUR LIFE TOGETHER**

If you are anything like me “our life together” disappeared 17 months ago. We began worshipping and holding meetings electronically. We were not allowed to see our loved ones in hospitals, nursing homes or hospices. As Pastor’s, we discovered new ways to worship and keep in touch with our congregations.

Now, more than a year later, vaccines are widely available in the United States and things are beginning to get back to normal. Stores, restaurants, bars and other places of business are fully opening up.

On Sunday, July 11 at 10am, CCLC will also open for congregational worship with many protocols in place. (see Mary’s article) We will also continue to film our Sunday worship to those unable or who are hesitant for various reasons.

Yes, hope is emerging as those vaccines are being distributed. Hope is emerging as new life is being raised up from the struggles and pain of the past year by the grace and goodness of God. Change is never easy, but we have God’s unfailing promise to guide us through it--and that is the source of my emerging hope now and always.

I would be remiss if I did not mention our worship crew who struggled through every Sunday with me. My undying thanks to you! Joanne and Ryan on piano, Phil, Dorothy, and Cathy--our singers and readers and assisting ministers. Ed on sound and Mary and Kelly on camera.

Peace, *Pastor John*

Message from the Treasurer

**"Whoever gives to the poor will lack nothing,
But one who turns a blind eye will get many a curse."**

Proverbs 28:27

I don't know about you, but I get hundreds of emails from political organizations asking for money. They try to hook people into giving \$3 or \$5. This amount seems insignificant but, if I gave even a dollar to each one that asks, I would have invested a fortune by now. I have often wondered how much could be accomplished if a half of what was spent on political ads was given to those less fortunate. Would there be any children with food insecurities? Would there be parents working two or three jobs just to put food on the table?

Well, what does that have to do with Christ Community's financial situation? We are a very giving community. Our garden has already begun to produce vegetables for the food pantry. I have to ask myself, "Are my possessions God's blessings and goodness?" Yes, they are, but are they not also opportunities of service that God entrusted to us? Perhaps we all need to ponder that and have an honest conversation with God. I know I need to do that and I also need to listen to what God has to say to me.

I remember my maternal grandmother always had enough for an extra plate at the table. She worked hard cleaning for people who were better off financially than she was. However, she always had enough to send a "care" package to relatives in Poland. I can remember her putting cash bills deep into the cocoa powder cans. I learned from watching her that even when there wasn't much in the pantry there was always something she could do without in order to share with a neighbor or a relative in Poland. And somehow, she always had enough. She knew that what she had came as a gift from God and that she had the opportunity to share. She knew that God would continue to provide her with the opportunity for stewardship and that generosity without stewardship could lead to irresponsibility.

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Message from the Treasurer continued

As of May 31, 2021, the Current & Loose giving was \$492 under budget for the month. Child Care Tuition was under budget for the month by \$3,043. Total childcare expenses were \$1,254 over budget this month. The new fence around the daycare playground was installed and additional wood chips were spread. Many thanks to our property committee. Our total expenses are \$1,319 under budget. We ended the month with a deficit of **(\$3,394)**. We need to continue to make our offerings to help erase this deficit.

I have faith and hope in this congregation. Together we will take the opportunity for stewardship, and use the gifts God provides.

"To pass something on to another is not to lose it, but to invest it."

Seize the Day
Charles Ringma

Cathy Sell, Treasurer

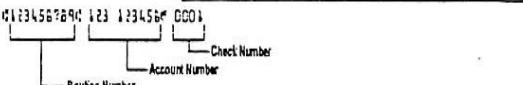
***Two things to Remember in Life:***

Take care of your thoughts when you are alone and

Take care of your words when you are with people.

AUTHORIZATION FORM

The Simply Giving® Program
endorsed by
 Thrivent Financial Bank®

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY	ENVELOPE/DONOR #	DATE
Christ Community Lutheran Church		504745276
Effective date of authorization: _____ / _____ / _____		
Type of Authorization Form: <input type="checkbox"/> New Authorization <input type="checkbox"/> Change banking information <input type="checkbox"/> Change donation amount <input type="checkbox"/> Discontinue electronic donation <input type="checkbox"/> Change donation date		
Last Name	First Name	
Address		
City	State	Zip
Email Address		
Please debit my donation from my (check one): <input type="checkbox"/> Checking Account (attach a voided check below) <input type="checkbox"/> Savings Account (contact your financial institution for Routing #)		Routing Number: _____ <i>Valid Routing # must start with 0, 1, 2, or 3</i> Account Number: _____ 
FIRST DONATION DATE: _____/_____/_____	FREQUENCY OF DONATION: <input type="checkbox"/> Weekly on _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Monthly on _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Semi-Monthly (transferred on 1 st and 15 th of each month)	FUNDS AND AMOUNTS: <input type="checkbox"/> General/Operating \$ _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Building \$ _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Evangelism/Outreach \$ _____ <input type="checkbox"/> _____ \$ _____ <input type="checkbox"/> _____ \$ _____ Total \$ _____
AGREEMENT I authorize the above church to process debit entries to my account. I understand that this authority will remain in effect until I provide reasonable notification to terminate the authorization.		
Authorized Signature: _____		Date: _____

Are you a BAG Lady? (BLESSED and GIFTED)

East Central Synod of Wisconsin



Fall Retreat at Imago Dei Village

(Crossways Camp near Clintonville, WI)

Saturday, September 18, 2021

Theme – Are you a BAG Lady? Blessed and Gifted?

"Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit..."

1 Corinthians 12:4



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Save the Date!

Register this summer

Information in the June Open
Door,
on the Synod website or contact
Carol Cleveland at
cacleveland50@gmail.com
(Registration due by 9/7/2021)

Scholarships Available

The Reverend Judy Deckert will be
our retreat leader.

Invite a friend, sister, mom,
aunt or daughter

Parish Life

Hospitality, Care Teams, Fellowship

Community Life

Outreach, Service, Evangelism

Community Garden has started to produce



On June 14 there were about 200 radishes harvested from the community garden. They were taken to the Grace Lutheran food pantry. Jeff, the pantry coordinator, said “the radishes were a great hit at the pantry today”. It will be a little while before other produce is ready to pick. On Sunday, July 18, three Grace confirmation students and their mentors will be working in the garden as part of their service requirements.



Life Teams

Spiritual Life

Faith Formation, Bible Study, Worship

To end the Sunday school year we had a picnic and carnival games. It was great seeing everyone and the kids really enjoyed playing the games.

Thanks for a great year! Hope everyone has a wonderful summer and we look forward to seeing you in the fall!



Miscellaneous news



Christ Community Lutheran Church is in desperate need for substitute teachers for the Childcare kids ages 2-7. It is an “as needed” paid position to fill in for sick days and vacation days for our Childcare teachers. The requirements for being a substitute teacher are to have some experience with young folks (Moms, Dads, Grandmas, and Grandpas qualify as experienced) and be able to pass a criminal background check. Please contact the Childcare Director at 920-469-3178 if you would be interested.

Please pass this information on to anyone you think might be interested, like high school and college students, family and friends. This is not a huge commitment and it could be fun!

**Rest is not idle, is not wasteful.
Sometimes rest is
the most productive thing
you can do for the body and soul.
--Erica Layne**



**In a world of noise, confusion, and conflict
it is necessary that there be place of silence.**

--Thomas Merton

Synod Golf Tournament

Tuesday, August 10, 2021
Glacier Wood Golf Club in Iola
Shot-Gun Start at 8:30 a.m.



To: All Pastors, Deacons, Church Leaders and Members of the East Central Synod of Wisconsin
(If you know people who'd enjoy playing this course, invite them; perhaps set up your own church foursome.)
From: Dennis Ellisen, 2021 Event Coordinator

Please mark Tuesday, August 10, on your calendar for the 2021 Synod Golf Outing at Glacier Wood Golf Club in Iola. We'll have a fun-filled day with 18 hole event prizes plus additional prizes and giveaways. Don't miss it!

We will support St. Joe's Food Pantry in the Fox Cities again this year. Please bring unexpired canned and boxed food items. I will deliver all items to the food pantry.

In peace,
Dennis

Important Stuff

Cost: \$60.00 includes golf, cart, lunch and prizes. Make checks payable to Sue Schultz.
Due Date: Please register by July 25. The golf course needs a final count on that date.
Format: 18-Hole Team Scramble
Times: 8:00 a.m. check-in; instructions at 8:15 a.m.; tee times at 8:30 a.m. (shot-gun start)
Course: Glacier Wood Golf Club, 604 Water Street, Iola
Weather: Located about a half mile north of Highway 161 on Water Street off Highway J.
If it rains, please call the course: 715-445-3831.
I will let you know the make-up date if needed ASAP.
Questions: If you have any questions about the event, please call me at 920-419-5581 or email me at revcat09@gmail.com.



2021 SYNOD GOLF TOURNAMENT REGISTRATION

Name: _____ Cell Phone No. _____ Email: _____
Address: _____

I would like to golf with: _____
We will do our best to match up all golfers. _____

REGISTRATION DUE JULY 25, 2021!!

Please complete registration form and mail with check payable to:

Sue Schultz
1020 Symphony Boulevard
Neenah, WI 54956

CHURCH COUNCIL 2021

NAME	START OF TERM	END OF TERM
Mary Hammer, President	January 2018	January 2021
Bob Simpson, Vice-President	January 2020	January 2023
Paula Dupont, Secretary	January 2021	January 2024
Cathy Sell, Treasurer	January 2020	January 2023
Gary Duquaine	January 2019	January 2022
Del Whitmire	January 2019	January 2022
Doris Burdick	January 2020	January 2023
Kelly Delwiche	January 2019	January 2022
Betsy Ferrebee	January 2020	January 2023
Luann Simila	January 2019	January 2022

Prayer Chain

CCLC has a Prayer Chain and we are trying to update it. If you would like to be on the Prayer Chain that is notified when a prayer request is made, please sign up on the sheets located in the fellowship area and indicate how you would like to be contacted: text, email or phone call. If you would like to make a prayer request please call or text Mary Hammer at 920-360-7987. If texting, please identify yourself in the text. If you are making the prayer request on behalf of someone else, please get permission from that person to proceed.

If you are unable to sign up at church you can call or email Mary Hammer, mjhammer@aol.com to get on the list.

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4 Independence Day 10a: Recording & Facebook livestream	5 6:30p: Reopening Task Group mtg	6	7	8 6:30p: Finance Team meeting	9	10
11 10a: Recording & Facebook livestream worship	12 6:30p: Council meeting	13	14	15	16	17
18 10a: Recording & Facebook livestream worship	19 August newsletter articles due	20	21	22	23	24
25 10a: Recording & Facebook livestream worship	26	27	28	29	30	31

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~~Monday, July 19, 2021~~

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