



Message from the Pastor

How Do We, As Christians, Face the Problems of our Day?

To be sure, there are many; from the price of food and gas, our divided political system, declining membership in our churches and a loss of identity of what it means to be “church” in our community and the world.

Henri Nouwen, in his book “Bread for the Journey” writes—“It is possible for us as mature Christians to resist the temptation of ‘there is no hope’, but rather stand tall with self-confidence—never losing ground, always aware that ‘earth and sky will pass away’ but the words of Jesus will never pass away.” (Luke 21:33).

With those thoughts in mind I refer to a passage in Revelation 21:5 “And the one who is seated on the throne said, ‘See I am making all things new.’” We as church must always be aware that we are first a servant church and must continue to seek out new ways to serve people in our community and the world.

At present we are serving families in our community by providing childcare through our day care program. We also provide food from our garden to food pantries in our community. Currently we have a building going up adjacent to our church, which will house people who need assistance in their day to day living as well as those who have memory problems. My hope is that we as people of faith of Christ Community will offer to them a hand of welcome and ask what areas we can best serve their needs. Let us all pray to thank God for this opportunity that He has laid at our doorstep to become neighbors ready to serve. *Pastor John*

THIS MONTH....

- ◆ **Childcare meeting**—Thu, Oct 6 12:30pm
- ◆ **Finance mtg**--Thu, Oct 6, 6:30pm
- ◆ **Bridge Group**—Fri, Oct 7, 8:15am
- ◆ **Book Club**—Sat, Oct 8, 10am
- ◆ **Church Council mtg**--Mon, Oct 10, 6:30pm
- ◆ **Bridge Group**--Fri, Oct 14, 8:15am
- ◆ **Bridge Group**—Thu, Oct 20, 11am
- ◆ **Nov Newsletter articles due**--Thu, Oct 20
- ◆ **Reformation Sunday**—Oct 30

Message from the Council President

Fall is officially here and it is my favorite time of the year. I love the colors and all the fall activities. Speaking of activities, we have lots of things going on at Christ Community Lutheran Church.

CCLC will have a Trick or Treat Tent in our yard and we will be handing out candy to the neighborhood Trick or Treaters on Halloween! It is a great opportunity for members of CCLC to meet and greet folks from the neighborhood. There will be a sign up sheet with times posted soon. Feel free to wear your favorite Halloween Costume! I will be in mine and you will have to come to find out what I will be wearing.

Everyone should have gotten a "Save the Date" post card in the mail. Our 25th Anniversary Celebration at CCLC will take place on Sunday November 6, 2022. There will be a Celebration Worship Service at 9:45 am and a program and luncheon to follow. Invitations will be sent out the last week in September and the RSVP cards will be due mid October. We have invited former Pastors, Interns and members who have left CCLC to participation in our Celebration. Bishop Anne Edison- Albright will be participating in the Celebration Worship and activities of the day.

I can personally attest to the fact that Covid-19 is still around! I appreciate all the prayers and well wishes while I was home with Covid. I encourage everyone to wear a mask during worship while singing. It is a simple gesture to keep our members who are at risk safe. I also, encourage everyone to get vaccinated and get the boosters.

Be Kind
Mary



*Message from the Finance Team****“You cannot serve God and wealth”***

Luke 16; 11 says “If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? How do we use the gifts God has blessed us with? These are the things we each have to think about as we approach the time to decide on our pledge for 2023. I know that some folks don’t like to be held to a pledge. But if we think about this being a responsibility to be good stewards of those things that are God has bestowed on us. In October we will be asked to turn in a pledge form. Now is the time to begin to look into our hearts and have a conversation with God as to what is our responsibility as a steward of the things we have.

The month of July yielded the following. The Current and Loose income totaled **\$9,609** and our expenses totaled **\$9,021** – plus principal payment on the mortgage of \$2,470. This gives us a deficit of (\$1,885) for the month. Our expenses for the month were over budget by \$857, and our Current and Loose offerings were over budget by \$1,276. The Childcare tuition income was \$2,727 over budget for the month. The expenses for the month were \$569 over budget.

The year-to-date combined income	\$ 178,085
Expense	<u>144,523</u>
	33,562
Mortgage	<u>25,132</u>
Surplus	<u>\$ 8,430</u>

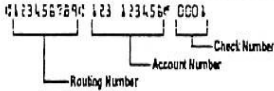
Our current and loose offerings are short of budget by \$1,982 year-to-date. Thank you for your continued generosity. We appreciate your prayerful consideration to “serve God” as good stewards.

Let us know if you have any questions.

Cathy Sell, Treasurer

AUTHORIZATION FORM

The **Simply Giving**® Program
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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: _____

Community Life

Outreach, Service, Evangelism

Community Garden 2022

This year there has been a very good harvest from the many plants in the community garden. We have picked over 2,300 pounds of vegetables compared to 1,450 for the entire season last year. Most of the produce has been taken to the food pantry at Grace Lutheran, except for some picked up by Christ Community members at our Monday or Thursday harvest times. There has been \$532 contributed to ELCA World Hunger during this growing season.

The garden will be closed out on the evening of Wednesday, October 5th, when the confirmation class from Grace Lutheran will come to the garden and pull out all the remaining plants. They will load them into a trailer to be taken to the Bellevue yard recycling center. If anyone would like to watch a half hour of busy activity by these youth, stop by at about 6:45 that night. The youth will be working at night with portable lighting.

God's Work Our Hands Sunday September 11



On September 11, we completed our collection of items for needy children at MacAuliffe School. We had 17 pairs of sweat pants and 300 individual packs of snack items. These were the items requested by the school principal.

In addition, on that Sunday, our Sunday School children made hand-tied winter hats to include with our contribution to the school. They made nineteen hats.

Spiritual Life

Faith Formation, Bible Study, Worship

Sunday School update

Sunday school is off to a great start! We talked about the early believers and how they shared with others. The kids came up with lots of great ideas of how we can share, by donating toys and clothes they outgrow as well as sharing our time by playing with others and making things for others like food or clothes. We also made hats for God's Work Our Hands day. The next week we talked about prayer and how there are many ways we can pray and that God is always listening. The older kids drew a picture/wrote about a prayer they could offer. Check out the Kids Corner bulletin board each week to see what the kids are doing and creating!



News From the Synod



Rev. Marilyn Miller and Dr. Joyce Caldwell, PhD

**Learning and Telling the Story: Deconstructing Racism
The deadline to register for Racial Equity Training has been extended!**

This six hour workshop will be grounded in the stories of participants, stories of the Bible, and stories from history. Participants will examine the construction and meaning of racism including in our state, provide tools to understand our own place within systems of oppression, and identify steps and opportunities to grow in both understanding and action as individuals and for congregational leadership.

When will these workshops be offered? What are the details?

October 14th @ Lutheran Church of the Wilderness - Bowler

Details for October 14th

9am - 4:30pm

October 15th @ St. John - Ashwaubenon

Details for October 15th

9am - 4:30pm

Cost \$50 per person

<https://tithe.ly/event-registration/#/5841886>

CHURCH COUNCIL 2022

NAME	START OF TERM	END OF TERM
Mary Hammer, President	January 2018	January 2024
Gary Duquaine, Vice-President	January 2019	January 2025
Kelly Delwiche, Secretary	January 2019	January 2025
Cathy Sell, Treasurer	January 2020	January 2023
Paula Dupont	January 2021	January 2024
Melissa Achten	January 2022	January 2025
Doris Burdick	January 2020	January 2023
Betsy Ferrebee	January 2020	January 2023
Luann Simila	January 2019	January 2025

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.

October 2022

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