

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH
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DeForest, WI 53532
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The Door Post

*Ask, and it will be given you;
search, and you will find;
knock, and the door will be opened for you.*

Matthew 7:8

FEBRUARY 2024





SUNDAY WORSHIP

Service at 8 am and 10:30 am
Sunday School at 9:15

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CHURCH OFFICE

Mon–Thurs 9 am—3 pm

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Ash Wednesday, Feb. 14 - 11:00am, 7:00pm
Weekly Wednesday through 3-20-24 -7:00pm
Palm Sunday, March 24 - 8:00am, 10:30am
Maundy Thursday, March 28 - 7:00pm
Good Friday, March 29 - 1:30pm, 7:00pm

Easter Sunday, March 31
6:30am, 8:30am and 10:30am
With breakfast between 6:30am-8:30am services

Pastor Sue's Letter

Lent.

Yes, I said it.

Lent will be here before we know it. February 14 to be exact.

It's time to put away the Christmas decorations, turn off the Christmas lights, blow out the white Christmas candles and light the purple Lenten candles. It's time to take one last look at the baby in the manger and focus on the man who walked the dusty roads of Galilee into the crowded city of Jerusalem to the deserted hill of Golgotha where he was crucified and died.

It's time to focus on why Jesus did that and what it means for us today.

Ash Wednesday is February 14th. We will have two worship services (11 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.) with the Imposition of Ashes and Holy Communion.

Each Wednesday after that we will gather at 7:00 p.m. for a brief worship service. The topic I have chosen is *The Way* by Adam Hamilton. It is a video-based series. Pastor Hamilton takes us to Israel to show us the very places Jesus walked, talked, preached, and lived. Each week we will watch a short video about Jesus' life, followed by a brief sermon. The topics are:

February 14—Baptism and Temptation

February 21—Healing Ministry

February 28—Proclaiming the Kingdom of God

March 6—Calming the Storm

March 13—Sinners, Outcasts, and the Poor

March 20—The Final Week

Please make the time to join with your brothers and sisters in Christ as we walk with Jesus to the cross, the tomb, and ultimately, to the miracle of the Resurrection. To God alone be the glory.

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Sue Beadle

Jesus said, "You know the way to the place where I am going." Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him." (John 14:4-7)





Bible Readings

Week of February 4

Isaiah 40:21-31
Psalm 147:1-11, 20c
1 Corinthians 9:16-23
Mark 1:29-39

Week of February 11

2 Kings 2:1-12
Psalm 50:1-6
2 Corinthians 4:3-6
Mark 9:2-9

Week of February 18

Genesis 9:8-17
Psalm 25:1-10
1 Peter 3:18-22
Mark 1:9-15

Week of February 25

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16
Psalm 22:23-31
Romans 4:13-25
Mark 8:31-38

February Birthdays

Betty Lund	2/2
Barb Anderson	2/6
Sandra Smith	2/7
Janice Olson	2/8
Sharon Jones	2/10
Darlene Hinz	2/11
David Lund	2/14
Marie Vent	2/25



Christ Lutheran Church Annual Meeting

Sunday, February 4, 2024

Bonnie's Blurp

One of the fun things here at CLC, is that every year that basket of "star words" appears in the Narthex. We reach in, take one, and that becomes our word for the year. We are to meditate on it, think about it, pray about it, be alert to what that word choice is trying to tell us. God speaks in many ways in our lives and the star word is one of those ways.

So, during the first week in January, I ventured into the Narthex to see what my word would be. If you don't know me, it may just seem to be an ordinary word, but this particular word is so 'unlike' me! I knew immediately I had selected the wrong word. (yes, I know that does not show much trust in the process. sigh)

My word? **DANCE!**

So, I accepted my lot, and decided to make light of it. I had a couple chuckles with the folks who were around and dutifully stuck it to my office door (not that I would be forgetting anytime soon). Then, I began to wonder what that actually meant. Is it possible that God is actually trying to send me a message? Could I learn from that word? Just concentrating on it started my journey. I'll let you know how it goes because I know you are also faithfully embracing your own word. I wish you well on your journey.

I remembered a book, read years ago, but obviously a bit hazy in my memory. I vowed to read it again. It is a marvelous book written by Richard Rohr. It is called "The Divine Dance". It centers on the Trinity. I remember enjoying the read. I know I will again. Perhaps there was more there than I personally ingested at the time. I wonder what it will reveal as I go along. If insights appear, I will let you know. As we approach our Lenten journey, this is a good time for new insights and to reinforce old insights not given enough time.

May God bless your journey this coming season, my friends.

Deacon Bonnie





Date	Readers	Ushers	Communion	Acolytes
Sun. Feb 4				
8:00 am	Beth Erickson	Team Campbell	Team Paulson	Maddy Gaffney
10:30 am	Tim Gerritsen	Team Thompson	Team Blau	
Sun. Feb 11				
8:00 am	Vicki Sobczak	Team Ringhand	Team Nelson	Maddie Riedel Brinley Schwenn Miriam Hilley
10:30 am	Jason Gest	Team Kvalheim	Team Emerson	
Ash Wed. Feb 14				
11:00 am	Beth Erickson	Team Janovitz	Team Knitt	
7:00pm	Nora Geach	Team Emerson	Team Lockman	Zach Loomans
Sun. Feb 18				
8:00 am	Tim Thompson	Team Lockman	Team Legried	
10:30 am		Team Blau	Team Emerson	
Wed. Feb 21				
7:00 pm				
Sun. Feb 25				
8:00 am	Beth Erickson	Team Paulson	Team Paulson	Maddie Riedel
10:30 am		Team Campbell	Team Emerson	
Wed. Feb 28				
7:00 pm				

Altar Flowers

A special thank you to those who provide altar flowers throughout the year. As a reminder, when providing flowers, please make sure to contact the office at least a week or two in advance so an announcement can be put in the Sunday Bulletin. The 2024 sign up is posted in the Narthex.





EASTER FLOWERS



Order Form

We are fast approaching Easter and it's time to order flowers for our Easter altar. We have a variety of choices this year, Lilies, Daffodils, Daisy Mums and Tulips, or you can give to the Decoration Fund.

To order, please complete the order form with your name, what kind of flower you wish to order, how many of each and enclose a check for the proper amount - payable to CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH. If you have any questions, please call the office at (608)846-4718.

EASTER FLOWERS

#_____ Easter Lily
(\$20.00)

#_____ Yellow Daisy Mums
(\$20.00)

#_____ White Daisy Mums
(\$20.00)

#_____ Lavender Daisy Mums
(\$20.00)

#_____ Daffodils
(\$20.00)

#_____ Red Tulips
(\$20.00)

#_____ Pink Tulips
(\$20.00)

#_____ Yellow Tulips
(\$20.00)

\$_____ Decorations (will accept through March 25th)

Given by: _____

In Memory of _____ or In Honor of _____

Amount Enclosed \$_____

**Flower order deadline is Sunday, March 4, 2024.
(You may pick up your flowers after the late service on
Easter morning, or during regular business hours the
following week).**



The Fellowship Committee is looking for new members to join! Our primary functions we need help with are the Sunday morning Coffee Hour between worship services and helping to plan the Easter Breakfast.



The Christian Education Committee is looking for teachers and assistants to help with Sunday School. We're looking for help weekly, monthly, as needed whenever possible. The Christian Education Committee is also looking for Adult Education facilitators/leaders.

Ushers - We are looking for help whenever possible.



Coffee Hour is happening now, please sign up to help. Please send your contact information to the office, and we will pass on your information 608-846-4718.

Ronald McDonald House Project -No Sew Fleece Blankets



The Social Ministries Committee invites you to join us on Saturday, February 3, 2024 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall to make no-sew fleece blanket kits for Ronald McDonald House in Madison, WI. If you are interested in donating material for this project we use no-pill or blizzard fleece. Each blanket has 2 sides so each side will need 1 1/2 yards of material. If you would like to make a money donation towards the fabric you can send that to the church office. Any donated fabric can be left on the desk in the Friendship Room. There will be a sign up sheet on the bulletin board outside the Friendship Room. Any questions, call Pam Hamele at 608-215-0382.

For Sale

Lutefisk - in 5lb bags, \$6 per pound, \$30 per bag

Lefse - Bulk bags \$12/bag - Small bags \$2.50/bag

Contact: The Office 608-846-4718 or David Erickson 608-513-9137

Let's Make Pillowcases!

Join us on Saturday, March 9, 2024 to make pillowcases for Ryan's Case for Smiles. The pillowcases will go to UW Children's Hospital to be given to children battling cancer. We will begin at 9:00 a.m. with a lunch served and work until about 3:00 p.m. You do not need to know how to sew to help. There will be cutting, pinning, turning material inside out and ironing to do in addition to the sewing. Feel free to bring a friend. Confirmation kids will get community service hours for helping. If you are interested in donating fabric for this project the material needs to be 100% cotton and material suitable for children including holiday, Packer, Brewers and Badger material. The main pillowcase takes 3/4 yard fabric and the border fabric takes 1/3 yard. A money donation for fabric is always appreciated. Any questions, call Pam Hamele at 608-215-0382.

Stephen Ministry

The Stephen Ministry program is hosting a representative from Domestic Abuse Intervention Service (DAIS) on Monday, February 12 at 6 pm. The DAIS rep will provide information on what domestic violence is, signs of domestic violence, how to screen for domestic violence, and how to support victims and refer them to DAIS. This presentation is open to the congregation. While signing up to attend is not required, it is encouraged so we know where to conduct the meeting. At this time, we are planning on meeting in the Friendship Room.



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Put your 2024 Choice Dollars to use. Designate your Choice Dollar monies to Christ Lutheran Church. ***March 29th is the last day to designate built up Choice Dollars from the previous year.*** If you have questions regarding this process please contact your Thrivent Agent, or go online.

Souper Bowl of Caring Sunday, Feb. 11 San Francisco 49ers vs. Kansas City Chiefs

The Souper Bowl of Caring is a great way to show support for both your favorite Super Bowl team and for your community. **Sunday, February 11th**, there will be two soup kettles, one for each team, into which you can vote by placing non-perishable food items and/or cash or check made out to CLC. Who will win? You decide!

Your "votes" go to the DeForest/Windsor Food Pantry. GO TEAM!!





From the CLC Quilters

Thank you to everyone who bought quilts and other goodies from the quilters. Also thank you to those who made a donation for supplies. You are our "Angels".
CLC Quilters



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