

The Messenger

Christ Lutheran
Church
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July 2024 Newsletter

Contact us at office@Christ-Lutheran.org

Pastor Chad's Mini-Sabbatical

As many of you know, about 18 months ago Christ Lutheran granted me a sabbatical for this summer, pending approval of a grant from the Lily Foundation to help cover the costs. Unfortunately, we were not approved for that grant and plans had to change. Very graciously, the Council and congregation then decided to let me carry over some unused vacation and take it all in one swoop, allowing me to have a mini-sabbatical this summer. It won't be as long as originally intended, but neither will anything be expected of me during this time. It will simply be a time of rest & renewal for me for about 3 ½ weeks. I will be returning on Monday, July 8th.

One of the reasons we initially designed the sabbatical was because we felt that the congregation was getting a little too pastor-dependent. Healthy churches should not just revolve around or be dependent upon what the pastor does, and (especially since the pandemic), some of us felt this was increasingly becoming the case. These few weeks will be a good chance for the church community to reclaim some of its ministry and take back some responsibility, and maybe realize where we need to continue to improve in these areas. Not that I have any plans to leave, but I won't always be your pastor and Christ Lutheran needs to be clear in its identity apart from what I bring to the table. This summer is a great time to see where we all are in that journey. So, here are a few things to keep in mind during my mini-sabbatical:



WHAT TO EXPECT FROM ME:

I am not going on any big trips or anything, so if there does happen to be a big emergency (like a death), I can and will be around to do what is necessary. For smaller pastoral care issues, I ask that you depend on each other for prayer, comfort and support. My spiritual director recommended that I turn off my phone off during these weeks. While I do plan to do some of that, I also ask that you not text or call me for any church questions... do your best to solve problems or get questions answered other ways, even if they involve more work on your end. If you call or text and it is not a big emergency, I may not get back to you.

WHAT WE NEED FROM YOU:

Continue to come to worship & stay involved. We have some awesome guest speakers lined up to do the preaching. We will need everyone to step up and step in if you see something not being done. Have grace for each other and yourselves. Things won't go quite as planned. It will be ok. Lean on your Church Council. You've elected them as leaders and they are more than capable of stewarding our ministry for the next few weeks. Be gentle with Kali in the office. She is used to working primarily with me, and this will be a big adjustment for her for these weeks. She has another full-time job she works during the day, so she will do her best to answer questions, direct you to the correct person, and do the background stuff we need as she is able. I very much appreciate this upcoming time off. Thank you so much! ~Pastor Chad

Summer Worship Schedule

9:00 AM- Contemporary Worship
 10:30 AM- Traditional Worship

Men's Breakfast

We will be at the Park City Cracker Barrel, located at 995 E. 61st St. N. We will be there at 8:00 AM on Saturday, July 13th for some good food and fellowship. If you have any questions, please contact Donn Bischoff at 209-2138.

Quilt Day

Our next Quilt day will be on July 2nd at 9:00 am. For questions, contact: Janice Cross 260-4282 (h) or 519-4776 (c)

This group of quilters is open to anyone who wants to join them. Sewing or quilting skill is not necessarily required. They meet once a month and you can come and go as your schedule allows. The morning is filled with conversation, laughter, encouragement, and by doing the important work of creating quilts for Lutheran World Relief.



2024 Bookkeepers Report



	May 2024	YTD 2024	Rolling 12 Months YTD
Receipts	\$16,647.73	\$112,164.30	\$228,159.48
Expenses	\$16,427.70	\$102,448.42	\$242,405.81
Variance	\$220.03	\$9,715.88	(\$14,246.33)



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For any medical questions or concerns please contact **Mary Garrelts** at mbgarrelts@cox.net

New Christ in Our Home daily devotionals are ready and in the lobby for you to have. They cover July – September. Feel free to take one or share with a friend to help your daily walk with the Lord.



Church Council Contacts

This is our current Church Council and their contact information. During Pastor Chad's mini-sabbatical, these are great people to contact with any questions or church-related inquiries/ideas you may have:

President: Brian Miller bfmyr4@gmail.com

Vice President: Jim Garrelts jgarrelts@cox.net

Secretary: Mitch Neuenschwander

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Treasurer : Alan Wondra alanwondra@gmail.com

Worship: Juanita Freed cjfreed96@gmail.com

Human Needs: Rosie Harder ma28rr77@cox.net

Resource: Nick Baden nabaden@hotmail.com

Property Care: Bobby Smyser bwsmy01@gmail.com

Parish Ed: Kelsey Helmick helmickkelsey@gmail.com

Outreach: Becky Dykstra dykstra73@hotmail.com

Youth: Emily Pector empector98@gmail.com

For **Pastoral Care** issues (like if you need a visit in the hospital), Mary Garrelts, our Parish Nurse, is a great person to contact. Her email is: mbgarrelts@cox.net.

Others that may be helpful:

Kali Mills, church secretary office@christ-lutheran.org

Ivan & Judith Gonzalez, custodians ivanaug@yahoo.com

**THE HEAVEN
& EARTH
GROCERY
STORE** *a novel*
NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR
**JAMES
McBRIDE**
WINNER OF THE NATIONAL BOOK AWARD

Book Club

**August 29th
@ 6 pm**

**We will be having a taco bar.
Bring some toppings, meat is
provided!**

NEWS FLASH !!!!

THERE IS NO MENTION OF AN APPLE IN THE GARDEN OF EDEN. THE FORBIDDEN FRUIT IS NOT AN APPLE. IF YOU KNOW IT'S IN BIBLE, PLEASE LOOK FOR YOURSELF, IF YOU FIND IT LET ME KNOW. I'LL BE HOLDING MY BREATH.

THIS IS HOW THE FORBIDDEN FRUIT IN THE GENESIS STORY BECAME AN APPLE.

IN THE 12TH CENTURY IN FRANCE LATIN AUTHORS MOST COMMONLY REFER TO THE FORBIDDEN FRUIT AS A POMUM, A LATIN WORD MEANING "FRUIT" OR "TREE FRUIT". OLD FRENCH HAS THE WORD "POM" (MODERN FRENCH "POMME", WHICH ORIGINALLY MEANT "FRUIT" AS WELL, AND IS USED IN THE EARLIEST OLD FRENCH TRANSLATIONS OF GENESIS. "ADAM AND EVE ATE A POM" MEANT "ADAM AND EVE ATE A FRUIT". OVER TIME, HOWEVER, THE MEANING OF POM CHANGED. RATHER THAN A BROAD, GENERAL TERM FOR "FRUIT" IT TOOK ON A NARROWER MEANING: "APPLE". "ADAM AND EVE ATE A POM" TO "ADAM AND EVE ATE AN APPLE". AT THAT POINT, THEY UNDERSTOOD THE APPLE TO BE THE FRUIT THAT THE BIBLE ITSELF IDENTIFIED AS THE FORBIDDEN FRUIT AND BEGAN REPRESENTING IT IN THESE TERMS.

IN THE 17TH CENTURY, THE ANSWER IS FOUND IN A QUIRK OF THE LATIN LANGUAGE. THE LATIN WORD FOR APPLE IS "MALUM" WHICH HAPPENS TO BE A HOMONYM OF THE LATIN WORD FOR "EVIL". SINCE, THE ARGUMENT GOES, THE FORBIDDEN FRUIT CAUSED THE FALL MAN AND THE EXPULSION FROM PARADISE, IT IS CERTAINLY A TERRIBLE MALUM (EVIL). SO WHAT FRUIT IS A MORE LIKELY CANDIDATE THAN THE MALUM, "APPLE"? THIS VIEW HAS BECOME RECEIVED WISDOM AND IS FOUND IN SCHOLARLY WORKS ACROSS FIELDS AND DISCIPLINES.

By: John Snow

Mission Opportunity! Help Wanted!

SANDWICH SATURDAY

FRIDAY: LUNCH ASSEMBLY

On Friday, July 26th, we will be gathering in the Fellowship Hall to put together sack lunches to give to the hungry & homeless of Wichita. We will be meeting on Friday evening at 5:00pm. We will be making peanut butter & jelly sandwiches and loading up the sack lunches with all kinds of other goodies (fruit, water, cookies, crackers, etc.).

SATURDAY: LUNCH DISTRIBUTION

On Saturday, July 27th, we will be distributing the lunches in downtown Wichita. We will meet at Christ Lutheran about 10:15am. We'll load up the cars with the lunches & coolers and then caravan downtown to St. John's Episcopal. At 11:00am, we'll hand out the lunches to all of the people gathered there. We'll return to church before noon.

WHO CAN HELP?

This is a great job for people of all ages & abilities. You can just show up either Friday evening or Saturday morning or both, and we'll put you to work. More help is needed on Friday than on Saturday, and many hands make light work. It is a relaxed, informal way to make a big difference in the lives of people who really need it. If you have any questions, you can contact Becky Dykstra (dykstra73@hotmail.com). Please mark the Tear-Off if you plan to help, and we hope you can join us!



Donations for St. Paul's Breakfast Guests

Our church is scheduled to provide breakfast at St. Paul's a couple of times this summer. Gina Christensen is organizing donations to bring to the breakfasts. This is the list given to us by Elaine Harvey. Please remember that their guests are mostly men.



- Men's clothing--jeans, shorts, t-shirts, new underwear, new socks, shoes. Baseball caps against the sun also help.
 - **Women's clothing--jeans, shorts, t-shirts, new underwear, new socks, shoes, baseball caps**
 - Various bags from reusable grocery bags up to gym bags are very helpful.
 - **Blankets**
 - Scrunchies were donated a while back--those elastic bands for pony tails and they went really fast
- Please place donations in the marked gray bin under the human needs table. Thank you!



PRAYER REQUESTS

During Pastor Chad's mini-sabbatical, if you have prayer requests that you would like to be sent to the congregation, please send them to Kali in the office. She has a slightly different email list, but can still send them to the entire congregation. **When you send her a prayer request, please word it specifically the way you would like it shared** (she probably doesn't know all the details of what can be shared publicly and what should remain private, so please word them appropriately). She will simply copy & paste your requests into a congregational email. Also, please remember that she is only in the office about two evening/week depending on her other work schedule, so it may be a few days before anything is sent out.



Creation Care Update:



We finished planting milkweed and black eyed susans. Now, we will be weeding and watering as needed. Please let me know if you are willing to help with weeding and watering. I would like to point out which plants are the native Kansas plants as they may be unfamiliar to you and look like a weed. The native plants are perennials and should come up on their own next spring. These are plants that will tolerate the heat and wind in July & August and bloom and produce pollen then.

I was concerned that the native plants did not seem to be thriving so I obtained soil samples and took them to the Sedgwick County extension office. The sample will be sent to K-State and results will be available in about 6 weeks with recommendations. The soil close to the church has a lot of clay and rocks. Though we removed some of the clay and added garden topsoil, sand, and composted manure, it may need additional work.

I also was able to talk to a master gardener and she told me that the native plants might be putting down deep roots now. She recommended wildflowers to aid in assisting butterflies.

-Rosie



CHIPOTLE FUNDRAISER
FOR
PARTNERS FOR WICHITA

**25% OF EVENT SALES GET
DONATED TO THE CAUSE**

TUESDAY, JULY 9TH | 4-8PM

515 N HILLSIDE ST, WICHITA, KS, 67214

ORDER ONLINE FOR PICKUP USING CODE

**GY96WL7 OR SHOW THIS FLYER IN
RESTAURANT**

**-All money raised goes towards hygiene bags &
first aid kits!**

Sympathy Cards

**If anybody is wanting to send a sympathy
card to Patti Durham's family, you can send
them to:**

Stan & Melanie Durham-Chase

13929 W. Onewood

Wichita, KS 67235

**Memorials are suggested
to Christ Lutheran
Church.**



July Human Needs Collection: **Lutheran World Relief: School Kits**

Thanks to everyone who contributes to noisy offering and the table collections for human needs! Rich & I delivered some of the diapers from the June collection and a new baby crib donated by Connie Schlatter to the IRC. The warehouse was about 1/2 full and we learned of some of their current needs.

The July/August collection for human needs will be for Lutheran World Relief for school kits. Today, I watched a 1 minute video from Lutheran World Relief. A shipment is currently on the way from the Minnesota warehouse (where our contributions go) to Lebanon. It is to provide hope, support, and comfort to people who are seeking refuge from the ongoing conflict in Israel and Gaza. The shipment includes school kits, personal care kits, baby care kits, and 18,000 quilts. Thanks to everyone at CLC who donates to human needs so we can be a part of this!



BIG THANKS!

Thank you to all who helped purchase supplies, brought sweet breads, collected or donated clothing, helped prepare and assisted with serving during St. Paul's breakfast the other weekend!

It is always a great time of fellowship and a nice opportunity to serve your community. You should join us in

August which is our next chance to serve breakfast, all are welcome.



Central States Synod Assembly

Recently, the Central States Synod met in Assembly in Kansas City. About 300 people from 150+ congregations met to worship, pray, learn, and do the business of our synod. Led by Bishop Susan Candeia, it was a great assembly. Christ Lutheran's voting members were Forrest & Cathy Ehmke, Rev. Maynard Peterson & Pastor Chad. Among other things, the synod voted to become a Reconciling in Christ Synod. To read more about what that means, you can visit the synod website (www.css-elca.org) or Reconciling Works (www.reconcilingworks.org).



ReconcilingWorks
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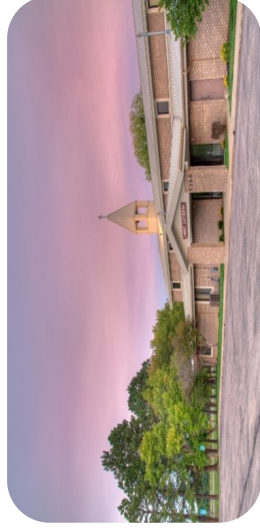
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July Worship Volunteers

Date	Time	Usher	Greeters	PPT	Soundboard	Leader	Reader	Goodies	Altar Guild	Tellers/Offering
7/7	9:00	Andrew Clouse	Landon Clouse	Justin Clouse	Jim Garrelts	Alan Wondra	Robin Pressnall	Kari Clouse	Janet Miller	
	11:00	Rich Harder	Paul Shaw	NEED ONE	Gibbs	Annabel Entwisle	Shannon Banta	Deb Bischoff	Schweitzers	Donn B & Paul S
7/14	9:00	Bradlee Howell	Justin Clouse	Mary Garrelts	Jim Garrelts	Landon Clouse	Kari Clouse	Mary Garrelts	Barnhills	
	11:00	Bobby Smyser	Connie Schlatter	Abby Banta	Matt Becker	Donn Bischoff	Steve Slipsager	Jamie Gibbs	Carol Dooley	Donn B & Becky D
7/21	9:00	Justin Clouse	Landon Clouse	Noah Miller	Jim Garrelts	Mary Garrelts	Robin Pressnall	NEED ONE	Janet Miller	
	11:00	Ben Gibbs	Taylor Cook	Casey Dykstra	Courtlynn Dykstra	NEED ONE	Jean Beal	Kelsey Helmick	Emily Pector	Donn B & Jamie G
7/28	9:00	Landon Clouse	Justin Clouse	Andrew Clouse	Jim Garrelts	Caden Howell	Lantana Howell	Kari Clouse	Barnhills	
	11:00	Paul Shaw	Donn Bischoff	Paige Gibbs	Entwisles	Casey Dykstra	Rosie Harder	Jo & Audry	Dionne Becker	Donn B & Cindy T

July 2024

Sun

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Thu

Fri

Sat

	1	2 Quilters 9 AM Men's Bible Study 10:30am 	3	4 Happy 4th of July! 	5	6
7	8 Pastor Chad Returns Council 6 PM	9 Worship @ Shepherd's Crossing 9:30 AM 	10	11	12	13 Men's Breakfast 8 AM 
14 National Youth Gathering NOLA <	15	16	17	18 First Choice Training 5:30pm- 8:00pm Justice Together Board Meeting 9:00am	19	20
21 National Youth Gathering Returns >	22	23	24	25	26 Sandwich Saturday Prep 5:30PM	27 Sandwich Saturday 10:30 AM 
28	29	30	31			



July Birthdays

Monday, July 1– Thomas Vingerud	Tuesday, July 2– Margaret Dietz	Friday, July 5– Etta Mae Minson
Sunday, July 7– Michael Clouse	Monday, July 8– Liam Minson	Tuesday, July 9– Harper Gibbs
Wednesday, July 10– Sandra Raleigh	Thursday, July 11– Jo Doerneman	Sunday, July 14– Caitlyn Haynes
Wednesday, July 17– Jeffery Garrelts	Thursday, July 18– Jean Knappenberger	Friday, July 19– Jack Smith
Saturday, July 20– Gloria Peacock	Sunday, July 21– Barbara Apps	Wednesday, July 24– Michael Lechner
Friday, July 26– Morgan Barnhill	Saturday, July 27– Margaret Kaufman	Saturday, July 27– Brian Rader
Monday, July 29– Nancy Christensen		

July Anniversaries



Wednesday, July 3– Jon & Julie Stiebner	Friday, July 5– Alan & Karen Wondra	Saturday, July 6– Lois Jensen
Tuesday, July 16– Larry & Sandra Zabel	Tuesday, July 16– Christina Hentzen	Wednesday, July 17– Bev Krasselt
Friday, July 19– Teddy & Cynthia Thompson	Saturday, July 20– John & Kathryn White	Friday, July 26– Bill & Beth Wenner
Saturday, July 27– Freyja Carlstedt	Saturday, July 27– Kimberly Foster	



July Baptism Anniversaries

Monday, July 1– Brittany Garrelts	Monday, July 1– Karley Luper	Thursday, July 4– Larry Cross
Friday, July 5– Frances McNeal	Friday, July 5– Korina Lechner	Tuesday, July 9– Julianne Evans
Wednesday, July 10– Mallory Fowler	Wednesday, July 10– Clara Miller	Monday, July 15– Aspyn Stucky
Wednesday, July 24– Penelope Barnhill	Friday, July 26– Jo Doerneman	Friday, July 26– Taylor Cook
Friday, July 26– Alleigh Stucky		