



Christ Lutheran Church

February 2015



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Susan Trinklein, Associate Pastor
Rich Marotzke, Youth Ministry
Linda Lubaczewski, Office Manager

CALL COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Jessica Brink	Al Squanda
Dale Bremer	Rich Sylvester
Devin Elbers	Julie Torrez
Pat Kuck	Maria Wagner
Diane Osantowski	Kelly Walz

The process for this call committee has been very different than when we were part of the ELCA, we have been able to "post" the job description on our website, the website of the LCMC and on various Christian websites. The call committee has received 26 resumes. Of those 26 we have interviewed 8 via a program called "Fuze" where we are able to connect with the prospective Pastor over the internet and also record the interview so any member of the call committee can go back and watch it if they missed the meeting or wish to review it. Of the 8 first interview, 6 have been chosen to have a 2nd interview. The call committee is currently working on these interviews, hoping to have them complete by mid February and narrow the search down to 2 or 3 candidates.

Please keep these members in your prayers as they work towards finding our next Pastor.



Ash Wednesday Communion Worship

February 18th
11 a.m. & 7 p.m.

Lenten Worship Services "This Love Changes Everything"

Wednesday's at 7 p.m.

February 25
March 4
March 11
March 18
March 25

2014 YEAR END CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

Your year end contribution statement can be picked up on the table in the lounge. If you did not pick up your offering box for 2015 please do so at this time.

Words From Pastor Sue

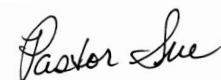
In January, Rich and I started a new sermon series entitled "Experiencing God." So far, this is a wonderful way to explore our relationship with our Father Creator and to open our hearts and minds to the action of the Holy Spirit in our lives. So far, we have looked at Experiencing God through Experience when God intervenes in our lives. Rich challenged us to follow in the ways of the prophets of old and when we experience God touching our lives to name the experience. We have also looked at Experiencing God through the nature of God. I shared that the nature of God is love and that when we love and trust God, we can be confident that His will and His directions for us are sound and given so that we can experience the best that life has to offer. I have been amazed as how active the Holy Spirit has been as we started this journey and I look forward to what else God has in store for us in the next months. This series will continue through the spring as we journey through this program together.

On February 18th, we begin our Lenten journey with our Ash Wednesday service. During the 40 days of Lent in the Wednesday evening services, we will be exploring the topic "This Love Changes Everything." This series has a devotional journal that will be available for those that want to continue the exploration between Wednesday services. This journal can be used in conjunction with the services or separately.

Throughout this journey, we will look at how Jesus' love for us changes our love for others, our priorities, our experience each day, our outlook on tomorrow and everything in between. We will emerge from this journey stronger in faith, surer of our Lord's love and more eager to serve others in Christ's name.

I hope that you will take advantage of all the opportunities to join together in worship as we seek both through our Sunday services as well as through our Wednesday Lenten services to know our Lord better and to discern his plan for each of us as individuals and as a community in Christ.

Peace in Christ,



ALL YOU CAN EAT Pancake and Sausage Breakfast

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2015

9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Blumfield Twp. Fire Station

7499 E. Holland Rd., Saginaw, MI

Adults: \$6

Children 5-14: \$5

Under 5: Free

Proceeds to aid in the purchase
of new Fire Equipment.

Annual Fish Fry March 13, 2015

A meeting to plan and organize this year's fish fry is Tuesday, February 10th at 5:30 p.m. All who are interested in helping this year are encouraged to attend this meeting.

Holy Baptisms

Samantha Taylor Bonfiglio was baptized January 11, 2015. Her sponsor is Amanda Beson. She is the daughter of Dawn Bonfiglio.

Harper James Bauer, daughter of Adam and Katie (Lynch) Bauer was baptized January 25, 2015. Her sponsors are Jenna Bauer, Sarah Lynch, Kelly Reinhardt, Dan and Lindsay Beyerlein.

Abigail Ann Lucynski, daughter of Samantha Lucynski will be baptized February 1, 2015. Her sponsors are Tammy & Kelly Gillespie and Holly & Kyle Schultz.

Come join us for the monthly Bible Study - Thursday February 12, 7:00-8:00 pm. We have extra books...."Living Beyond the Ordinary".....This month's chapter is... "Sinners, Every One". It's easy to have the attitude of, "I'm a pretty good person." The truth is, we're not. Acknowledging the fact that you are indeed a sinner in need of His grace will go a long way toward strengthening your relationship with the Lord. If you are Not 100% satisfied with your life and your relationship with God, please come join us. Materials are provided, all you need is an open heart.

Project Linus

The next meeting of Project Linus will be Feb. 11, 2015 from 9:30 TO 11:30. Our blanket count for 2014 was 124, the blankets were taken to several local agencies, such as Good Samaritan Rescue Mission, Covenant Hospital, McLaren Hospital, Women's Shelter in Caro, Reese Fire Rescue, UCCS Christmas Baskets, and to babies Baptized at Christ. If you have some extra yarn that you would like to donate, we have some ladies that would gladly make them into baby blankets. If you would like to crochet, knit or sew a blanket to donate, the drop off box is in the narthex under the coat rack. You are also invited to come and help with making the blankets during our meeting time, or just come out for the fellowship, check us out.

BLOCK HEAD QUILTERS

New time 9:30 TO 11:30 a.m. the third Wednesday of each month, a pot luck will no longer be held. Come join us, and see what our new fundraiser will be. Everyone is welcome, you do not need to be a quilter, there are many things to do to put the quilt together.

EUCHRE FUN NIGHTS

Saturdays starting 6:30 p.m.

February 14 - March 14 - April 11 - May 9

Bring your Friends & Family or come by yourself and COME JOIN US FOR AN EVENING OF FUN, FELLOWSHIP & LAUGHTER. Snacks, Pop, & Coffee provided.

COLLECTION FOR MEN & WOMEN IN THE MILITARY

During the months of February, March and April we are collecting the following items. Drop off box is located under coat rack in the Narthex.

Dental floss; Toothpaste; Toothbrushes; Stick Deodorant; Shower Powder; Foot Powder; Tylenol; Motrin; Advil; or Aspirin Packets, Combs; Brushes; Lip balm.

UCCS

Thank you to everyone that donated to our 2014 Christmas Basket Program, the UCCS provided 55 families with a food basket and gift card. With the donations and monetary gifts that are given we are able to provide assistance to local families at Christmas, and emergencies during the year. Thanks also to those who helped pack or deliver: Bernie Mielens, Irene Stange, Denise Felske, Joyce & Bob Spiekerman, Larry Lapak, Shirley Grabowski, Dorothy VanOchten, Irene Weiss, and so many others that were involved in getting everything done.

Thanks Be To God, *Deva Weber*

The new decorations on the Christmas tree in the lounge were purchased by the CLCW and put on by the Faith Circle. Thank you CLCW for the new decorations.

Connections Magazine

Connections for Evangelical Lutheran Christians is a magazine published by Sola Publishing. Copies of this magazine are available for you to take home and read. We are getting 5 copies and hoping after you read it you would return and share with others. You can order your own subscription by phone – mail – online for \$26.00 a year. Check out the magazine (if you haven't already done so) on the credenza. A postcard for ordering can be found inside the magazine. *NOTE: Copies from Nov/Dec 2014 remain so please help yourself to take home and keep.*

Memorials

For General Fund in memory of **Richard Watkins** by Roy Aven, John's Bar Family, James Bernthal, Mark & Maureen Bierlein, Bernie & Debbie Bittner, Mark Schluckbier & brothers, Lorraine Burrell, Tony & Geri D'Anna, Rob & Barb Desimpelare, Penny & Art Dijak, Mary Ann Elbers, Bob & Mary Gollin, Gloria Gollin, Pat & Shirley Grabowski, Fran Greis, Jean Heins, Chuck and Sue Hewitt, Dave & Cindy Houghtaling, Bill & Janet Janson, Tom & Ann Janson family, Dave & Carol Johnston, Dorothy Jorgenson, Wilbert & Lillian Keinath, John & Linda Kelly, Pat Kuck, Henry Lantvit, Don & Barb Lindenberg, Steve & Kay List, Tom & Jill Lynch, Larry & Sandy Marks, John & Linda Matuzak, Phil & Brenda McCain, Al & Bernie Mielens, Kirk & Anna Meyer, Glen & Marlene Mossner, Marilyn & John Nyeste, Jim & Donna Prueter, Mae Prueter, Bill Radka, Jane Renwick, Mike & Marcia Ruhanen, Greg & Stephanie Rummel, Bernie & Vickie Rupprecht, Eric & Karen Schiesswhol, Keith & Carol Schluckbier, John & Sue Schluckbier, Jeff & Vickie Schmitzer, Ron & Kathy Schoen, Walt & Marian Schrader, Reese Village South, Tom & Carole Steinbauer, Russ & Amy Struble, Hanna Rae Struble, Rich & Nancy Sylvester, Mac & Joann Thompson, Donna Tweitmeyer, Gladys Utter, Al & Sheila Weiss, Margaret Werner, John & Carolyn Wirth, Drew & Tracy Zehnder, Rick & Renee Zimmer, Milford & Valerie Schuette, Dave & Jean Hill.

Thank You's

To the Congregation of Christ Lutheran Church: It's hard to believe another year has come and gone! As we again celebrate the Birth of our Lord and Savior, I want to thank you for the kindness you have shown me through the year as well as your gift this Christmas. Also, thank you choir members for your gift, it is truly appreciated. It continues to be my pleasure to serve as one of your organists. Thank you, *Val Janson*

You kindness means the world to me. Thank you for remembering me with the gift of money at Christmas! *Karyn Crabtree*

To the Church Council & Congregation, The Christmas gift I received was once again deeply appreciated. Wishing everyone a safe and healthy New Year. God Bless you all.

Linda Lubaczewski

Thank you CLC for the Christmas gift. That was very thoughtful. *Darlene Mallory*

Words of heartfelt **"Thanks"** for the fruit baskets delivered to our members over the age of 80 and those shut-in were received with much love and appreciation from:

Bud Schorge, Virginia Stockmeyer, Lucy Markhart, Paul & Bev Prell, Irene Ramsden & Jean Kabat.

I would like to thank Christ Lutheran Church for the very nice fruit basket. I also appreciated Dorothy & Jim VanOchten delivering it to me. The fruit was very tasty and I enjoyed it very much. Also, I would like to thank Mary Ann Elbers for her monthly visits and giving me communion. I miss my church friends and welcome all of you to stop by and see me. Happy New Year. *Walter Sahr*

Joy Circle & members of Christ Lutheran Church, We were overwhelmed by the generosity of your church. Words cannot express how thankful we are for all of the Christmas gifts, food, and personal items we received. This was the nicest Christmas the boys have had in many years. Thank you again.

Sandy, Brandon & Jacob



Hospitalized

*Please keep in your prayers those members who have been hospitalized the past month:
Paul Hawken, Bill Radka, Lucy Markhart, Esther Mallory*

Council Minutes

January 13, 2015

Present: Katie Bauer, Dennis Babechenko, Rick Zimmer, Harold Avery, Jan Histed, Darla Kolumak, Tom Janson, Dale Bremer, Maria Wagner, Robbie Oldenburg, Sue Trinklein. Excused: Rich Marotzke, Kevin White, Jennifer Shores.

Rick called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. Maria opened with devotions. Harold will do the devotions for February.

Monthly Reports: Secretary's report: Motion to accept the December meeting notes with the addition of Robbie being present by Darla, 2nd by Maria, approved.

Current Expense Fund/Check Register Approval #27854-27892: Motion to accept Current Expense Fund by Dale, 2nd by Darla, approved. Motion to accept Check Registry #27854-27892 by Robbie, 2nd by Maria, approved.

Building/Memorial/Special funds report: Motion to accept December Building/Memorial/Special funds report by Darla, 2nd by Jan, approved.

Ministry Reports: No new business for Finance, Social Ministry, Congregational Life, Education, Communications & Youth & Family.

Property: Harold noted that a meeting took place about updating the lights in the fellowship hall and in the church. Replacing the lights will help reduce costs.

Worship: Meeting this Thursday. Robbie noted a few concerns regarding lighting in the church and chime control. Also, an update needs to take place or VHS to DVD.

Reports: Pastor's Report: Pastor Sue noted they delivered the presents to the adopted family over Christmas and they were overwhelmed. She is working with Amanda and Rich about transferring the worship service over to the screen.

Office Report: No new business

Youth Report:

- Rich provided a report; no new business.

Unfinished Business: Nominating Committee – nominations will be taken from the floor at the annual meeting as well.

Budget: Council went over the budget that will be proposed at the annual meeting this upcoming Sunday. A motion was made to change the Proposed 2015 Budget from \$154,600 to \$160,000

to include the position for a music coordinator by Tom, 2nd by Dale, approved.

New Business: Audit for 2014: Rick will contact people to help

Meeting adjourned at 8:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, *Katie Bauer*

Christ Lutheran Annual Meeting Minutes 1/18/15

Rick Zimmer called meeting to order 9:10am. Pastor Sue gave the devotion.

Tom spoke about ratification of 2010 Constitution – explained changes – Maria made motion to accept by Maria Wagner 2nd by Dale Bremer.

Tom spoke about by-law changes which is a technicality on the wording. Motion by Harold Avery 2nd by Jen Shores.

Secretary report – Motion to accept by Jen Shores 2nd by Maria.

Treasurer report - given by Jan, Motion by Dale Bremer to accept 2nd by Darla.

Ralph Bublitz questioned the Dreyfus account where \$18k was moved to. Maria explained that it was moved to Berthal Fisher account. Tom explained that we just had a meeting on Endowment and all funds are correct.

Approval on benevolence of distribution: During the year council members and committee members decide and vote on where to send the benevolence distribution. Motion by Jim Jasman, 2nd by Renee Zimmer. Approved

Budget Approval: Rick explained about Harry Bader giving \$50k. Mr Bader said to use the money as council sees fit. Explained that we tried to budget without putting the \$50k into the budget. Right now, we are not paying for a full time pastor or their medical expenses. Currently we are not using over \$3k per month for a pastor. Right now, the committees and council can use the extra money as we need it. The budget is our forecast for the year. Dorothy Arlt questioned why there is no money for supply pastor or Sue's salary. Tom explained that we are using it as part of the pastor salary as a whole. \$3k is net of what we are paying our associate pastor. Question is Sue done when we hire a full time pastor, Rick and Tom explained yes, that this was decided when Sue took on the Associate Pastor position. Rick explained that in order for Sue to be ordained, we would call her as an Associate Pastor until we hire a fulltime Pastor, this is in the minutes of Council when Pastor Tom retired. Question why are we hiring a music coordinator and eliminating the Associate pastor and Youth Director. Rick said correct, we are going by a month to month basis for as long as we can until a fulltime pastor is hired. Worship & Music committee feels that part of our goal of becoming a modern congregation is that we needed to hire a music coordinator. Music coordinator was funded privately by members of the congregation.

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W&M brought to council and council voted on keeping Amanda thru June for music coordinator. Jennifer Kuehnemund questioned what happens to confirmation class when Rich leaves? Rich will teach 2015 confirmation class, may be a new Youth director or our new Pastor, may teach confirmation classes. Call committee working diligently to hire a pastor that also does confirmation classes/catechism.

Rich Marotzke – Explain that we are not sure what is going to happen in the future, right now, we are just trying to get through June with the budget. Rich said that he is being flexible right now will continue to be youth director until any change is made with Pastor. Pastor Sue explained that she made a commitment with council to stay on as Associate Pastor through the hiring of a new pastor, paid or unpaid. Motion by? 2nd by Renee Zimmer – Motion passed. Jennifer Kuehnemund – reject

Vote for Council Members: Todd Felske was added to the ballot from the floor nominations . Katie Bauer, Jen Shores, Robbie Oldenburg, Dennis Babechenko are leaving council as they have served their term. Linda Babechenko explained that both her and Dennis could run again, but they want to expand congregational life committee. Tom explained that if 3rd person does not want to volunteer for council meeting, council can appoint someone at a later time.

Ministry of Finance Report: Why does the special funds account not add up? Maria explained that Year end report just shows interest accrued. Explained that monthly reports are given to council on expenses and are put into the monthly newsletter. For next year, we will include the expenses and interest. Ralph Bublitz asked about Dreyfus account again, Rick explained the Trust to his attorney, he looked over the document, we are following the trust document. Rick explained the Trust document is the Memorial Fund. Ralph would like to discuss and put on record: Where did the money come from to pay Rev Seefeld. Dale Bremer – there is not a motion on the table, you have to have a motion to amend. Motion by Dale Bremer 2nd by Jan Histed. Motion carried.

Trust: Tom – we have a Trust that is not signed – You need to be bonded in order to be on the Trust. The Memorial fund not in trust but needs to be. We asked people to serve on trust with no term limit; council decides on members. We need members on the trust committee.

Youth Ministry – Mission trip Summer 2014 great trip to Cincinnati and helped out in the poor communities. 6 youth attended and 2 adults. Sunday night ONE service kicked off in February.

Worship & Music – Robbie – Committee feels that our church needs to keep Amanda to keep our church moving forward.

Social Outreach – Harold – nothing to report Ministries of Education, Congregational Life, Youth & Family: reports were given

Ministry of Property – Rick explained ton of little things that come up that have to be addressed

throughout the year.

Ministry of Communication – Darla thanked Maria Wagner for new website and public Facebook page.

Pastor’s Report – Sue gave report.

Motion by Darla to accept, 2nd by Dale Bremer to accept ministry reports.

Elected Council Members: Kelly Waltz – Secretary; Jan Histed – Treasurer; Todd Felske & Ellen Shultz – General council.

Meeting adjourned at 10:23am with prayer.

Respectfully, *Maria Wagner*

Attendance	Worship	S.S.
January 4	91	14
January 7 (Wed)	8	
January 11	147	22
January 14 (Wed)	5	
January 18	126	XX
January 21 (Wed)	2	
January 25	149	21

CURRENT EXPENSE FUND — DEC. 2014

CHECKING ACCT. Bal. 12/31 \$ 26,308.75

REGULAR SAVINGS Bal. 12/31 \$ 12.39

DONATION SAVINGS Bal. 12/31 \$ 50,002.80

THRIVENT FEDERAL CREDIT UNION: 12/31/14

Business Money Market \$ 425.51

Checking Acct. \$ 251.25

Savings Acct. \$ 1.00

GENERAL FUND BUDGET THRU DECEMBER:

Revenue - Year to Date \$ 205,737.41

Revenue - Budget to Date \$ 169,993.00

Expenses - Year to Date \$ 165,793.40

Expenses - Budget to Date \$ 169,993.00

February Birthday's

Best wishes for a Happy Birthday! We are recognizing those persons who have reached the milestone of 80 years old and above. May God bless you.

1	George Weiss	16	Lori Gay
2	Sharon DeLong Tyler Dirker		John Ward Ryan Maclin
3	Dale Dirker Hiede Houghtaling Leah Hillborg	18	Jill Lynch Judy Wascher Jean Chalker
4	Kelly Radka Mike Mossner	19	Irene Weiss Randy Felske Elizabeth Taylor
5	Shaun Palm Ryan Campbell		Walter Sahr – 95th
6	Marcie Costello Paul Walz Marsha Woolever Isabella Thomas	20	Lori Dirker Megan Watkins Shannon Osantowski
7	Rachel Sylvester Amanda Richard Tonya Hawken	21	Katherine Bender - over 80 Samantha Stuart Makenna DeLong
8	Kevin Felske	22	Missy Elbers Allen Smith - over 80
9	Ramona Spiekerman - over 80 Olivia Montgomery		Keri Kenney Beck & Cooper Shores Zoey Mathews Evangeline Mossner
10	Jean Heins – over 80 Marna Oldenburg	23	Tim Sigelko Isaac Zimmer
11	Judy Lucynski Mike Connelly Dorothy Heartwell Peter Haake - over 80	24	David Pogoreski Mark Sylvester
12	Matthew Hill Karen Schorge Jennifer Rupprecht	25	Mary Felske Larry Mielens Samantha Palmreuter
13	Natashua Lucynski Samantha Lucynski	26	Kelly Avery
14	Debbie Bittner Gary Haske	27	Rebecca Ward
15	Alaina Edie	28	Melinda Duperon
		29	Gail Campbell Steven Sahr

February Anniversaries

3	Darrell & Sharon Allen	1973		14	Kevin & Shelly Thomas	2000
	Al & Jackie Redwanz	1973		18	Jason & Andrea Bittner	2012
5	Fred & Mary Lou Zwerk	1955		23	Tony & Gerrie Edwards	1961
	Nick & Mandy Lubaczewski	2011		25	Tom & Ann Janson	1989
8	Bryan & Kristine Bauer	1992		28	John & Sue Schluckbier	1970
9	James & Denise Pogoreski	1974				

Worship Assistants for February 2015

Date	Time	Greeters	Assistant Cantor	Lectors	Communion Set-up	Communion Assistant	Acolytes	Usher Teams	Money Counters
2/1/15	8:00	Harold & Kelly Avery	XXX	Kelly VandenBoom	XXX	XXX	Faith & Isabella Thomas	Teams 2	Team 3
2/1/15	10:30	Jennifer Kuehnemund	Kendyl Murphy	Gracie Lefler	Steve & Michelle Schmitzer	Marcia Ruhanen	Macey Hawken & Emily Rupprecht	Teams 2	Team 3
2/8/15	8:00	Deb Heinzman	Todd Felske	Dave Edwards	Tom & Jill Lynch	Denise Felske	Sydney Histed & Breanna Rocha	Teams 3	Team 4
2/8/15	10:30	Marianne & Olivia Montgomery	XXX	Dorothy Art	XXX	XXX	Nathaniel & Lacy Torrez	Teams 3	Team 4
2/15/15	8:00	Al & Bernie Miens	XXX	Kelly Walz	XXX	XXX	Blake Johnson	Teams 1	Team 1
2/15/15	10:30	Tim & Missy Elbers	Darlene Mallory	Renee' Zimmer	Katie Bauer	Carol Jasman	Zach Marotzke & Wyatt Schember	Teams 1	Team 1
2/18/15	7 pm	XXX					Madison Gwizdala & Austin Kuehnemund		
2/22/15	8:00	Jim Jasman Family	Diane Osantowski	Kelly VandenBoom	Matt & Marla Lefler	Michelle Schmitzer	Grace & Luke Connelly	Team 2	Team 2
2/22/15	10:30	Judy Mielke	XXX	Jennifer Shores	XXX	XXX	Libby Redwanz & Faith Marotzke		

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Office Asst:	Diane Osantowski	868.4057	Spec. Funds Treas:	Maria Wagner	868.4672
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				Todd Felske	372.7306
			Property:	Kevin White	252.5036
			Communication:	Darla Kolomak	868.4311
			Social Min./Outreach:	Harold Avery	673.3129
			Education:	Dale Bremer	659.2497

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Superintendent: James Houghtaling 863.0798
Treasurer: Ann Bublitz 693.6418

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