

Christ's Ambassador

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH
Preston, Minnesota



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Acolyte

4 Tyson Sprenger

11 Joey Ristau

18 Claytin Wingert

25 Annika Mensink

Computer Tech

4 Lucas Bredberg

11 Kylee Shumpert

18 Mady Wingert

25 Katie Pickett

Dear Partners in Mission,

It has been a very difficult six months since we were last able to gather together for worship inside our church building. I want to be clear that the church never closed and worship never stopped. We *are* the church and we worship God with our whole lives, not just in a building on Sunday mornings. Sunday morning worship services have continued to take place online, on the radio and outside of the church building. That being said, all of us miss seeing each other face-to face and enjoying the gift of Christian community that we took for granted before this year.

At our September church council meeting, we decided on a date for our first in-person “trail” worship gathering at Christ Lutheran: **October 4th at 9:00am.** There will be no advance sign up required, but we will limit attendance to 50% of our sanctuary capacity and have every other pew marked off. We may consider using an advanced sign up for worship services if we exceed 50% of our capacity and also explore using the Fellowship hall for those who want additional social distancing. Sunday worship services will continue to be recorded and broadcast online and on the radio for those who choose to watch or listen from home.

Most of us know to expect some changes to our worship experience. These changes have been made to help improve the level of safety and cleanliness when we gather together. Specific details of the changes are explained in the COVID-19 Preparedness Plan we made--which churches are required to create before resuming in-person worship. The plan outlines changes made and steps taken to limit exposure to illness and create the safest environment we can.

A few highlights of the plan:

Large gathering still pose a risk for infection, therefore, we urge all “at risk” persons and members of vulnerable populations to stay home and participate in services remotely.

In the front and back of the church building, one door will be marked for entrance, one for exit.

Hand sanitizing stations have been set up at each entrance door for use by all people immediately upon entering the building.

Masks will be required inside the building.

There will be no handshakes or passing of the peace.

Every other pew has been marked off and all households are asked to maintain 6 ft distance from each other on all sides.

There will temporarily be no congregational singing during worship due to heightened risk of transmission, instead we invite you to listen to the song leader(s) and reflect on the lyrics.

There will be no communion at least for the first few weeks.

We will have a shortened length of service.

There will be no fellowship time or coffee/ cookies/ snacks after worship.

No hymnals or bulletins will be used. Instructions and lyrics will be on the monitors.

The nursery will not be open.

We will not pass the offering plate, but instead use a basket in the narthex (entrance). We also recommend mailing in envelopes, online giving or direct deposits as reliable, safe giving options.

As you read through this list and as you consider about resuming in-person worship, please let us know any questions/ concerns or ideas you have.

You can call the office at 756 -2161 or email Pastor Dan or Amanda at pastordan@christlutheranpreston.org, office@christlutheranpreston.org.

We as your church leadership greatly appreciate your prayers as we continue to move forward and explore what it means to be the church in this new time. It is hard to know what is the best decision as we try to balance the desire to be together, to return to 'normal' and to be cautious and safe. We know people have a variety of strong opinions on what churches should or should not be doing, and we thank you for giving us a bit of grace as try to lead wisely. In the midst of all the changes and uncertainty we face, remember, Jesus is still Lord and He will lead His church into the future He desires.

Peace,

Pastor Dan



OCTOBER

10/1 Shirley Jertson, Dick Collett

10/2 *David & Mary Milne – Anniv.*

10/3 Gary Rjstau, Trista Tieskotter

10/4 Jim Marzolf, Mary Zimmerman; *Tom & Marcia Johnson – Anniv.;*
Pat & Melissa Severson – Anniv.

10/5 Jan Flood, Olivia Sethre, Lindsey Olson; *John & Teresa Marzolf*
– Anniv.

10/8 *Doug & Tona Keene – Anniv;* *Jay & Katie Harstad – Anniv.*

10/9 Melanie Olstad, Diane Wojtkiewicz, Oakley Berg

10/10 Karen Trende

10/11 Andy Bunge, Abby Zutz

10/12 *Tris & Pat Tollefson – Anniv., Erik & Shelly Topness – Anniv.*

10/13 Kinley Rjndels

10/14 Martha Quanrud; *Greg & LuAnn Hoff – Anniv.*

10/15 *Lyle & Sheryl Schultz – Anniv.*

10/16 Tris Tollefson

10/17 Helen Raaen

10/18 Lavern Moger; *Dave & Carol Knutson – Anniv.*

10/19 Brad Leathers, Wayne Dreier, Kathy Fishbaugher; *Andrew &*
Jenna Pederson – Anniv.

10/20 Josiana Corson

10/21 Susan Dale

10/22 Jeff Hellickson; *Kurt & Brenda Reicks – Anniv.*

10/23 Tyler Eickhoff, Thomas Pikula

10/24 Ann Ott, Jennifer Pickett

10/26 Kathy Scheevel, Vaughan Schmidt; *Richard & Jan Milne –*
Anniv.

10/27 Ellen Collett

10/28 Carlisle Corson

10/30 Richard Wolfe, Jim Specht

10/31 Brett Broadwater, Phil Kruegel

FAITH



Every night in every home

 **SHARE**
highs and lows

 **READ**
a Bible verse or story

 **TALK**
about how the Bible
reading might relate to
your highs and lows

 **PRAY**
for one another's
highs and lows

 **BLESS**
one another

- 1 Acts 20:35
 2 Matthew 25:40
 3 1 Chronicles 29:9
 4 Proverbs 11:24-25
 5 1 John 3:17
 6 Matthew 6:3-4
 7 Mark 12:41-44
 8 Luke 6:38
 9 John 3:16
 10 Deuteronomy 15:10
 11 James 1:17
 12 Proverbs 14:31
 13 Mark 10:21
 14 Luke 16:10-12
 15 Galatians 6:6
 16 Luke 12:33
 17 Psalm 28:7
 18 Matthew 6:33
 19 2 Corinthians 9:11-15
 20 Luke 7:36-50
 21 Luke 12:48
 22 Job 10:12
 23 Psalms 16:11
 24 Proverbs 17:22
 25 Acts 2:44-45
 26 Romans 12:15
 27 Hebrews 13:5
 28 Galatians 5:14
 29 Romans 15:13
 30 Psalm 115:5
 31 2 Corinthians 9:7

October



- Dan Grabau and Deb Shones and family
 Cori Larson and family
 Donna Conlan
 Val Christensen
 LaVerne Paulson
 Dianne Ruud
 Hannah Grabau
 Merrily Dale
 Char Keene
 Muriel Hanson
 Rosalie Krips
 Barb Barrett
 Gwen Knutson, daughter of Dave and Carol Knutson
 Bo Bakke, nephew of Brett & Jade Grabau
 Arlen and Dorothy Kiehne
 Richard and Florence Johnson
 Walt and Mary Lou Hansen
 Wenonah Berkland
 Don Berkland, who is at Harmony Care Center
 Helen Haugen, who is at Park Lane Estates
 Marilyn Bunge, who is at Park Lane Estates
 Aaron Klompenhower, who is at Park Lane Estates
 Jeanette Schmidt, who is at Traditions
 Eloise Hoff, who is at Traditions
 Averlene Marzolf, who is at Traditions
 Leona Woellert, who is at Traditions
 Irene Aarre, who is at Traditions
 Shirley Jertson, who is at Spring Valley Care Center
 Marga Moen, who is at Chatfield Care Center
 Helen Haugerud, who is at Chatfield Assisted Living
 Adie Milne, who is at The Harmony Place
 Jim and Violet Hahn, who are at The Harmony Place
 Eugene Major, who is at The Harmony Place

Pastoral Acts in August/September

Baptisms

August 30

September 6

Raegan Lynn Reicks, daughter of Zach and Bree Reicks

Elsa Leslie Leathers, daughter of Brad and Alison Leathers

Christ Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes – Tuesday, September 8, 2020.

Date: 9/8/2020

Meeting time: 6:30-8:00 (Zoom/In person both)

(X) Indicates Present for meeting

Pastor Dan	X	Kristin Bunge	X
Dawn Hellickson (President)	X	Bradley Leathers (Treasurer)	X
David Harrison (Vice President)	X	Susan Kiehne	
Susan Hager	X	Rebecca Schwingle (Secretary)	X

Devotion Reflection-Dawn Hellickson (also send a thank you out this month).

New business:

Proceeds of face masks - Voted to put the \$316.00 in general fund.
Annual Meeting - Set for Sunday November 15, 2020. Pastor Dan will check with other Pastors and see how they are handling it, in person or on-line meeting. No food will be provided and we will not have people sit at the round tables. Pastor Dan will send out another survey to congregation to see if they have thoughts about meeting.

“Did you Know” for October: Church received \$1500.00 to put toward upgrades for equipment for on-line services. We have also received \$316 in donations for masks that were made.

Old business:

Plan for in-door services starting October 4th, 2020

Masks required

Would like a greeter to greet and direct traffic, no shaking hands

Helper for computer needed

Acolyte needed, but just one

No ushers and communion yet.

Confirm contact with Nominating Committee, they have been contacted and will start asking people.

Recommendations for the 2021 Service Group Booklet,

Council to go through and make changes and updates and e-mail them to

Amanda to update the 2021 service booklet.

We will plan on the same Co-chairs and same format for 2021 with the exception of the one person that responded that they do not want to be a co-chair next year.

Would like to have a separate funeral group to handle all funerals for organization, and pulling from the appropriate month service group.

News/Follow up on inspection of elevator

Plans for \$15,000 CD (Recommendations)

Kristin will see if she can find out who the original donor is.

Treasurer’s Report:

See financial reports sent in separate e-mail

Agreed to wait on paying toward the \$5000 that will not be forgiven for pandemic loan.

Secretary’s Report: August 2020 minutes reviewed and approved

Team meeting highlights

Evangelism & Stewardship (Susan Hager & Dawn Hellickson)

No meetings held

Property (Bradley Leathers)

Property Report, Danny hasn't purchased the Power Mop and wanted to make sure we are still good with purchasing; this was approved previously and still is. No plans to wipe down pews after church as next use will be 7 days. Sunday school will not be starting yet. Apparently, a few parishioners have noticed the church has been left unlocked and lights on when no one is there. The only thing that anyone is aware of is that lights have been left on a time or two.

Worship and Music (Susan Kiehne)

No meetings held

Doing Contemporary services 2 weeks a month and traditional with Hymns weeks a month. Council agreed this would be a great idea. We will have it on the weekly e-mail of events so the congregation is aware of what service

Youth (Dave Harrison)

No meetings held

Education (Kristin Bunge)

No meetings held, will meet again in October after seeing how public school goes meeting in person.

Pastor’s Report

Council Report for September 2020

Pastoral Acts:

August 30th baptism of Raegan Reicks

Sept 6th baptism of Elsa Leathers

Resuming in-person worship plans/ goals/ strategies, do we plan on indoor worship for October, or keep waiting to see if weather cooperates for outdoor services? Outdoor has been ok, but weather is a challenge and sound is difficult to hear. I apologize from trouble testing new mics which has caused frustration for people trying to watch online. In the weeks that had no audio or low volume, I remade the service or edited it to include higher volume.

Indoor guidelines still include 50% capacity, no congregational singing, no responsive liturgy, no hand shaking, wearing masks (except when someone is speaking or singing as a leader from a distance of 20 feet) and waiting to resume communion. State health and CDC still recommend those who are over the age of 65 or who are especially vulnerable to not attend large indoor gatherings.

We are grateful for \$1500 technology grant from the SEMN Synod. Funds have been used to purchase a new camera, converter box, microphones and tripod. I am researching a mixing board for the rest of the funds.

We are trying out an upgrade to our internet to improve online worship streaming. We'll be going from 20mb download and 1MB upload to 40MB download and 3 MB upload. This will cost an additional \$20 per month. If this does not work, we can explore LTD broadband or other companies.

As we mentioned last month, Sunday school will start online beginning September 27th. Confirmation for 7th-9th grade will be offered in person and online Starting September 23rd. They will meet in small groups only from 6:15-7:15pm and will not have meals served this year.

Prefilled Communion cups were ordered.

Adult Education online option through Right Now Media if anyone is interested.

Bible Update:

Preschool Bibles given by Altar Guild will be handed out September 13th

Jesus Storybook Bibles given by Deborah Circle for First Graders will be on October 4th

Fourth Grade "Hand's On" Bibles given by Education Team will be on October 25th (Reformation Sunday.)

Approval of reports (by consensus)

Next Council meeting scheduled: **Wednesday October 14, 2020 at 7 pm**

Lightening Round of Celebrations / Prayer Request

Adjourn – Close with prayer, meeting ended with the Lord's Prayer

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Schwingle (Secretary)

DID YOU KNOW....

...that over \$300 has been raised for the church through mask donations

...that Christ Lutheran was awarded a \$1500 grant from the Southeastern Minnesota Synod to help us purchase a new camera and audio/video equipment for our live-streaming? We are grateful for their generosity and pray the upgrades will help us have a higher quality online ministry.

October

Bible Presentations

October 4th – First grade class will be receiving The Jesus Storybook Bible.

October 25th – Fourth grade class receiving Hands On Bible on Reformation Sunday.

Help Wanted- We are looking for a detail-minded individual to help us look over required changes made to our constitution that are needed to keep it up to date. Most of the work is already done, we simply need someone to look over a ready-to-be-finalized copy and double check it is indeed ready for congregational approval. Please contact Amanda at 765-2161 if you are willing to help.

Thanks!

Confirmation Sunday 2020

Confirmation Sunday was September 20, 2020 at Christ Lutheran.

~Congratulations on your Confirmation, may the Holy Spirit light your way so that your love and faith grow stronger everyday ~

Bryce Corson, Garrett Gossman, Gunner Benson, Olivia Sethre, Jenna Tieskotter, William Parker and Abigail Parker



We want to remind people of different giving options that are available for those who wish to keep supporting the mission and ministry of Christ Lutheran Church.

1. You can safely and securely give online through our website at <http://christlutheranpreston.org/giving/>
2. You can make a text donation. Simply send a text message to [\(507\) 556 4235](tel:5075564235) with the amount you would like to contribute (example: 25). Within a few minutes, you'll be sent a text with a link to register. Click on the link and enter your cardholder name and credit or debit card information. Once your registration is complete, you will receive a text verification and a receipt of your donation via email. For future giving, send a text with the amount you wish to give, and it will process automatically! You can even text "repeat" to make it a recurring donation.
3. And of course, you can still mail your offering to the church office...PO Box 526, Preston

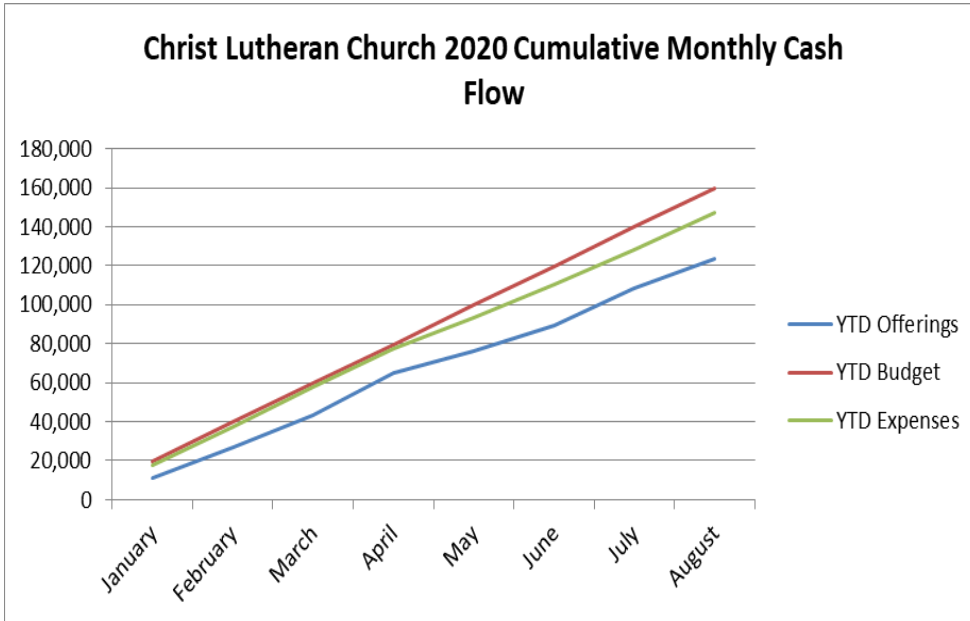
Thank you for your continued giving as we increase our efforts to reach out to our community and world with the Good News of Jesus Christ.

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CLC Financial Summary

August 2020

	<u>Aug-20</u>	<u>Jan-Aug '20</u>
Budget	\$19,953	\$159,624
Offerings	\$19,231	\$123,722
Budget Expenses	<u>\$17,269</u>	<u>\$147,189</u>
Net Income	-\$4,178	-\$23,467



Pastor Norman Wahl retired in August and there will be a reception for him at Bethel Lutheran Church in Rochester on October 11, 2020 at 2:00 p.m.

**Those who wish to send a card can do so to:
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810 3rd Ave SE
Rochester, MN 55904**

