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CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH Preston, Minnesota





Love God, Love People, Follow Jesus

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First Article People

Pastor Kris Hertsgaard Kincaid

In the book *Abundance*, Michael R. Ward shares a story about a pastor who referred to Christians as "First Article People" because of these words, "I believe in God the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth." The First Article of the Creed is composed of these twelve words.

In Martin Luther's Small Catechism, he writes, "What does this mean?" Part of his explanation states, "I believe God created me with all that exists, God has given me and still preserves my body and soul: eyes, ears, and all the limbs and senses; reason and all mental faculties." Luther also notes God as creator provides all that we see, are, eat, drink, and have. These creations sustain us. This article also means God liberates us from all evil and provides a shield around us. God does this not because of our merit or actions, but by God's power and love for all of creation.

Our faith hinges on these twelve words of the Creed. Through the ministries of Christ Lutheran all ages are supported in learning and living out our faith. Four youth and I will head to the ELCA Youth Gathering in New Orleans this July. The theme, Created To Be, is based on Psalm 139:14, "I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; that I know very well. We have been created to be together, created by the Holy One, and created to be in relationship with one another.

Members of our congregation and community said, "I believe" by donating over \$8,000 to participate in the Youth Gathering. Cheryl Schumacher supported this trip in part because she remembers her excitement as a youth going to the Lutheran Youth Convention. These experience made a huge impact on her life and she stresses.

"As a parent and now a grandparent, I want the youth of today to know how much God loves them and is always with them. I want them to hear, know and believe that God has a plan for their lives and there are others their age that have those same beliefs. I want them to know without a shadow of doubt the promises found in John 3:16 and eternal life is given for them. I would want them to gain confidence and not be afraid to share the Good News. These are the future Church. I feel that it is our responsibility to show our love and support and encouragement and help them to see the Holy Spirit at work in their lives and of other believers. I want to thank Pastor Kris for helping our youth to take the trip to the 2024 Youth Gathering in New Orleans. Also, for giving us the opportunity to share financially in this mission of letting our youth at Christ Lutheran see that they are not alone in keeping the Love of Christ and His Church alive for generations to come.

I pray that those attending the Youth Conference may have a safe, faith enriching, memorable, fun trip."

The people of God of Christ Lutheran Church live into God's promises. On behalf of the youth of Christ Lutheran, thank you for saying, "I believe," by generously sharing your time, talent, and financial resources. These gifts bear witness to our faith and help us advance the Gospel.



Minnesota Adult and Teen Challenge Choir to Lead Worship June 2nd - 9 am Worship and Potluck Fellowship

The MN Adult and Teen Challenge choir, which is made up of participants in Minnesota Adult and Teen Challenge's chemical dependency treatment and recovery programs, will perform a mix of gospel, Christian contemporary and Americana-themed songs as well as share testimonies of the faith and life in worship. Following worship, Council will be providing Pulled pork sandwiches and congregation members are being asked to bring a dish to pass!

Global Ministries of the ELCA

June 16th – 9 am Worship and 10:15 am Fellowship
Kathy Chatelaine, Assistant to the Bishop for Global Ministry, SE MN
Synod office will lead a lead a 'Global Ministries Sunday' worship as well
as a discussion following the service.



Blessing of the Bikes and Ride to Sylvan Park June 23rd – 9 am Outdoor Worship

On Sunday, June 23rd be sure to bike, scoot, or blade your way to worship for a special blessing of the bikes! We will worship outside and reserve a time within the service to bless your bikes, scooters, rollerblades, motorcycle or whatever you ride! If you do not want to bring your entire bike, feel free to bring just your helmet, lock, or a photo of it. Following worship, we will bike or motor to Sylvan Park in Lanesboro for a potluck picnic. More details on that to come.

June Service Group

<u>June Service Group</u>					
Sandy & Erlyn Marzolf, Chairpersons	semar416@gmail.com	507-273-7475			
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Bruce & Kathy Fishbaugher		507-765-2186			
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Paul & Karen Schmidt	krnschmdt@yahoo.com	507-273-6278			

Scheduled events: First Sunday Cookies, June 2

Mn Adult and Teen challenge, June 2

Worship Assistants in June

Acolytes

- 2 Reese Larson/Lilianna Dempewolf
- 9 Jax Heibel/Maggie Wingert
- 16 Taelyn Kerns/Josie Corson
- 23 Cooper Holtegaard/Katelyn Scheevel
- 30 Ryan Schroeder/Kaylee Hernandez

Computer

- 2 Ava Severson
- 9 Melony Wingert
- 16 Cooper Pickett
- 23 Josh Bakken
- 30 Jackson Fischer

Lectors

- 2 Mary Glaser
- 9 Michael Johnson
- 16 Steve Corson
- 23 Darrel Olson
- 30 Andy Bunge

Communion Assistants

June 16......Darrel Olson/

June 30.....



The family of Evie Christianson

The family of Helen Raaen

Colson King, grandson of Jason & Rebecca Schwingle

Val Christensen

Arlen Kiehne

Amy Timmerman

Lorraine Seaberg, sister of Linda Britton

Axel Heller

Bo Bakke

Bridget Case

Steve Kling

Carole Engen Barb Barrett

Rosalie Krips

Richard Johnson

Don Solberg

Marilyn Bunge, who is in Mabel Care Center

Walt Hanson, who is at the Minnesota State Veterans Home

Adie Milne, who is at Harmony Care Center

Ann Ott, who is at Harmony Care Center

Betty Riehl, who is at Harmony Care Center

Arlene Bakalyar, who is at Park Lane Estates

Helen Haugen, who is at Park Lane Estates

Jim Fossum, who is at The Fillmore Place

Alice Cummings, who is at Chatfield Nursing Home

Lew Randall, who is at Traditions

Irene Aarre, who is at Traditions

Averlene Marzolf, who is at Traditions

Helen Haugerud, who is at Traditions

Linda Hahn Smith, who is at Traditions

Jan Milne, who is at Brookdale Senior Living

DeWayne Vogt, who is at Luther Oaks Skilled Nursing Care

Ministerial Acts in May

<u>Funerals</u>

May 8 **Helen J. Raaen** (1934-2024)

May 17 **Evelyn C. Christianson** (1927-2024)

Christ Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes

Date: May 8, 2024

Meeting time: 6:00 p.m. (In person); Conference Room

(X) Indicates Present for meeting

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Member		Term Complete	Member		Term	
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Pastor Kris Kincaid	Χ		Bruce Hoff /President	Х	2025	
Michael Johnson	Χ	2024	Melissa Severson/Secretary	Χ	2026	
Andy Bunge	Χ	2025	Darrel Olson	Х	2024	
Jen Pickett/VP	X	2026	Katie Harstad/Treasurer	Х	2026	

Devotion Reflection-Michael Johnson

New business:

- Request by Pastor Kris Hertsgaard Kincaid to change her Defined Compensation by moving the remainder of her base salary for 2024 into her Housing Allowance for the remainder of the year. This will not affect her Total Defined Compensation for 2024. Discussion. This has no effect on the Pastor's Annual Defined compensation and does not affect the Church's bottom line budget. A motion was duly made by Jennifer Pickett and seconded by Michael Johnson and approved that the industry Compensation paid to Reverend Kristine Hertsgaard Kincaid for the remainder of the year be amended to move the remaining of \$32,118.69 of base salary into the designated housing allowance. The Housing Allowance will remain in effect until amended or rescinded. Revisit in November-December.
- Use of Facilities—discussion and review of form. Do we need a member onsite for individuals who are not a member that use the facilities. This could be an additional expense to ensure that no damages are incurred. Damage deposit is currently \$200, refundable if left as found. Consider having all parties (member and non-member) pay a damage deposit, which would be returned if facility is left the same or better then when they came; only non-members would then have to pay a rental fee. Consider increasing the fees for non-members by double; this may assist in reducing damages. Pastor Kris will discuss with Amanda in regard to the damage deposit. Table for next month in regard to damage deposit for members, non-members and non-profit organizations along with fee increase for non-members.
- Ammparo—June 16—Kathy Chatelaine, Asst to Bishop Hassanally
- Summer Fellowship and Worship Ideas—discussion. VBS: 3 Sunday's that will include an outdoor worship service. This will start June 9 with starting to plant the pizza garden. There are also Sundays in July and August. This will be an evening service from 6-7:30; Mielkes plan to host an outdoor holy ministry. Pastor Kris questions if there should be an outdoor worship for the morning; Andy Bunge brought up a monthly outdoor service with ice cream social after; June 23: "Blessing of the Bikes" Andy Bunge will call Lanesboro to see if we can rent some of the pavilions for a bike ride and potluck that day.
- 2024 Synod Assembly—consider giving an offering which will support the ministries of Continuous Growth Pathway (CGP), Region 3 Archives, and Luther Seminary. Brad Leathers and Mary Glaser will be representing CLC. (Here is a link to info on the synod website: 2024 Synod Assembly | Southeastern Minnesota Synod, ELCA (semnsynod.org) Goal is for this to raise \$20,000. Question if we paid an offering for the individuals that went last year. This information is not available.
- Darrell Olson: Lock box for the temperature boxes. Amanda has the keys. There are 2 thermostats on the main level that control the air conditioning, however there is a question if they are working properly. Darrell Olson and the property committee will call Al Larsen to have them checked to ensure that they are working properly.

 Darrell Olson: "Bring your Bible to Church Sunday" – both adults and children could bring their bibles and they could be used throughout the service. Pastor Kris would encourage the member that would like to pursue this to talk with her so she can understand what they were considering for this.

Old business:

- Review Team Descriptions; How to invite people to serve on Committees? (Brainstorm) Things I Like To Do/Ways To Serve Survey; Evangelism Committee will plan to review the survey that was provided by Pastor Kris; Consider bringing information to the bike service: Other ideas
- Vacation Bible School (VBS): Update by Pastor Kris. Around 5 total families have registered at this time. They plan to provide additional information to the Sunday School families with email and Facebook.
- Stewardship Committee met Monday, March 18th, Thursday April 4th and Wednesday May 1st. Information & update by Andy Bunge; They are hoping to uplift parts of the budget and challenge members to support different aspects of the budget individually.
- Senior Recognition Sunday, May 19—Information & update by Pastor Kris. There is a
 group of girls that are singing. Amanda Heibel has assisted in postings for Facebook for
 senior recognition.
- Teen Challenge will be here on June 2 (Informational)—what are the intentions about a
 meal?Council to provide a meal after. Members will be asked to bring a side dish to
 pass. June Service group could bring muffins/donuts/etc for the the members of Teen
 Challenge prior to the service. Melissa Severson will contact the leader of the June
 Service group. Andy Bunge will contact Ody's in regard to sandwiches.
- Property Team recommends that we hire a full-time custodian like we had before.
 Discussion- Darrell Olson: keep Robert for cleaning but have another individual to do other maintenance at the church. Consider FT or PT position. Tabled until next meeting property team will review the description of both positions and see specifically what the property team is looking for in this position. Will place information in the bulletin to see if there are members interested in helping with minor maintenance/custodian tasks that are currently not being completed. Michael Johnson will send email to Amanda.
- Need to increase our liability insurance coverage from its current amount to \$2,000,000 coverage before we can have the scissor lift to install our ceiling fans and lights in the sanctuary. Annual premium is \$450 Discussion Tabled until next month. They continue to check on different lift companies, which may not effect insurance.
- Extension of the duct work in the basement for better air exchange (see Property Team Report). It would cost ~\$13,000. Consider budget for next year versus using the money remaining from the ramp fund. Property team to get additional quotes. Table for next month.

All reports and next meeting's agenda will be emailed one week prior to our meeting. Please have all items for the agenda to me a week in advance.

<u>Treasurer's Report:</u> Financial reports will be e-mailed for review and approved by consensus during monthly meeting; Plan for budget review at next month's meeting. Katie Marzolf-Harstad will lead this discussion. Motion to approve the treasurer's report by Jennifer Pickett and seconded by Michael Johnson

<u>Secretary's Report:</u> Minutes will be e-mailed for review and approved by consensus during monthly meeting. Motion to approve the secretary's report by Jennifer Pickett and seconded by Michael Johnson

Team meeting reports submitted by:

Evangelism (Jennifer Pickett)
Stewardship (Andy Bunge)
Property (Darrel Olson)
Worship and Music (Katie Marzolf-Harstad)
Youth (Melissa Severson)
Education (Michael Johnson)
Approval of reports (by consensus)
Next Council meeting scheduled: June 12, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.

Lightning Round of Celebrations / Prayer Request

Adjourn - Close with prayer.

Motion to adjourn by Andy Bunge; Second by Darrell Olson

Respectfully submitted by Melissa Severson, Church Council Secretary

Saturday, June 29, 2024

Women's Day at Good Earth Village
"Tuning In"

9:00AM-3:30PM | \$40 per person Pre-registration is requested.

Have you ever had to tune the dial on your radio to find a station? Sometimes, the dial needs to be finessed to capture a station that comes in clearly. Other times, it's easy to find a station but hard to find the kind of music or talk we are looking for ~ there are so many stations vying for our attention. Our lives these days have so many "stations" to listen to. We listen to politics, religion, peer opinion, family traditions, trends, and even google! Sometimes the information we glean is helpful and healthy, but other times it heightens our anxiety or detrimentally misinforms us. The one station we can lean into and trust is found when we tune into the Divine. When we are 'tuned in' to God, we experience a satisfaction that comforts our soul. Our anxiety decreases, our hearts are warmed, and even our bodies are given a chance to rest and relax . It's a relief that is experienced in our whole selves, mind, body and spirit. But how do we get 'tuned in'?

Join us at Good Earth Village on June 29th for Women's Day: Tuning In. Come together with Pastor Marla Rotman as we discover and practice embodied ways to connect with the Creator through scripture, stories, walks, art, and more. Explore ways to connect with the One who longs to connect with you, sees you with deep love, and will never lead you astray. Let's get together and "Tune in" with God.

Pre-registration is requested, with limited walk-ins available. Check-in starts at 9:00AM and the cost is \$40 per person. Handicap parking is available at all buildings. Please feel free to contact us with any questions or concerns at (507) 346-2494 or at info@goodearthvillage.org.

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARYS



- 6/1 Heidi Johnson, Jenna Keune
- 6/2 Eileen Linden, Phyllis Solberg, Quinn Hoff
- 6/3 Karen Koch, Ila Mae Olstad
- 6/4 Dan & Penny Solberg Anniv.
- 6/5 Cooper Pickett, Rhenee Grabau
- 6/6 Stuart Corson, Blaine Niemeyer
- 6/7 Tyson Ristau, Waldo Leathers; Allan & Diane Marzolf Anniv.
- 6/8 Brogan Hahn, Carole Collett; Rusty & Pam Schroeder Anniv.
- 6/9 Gail Bunge, Matt Marzolf; Ryan & Sara Kling-Punt Anniv., Keith & Diane Johnson Anniv.
- 6/12 Richard Johnson, Jim Keune, Nick Marzolf, Jerry Olson; Steve & Diane Carr
- Anniv.; Blaise & Susan Hager Anniv.
- 6/13 Hadie Williams, Amanda Sethre
- 6/14 Jordan Ristau; Bruce & Kathy Fishbaugher Anniv
- 6/15 Megan Severson, Joyce Every; Trever & Sara Niemeyer Anniv.
- 6/16 Colin Pickett
- 6/17 Adam Severson; Rich & Jackie Burmeister Anniv., Nick & Kayla Peterson Anniv.
- 6/18 Lynn Haugan, Craig Britton; Jeff & Sheila Buenger Anniv.
- 6/19 Luke Hellickson; Michael & Margaret Johnson Anniv.
- 6/20 Penny Solberg, Kari Mensink, Abigail Parker, William Parker, Cheryl
- Severson, Elizabeth Mensink, Amanda Todd-Blanev
- 6/21 Cameron Persons, Mari Lyn Bakke, Tyler Trende, Tanner Ristau; *LaVerne* & *Denise Paulson Anniv.*
- 6/22 Linda Marzolf, Megan Persons
- 6/24 Kolby Brunsvold; Paul & Karen Schmidt Anniv.
- 6/25 Susan Hager; Luke & Shelby Ristau Anniv.
- 6/26 Sheila Buenger
- 6/28 Marcia Johnson, Connor Nagle
- 6/29 Diane Carr. Lew Randall. Pat Scheevel
- 6/30 Lauren Mensink, Henry Collett, Streat Speer



Summer VBS and Pizza Garden

Sunday, June 9th; Tuesday, June 11th and Thursday, June 13th; Sunday, July 14th; Sunday, August 18th.



Come when you can - you don't have to attend every night. See specifics below. WHAT: Gather with us and explore how we grow in faith. We will plant and tend a pizza garden over the summer. In August, we will make pizza, using our freshly grown herbs and produce. This is part of our summer VBS ministry. Have fun with Bible stories, games, songs, friends, and more! Sunday meeting dates are for all ages, Tuesdays and Thursdays are for kids. Congregation members will be asked to help provide meals and assist with VBS. Register online on our website, children's page, www.christlutheranpreston.org or call the office for a registration link at 507-765-2161. See below for more details!

Christ Lutheran Church Vacation Bible School

Free & all are welcome!

Do not have to attend all dates - come when

uou can!

- 6-6:30pn
- Sun., June 9 6:30-8pm: lessons & fun
 Tues., June 11 & Thurs., June 13
- Sun.. Julu 14
- Sun., August 18 intergenerational

ACTIVITIES

- Light meal provided each evening
- Plant & tend a pizza garden
- Games, crafts, & music
- Learn about the parable of the sower & other Bible lessons
- August 18: Intergenerational pizza making night & meal

REGISTRATION

Watch for registration information on www.christlutheranpreston.org

CLC Financial Summary - April 2024					
		April		Jan-Apr	
Budget	\$ 1	9,109.00	\$	76,436.00	
Offerings	\$ 2	1,031.62	\$	84,777.51	
Actual Expenses	\$ 2	0,251.35	\$	89,180.78	
Net Income	\$	780.27	\$	(4,403.27)	
WELCA Expense	\$	700.00	\$	(971.04)	

From creation and the flood to turning water to wine, the woman at the well, and calming the storm, images of water pervade the Bible.

Start your summer with a splash by dipping into the simple steps of FAITH5 (Faith Acts In The Home) to be reminded each day in June of God's thirst quenching power. Share this routine with your family or just keep it between you and God. Begin with "highs and lows" the best and worst moments of your day, read the water themed verses below, pray and end by blessing each other, perhaps tracing a cross on the forehead and saying something like "You are washed clean and made new with God's great love for you."

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Every night in every home







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





1	Genesis 1:6-10
2	Genesis 7:1-24
3	Genesis 8:1-22
4	Genesis 21:14-21
5	Exodus 14:21-31
6	Exodus 15:22-27
7	Jeremiah 2:13
8	Matthew 10:40-42
9	Amos 5:24
10	Jonah 1:1-17
11	Jonah 2:10-3:10
12	Matthew 3:13-17
13	John 2:1-11
14	John 3:1-5
15	John 4:4-12
16	John 4:13-15
17	John 9:1-7
18	John 21:3-6
19	Isaiah 12:3
20	Mark 4:35-41
21	Psalm 107:23-31
22	Mark 6:47-52
23	Hosea 6:3
24	John 7:37-39
25	Psalm 130:1
26	John 13:3-8
27	John 13:9-17
28	Matthew 27:22-24
29	Acts 22:16
30	Acts 8:36-38

Genesis 1:6-10

Did You Know?

Christ Lutheran has several opportunities to get involved and connect with others. Each person has unique talents and gifts - there's a place for everyone to serve within our church community. Please consider these opportunities and how you can get involved:

- 1) Sunday morning greeter
- 2) Usher in June and July/reserve ushers for special events, funerals, etc.
- 3) August service group co-chair
- 4) Vacation Bible School helpers
- 5) Computer tech to open church on Sundays and set up the computer for service
- 6) Organist/pianist (as needed)
- 7) Serve on Church Council Committees (Evangelism, Stewardship, Property, Education, Youth, Music, etc.)
- 8) Individual(s) to help with minor maintenance and cleaning tasks. If interested in any or all these opportunities, please contact Amanda in the church office.

The next Women's Fellowship group meeting will be on Wednesday, June 26, 2024 at 6:30 pm in the Conference Room. We will be discussing Mental Health Awareness and how congregations can play a role in mental health ministry. May was mental health awareness month and millions of Americans have been diagnosed with mental illness. Consider joining us and find out how you can be inspired to reach out to someone living with this condition everyday.

Calling all students entering grades 7-12...

"Summer Stretch"

Combining Service and Fun as we Grow in Faith!

This summer Christ Lutheran Church is offering opportunities for youth to seek, live and share an active faith in Jesus Christ. Over the course of the summer, we will share devotions, enjoy fun events, and engage in service to God's people. Knowing how full your schedules are, service and fun will be offered on the same day. Check out the calendar and sign-up now! Form is also on the website.

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We will start each morning by checking in and sharing a devotional. Then we load up the vehicles and head out for a morning service project. Fellowship and fun keeps us busy in the afternoon as we head to a recreation site.

Youth Leaders Needed - Incoming 10-12th Grade Students
Need volunteer hours? High school students who are Youth Leaders and need service hours for NHS, scouts, college applications, or any other volunteer requirements are welcome to count any hours they participate in Summer Stretch. Youth Leaders help to lead games, hang out with participants, and spend time getting to know our awesome middle schoolers.

Youth Leader pay a reduced rate, \$15.

Outdoor Worship and VBS

WHAT: Youth will help lead Bible stories, music, games, and activities!

- *Enjoy a meal provided each evening (6-6:30 pm)
- *Plant and tend a pizza garden
- *Participate in games, activities, & music
- *Learn about the Parable of the Sower and other Bible stories

DATES:

Sunday nights - Light meal (6-6:30pm); Outdoor worship and activities for all ages (6:30-8:00pm)

Sun, June 9 - plant the pizza garden

Sun, July 14 - tend the pizza garden

Sun, August 18 - harvest the garden and make pizza! (8-9 pm - Youth stay for Campfire & Smores with games & devo)

VBS Nights - Light meal (6-6:30pm); Story, song, activities, and games for pre-k to 6th grade (6:30-8:00pm)

Tues, Jun 11 - Planting Seeds (8-9 pm - Youth stay for water games, devos and ice cream!)

Thurs, Jun 13 - Taking Root

Summer Fun Days

Thursday, June 20 - Paint Pool Benches and Air Insanity

Meet at Christ Lutheran at 8:30 am and return by 4 pm. \$25, gr 7-9, \$15 gr 10-12. Gather at church for games and a devotion, then head up to the Preston swimming pool for our service project. We will eat lunch at the park, then go to Air Insanity in Rochester for 90 minutes of Jump Time! Fee includes jump time and jump socks. Waiver must be signed. Drivers needed.

Wednesday, July 31 - Service and Fun TBD

Meet at Christ Lutheran at 8:30 am and return by 4 pm.

<u>Aug TBD, (Grades 10-12) – Chalk the Driveways and Back to School Campfire</u> and Games