

Christ's Ambassador

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH
Preston, Minnesota



~2025~

Love God, Love People, Follow Jesus

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"The Hardest Part and the Greatest Promise"

Pastor Kris Hertsgaard Kincaid

Lent begins this year on March 5, Ash Wednesday. During Lent we have 40 days to consider our relationship with Jesus. Lent leads to the hardest part of Christ's ministry, his death on the cross, and to God's greatest promise, new life in Christ. The season of Lent invites us to consider faith and life, our love for Jesus, and how we are living our faith active in love. It invites us to recognize how heavy the world can feel while also providing space for us to live into God's promises for what is possible.

Wednesday Worship, March 5, 12, 19, 26; April 2 and 9

****NEW - Worship begins at 6:45 pm**

We invite you to gather with us, in worship, devotion, discussion, and prayer. Soup suppers will be served each Wednesday from 6-6:35 pm (it's a great ministry to invite friends to gather with us) and worship begins at 6:45 pm.

Ash Wednesday, March 5, 6:45 pm - We remember Genesis 3:19, "From dust we were made; to dust we will return." We are reminded through this verse and the touch of ash to forehead that God sees us, each of us. Through Word, song, and Holy Communion, we will step into our Lenten journey. This service is designed for all ages.

Wednesdays, March 12, 19, 26; April 2 and 9 - We will worship with the Holden Evening Prayer service and our reflections will be on the Lord's Prayer. There will be prayer stations to engage in prior to or following the worship service.

Sundays, March 16, 23, 30; April 6 Worship, 9 am. Through God's stories from the Old and New Testaments we will follow Jesus to Jerusalem. We know the ending and live eternally through Christ. Yet spending time in this story reminds us we are Easter people, living into God's hopes and promises even when it is hard. Even when we are grieving. Even when we are not sure what is ahead of us. Through all things, God is with us. Let us live a new life together!

Pastor Kris

Watch for more information on Holy Week services. They will be offered at the following times:

Palm Sunday, April 13 - 9am

Maundy Thursday, April 17 - 6:45pm

Good Friday, April 18 - 6:45pm

Easter Sunday, April 20 - 9am



Generous Together Sunday

Sunday, March 9

9 am Worship

Come and celebrate generosity as we learn more about HOW we create centers of generosity. How do we as stewards of generosity at Christ Lutheran reflect God's generosity? How does our church provide the foundation for each of us to excel in generosity and joyfully share our time, talent and money?

Come and see!



LUNCH & LEARN

When: Tuesday, March 25

Speaker: Christa Spaeth

Topic: Gut Health Essentials

Join us for a discussion on gut health where you'll learn the essentials of digestive wellness and how to support your gut with simple ingredients. It will focus on powerful nutrient-dense foods. You will taste two delicious and nutritious items that are not only affordable, but also easy to prepare at home.

Christa Spaeth is a foodie and a dietitian with over 20 years of experience in a Culinary Test Kitchen! She loves to share simple recipes that are healthy. You will often find her making sourdough bread or creating a new recipe in her kitchen.

5th GRADE FIRST COMMUNION



Sunday, March 30th, 9 AM and reception to follow
First Communion class TBA

PRAYER list

The family of Cynthia Hokenson

Elsa Bye

Jason Schwingle

Jacob Johnson

Rosalie Krips

Val Christensen

Jodi Milne Trochlil

Amy Timmerman

Jill Miller

Marilyn Bunge, who is in Mabel Care Center

Walt Hanson, who is at the Minnesota State Veterans Home

Mary Lou Hansen, who is at Harmony Care Center

Ann Ott, who is at Harmony Care Center

Arlene Bakalyar, who is at Park Lane Estates

Arnie Keene, who is at Park Lane Estates

Barb Barrett, who is at Park Lane Estates

Jim Fossum, who is at Fillmore Place

Alice Cummings, who is at Chatfield Nursing Home

Arlen Kiehne, who is at Chatfield Nursing Home

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

Hazel Knies, who is at Traditions

FROLIC IN FAITH

Sunday March 23, 10-10:45 a.m.

For parents & children ages birth - 4 (not yet in Sunday School)

Calling all families with young children! Please join us for Frolic, a class that parents/caregivers attend with their child, led by Shelby Ristau. Frolic consists of circle time (music, story, group play) followed by play stations that include activities like crafts, sensory play, a game, and more. If you're familiar with ECFE classes in the school district, you'll be familiar with the format at Frolic. Enjoy this opportunity to come together with other young families.

We meet in the Youth Room. Friends are welcome!



March Service Group

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Worship Assistants in March

Acolytes

2 Lily Ledin/Jax Heibel
5 Lent 6:45pm Ava Severson/Turner Sprenger
 9 Maggie Wingert/Harper Pickett
12 Lent 6:45pm Cooper Holtegaard
 16 Emmett Musel/Braelynn Dierkes
19 Lent 6:45pm Lexi Engen
 23 Josh Bakken/Melony Wingert
26 Lent 6:45pm Kaylee Hernandez
 30 Grant Tieskotter/Jackson Fischer

Worship Assistants in March cont....

Computer

2 Lexi Engen
5 Lent 6:45pm Lilianna Dempewolf
 9 Jezlyn Finseth
12 Lent 6:45pm Josh Bakken
 16 Ava Severson
19 Lent 6:45pm Katelyn Scheevel
 23 Reese Larson
26 Lent 6:45pm Turner Sprenger
 30 Lily Ledin

Lectors

2 8th graders
5 Lent 6:45pm Mary Glaser
 9 *Generous Together Sunday*
12 Lent 6:45pm Sara Niemeyer
 16 Nancy Hengeveld
19 Lent 6:45pm Dawn Hellickson
 23 Traci Corson
26 Lent 6:45pm Michael Johnson
 30 7th graders

Altar Guild.....Deb Ebner/Tona Keene/Judy Johnson

Ushers.....Jeff Bennett/Andrew Pederson/Jarod Keune/Darrel Olson
 Lent Ushers.....Erlyn & Sandy Marzolf/Scott & Andrea Hellickson

Communion Assistants

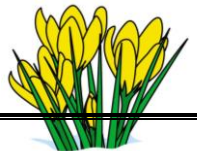
March 2.....Mary Glaser/Mike Erdman/Carol Solberg
 March 5.....Mary Glaser/Carol Solberg/Jen Pickett/Randy Hahn
 March 16.....Dawn Hellickson/Darrel Olson/Amanda Heibel
 March 30.....Christy Gildner/Amanda Heibel/Sara Niemeyer

Ministerial Acts in February

Baptisms

February 16 JoElla Charleen Finseth, daughter of Cassie Keene and Chad Finseth

February 16 Drew Steven Tienter, son of Colleen Nederhoff and Chad Finseth



Women's Fellowship

The March Women's Fellowship meeting will be held at the church on Tuesday, March 25, at 6:30 p.m. (Note it will be held on Tuesday, not Wednesday, because of Lent.) We will discuss a *Gather* Bible study called "After Certainty: Compassion" Please join us!

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARYS

MARCH

- 3/1 Vonnie Aug, Samuel Olstad
- 3/2 Tami Christianson, Ashley Wood
- 3/3 Irene Aarre
- 3/5 Jon Wood
- 3/6 Jonie Keune, Allan Marzolf, Jett Henry
- 3/7 Cora Britton, Eve Grabau, Maisie Olson
- 3/8 Luann Hoff, Cody Soland, Natalia Wood
- 3/9 Sandy Marzolf, Bobbi Jo Soland
- 3/10 Tiffany Scheevel, Wesley Keune, Dallas Serfoss, Olivia Persons
- 3/11 Joyce Hellickson
- 3/12 Matthew Quanrud
- 3/13 Laura Keune
- 3/14 Kyla Hellickson, Barb Mielke
- 3/15 Dawn Ristau, Sara Niemeyer
- 3/17 Corey Keene, Lynn Staupe
- 3/19 Stacey Bakke
- 3/20 Randy Ristau, Avery Otley, Brett Grabau
- 3/21 Kenzie Ristau
- 3/22 Mindy Parker, Nathan Grabau, Melissa Severson
- 3/26 Taylor Kerns
- 3/27 Rebecca Schwingle, Brian Ristau
- 3/28 Kiel Larson, Sarah Holtegaard, Reid Marzolf
- 3/29 Marilyn Bunge, Nick Ebner, Mary Glaser, Dan Grabau, David Scheevel
- 3/30 Kendyl Kraling, Luke Ristau; **Matthew & Megan Rowe - Anniv.**



THANK YOU to all who purchased caramel rolls to support the youth trip to the BWCAW this summer. We sold 59 dozen and the youth earned \$1,012.38 toward trip expenses. In addition, a Thrivent Action Grant of \$250 supported this fundraiser. Heading on this trip August 5-9 are: Lexi Engen, Annika Mensink, Maddie Topness, Kaylee Hernandez, Brody Niemeyer, Blaine Niemeyer, and Jaxton Heibel.

Adult leaders include Rich and Pastor Kris Kincaid. If a youth completing 9th grade through their first year of college is interested in going, please let Pastor Kris know.

Change is constant in our lives. Change is hard. During this season of Lent, we remember how everything changed when the long awaited Messiah was arrested and tried, when the crowds shouted "Crucify!" God's love, forgiveness, and grace are some of the few certainties in our ever changing world. Remember this each night of March with the simple, 5-steps of FAITH5 (Faith Acts In The Home). 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 "change" themed verse of scripture, pray and end with a blessing, perhaps tracing a cross on the forehead and saying something like "God is with you" no matter what.



1	Mark 8:34-37
2	Ecclesiastes 3:1-8
3	Luke 13:18-21
4	Luke 6:46-49
5	Psalms 90
6	Matthew 18:3
7	Romans 12:2
8	John 2:13-22
9	Isaiah 43:19
10	1 Thessalonians 5:12-22
11	Luke 12:22-34
12	Hebrews 13:8
13	James 1:17
14	Acts 3:19
15	John 3:14-21
16	Isaiah 40:28-31
17	Ezekiel 36:26-28
18	Mark 7:1-8
19	Psalms 46:1-2
20	1 Corinthians 15:51-52
21	1 Samuel 15:29
22	John 12:23-26
23	Hebrews 11:8
24	Isaiah 52:13-15
25	Mark 10:32-34
26	1 John 3:2
27	2 Corinthians 3:18
28	Malachi 3:6
29	Joshua 1:9
30	2 Corinthians 4:16-18
31	Jeremiah 29:11

Christ Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes

Date: February 12, 2025

Meeting time: 7:00 p.m. (In person); Conference Room

(X) Indicates Present for meeting

Member		Term Complete	Member		Term Complete
Rev. Kris Kincaid	X		Melissa Severson	X	2026
Bruce Hoff	X	2025	Katie Marzolf-Harstad	X	2026
Andy Bunge	X	2025	Dena Mathison	X	2027
Jennifer Pickett	X	2026	Amanda Heibel	X	2027

Devotion Reflection- Bruce Hoff

Approval of Previous Council Meeting Minutes: Jennifer Picket motions to approve the minutes with the addendum for the organ repair this was seconded by Amanda Heibel. All council members approve.

New Business:

- Election of officers for council, president, vice president, treasurer and secretary, all officers serve as the executive committee:
 President- Jennifer Pickett - Nominated by Melissa Severson and seconded by Katie Marzolf-Harstad.
 Vice President- Dena Mathison - Nominated by Amanda Heibel with second by Jennifer Picket.
 Secretary- Melissa Severson - Nominated by Katie Marzolf-Harstad with second by Dena Mathison.
 Treasurer- Katie Marzolf-Harstad - Nominated by Amanda Hiebel with second by Dena Mathison.
- Committee assignments:
 Education Team- Dena Mathison
 Evangelism Team- Amanda Heibel
 Worship & Music Team- Katie Marzolf-Harstad
 Property Team- Bruce Hoff
 Stewardship Team- Andy Bunge
 Youth Team- Melissa Severson
- The president and treasurer will need sign documents at F&M Bank, contact Misty Sass to sign the checks for CLC, Pam Ristau will need to be contacted to review the process for signing the checks by the treasurer on the 15th and 30th of the month
- President needs keys that open the front and back doors
- 2025 Annual Meeting Minutes (review)
 - Motion to approve by Jennifer Picket with a second by Katie Marzolf Harstad.
- Handouts: (Council Calling Tree, 2025 Church Council Members/Term Ends, Church Council Contact Information, Devotion Schedule)
- MN Teen Challenge is February 23—update from Pastor Kris. Discussion about a meal for their men’s choir-45 members.
 - Andy Bunge will donate \$300 to the meal. There will also be a basket for free will donation.
 - The service group will assist with serving the meal.
 - Pastor Kris will reach out to the service group leader in finding a business in town that could cater with chili and sides.
- 1ST Communion will be on Sunday, March 30th—Pastor Kris. There are 3 students.

- Request for a donation for Fillmore Central’s Post Prom Party. (by Feb. 28, 2025) Motion by Jennifer Picket to donate \$100 to Fillmore Central’s Post Prom Party with a second by Amanda Hiebel. All council members approve.
- The Worship and Music Team recommends one Easter Service at 9:00 a.m. on April 20th. Discussion. Katie Marzolf-Harstad: In the past, there were two services at 0700 and 0900. A breakfast was then served between, however this has not been offered for some time. The 0700 service has not been well attended, thus the worship committee recommends to only offer one service at 0900. All council members agreed.
- Gideons International: Pastor Kris: They would like to come and teach a class at confirmation and share information during a worship service. A motion to respectfully decline their ministry as it is not fit to the mission of the church at this time by Andy Bunge with a second by Katie Marzolf-Harstad. All council members approve.
- Councils as Leaders on Saturday, March 8, 2025. If interested contact Pastor Kris by February 26.
- Last “Generous Together” worship will be Sunday, June 8. This will be an outdoor worship with blessing of the bikes. Dena Mathison will check to see if they can bring their ice cream machine.

Old Business:

- Property Committee would like to see us proceed with the original job description for the additional janitor position. Discussion. Consider having an individual do a walk through of the property and give recommendations of what would be beneficial to change. Consider having an individual replace these items for a fee, as needed, instead of hiring a janitor.
- Bell/Chimes of the church: Ask Property Committee to look into this to see if it is possible to restore into working order. Consider checking with the individual who fixes the organ on how this could be repaired/added to the organ.
- Work is being done to repair the organ. Council approved going forward with this via email response. The vote was unanimous. Cost is \$3,500.
- Thrivent dollars: Carol Solberg and Alison Leathers are requesting to take over the directorship. Andy Bunge made a motion that they become the directors of Thrivent Dollars with second by Jennifer Pickett.
- Boundary Waters: 8 total students are going.
- Youth Gathering: Gustavus - students have until April to sign up.
- WCFK (“Warm Coats for Kids”): Carol Solberg and Sara Niemeyer collect money around the holidays. School teachers know to reach out to them and they would like to continue.

Treasurer’s Report: Financial reports will be e-mailed for review and approved by consensus during monthly meeting.
 -Pastor Kris suggests the the graphs/information provided to the congregation about the budget be adjusted to compare current giving to the past year.
 -Andy suggests that we provide information on benevolent giving so the congregation understands where the money is going.
 -Consider paying the heat bill throughout the year-Katie Marzolf-Harstad will look into this.
 -Motion to approve the treasurer’s report by Melissa Severson seconded by Bruce Hoff. Council approves.

Secretary’s Report: Minutes will be e-mailed for review and approved by consensus during monthly meeting.

Team meeting reports submitted by:

Education: see annual report
Evangelism: see annual report

Worship and Music: see annual report & January 27, 2025 Meeting Minutes
Property: see annual report
Stewardship: see annual report
Youth: see annual report
Approval of reports (by consensus) - all approved by council.



Next Council meeting scheduled: March 12, 2025 @ 7:15 p.m.

Lightning Round of Celebrations / Prayer Request

Adjourn - Close with prayer

Minutes respectfully submitted by Melissa Severson, council secretary



Easter Choir

Please come and join us as we rehearse two lovely anthems which will be performed on Easter Sunday. All ages are welcome so bring a friend with you and come when you are able. Rehearsals begin at 8:15 a.m. Sunday mornings starting March 9th and continuing every Sunday until Easter.



March is Minnesota Foodshare Month

During March - Minnesota Food Share Month, your contribution will help make a difference in the lives of those facing food insecurity and provide them with some relief during challenging times. There will be a shopping cart in the narthex for non perishable food items. Items needed at this time are peanut butter, spahgetti sauce, pasta, coffee, chicken/beef broth, canned meat, baking supplies, and crackers. Pleach check the dates on your items as expired goods cannot be used. The food shelf also welcomes cash donations. During March, the state will match all cash donations, which allows the food shelf to purchase items that are not available through Channel One at the local grocery store. Please make your checks out to Christ Lutheran and put SEMCAC food shelf in the memo. Last year the Preston Food Shelf served 4,254 individuals, from 1,818 families, and distributed 82,182 pounds of food. The number of people using the food shelf has tripled since the start of COVID in 2020, while the funding has decreased by 50 percent. Food insecurity is a problem in our community, so please consider donating. If you have questions, you can call the Preston Food Shelf at 507-765-2761 or stop in. Their hours are Tuesday and Thursday, 9 AM-4 PM, closed for lunch from 12-1 PM. They also welcome volunteers.

Music Ministry - A Center of Generosity at Christ Lutheran Church

On March 9 our Generous Together worship theme will focus On "HOW to Create Centers Of Generosity - to Know and Joyfully Share God's Stories Of Generosity." Music ministry is a center of generosity that enriches each worship service at Christ Lutheran, with both vocalists and instrumentalists generously sharing their talents. One of our musicians, Diane Carr, sings, plays piano, and guides her grandchildren as they share their musical talents as well.

When asked why she shares her musical gifts in worship, Diane's answer was filled with experiences from her childhood to the present.

She mentioned, "I really do love to sing and play, providing music for many occasions. From the very early days of singing in "The Cherub Choir" to participating in various choirs since then, it feels 'at home and close to Christ' to sing and play sacred selections."

On my first day of class in seminary, the professor introduced our scripture texts by singing a hymn first. Before that experience, I had not realized how closely scripture was connected to hymns. Diane had made that connection!

She notes, "When familiar passages are read from the Bible, many people don't realize that the verse has become a hymn; but for me, when I hear a reading, I instantly remember the song/hymn that it has become. Hence when Psalm 91 is read . . . I'm already humming On Eagles Wings."

Music is embedded in Diane's life, and we are thankful that it feels right to her to, "Sing with a joyful heart; play with a soulful spirit; listen to the message written."

Thank you to Diane and the many musicians who help create a musical center of generosity at Christ Lutheran.

THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS ***Remember to designate your Thrivent Choice Dollars to Christ Lutheran Church! By directing your Choice Dollars to Christ Lutheran, you are helping to fund essential programs and outreach efforts that benefit both our local community and beyond. Your support makes a significant difference! The deadline to designate your Thrivent Choice Dollars is March 31, 2025. You can direct your dollars online at www.thrivent.com/thriventchoice/ or by calling 800-THRIVENT. Please remember to renew your request annually or quarterly to ensure your funds are distributed according to your wishes.



~Plants for Easter~

Help us beautify our sanctuary this Easter by ordering an Easter plant. Please include payment with your order and leave in the church office. Checks should be made payable to **Christ Lutheran Church**. The deadline for ordering is **March 23rd**.

Your name(s):

Plants

Easter Lily ~No. of pots ordered _____ x \$20.00 = _____

Mum ~No. of pots ordered _____ x \$20.00 = _____

Hyacinth ~No. of pots ordered _____ x \$20.00 = _____

Tulips ~No. of pots ordered _____ x \$20.00 = _____

Given in Honor

of _____

Given in Memory of _____

Plants will have your names on them and will be available to be picked up after the Easter service on April 20th, 2025.

MARCH 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1
2 9am Worship/Communion- <i>Winona Campus Ministry</i> 10am Sunday School/Adult Ed. 10am Coffee/Fellowship 10am Adult Ed.	3	4 11:30am Exercise 2pm Harmony Care Center Worship	5 6pm Confirmation 6pm Soup Supper 6:45pm Ash Wednesday Worship/Communion	6 11:30am Exercise 1pm Christ's Crafters	7	8 11:00am Funeral of Cynthia Hokenson
9 8:15am Choir practice 9am Worship- <i>Generous Together Worship/Council Installation</i> 10am Sunday School/Adult Ed.	10	11 11:30am Exercise 3pm Veteran's Home worship	12 6pm Confirmation 6pm Lent Soup Supper 6:45pm Lenten Worship 7:45pm Council	13 9am Men's Fellowship 11:30am Exercise	14	15
16 8:15am Choir practice 9am Worship/Communion- <i>S.S sings</i> 10am Sunday School/Adult Ed 10am Coffee/Fellowship	17	18 11:30am Exercise	19 9am Traditions 10:30am Park Lane	20 11:30am Exercise 1pm Christ's Crafters	21	22
		6:30pm Stewardship	6:30pm Cub Scouts	6pm Confirmation 6pm Lent Soup Supper 6:45pm Lenten Worship 7:30pm High School Hangtime		
23 8:15am Choir practice 9am Worship- <i>Cross+Generational Bells</i> 10am Sunday school/Adult Ed. 10am Frolic Class (ages 0-4)	24	25 11:00am GEV Lunch & Learn 11:30am Exercise 5pm Mother/Daughter Tea - ECFC	26 6pm Confirmation 6pm Lent Soup Supper 6:45pm Lenten Worship	27 11:30am Exercise	28	29 8:30am 4-H Food review
30 8:15am Choir practice 9am Worship - <i>First Communion</i> 10am Sunday school/Adult Ed. 10am First Communion reception	31					