



## The Messenger

### *A Message from Council*

I am delighted to tell you we have an interim Pastor for Christ Lutheran! The Reverend Michael A. Ostrom will be coming on board August 1<sup>st</sup> and will lead us in worship beginning on Sunday, August 6<sup>th</sup>. Pastor Ostrom and his wife Kristin live in Elgin, Oregon. He brings a long, varied, and interesting list of pastoral experiences with him. I am sure as we get to know one another he will share stories from his journey with us. Pastor Ostrom has a 0.8FTE contract with us. That means he will be on site three days per week with an additional day for worship prep that can be done on site or remotely. As he settles in and learns more about us, the day to day functions of our church, and the needs of our congregation we will focus on days and times for availability and office hours. Please welcome Pastor Mike, introduce yourself, and answer questions he might have.

I need to publicly thank Barbara Hoffman, worship chairperson, for the excellent pulpit supply schedule she built for us while we searched for an interim. Her attention to details made these past weeks run smoothly. Council members serving as hosts on Sunday and everyone who helped with worship and coffee hour, thanks. Also, thanks to Paul Holce and Eleanor Elkins for the music on Sundays. And to all the guest pastors who stepped up when asked, our gratitude. As you are aware, the Council has kept the search for an interim very quiet. The single reason being to avoid disappointment if the process of securing an interim were to fall through and we needed to start over. To all of you, our congregation, my thanks too. We appreciate your patience and understanding.

Another item checked off our “Call To Do List”! There will be nothing quiet in going forward with the next steps in the process. You might say we are beginning work on a very large group project! Every one of us will need to become a part of the information gathering process. You will be asked several times to share your ideas, concerns, hopes, and visions for this church. Please keep these essential questions in mind as you consider Christ Lutheran: Who are we? What is our vision for mission? Who is God calling next to this congregation? The tasks and the work to be done are huge, but the rewards for our efforts will define how we go about God’s work in the future, and that is exciting indeed!

*Leslie Anderson*

# Youth & Family News



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## CLC at the Sweets



If you are interested in becoming a member of Christ Lutheran, please let the office know! We will be having a new member Sunday soon.

During coffee hour on Sunday September 3rd, Youth & Family will host an open house to showcase Godly Play. The Fellowship committee will be having an ice cream social as well!

Church Office Hours  
Monday - Friday 8:30 am - Noon  
and 1:00 pm - 3:30pm

### Weekly Happenings at CLC

- Quilt/ Mission Group - Tuesdays 9 to noon
- Men's Group - alternating Tuesdays at 10am
- Bible Study - Thursdays at 1pm

### Attendance Report

*Average Sunday Worship Attendance*

**June 2022 - 115**

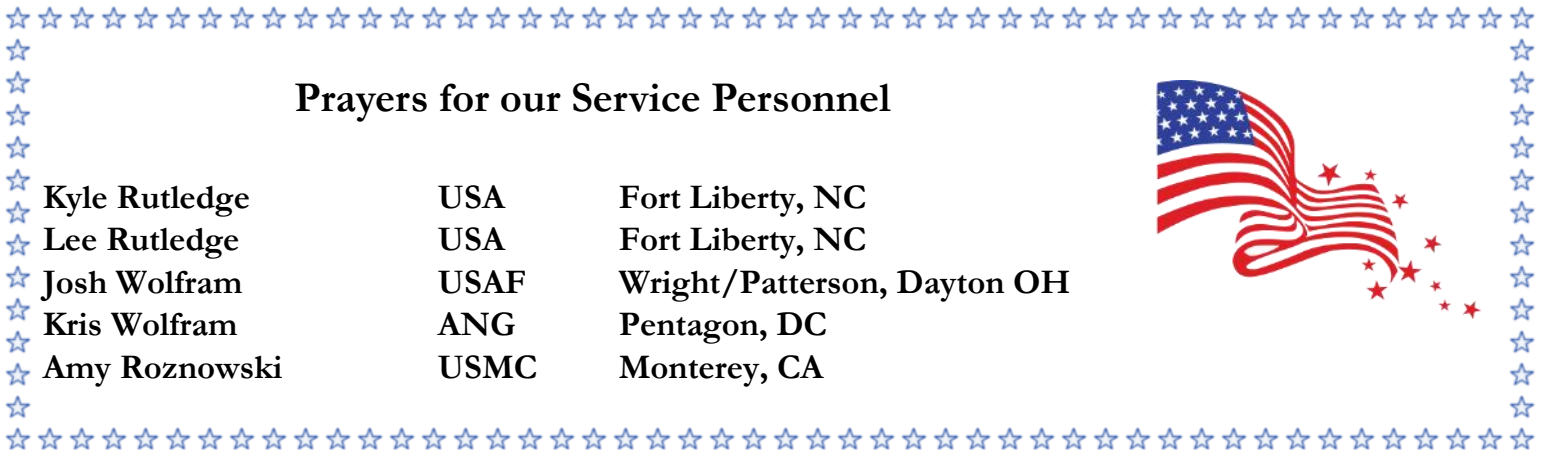
**June 2023 - 114**

Christ Lutheran Church is seeking applicants from the congregation for our part-time sexton position. The job is available starting this fall. It is a paid position which requires a two to four hour time commitment per week. The general scope of this position is to provide light maintenance in the church building with a primary focus on being able to set up tables in the fellowship room for use throughout the week. Please see Marit Rasmussen, personnel representative on church council, or Erin for further details of this position if interested.

### Prayers for our Service Personnel



Kyle Rutledge	USA	Fort Liberty, NC
Lee Rutledge	USA	Fort Liberty, NC
Josh Wolfram	USAF	Wright/Patterson, Dayton OH
Kris Wolfram	ANG	Pentagon, DC
Amy Roznowski	USMC	Monterey, CA



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**CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH  
CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

July 11, 2023

Council president Leslie Anderson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Those attending were Jeannine Manny, Cecilia Rutledge, Dan Grinstead (via phone), Eric Schmid, Karleen Heintzberger, Carmen Funderburk (via phone), Melanie Hein, Sara Pinkerton, John Lohrmann, and Peter Swant.

Minutes from the June 13, 2023, meeting were revised and approved by email June 21, 2023.

**Financial Report:** Cecilia Rutledge submitted a written financial report for the month of June: Operational Income came in \$12,773 less than budgeted and Operational Expenses were \$8,878 less than budgeted for the month of June. Total Operational Funds resulted in a net outflow of \$5,961 for the month of June. Designated/Restricted account activity resulted in a net outflow of \$798 for the month of June. Overall Combined Funds resulted in a net outflow of \$6,759 for the month of June.

**Committee Reports:**

**Property Report:** Dan had nothing new to report.

**Finance & Budget:** Eric had nothing new to report.

**Worship:** Worship attendance has continued to be good.

**Evangelism:** (See New Members below).

**Personnel:** (See Sexton position below).

**Youth Education:** There was not much to report for Youth Ed. They will be ordering a few more stories and cleaning the room and response materials.

**Youth and Family:** Sara reported that VBS was fabulous. There was a total of 20 children participating. Dinner was provided each night by different members of the church, and parents were super appreciative. It took out one of the largest barriers working families faced: trying to get their kids a decent dinner before VBS, and then to VBS on time. Many, many thanks to the volunteers who decorated, cooked, cleaned, or taught.

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**Adult Education:** John had nothing new to report.

**Continuing Business:**

A. Ministry Expansion, external:

B. Congregational, internal:

1. Sexton position: Clarence will be done with the position in October. Be thinking of church members who would be a good fit for this position.

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2. New members: Before he left, Pastor Joel shared a list of possible people interested in joining CLC: Joyce Anderson, Don and Hadley Gibbons and Alex, Jim Clapp, Mike and Deborah May, and Kathy Long. Judith Richerzhagen was approved by the church council, and she should be included. Karleen is hoping to have a New Member Sunday soon. This event will depend on having an interim pastor on board. If there are others interested in becoming members, let Karleen know. John suggested an entry in the newsletter asking prospective members to contact the church office so that a new member orientation may be scheduled.
3. Updated membership rolls: Information in the Mission Site Profile strongly suggests an updated membership list. Karleen reported that she is working on this. Linda Lohrmann has offered to assist.

### **New Business:**

- A. Christmas Pageant: Clarice Swanson shared plans for an outdoor Christmas pageant to be held at her farm. She would like to invite members of CLC to participate in the pageant. She has a Facebook page that contains information, and she is preparing a flyer to share, perhaps at an interest meeting or coffee hour at CLC.
- B. Re-keying the church doors: Council discussed ideas for increasing church building security, i.e., new keys, pin pad, outdoor cameras. Peter will check with Andy at Bennett's Locksmith and get options and a cost estimate for new locks. It will be necessary to create/update the policy for allowing entrance into the building when it is locked.
- C. Outside security cameras: (See above).
- D. Italian Heritage group will be using the hall for a picnic on July 16.
- E. Boy Scouts came to pick up camping supplies. Leslie will be advising the leader that they are welcome to store their supplies, but it should all be placed in one storeroom.
- F. Melanie brought up the fact that the AED should be inspected. She will arrange for this.

### **Future Dates:**

Sweet Spot Baseball Game is 7/14.

CPR Awareness is 7/28.

**Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.  
A meeting in executive session was held prior to this meeting, at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Jeannine Manny*, Council Secretary



<i>Michelle Summers</i>	8/1	<i>Grace Hellberg-Wilson</i>	8/17
<i>Jennifer Nelson</i>	8/3	<i>Thomas Tabacco-Hines</i>	8/17
<i>Katherine Prince</i>	8/6	<i>Bill Keyes</i>	8/19
<i>Julie Swenson</i>	8/8	<i>Keith Swanson</i>	8/20
<i>Juanita Merrifield</i>	8/9	<i>Timothy Anderson</i>	8/23
<i>Tracy Rutledge</i>	8/9	<i>Andrew Gomsrud</i>	8/23
<i>Clarice Swanson</i>	8/9	<i>Lorna Hewitt</i>	8/29
<i>Malin Bailey</i>	8/13	<i>Hannah Lohrmann</i>	8/29
<i>Mary Jamison</i>	8/13	<i>Lori Peterson</i>	8/29
<i>Kari Isaacson</i>	8/15	<i>Ed Hermsen</i>	8/30
<i>Tonyel Nelson</i>	8/15		

**Treasurer's Report**

June 2023 Income		June 2023 Expenses	
General Fund:	\$13,894	General Fund:	\$19,855
Other Income:			
Designated/ Restricted:	1,219	Designated/ Restricted:	2,017
Total Income:	\$15,113	Total Expenses:	\$21,872

**June 2023 Net Income (Loss): (\$6,759)**

**Monthly Results:**

Operational expenses exceeded operational income by \$5,961 for the month.

Designated/Restricted Account expenses exceeded income by \$798 for the month.

**Year To-Date Results:**

Total Operational Income to-date is approximately \$17,750 under budget for 2023.

Total Operational Expenses are approximately \$20,246 under budget for 2023.

Year to Date Net Income (Loss): (\$4,840)

**Balance Sheet Items:**

CLC's checking account ended the month with a \$226,626 balance.

Total cash, including restricted/endowments accounts, totaled \$403,969 as of 6/30/2023  
 CLC had \$1,7444,717 in positive equity on 6/30/2023.

# August 2023

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
6			1	2	3	4	5
9:30 <sup>am</sup> Worship Service	7		8 11 <sup>am</sup> Mission Lunch 10 <sup>am</sup> Men's Group 7 <sup>pm</sup> Council Meeting	9	10 9 <sup>am</sup> SJAG Meeting 1 <sup>pm</sup> Bible Study	11	12
13	14		15 9 <sup>am</sup> Mission Group	16	17 1 <sup>pm</sup> Bible Study	18	19
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·Evangelism·

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### Mission

We are God's people, united by faith in Jesus Christ, forgiven, chosen, and called by him through the Word and Sacraments to make disciples, and to serve in the world God loves.