



## The Messenger

### *A Message from Council*

There are several steps that lie ahead of Christ Lutheran as we work toward the goal of a new Pastor. The bulk of our transition work and time will be in the development of a Mission Site Profile (MSP) document about this congregation. This is a discernment process where in we address three questions.

**“Who are we?”** This question will be answered with congregational and basic demographic information.

**“What is our vision for mission?”** At the heart of this we will need to discern “What is God calling us to be?” and “Where is God leading us next?” It is a time to reflect on our hopes, our goals, our neighbors, our giftedness, our energy.

**“Who is God calling next to this congregation?”** We will reflect on the Pastor we are looking for, the most important ministry tasks we seek, and his or her gifts for ministry. We must also reflect and consider our expectations of the Pastor *and* of our congregation.

This process is important in four distinct ways. First, it provides the opportunity to review and assess the mission and ministry of the congregation. Second, the profile will assist the synod staff in recommending candidates to be considered by the Call Committee. Third, it provides the Call Committee with basic information and a description of leadership needs which will guide their work. Fourth, it provides a picture of the congregation for the candidates as they consider serving the congregation.

This task when taken as a whole is huge and in all honesty, a bit overwhelming! But when we take it apart and break it into pieces, it becomes much more manageable. Please ask yourself, “How do I fit into this work?” Your knowledge, experiences, voice, thoughts, ideas and input are critical to develop a true picture of who we are and our journey ahead. We will gather information through round table discussions, questionnaires, surveys, and face to face conversations. Please participate in as many forums as you are able. As we work through this process, consider this an exciting opportunity to learn and discover how and where God needs this congregation to be “his boots on the ground”.

*Leslie Anderson*

*\*Some information for this writing has been provided by Phil Misner, assistant to the bishop, NWIM Synod.*

## Outreach News

Greetings from the **Reconciling In Christ (RIC) Core Team!** The Core Team is an offshoot of the Social Justice Advocacy Group, and is made up of Peg Haug, Charleen Kaaen, Allison Tabacco-Hines, and Linda Lohrmann. We have been meeting regularly to prayerfully consider and begin to carry out **One-To-One Visits** with members of Christ Lutheran Church. We are using resources from Reconciling Works, the ELCA expression of Reconciling in Christ. Reconciling Works is committed to strengthening all of God's beloved for authentic, visible, faithful lives.

What is a One-To-One Visit? It's a conversation. It's a chance to get to know someone a little better than is possible on a Sunday morning. And it's an opportunity to talk in a casual setting about the mission of Christ Lutheran Church. In particular, we'd like to know what you think about the welcome that Christ Lutheran Church extends to congregation members, visitors and to people in the wider community. Do we intentionally welcome all people regardless of immigration status, race, gender orientation, identity or expression?

From One-To-One Visits, the Core Team hopes to form an idea about where the Spirit is moving Christ Lutheran Church in terms of welcome. We—Charleen, Allison, Peg and Linda—hope that you will join us in this investigative process. We hope that you will say, "Yes!" when one of us invites you to be part of a one-to-one conversation.

Dear members and friends of Christ Lutheran,

Thank you for the delightful retirement party you had for me last month! It was perfect-- relaxed, tasty food, lots of laughter, great singing, and opportunities to chat at least briefly with many of you. The gifts you lavished on Margaret and me were lovely and are greatly appreciated as well. The following Sunday, after worshipping with you online, Margaret and I started going through all of the cards we received. We quickly found ourselves overwhelmed by your many gracious expressions of affection and gratitude and realized we could not read them all in one setting without becoming *verklemt*. I think it took us a couple of weeks and most of a box of tissues to get through them all! I am gradually figuring out how to be retired and trust that you are starting to lean into the process of preparing to call a new pastor.

Thanks again for your many kindnesses and for a great eighteen years together!

Gratefully,

Joel & Margaret Ley

Thank you to our Council, pastors on call, Erin, and other church family members who are stepping up to ensure that CLC successfully travels this call process. You are appreciated.

~Terri G.

CLC family hike at Jubilee Lake on 7/8/23 @ 1:30pm. Bring water and comfortable shoes . Swimsuits if you want to participate in waterplay after or before. Sign up for food suggested or bring your own. Looking forward to seeing you.

The Church Office will be closed on July 4th.

Church Office Hours

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

Attendance Report

*Average Sunday Worship Attendance*

May 2022 - 120

May 2023 - 150

**OUR PRAYER CHAIN**

If you aren't on our e-mail prayer chain and would like to be, we can make that happen! Just send or give Erin your e-mail address, and she will get you on the list. You can contact her at

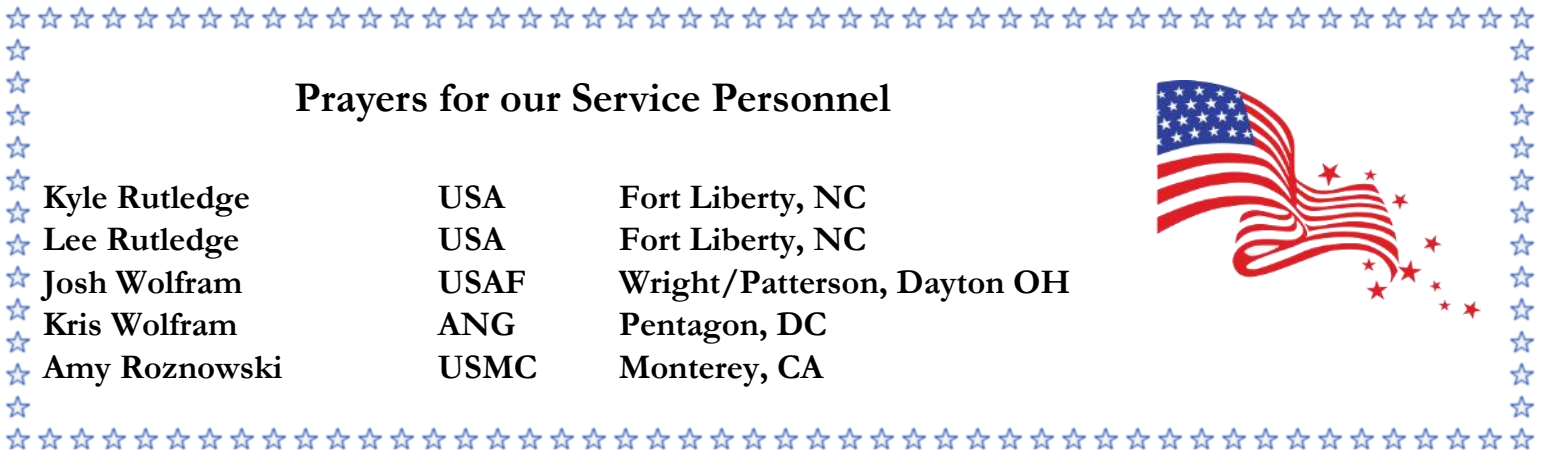
(509) 525-2243 or

[christlutheran@gohighspeed.com](mailto:christlutheran@gohighspeed.com).

Prayer requests can be submitted to Erin at the church office as well.

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**  
June 13, 2023

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

Karleen Heintzberger gave devotions.

Minutes from the May 9, 2023, meeting were revised and approved by email May 19, 2023.

**Financial Report:** Cecilia Rutledge submitted a written financial report for the month of May: Operational Income came in \$13,243 less than budgeted and Operational Expenses were \$3,275 less than budgeted for the month of May. Total Operational Funds resulted in a net outflow of \$11,901 for the month of May. Designated/Restricted account activity resulted in a net outflow of \$5,541 for the month of May. Overall Combined Funds resulted in a net outflow of \$17,442 for the month of May.

**Other Financial:** Cecilia reported that there is a Fair Trade/Equal Exchange account with approximately \$290 in it. This is a program that no longer exists. Cecilia suggested moving that to the Agape Fund. Dan Grinstead made a motion to move the money from the Fair Trade/Equal Exchange account to the Agape Fund, Carmen seconded, and the motion passed.

**Committee Reports:**

**Property Report:** Dan reported at the meeting that the cost to re-shingle the church roof is being investigated, along with the possibility of installing solar panels. Carmen brought up the idea of re-keying the building to better control access. An estimate of the cost will be obtained.

**Finance & Budget:** Eric reported that the Counting Schedule for Q3 and Q4 will be completed in the next week.

**Worship:** Barbara reported that Sunday worship is going well, with solid attendance. Pulpit Supply is scheduled through the end of July. Thanks to everyone for your support and participation in worship.

**Personnel:** Marit reported that Clarence Strabel, the current Sexton, has given notice that he would like to be done with the position by fall, so a replacement will need to be found. Please be thinking of anyone in the congregation who might be a good fit and willing to fill the position. The position must be filled by a member of the congregation. It is a unique role that requires some physical effort and the ability to come into the church a couple times a week for setup. A flyer with information on the job opening will be in the narthex for this coming Sunday. Marit will make a revised job description available to the council and Erin.

**Youth Education:** (See below re: VBS).

**Youth & Family:** (See below re: VBS).

**Adult Education:** John reported that no specific classes are planned for Sunday mornings in the summer. If topics arise or someone is inspired, that could change.

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**Continuing Business:**

Ministry Expansion, external:

Congregation, internal:

Counting schedule (see Finance & Budget above).

VBS update: Sara reported that 22 children have registered, teaching roles are filled, and dinners have been arranged.

Chair update: Dan reported that 16 new chairs were ordered and 8 were received. The decision was made not to order more at this time and repair the old chairs.

A sign-up sheet was distributed to council members for hosting Coffee Hour in July.

After discussion, a motion was made by John Lohrmann to purchase a new office chair for Erin from Staples, Dan seconded, and the motion passed.

**New Business:**

There is no complete, current membership list for Christ Lutheran. The Council discussed creating an up-to-date list that is kept current.

**Future Dates:**

4-H quilt camp is scheduled to be held at CLC on June 19-23.

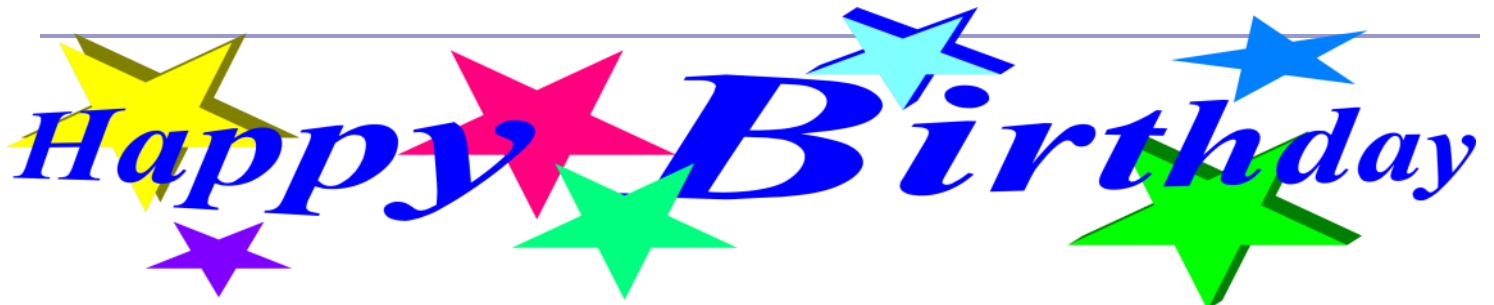
VBS is scheduled for June 26-30, 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

CLC has tickets available for the Sweet Spot at the Walla Walla Sweets baseball game on July 14. Tickets are \$27. See Carmen Funderburk.

**Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.  
A meeting in executive session was held prior to this meeting, at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Jeannine Manny*, Council Secretary



Bill Gilbert	7/2	Terri Wallingford-Gingras	7/14
Leah Bailey	7/3	Aanika Swant	7/15
Kathy Krebs	7/4	Dick Hanson	7/17
Mike Austin	7/7	Christina Jacobs	7/19
Martha Anderson	7/10	Alicia Lohrmann	7/19
Velma Rose Harvey	7/10	Rebecca Thorpe	7/19
Bill Roznowski	7/10	Haleigh Fullen	7/22
Randy Scholes	7/11	Gwen Hellberg-Wilson	7/23
Matthew Lohrmann	7/12	Jonathan Holce	7/23
Marit Rasmussen	7/12	Deanne Johnson	7/26
Logan Berry	7/13	Nick Anderson	7/28
Kay Shelton	7/13	Karen Telstad	7/30

### Treasurer's Report

May 2023 Income		May 2023 Expenses	
General Fund:	\$13,557	General Fund:	\$25,458
Other Income:			
Designated/ Restricted:	2,405	Designated/ Restricted:	7,946
<b>Total Income:</b>	<b>\$15,962</b>	<b>Total Expenses:</b>	<b>\$33,404</b>

**May 2023 Net Income (Loss): (\$17,442)**

**Monthly Results:**

Operational expenses exceeded operational income by \$11,901 for the month.

Designated/Restricted Account expenses exceeded income by \$5,541 for the month.

**Year To-Date Results:**

Total Operational Income to-date is approximately \$5,418 under budget for 2023.

Total Operational Expenses are approximately \$11,368 under budget for 2023.

Year to Date Net Income (Loss): (\$7,756.42)

**Balance Sheet Items:**

CLC's checking account ended the month with a \$233,418 balance.

Total cash, including restricted/endowments accounts, totaled \$412,708 as of 5/31/2023  
 CLC had \$1,753,423 in positive equity on 5/31/2023.

# JULY 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 9:30 <sub>am</sub> Worship Service	3	4 Office Closed	5	6 1 <sub>pm</sub> Bible Study	7	8 CLC Family Hike
9 9:30 <sub>am</sub> Worship Service	10	11 9 <sub>am</sub> Mission Group 10 <sub>am</sub> Men's Group 7 <sub>pm</sub> Council Meeting	12	13 10 <sub>am</sub> SJAG Meeting 1 <sub>pm</sub> Bible Study	14 7 <sub>pm</sub> CLC at the Sweet Spot	15
16 9:30 <sub>am</sub> Worship Service	17	18 9 <sub>am</sub> Mission Group	19	20 1 <sub>pm</sub> Bible Study	21	22
23 9:30 <sub>am</sub> Worship Service	24	25 9 <sub>am</sub> Mission Group 10 <sub>am</sub> Men's Group	26	27 1 <sub>pm</sub> Bible Study	28	29
30 9:30 <sub>am</sub> Worship Service Family Fun Event	31					



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## July 2023 Newsletter

### CHURCH COUNCIL AND STAFF

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Carmen Funderburk

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**Joel Ley**

·Office Manager·

Erin Aycock

·Sexton·

Clarence Strabel

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·Personnel·

Marit Rasmussen

·Property Management·

Dan Grinstead

·Finance/ Budget·

Eric Schmid

·Worship·

Barbara Hoffman

·Youth Education·

Emily Stone

·Youth & Family·

Sara Pinkerton

·Adult Ed/ Library·

John Lohrmann

·Evangelism·

Karleen Heintzberger

### 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.