

Christ Lutheran Church  
700 County Highway B  
Stoughton, WI 53589

May 2024



## CHRIST LUTHERAN AMBASSADOR



**Coffee with Pastor Alley, his wife Joan and Dorene King**  
**Saturday, May 18<sup>th</sup>**  
**1:00 – 3:00 p.m.**  
**Manna Café**

As part of our 150th Anniversary Celebration, the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee sent out letters to all past pastors inviting them to come back and visit – even preach if they so wish. We have heard from Pastor Alley and his wife Joan who served Christ Lutheran from 1982 – 2003 and Dorene King who was an intern here in the late 80's. They will all be with us on Syttende Mai weekend. Pastor Alley does not want to preach, but he does want to have time to visit with people. To give everyone a chance to visit with him, his wife Joan and Dorene King, the committee is hosting a “Coffee” with all three of them from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. Saturday morning.

A little historical fact: Norwegians did not drink much coffee back in Norway. It was just too expensive. But after settling in the United States, they soon discovered coffee was cheap and began drinking it morning, noon, afternoon and evening. And of course, it often came with something sweet. Many of our Norwegian ancestors were farmers, which meant they were up at the crack of dawn. Some were up even earlier. You don't need daylight to milk cows. In some households breakfast was served after the cows were milked. Say breakfast was at 6:00 a.m. By 9:00 a.m. a hard-working family needed some extra calories to recharge their systems. Coffee was served with sweets. Morning coffee was followed by lunch, afternoon coffee, supper and evening coffee. Evening coffee was just a time to relax and talk over the day.

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### Special points of interest

Sunday Worship is also  
Livestreamed on Facebook

[https://www.facebook.com/  
ChristLutheranChurchStoughton](https://www.facebook.com/ChristLutheranChurchStoughton)

## PHOTOS FROM YESTERDAY:

### Lefse Making:



**Step #1:** Cooking the potatoes, and ricing them to make the dough:

**Above:** In 1951, this picture appeared in the newspaper sharing four of our members making Lefse for the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Lutfisk dinner which took place in October.

**Left to right:**

Mrs. Persy Erdahl,  
Mrs. Anfin Holtan,  
Mrs. Theodore Norgaren  
and Mrs. Ole Foss.

**Below:** November 1987:  
Leo Thorson and Phyllis  
Gullickson boiling the  
potatoes



**Step #2:** Making the dough Balls for the rollers. **Above:** This picture from November of 1987 shows four members making dough balls for the Lefse crew. Fritz Arneson, Unknown, Cornelius Norgaren and Jack Carpenter.

## MAY WORSHIP NEWS



**On Sunday, May 5 and 12 we worship at 8:00 and 9:15 a.m. On Syttende Mai Sunday, May 19 we worship at 8:00 and 10:30 a.m. On Baccalaureate Sunday, May 26 we have one worship service at 9:00 a.m.**

### **Sunday, May 5: Worship with Holy Communion**

On the night Jesus is arrested, Jesus delivers a final testimony to his disciples to help them in the days ahead. He repeats the most important of all his commands, that they love one another.

**Preacher:** Pastor Paula

### **Sunday, May 12: Worship with a Baptism at 9:15 – Elizabeth Melby**

In this reading the church hears Jesus' words on the night before his death – his prayer for his disciples and for all who would believe in him through their words.

**Preacher:** Pastor Paula

**Special Music:** Ben Foltz, Chancel Choir and First Class Ringers

### **Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup> – Worship and Holy Communion at 8:00 a.m. - Pentecost and Syttende Mai**

It's Pentecost, the day the Holy Spirit was poured out upon Jesus' followers. In honor of the day, we will talk about the Norwegian Spirit and God's Spirit.

**Preacher:** Pastor Paula

**Liturgist:** Kyla Betts (10:30)

**Special Music** (10:30): Edvard Grieg Chorus

### **Sunday, May 26: Baccalaureate Sunday with one service at 9:00 a.m.**

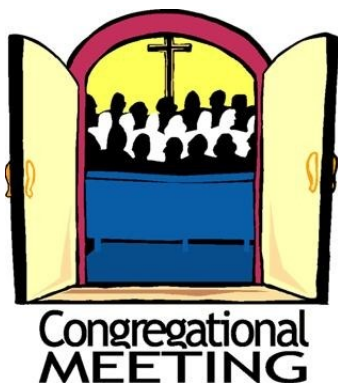
As the church begins the long season of Pentecost and growing in the faith our graduating seniors are going out into the world to begin a lifetime of "adulthood."

**Preacher:** Pastor Paula

**Our graduating seniors are:** Emma Ballweg, Jack Conant, Brenna Dalsoren, Brooke Dambach, Anders Gausman, Andrea Hagen, Kirsten Holm, Myles Iverson, Hailee Kellnhofer, Lauren Model, Kaylin Olsen, Lillian Procter, Kasen Sperle, Beckett Spilde and Neela Yellowbird.



It looks like all is going well at the end of March. That is good news because, if you remember, we passed a \$39,000 deficit budget. I don't want to sound like a broken record, but Stewardship hopes you will keep that in mind as summer approaches. When you are out there, enjoying Wisconsin's brief summer don't forget that the bills still need to be covered.



### Congregational Meeting

Sunday, June 9, 2024 in the café

This should be a short meeting starting about 10:00 a.m.  
following the 9:00 a.m. service

The purpose is to elect officers for the following positions:

**Treasurer, Education Board, Evangelism Board  
and Fellowship Board. In addition, we need to  
elect the Foundation President and board  
members.**

Members interested in running for any of these positions  
Should contact Ted Sehmer at [sehmer@charter.net](mailto:sehmer@charter.net)



### A "Count Your Blessings" Moment

In the Conference room you will find the photos of all the past pastors at Christ Lutheran. The originals were burned during the fire, but Gen Wilberg worked hard to find replacements. There are not that many pictures for a

congregation that has been around for 150 years. If you look at the dates you will understand why. More than just a few of them had long pastorates at CLC: Adolph Bredeson – 1881-1902, Jacob A. O. Stub – 1902-1918, Sibert M. Topness – 1929-1944, Lars O. Tolo – 1945 – 1955, Robert J. Furreboe – 1965-1981, C. E. Bob Ally – 1982-2003 and Robert A. Garbrecht – 1988-2003.

Scott and I are among that list of names. We moved here in September of 2003. Scott retired in 2018 because of his MD. September 2024 will mark the beginning of my 22<sup>nd</sup> year. I count that long pastorate as one of our blessings almost every day. It gave our children a community to grow up in and become a part of. It is no fun for pastor's children to move, be the new kid in school and have to begin the process all over again of making friends and fitting in. And to be honest, it has given Scott and I the very same thing. I hope you realize how unusual it is for so many pastors to stay so long. It says something about you as a congregation and it is all good.



### New Member Sunday – May 5, 2024

We are having another new member Sunday just in case there are folks we missed in January. It is **May 5<sup>th</sup>**. That is a great Sunday to welcome new members. That is The Family Olympic Sunday. There will be food and games from 10:00 a.m. to Noon.

Are you interested in joining Christ Lutheran? Do you know anyone who is? If so, talk to Pastor Paula,

Jen Hoffman or contact the church office at 608 – 873 – 9353. New members will officially be received into our faith community on **Sunday, May 5, 2024 at both services**. New Member Orientation will be the two Sundays beforehand. You pick one to attend. They are: **Sunday, April 21<sup>st</sup>** and **Sunday, April 28<sup>th</sup>** join us in the Conference Room off the narthex immediately following the 9:15 Worship Lite Service. We ask that those interested in joining attend. It is just a time to get to know one another and to share information about the congregation.

### PHOTOS FROM YESTERDAY:



**Step #3: Rolling Dough.**  
**Above:** This picture from August 10, 1978, shows members rolling out lefse. **Left to Right:** Margaret Prochnow, Harmona Felland, Viola Cantwell, Viola Onsrud, Lillian Segebrecht and Amy Cook.



**Step #4: Baking the Lefse.** **Above:** This picture which was placed in an article from the August 30, 1959, of the Milwaukee Journal shows Mrs. Truman Felland and unknown person cooking the lefse on the lefse irons.



**Step #5: Cooling and Packaging the Lefse.** **Above:** This picture was also placed in an article from the August 30, 1959, of the Milwaukee Journal shows Mrs. Oscar Berge, and Mrs. George Erdahl wrapping the Lefse in towels to cool.



## Stoughton Community Networking Conference 2024



This year we had about 42 people sign up for the Stoughton Community Networking Conference. Michael Hecht, from Skaalen Magnolia Gardens, did an excellent job of explaining how to identify Alzheimer's and Dementia and how to care for loved ones. He was very real at explaining that someday we are all going to die and rather than being sorry for loved ones as we watch them failing, he recommends embracing them with the skills and talents they have left. Treasure the time with them and meet them on their turf.



He explained that they have a short attention span, rather than watching a 2 hour movie, listen to oldies music with them, like Lawrence Welk and other tunes from their generation. Tell them who you are, "I'm your granddaughter Brenda, Linda's daughter. Remember when we had fun planting the garden together and the big cabbages we had?" Help them to be useful, "would you help me fold this laundry? Can you help me find room number 5?"

Michael gets his residents involved in the community and even leading events. He gets them started and they continue the program.

Rather than going out to eat and being asked to make a lot of decisions, bring them food, but bring enough for both of you. They want to share, if you only bring their lunch they are going to want to share. Avoid taking them on long journeys in the car.

They don't like a lot of change, they find it overwhelming. Short trips, or better yet go to see them, take a walk on the grounds. Remind them of the memories you shared together and how much fun you had. Celebrate their lives with them. Eat ice cream and treasure the day!



Laura Mays, from Stoughton Health, talked about the Stoughton Community Needs Assessment that is completed every 3 years, and the topics they are working on for a healthy community. Their top 3 priorities are currently Behavioral Health (including Mental Health and Substance Abuse), Chronic Disease and Injuries. She shared the Implementation plan and information on the many programs that are offered at the Stoughton Wellness Center at the corner of Hwy 51 and County B.



Laura Braund, from the Stoughton Area Resource Team and Sandy Harter from Joining Forces for Families did an interactive program on how easily families can fall into crisis and what they do to try to help families find hope and assistance. We discussed common challenges of housing, transportation, having a community center and help with mentoring. There was a general consensus that we never seem to have enough resources and then Donelle Scaffidi, from Eyes of Hope,

suggested some creative solutions for the future. She suggested increasing community housing and sharing a large house or building between several families to cut housing costs. Independent sleeping areas and bedrooms with a shared kitchen and living room. Community Gardens and ride share opportunities. Several people owning one car, sharing transportation needs, and carpooling when able.



Melodie LeFever and Janeal Fullmer, from JustServe.Org, talked about their volunteering program. If you have a program that needs volunteers, or you want to volunteer your time but don't know where to start, they want to help you get connected.

Pastor Paula made an excellent meal for everyone, including vegan and gluten free cuisine for our guests and we all enjoyed our time together and learned a lot!





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**Syttende Mai Worship/Brunch/Bake Sale**  
**Sunday, May 19th**

**10:30 a.m. – Norwegian Worship**  
**with Edvard Grieg Chorus**

**11:30 a.m. – A Norwegian Feast/Bake Sale**  
**with all your Favorite Foods –**

Meatballs and Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Red Cabbage, Cucumber Salad,  
 Herring, Lefse, Swedish Rye Bread, Krumkake, Rosettes, Rommegrot,  
 Rice Pudding, Kringle, Coffee and more...

**A minimum \$10 donation is suggested.**

Syttende Mai Sunday falls on Pentecost this year. To make this a truly Pentecostal Celebration and part of our 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary we plan to uplift the Norwegian Spirit and the Spirit of our oldest members. We have 19 members who will be 90, are 90 or are over 90 this year. They are Margaret Arneson (she's 100), Elizabeth Arneson (she will be 100 in May), Gert Christianson, Darlene Halvorson, Louis Halverson, Donald Halverson, Barbara Morgan, Norval Morgan, Dorothy Nelson, Joanne Roneid, Sally Schiro, Reta Smith, Joyce Vier, Roger Utermark, Joyce Utermark, Marilyn Vandrell, Donn Wheeler, Lois Dyvebik and Gen Wilberg. The plan is to interview them during April, get their stories and share those stories on the big screen before worship begins. We hope many of them will attend worship. They will be given seats of honor in the sanctuary that day.

The king and queen of Syttende Mai will also be with us, Joe and Erin Conant. We have been honored to have quite a few kings and queens among our members. Dave and Janice Smedal, Al and Shirley Nygaard, Dave and Carol Skavlen, Steve and Kris Christinson, Dave and Barb Kalland, Roger and Judy Nitzsche, Roger and Donna Strandlie, Mike and Brenda Sherry, Barb and Dick Entwistle, Sonny and Linda Swangstu and Randy and Donna Olson who reigned for two years during covid.



### **150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration Mugs**

Jason Brabender, member, and Art Teacher at the high school is making mugs with our logo and slogan on them. He has thrown a few already, about fifty. We are excited! Jason does beautiful work.

They will be on sale beginning **Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup> for \$25.00 each**. Profits will go to help cover our final year of mortgage payments, but it will not cover all the deficit. If all the first 150 mugs are sold, \$1050 will be raised. If more mugs are desired Jason will go back to work and throw some more.



We are planning to make a new Church Directory for the Fall of this year. It has been six years since the directory has been updated. We are hoping to have as many of our members participate in this as we can and we felt that the fall would be the best time to work on this as part of our 150<sup>th</sup> year celebration. We are setting up times with the company we will be working with and we will have more information in the next Ambassador. So please stay tuned for updates. The company that we are working with does not do any hard sales and all people that get their photo taken will receive a free 8 by 10. You are also able to supply a photo of your choosing. So please help up make this the best 150<sup>th</sup> celebration and participate in getting our Directory up to date!



## PHOTOS FROM TODAY:



This Year's King and Queen: Joe and Erin Conant already hard at work.

### Today's Lefse Makers:



A large group gathered to make Lefse for this year's Syttende Mai Brunch.



Joyce Utermark



Mary Onsager



Jane Runge

## CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH 150TH ANNIVERSARY WALL BY COLLIN HARRINGTON

With a little bit of sanding, my trusty (if slightly antiquated) chop saw and a fine quiet Saturday, I was able to complete the first faze of the Christ Lutheran Church's 150th Anniversary history wall. You might have noticed the barn boards being hauled in or you might even have seen me finishing up the final boards after Sunday school let out. It's possible that you've walked down the hallway and wondered what's in store next?

Well, before I go forward, I'd like to go back. The boards themselves were donated by Phyllis Gullickson. I found them stored away in one of her barns, history written all over with each weatherworn crack and a fine layer of dust. Hauling them home, I went to work sanding down the sharpest bits as I figured folks can't help but want to touch the boards and I didn't want to be responsible for an epidemic of splinters. After that, I went about staining about half of the boards. Some I wanted to highlight so the faded red paint would pop. The others, I wanted the muted colors to remain time and history authentic.

Once cleaned and cut, so began the assembly. I tried to vary the sizes and colors so no direct pattern was apparent. In general, I found that with barn board projects, this looks the best.

The last bit was to raise a few boards a bit higher than the rest. This is where the logo for the 150th Anniversary will go. As it states, yesterday, today and tomorrow.

This is true of the wall itself. The boards come from a yesterday that is nearly as old as the congregation. The wall itself, being worked on today, will feature the past and present and will therefore be a means to share these memories well into the future.

I end this with a thank you for all those that have helped with the beginnings of this project. I would also like to thank in advance all those willing to donate a few momentos for the wall, to share their history with the church. And finally, I would like to thank all those in the future that will take the time to stop and take a look. If a bit of the church's history brings a smile to your face and maybe sparks a bit of your faith, then it will all be worth it.

## Music in Ministry

### Hymn Nerds For May

The Day of Pentecost is May 19th this year. Pentecost is the holiday which takes place on the 50th day after Easter Sunday. It commemorates the descent of the Holy Spirit upon Mary, mother of Jesus and the Apostles of Jesus while they were in Jerusalem celebrating the Feast of Weeks, and is described in the Acts of the Apostles. One of Patti Boelsing's favorite hymns is "Spirit of Gentleness" with a beautiful text about the powerful role of the Spirit. The words and music were written by James Manley in 1975. It begins with the refrain, 'Spirit, Spirit of gentleness'. Each stanza unfolds a particular manifestation of the Spirit: 'You moved on the waters', 'You swept thro' the desert', 'You sang in a stable' and 'You call from tomorrow'. Get out a hymnal the next time you are in church and check out the thoughtful text of hymn #396.

## UNSUNG HERO: GLORIA HAYNE BY BRENDA ZARTH



Gloria grew up with church as part of her life. She was allowed to babysit, but no matter how late you babysat you still had to be up and ready for church in the morning.

Gloria has worked at Christ Lutheran Church for almost 46 years. She found the job advertised in the newspaper. She was interviewed by Dick Entwistle and Pastor Furboe. At the time, you could not be a member of the church while working at Christ Lutheran, so Gloria and her family remained members of St. John's Lutheran Church on the East side of Madison. Gloria was hired as a full-time Office Manager. She and her husband Lonnie did not become

members of Christ Lutheran Church until Pastor Scott and Pastor Paula were here. Pastor Alley had told her that she was free to join, but she and her family had some great friends at St. John's, so they decided to stay with their church for a few more years before transferring their membership to Christ Lutheran.

Gloria said that the thing she likes the most about working at the church is the people. She enjoyed coming to work every day. She said, "You must know that there are all kinds of people in this world, and you just need to listen to them. You want to be open with people and not turn them away". She once had a person that was having difficulty with their insurance, and they sat and talked with her for over three hours. When someone commented on how patient she was, she just shrugged it off because she realized that people sometimes just need someone to listen.

Her most challenging time at the church was when they plunked a computer on her desk and told her she would need to produce the Ambassador on it. At that point she had no training and only had a person whom she could call on the phone if she had questions. Another challenge was when she was handed over the job of Financial secretary, which was not part of her original job. She had no background in finance or accounting, so her husband Lonnie would come in to help her balance the accounts if she got stuck. But the reason that she has remained here at Christ Lutheran Church for so long is two-fold. One is the people that she has gotten to know and whom she has great friendships with. The second is that, after her husband retired, she was given the flexibility to go down to three days a week and that her least favorite jobs (i.e. working on the Ambassador and the financial books) were taken off of her hands. She has loved the flexibility that her job has offered, she loved the structure it provided. When she turned 80, she started thinking about retiring and she is now looking forward to it. She looks forward to having time in her garden and having the freedom to spend time with family and friends.

We will all miss working with and seeing her at the office window every day, but it will not be goodbye. Gloria is a member of this church, and she participates in a lot of things outside of her everyday work here. She is an organizer and member of the gardening team. She is on the Fellowship board. She helps with quilting, and she plans to continue to volunteer by helping with prep work for Sunday school and Vacation Bible School.

Jenny stated, "I am grateful for getting to work with her. My favorite memory of her is when she and Phyllis worked with me last year to help put up the finishing touches on the classrooms. They took their jobs seriously and did not stop until every little animal, vine and decoration found a place. It was a several week process and having Gloria and Phyllis there to help with the last push was so wonderful and the classrooms looked fantastic!"

Gloria is a very kind and giving person and always seems to be thinking of others. She seems to know where to find things when needed and seems very connected with the community. She has helped the Ukrainian resettlement program with donations from people moving into or out of Skaalen and downsizing. She has always seemed to know the answers and again patiently listens.

It's also been very hard to say "No" to Gloria's requests for volunteering, you know that she is dedicated to caring and it makes me want to be more caring and devoted in return. Thank you Gloria for all of your wonderful service to our church family and Happy Retirement!

## PHOTOS FROM TODAY:



Catherine Frye



Sharie Buskager



Nancy Holzhtuter,  
Mary Sime and  
Betty Nelson



Sue Walls,  
Sandra Maerz,  
Sue Weum,  
Sue Slinde and  
Carolyn Slaney.



## PHOTOS CELEBRATING TOMORROW:



Christ Lutheran member Joe LePine, Second Lieutenant in the United States Marine Corps and recent graduate from Iowa State University, has completed his initial flight training and is moving on to Corpus Christi, Texas for Primary Flight Training. Joe will fly the T-6B Texan trainer. If Joe flies with the same finesse that he caught those football passes he'll do very well.

By Scott Geister-Jones



Christ Lutheran member Nelson Kuhls was elected to be next years Vice President of the FFA. Congratulations on this accomplishment!

## CONFIRMATION NEWS FOR MAY



### Confirmation Classes Meet May 1<sup>st</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>

We have just two more Wednesday evenings of confirmation. We meet May 1<sup>st</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>. See you there!



### Wednesday Evening Menus

#### Food is served from 5:30 – 6:30 p.m.

A minimum donation of \$7.00 is suggested to help cover the cost of food. Confirmation students and their families, God and Game participants and their families, Seniors, Chancel Choir, Yuke Fellowship and Bell Choir Members, really – anyone – is invited to sit down and break bread together. Enjoy a hour of good food and good fellowship.

### Wednesday, May 1

Lasagna  
Buttered Noodles (for the children)  
Lettuce Salad  
Garlic Bread  
Cherry or Blueberry Crisp with Ice Cream  
Coffee, White or Chocolate Milk and Apple Juice

### Wednesday, May 8

Baked or Barbeque Chicken  
Cheesy Potatoes  
Fresh Vegetables with Ranch Dressing  
Homemade Bread  
Strawberry Shortcake with Ice Cream  
Coffee, White and Chocolate Milk, Apple Juice



### God and Games

#### Wednesday evenings, May 1<sup>st</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>

6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

#### Grades 3<sup>rd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup>

It doesn't matter if you are a regular or not, you are always welcome. Alani Estervig would love to meet you. We meet, two more times this spring. The evening starts out with a short devotional and continues with fun and games inside and out.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS FOR MAY



Reminder: Sunday School students will have their final musical performance on **May 5<sup>th</sup> at the 9:15 a.m. Worship Lite Service**. It will be nice to have the kids perform on the Sunday that we have our Annual Sunday School Olympics.

This event has been rebranded as: **The Family Olympics**. We hope that everyone will join in on this fun end of the year event.

Everyone in the church is invited!! Our Family Olympics will be on **Sunday May 5<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 to noon**. There will be many events happening, see the sign-up sheets in the Narthex and we will be serving up some yummy family friendly food in the gym and café.

**The Menu:** Brats, Hot dogs, Sloppy Joes, Broccoli Slaw, Italian Salad, Baked Beans, Chips, Ice Cream Floats and Cake.

All Sunday School kids that attend will receive a goody bag. Confirmation kids will get a sermon note and service hour if they help out at the event.



# Bacclaureate Service

On Sunday May 26th, 2024 at the 9:00 a.m. service The congregation will celebrate with all Christ Lutheran Church graduating seniors at a Baccalaureate Service. At that service, we will also be presenting CLC Scholarships to all recipients. This includes scholarships for both continuing college students and graduating seniors.



Baccalaureate  
WORSHIP SERVICE



2024 High School Graduates and parents please be on the lookout for a letter that is being mailed that will ask two things from you. We will need you to provide two things back to the church via email or text message. You can send them to [JennyH@clcstoughton.org](mailto:JennyH@clcstoughton.org) or text (608-719-9680).

1. A senior photo we need these for the Slide Show that is shown on Baccalaureate Sunday and to post on our Facebook and Website. (If you do not want them on Facebook or the Website let me know when you send in the photo, but we would still like them for the slideshow shown at church.)
2. We also need your senior to answer a few questions. Where they are graduating from? What they are doing after High School? One thing that they learned this year and a favorite memory from their school days.

Please note that we need all photos and answers to the questions above by no later than **May 17th**. (Even if you cannot be present we will mention all High School Graduating seniors and share their pictures as part of our Slide show. Please help us in gathering this information. We would like to recognize and congratulate all of our High School graduates!)



## Mission Trip 2024 - Bob Marshall Wilderness Foundation

Bob Marshall Wilderness Foundation has shared with us some more detailed information concerning our upcoming mission trip in July. Here is just one option: The Sawtooth Range in the Northeast portion of the Bob is known for craggy reef and stunning terrain. The Tubby Creek and Blind Creek

Trails in this region connect the North Fork and the Middle Fork of Birch Creek. From your basecamp on the Middle Fork of Birch Creek, your crew will use crosscut and hand saws to clear these trails. Your efforts will be rewarded by stunning views of the Sawtooth Mountains, delicious food, and the warm glow of a campfire at days end. The degree of difficulty of the 7.5 mile hike in is rated as moderate and the work as difficult. We are told "volunteers can expect saw work and frequently lifting downed trees off the trail. A round trip hike of 10 miles is possible as you clear further up the trail.

A number of us read that and thought, we need to get in shape. I spent some hours on my vacation in April walking. This is a photograph of my daughter Sophie and I hiking the Baldwin Trail near Sedona.



## Honoring Our Youth:

### Andrew Quam

A few years back at the conclusion of 8th Grade confirmation Andy was asked if he would be interested in teaching Sunday school and instead of saying no he asked if he could participate in church musically. Since that time Andy has performed for the congregation numerous times.

This past March Andy was invited to participate in the auditions for the 2024 High School State Honors Music Project where almost 1,500 auditions were registered for 429 positions in five ensembles. Selection identifies a student as one of Wisconsin's finest high school musicians. Andy was selected from those 1,500 auditions to participate in the 2024 WSMA High School State Honors Music Project as part of their Orchestra. Congratulations to Andy this is a well deserved

## SENIOR LUNCHEON MAY AND OUTING JUNE:



### Senior Luncheon

**Monday, May 20<sup>th</sup>**

**11:30 a.m.**

**Cost: \$12**

**Program: "Norwegian Humor"**

We will share a few "Norwegian jokes" jokes and some humorous history and stories from CLC's past.

**Menu:** Meatballs and Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Red Cabbage, Cucumber Salad, Swedish Rye Bread, Lefse, and Norwegian Goodies – including Rommegrot. And don't forget the Coffee.

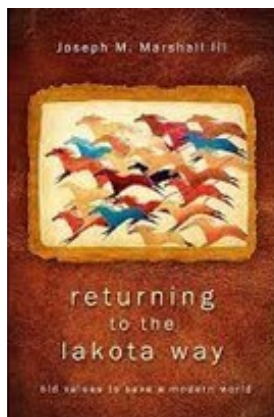


**Thursday, June 13<sup>th</sup>**

**Mid-Continent Railway Museum in North Freedom and Supper at Ishnala**

I am not sure what time we will be leaving. The museum officially opens May 11<sup>th</sup>. The hoped for schedule is a noon departure with a one hour train ride and dinner at Ishnala around 4:00 p.m. Train tickets are around \$20. Food at Ishnala is a bit spendy, but it is so good. More details will be in the next newsletter, but save the date now and sign up on the sign up sheet at the Information desk in the Narthex.

## ADULT EDUCATION MAY:



### Thursday Morning Book Study

**We meet Thursday, May 2, 9, 16 and 23 at 9:30 a.m. at the Sunrise Restaurant**

**"Returning to the Lakota Way" by Joseph M. Marshall III**

The group has enjoyed several books now. We have read Kent Neuburn's books "Neither Wolf nor Dog," "The Wolf at Twilight" and "The Girl Who Sang to the Buffalo" and Doug Good Feather's "Think Indigenous. We will finish up the last few pages of that book in April and begin a new one, "Returning to the Lakota Way." We have seen a lot of similarities between the Bible and Native American Spirituality. As Northern Europeans, we forget how influenced our faith has been by Greek and Roman thought. Join us! Marshall's book is full of stories. Stories is how ancient cultures passed on their values from one generation to the next. Stories are so much more fun to listen to than lectures and just like Jesus' parables, you have to discover the truth within them yourself.



**°Rebecca's Rebel**

**Manna and Mercy: A Brief History of God's Unfolding Promise to Mend the Entire Universe**

**Thursday, May 16**

**6:30 p.m.**

**Viking Brew House**

**Upstairs – in the back room by the couches**

With the weather turning warmer I am hoping for a bigger crowd. We will continue our study of Daniel Erlander's book, "Manna and Mercy: A Brief History of God's Unfolding Promise to Mend the Entire Universe." After over 40 years in ministry this is still my favorite little book. In just 77 pages it lays out in clear language who God is and what God is all about. We will read through it together. taking our time to ask questions and discuss. And of course, we will enjoy one another's company and conversation. All women, no matter what age, are invited.



# memorials & gifts

## Memorial

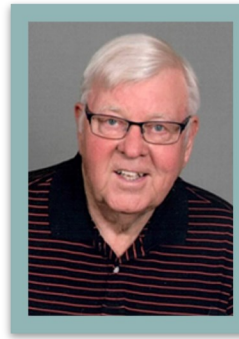
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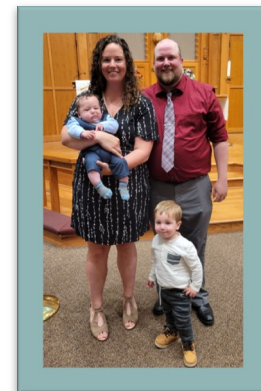
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First Communion Kids Pictured Above: Wyatt Lane, Caden Drogsvold, Anna Foltz, Millie Brabender, Josie Borchert, Gretchen Wethal, and Genevieve Annen. (Not Pictured: Jordyn Hostrawser, Dayna Ross, Kinley Salonek and Remy Skaar.)



April 27th,  
2024 David  
Skavlen



April 28 - Otto  
Marc Joyal, son of  
Jacob and Ashley  
Joyal

Dear Christ Lutheran Church Members,  
Thank you so much for the incredible gifts of prayer and money from the goodwill donations, wow! We are so grateful!

We just got back from the hospital from a Stereo EEG planned testing and Layla was such a brave girl! We will have more information in a few weeks on the plan moving forward.

Thank you to everyone who donated or helped!

Much love,  
Kaylie and Dan





**"So we are  
ambassadors for  
Christ..." -**

**2 Corinthians 5:20**



You might recognize  
some of the Ladies in this  
photo who participated  
last year in the Ladies  
Night out event!



**Christ Lutheran is hosting ...**

***Stoughton's 2024 -***

***Ladies Night Out: "A Good Time for a Great  
Cause"***

**Thursday, June 20th 3:00 – 9:00 p.m.**

**Tickets are \$25**

**First 50 tickets are 2 for 1 and sold ONLY at Christ  
Lutheran**

**beginning Tuesday, May 28 at 9:00 a.m.**

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