

**Welcome to Christ Lutheran
Announcements February 8, 2026**

Welcome to worship! May the Holy Spirit bless and nourish us as we worship together. We hope that you come again soon! If you are worshiping with us for the first time and would like more information about our congregation, please ask Pastor Paula.

We also want to welcome all who are joining us online. We hope you will join us again. If you would like to support Christ Lutheran and its ministry, please go to our website www.clcstoughton.org/giving/donate/ or use the QR code to the right.



We are collecting for the Stoughton Food Pantry Now thru Fat Tuesday, 2/17. Our goal is 2 tons or 4000 pounds. Cash donations are great, with price increases it now costs \$2.00 for each pound of food. Items the pantry is especially in need of are, laundry detergent, personal care products, condiments and coffee. **Please make sure that all food donations are not expired!** We have collected 1895.39 pounds of food. **The Sunday School classes are having a collection challenge. The classroom with the most donations will win a class party!**

Confirmation and God & Games Wednesday 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Join us for the Wednesday meal. Dinner is served from 5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday. A minimum of \$8.00 is suggested to help cover the cost of food. **This week's menu includes:** Meatballs and Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Swedish Rye Bread, White or Chocolate Milk, Apple Juice or Coffee.

We are asking for help from the congregation to make Valentines Today for Local Senior Living Facilities and our Shut-ins. We need over 180 cards in total. **We are hoping the Christ Lutheran Family will join in to help brighten someone's day!** The community looks forward to these cards.

Today our 5th – 8th Graders will be shopping at Walmart and Aldi as a service day to purchase food for the food drive using money from Thrivent Grants. **We will need parents to help with transporting kids to and from the stores and to help kids pick out items using their budget.** We'll leave at 9:15 a.m. and return by the end of Sunday School.

Coffee, Chaos & Community is on **Thursday 2/12 from 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.** This is open to kids from birth through Pre-K. We'll read a story, do a craft and play games in the gym. Snacks and coffee will be provided. Our Theme this month is **Friendship!**

The Annual Meeting will be held Next Sunday, 2/15 at 8:45 a.m.- 9:15 a.m. in the Mana Café.

The Sunday School Kids will be singing Next Sunday 2/15 at the 9:15 a.m. Worship Express Service. They will be practicing during Sunday School.

Mardi Gras is Sunday 2/15 from 10:50 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. We have many games like; “Take a chance with Jonah” Human Slot Machine and “David and Goliath” Nerf Gun Target Practice, the Cake Walk, “In jail with Paul and Silas”, Bible Bingo, Bible Trivia, some awesome crafts, Face Painting and so much more. Of course there will be prizes. There will be a bounce house in the large Youth Room. **Please sign up to help run the event and to bring cakes, brownies, pies, cupcakes and cookies for the Cake Walk.** There will be a sign-up sheet in the Narthex.

Lent begins with Ash Wednesday Worship, Wednesday 2/18 at 6:30 p.m., and continues each Wednesday through 3/25. **There will be a Lenten Children’s Church, for kids from Pre-K – 6th grade** in the gym starting at 6:00 p.m. It will include a Bible story, a game and a craft or object lesson. **The Nursery will also be open** for the little ones. There will be a way for the entire family to participate in Lenten Worship.

Meals & Memories “We Love our Coffee and Chocolate” will be **Tuesday, 2/17 at 11:30 a.m.** Brook, the owner of Yahara Chocolate will join us with samples to share the story of his love for 2 items many of us would find hard to live without, coffee and chocolate.

Ageless Adventures are going to Fireside to see the Musical “ Beehive” on Friday 2/20. Those of you who have signed up, please be here by 10:00 a.m. to pool rides. If you are willing to drive let Jean know.

New Member Orientation will be on Sunday, 2/22 and on 3/1 immediately following the 9:15 a.m. Service in the Conference Room located next to the Narthex. You may choose which Sunday works best for you. **New Member Sunday will be 3/8.** New members will be received at both services.

First Communion Instruction will be on Sunday 2/22, 3/1, 3/8, and 3/15. All 4th Grade students and their Parents will meet with Pastor Paula to receive 1st Communion Instruction. **4th grade Students will receive 1st Communion on Maundy Thursday 4/2 at 6:30 p.m.**

Wednesday, 4/1 at 3:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m., 4th Graders will bake bread with Pastor Paula and Jenny Hoffman for the Maundy Thursday Service.

All Thrivent Choice Dollars will end on 3/31/26. Get your elections in now!

Boundary Waters Canoe Trip is 7/20 – 7/26 – For more information please refer to the Ambassador or see the Flyer at the information desk in the Narthex.

Looking for More Cooks! Do you like to cook? Do you appreciate a challenge. Jen and Pastor Paula are looking for about 6 people who would help us with Food and Fellowship meal prep. The plan is to divide into two groups – Jen's Group and Paula's Group and prep the meal every-other Wednesday.

Support our Youth! Visit the 2025-2026 SASD Calendar www.stoughton.k12.wi.us for upcoming events like Music, Sports, Cheer, Dance and Drama to name a few.

Blood Drive will be Tuesday 3/17/26 from 3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. To book an appointment, call ImpactLife at 800-747-540.

“Trust in God from the bottom of your heart; don’t try to figure out everything on your own. Listen for God’s voice in everything you do, everywhere you go.”

Proverbs 3:4-6