

Christ Lutheran Church
700 County Highway B
Stoughton, WI 53589

September 2026

CHRIST LUTHERAN AMBASSADOR

The BIGGEST NEWS for September is the beginning of Sunday School and Stewardship, so check it out!



Sunday School is Funday
AT CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH
IT ALL BEGINS THE SECOND SUNDAY OF SEPTEMBER
REGISTER RALLY SUNDAY OR ONLINE AT WWW.CLCSTOUGHTON.ORG
8:00 A.M. – TRADITIONAL WORSHIP
9:15 A.M. – FAMILY FRIENDLY WORSHIP LITE
10:00 – 10:50 A.M. – SUNDAY SCHOOL
ALL ARE WELCOME!



Stewardship 2027
United in Christ:
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*"So reach out and welcome one another to God's glory.
Jesus did it; now you do it."
Romans 15:7*

A Word from Stewardship: "Share What You Love" by Lisa Wuennemann

Are you someone who enjoys telling others about a great restaurant, a favorite local business, or a hidden gem you've discovered? If so, would you consider sharing

why Christ Lutheran Church is meaningful to you? Your story could encourage someone who is looking for a church home. Consider posting on your personal social media and on the Stoughton Community Facebook pages. Share what makes CLC special to you, then invite your friends, family, and neighbors to our Harvest Fest/ Pig Roast/ Bake Sale on October 11th. Please tag @ChristLutheranChurchStoughton so people can easily learn more about our church.

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Sunday Worship is available to Livestream on Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/ChristLutheranChurchStoughton>



NEWS FROM LAY MINISTRY



Fall Worship Schedule begins Sunday, September 13th

Traditional Worship at 8:00 a.m.

Worship Lite at 9:15 a.m.

Sunday School at 10:00 a.m.



September Worship News

Sunday, September 6: Worship with Holy Communion

Conflict is just a part of life. We are different people. We all have our own ideas and opinions. In today's gospel lesson Jesus gives some practical advice on how we – as individuals and the church – should go about restoring relationships with one another.

Preacher: Pastor Paula

Sunday, September 13: Worship/Rally Sunday

Peter asks Jesus about forgiveness today in the gospel. He thought he was being quite generous when he said he was willing to forgive someone seven times, but Jesus says not seven times but seventy times seven. We are called to forgive as God forgives us.

Preacher: Pastor Paula



Sunday, September 20: Worship with Holy Communion/First Sunday of Stewardship

In the gospel lesson, we are reminded that we as members of the church (Christ's body) are called to serve. What a great text for our Mission Fair. Come early and check out all the booths and see how Christ Lutheran is striving to be Christ's hands, feet and voice in the world.

Preacher: Pastor Paula



Sunday, September 27: Worship- Blessing of the Animals

This is a fun worship service. We celebrate the gift of our four-legged creatures. Bring your pets to worship. We will worship in the gym and towards the end of the worship services the animals will be blessed.

Preacher: Pastor Paula



Ushers needed for 4th Sunday of the month at 8:00 a.m. and Worship Lite



Ushers can be men, women and families—any member really. And their responsibilities have been simplified. Responsibilities include: hand out bulletins; count the people in service and document; collect the offering and take the offering forward. How about giving it a try? Call the church office at 608-873-9353.

Fun = Music and Music = Fun by LINDA KUNZ

Come join the fun and make some music.

Chancel Choir meets a couple of Wednesday nights a month at 5:30 p.m. to prepare to sing for a worship service. All are invited to sing – no experience needed. Singing in a choir is the best way to learn how to sing or to improve your talent. Come join us - we are really a fun bunch.

WELCOME
BACK, CHOIR 

Interested in ringing handbells? Can you count to 4 and know your colors (if you don't understand this, ask Linda or one of the handbell ringers)? Those are the only requirements to ring handbells, we can teach you all the rest. We have learned how to have fun and make music at the same time. Let Linda (lkunz@clcestoughton.org) know if you want to try it and we'll find a time to play around with some bells.

Uke Fellowship meets Wednesday afternoon at 4 p.m. and all are welcome. Don't have an instrument, no problem, we'll find you one. The Ukulele is a small 4-stringed instrument and is quick to learn and easy to play (there are chords that use only one or two fingers). We also like to have percussion players and singers join us. All you have to do is show up, we will help with all the rest. We do "go on the road" occasionally, usually to Milestone Senior Living, and share our fun music.



Did you take piano lessons, have a band instrument in the closet, or your dad's guitar sitting around and thinking it might be fun to make some music? Let Linda know (lkunz@clcestoughton.org) and we can work together to find a way to have fun making music.

Elizabeth and Bethel Circle

Christ Lutheran has two women's Bible Studies. Elizabeth Circle meets on the 4th Tuesday of the month in the Conference Room at 9:30 a.m. Bethel Circle meets on the 4th Tuesday of the month at 1:00 p.m. in the Manna Café. Both are more than happy to welcome new members.



NEWS FROM STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

Stewardship 2027 United in Christ: ALL ARE WELCOME!

*"So reach out and welcome one another to
God's glory. Jesus did it; now you do it."
Romans 15:7*



Stewardship begins Sunday, September 20th with a Ministry Fair.

It is such a great event each year and every year it just gets better. This year it will take place in the gym – more room to set up games and of course – serve treats. **Social Concerns' Booth will be in front of the library. They plan on giving you a taste of Ladies Night Out.** Pick up a map listing all the stops (booths), go to each booth and check out the ministry they are involved in locally and globally, get your map stamped and earn tickets to throw in the ticket barrel to see if you win one of ten or more door prizes. There will be prizes geared towards both adults and youth. Everyone who attends the Ministry Fair gets a coupon for frozen custard at Culvers and a coupon for an additional 15% off at the Shoe Box. **This is a great event to invite a guest. One walk through the gym and they will get a good idea of what is going on at Christ Lutheran.**

Stewardship Packets are being mailed out.



Sunday, September 27th is "Blessing of the Animals."

Pets are loved members of our family. On Sunday, September 27th, we invite you to bring them to church with you. Worship will take place in the gym. This Sunday pet treats, as well as human treats, will be served between services.

Sunday, October 4th is Quilt/LWR Sunday.

On Quilt/LWR Sunday we focus on how people around the world feel welcomed by God and God's People through the quilts and kits Lutheran World Relief sends to every corner of the world. The pews will be covered with quilts our quilters have made this past year. Up front will be all the School Kits, Personal Care Kits, Baby Care Kits and Fabric Kits we have been gathering items for most of the summer and September for Lutheran World Relief. We will "count" the quilts and kits and let you know how many have been assembled. Quilts will once again be on sale for \$40 apiece. Monies from the sale of quilts goes towards getting those quilts where they need to go. If you have been listening to the news, you know there is definitely a need.



You will also be given the chance to WIN A QUILT. The Quilters for the Ministry Fair September 20th have photographed all the boxes filled with quilts. They will be challenging the congregation to guess how many quilts are in the boxes that will be displayed on Quilt Sunday. The person who comes the closest will WIN A QUILT. If there are more than 1 accurate guesses, a drawing will be held.

Our Stewardship Program ends with a BIG PARTY!
Harvest Fest /Pig Roast/Bake Sale – October 11th



Food is served from 10:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
Crafts in the Large Youth Room, Games inside and out,
Bounce House and more games in the backyard begin at
10:50 a.m.



Cost: \$15 for Adult \$7 for children between 5 and 12
Any profits will go towards replacing our aging stove.

Menu: Roast Pork (Hot Dogs for Children), Cheesy Potatoes, Homemade Mac & Cheese, Baked Beans, Coleslaw, Texas Road House Buns, Swedish Rye Bread, Bars, Cookies, Desserts, Apple Juice and Coffee



What is Stewardship?
by Cindy Lehr

Stewardship is more than just giving money to the church. It is about how we live as followers of Christ with all the resources God has entrusted to us. It is the way we share our time, our talents, and our treasures to nurture our families, strengthen our church and serve our community.

Stewardship happens when you:

- Volunteer at youth events, sew quilts, and help in the kitchen.
- Join or lead a committee.
- Bring children to Sunday School.
- Invite a neighbor to come to church with you.
- Help an elderly CLC member get to church.

Soon you will be receiving Christ Lutheran Church's 2027 Stewardship Campaign, built around the theme "Join in the Journey." Pledging is important as it allows CLC to plan its resources.

Please mark your calendars for our **Kick-Off Campaign and Ministry Fair on September 20.** We ask that your pledges be returned by October 31, 2026.

We are asking that pledges support both the General Fund and the Capital Improvement Fund.

-The General Fund covers essential day-to-day operations of our church—from salaries, utilities and maintenance to Lay Ministry, Youth Ministry, Parish Fellowship, Christian Education, Evangelism, and Social Concerns.

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-The Capital Improvement Fund provides for CLC's long-term needs. Soon the Church will need a new roof, parking lot, furnaces and air conditioning units. Replacing the roof and parking lot will cost close to \$750,000.

- The Endowment Foundation. Gifts are welcome here as well. Terry Niedfeldt of Thrivent Financial manages these funds, which support CLC's benevolences (South Central Synod, World Hunger, etc.) and programming at the church. Christ Lutheran Church is grateful for every gift received and encourages you to "Join in the Journey". Together, we are building more than a budget; we are building a community of faith that reflects God's love and shines His light in the world.



NEWS FROM OUR EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Church Nursery and Busy Bag

Just so you know, Christ Lutheran has a nursery that is staffed by Sierra Swangstu (a mom herself) and open from 9:00 – 10:50 a.m. on Sunday mornings. Hours may vary for holidays and special events. Parents, it is up to you whether or not you want to use this facility, but we want you to know it is there. Don't worry if your child moves around and makes a bit of noise in worship. At Christ Lutheran we celebrate the joy their voices bring to worship.

And every Sunday Busy Bags are provided to help keep our youngest members happy. FYI - there is always some kind of treat in them. Sometimes more than one.



Rally Sunday is September 13th

Our Sunday School will begin in a couple of weeks. Rally Sunday is **Sunday, September 13th**. Rally Sunday is the start of our fall schedule which includes Worship Lite Worship at 9:15 a.m. and Sunday school at 10:00 a.m. We will all gather in the Large Youth Room at 10:00 a.m. for Opening Music. Linda Kunz and Wendy Olson will take the lead. Young people will be introduced to their teachers and will be welcomed by our entire staff before breaking up into their individual groups to get to know one another better, and become acquainted with their classmates and teachers. Registration forms have been mailed out. If you have misplaced them, you may also register early on our website <https://clcstoughton.org/christian-ed-youth/> or take a registration form from the Information Desk, fill it out and return it in at the office or register Rally Sunday. The Registration Booth will be located down the hall of the Sunday School Hallway.



7th and 8th Grade Confirmation

If you have a 7th or 8th Grade student or you are a 7th or 8th grade student, the Confirmation Orientation Meeting for Students and Parents is **Wednesday September 16th at 6:30 p.m.** Please attend. We will go over confirmation requirements and register our confirmation students for the 2026-2027 session. Mary Onsager will be there to speak to the 7th graders about a acolyting. She trains our 7th graders for this new role and organizes schedules with parents. Please look for e-mails from her. **Confirmation class will begin the following week, Wednesday September 23rd with dinner at 5:30 p.m. and class from 6:30 p.m.**





Milestone Ministry

Parents we have special events each year for our kids. These events are called Milestone Ministries. These special occasions are offered in the hope that they encourage a child's faith to grow. These Milestone events start at age 3 and go all the way through High School Graduation. Here are the milestone events each year:

3 Year-olds- receive their first Bible (Bibles will be handed out on Palm Sunday, March 21, 2027 at

the 9:15 a.m. Service)

1st Graders Make an Advent Wreath - On November 22, 2026 during 10:00 a.m.

Sunday School, Pastor Paula will talk to the 1st graders and their parents about the traditions of advent and the 1st graders will make their own advent wreath.

2nd Graders make a Lenten Cross - Lenten crosses will be made on **March 14, 2027** during Sunday school and on **Palm Sunday, March 21, 2027** the 2nd Graders will share the story of Jesus' crucifixion by sharing with the congregation what each item represents.

3rd Graders receive their Adventure Bibles - Pastor Paula will talk to the 3rd Graders about their Bibles on **Sunday, October 18th in Sunday school and at the 9:15 a.m. service on Sunday, October 25** all 3rd Graders will receive their Bibles.



4th Graders receive First Communion – 4th Graders are invited to First Communion Instruction Classes on **four consecutive Sundays – Sunday, February 22, March 1, 8, and 15**. The class takes place **immediately following Sunday School**. Kids and parents will meet in the Conference Room next to the Sanctuary. On **Wednesday, March 24th from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.** the 4th Graders **Bake Bread for their First Communion**. On **Thursday, March 25, 2027 at our 6:30 p.m. Maundy Thursday Service** our 4th Graders will receive their First Communion and participate in worship by helping with the **Stripping of the Altar**.

7th and 8th Graders start their Confirmation Classes – On **Wednesday September 16, 2026 at 6:30 p.m.** with Orientation. Classes start on the following **Wednesday September 23, 2026**.

9th Graders - Affirm their Faith and become adult members of the Church on **Reformation Sunday, October 25, 2026 at a 1:00 p.m. service** for family and friends.

12th Grade Graduates - We celebrate our graduating seniors at a Baccalaureate Service on **May 23, 2027**. They were given a baby quilt when they were baptized. At this service they are given another blanket to wrap themselves and remember always – *God loves me!*



**Affirmation of Baptism is on Reformation Sunday,
October 25th at 1:00 p.m.**

On Sunday, October 18th immediately following Sunday School our 9th Grade Confirmation students will meet in the Large Youth Room to make their stoles and walk through the Affirmation of Baptism service. On Sunday, October 25th at 1:00 p.m. they will say in a loud clear voice, "YES! I am God's child. YES! I want to be part of God's family."

High School Students – LISTEN UP!

Here is some information you need to know!

Christ Lutheran Church offers scholarships to basically anyone going on to further their education and takes the time to apply. Application forms may be found on the Information Desk come April or online. The amount may change a bit from year to year and is based upon your participation in the life of the congregation from 9th – 12th grade. What does that mean? Do you worship regularly? Do you



volunteer your time and talents by helping with Sunday school, ushering, lecturing, providing special music, singing in the choir and/or ringing bells, mowing lawn, weeding a patch of our gardens come summer, provide treats for Sunday morning, help serve or clean up after coffee on Sunday morning, join us in the kitchen to prep, cook, serve and clean-up for our various events each year (Harvest Fest, Advent Beginnings, Mardi Gras, Garage Sale, Easter Breakfast and Syttende Mai Brunch), help bake for the November and December Bake Sale, March Garage Sale, sign up for a canoe trip to the BWCA or a mission trip? It can all earn you points from 1 to 5 with graduating seniors receiving one extra point for one year. Christ Lutheran depends on many volunteers to help run our various ministries, your help is essential. This past year the largest scholarship we gave was \$2100 with quite a few college sophomores – seniors receiving \$1750. Yes, you heard me right. Unlike many scholarships, you may apply for this scholarship for four years.

ADULT EDUCATION

Breakfast & Books – A Book Study

Starbuck's Meeting Room

Thursday Mornings 9:30 a.m.

We meet on Thursdays at 9:30 a.m. Anyone is welcome. I'm not sure what we will be reading in September. We go through a book in about four weeks.



NEWS FROM THE YOUTH COMMITTEE

Wednesday Evening Food and Fellowship begins Wednesday, September 23rd

Dinner is served from **5:30–6:30 p.m.** A minimum donation of **\$8.00** is suggested to cover the cost of food. Confirmation students and their families, God and Game participants and their families, our Seniors and really anyone is invited to come. Enjoy an hour of good food and fellowship!

We will start the fall out with some of your favorites...

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Wednesday, September 23rd

Baked Chicken
Cheesy or Baked Potatoes
Green Salad
Swedish Rye Bread
Brownies and Ice Cream
Coffee, White or Chocolate Milk and Apple Juice

Wednesday, September 30th

Lasagna – with and without gluten
Buttered Noodles (for the children)
Lettuce Salad
Garlic Bread
Rice Krispies and Ice Cream
Coffee, White or Chocolate Milk and Apple Juice



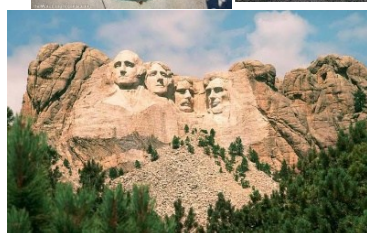
God and Games Begins Wednesday, September 23rd

6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Grades 3rd – 6th

It doesn't matter if you are a regular or not, you are always welcome. We know many of you are still involved in rec programs. Alani Estervig and Libby Conant would both love to meet you whenever you can make it. The evening starts out with a short devotional and continues with fun and games.

Black Hills Pictures from July 2026 Youth Trip



Plan D – Road Trip to the Black Hills by Pastor Paula

Instead of going to the BWCA to paddle a canoe from lake to lake for 6 days, we jumped into two cars and drove out to the Black Hills visiting all the major sites going out, while we were there and on the way home. Our only stop the first day was the SPAM Museum in Austin, Minnesota. After camping along the Missouri River near Chamberlain, South Dakota for two nights we were on the road again stopping at the Badlands, Wall Drug and Mount Rushmore before making camp at Angostura Recreation Area 45 minutes south of Custer State Park. We had a beautiful campsite back in the woods surrounded by Ponderosa Pine. While there we hung out in the hammocks, tried our luck at fishing, played card games, cooked our meals over a camp stove and enjoyed nightly campfires. One day there was a trip to Lake Sylvan and Black Elk Peak for a 4 mile day hike. On the way home we drove through Custer State Park's Wildlife Loop. We saw plenty of Prairie Dogs and wild donkeys and two large herds of Buffalo once we left the loop. Friday we dealt with 99 ° F heat. We spent most of the day swimming. On the way home we stopped in Sioux Falls and actually slept in a hotel. That was fortunate because that night Sioux Falls was hit with a severe thunderstorm with downpouring rain and straight-line winds. The north side of town – where we were – had gusts up to 80 miles per hour. That would have not been fun in a tent.



**Lock-in Planned for Youth in
Grades 6-8 and 9-12
Friday, October 23rd**



The Lock-in will begin at Schuster's Haunted Forest. Schuster's Haunted Forest is an immersive outdoor Halloween attraction located at Schuster's Farm in Deerfield, Wisconsin, featuring a spooky tractor ride, a dark woodland trail, and cozy fall activities.

The Wagon Ride: Your night begins with an ominous, tractor-pulled wagon ride that hauls you away from the lights and deep into the dark countryside. **The Forest Trail:** You are dropped off at a twisting, fog-laden path through the woods filled with live actors, eerie sound effects, and creepy set pieces. **Night Corn Maze:** Visitors can also navigate the nighttime corn maze, which offers different phases ranging from family-friendly to more challenging.

Tickets have not yet gone on sale for the Haunted Forest, so this is the best timeline I have to offer. Meet at the church at 8:00 p.m. to drive to Deerfield and the Haunted Forest. **Tickets are \$29, but if you volunteer to help with the Pig Roast/Harvest Fest/Bake Sale you ticket price will be covered.** We will spend a few hours there and head home to the church. Of course you will be fed – more than once. There will be a short devo, games and by then a brand new BIG SCREEN TV in the upstairs youth room to watch movies on. Breakfast of rolls and juice will be served at 6:30 a.m. and parents will pick you up at 7:00 a.m.

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Continued from page 10 Parents who can help drive to Schuster's and chaperons for the overnight are needed. Different age groups of youth will be assigned different sleeping (or talking) areas. Be sure to bring a sleeping bag and pillow – just in case.

NEWS FROM THE SOCIAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE

Ladies Night Out 2026 Update

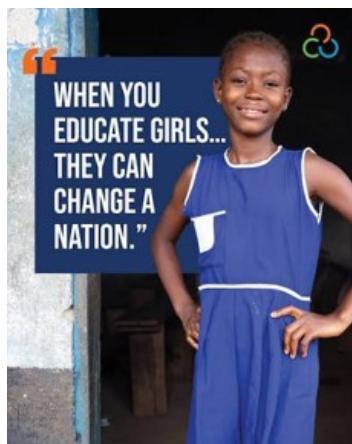
This year Ladies Night Out had to be rescheduled for a week later due to rain and thunderstorm.

The members of Social Concerns worried all week, wondering if people would show up. They did. We sold 130 tickets this year—about six more than last year—and 108 people participated. We cleared \$4800 after expenses. \$1500 will be given to Seniors in Need and \$3300 to Stoughton Area Resources Team (START). Nina Milbauer and

Pastor Paula, after years of running the event, actually participated and discovered it really is a GOOD TIME. Every business we walked into were happy to see us and so gracious. If you have not yet attended one—make plans to go next year.



LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF



We continue collecting for Lutheran World Relief through the month of September. On September 27th the 7th and 8th Grade Sunday School Class will compile the kits as a service project.

Below you will find a list of the items needed for Baby Care Kits, Personal Care Kits and School Kits. The following is a list of items that we are short of: scissors, rulers, erasers, pens, soap, heavyweight combs, light weight bath towels, fingernail clippers, baby jackets or sweater (0-3 months), sleepers with NO feet (0-3 months). Hand towels and full-size bar soap – lots of soap. It goes in both the Personal Care Kits and the Baby Kits. Soap not only cleans, it gets rid of bacteria. See the bulletin board in the narthex for more specific details.

NEWS FROM PARISH FELLOWSHIP— SENIOR MINISTRY



September – October 2026
Sign up at the Information Desk
or call 873-9353 to let us know you are coming.

FEEL FREE TO INVITE A FRIEND!
THERE IS ALWAYS ROOM FOR MORE!



Tuesday, September 22nd

11:30 a.m.

Cost: \$12.00

Program: Historic Homes of Stoughton

Chris Milligan/Ciha will be our presenter. She is a member of the Stoughton Historical Society and knows everything there is to know. I bet lifelong residents will even learn something new.

Menu: Beef Stroganoff, Noodles, Green Salad, Green Beans, Swedish Rye Bread, Apple or Cherry Crisp with Ice Cream, Coffee and Milk.

Tuesday, October 20th

11:30 a.m.

Cost: \$12.00

Program: “Ghost Stories about Stoughton’s Haunted Buildings”

A number of guests will join us and share their first-hand spooky experiences in Stoughton’s haunted buildings.



Sunday Morning Coffee and Treats



Sunday morning coffee is another ministry of Parish Fellowship. Probably our most important ministry. People feel truly welcomed into any house when their host offers them a cup of coffee and something to eat. Christ Lutheran and definitely Jesus wants everyone to feel welcomed. You see our announcement in the bulletin every Sunday. If you want to be part of our welcoming ministry, please sign up to bring a treat or occasionally spend a few hours on Sunday morning in the kitchen helping Rita Johnson keep the food coming and to clean-up.



Friday, October 16th

Milwaukee's Public Museum – Natural History

Cost: \$21

We are making another trip to the big city to visit the Milwaukee Public Museum. We leave the church at **9:00 a.m.** The museum opens at 10:00 a.m. After spending two to three hours viewing the exhibits, we will stop somewhere downtown for lunch and return home. Does anyone know any good restaurants?

The Milwaukee Public Museum is a natural and human history museum in the Westtown neighborhood of Downtown Milwaukee, Wisconsin. The museum was chartered in 1882 and opened to the public in 1884. The museum has three floors of exhibits and the first Dome Theater in Wisconsin in its current complex on West Wells St. With over 500,000 visitors per year, it is the most visited museum in the state.

Thursday, November 12th

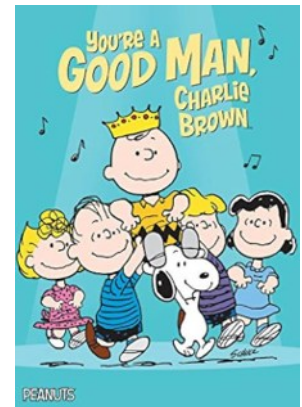
5:00 p.m. - Wine Tasting at Cheeser's

6:00 p.m. - Dinner at Viking Brew Pub

7:30 p.m. - Stoughton Village Players - "You're a Good Man Charlie Brown"

You are welcome to sign up for 1, 2 or all 3 activities. Wine tasting is \$15, supper around \$20 and the price on the theater production has not yet been announced. Sign up sheets will be on the Information Desk. You have until October 27th to sign up for the play.

For this event we will meet downtown .



Wisconsin Chamber Orchestra and the Festival Choir of Madison

Handel's *Messiah* at Bethel Lutheran Church Saturday, November 21, 2026, at 2:00 PM. Tickets are \$45.20 for Seniors or groups. The performance runtime is 2 hours and 20 minutes with one intermission.

For this performance, the orchestra and choir are joined by Sarah Lawrence, soprano; Sadie Cheslak, alto; Gene Stenger, tenor; and Andrew Garland, baritone. Many of you will remember Sarah Lawrence and her family. They were members of Christ Lutheran. Sarah sang in the choir and her mother, Maddy played the organ.

GO AND TELL BY ROGER SLACK



As I have said before, I continue to read the New Testament letters, mainly from Paul, to the churches that both he and his associates initially started and built up. I have read them before in the past, but this time, they strike me as truly love letters to them from Paul. He starts each one telling them how much he loves them and misses being there with them. Then he goes on to remind them of the things he initially taught them and urges them to remember and focus on in their daily life. Many of the letters are written out of necessity because Paul had been arrested and was in Jail awaiting trial and could not come to them in person. This, as it turns out, was for our benefit as we are able to read what he was teaching them then, now 2000 years later. Had he not been in prison, we wouldn't have documented what he and the other Apostles were teaching.

It would have been fun for me to have been there in those churches when the word got out that there was a new letter from Paul. I'm sure everyone that was a part of that new church family was there at the next meeting to hear it read. Remember that in those times, the majority of the people couldn't read or write, so they had to rely on hearing the message read, remembering what it said, and probably then contemplating how it pertained to their life. In some of the letters, Paul urges them to share their letter with the neighboring churches and in turn read the letter that Paul wrote to the other church at the next meeting in their church.

Paul never had any kids, but these letters are from the heart of a father to his children, wanting the very best for them, wanting them to have a foundation of understanding of who Jesus is, what He has done for us in the past and what He continues to do within us and through us into our futures long after Paul was going to be gone from this world. Keep reading them.

THANK YOU!

The kitchen area looks great! Thanks for the good cleaning and organizing provided from: Kristine Annen; Patsy Day; Phyllis Gullickson; Alice Hendrickson; Carolyn Hanson; & Gloria Hayne in August.



Our worship this summer has been full of music and beyond the usual congregation singing, piano and organ we want to thank the folks listed below for their talents and willingness to share their talents with us: Kyla Betts; Karen Warwick; Wendy Olson; Lucas Peterson; The CLC Uke Fellowship; Men's Choir; First Class Ringers and Pastor Paula.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

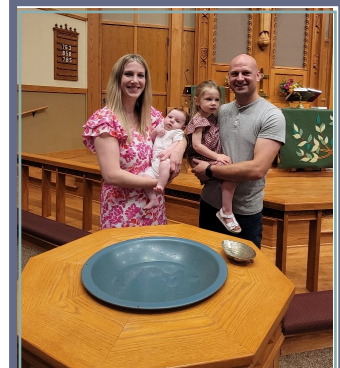
MY BAPTISM



Owen Donald Hustad
Son of Samantha Zweck
and Trey Michael
Hustad baptized on
08/02/26.



William Hankins, son
of Jefferson & Lauren
Hankins baptized on
08/09/26.



Carter Kraus, son of
Nolan & Payton Kraus
baptized on 08/09/26.



Adeline Eloise Burmeister,
daughter of Josh and
Ashley Burmeister baptized on 08/16/26.

memorials
& gifts

Given by:

Melvin & Nancy Harried

Roger & Joyce Utermark

In Memory of:

Phil Oren

Phil Oren



Linda Kunz and Lucas Peterson on August
9th performing special music.

SEPTEMBER HYMN NERDS

**"So we are
ambassadors for
Christ..." -
2 Corinthians 5:20**

During our Stewardship emphasis, we will be singing **"All Are Welcome" (ELW #641)**. Each verse begins with the words, *"Let us build a house where..."* Reading those lines made me think about the vision that shaped our church home here at the corner of County Highway B and Skyline Drive. As plans were drawn, committees gathered, and decisions were made, I wonder how many of the hopes expressed in this hymn were part of that vision.

As you sing this hymn, I invite you to pay close attention to each verse. It paints a picture of what God's house can be: a place of welcome, grace, service, forgiveness, and belonging. How well do we reflect that vision in the life of our congregation? If you have a story about a time you felt welcomed here or experienced God's presence in this place, we would love to hear it.



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