

Christ Lutheran Quarterly

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God Connects his Family: Worship and Fellowship:

²⁴Let us also consider carefully how to spur each other on to love and good works. ²⁵Let us not neglect meeting together, as some have the habit of doing. Rather, let us encourage each other, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.¹

Welcome to the first of our new quarterly newsletters! It is our prayer that these newsletters will be beneficial and informative. Rather than focus on events, this newsletter will be designed to share decisions and ministry actions that have taken place over the past quarter. As you read these reports, please keep your congregation in your prayers as we, together, carry out the work of proclaiming the risen Savior!

One of the goals for 2022 is simply to reconnect. You know how easy it's been to stay away, and how hard it is to come back. Yes, we know we should be in worship. Yes, we know that even if we can watch online, it's still not the same as seeing the faces and singing together. And yet, it's just easier to stay home and turn on the computer. (We might even get some cleaning done while "church" plays in the background!)

God Connects His Family! What a joy to reconnect! We just had Easter. We just had a chance to see some of our family that we haven't seen in a while. What a joy! How wonderful to offer the hug/handshake/fist bump/elbow bump or excited smile! How wonderful to gather in God's house and "spur each other on." We know we can use all the help we can get. We know where to find that help: in God's house - surrounded by the family of believers.

Perhaps, now more than ever, we need our brothers and sisters in Christ and the encouragement we bring to each other. We know the Day is approaching. It's hard to miss it! Watch the news! Hear what's being touted as normal and OK. You can hear the impatience in the voices (even in our own voices). The Day is approaching when all this will end.

You are ready. Jesus has declared you ready for that Day. We need each other to encourage each other to stay ready. Together, we can repent of our sins and rejoice in our forgiveness. Together we can worship our Triune God and work to hold his grace before our eyes.

If it's been a while since you've gathered with us, know that we miss you. Know that we love you with the love that can only come from knowing Christ. Know that we look forward to the encouragement only you can bring.

God's blessings to you all!

¹ [Holy Bible: Evangelical Heritage Version](#) (Heb 10:24–25). (2019). Northwestern Publishing House.

Pastor's Report: Jan – April, 2022

Membership	
Baptized Members - 593 (599 – 2021)	Communicant Members – 510 (511 – 2021)
Membership Action – Member Gains	
Baptisms – 1 Adult Baptism - 1	Sherie Grass (3/25), Olivia Grass (3/25)
Confirmations – 6	Clayton Dale, Gannon Hagedorn, Maya Hoff, Joanna Korstanje, Calvin Rick, Emmalyn Schauf (4/24)
Transfers – 2 (2)	Chris Schwier from St. John's Barre Mills (4/12); William Griswold (Milo, Alina) from St. Paul's, Bangor (4/12);
Profession of Faith – () Reinstatement – ()	
Adult Confirmation –1 ()	Sherie Grass (4/3)
In Process	<i>Carley Rucker from St. Paul's, Bangor (4/12)</i>
Marriages –	
Membership Action – Member Losses	
Transfers –4 (2)	Kyle Holzhausen to St. Paul, Onalaska (1/11); Ashley Kendall (Ashton and Ava) to St. Paul's, Onalaska (4/12); Joanna Robinson to St. Matthew's, Stoddard (4/12); Lily Robinson to St. Matthew's, Stoddard (5/1)
Releases – 6 Removals – Excommunication– ()	Scott and Carol Thompson (1/11); Brittany Sommerfeldt (Dummer) (4/12); Cole Hoyer (4/12); Brian and Corinne Hansen (5/1)
Deaths – 1	Judy Hutchens (2/10) <i>Jane Jensen: committal service on 4/9/22.</i>
In Process	<i>Reed and Destinee Coenen</i>

Education Committee: Mr. Jamie Olson

The education committee has been working on ordering the curriculum for this summer's Vacation Bible School. Pastor Frelitz began a teen Bible study class during family bible hour and has ambitions of putting together some teen nights as well as possibly going to a national convention with our teens.

Evangelism Committee: Mr. Mark Krause

The evangelism committee continues to work on finding ways to share the gospel with the people of our community. We've participated in a number of events that allow us to make contacts, such as the West Salem Expo, June Dairy Days Parade and the La Crosse County fair. We also send blanket mailings to the entire West Salem community each Christmas and Easter.

Shepherding Committee: Mr. Josh Scriver

Formerly known as "Reaching Out," the Shepherding Committee works to encourage those who are already members of our congregation. This year we are working on ways to reconnect after these difficult COVID years. A new committee is being formed to make encouragement calls to our members. We hope to encourage those who may not have been in worship for a while, who may have suffered a death in the family, who may be ill, who may be newer to the congregation or any other setting where a friendly, loving voice may be appreciated.

Stewardship: Mr. Dave Bright

Thanks to all who updated your time and talent sheets! We are working to compile the information and put it in a more usable format. It is our goal to make better use of this information for more of our members can be involved in the gospel work of our congregation.

Stewardship has also taken over the oversight of the ushers. We are reviewing the usher duties and working on recruiting more ushers to better serve our worship services.

Building and Grounds: Mr. Jared Miller

Thank you to all who helped keep our sidewalks clean during the winter months.

Over the past months, a number of smaller projects have been addressed:

- New faucets were installed in the bathrooms
- The furnace was removed from the altar guild room. It has been converted to a closet to better serve the altar guild.
- A new garbage disposal was installed in the kitchen.

Upcoming projects include a spring clean up day. We are working on new lighting behind the crosses that are mounted on our building. We are awaiting parts to improve the locks and crash bars on the exterior doors. If you have questions, or would like to offer your time or talents, please talk to Jared Miller.

Advance Planning: Mr. Brian Holzhausen

The pictorial directory is still coming! We've encountered some technical issues and other delays that have made us rethink and revamp the directory. Thanks to all who had their pictures taken and who submitted pictures.

Thanks also to all who have updated their contact information. Keeping up to date records of address, phone numbers and email addresses will be an ongoing effort. Updated information allows us to better communicate with all our members.

Treasurer: Mr. Ryan Rasmussen

The budget for the 2022-23 Fiscal Year was approved by the Voters on May 1. Here are a few highlights and the budget:

- We have been working to increase our gifts to WELS and Luther High School. Commitments to both were raise by \$2,000 each.
- We have budgeted to purchase the new hymnals. Please watch the updates for how and when that transition will take place.
- Salaries for our pastors continue to follow the guidelines supplied by WELS.
- Janitor, secretary and organists salaries were increased by 3%

Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church
Proposed Budget July 22-June 23

		Actual Budget 2022-2023	Actual Budget 2021-2022	Change From Last Budget
Expenses				
5000 Gifts Paid Out				
	Gifts Paid Out			\$ -
	Gifts Altar Guild	500.00	700.00	\$ (200.00)
	WSCR			\$ -
	Local Help			\$ -
	Flower Fund			\$ -
	Total Gifts Paid Out	\$ 500.00	\$ 700.00	\$ (200.00)
5100 Work at Large				
	5110 Luther High Commitment	14,000.00	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
	5120 WELS Commitment	24,000.00	\$ 22,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
	Total 5100 Work at Large	\$ 38,000.00	\$ 34,000.00	\$ 4,000.00
6000 Evangelism Programs				
	6010 Fair Booth	100.00		\$ 100.00
	6020 Diorama	500.00		\$ 500.00
	6030 Evangelism Mailing	700.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 200.00
	6040 Evangelism Materials	3,300.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 300.00
	Total Evangelism Programs	\$ 4,600.00	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 1,100.00
6100 Nurturing Programs				
	6100 Reaching Out	400.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 300.00
	6110 Sunday School	500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ -
	6115 Bible Study	500.00	\$ 1,300.00	\$ (800.00)
	6120 Vacation Bible School	1,100.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 600.00
	6130 Seminars			
	6140 Catechism			\$ -
x	Youth Group	1,000.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
	6150 Cradle Roll			\$ -
x	Congregation events	1,500.00		\$ 1,500.00
	Total Nurturing Programs	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 2,900.00	\$ 2,100.00
7000 Payroll - Salaries				
	7005 Pastors Salaries	87,869.00	\$ 86,771.00	\$ 1,098.00
x	7051 Pastors SECA/FICA	8,955.00	\$ 8,871.00	\$ 84.00
	7010 Janitor Salaries	2,790.00	\$ 2,700.00	\$ 90.00
	7015 Organists' Salaries	5,562.00	\$ 5,400.00	\$ 162.00
	7020 Secretary Salaries	8,300.00	\$ 8,100.00	\$ 200.00
	7025 Accountant Salary	1,380.00	\$ 1,300.00	\$ 80.00
	7050 Pastor's Housing Allowance	30,935.00	\$ 29,184.00	\$ 1,751.00
	7052 Pastors' Mileage	2,000.00	\$ 4,800.00	\$ (2,800.00)
	7055 Pastor's VEBA	26,616.00	\$ 32,040.00	\$ (5,424.00)
	7056 Payroll Taxes	1,400.00	\$ 1,250.00	\$ 150.00
	7070 Worker's Comp	1,000.00	\$ 800.00	\$ 200.00
x	7075 Pastor's HSA	6,936.00		\$ 6,936.00
	7080 WELS Pension - Pastor	9,056.00	\$ 9,056.00	\$ -
	7090 Guest Preacher	600.00	\$ 700.00	\$ (100.00)
	Total Payroll - Salaries	\$ 193,399.00	\$ 190,972.00	\$ 2,427.00
		Proposed Budget 2022- 2023	Actual Budget 2021-2022	Change From Last Budget

7000 Church Expenses

7150	Transfer to CSJ	267,038.88	\$	272,919.00	\$	(5,880.12)
7200	Office Expenses	1,300.00	\$	1,000.00	\$	300.00
7210	Copier Expenses	3,500.00	\$	3,500.00	\$	-
7235	Bank Charges	300.00	\$	300.00	\$	-
7250	Postage	600.00	\$	150.00	\$	450.00
7255	Newsletter Expense					
7260	Stationery & Printing	2,000.00	\$	2,000.00	\$	-
7270	Worship Program - Supplies	11,500.00	\$	1,600.00	\$	9,900.00
7415	Web Site Expenses				\$	-
	Misc	0.00	\$	3,500.00	\$	(3,500.00)
	Training /Seminars	200.00	\$	200.00	\$	-
	Technology	2,000.00	\$	2,000.00	\$	-
7600	Dues & Subscriptions	1,500.00			\$	1,500.00
7800	Music	2,000.00	\$	2,000.00	\$	-
7900	Taxes & Licenses	500.00	\$	2,000.00	\$	(1,500.00)
		\$ 292,438.88		\$ 291,169.00		\$ 1,269.88

8040 Utilities

8045	Gas	3,800.00	\$	1,900.00	\$	1,900.00
8046	Electricity	2,600.00	\$	1,800.00	\$	800.00
8048	Water	1,200.00	\$	650.00	\$	550.00
8049	Church Internet	1,200.00	\$	1,400.00	\$	(200.00)
	Total Utilities	\$ 8,800.00		\$ 5,750.00		\$ 3,050.00

8060 Repairs & Maintenance

8064	Parking Lot Maintenance	2,000.00	\$	2,000.00	\$	-
8065	Lawn Mowing	2,000.00	\$	1,600.00	\$	400.00
8068	Snow Plowing	1,500.00	\$	1,500.00	\$	-
x 8061	Cemetery	3,000.00	\$	3,000.00	\$	-
8066	Washroom Supplies	700.00			\$	700.00
8067	Repair & Maintenance	12,000.00	\$	20,000.00	\$	(8,000.00)
8069	Organ Repair & Maintenance	890.00			\$	890.00
	Total Repairs & Maintenance	\$ 22,090.00		\$ 28,100.00		\$ (6,010.00)
8700	Insurance	4,030.00		4,030.00	\$	-
8750	Special Gifts to Workers				\$	-
	Total	\$ 4,030.00		\$ 4,030.00		\$ -
	Total Expenses	\$ 568,857.88		\$ 561,121.00		\$ 7,736.88
	Weekly Giving	\$ 10,939.57		\$ 10,790.79		\$ 148.79

Luther High School: Mr. Don Fruit, Mr. James Svendsen, Mr. Dan Baudek: Christ's representatives to the Conference of Delegates

The Conference of Delegates met on Wednesday, May 11 at 7:30 pm in the Luther High auditorium. In addition to our three congregational delegates, Pastors Frelitz and Riediger and Mr. Voigt also serve as delegates.

There was an open meeting on May 11 at 6:30 pm to hear about plans to expand our STEM program. Those plans include facility and curriculum changes.

Cemetery Board: Mr. Bob Martell

Plans are underway to plot out the new section of the cemetery. We are also researching costs to repair the sign along highway 16 and install a sign along Franklin St.

Organ Update

Thanks to all who gave their gifts to finish the organ project. We have received the necessary funds and the work is schedule to take place the week of May 15. We will be without an organ for Sunday, May 22, but it will be back up and running in time for the Ascension service on May 26.

Western Wisconsin District Convention: June 6-7 at Luther Preparatory School, Watertown, WI.

The district meets in convention during the even numbered years. District officers and circuit pastors are elected at the convention. We will hear reports from our synod leadership and have an opportunity to offer guidance to the synod convention taking place next summer. Pastor Frelitz, Pastor Riediger, Mr. Voigt and Mr. Dan Cook will be attending the convention.

Christ-St. John's Lutheran School

May 2022 Quarterly Report

Live Your Faith. Titus 2:11-14

Mission:

The ongoing mission of Christ-St. John's Lutheran School is to assist families by providing a Christ-centered education to meet the spiritual and academic needs of our children now and for eternity.

Staffing:

Mrs. Amber Frelitz began teaching this year with a one-year call. That call to serve as part-time Administrative Release Teacher for upper grades has now been made permanent.

The opening for Preschool Director and Teacher we had with Mrs. Erin Paske's release has been filled. Mrs. Elizabeth Hagedorn has accepted the call to serve as our Preschool Director and Teacher. This now leaves a vacancy in our 3rd and 4th grade classroom. We requested a graduate from MLC to fill that position but did not receive an assignment. The Board of Christian Education is working to find a way to fill that position that they will recommend to the voters.

With our approved budget, we will God-willing be adding an Extended Learning Coordinator to our staff next year to handle remedial help and extra learning opportunities for our students. We still have an opening for a custodian.

Curriculum:

This year, the faculty evaluated options for new Math curriculums. We have narrowed our selection down and are working on finalizing our order so we can have that in place for the next school year.

Technology:

By utilizing grant funding available to us, we were able to order new Interactive Flat Panels to replace our aging projectors in the classrooms. These will be installed this summer. We were also able to order more Chromebooks to keep our inventory current.

Preschool Changes:

In addition to our staffing changes for preschool, we will also be changing our preschool offerings for next year. Parents will now have the option of full or half-day preschool next year. 3K and 4K classrooms will be separate in the mornings and students who will be attending full-day preschool will have a mixed session of 3K and 4K available in the afternoons. Surround Care will continue to be offered before and after school.

Church Connections:

We are very blessed to have the support of the churches. Besides the church member families you see on a regular basis, we enjoy being able to bring various groups of students to church to sing and enhance worship. We invite the congregation members to continue to be a part of the school by visiting any time, especially when we have special events such as evening activities, athletics, Christmas programs, and the musical. You can simply come to take in the events or volunteer to help as needs arise. Christ-St. John's Lutheran School is your school, and we want you to be a part of it. If there are other ways you would like to be a part of the school, please let us know!

Thank You:

We thank God for the dedicated teachers and staff at our school. We thank Him for the guidance of our pastors. We thank Him for a committed Board of Christian Education. We thank Him for St. John's Lutheran Church and Christ Lutheran Church and their members who give the support necessary to operate the school. And we thank all those dedicated supporters who selflessly give of their time, talents, and financial resources to ensure we are able to raise children in the way they should go at Christ-St. John's Lutheran School

Monthly Bible Reading Plan

June

NEW TESTAMENT			OLD TESTAMENT	
	LUKE	EPHESIANS	PSALMS	1KINGS
1	1:1-25	1:1-14	119:1-8	1
2	1:26-38	1:15-23	119:9-16	2-3
3	1:39-56	2:1-10	119:17-24	4-5
4	1:57-66	2:11-22	119:25-32	6-7
5	1:67-80	3:1-13	119:33-40	8
6	2:1-20	3:14-21	119:41-48	9-10
7	2:21-40	4:1-16	119:49-56	11
8	2:41-52	4:17-24	119:57-64	12
9	3:1-20	4:25-32	119:65-72	13-14
10	3:21-38	5:1-21	119:73-80	15-16
11	4:1-12	5:22-23	119:81-88	17-18
12	4:13-30	6:1-9	119:89-96	19-20
13	4:31-37	6:10-24	119:97-104	21-22
		PHIL		2KINGS
14	4:38-44	1:1-11	119:105-112	1-3
15	5:1-11	1:12-20	119:113-120	4-5
16	5:12-16	1:21-30	119:121-128	6-7
17	5:17-26	2:1-11	119:129-136	8-9
18	5:27-32	2:12-18	119:137-144	10-11
19	5:33-39	2:19-30	119:145-152	12-13
20	6:1-16	3:1-9	119:153-160	14-15
21	6:17-26	3:10-14	119:161-168	16-17
22	6:27-36	3:15-21	119:169-176	18-19
	6:37-42	4:1-7	120	20-21
23	6:43-49	4:8-13	121	22-23
24	7:1-10	4:14-23	122	24-25

July

NEW TESTAMENT			OLD TESTAMENT	
	LUKE	COL	PSALMS	1CHRON
1	7:11-17	1:1-14	123-124	1-2
2	7:18-35	1:15-93	125	3-4
3	7:36-50	2:1-7	126	5-6
4	8:1-15	2:8-15	127	7-9
5	8:16-25	2:16-23	128	10-11
6	8:26-39	3:1-14	129	12-14
7	8:40-56	3:15-25	130-131	15-16
8	9:1-17	4:1-9	132	17-19
9	9:18-27	4:10-18	133-134	20-22
		1 THES		
10	9:28-36	1	135	23-35
11	9:37-50	2:1-9	136	36-28
12	9:51-62	2:10-20	137	29
				2 CHRON
13	10:1-16	3:1-6	138	1-2
14	10:17-24	3:7-13	139	3-5
15	10:25-37	4:1-10	140	6-7
16	10:38-42	4:11-18	141	8-9
17	11:1-13	5:1-11	142	10-12
18	11:14-28	5:12-28	143	13-16
		2 THES		
19	11:29-36	1:1-7	144	17-19
20	11:37-54	1:8-12	145	20-21
21	12:1-12	2:1-12	146	22-24
22	12:13-21	2:13-17	147	25-27
23	12:22-34	3:1-5	148	28-29
24	12:35-48	3:6-13	149	30-33
25	12:49-59	3:14-18	150	34-36

August

NEW TESTAMENT			OLD TESTAMENT	
	LUKE	1 TIMOTHY	PROVERBS	EZRA
1	13:1-9	1:1-11	1	1-2
2	13:10-21	1:12-20	2	3
3	13:22-35	2	3	4-5
4	14:1-14	3:1-10	4	6
5	14:15-24	3:11-16	5	7
6	14:25-35	4	6	8
7	15:1-10	5:1-15	7	9
8	15:11-32	5:16-25	8	10
				NEHEMIAH
9	16:1-9	6:1-10	9	1-2
10	16:10-18	6:11-21	10:1-16	3
		2 TIMOTHY		
11	16:19-31	1:1-7	10:17-32	4-5
12	17:1-10	1:8-18	11:1-15	6
13	17:11-19	2:1-13	11:16-31	7
14	17:20-37	2:14-26	12:1-14	8
15	18:1-8	3:1-9	12:15-28	9
16	18:9-17	3:10-17	13:1-12	10
17	18:18-30	4	13:13-25	11
		TITUS		
18	18:31-43	1:1-9	14:1-18	12
19	19:1-10	1:10-17	14:19-35	13
				ESTHER
20	19:11-27	2:1-10	15:1-17	1
21	19:28-38	2:11-15	15:18-33	2
22	19:39-48	3:1-8	16:1-16	3-4
23	20:1-8	3:9-15	16:17-33	5-6
		PHILEMON		
24	20:9-19	1-11	17:1-14	7-8
25	20:20-26	12-25	17:15-28	9-10