



A Mother's Love

By: Helen Steiner Rice

A Mother's love is something
That no one can explain,
It is made of deep devotion
And of sacrifice and pain,
It is endless and unselfish
And enduring come what may
For nothing can destroy it
Or take that love away . . .
It is patient and forgiving
When all others are forsaking,
And it never fails or falters
Even though the heart is breaking . . .
It believes beyond believing
When the world around condemns,
And it glows with all the beauty
Of the rarest, brightest gems . . .
It is far beyond defining,
It defies all explanation,
And it still remains a secret
Like the mysteries of creation . . .
A many splendored miracle
Man cannot understand
And another wondrous evidence
Of God's tender guiding hand.

We will seek God's will, share God's love, and serve as Christ's people.

Sunday:

- 9:00 am Bible Study
- 9:00 am Sunday School
- 10:00 am Worship

Confirmation Class– Wednesdays 6:30pm-7:30pm

Broadcasts:

Sunday, 11:30 am Worship broadcast on
Radio KJOE FM 106.1

Executive Council

- Jeff Grieme, President
- Sharlene Anderson, Vice President
- Janet Opdahl, Secretary
- Nathan Wurpts, Treasurer

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Prayer Requests

Call the church office at 507-836-8291, or e-mail with your prayer requests. If you would like a pastoral visit or be included in pastoral prayers during worship, please call the church office.

Address, Phone & Email Corrections

Christ Lutheran maintains a database of all members. If you have had any changes to your address, phone number, marital status, etc. please contact Bobbi-Jo with your name and the changes that need to be made.

If You Are Ill

Hospitals no longer notify churches when their members are admitted for care. While we feel these laws are important to maintain your privacy, we would like to support you with prayer and a visit. Please call the church office 836-8291 to keep us informed of your situation.

Weather Policy

When school is let out early because of stormy weather, we will automatically cancel after-school and evening events that night. We will rarely cancel Sunday morning worship, as people appreciate the radio broadcast even more in stormy weather. Sunday School may be cancelled, however, Listen to KJOE Radio for news of storm-related cancellations, or check the “Slayton Christ Lutheran Church” Facebook page. The Office will be closed when school is closed.

Dear Christ Lutheran members and friends,

Here we are at the start of May with the 2023-2024 school year coming to an end for students, parents, grandparents, guardians, teachers, and staff members. I am guessing after 27 years of teaching there is a lot of joy, yet sadness with another school year coming to an end and trying to finish strong in maybe having a wonderful school year or maybe the toughest school year you could have ever imagined!

Apostle Paul wrote in the last chapter of the last letter he wrote - an obvious reference to his impending death: "the time of my departure is close" (2 Tim. 4:6). He neared the finish line with the satisfaction that he had run the race well and would finish well: "I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith" (v. 7). How will you finish off this school? With great grades and a great attitude, or give up and say, 'It doesn't really matter, my teacher will pass me anyway with a 'D-'! I will just slide bye!'

I pray you do not want to live your last month of 2023-2024, or your life, of not giving 100%, but our society, our culture is so used to not giving it our all. We rather give enough to get by. I don't know about you, but school was a lot of fun when it came to my sports and activities I was in, yet sometimes, the classwork became a little boring and cumbersome to the point, I just prayed I would pass and maybe just learn a little. Apostle Paul had a totally different 'growth mindset'. He wanted to continue to expand God's Kingdom and give it his all as verse seven from 1 Timothy chapter four said, even at his later years in life.

When have you given your all and when did you just want to slide by for your family, friends, and the place of your employment? Have you ever thought of why you set yourself up for great success or just set yourself up for the bare minimum?

Maybe your life at this moment is like Apostle Paul's, at the end and you are starting to get near the 'Pearly Gates' and pondering how you lived your life. You are thinking of all the great successes, the great sadnesses, in your life and the 'What ifs..' in life as well. If you could give yourself a grade today regardless if you almost 100 in your 50s, early 20s or just hitting the double-digit years, how would grade yourself and why? I would give myself a 'B+'. I say this as I have had a lot of successes in my life as being a married man to my wife Cynthia along with three amazing college daughters, with one graduating on May 11th - in only two years! I have also earned various college and seminary degrees and have my 'Dream Job!' of being your pastor that is coming up to nearly a year! But have I had failures in my life? You bet!

Actually too many to count! I'm a divorced man. I have lost a few jobs in my life, maybe received a few speeding tickets back in the day. But my being God's 'Chosen People'

(1 Peter 2:9) he erases our 'Fs' in life and treats them like a mulligan in golf and you get to redo that shot! God sees us as perfect in his eyes!

With May starting and summer just around the corner, what are your dreams, what are your goals for this May and into the summer months? My dreams are for Cynthia and me to have a lot of fun with our kids (Taylor, Talia, Lexi, Lauren, Lacey, and grandchild - Blake) and hopefully make great memories along the way. What are yours? Maybe the same, or maybe your struggling at the moment with health issues, medical bills, financial issues, or family and job issues causing you great stress and anger at this moment. What can you do? Well, come to church and be with others that are going through similar highs and lows too. That is what a church family is all about to be in fellowship with one another and care for each other.

As I end my May newsletter and thinking of Apostle Paul's life coming to an end, I thought of a not so pleasant item - making out your will. Cynthia and I completed our will before Thanksgiving as we married and joined our two families together.

We have since felt a huge relief knowing we have completed this needed part in our lives. This can be unpleasant, but maybe a needed item for all of us to pray upon.

Cynthia and I pray you have a wonderful and peaceful May with a variety of enjoyable events happening at Christ Lutheran Church and our communities including: our last day of Sunday School is on May 5th with a Parent's Day, Mother's Day is on May 11th, Murray County Central's High School graduation on May 26th at 2:00 pm and the last day of school on May 24th. Fulda's last day of school is May 23rd and graduation on the 24th!

I am sure I am missing other events, but Cynthia and I pray your May is a memorable one!

Sincerely,
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Christ Lutheran Church
Executive Council Minutes
March 13, 2024

The meeting was called to order by President Jeff Grieme
Members Present: Pastor Duffy, Jeff Grieme, Trish Grieme, Karen Frisk, Tom Kappes, Judy Lickness, Nancy Moberg, Sharlene Anderson, Janet Opdahl
Pastor Duffy led us in prayer for our devotion.
The agenda was approved as presented. M/S/P Judy and Nancy. The secretary's report was reviewed and accepted as presented. M/S/P Trish and Karen
The treasurers report was reviewed and filed
President's report-Jeff informed us that the 2024 synod assembly will need 2 candidates from church.
Pastors report-Pastor Chad reported that Lenten services are going well, and the confirmation students are participating in them.

Board Reports:

Fellowship and Service-report submitted
Mission Outreach-report submitted- a motion was made to use the money from the noisy offering for the backpack program at Murray Co. Central M/S/P Tom/Karen
Property and Management-report submitted
Stewardship-report submitted
Worship-report submitted
Parish Ed./Youth-no report
WCLC-no report

Unfinished Business:

This committee is continuing to meet and will give us updates.

New Business:

Endowment committee- Bill Neilson (represented the committee) discussed the guidelines for using the funds from this committee.
Constitution-Gerald Hubbling (represented the committee) He reported on the status of where the committee is at with changes. A motion was made to keep the same people on the committee. M/S/P Shar and Nancy
A motion was made to request the following change at Minnwest Bank 2665 King Ave. Slayton, Mn.:

Checking account for the church account-Christ Lutheran-remove Gail Radke and add Nathan Wurpts to be able to sign on Church account.
M/S/P Karen and Shar
2024 Synod Assembly- Jeff discussed this in his president's report
Adjourn with the Lord's prayer Next meeting: April 10, 2024

Fellowship and Service

As of March 13, 2024, we served coffee on the 1st Sunday in February and March. We served 2 funerals, Robyn Hemmingson, and Cal Wurpts. The balance in the check book as of today is \$8,888.03.

Parish Education Committee

Members: Jen Jacobson, Jean Sagmoe, Nicole Jens, Lorna Bader

The confirmation students are helping Pastor Chad with the Lenten services on Wednesday evenings.

Pastor Chad is continuing his Sunday morning Bible study for all adults.

Sunday school students played bells in Church in February. They are going to sing on Palm Sunday. The students will help to serve coffee and birthday cake on the first Sunday in April. Bible school is being planned by several members of the board. The grief group called Grief Share will complete its first session on March 24. It was open to the community and was successful. The next group will begin in September.

Respectfully Submitted Lorna Bader

Worship Committee

The Worship Committee met on Wednesday, February 28th. Present: Tim Lange, Linda Wing, Pastor Chad & Trish Grieme Absent: Karen Torbert

Pastor Chad shared with us that we had new members join our church as well as a family who withdrew their membership at Christ Lutheran. He will make an announcement regarding time & talents and there will be sign-up sheets in the back of church. We are grateful to see growth at Christ Lutheran.

After assigning Worship Assistants for April, we worked on updating the mailboxes a little. This will be an ongoing process as members join/leave the church.

Respectfully submitted. Trish Grieme

Property & Management

Reviewed and discussed church and parsonage ongoing, short, and long-term plans and projects for the year. Discussed and determined which projects can be done by the committee with the help of congregation members and those that will need to be hired to complete. Most projects will require favorable temperatures

Next meeting 6pm Wednesday, March 26,2024

Stewardship

We met Tuesday, February 28, 2024 after church at 7:15. Pastor Chad asked us what our vision is for 2024. We decided our moto is “be inviting and loving to each other”. We suggest in the bulletin after the church service, the words “Thank You for praying with our church family” be added. We discussed the upcoming S.W. Conference here next Sunday. Our church family should go to this and learn what is happening at the Synod and what they do. To carry this further Pastor will invite Pastor Heather or Pastor Dee to visit with us on a Sunday morning and maybe we should have some short temple talks.

Our church services are reaching a lot of people through Facebook and the radio. So, by having temple talks at the church service people will learn the real things that are happening at the Synod.

There is a lot of help on the Synod website for the Stewardship Committee. Our committee will do a survey on “20 Practices for Growing Stewardship in our Congregation” and later have the congregation do the survey. Then see if we all think the same about our Church’s Stewardship.

This year “Because of God’s Great Mercy” we would like to send commitment cards out. Have our members fill them out and keep them at home. Then every few months remind our members to look at them and compare how they are giving as to their commitment card.

Yours through Christ, Karen Frisk



Our Mission:
To mobilize women to act boldly on their faith in Jesus Christ.

WCLC Board Meeting
Tuesday, May 7 at 9:00 AM

Love Circle
Monday, May 13 3:00 pm
Peace Circle
Wednesday, May 8, 9:00 am
Quilting
Monday, May 20 at 1:00 pm
Tuesday, May 21 at 1:00 pm

WCLC Council Report March 5th, 2024

The February Secretary's report was approved and filed. The February Treasurer's report was given by Lila Anderson and placed on file.

Committee reports were given and placed on file.

★ **Mission Action Committee:** Submitted a detailed report on their February activities. Plans are being made for a Luncheon and Open House for the Quilt room. Quilting dates are March 25th and March 26th at 1:00 pm.

★ **Mission Community Committee** continues to send birthday cards to all women.

★ **Mission Growth Committee** plans for a program on Aging Gracefully are pending. Ideas for speakers and a panel discussion were exchanged.

Notes:

1. Spring Gathering of the Shetek Conference Women of the ELCA will be held on Saturday morning, April 20th, at Jasper Evangelical Lutheran Church, Jasper, MN. Meet at CLC for carpooling rides to Jasper at 8:30 am.

2. Kitchen cleaning is set for March 20th at 9:00 am.

3. Fellowship & Service Group 3 will serve coffee cake after Easter Services on March 31st.

4. Fellowship & Service Committee asked for input on what to do with F/S records in the vault. No decisions made.

5. SWMN Women's Convention will be held on Saturday, May 4th, at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church in Redwood Falls, MN

6. Our next board meeting date is Tuesday, April 2nd at 9:00am
Respectfully Submitted, Kathy Wurpts, President of WCLC

From your Parish Nurse...

As we enter Mental Health Month this May, it is with great pride that we continue the tradition established in 1949 by Mental Health America. Every year, millions of Americans join us in promoting awareness, providing Vital resources and education, and advocating for the mental health and well-being of all.

This year's theme for Mental Health Month is "Where to Start Mental Health in a Changing World." In a world that is constantly evolving, it can be overwhelming to navigate the various challenges and changes happening around us. The pressures of work, relationships, and Social factors, like politics, climate change, and the economy, can significantly impact our Mental Well-being, sometimes even more than we realize.

While society is getting more comfortable discussing mental health, it can still be hard to know "Where to Start" when these pressures are impacting your daily life - what do you do when you think you might be experiencing signs and symptoms of a mental health condition?

In our 2024 Mental Health Month tool kit, you will learn how the modern world effects mental health and you will find new resources to help you navigate difficult times. We aim to empower you to take action. There are numerous ways to do that, from building up your coping toolbox to

advocating for improved mental health in your community.

As we celebrate this Mental Health Month, let us embark on a journey together to prioritize our mental wellbeing in a changing world. Your actions, no matter how small, contribute to a collective effort in creating communities that value and support mental health.

Christ Lutheran's Calendar for May 2024

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|---|---|---|--|----------------------------|---|--|
| | | | 1 6:30pm Confirmation | 2 | 3 1:30 Strengthening/ balance Exercise class | 4 Pastor off |
| 5 Noisy Sunday 9am Bible study 9am Sunday school 10am Worship Parents Day after Worship | 6 | 7 9am WCLC board meeting 1:30 Strengthening/ balance Exercise class | 8 9am Peace Circle 6:30pm Confirmation 7pm Council meeting | 9 | 10 1:30 Strengthening/ balance Exercise class | 11 Pastor off |
| 12 9am Bible study 10am Worship | 13 3pm Love Circle | 14 1:30 Strengthening/ balance Exercise class | 15 6:30pm Confirmation | 16 | 17 1:30 Strengthening/ balance Exercise class Pastor off | 18 Pastor off |
| 19 9am Bible study 10am Worship | 20 1pm Quilting | 21 1pm Quilting 1:30 Strengthening/ balance Exercise class | 22 | 23 Red Cross 1pm-7pm | 24 1:30 Strengthening/ balance Exercise class | 25 Pastor off |
| 26 9am Bible study 10am Worship | 27 Office Closed Memorial Day | 28 1:30 Strengthening/ balance Exercise class | 29 4:30pm Worship 6pm Property & management | 30 | 31 1:30 Strengthening/ balance Exercise class | Worship Service is broadcast every Sunday morning @ 11:30 am on KJOE 106.1 FM |

Prayer Concerns

Joyce Larson, Harris Johnson, Opal Soderholm,
 Kathy Marco, Rick Staples, Matt Clarke, Ken Borgstahl,
 Josh Berglund, Dale Nelson, Gwen Hartlep
 Marge & Gene Short, Sharyn & Roger Buschwitz,
 Kim Lavoy (Ron & Judy Schreier's daughter),
 Robert Peton (Cynthia Duffy's brother)
 Harris Swan (Connie Berglund & Gail Radke's uncle)
 Krista Hedberg (granddaughter of Elvera Nelson)
 Diane Reuther (Alice Beattie's sister)
 Doug Peterson (Sharon Staples uncle)
 Harriet Pedersen (Heidi Pedersen's daughter)



Continue to remember in prayer ~

- ◆ Those dealing with cancer and other long-term illnesses.
- ◆ Members who are shut-in
- ◆ Service men and women
- ◆ Those who mourn the loss of loved ones
- ◆ Those dealing with mental health issues

Financial Information



April Offering: 13,883.17
 March offering to pay bills \$21,919.00
 March bills paid \$15,128.92



Vacation Bible School

Join us June 11,12,13th from 5:30pm-8:30pm
 For ages preschool to 6th grade.
 We are looking for volunteers.

If your interested in signing up or volunteering
 please contact the Church office. 836-8291

Worship Assistant

Sunday May 5, 2024

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| Lector | Carisa Clarke |
| Ushers | Leroy Prahm & Tom Kappes |
| Power Point | Kathy Behrends |
| Communion | Sue Clarke & Heidi Pedersen |
| Sound Board | Doug Pierson |

Sunday May 12, 2024

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| Lector | Nicole Jens |
| Ushers | Jim Larson & Jim Berglund |
| Power Point | Jon Hoyme |
| Communion | Linda Wing & Karen Frisk |

Sunday May 19, 2024

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| Lector | Nancy Lee Pierson |
| Ushers | Sue Gass & Judy Lickness |
| Power Point | Trish Grieme |
| Communion | Nancy Lee Pierson & Sam Jens |

Sunday May 26, 2024

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| Lector | Karen Tommeraasen |
| Ushers | Pat Erickson & Doug Sieve |
| Power Point | Sue Blackmer |
| Communion | Lynette Sieve & Karen Tommeraasen |
| Sound Board | Curt Jensen |

May Birthdays

| | | | |
|----|-------------------|----|--------------------|
| 1 | Brogan Bobeldyk | 17 | Shar Anderson |
| 2 | Debra Knapp | | Thomas Murphy |
| | Judy Lickness | 18 | Michelle Carlson |
| | Mark Staples | | Sharie Hoefker |
| | Cain Carlson | 19 | Adam Bergerson |
| | Peyton DeGreeff | | Darrell Hungerford |
| | Sutter Hippen | | Terry Larson |
| 3 | Gerald Giesen | | Roya Wurpts |
| | Travis Lickness | 20 | Marv Arneson |
| | Barb Sandhurst | | Kyle Johnson |
| | Jim Jens | | Sarah Wasberg |
| 4 | Stacey Hegstad | 21 | Brittany Schneider |
| | Nicholas Knutson | | Nicole Thovson |
| 5 | Carly Ackerman | | Daylen Brown |
| | Mike Stelter | 22 | Tayler Streff |
| 6 | Emma Richardson | 23 | Bob Gass |
| | Douglas Van Dam | | Koyer Wendorff |
| | Creek Johnson | | Carter Sell |
| 7 | Chase Reese | 24 | Craig Christensen |
| | Eric Sundahl | | Karen Tommeraasen |
| 8 | Erynn Rohrer | | Stacy Posthuma |
| | Billie Gervais | 26 | Rick Clercx |
| 9 | Kelli Bergerson | | Kyle DeLong |
| | Madison Hanson | | Travis DeLong |
| 10 | Leona Ragan | | Thomas Nelson |
| | Randy Wynia | | Alayna Lewis |
| | Heidi Rachuy | 27 | Linda Wing |
| 11 | Abram Paulzine | | Daniel Larson |
| | Chris Van Meveren | | Nancy Lee Pierson |
| | Ashley Opdahl | | Everly Holm |
| 12 | Mary Baune | 28 | Drew Wittrock |
| | Alice Beattie | | Jeff Grieme |
| | Andrew Kleven | | Alix Carlson |
| 13 | Lacey Johnson | 29 | Kurtis Richardson |
| 15 | Anthony Staples | | Ryan Ash |
| | Hailey VanEck | | Desirae Chalmers |
| | Doreen Jens | 30 | Madilyn Stelter |
| 16 | Michael Loosbrock | 31 | Dennis Opdahl |
| | Dannette Mahon | | Ella Wolner |
| | Julian Petersen | | MaKenna Berglund |
| | Kendall Gass | | |
| | Judy LaBoda | | |

May Anniversaries

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| 8 | Troy & Kim DeGreeff (2004) |
| 10 | Josh & Britta Malchow (2014) |
| 14 | Jason & Dareth Ross (2016) |
| 18 | Jeff & Nikki Cheskie (2002) |
| | Jim & Dorene Jens (1972) |
| 22 | Mike & Lacey Johnson (2010) |
| 27 | Alson & Arlys Husfeldt (1961) |
| | Jerome & Cari Schreier (1989) |
| 29 | Mike & Deb Schreier (1971) |

Please contact the office if you notice a mistake or omission on the Birthday or Anniversary lists. Thanks for your help!



May, 2024



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<https://shetek.org/work-at-shetek/>

Wish List

- Glue and Glue sticks
- Power Strips
- Mini Vans
- Volunteers

Help send kids to Camp... Become a Pelican Club or Timber Society member today. Pelican Club members support the ministry with a gift of \$100 - \$499 a year and Timber Society members give \$500 or more a year. Thanks for your support!

Events at camp!

(Go to shetek.org for more info.)

- ★ May 4 Spring Cleanup
- ★ May 11 Spring Cleanup
- ★ June 9 First day of Camp
- ★ June 17 GOLF Fundraiser
- ★ June 21 Garden Tour and Quilt Preview
- ★ June 22 Pelican Fun Run/Walk
- ★ June 22 Quilt Auction

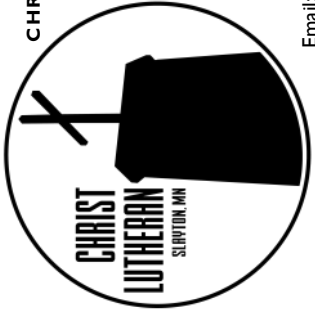


Events at camp!

Register at shetek.org or
Call 507-763-3567 for more information

We met our Phase 1 goal!
\$1,627,000 in gifts and pledges! Our challenge goal is \$2,000,000 and with increased costs, our budget has changed for our different phases. More info on our website. <https://shetek.org/slm-master-plan/>





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