



Christ Lutheran Church

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Each year, in February, I highlight for you the life and ministry of an African American Lutheran. This year, I want you to meet Rev. Nelson W. Trout - the first African American Bishop in the Lutheran Church.



Rev. Dr. Nelson W. Trout was a pioneer in the Lutheran Church, shattering racial barriers and leaving a legacy of unwavering dedication to social justice

and vibrant preaching. Born in 1920, Trout's journey began in Columbus, Ohio, where he faced the hardships of segregation but discovered his calling to the ministry.

He graduated from Capital University and Trinity Lutheran Seminary, eventually becoming the first African American bishop in U.S. Lutheran history in 1983. Throughout his career, Rev. Trout held numerous significant positions, including:

- Associate Youth Director and Director of Urban Evangelism for the American Lutheran Church (ALC)
- Executive Director of Lutheran Social Services in Dayton, Ohio
- Professor and Director of Minority Ministry Studies at Trinity Lutheran Seminary
- Bishop of the Southwest California Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA)
- Director for Mission Theology and Evangelism Training within the ELCA's Division of Outreach

Rev. Trout's leadership transcended titles and positions. He was a powerful voice for social justice, advocating for civil rights, racial reconciliation, and inclusivity within the Lutheran Church and beyond. His fiery sermons resonated with audiences, urging them to embrace God's message of love and liberation, "I thought as I walked through the streets of Detroit, Newark, and New York City that surely the time must come when we would rise to the height of those ideals which brought this nation into being. You cannot look at the poverty of the urban poor and not remember that the God who gave us life also gave us liberty. To be consigned to the ghetto with hardly a chance to reprieve is a violation of [human] nature." (Lutheran Quarterly, May 1968)

Rev. Trout's impact on the Lutheran Church is undeniable. He broke down racial barriers, championed social justice, and inspired countless individuals through his vibrant preaching and dedication to education. His life serves as a testament to the power of faith and leadership in creating a more equitable and loving world.

Peace,

Pastor David



February 3rd & 4th...The pulpit bouquet is given by the Altar Guild in celebration of the guild's founding; and in memory of past members.



A big thank you to everyone who helped pack up and put away the Christmas decorations. Altar Guild



HAVE YOU HAD A CHANGE OF ADDRESS?

Please notify the church office with the details of your new address, **if you have moved, or have a new phone number, or are vacationing for an extended period of time.** This helps save postage on returned mail. All church contact information is found on page one.



Pancake Breakfast
Feb 11th
after worship

Lenten
Pot-Luck

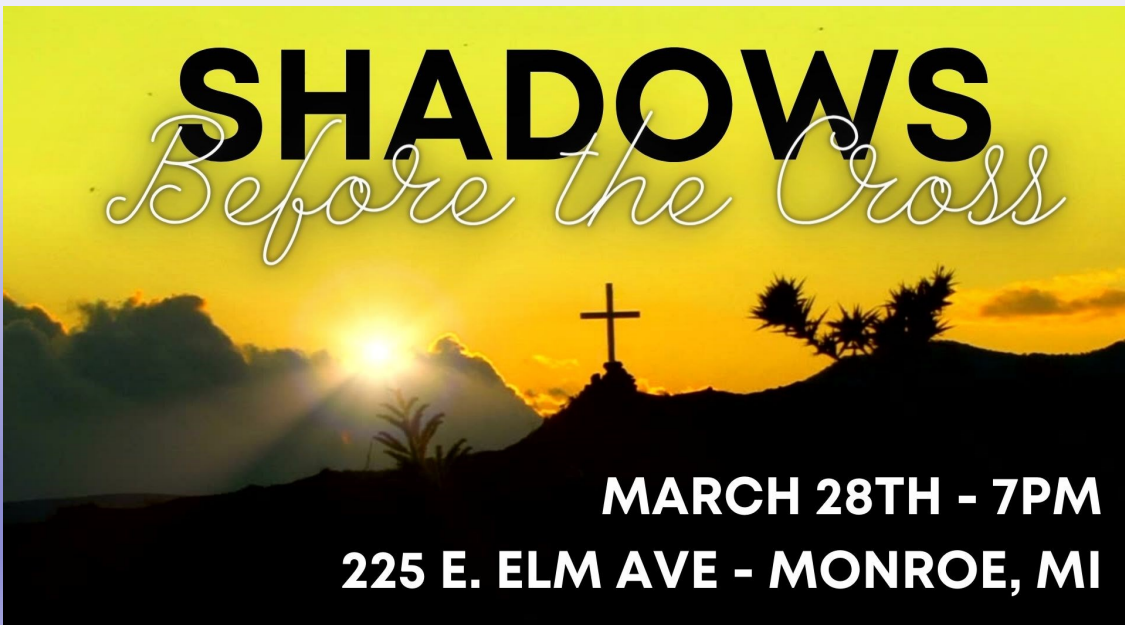
March 6, 2024
6pm

Bring: Soup,
Salad, or Bread



SHADOWS

Before the Cross



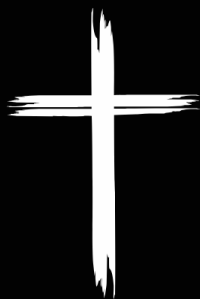
MARCH 28TH - 7PM

225 E. ELM AVE - MONROE, MI



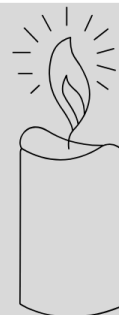
March 28th
Shadows Before
the Cross

Noon - Online
7:00 Sanctuary



March 29th
Good Friday

Noon -
Community
Worship
@ 1st
Presbyterian
Church



March 30th
Easter Vigil

5:00
Saturday Night
Alive Worship



March 31st
Easter

7:00 - Playlist
9:30 - Sanctuary
10:45 Brunch

1Peter 1:18-21 ¹⁸You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, ¹⁹but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. ²⁰He was destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. ²¹Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God.

Celebrating God's Love

VALENTINE'S DAY PARTY

All elementary
age children are
welcome!



Snacks
Games
Crafts
Bible Lesson

Bring your friends!

Saturday, February 10, 2024

3:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Christ Lutheran Church

225 East Elm Ave., Monroe, MI - Fellowship Hall

To RSVP, please contact Carolyn at cgardetto7@comcast.net or
call 734-755-2012 or

sign up on the narthex bulletin board

Adults and Teen Assistants are welcome to plan and work this party!

Kids' Easter Party

Saturday, March 23, 2024

3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Christ Lutheran Church
225 East Elm Ave., Monroe

All elementary age
children welcome!

Bring a friend!

Watch for details!

SAVE THE DATE!

Kids' Movie Party!

Saturday, April 13, 2024

3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

All elementary children are welcome to bring a friend!

Christ Lutheran Church - 225 East Elm Avenue, Monroe

Watch for more details coming soon!

The website address for Christ Lutheran Church is:

christmonroe.com

News from around the church

Mid-week Lenten Worship

WEDNESDAYS AT 7P STARTING FEBRUARY 21ST

Join us this year as we worship with Holden Evening Prayer and rethink our relationships in light of God's enduring love.

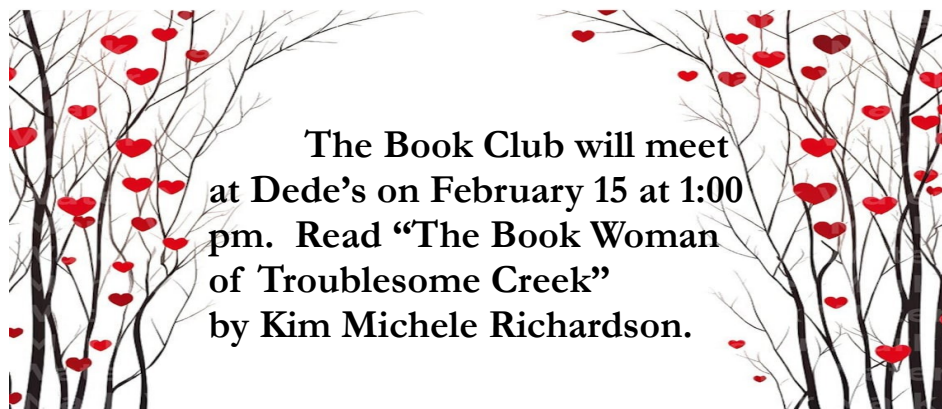


The colder weather is here. Please consider donating women's, men's & children's socks. Thanks!

Drop your donations off at the

church or call:

Ann Link 734-243-9396.



The Book Club will meet at Dede's on February 15 at 1:00 pm. Read "The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek" by Kim Michele Richardson.

Scripture Readers

Thanks to Carol Miller for organizing!

February 4 Geof Oetjens

February 11 Patrick Lewis

February 18 Hope Link

February 25 Stephanie Hawkins

Ushers

Thanks to Patrick Lewis for organizing!

February 4 Geof Oetjens

February 11 Patrick Lewis

February 18 Jim/Mary Jackel

February 25 William Vavrick

Assisting Minister

Thanks to Rusty Ward for organizing!

February 4 Wayne Butts

February 11 William Vavrick

February 18 Renee Merkel

February 25 Geof Oetjens

CURRENT FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Summary Operating Statement	December 2023		YTD 2023	
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
Operating income	\$ 23,431	\$ 18,885	\$ 194,003	\$ 205,052
Operating expense	16,818	15,967	199,380	200,135
Operating Surplus/(Deficit)	\$ 6,613	\$ 2,918	\$ (5,377)	\$ 4,917

We collected more than was expected in December. We ended the month with a surplus after all the bills had been paid. It also lowered the Annual Deficit by \$6,000. Thank you all for supporting our Church in 2023.