



Christ Lutheran Church

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“Just be patient!” If my mother spoke those words to me once, she must have spoken them to me a thousand times. Just wait! As a child, I hated to wait for anything. I’m afraid that even though I have children of my own now, I haven’t gotten all that much better. Between work, school, friends, and family, there is always someplace to be, something to be doing, something to accomplish. So when I find myself waiting it feels like I’m wasting time.

What do you do when you find yourself waiting? For many of us, the answer is to take out our phones and scroll through social media, read email, or maybe play a game. Of course, if you are waiting while you are driving car, then even those options aren’t available to you (safety first!). But what would happen if we gave that waiting time another purpose? What if we used it as an opportunity to pray?

I recently came across this prayer pattern from Hollie M. Holt-Woehl and it has been very helpful for me as I’ve ended up waiting. Here’s the pattern:

1. Start by praying for the people who work at the place where you are waiting and for the other people who are waiting with you.
2. Then pray for people close to you who you know are having a difficult time.
3. Next, pray for people who the circumstances bring to mind. This could be people or situations that you’ve seen in the news, people on our church prayer list, or people connected to the place where you are (waiting in a drive-through? Pray

for people who don't have enough to eat.)
4. Finally, let go of the people and circumstances that you've prayed over. Trust that they are in God's hands and that God will guard and keep them.

So here's the tip: If you are one of those

people who take out your phone when you are stuck waiting, take a picture of this graphic and save it to your camera roll. Or print it off and tuck it into your wallet, or tape it behind the sun visor on your car. Whatever you do, put it someplace where you can access it easily the next time you are stuck waiting. And then, instead of using that waiting time to endlessly scroll or to beat level 268 of Candy Crush, use the time to pause for prayer.

WHILE YOU WAIT PRAY...

- ❖ For the workers at the place where you wait & the people waiting in line with you:

- ❖ "Only you, O God, know what is going on in their life, make whole what is broken, give strength for whatever they face this day..."

AND PRAY SOME MORE...

- ❖ For family and friends, lifting them up one by one to Jesus:

- ❖ "Jesus this is Sarah, Sarah this is Jesus."

IF STILL WAITING PRAY...

- ❖ For medical personal & support staff, public servants; For people who are sick, alone, facing food/housing insecurity; Or for anyone who comes to mind:

- ❖ *Use either suggested prayer starter above or another.*

TIME TO SAY "AMEN."

- ❖ "May it be so," leave it in God's hands. God cares for you, strengthens you, and watches over you while you wait. (Isaiah 40:31)

- Hollie M. Holt-Woehl

Peace,

Pastor David

"Thank you all so much for the work that you did around the property. It looks amazing!" That's the feedback that our congregation got after our last Service Sunday in 2019. That year we sent a group to Samaritas on Telegraph to clean up some of the common outdoor spaces; another group to Oaks of Righteousness to help them sort out clothing donations; and a third group stayed at CLC and prepared care packages for first responders in our community. It was a great day to love and serve our community!

We are so excited that we are going to get to plan another Service Sunday for 2022. This year's event will be on Sept 11th, 2022. We'll gather for a brief worship service with communion, head off to our service sites, and then gather back at the church for lunch and celebration. Like 2019 we will have three different places to serve - two in the community and one inside the building. We are still finalizing the projects, so keep an eye on the Friday email and the church's Facebook group for more information as the date gets closer!



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.

RAISING FAITHFUL KIDS

After Sunday worship
this fall:
review the stories of faith
learn prayer practices
relax with other parents
share joys/struggles



Luke 11 'Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.' ²He said to them, 'When you pray, say: Father,* hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come.* ³ Give us each day our daily bread.* ⁴ And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us. And do not bring us to the time of trial.'*

Food Drive

Kroger on Monroe St
July 30 & Aug 6
11a to 3p

Help us feed
our neighbors
in need.

FALL KICKOFF

**STUDENTS & ADULTS
AFTER WORSHIP
SEPTEMBER 18TH**

The new website address for Christ Lutheran Church is:

christmonroe.com

RETURN TO CAMP
O-WATTA-TALE
Vacation Bible School
AUGUST 8-12, 2022



9:00 am - Noon

Join us as we share stories about Jesus

Register at christmonroe.com

CLC Youth's Yearly
Pool Party & Planning

Thursday, Sep. 1st

5:00 pm - 8:00 pm

(Swimming 5 - 7 pm, dinner & discussion 7 - 8 pm)

\$3 per person to swim

Friends, Parents & Siblings are welcome to join us.

Sign-Up in the Narthex, or by contacting Kristen.

OWLS ARE BACK!

Older, Wiser, Lutherans:
Pot Luck, Friends, Fun
August 17th at Noon
Fellowship Hall



There is a position open at CLC for Church Custodian. It is an hourly position based on as needed. The maximum hours are 10 hours per week. Please contact Pastor David, Pat Sargent, Becky Huepenbecker or Rusty Ward for details if you are interested.

Thank you

News from around the church

There is no meeting for the Book Club in August

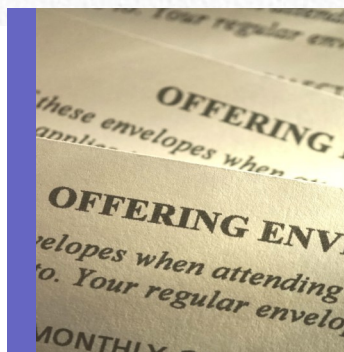


August 20 & 21

Mr. Geof Oetjens and family have made a donation to the Altar Guild in memory of Marilyn Oetjens and Todd Oetjens.

The altar flowers for August 27 & 28 are given anonymously to the glory of God, and as a thank offering.

The Altar Guild is accepting donations to offset the costs of making the artificial bouquets. These donations could be in celebration of an event, in memory of a loved one, etc. Any amount is accepted. Please contact Ann Link or Caryn Vavrick.



REMEMBER!

If you want a set of offering envelopes for 2023, make sure to contact Karen in the church office by September 15th

Scripture Readers

Thanks to Carol Miller for organizing!

August 7 Patricia Sargent
August 14 Patrick Lewis
August 21 Dede Ward
August 28 Polly VanAcker

Ushers

Thanks to Patrick Lewis for organizing!

August 7 Geof Oetjens
August 14 Jim/Mary Jackel
August 21 Patrick Lewis
August 28 Gary Huepenbecker

Assisting Minister

Thanks to Rusty Ward for organizing!

August 7 Jim Jackel
August 14 Renee Merkel
August 21 Rusty Ward
August 28 Wayne Butts

CURRENT FINANCIAL INFORMATION

<u>Summary Operating Statement</u>	<u>June 2022</u>		<u>YTD 2022</u>	
	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Operating income	\$ 12,680	\$ 14,036	\$ 86,426	\$ 96,460
Operating expense	16,182	15,651	104,101	103,248
Operating Surplus/(Deficit)	\$ (3,502)	\$ (1,615)	\$ (17,675)	\$ (6,788)

Giving continues to fall short of pledged and budgeted levels.