



Christ Lutheran Church

Christ Church Comments

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As we enter the summer season, I invite you to join us for a transformative five-week sermon series on the importance of rest. In a world filled with busyness and constant demands, it is essential to pause, reflect, and allow ourselves the gift of rest that God has designed for us. Our time together will explore the beauty of rest and how it can positively impact our lives. We encourage you to join us every weekend throughout July to delve deeper into this vital topic.

Week 1: July 1/2 - Rest is Created by God

It is easy for us to look at the beauty of creation and see that it is good. What would it mean for us to look at rest and see that as equally good? None of us were designed for a life of grinding and struggle. What would happen in our lives if there was space for rest?

Week 2: July 8/9 - Rest is Relinquishing

One of the reasons that we tend to make ourselves so busy is that we like the illusion that we can keep everything under control. However, sooner or later we all encounter something that simply refuses our efforts at control. God's invitation is to relinquish the things that worry us to God.

Week 3: July 15/16 - Rest is a Rhythm

All of creation has rhythms and cycles. Even the best-designed machines need reduced (or even no) output times. What would it look like to intentionally build time into our lives for rest?

Week 4: July 22/23 - Rest is Restoring

The old saying goes, "You cannot pour from an empty cup." Too often we offer less than our best selves to our loved ones because we have not taken time to be renewed and restored in

God's mercy and grace. What practices could renew and restore us?

Week 5: July 29/30 - Rest is Resistance

Busyness is an idol. It teaches us to serve something that isn't God. When we rest, not only are we better versions of ourselves, but we also start to break down the lie that we are only as valuable as what we produce or what we can do for others.

I invite you to join us in worship each weekend as we delve into these crucial aspects of rest. Together, we will discover how rest can transform our lives, deepen our faith, and restore our souls. May this summer be a season of rejuvenation and spiritual growth for us all.



Peace,

Pastor David

**The altar flowers for July 15 & 16 are given anonymously
to the glory of God and as a thank offering.**

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.



... and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of all the people.

Revelation 22:2

Vacation Bible School

August 7-11, 2023

9:00 am—11:30

Register at:
christmonroe.com

Monroe, Michigan friends - would you be kind enough to share this VBS information? Preschoolers through 5th grade are welcome to attend this fun week of music, crafts, games, story time and more! The event runs Monday - Friday, 9 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. with a Friday evening closing ceremony. Please register at christmonroe.com today!

VBS will be held Monday - Friday 9:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
The entire family is invited to the Friday Evening Closing Ceremony

FIRST ANNUAL

PATRICK CLICK GOLF CLASSIC

JULY 23RD, 2023 - GIANT OAK GOLF CLUB AND BANQUET CENTER



THIS EVENT IS A FUNDRAISER IN SUPPORT OF THE
FOOD PANTRY AT CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

Proverbs 3: 7-8

⁷ Do not be wise in your own eyes; fear the LORD, and turn away from evil.

⁸ It will be a healing for your flesh and a refreshment for your body.

The new website address for Christ Lutheran Church is:
christmonroe.com

News from around the church

Church Directory

➔ **UPDATE**

There is a copy of the current Church Directory in the Narthex. Please make any changes/corrections for the new 2023 Church Directory soon to be printed.

Thank you!

Scripture Readers

Thanks to Carol Miller for organizing!

7/2 Geof Oetjens
7/9 Patrick Lewis
7/16 Ben Garman
7/23 Polly VanAcker
7/30 Stephanie Hawkins

Ushers

Thanks to Patrick Lewis for organizing!

7/2 Geof Oetjens
7/9 Patrick Lewis
7/16 Jim Jackel
7/23 Mary Jackel
7/30 Gary Huepenbecker

Assisting Minister

Thanks to Rusty Ward for organizing!

7/2 Renee Merkel
7/9 Rusty Ward
7/16 Rusty Ward
7/23 Wayne Butts
7/30 Renee Merkel

The Book Club
will meet on
Thursday,
July 20 @ 1:00 pm

at Annie Clicks
"Birds of a Feather"
by
Jacqueline Winspear

CURRENT FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Summary Operating Statement

April 2023

YTD 2023

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Operating income	\$ 15,740	\$ 16,815	\$ 70,239	\$ 89,019
Operating expense	17,188	17,136	87,124	83,192
Operating Surplus/(Deficit)	\$ (1,448)	\$ (321)	\$ (16,885)	\$ 5,827

This month we covered our expenses due to there being 5 Sundays in the month. Our biggest expense this month was funding Pastor's retirement account. It was identified that it was not set up when we moved from his old retirement account to the new one.