

"So we are ambassadors
for Christ..." -

2 Corinthians 5:20

April 2018



Sunday Worship

8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

Family Express Worship

9:10-9:40 a.m.

with Sunday School
following

Christ Lutheran Church
700 County Highway B
Stoughton, WI

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Christ Lutheran Ambassador

A Celebration of Pastor Scott's Ministry

First of all, Pastor Scott is not disappearing. He has gone on disability and for the remainder of the year will preach twice a month, and continue teaching adult Bible studies, confirmation, and Sunday School kindergarten children. But since disability is a little like retiring, the Fellowship Committee felt it would be appropriate to celebrate his 14½ years with us. That's right, Pastors Scott and Paula began their calls at Christ Lutheran in September of 2003.

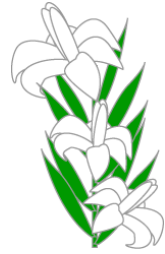
The date for the celebration is Sunday, April 15. Pastor Scott will preach, and during each service there will be a short program in his honor. At 11:30 a.m. there will be a potluck in Fellowship Hall. The Fellowship Committee will bring the pulled pork, turkey, buns, and beverages. There will be sign-up sheets in the narthex for salads and lots of desserts. Pastor Scott has a sweet tooth. There will also be a sign-up sheet in the narthex for set-up, serving, and clean-up.





Easter Sunday Worship with Holy Communion at All Services

Sunday, April 1
Sunrise Service at 8:00 a.m.
Family Express Easter Worship at 9:10 a.m.
Festival Worship at 10:30 a.m.
Easter Breakfast Served 8:00–11:00 a.m.



Help Us Help You



OFFERING COUNTERS

CLC has a new computer program for contribution and membership records. In order to allocate your contributions correctly, please indicate on your envelope or pew envelope where you want your contributions to go (i.e., operational, mortgage reduction, food pantry, disaster funds, etc.). When using a pew envelope, please put your first and last name on the envelope. If you designate as special or other offering, please indicate where it is intended to go. If it is not specified, the contributions will be placed in the operational category. We encourage you to use your envelopes. Please note when you receive your next giving statement that it may look different than the ones in the past.



Sock Hop
Sunday, April 29
10:30 a.m.–1:00 p.m.



Sock Hop tickets are \$2.00 per child and \$3.00 per adult. That includes all the time you want on the dance floor or in the Bounce House out back.

- Music begins at 10:30 a.m. with Scott Newman as our D.J.
- There will be “Twist,” Karaoke, and Hula Hoop contests.
- The Soda Jerk Diner and Dairy Bar will be serving up burgers, cheeseburgers, hot dogs, chili dogs, malts, shakes, floats, sundaes and a kids’ menu all at reasonable prices.
- The parking lot will be full of classic muscle cars—yep, the kind your grandparents talk about. Come reminisce while enjoying a burger basket and root beer float, *Happy Days* style!



Come Play Pickleball

Pickleball: a game that combines elements from table tennis, badminton, and tennis.



At our first gathering there were about 20 people, so come and know you will not be alone. All interested members of Christ Lutheran and Covenant Lutheran will gather the first and third Sundays of the month at Christ Lutheran’s gym for pickleball! Games will be played from 6:00 p.m.–8:00 p.m. This is an adult-only activity. Paddles will be available. Bring your own water bottle and clean tennis shoes to wear in the gym. If you don’t want to play, come to watch and enjoy! This is a wonderful way to develop fellowship between our two churches! If you are a beginner and want to learn the game, just show up and we’ll introduce you to this fun game!

President's Report

by Dan Matson

The Church Council met on Tuesday, March 13, with Pastor Steve Kottke, Assistant to the Bishop of our Synod. Pastor Kottke laid out the process for calling a new pastor and gave valuable insight based on his experience with other churches. The first decision of course is whether to call a new pastor. The Council decided a second pastor is necessary and should be a "Co-Pastor" with Pastor Paula. The next step will be drafting a list of potential members for a Call Committee. According to CLC's bylaws, the Call Committee will consist of seven members that represent a cross-section of the church community. While this is going on, a member survey is being discussed that will give members a chance to voice their expectations for the church's future. A "retirement celebration" for Pastor Scott is planned for April 15.



Go and Tell

by Roger Slack

With Easter Sunday now upon us, I was looking at Matthew 21, where Jesus rode on a donkey into Jerusalem, surrounded by a crowd of followers that knew and loved Him. I'm sure many of them were thinking that they were witness to history in the making, when God was going to set up His Kingdom once more and restore Israel back to the power it had been in the days of Kings David and Solomon. If you notice, as Jesus entered the city, many were asking who He was. Jesus spent most of His time teaching and healing outside Jerusalem, in the villages and towns and countrysides of Judea and Galilee and even Samaria, where Jews did not go. The people of Jerusalem might have seen and heard John the Baptist introduce Jesus by the river Jordan, but that would have been three years ago. I can only assume there would be small groups of Roman soldiers wandering the streets, keeping an eye on anything that might look suspicious and pose a threat to themselves and Pontius Pilate while he was in the city. I'm sure they saw this mass of people and then saw Jesus riding on a donkey. Some of them probably laughed at the sight and thought and taunted the crowd, "Is this all you got?" Their egos probably got even bigger as the week transpired and this Jesus was nailed to one of their infamous crosses.

The responses of the people there for the week's celebration depended on whether they knew Jesus personally and had heard Him speak and understood what He was saying. Many of those people's lives were changed. Not just the ones who were physically healed, but the ones that began to see God as a loving God. They saw Jesus and how He treated people, even if they knew that they themselves didn't necessarily deserve His friendship. They saw Him as a man they highly admired and wanted to be like. Those people in the city that did not know Jesus were the ones, at the prompting of the high priests and Pharisees, to shout, "Crucify Him, crucify Him."

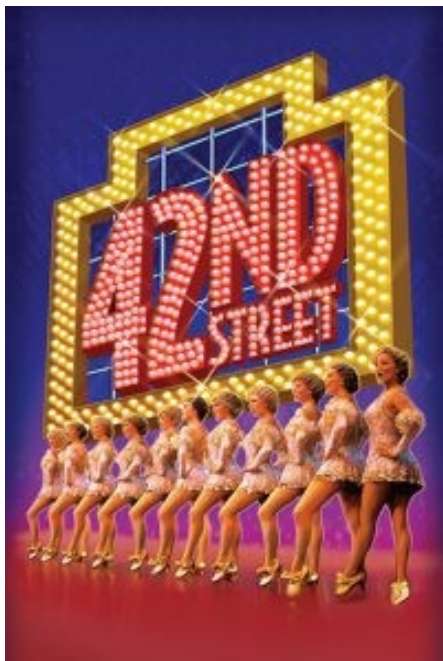
We have the advantage over those people in that we know how that part of the "story" ends and why it needed to take place as it did. Our part of the "story" isn't over yet. Jesus said, "Follow me and I will make you fishers of men." The people that followed Jesus listened to Him and talked to Him and, unknowingly, began to act like Jesus in their dealings with people that came into their lives. The same is true for us as well. Listen to Jesus, talk to Jesus, and He will make you fishers of men, women and children alike, because we like being loved and accepted.



Senior Excursion

Thursday, April 12
Fireside Theater: 42nd Street

Twenty-one people have signed up for 42nd Street. We depart from the church at 10:15 a.m. and return around 4:30–5:00 p.m. Lunch begins at 11:15 a.m. and the show at begins 1:30 p.m.



Senior Luncheon

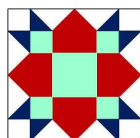
Wednesday, April 25
Cost: \$10
Program: Stoughton Norwegian Dancers



The Norwegian Dancers will dance for us from 11:30 a.m.-12:15 p.m. Then they will join us for lunch. Christ Lutheran has four dancers in the group this year: Jenna Stokes, Jack Sanford, Brandt Spilde and Hannah Iverson. A free-will donation will be taken to cover the cost of the dancers. Invite your friends!

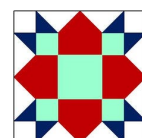
Menu:

Meatballs and Gravy
Mashed Potatoes
Red Cabbage
Cucumber Salad
Swedish Rye Bread and Lefse
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Coffee and Milk



7th Annual Skaalen Quilt Faire

April 28 at Christ Lutheran Church
10:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m.
Admission Fee—\$5



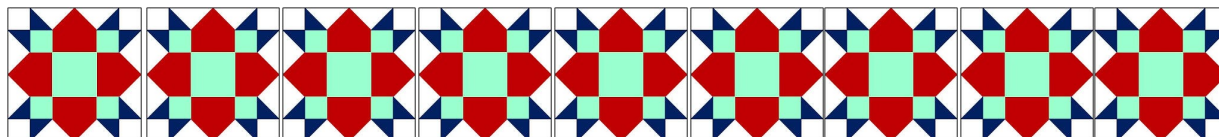
More than 100 quilts will be on display, featuring guest artist Wanda Nelson of Madison, and showcasing the barn quilt artwork of our own Linda Trunzo. Tickets are \$5.00 at the door. Refreshments will be available at a nominal cost: egg salad with a croissant, hot dogs, home-made bar cookies, coffee and bottled water. The display will feature veterans' quilts, Lutheran World Relief quilts (some for sale) and Linus Project quilts!

Quilt raffle and gift basket raffle tickets are \$1 each or six for \$5. Need not be present to win.

If you have any questions regarding the Quilt Faire or would like to display a quilt, please contact:

- Carolee Emmel (608) 362-1347
- Pat Foltz (608) 455-1522
- Dawn Zaemisch (608) 873-5651, ext. 7240

A benefit for the residents of Skaalen Nursing & Rehabilitation Center



Sunday School Plans Congregation Events!

by Jenny Hoffman

Our Sunday School is planning several multi-generation events to take place in April. We are looking for congregation members that would like to help us out.

We will be painting rocks with pictures and inspirational words. The rocks will then be distributed throughout the community for people to find and enjoy. Students from 1st and 3rd Grade will be painting rocks on Sunday, April 8, and students from 2nd and 4th grade will be painting rocks on Sunday April 22. We will be painting rocks during the normal Sunday School hour that follows the Family Express worship service. We will meet in the youth room in the Sunday School hallway. Signs will be posted to direct you.

Another event that we are planning for Sunday April 15 is to have members of the congregation come into our 5th and 6th grade classes to discuss their experiences in Sunday School and Confirmation. We would like our students to know what it was like for you. We would like our students to hear stories about your experiences as a former student. We will be doing this during the normal Sunday School time, following the Family Express worship service. We will be meeting in the youth room in the Sunday School hallway. Signs will be posted to direct you.

Sunday School dates to Remember:

- We will not have Sunday School on Easter Sunday April 1.
- Our last Sunday School class for this year will be held on Sunday, May 6.

Wednesday Evening Menus

Supper is served from 5:45 p.m.–6:30 p.m.



Confirmation students and their families, "God and Games" participants and their families, choir members—really anyone is invited to come and break bread. A donation of \$3.00 is suggested to help cover the cost of food.

April 4

Spaghetti and Sauce with or without Meat
Lasagna with or without Meat
Lettuce Salad, Garlic Bread
Brownies and Ice Cream
Coffee, White and Chocolate Milk, Apple Juice

April 11

Tacos, Cheese Quesadillas, Spanish Rice
Fruit Salad, Cookies and Ice Cream
Coffee, White and Chocolate Milk, Apple Juice

April 18

Barbeque Meal, Camp Potatoes and Chips
Veggies with Ranch Dressing
Root Beer and Orange Floats or Sundaes
Coffee and Milk

"God and Games" Continues

4th–6th Graders
6:30–7:30 p.m.



"God and Games" continues for three more weeks, April 4, 11, and 18. Youth and their parents are invited to our confirmation suppers, which are served between 5:45 and 6:30 p.m. The gym is yours from 6:30–7:30 p.m. Maybe in April we can get outside! Jacob Fitzsimmons, a college student at Edgewood, is your fearless leader. It is great to see some of our high school youth helping out as well.

7th and 8th Grade Sunday School in April



- April 1: Easter -No Sunday School
- April 8: Senior Blankets
- April 15: Senior Blankets
- April 22: Senior blankets
- April 29: Highway Cleanup
- May 6: Last class lesson with Jen!

CLC Scholarships



This year we are pleased to once again be able to offer scholarships to help defray the cost of continuing education for the 2018-19 academic year. High school seniors **and** college students who are current members of CLC are encouraged to apply for scholarships.

Applications can be found online, at the office, or from Kris Adams or Roger Slack. All CLC scholarship applications are **due in the church office by May 1, 2018**. Additional information about CLC scholarships can also be found online. Scholarship awards will be announced as part of the baccalaureate service on May 27, 2018.

Christ Lutheran Collects 4,104.64 Pounds for Stoughton Food Pantry

Well done, good and faithful servants! In the months of January and February, Christ Lutheran gathered together 1,789.64 pounds of food and \$2,315 in cash donations for a total of 4,104.64 pounds!



Thank You from Maddie



Dear Christ Lutheran,

I am sincerely blessed to be a part of a great congregation. Thank you for coming out to support me and Badger hockey. I appreciate all of your words of encouragement as I travel through this crazy journey of college life.

Much love,
Maddie Posick

Thank You from St. Bernard Project



Dear Christ Lutheran,

On behalf of SBP and the disaster impacted clients we serve, thank you for investing so generously in our long-term recovery work. A breakfast fundraiser—what an awesome idea! Your contribution of \$900 will pave the way home for

families struggling to rebuild on their own and help communities become more resilient. You're making it possible to shrink the time between disaster and recovery. Thank you! We're looking forward to your volunteer trip this summer.

With gratitude,
Alida Seileen

A Big Thank You!

A **big thank you** to everyone who helped the weekend of March 9 and 10 on the garage sale! The youth mission trip's major fundraiser takes a lot of people to make it happen. The youth and adults going on the mission trip put in their hours, but there were parents there as well as volunteers crazy enough to get involved. Thank you so much for your help. The figures are not entirely in, but we made a little over \$9,100!

Garage Sale Raffle Winners

- \$500 Gift Certificate for New Tires at Conant Automotive—Tommy Dyreson
- Feed the Family—Marti Prine
- Night Out in Stoughton—Debi Hanisko
- Eating Out in Stoughton—Mary Onsager
- Snuggle Quilt—Gloria Hayne



It's Time to Sign Up for Bible Camp!

This year's dates are July 8-13.

The cost is \$450, but each youth will receive a \$100 campership!

Have you thought about going to Bible camp this summer? Christ Lutheran is hoping to take youth entering grades 4–6 to camp July 8-13. Youth leave on a Sunday and return home on a Friday. Pastor Paula will spend the week at camp with them. The cost is \$450, but each youth who goes will receive a \$100 campership. You may read more about it online.

Seekers: For kids entering grade 4. Cost: \$450 (\$350 with \$100 campership from CLC)

Seekers is your first opportunity to experience a full week of camp! Your week will be packed with all kinds of fun camp activities, which could include creek stomping, challenge course, crafts, campfires, pool party, Bible study, and more. Besides a pony ride, you will also get to ride the horses on a trail ride! Cabins have electricity and are the closest to the shower house! You will stay with other campers and a counselor, so invite a friend to enjoy this awesome adventure together!



Pathfinders: For kids entering grade 5. Cost: \$450 (\$350 with \$100 campership from CLC)

During your time in God's beautiful creation, you will enjoy food cooked over the open fire and a week of fun, including activities like swimming, horseback riding, crafts, Bible study, pool party, challenge course, hiking and more! Our giant platform tents in Pathfinder Village have comfortable beds and keep you and your tent-mates out of the weather.



Wagoneers: For kids entering grade 6. Cost: \$450 (\$350 with \$100 campership from CLC)

Have you ever wondered what it was like to be a pioneer and sleep in a covered wagon? Here's your chance to find out. You and your camp friends will learn how to cook your meals over an open fire. Horseback riding, swimming, mountain biking, hiking, Bible study, nature time, crafts, and campfires are a few of the things you will enjoy at camp!



Adventurers: For kids entering grades 7-8. Cost: \$450 (\$350 with \$100 campership from CLC)

Come join us for our popular middle school program!

This program includes FUN adventures designed just for you! You will spend part of your week in Frontier Town and enjoy many of your favorite camp activities, such as horseback riding, swimming, crafts, games, and some exciting new choices in your day!

Your group will also camp out, canoe, and explore local waterfront for two days and nights. It will be a fun, friendship-filled week of adventure!



Registration forms are at the information desk, or online at www.sugarcreekbiblecamp.org!



2018 BWCA Canoe Trip

July 23–29
Grade 7–Adult
Cost: \$350

Each participant will receive a \$50 campership.

It is tough to pick dates. If we go any earlier in the month it conflicts with sports, and July is such a great month to go—the lakes have actually warmed up. Those who have gone before fall in love with the place and go back time and time again. Nathan and Lori Moll have both been up there seven times. They love the place. This is my 41st year. I love the place. It is my holy place. Last year I discovered I am not as strong as I once was. My 17- and 25-year-old sons were much stronger paddlers. Teresa Pellett and Jacob Proctor went for the first time last year, and they really enjoyed themselves. So do many others. Some think we are just plain crazy. How can paddling and portaging be that much fun? I think it is nature and the beauty around us that grabs hold of our hearts.

I have called the outfitters and requested Seagull and Sag Entry Point. There are still routes we have yet to take starting out from there. The past two summers we have experienced something we had never experienced in the BWCA: beautiful weather every single day we were out. There was no wind, no rain, just 80 degrees and sunshine. It was the first time in years we were in the water swimming



every day. Could it happen again? And last summer, for the first time in a long time, I carried a food pack. Luke took off down the portage with the canoe and left me with a food pack. **They are heavy!** So guess what I did? I purchased a food dehydrator. We are going to take some serious pounds off those food packs this coming summer and still eat well.

Registration forms are now on the information desk. Pick one up and fill it out and return it to the church office with a \$50 deposit.

2018 Ladies Night Out



Thursday, June 14
5:30–9:00 p.m.

Starting Locations: Nauti Norske, Viking Brew Pub, and The Chorus
Come early and enjoy dinner specials at various locations.

The Social Concerns Committee is in the planning stages of the 4th Annual Ladies Night Out. We have the date—Thursday, June 14. We have the ending location—The Chorus. Letters have been sent or personally delivered to downtown and local businesses. It looks like more businesses will participate than ever before.

What is Ladies Night Out? It is a night out where the ladies shop downtown. They sign in at three locations, get a map, and a bag full of goodies, visit as many participating businesses as possible, get their map stamped as well as enjoy food, drink, or discounts at each location and meet back at The Chorus at 8:30 p.m. At The Chorus, Scott Newman will once again be our D.J. Once everyone arrives there is a drawing for over 50 raffle prizes.

There will be more information out soon so watch for it in the church bulletins. Once again, the first 100 tickets will be buy one, get one free. Tickets are \$25 each, quite a value when you consider there are coupons in the goody bag worth more than that. Mark the date on your calendar and plan to attend. Ask a friend! You will have a great time and help CLC raise funds for the following benevolences: START, Seniors in Need, Stoughton Youth Center, and World of Change Leaders.

Global Health Ministries

by Pastor Paula Geister-Jones

It's that time of year again, time to start collecting for Global Health Ministries. CLC hopes to have all the items collected and packed up by May 6.

The HIV/AIDS epidemic has added enormous challenges to health care worldwide. Missionaries, their health care worker colleagues, and patients' families in third world countries must provide daily care to AIDS patients who suffer from the symptoms of a devastating end-stage disease. There is pain, nausea, diarrhea, and skin eruptions, to name a few. It is not a disease we can ignore, and it is not going away.

How can we help? By creating this AIDS/Hospice Kit, we can provide cleanliness and comfort to someone who is suffering. By enclosing a devotional booklet in this kit, we can provide comfort and hope. And through our prayers and generosity, we can reach far into the lives of those who have been affected.

Hospice Kits

New or gently used items:

- 1 regular size bath towel
- 1 washcloth

New items:

- 1 bath size bar of soap (wrapped)—any kind
- 1 toothbrush, single and in original packaging
- 1 toothpaste (size medium or large—or two small sample sizes)
- 1 “pick” comb
- 1 nail clipper
- 6 Band-Aids
- 1 jar or tube of petroleum jelly (4 oz. or more)
- 1 pair heavy-duty household gloves (kitchen type), size medium
- 1 small devotional booklet, *Portals of Prayer* or *Christ in Our Home*



The birth of a baby should be a happy experience. In some countries, however, it brings new worries and problems. What if the baby is ill? How do we keep the baby warm? How do we feed another mouth? When the newborn arrives, it may be with the assistance of the local midwife—if there is one in the area, and if the family will accept her assistance.

The midwife has the training and knowledge to handle the delivery, but often does not have the very basic equipment, such as a clean cloth for the mother to lie on, a suitable instrument to cut the umbilical cord, or a towel to dry and wrap the baby.

Now imagine a baby born at a hospital in your hometown. Then take a moment to imagine a baby born in Africa, India, Madagascar, or Papua New Guinea. That baby has the same need to arrive in a well-prepared environment and the same need for a chance to survive as a baby born at a well-equipped suburban hospital in the United States.

How do we bridge the gap between abundance and nothing?

As friends of Global Health Ministries, we have the opportunity to serve in a very special way by providing much-needed medical supplies and equipment to areas of the world where the people have very little. We have been challenged to provide Newborn Kits, which GHM will send to the areas where they are needed so that the midwives and the new mothers may feel that they are not alone, that someone cares, and that they can welcome the babies into a safer world.

Our reward: Their profound appreciation and the joy of serving the Lord and making a difference.

Newborn Kits:

Please use new or clean used items in excellent condition.

- 1 regular size bath towel—no longer than 48"
- 1 36" square of muslin or sheeting
- 1 washcloth
- 1 bath size bar of Ivory soap
- 1 newborn stocking cap (keep hand-knit ones very small, use baby yarn)
- 1 small baby shirt, size 0-3 or newborn
- 1 receiving blanket (approximately 30" x 30")
- 2 cloth diapers
- 2 diaper pins

Kristin Engstrom to Visit Christ Lutheran

Missionary Kristin Engstrom, Country Coordinator for the new Young Adults in Global Ministry (YAGM) program in Senegal, will be visiting Christ Lutheran on Wednesday evening, April 18. Sponsored in part by the Elizabeth Circle, she has been called to walk with ELCA young adults who live and serve for one year in Senegal.

Pastor Engstrom will join CLC members and confirmation youth for an evening meal at the church beginning at 5:45 p.m., with a PowerPoint program outlining her mission work at 6:30 p.m., followed by a question and answer session.

Forming sustainable relationships with our ELCA's partner church, the Lutheran Church of Senegal/Lutheran Development Services of Senegal, Pastor Engstrom will share her experiences with the YAGM's as they participate in their year of service. Please join us for this evening of information and fellowship, and bring a friend!



Our Daily Bread Meal

by Dwight Pautz



Our church served sixty adults and two children on February 25. We had plenty of food for all to enjoy. We gave nine people rides and had seven volunteers. Thanks to all who helped and donated food. Our next serving will be on September 30.

Thank You



Pastors Scott and Paula,

We just wanted you to know that we thank you for the suggestion to have banners constructed as a memorial to our mother, Viola Cantwell. She would be pleased—and we are! It's always nice to visit our home church when we are in Stoughton.

Thank you again, and God's blessings to you both.

Kathleen Schmidt and Marilyn Cantwell

Deaths:

Janet Marie Thomas

Memorials:In Memory of:

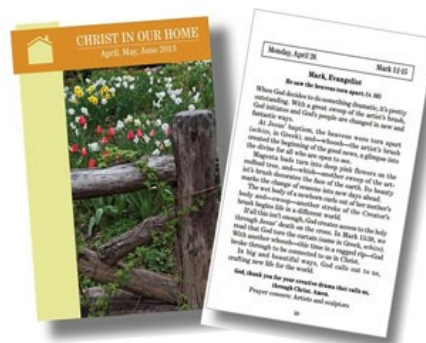
Averoille Bonneau
Joseph Lynch
Joseph Lynch
Carol Ewald

From:

Gloria Hayne
Scott and Paula Geister-Jones
Gloria Hayne
Patricia Murphy



Christ in Our Home daily devotional booklets for April, May, and June in small and large print are available in the narthex.

**Help Needed—Tending the Church Flower Beds**

Help is needed to plant flowers in mid-May, and also the weekly care of deadheading and fertilizing the flowers throughout the summer and fall, and of course—weeding. If you can help call Gloria Hayne (873-9353). Your help will be very much appreciated.



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