

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

2 Corinthians 5:20

**January 2019**



**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 Gracious God—A Generous People

*"Live generously and graciously toward others, the way God lives toward you."  
Matthew 5:48b*

### New Year Resolutions

*by Pastor Paula Geister-Jones*

I keep telling myself, "I have got to get back to the gym." Exercise has been part of my life for most of my life, but in the last few years it has been harder to get into the car, drive to the gym, and work out. But now, I really do need to get back. I want to be ready for Jamaica and this coming summer's adventure in the BWCA. The last two years I have had my two sons with me, Matt and Luke. Matt is 26 and Luke is 18 and they have taken good care of mom. They have carried the canoes, but I want to carry a canoe again. Canoes are so much easier (in my opinion) and so much more fun to portage than the Duluth Packs.

It will be interesting to see when I actually get back. I will make a real effort to "get back" in January. I will keep telling myself that and hopefully it will work. My muscles need the exercise and after the first two weeks, I actually do feel better physically and mentally.

"Getting back to the gym" is a common New Year's resolution. The gym is packed in January. I go in the evening to avoid the crowd. And then with each preceding month there are fewer and fewer people there. Isn't that how it is with most New Year's resolutions? We are going to try hard to do better. We are going to make a real effort. But it is so easy to fall back into old habits.

It reminds me of sin. We want to do better, but it is so easy to fall back into old habits. What is sin? Simply thinking of ourselves first, putting our needs and wants and desires before anyone else's. It is a tough habit to break. A relationship with a significant other helps. So does parenthood, but still it is tough. No wonder God finally realized, all I can do to heal this relationship with these human beings is to forgive them. And I will love them despite themselves.

Love has an amazing way of redirecting priorities and changing lives. What did I say above, that a significant relationship and parenthood helps? It helps because we have people in our lives that we love.

It is God's hope in the New Year that some of that love will be directed God's way. Our response to God's love won't change the way God feels about us, but still God hopes. And what does loving God look like? Reaching out and caring about others, that's what it looks like.

## UW Women's Hockey Game

### Sunday, February 10—An Event for the Entire Congregation!

The game starts at 2:00 p.m.

Cost: \$10



On Sunday, February 10, Christ Lutheran is going to a UW women's hockey game. We had a great time last year, so we are going again. The UW women's hockey team is amazing, and one of our own members is a member of the team, Maddie Posick. This event is open to anyone who wants to go. We have 60 tickets, so sign up now. We'll be taking a bus, leaving at 12:30 p.m. from the church parking lot. \$10 covers the cost of the bus and ticket.

A 12:30 p.m. departure means a quick lunch. The bus will stop at Culver's. Once again, Culver's has agreed to give us a percentage of their profits if we get a crowd to fill their establishment on Sunday, February 10, between the hours of 11:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.

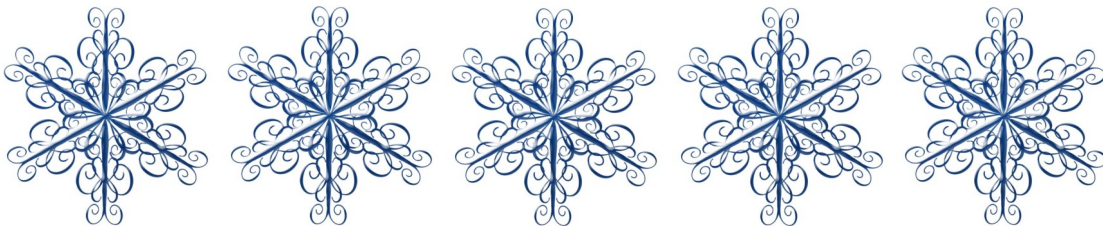


## Christ Lutheran Church is Skaalen's Church of the Month

by Karen Warwick



It is CLC's turn to volunteer and help at Skaalen for the month of **February**. Please look for the many opportunities to volunteer posted in the narthex and sign up! One opportunity is to buy birthday gifts for the residents. I know the residents really look forward to all the volunteers do.



## New Member Sunday—February 24



New members will officially be received into our community of faith on Sunday, February 24, at all three services. If you know anyone who is interested in joining or if you are that someone, please contact the church office so Pastor Paula can arrange a visit. New Member Orientation will be on Sunday, February 17, immediately following the Family Express service, in the conference room. We ask that new members attend. It is just a time to get to know one another and to share information about the congregation.

## Garage Sale Set For March 15-16



The youth are planning their fifth Garage Sale/ Silent Auction/Bake Sale/Manna Café for March 15 and 16. This is by far our biggest fundraiser for the mission trip. Last year we almost cleared \$10,000. Congregation, you have been great supporting us with your used and unwanted items for the past four years. We are counting on you again this year. Start cleaning out your closets and setting your treasures aside now. You can start bringing it to the church on Friday, March 8. That sounds like the distant future, but it will be here before you know it.

## Go and Tell

by Roger Slack

Do you ever find yourself wishing your life was simpler and less chaotic, less stressful, less demanding? Our life path consists of the many choices we have made over the years. Whether we finished high school or not determines if we can go on to a higher education level, which determines what kind of a job we can eventually get into, which determines if we can afford to buy a house or rent, and if we can afford to get married and possibly have a family, if we can buy a new car or a nice used one instead. I know there are a lot of other factors that play into the decisions and choices we make, and sometimes there are circumstances that come along that make the decisions for us. The thing is, the many things we amass during our lives are not us. They are a part of our lives that we can have and enjoy, but they can be gone in an instant as well. For some people, that is devastating. They feel their life consists of the things they have.

In Luke 18:18-31, Jesus encounters a rich man who wants to know what he must do to obtain eternal life. Jesus tells him, "You know the commandments" and lists off the Ten Commandments. His response was that he had kept them all since his youth. In my eyes, that was quite the statement, or else selective memory. Jesus sees what the man cannot and tells him to go sell all that he possesses and give it to the poor and come follow Him. It devastated the man, and he went away sorrowful. Did Jesus expect him to really do that before he could follow Jesus? I don't think so, any more than God expected Abraham to sacrifice Isaac on the altar on the mountain when He held back his arm. He wanted the man to see himself. What he had amassed in his lifetime was how he saw himself, and it was too much for him to let go of. I wonder how the story would have ended had the man said he would do that. I am sure Jesus would have told him about the many wonderful things he would end up doing to help people that he would meet along the way. I can't help but think of the Frank Sinatra song, "All of me, why not take all of me..."



"Sell everything you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven."

Luke 18:22

### Rebecca's Rebels

Monday, January 21—6:30 p.m.



The Women Named in Jesus' Genealogy: Tamar, Rahab, Ruth and Bathsheba

We meet at the Viking Brew Pub at 6:30 p.m., visit, order supper, and delve into the Bible study. Any woman of any age is invited to come. This month we are going to look at stories of the women named in Jesus' genealogy. Do you realize how unusual it is for women to show up there? Their stories are pretty amazing, and what they have to say about this newborn Savior is even more incredible.

### Men's Night Out

Monday, January 28

Viking Brew Pub

6:00 p.m. for a pint, 6:30 p.m. for supper

Program: TBA



Come enjoy a pint, conversation, dinner and a program. Men, please let Pastor Paula know what you would like to talk about. Let her know your ideas about what you would like for a program!

## Who's Who in the Pew—Taylor Dyreson

by Diane Matson



Having lived in Stoughton for “eighteen chilly winters,” one might think that our pew “spotlight” must be focusing on a person who arrived relatively recently. Well, she has...but Taylor Dyreson, as a Stoughton High School senior, has actually lived here her entire life!

Certainly no stranger to involvement, Taylor currently works three jobs, is treasurer of Student Council, chairperson of Winter Homecoming, co-leader of Stoughton High School's Christian Athlete organization, and a member of Key Club, Link Crew, and HOSA. Because her philosophy is that “you don't win most school spirit by sitting in the back of the classroom,” Taylor has played volleyball and run track throughout her high school years as well.

With a schedule like that, one could assume that there would be little time for participation in the life of the church. Well, think again. Taylor has taught Sunday School for the past three years. She previously was a co-teacher for “God and Games” events, and she currently is the youth representative on the Call Committee to select our new co-pastor. Combining her love of travel with her service to CLC, Taylor has been a member of five mission trips, and five canoe trips with CLC youth. She's also traveled to Portugal and Alaska, and recommends the unparalleled views in Lisbon and Denali, as well as the “insanely good paella” which she labels the best Spanish seafood on the Southern Coast.

Amazingly, there is still time for hobbies. She enjoys running, watching stand-up comedy, and crafting. It comes as no surprise, however, that her favorite activity is being able to take a nice, long nap! Hopefully younger brother Cael gives her the opportunity to do that once in a while.

Taylor's future plans include attending Baylor, the University of Texas, or UW-Madison with the hope of majoring in biology. Her high school curriculum has her on a pre-med track with the idea of specializing in gastroenterology or fertility studies.

Taylor credits Mary Onsager among others whom she recognizes as strong, faith-centered women who are her role models. In addition to Swedish meatballs and Pastor Paula's rye bread, she appreciates the feeling of family that Christ Lutheran provides and the willingness of so many to volunteer.

Taylor, your life of service to your church, your school, and your community is an example for all of us who have spent many, many “chilly Wisconsin winters” having accomplished only a fraction of all that you have done in your first eighteen!! Thank you for all that you do.



### Pickleball!

It's that time again! Members of Christ Lutheran and Covenant Lutheran will meet in the CLC gym on the following dates:



January 13—6:00-8:00 p.m.

February 10—6:00-8:00 p.m.

March 24—6:00-8:00 p.m.



- Paddles are available for you to use.
- If you haven't tried this sport, come and give it a try. We can teach you the rules. It's so much fun!
- All levels of players are welcome.





## Middle School Lock-In

Friday, January 25  
8:00 p.m.-7:00 a.m.  
Cost: \$15



**If you worked the Lutefisk Dinner, this event is FREE!**

Come join the fun! Meet us at church at 8:00 p.m. We will play some games here in the gym and then go down to Viking Lanes for Cosmic Bowling at 9:30 p.m. You'll get to enjoy some fries and cheese curds while bowling. **Yum!** After bowling, you'll come back and be involved in our third ever Nerf War. (Please bring your own Nerf gun if you own one, as the church doesn't have any. Make sure to put your name/initials on gun and ammo.) A game of Sardines is **always** fun. Let's see how long it takes you to be discovered! There will be a little down time with a couple of movies being played. A heated game of Spoons has been known to happen. And no, you don't have to sleep! You'll eat breakfast around 6:30 a.m. and be out the door by 7:00 a.m.! Who is going to stay up with you? Jacob Fitzsimmons and Parker, a college friend of Jacob's, as well as Emma Sperle and Tessa Pickett. Pastor Paula will be there, too.

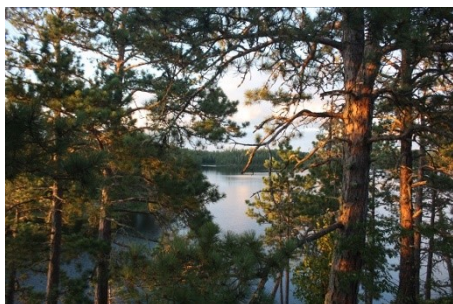
In order to make sure we have food and a spot reserved for you to bowl, we need you to sign up **no later than** January 23! You may bring a friend! Just sign up at the Information Desk. Bring your permission slip and \$15 with you the night of the lock-in.

## Boundary Waters Canoe Trip 2019

Monday, July 22–Sunday, July 28  
Youth in Grades 7-12 and **All Interested Adults**  
Cost: \$350—\$300 after campership

To keep costs down, we pack out our own food and provide as many of our own tents and Duluth packs as possible. We have fifteen Duluth packs. The Outfitter provides the canoes, paddles, life jackets, a few Duluth packs, bunkhouse accommodations for Monday, July 23, breakfast the following morning, and a shower when we come off trails. We come off trails the morning of Sunday, July 28, shower, and head home. We usually arrive home about 10:00 p.m. For youth who can drive, parents may want to leave a car in the church parking lot. Our entry point has yet to be determined. Seagull and Sag are the most popular.

The group will leave Monday, July 22, at 6:00 a.m. That means you need to be at the church by 5:30 a.m. to pack. Why so early? We have 500 miles to travel. Bring food to snack on in the vehicles. We will stop at Duluth Harbor for lunch. Bring a packed lunch if you like. Food can be purchased there. In Grand Marais, we will have supper at Sven and Ole's Pizza before we head up the Gunflint Trail and to Voyageur Outfitters. That cost is part of the trip. We stop there as well the day we come off trails. Sven and Ole's has great pizza.



What do you do in the Boundary Waters? You paddle, portage, cook your meals over an open fire, swim, fish, and enjoy the wilderness and the people you are with. Bring a book to read and some small portable games. We come off the water about 9:00 a.m. on Sunday, shower, pack up, and leave for home. The cost of the trip will also cover breakfast/lunch at the Mid Trail Cafe about 30 miles south of the Outfitters.

Once you have signed up, Pastor Paula will share with you a list of items that you will need to pack. If interested, please complete the registration form and submit a \$50 deposit written out to CLC Youth.

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## Sunday School News for January

*by Jenny Hoffman*

Our monthly theme for January is: I came as a LIGHT to Shine on this DARK world. (John 12:46) Some of the weekly crafts will focus on this theme.

Our first Sunday back after the holidays I am going to have all of the students gather in the Chapel to have a short recognition ceremony for all of the students that participated in the Christmas Program. The teachers will take the students back to their classrooms following the ceremony.

We have received quite a few very generous donations and to everyone that brought in a donation towards our craft supplies for Sunday School I want to say thanks. Your generosity has allowed us to do some very nice projects and a lot of our students look forward to these each week.

For January, I am still looking for a few items:

- Mason jars (or glass jars that are about the size of a small mason jar)
- Any leftover scrapbooking supplies you no longer want
- Plastic water bottles with their covers. (Please make sure that they are cleaned prior to bringing them in and we need ones that have their covers)
- Any leftover felt or beads that you no longer want.



## 2018 Sunday School Christmas Program

*by Jenny Hoffman*

I have had the privilege these past two years to work with the entire Sunday School on our annual Christmas program. This year I chose a simple narration of the Christmas story to be mixed with both traditional and non-traditional Christmas songs. Each class Pre-K through 6<sup>th</sup> grade had a song that they learned and practiced in class for the past month and a half. Third through eighth grade had the opportunity to participate in the program as narrators and members of the nativity. Our narrators practiced for a couple of weeks during class to help them build confidence in their part of the storytelling. The Saturday before the program our students met here at church to run through the program a couple of times. This helped them to be comfortable in how the entire program fit together and to get comfortable being in front of the church with an audience.

We had a quick run through just before the program for the students to prepare for their family and friends. The students worked so hard this year and that paid off in their final performance. Each narrator brought a special voice to the Christmas story and each class sang the songs that they worked so hard to learn. Our nativity members did a wonderful job. It was a great way to close out the program.

I want to thank all of the students and their parents. It is because of your hard work and participation that the program was so successful. I also want to thank Wendy Olson and Kyla Betts for going into the classes each week and practicing the music with our students. I want to thank Linda Kunz for accompanying our students on the piano. She is so wonderful to step up and help us with these programs each year. I want to Thank Tom Lehr, Jack Conant, and Neela Yellowbird for their help in the technical booth. I want to thank Janice Betts for her help in costuming the students. I want to thank everyone that stepped in on Saturday and Sunday to help out with crowd control and clean up. I want to thank everyone that brought in treats for after the program. Lastly, I want to thank the great group of teachers that I work alongside each week.

Enjoy the photos from the program on page 7.







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## Lutefisk Dinner Review

*by Ted Sehmer, Chairman*



We had another very successful dinner on December 1! Comments were almost all very positive. Diners especially like the way our cooks prepare the lutefisk. On the Wednesday prior to the Saturday dinner, volunteers take the lutefisk out of 50-pound boxes purchased from Olsen Fish Company in Minneapolis. Several of the crew cut the fish into smaller pieces and cut off waste. Others place the lutefisk onto cheesecloth that is then tied up. On Saturday, these bags of lutefisk are boiled in large pots. When the fish is fully cooked, the bags are cut open and are ready for servers to take platters to the tables. Apparently, some of the other organizations that serve lutefisk dinners do not prepare the lutefisk in this manner. As a result, many of our diners tell us that our lutefisk is the best.

Because of the overwhelming positive response from attendees, word of mouth will likely result in a number of participants in 2019 similar to this year's **892 meals served**. Of that total, 41 meals were carry-out. In 2017, 876 diners consumed more lutefisk than this year. However, more meatballs were served this year than in past years, so we plan to prepare 13 roasters of meatballs next year instead of the 12 roasters prepared this year.

**The dinner had a gross profit of \$8,406.31**, which does not include \$500.00 for the purchase of a used meat grinder and \$237.50 to pay for half of the upgrade of the electrical outlets in the garage (where, in the past, several roasters regularly blew circuits). Subtracting those two expenditures results in a net profit of \$7,668.81, which is higher than past years.

Pastor Paula was able to obtain several Thrivent grants for the dinner, and the lutefisk was stored in my Honda minivan instead of a U-Haul trailer that we rented for the past few dinners. Every day Mya and I are greeted by the wonderful aroma of lutefisk when we open the doors to the vehicle. Each day the intensity is less and will soon be gone (hopefully). So the grants resulted in a major portion of the profit increase, and the \$175.00 savings from not renting a trailer also helped.

During the past few years, a number of churches and Sons of Norway lodges have discontinued sponsoring lutefisk dinners. The reason most often given for ending the dinners is the lack of volunteers. Christ Lutheran Church has a strong and active youth group. Pastor Paula estimates that about 225 volunteers participate in the dinner. Our youth make up a large percentage of that number. Without our youth, we would also be forced to cancel our dinner. A portion of the dinner profits have supported summer youth mission trips in the past.

The youth group received \$2,900.00 from the Lutefisk Committee at \$100.00 each for the 29 participants in the June 2018 mission program to Louisiana. Next year about 30 youth and adults are going to participate in the Jamaica mission trip. So our expenditure from the 2018 profits will be similar to 2017. In a few months, I plan to write a check to the Youth Board for \$100.00 for each participant.

With a once-a-year dinner, utensils and equipment that are used primarily by lefse makers and others who prepare food for the dinner cannot be easily found when they are needed for the next year's dinner. Several people approached me about purchasing a lockable cabinet to store this equipment. So, after a discussion with several active volunteers and our custodian, Rodney Trunzo, I authorized the expenditure of \$981.46 for locked storage. The storage unit has been delivered and assembled. It is located in the second storage room past the kitchen. Rodney Trunzo and Gloria Hayne have the only access to the keys.





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## Lutheran Worship: The Lesson for the Day

by Sophie Geister-Jones

If I'm being completely honest, part of Christianity that I've always struggled with is the actual Bible part of it. It makes me angry when I think of how the Bible has been weaponized to hurt different groups of people. I am uncomfortable with the fact that I am not reading a primary source document, or even a secondary source document. In fact, I am reading words that have been transcribed and translated and mistranslated time and time again, each with a different agenda. I mean, think about it—at its basest, the Bible was first oral tradition, passed on for generations, then finally Aramaic, and then maybe Greek, and Latin, and German, and then, finally, English. And English wasn't the final stop; the Bible has gone through multiple evolutions since hitting the scene—NIV, KJV, NRSV, The Message (RIP, Eugene Peterson).

So I always approach the Bible itself with some wariness. Which at times makes me feel like a bad Lutheran, especially when half the gospels are my brothers. But I'm still the one that is going to sit here and, for the next few paragraphs, tell you why *scripture* is, despite my cynicism and doubt, an integral part of being Lutheran.

In 1522, Martin Luther translated and published the Bible in German, for the first time making it accessible to laypeople. It was a big move on his part, and one that he did with a ton of intention. See, Luther was a believer in *sola scriptura*—the idea that scripture holds all the doctrine we need to live our lives faithfully.

And it was also a bit of a power move—instead of having to trust what the priests and Catholic institution were telling you was wrong or right, people could *look* and *read* and question for themselves. It allowed a personal connection with the text, and it allowed conversation, something that had been lacking.

And while, yes, the written Word of God is created and recorded by humans, and therefore vulnerable to human fallibilities, it is what bridges the gap between us and God Incarnate in a very visceral, tangible way (and as Scandinavians and Germans, we all know we like something tangible).

The ELCA's *Statement on the Practice of Word and Sacrament* says, "Jesus Christ is the Word of God incarnate. The proclamation of God's message to us is both Law and Gospel. The canonical Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the written Word of God. Through this Word in these forms, as through the sacraments, God gives faith, forgiveness of sins and new life."

Scripture is imperfect, yes, and it will always be, but it binds us together as a church, so much so that the ELCA has also stated that "the public reading of the Holy Scriptures is an indispensable part of worship, constituting the basis for the public proclamation of the Gospel."

Scripture challenges us to be inquisitive, to ask questions, and to take charge of our faith. It requires us to wonder: what do words and actions mean in a first-century context like the one Jesus lived in, and what does that mean for us, living in a twenty-first-century context? And, most importantly, it invites us into the world of Jesus to walk alongside God incarnate, and to experience his life with him. It connects us with every Christian in the last two thousand years that has done the same thing, and it doesn't stop there—the Bible doesn't just encompass Christians; in fact, it would be a struggle to find a single one in the text itself. (Jesus was a devout practicing Jew!)

Scripture opens our eyes to the narratives of all types of faiths and shows us ways to interact with those that are different, to walk alongside them, much as it shows us how to walk alongside Jesus. And through those explicit lessons and the implicit lessons, it gives us a root system to grow our lessons and teachings in today. Which is what we do during the service when we read and listen to the scripture. We take a chunk of it and really *think* about it. And we have a pastor who generally preaches on it and *thinks* on it some more. And we do it together, as a church, as a community that is just trying to figure life out together.

So, no, the Bible isn't perfect, but neither am I. Neither is Jesus, when you get to really know him, but that is okay as long as we're still curious. The parts of the service that deal with this stuff are called the lessons because it is basically what they are. They are opportunities to learn more, to grow more, and to be faithful while doing it.

## Elizabeth Circle News

The first YAGM-written blog post for the 2018-2019 YAGM Senegal cohort comes from YAGM Maddie (or Watéo Faye, as she's known in Senegal). Maddie is living in Linguere this year, an agricultural town in northern Senegal. In Linguere, she serves with our partner, Senegalese Lutheran Development Services, in the Dairy and Milk Processing Program and the Family Planning and Education Program. She also teaches English at the Linguere Roman Catholic Elementary School.

Salam aleekum ("Peace be with you" in Arabic)! My name is Maddie, though here in Senegal my name is Watéo Faye. I have now been in Senegal for over three months, and in Linguere for 11 weeks. So for 10 Sundays, I have been attending the Lutheran church in Linguere. The church holds its services in Pulaar, because many of its members are Fulani and therefore speak Pulaar. Though at times this is difficult, because I am learning Wolof (a different local language), I appreciate it because it allows me to fill the time in which I cannot follow along with internal reflection and prayer.



Church service begins at 10:00 a.m. on Sunday, and there are usually about 20-25 people present (about half of them are children). When I arrive at church, I take off my sandals and step onto the basan (woven mat) which covers the cement floor. There are no pews; we sit on the ground on these mats. Our worship space has a roof for shade, but no walls. The lack of walls is far preferable to an enclosed building, because it allows for any breeze passing by to cool us off. There are no decorations in this church, except when a wooden cross is brought to the front of the space on occasional Sundays.

What I love about worshiping barefoot is that I often remember Exodus 3:5: "Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." We read Exodus 3:1-8 during orientation here in Senegal and were encouraged to remember that this land, this time, and this space are holy.

Even nearly three months after orientation, I continue to reflect on the themes of wilderness and holy ground. I consider how Senegal is holy ground, which must be accessed through (metaphorical) wilderness, just as Moses accessed the holy space occupied by the burning bush in this Old Testament story. I'm fairly certain that if the Young Adults in Global Mission program were renamed "Young Adults in the Wilderness," the program would remain the same.

One of my most important jobs in either the wilderness or holy space is to look and listen for God—very appropriate for the Advent season. I am waiting for God to cry out "Maddie!" or maybe even "Watéo!" Of course, the next step is to be able to bravely say, "Here I am," in response to God.

For me, this is difficult. Because as far as I can figure out, a good portion of what I should be doing here in Senegal is waiting and watching. But I doubt I'm going to get a burning bush to signify the mighty power of God present right before my eyes. But I'm practicing, and I would like to think that I am learning as well.

It's not always consistent, and I'm not always very good at this listening, but I do see God here in Senegal. I hear God in the laughter of my host siblings. I feel God whenever my host mom takes me under her wing and patiently teaches me yet another phrase in Wolof. I see God in the way our congregation in Linguere prays for one another and lifts one another up.

This new, wild, sandy ground here in Linguere is holy—God's presence here makes it so.

As we begin Advent, I invite you to join me in considering how the ground we are standing on is holy (no matter where you are). Is Senegal a place you expected to be holy? Why or why not? Can you feel/see/experience the presence of God where you are? Can you not find God? I would think that any or all answers to these questions are okay, as long as they are honest. I do not mean them to be judgmental. There is no way I could judge you for them anyway, as I will not hear the answers.

In the meantime, I will also be waiting, searching, wandering this spiritual wilderness and appreciating these moments when I feel the sand between my toes and can remind myself—this ground is holy ground.

Jam ak jam (Peace and peace)!

Watéo

## Deaths:

Richard D. "Joseph" Obrecht

## Memorials:

### In Memory of:

Phyllis Garbrecht  
Richard Obrecht  
Richard Obrecht  
Roger Veir

### From:

Family  
Bill and Sherry Cress  
Steve and Judy Grady  
Bob and Edie Tholo

## Endowment Foundation:

### In Memory of:

Richard Obrecht  
Julie Sehmer  
Richard Entwistle  
Roger Veir

### From:

Norval and Barbara Morgan  
Alvin and Leanna Menninga  
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## Altar Flower Chart for 2019

If you would like to give flowers on a special day, call Gloria at 873-9353. The cost is \$32.50. ***The dates available are:*** January 20 and 27; February 3, 17, and 24; March 3, 10, 17, 24, and 31; April 7, 21, and 28; May 5 and 26; June 2, 9, 16, 23, and 30; July 14 and 28; August 4, 18, and 25; September 15 and 22; November 3, 10, and 24; December 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29.

*Christ in Our Home* devotional booklets in small and large print are available in the narthex.

## WWAM Thank You

We'd like to thank the many contributors to the Ole an Lena Bake Sale and more... We had a very successful sale this year. Our raffle sale winners were:

- Shirley Bothum, Stoughton—TV
- Mary Lou Sharpee, Sun Prairie—American Girl Doll for her newest granddaughter
- Colleen Gregorich, Stoughton—Hardanger Basket.

Thank you all for your continued support and a successful sale again this year.

Blessings,  
Christ Lutheran Church Women With a Mission



## Stoughton Food Pantry Thank You

Dear members of CLC:

On behalf of the Stoughton Food Pantry, I thank you for your donation of 166 pounds of food and generous donation of \$960.00. The food pantry is a valuable resource for needy families in our area, and many will benefit from your gift. Your gift enables us to continue to meet the needs of those who might otherwise go hungry.

Thank you for your continued support. Stoughton is a better place because of caring congregations such as yours.

Sincerely,  
Linda Lane, Volunteer—Stoughton Food Pantry





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