Christus Herald



2024

***Don’t Ever Let Go; Try to Let Go***

Spring has arrived again, with its blossoming beauty; “the birds their carols raise”; people emerge from their tightly-closed winter homes and cloaks to bask and walk in the warming sunshine. It can put a smile on your face and in your heart. The poet Theodore Roethke expressed his returning delight like this:

Though the crocuses poke up their heads in the usual places,

The frog scum appear on the pond

with the same froth of green,

And boys moon at girls with last year’s fatuous faces,

I never am bored, however familiar the scene.

When from under the barn the cat brings a similar litter—

Two yellow and black, and one that looks in between—

Though it all happened before, I cannot grow bitter:

I rejoice in the spring, as though no spring ever had been.[[1]](#footnote-1)

Seasons arrive and depart, together with all we love about them. Their arrivals bring us joy, but their departures can bring us grief. There is a lot to love about this fair earth; more, I think, than we often consider, no thanks to the daily barrage of “news,” 98% of which is dismal. But like the seasons, we too will pass; only we will not return to this fair earth. Will we grieve over that which we loved but to which we cannot return? Will the “new heaven and the new earth” contain those beloved seasons and delights we have known here? The prophet Amos gives us a hint, I think: “Behold, the days are coming,” declares the Lord, “when the plowman shall overtake the reaper and the treader of grapes him who sows the seed; the mountains shall drip sweet wine, and all the hills shall flow with it.”[[2]](#footnote-2) So it seems, yes, plowing, sowing, reaping and vinification seasons will be there, but the new earth will be so fruitful and free of Adam’s curse that they will overlap! It has for some time been my fervent hope that all of this earth’s beauties and joys will “return” in the new earth, and be magnified as in the vision God gave Amos. Yes, we will have to one day “let go,” and yet in hope we don’t let go. I think this also applies to loves more dear than those of earth and animal and daily bread: our love of one another.

There is a song I am quite sure none of you have ever heard[[3]](#footnote-3) that examines one person’s attempt to carry on with life after suffering an excruciating loss. The music itself expresses a progression of moods from reflective, to desperate, to angry, and back at last to peaceful resignation and acceptance. The quiet and repeated refrain that ends the song presents a dichotomy that I think is a healthy approach to dealing with the grief of loss. That refrain is, “Don’t ever let go; try to let go.” The two exhortations seem utterly contradictory, but if they are both held and practiced, I think a healthy balance can be found in our mortal time between loss and the reunion of the resurrection.

So whether the grief is of a passing season, a passing love, or a passing loved one, 1) don’t ever let go – hold that season/love/loved one in your heart and memory with the love you’ve known, and 2) try to let go – don’t try to grasp and keep that which is passing, for something greater – perhaps the thing or person itself, rather than the dim shadow we have known here – has been promised; and you know God keeps His promises.

Goodbye, winter; hello spring! Yet I will not clutch either of you too tightly, nor summer, nor fall, but walk and live in you and with you as together we pass toward our last and lasting home.

*- Pastor Brian Crocker*

A cross in front of a church

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**120 N. Main Street Clintonville, WI 54929**

Meeting Minutes - Date: Mar. 19, 2024

**Christus Lutheran Church - Council Minutes** Date: 3/19/24

**Call to order:** at 5:36 pm by Greg Hansen.

**Present:** Mary Kautz, Jeff Langenhorst, Mike Mehlberg, Greg Hanson, Derek Meyer, Cheryl Meyer, Barb Ebert, Pastor Brian Crocker, Pastor Shelly Klemp, and Carrie Hesse, & Diane Marty

**Excused:**  Al Mahnke, Dawn Shepard, Candida Hansen, & Cara Baum

**Approval of Agenda:** After 2 corrections were made regarding committee meeting dates, Jeff Langenhorst made a motion to approve the agenda, Derek Meyer seconded. Motion carried.

**Devotions led by:** Pastor Crocker.

**Past month’s minutes were read and reviewed.** Jeff Langenhorst made a motion to approve, Cheryl Meyer seconded. Motion carried.

**Treasurer’s Report:** Motion to approve by Barb Ebert, seconded by Diane Marty. Motion carried.

* Bank First checking account: Balance of $244,583.00

**Outstanding bills were reviewed.** Motion made by Mary Kautz, seconded by Barb Ebert to pay outstanding bills of $18,526.86. Motion carried.

**Pastors’ Reports:**

Pastor Crocker: as written. He also presented the new personnel to the church, Tina Schultz as church secretary, and Kathy Peters as the church financial secretary.

Pastor Klemp: as written.

**Standing Committee Reports:**

* Education: as written.
* Evangelism: as written.
* Property: Verbal report by Derek Meyer. Fixed the bell timer and the church’s cross light. The 3 roofs have been repaired and other odd & end projects were completed.
* Social Concerns: as written.
* Stewardship: no meeting, no report.
* Worship: as written.
* Youth: as written. The group will be voting on a mission trip to Guatemala at their next meeting.

Dawn Shepard moved to approve the committee reports with a second by Mary Kautz. Motion carried.

**Congregations Committee Reports:**

* Personnel: Verbal report by Jeff Langenhorst about welcoming the 2 new hires for the church.
* Trust Fund: as written.

Motion by Mike Mehlberg, seconded by Dawn Shepard to approve the Congregational Committee Reports. Motion carried.

**Organizations within the Congregation:**

* + Brotherhood: as written. Derek Meyer just reminded everyone about Breakfast Easter Sunday. 6 tables were donated anonymously to the Fellowship Hall so the cost will not be split between committees.
  + CLCW: February and March minutes were submitted along with a reminder about the Salad Luncheon on 4/9/24.
  + Sisterhood: Verbal report given by Dawn Shepard that the Seder Meal was up to 44 people as of this date.
  + Greenwood Cemetery: During March 19th’s committee meeting, it was decided that lot fees for non-members would increase to $300. Jeff Langenhorst will take care of the mowing season again this year.
  + **Unfinished Business:**

1. Background Checks/Bonding – Update: from Guide One which stated that the church has an umbrella policy that provides coverage for employee theft and forgery.

**New Business:**

1. Thrivent Choice Dollars – 2 designations were made to the Church for the Elevator Fund.

**Calendar:** changes were submitted to the calendar.

**Adjournment:**

Diane Marty made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:12 pm, Dawn Shepard seconded. Motion carried.

Closed with the Lord’s Prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Carrie Hesse, Council Secretary

**CLCW BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

Wednesday, April, 17 2024 9:00 AM

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Wednesday, April 17, 2024 9:00 AM

**PRESENT:** Peggy Rindt, Mary Kautz, Alice Arneson, Carol Heiman, Agnes Wege, and Gloria Krause.

The meeting was called to order by Mary at 9:00 AM

**DEVOTIONS:** The April devotions were given by Gloria. Carol will give the May devotions.

**MINUTES:** The minutes of the Wednesday, March 13, 2024 meeting were read. MM/S Alice/Mary to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

**TREASURER’S REPORT:** The treasurer’s report was given by Carol. The balance in the account on

April 17, 2024, is $3,958.87. MM/S Alice/Peggy to approve the treasurer’s report. Motion carried.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** None

**FUNERALS SERVED:** Vernon Gross

**OLD BUSINESS:** 260 people were served at our Spring Salad Luncheon. A report of the luncheon was given by Alice and Gloria. $2,011.00 was the profit from the sales, and $288.00 was taken in at the card/cutlery table. The Thrivent card was used to purchase supplies for the event. Notes were made of quantities of items made for the luncheon, which will be used in planning next year’s luncheon. We compared the consumption of foods and will attempt to critique the numbers of each salad/item needed for next year’s luncheon. Advertising for the event was discussed and ways to improve were noted. Next year we will send letters to local businesses/factories advertising the luncheon and also the availability of carry outs. The board feels we had a very successful luncheon and thanks to all who helped in any way to make this happen.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Discussed possible theme’s for next year’s luncheon.

The next CLCW Board meeting will be held Wednesday, May 8, 2024 at 9:00 AM

MM/S Carol/Alice to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy Rindt

***CHRISTUS BROTHERHOOD***

Church Camp, N11605 Boy Scout Ln., Clintonville, WI, 54929

President: Larry Marty, Vice President: Scott Wait,

Treasurer: Brent Rogers, Secretary: Scott Stevenson

**March, 7 2024 MEETING**

A satisfying and grateful thanks to the Zarlings who provided the awsum and hardy evenings meal and refreshments at 6:04 PM.

* President Larry Marty called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM then led the group in devotions.

**Secretary's Report:**

The February 1**,** 2024 minutes were reviewed. MM/S Derek Meyer/Brent Rogers to approve these minutes. Motion approved.

**Treasurer's Report:**

* Brent Rogers gave his report MM/S Scott Stevenson/Kevin Zarling to approve the treasurers report.

Motion approved. There were no bills.

**Old Business:**

* Scott Wait reported that all Camp lodge lights were replaced with LED lights. We're waiting for the bill. Scott also reported that the new Camp front door is ordered. Larry Laude will install when arrives.
* The Christus Elevator Fund donation was discussed. MM/S Scott Wait/Mike Streicher to donate $1000.00 to the elevator fund from the Brotherhood. Motion Approved.
* The mens Ecumenical Lenten breakfasts continue on Saturdays, March 9th through March 23rd at 7:30 AM at St. Rose School basement.

**Correspondence:**

* None

**New Business:**

* The Brotherhood sponsored Easter Breakfast will be held cafeteria style on Easter Sunday, March 31st in the Christus fellowship hall after the sunrise service. Brent Rogers applied for financial assistance from Thrivent and Kwik Trip.
* Carl Keller Helping Hands Day will be Saturday, May 4th at the Camp. Spring clean-up from 9AM until 12 noon. A lunch will be served at 1PM. That days duties will be discussed at the next meeting.

All Christus members are invited to help that day.

* Brent Rogers reported that four acres of Camp property are due to be assessed under the Forest Management contract Brent will checkout the details with the DNR.
* Scott Wait reported on Camp maintenance projects that need to be addressed. Replace the motion light by the shop door, cleaning up the wood shed and the replacement of the fence around the circle driveway.
* MM/S Dave Henselin/Jeff Langenhorst to adjourn at 7:26 PM. Motion approved

**Announcements:**

* The next Brotherhood meeting will be 6:30 PM, Thursday, May 2nd at our Christus Church Camp with the Streichers serving a meal and refreshments at 6 PM. Camp gates will be open by 5 PM for a pre-meeting work bee. All male confirmed members of Christus are also members of the Brotherhood. New members are always welcome and invited to attend this meeting to help manage your Camp.
* A greatful Brotherhood thank you goes out to John Peeters and family for the generous donation of dry, cut and split firewood to the Camp.
* A Brotherhood thank you also goes out to all the attendees, volunteers and donations of coffee cakes for the annual Christus Easter Breakfast. Your support is always appreciated.

The church office will be closed

Memorial Day

Monday, May 27, 2024



**Attendance Statistics**

**2023 YouTube 2024 YouTube**

Apr. 2\* 270 36 Mar. 24\* 208

Apr. 6\*\* 166 Mar. 28\*\* 114

Apr. 7\*\*\* 118  Mar. 29\*\*\* 102

Apr. 9\*\*\*\* 398 45 Mar. 31\*\*\*\* 376

Apr. 16 161 24 Apr. 7 112

Apr. 23 194 12 Apr. 14 231

Apr. 30 157 Apr. 21

\*Palm Sunday \*\*Maundy Thursday \*\*\* Good Friday \*\*\*\*Easter

For your baking and cooking!

The CLCW has a dark and clear imitation

**Vanilla For Sale -$3.00 per** B**ottle**

Items can be purchased in the church office.

Also dishcloths for $1.25

Also greeting cards 1.25 per card or $6.50 per box

**Benevolence for May**

45% -Keller’s Lake Day Camp

10% - Global Lutheran Outreach

10% - Community Lutheran, Zapopan, Jalisco (Mexico)

10% - Tunnel to Towers Foundation

10% - St. Paul Lutheran Seminary

5% - LCMC

5% - Augustana District of LCMC

5% - Lutheran Disaster Assistance Fund

A heart with bells and ribbons

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| **10** | Bob & Cindy Stanislawski | 38 |
| **11** | Mike & Tina Streicher | 28 |
| **12** | Kermit & Delores Derozier | 45 |
| **17** | Ronald & Natalie Schwartz | 44 |
| **21** | Sarah & Bob Pinno | 30 |
| **24** | Mike & Jo Westphal | 38 |
| **26** | Ron & Judy Pahlow | 62  *If your anniversary is not listed here it is not in our membership records. Please call the office with your date!* |
| **31** | Robert & Dolly Koeller | 21 |
| **31** | Todd & Amy Prellwitz | 16 |
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***LAST DAY FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL!***

***MAY 19, 2024***

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**Congratulations to our First Communion Students, who received their first holy communion on Maundy Thursday at The Seder Meal on March 28th.**

Eleanor Blashe Brenna Gross

Jacob Hansen Adam Pingel

Shane Skotzke

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**“CHANGE FOR CHANGE”**

**A red purse with gold coins falling out of it

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Will go towards the Lions Club

Wheelchair Ramps

**Baccalaureate is May 19, 2024, 8am**

*A graduation cap on a diploma

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School Graduates!

~ *Peyton Kautz ~ Morgan Knapp*

*~ Matthew Shelton ~ Grant Muthig*

God Bless and Direct Your Days,

Your Deeds, Your Studies, Your Work!

**\*\*\*\* Please Save Your \*\*\*\***

**TADYCH’S MARKETPLACE RECEIPTS**

We participate in their fundraiser which gives a percentage of the total sales receipts back to participating organizations. Please drop them in the offering basket during services, slip them into the wooden drop box by the 16th street door, or mail them to the church office! **Thank you!**

**May Library News**

People of the Bible   by Cecil Northcott

     This book is written in a simple language that children and young adults can understand .It covers major events of Bible times and lives of real people during Bibical times.

Repentance     booklet by J. C. Ryle

     What does it mean to repent and why is it necessary?  Except you repent, you will all likewise perish.  Luke 13:3 .

When The World Ends   pamphlet  by Dr. Arden W. Mead

     How will the world end?  When will it end ?  Is it all planned out for us already ?

**Youth News**

*Kwik Trip Car wash cards are available for $36.00 for 5 Ultimate Car Washes.*

*Indoor Rummage Sale May 11th. Items can be dropped off Mon-Thur 8am-6pm. All proceeds go to Youth Missions.*

*Youth Service Project, Birthday Cake Boxes. Birthday Boxes are for the Community Food Pantry.*

Clintonville Food Pantry

There are baskets for donations located in the narthex and across from the church office. Thank You

The pantry is open every Monday from 11:00am – 1:00pm, and Thursdays, 3:00 – 5:00pm. The Clintonville Area Food Pantry phone number is 823-5461.

Basic items that they always like to receive are: tuna cereal, spaghetti & spaghetti sauce, soup, crackers, applesauce, peanut butter, pork & beans, canned vegetables, canned fruits, macaroni & cheese, bar soap. toilet paper. Also appreciated & needed are cleaning supplies.



**26B 10th St., ClintonvilleA map of a city

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***SALAD LUNCHEON “Wrap Up”***

The CLCW board would like to thank everyone who helped by providing all the delicious salads and other food items for the luncheon, and to those who helped set-up, decorate, clean up, or helped in any other capacity. It was another very successful event, and many thanks also to the 260 who attended and supported us.

We are talking about and planning for another Salad Luncheon in 2025. Our proceeds help to send our Youth to camp, and other youth gatherings throughout the year, to purchase needed items for our nice kitchen. Also helped to donate towards our new elevator, and many other projects. Thank you all for your willingness to help.

**May Volunteers**

Communion Set-up: Diane Marty

Altar Flower: Mary Jo Johnson

Oil Filler: Connie King

Pew Maintenance: Gloria Krause

**GREENWOOD CEMETERY**

*Owned and operated by Christus Lutheran Church*

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The cemetery is on County Road Y, just north of Hwy 156.

Go east from the Citgo Station on N. Main St., turn left on Y

The cemetery is 2/10ths of a mile on the left

Christus members may obtain a burial lot for no charge, and pay a one-time perpetual care fee of $300.00.

[Non-members purchase the burial lot for $300.00 and also pay the perpetual care fee of $300.00]

You may obtain a copy of the cemetery policies in the Church Office.

**As a reminder**: winter decorations must be removed by April 1st, and summer decorations may not be placed before May 1st.

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**May Daily Texts**

*(Worship texts in* ***bold italics****)*

1 Leviticus 19:1-18; 1 Thessal. 5:12-28; Matthew 6:19-24

2 Leviticus 19:26-37; 2 Thessal. 1:1-12; Matthew 6:25-34

3 Leviticus 23:1-22; 2 Thessal.2:1-17; Matthew 7:1-12

4 Leviticus 23:23-44; 2 thessal.3:1-18; Matthew 7:13-21

***5 Acts 10:34-48; Ps.98; 1 John 5:1-8; John 15:9-17***

6 Leviticus 25:35-55; Colossians 1:9-14; Matthew 13:1-16

7 Leviticus 26:1-20; 1 Timothy 2:1-6; Matthew 13:18-23

8 Leviticus 26:27-42; Ephesians 1:1-10; Matthew 22:41-46

9 Daniel 7:9-14; Hebrews 2:5-18; Matthew 28:16-20

10 1 Samuel 2:1-10; Ephesians 2:1-10; Matthew 7:22-27

11 Numbers 11:16-29; Ephesians 2:11-22; Matthew 7:28-8:4

***12 Acts 1:12-26; Ps.1; 1 John 5:9-15; John 17:11b-19***

13 Joshua 1:1-9; Ephesians 3:1-13; Matthew 8:5-17

14 1 Samuel 16:1-13a; Ephesians 3:14-21; Matthew 8:18-27

15 Isaiah 4:2-6; Ephesians 4:1-16; Matthew 8:28-34

16 Zechariah 4:1-14; Ephesians 4:17-32; Matthew 9:1-8

17 Jeremiah 31:27-34; Ephesians 5:1-32; Matthew 9:9-17

18 Ezekiel 36:22-27; Ephesians 6:1-24; Matthew 9:18-26

***19 Ezekiel 37:1-14; Ps.139:1-18; Acts 2:1-21; John 15:26-16:14***

20 Ezekiel 33:1-11; 1 John 1:1-10; Matthew 9:27-34

21 Ezekiel 33:21-33; 1 John 2:1-11; Matthew 9:35-10:4

22 Ezekiel 34:1-16; 1 John 2:12-17; Matthew 10:5-15

23 Ezekiel 37:21b-28; 1 John 3:1-10; Matthew 10:16-23

24 Ezekiel 39:21-29; 1 John 3:1-10; Matthew 10:24-33

25 Ezekiel 47:1-12; 1 John 3:11-18; Matthew 10:34-42

***26 Isaiah 6:1-8; Ps.29; Acts 2:23-35; John 3:1-17***

27 Proverbs 3:11-20; 1 John 3:18-4:6; Matthew 11:1-6

28 Proverbs 4:1-27; 1 John 4:7-21; Matthew 11:7-15

29 Proverbs 6:1-19; 1 John 5:1-12; Matthew 11:16-24

30 Proverbs 7:1-27; 1 John 5:13-21; Matthew 11:25-30

31 Proverbs 8:1-21; 2 John 1-13; Matthew 12:1-14

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1. “Vernal Sentiment,” T. Roethke (1908-1963) [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. Amos 9:13 [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. Such is my musical taste, favoring whatever finds a harmony in my mind and heart, popular or not. The song is “Routine” by Steven Wilson, © 2015, kscope music [↑](#footnote-ref-3)