CLC Joyful Noise - August 2026

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COMING EVENTS

August 2—Kringle Mingle after worship

August 9— 10 AM combined CLC/MLC outdoor worship *At Fox River Perk Pavillion #1* *see pp. 10-11*

August 16 at 9:30am—Christ's Crew meeting

September 10—due date for "Come From Away" tickets, menu choice for OCTOBER 9 matinee

September 13 Sunday School is to resume. *Updated registrations forms will be required.*

October 27th-Versiti Blood drive at CLC 3pm-7pm

WORSHIP OUTSIDE
10:00 AM
AUGUST 9th at
Fox River Park
Pavilion #1

Join us for in-person Sunday Worship at 8:30 AM, and for Weekly Online Worship on Facebook Live at 10:30 AM

Invite your Friends and Neighbors!

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Pastor's Pages

"The single biggest problem in communication is the illusion that it has taken place."

- George Bernard Shaw, Nobel Prize-winning playwright

Happy August!!

Summer is flying by! Before we know it, it will be September and the school calendar, as well as the church calendar, will fill up quickly. You know what that means: communication becomes even more important than normal.

What do you think of the above quote? How does this impact us at the church with communication? What happens in communication that somebody thinks it has happened, and someone else never receives the message?

There are so many things involved in communication. But the main issues that happen in communication is that it involves human beings. Whether a message is communicated depends on how it is told and how it is received. That means we rely on the person giving the message and the person receiving the message. And since we're human, that is always a sticky situation.

What is the solution? I wish I could tell you that there is a 100% fool-proof solution, but alas, there is not. However, one thing that I believe increases communication by quite a bit is engagement. Engagement on the part of both the giver and receiver of information.

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Rental Coordinator - Lindsay Fonk

Christ Lutheran Church Council 2026

President - Jeff Dittmer (2026-2028)

Vice President—TBD

Secretary - Lindsay Fonk (2026-2028)

JoAnn Bolton — Robin Frenzel (2024-2026)

Julie Kantor (2025-2027) — Jessica Steffenhagen (2024-26)

Juanita Kluender (2024-2026) — **OPEN** — youth representative

Pastor Melody Brink — **Treasurer**—Christopher Rainey

CLC Council

CLC Council meets the second Monday of each month at 6:30pm.

CLC Council members are elected during the CLC annual meeting to serve terms. The Annual Meeting is typically in February. The new council for a given year then determines Council Officers and who will be the Council Contacts for each of the committees.

*THE NEXT CLC COUNCIL MEETING IS **August 10th** at 6:30PM*

CLC has several committees to distribute the church workload among church members. The committees report into the council. Talk with a council member (page 15) or Pastor Melody about committee contacts or your interests.

CLC Committees

Ideally, each church committee will have a committee chair and additional committee members who meet separately from Council, but still report updates to the Council. Sadly, there are many 'ghost committees' at CLC. Please prayerfully consider your time and talents for your potential participation in a CLC committee:

COMMUNITY OUTREACH
CONGREGATIONAL LIFE
STEWARDSHIP
MEMORIAL
WORSHIP
CONGREGATIONAL SUPPORT
FINANCE
RENTALS
PROPERTY & GROUNDS

Please speak with Pastor or a Council Member if you are interested

Pastor's Pages -continued

Givers of information have to engage by not only knowing exactly what they want to communicate, but also by having a good understanding of WHO they are communicating with. Receivers of information need to engage by really listening to the information and asking questions if there is something they didn't quite catch or even just want to clarify.

These two things will make communication much more effective. So friends here at CLC, put this into practice. When you are at the church building for a meeting or for worship, I want you to take some time to practice these ideas. Afterwards, think about what you heard communicated to you.

As researcher of courage, vulnerability, shame, and empathy, I focus on being curious and not judgmental. Engagement is a big part of that, and I will focus more on being curious and not judgmental in communication for next month's newsletter.

In God's Peace and Love,

Pastor Melody

CLC Electric Sign Report

Diane Swanson, Jessica Steffenhagen, and I are progressing with the bid process for a new electronic sign out by the road. Currently we have three bids (both using our existing sign and erecting a new "monument-style" sign) from three companies. We are waiting for two more companies to submit their bids. There are many factors to take into account - size of the board, clarity (pixel size), permits needed, electricity needs (likely will need to run additional power to the area), new logos installed (CLC and ELCA), etc. We are hopeful that we will have these five bids to look over, clarify the details, come to a consensus as a committee with a recommendation, and present our findings to Council at an upcoming meeting - either August or September. If you have questions, please feel free to contact one of us.

Thank you. Greg Strom

August Birthdays

August 17 - Brennan Eads

Happy Birthday Brennan!

The next outing is Friday October 9th "Come From Away," a Tony Award-winning musical that was born out of the tragedy of September 11, 2001. The show description is posted on the CLC bulletin board.

Registration, menu choice & payment due to CLC office by Thursday 9/10.

Sign-up, pay and choose your meal by Sept. 10. Cash or checks to "Cross Lutheran Church". Hand in your choices and payments to Julie Fugate in the CLC office. Julie F./ Pastor Melody will turn over all registrations with payments to Anita Mucci at Cross Lutheran Church.

Property & Grounds

Thank you to volunteers who are helping to care for the church property and grounds. Kristie and her grandchildren Alex and Amelia have been caring for one of the gardens along Hwy 50.

Jeff Grussing and Jerry Anderson have been mowing the vast lawns. JoAnn Bolton has scheduled some clean up dates for planting and weeding with several volunteer who helped plant the new hydrangeas and stella dora lilies. Further weeding needs no schedule. No need to wait for a work date if you would like to help!

Christ's Crew Mtg. August 16 Agenda

Christ's Crew Meeting August 16, 2026

AGENDA

1 Opening Prayer

2 Attendance

3 Treasurer's Report

4 Old Business:

School Supplies for Sharing Center

Thanks to everyone for your participation in this project. Many items were collected for delivery during the first week in August.

Stuffed Animals for Bristol Fire Department

We exceeded the number of stuffed animals requested. Donations will be acknowledged during the 8/16/26 worship service and items will be delivered in the week thereafter.

Versiti Blood Drive at CLC on 10/27/26

Greg and Beatriz continue to work on this project and will update the group at today's meeting.

Community Outreach Table at Local Event/s

Phone calls were placed with no responses. Sharon also contacted Thrivent for possible exposure at their future events and we'll be contacted if/when the opportunity arises.

This has proven to be a difficult task as it seems publicly sponsored events do not want to be connected to a specific religious affiliation. Sharon and Sue will continue to investigate possibilities for us to get ourselves out into the community.

We bought a farm!

Thank you to several donors who contributed to the VBS fundraiser toward the purchase of a farm, we were successful in raising $735, exceeding the goal of $715. The extra $20 may be used toward additional farm supplies. Messiah Lutheran also met the goal, so they will be buying a farm as well! Thank you all for your donations!

ELCA.org/goodgifts

What to bring:

- comfortable chair(s) if you cannot tolerate picnic table seating.
- A yummy dish to pass
- Outdoor games
- A friend or many friends

CHRIST AND MESSIAH

August 9th 10AM outdoor worship

AT FOX RIVER PARK PAVILION 1

HWY F (9521 304TH AVE), SILVER LAKE, WI

DIRECTIONS:

The drive from CLC to the park is about 9-11 minutes.

From CLC, go west on HWY 50 past the stoplight at 50/83. Drive past the BP gas station on the left and immediately after Mc Donalds, turn left onto highway F. Continue on Hwy F to and past Silver Lake, pass HWY B, past the Dairy Queen. The park is on the south side of the road (HWY F) before you reach HWY W. Enter Fox River Park by turning onto Paul Swartz Memorial Parkway. After entry, park in the first lot on the left side.

CLC FINANCIAL Weekly Snapshots

Row Labels	Expenses	Receipts	Grand Total
5/31/2026	-$628.31	$1,075.00	$446.69
6/7/2026	-$767.52	$3,175.00	$2,407.48
6/14/2026	-$915.96	$2,250.11	$1,334.15
6/21/2026	-$1,015.16	$631.00	-$384.16
6/28/2026	-$6,587.61	$1,085.00	-$5,502.61
Grand Total	**-$9,914.56**	**$8,216.11**	**-$1,698.45**

Thank you for your generosity!

Thank you for your care and support in sharing God's love in the greater community. Thank you for

- Food Donations to support the Sharing Center/YMCA summer meal program, which continues through Tuesday August 18th at Lakewood Elementary 10:45-11:30am and at Salem Community Park 12:00pm-12:45pm.
- School supplies
- Stuffed animals, baby receiving blankets and sensory toys to be donated to the Bristol Fire Department for distribution during calls.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Save the Date: Sunday School at 9:45 is to resume Sept. 13th						1
2 Kringle Mingle	3	4	5	6	7	8
8:00 AM Choir ***8:30 AM Worship & Holy Communion*** ***9:30 Choir*** ***9:30am Kringle Mingle***	***7:00PM*** *AA Meeting FH*	*Cleaning kids 9:30-11am* ***10:00 AM*** *Heavenly Hands*				
9 FOX RIVER PK	10	11	12	13	14	15
10:00 AM Worship & Holy Communion *At Fox River Park Pavilion #1*	***10am Rebekah Circle*** ***6:30 PM COUNCIL Mtg*** ***7:00PM*** *AA Mtg. FH*	*CLEANING KIDS 9:30-11* ***10:00 AM*** *Heavenly Hands*				
16 Christ's Crew	17	18	19	20	21	22
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