

Christ the Victor Lutheran Church

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CTV MISSION STATEMENT

*Unite in the Victory of
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- *Serve the
Community*
- *Grow Strong
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*Through our Faith in
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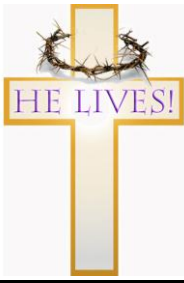
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THE MESSENGER MAY 2016

- 5-3 WELCA 11:30 AM
- 5-12 Council Meeting 7:00 PM
- 5-14 Men's Breakfast 8:00 AM
- 5-15 Pentecost 9:30 AM
- 5-17 Hebron House 12:00 PM
- 5-22 DEADLINE FOR JUNE MESSENGER
- 5-25 Breakfast Club 8:00 AM

Sunday Worship Service at 9:30 am

PASTOR PAUL IHLENFELD
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STAFF

Pastor
Paul Ihlenfeld

Musician
Charmaine Siagian

CHURCH COUNCIL OFFICERS

President
Tom Hartman

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Lori Link

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Scott Bruni

Assistant Treasurer
Sondra Swessel

Secretary
Susan Kolberg-Gonzalez

COMMITTEE

CHAIRPERSONS

Building & Grounds
Bobbe & Roger Rybak
Christian Education

Congregational Life
Joan Swessel

Evangelism
Bobbe Rybak
Social Ministry

Stewardship
Tom Hartman

Worship & Music
Dick Beierle

CHILDREN'S EDUCATION

Sunday School
Superintendent

Sondra Swessel
Christ's Kids Choir Director
Joan Swessel

WELCOME SPRING EVERYONE!!!

I remember wondering, as a boy, why God didn't do miracles any more like he did for the disciples—like walking on water and raising people from the dead. I thought that seeing some really miraculous things would help me to trust him more.

I was thirty-something when that question was answered. It was during the month of May, when all the trees and bushes and gardens were exploding with new shoots and leaves and blossoms. As I pondered, a bit more than usual, the beauty, the goodness and the purposeful complexity of it all, I knew that life was saturated with miracles, just as awesome as Jesus walking on water. I recall myself laughing at my old question about why God doesn't do miracles anymore, and realized that it was the question of a blind man who was limited in his awareness of the awesome reality he was a part of.

Then, John 1:4 came to mind: "The Word was the source of life, and this life brought light to mankind. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has never put it out."

My prayer for us all during this month of May is that our eyes may be open to see the fullness of His Light in this mystery we call life that is resurrecting around us. It is God's glory and love made available for us to see, touch, smell, feel, and enjoy.

Happy Spring!

Pastor Paul

“Transforming ordinary people into extraordinarily, loving friends”

As we move into phase II of our search for a new Pastor, I want to remind everyone of the Call Committee composition:

Pat Foy, Carolyn Ruud, Dick Beierle, Bobbe Rybak, Joan Swessel and Tom Hartman. I feel that these individuals represent a good cross-section of the members of CTV.

Pastor Kristin Nielsen, Dir. Of Rostered Leadership at the Greater Milwaukee Synod office, will be assisting us through this process. By following the recommendations enumerated in the Call Process Manual, we can be assured that all the necessary considerations and steps will be addressed, that in turn optimizes our search and selection of our next pastoral leader. Pastor Kristin attended our April 14th council meeting and presented a comprehensive review of CTV's role in the call process. She also explained the Synod's role as well and what we can expect in the way of the selection of candidates submitted for our consideration.

I would like to reiterate a concept that is written in the Call Process Manual (page 43): “The foremost question for the Call Committee always is whether this is the person God requires this congregation to have as its Pastor. Human preferences and personalities never come before the mission to which God calls God's Church. That is why every meeting of the Call Committee should include prayer for the guidance of the Holy Spirit in the work that is being done (pp. 5-10).”

Last year, our Mission Exploration Team (MET), with the input and approval of the congregation, formulated the Purpose, Giftedness and Mission for Christ The Victor. I believe that each Call Committee member needs to keep these in the forefront while considering any candidates for our next Pastor.

Following the April 17th worship service, the call committee met in the Sacristy and selected Pat Foy as the chairperson and Tom Hartman as secretary. We also reviewed a timeline of activities and agreed to hold our committee meetings at CTV following the Sunday worship service. Please be assured that the congregation will be kept in the information loop regarding the call committee activities.

Respectfully submitted,
Tom Hartman

ANNIVERSARY AND BIRTHDAY GREETINGS:

Our best wishes to those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries in May. If you would like to be included in the monthly greetings please contact Irene at ihoernke@wi.rr.com, or give her a call at 262-679-3946. Thank you.



5-6 Lucas Hanevold
5-20 Edwin Stenske



W.E.L.C.A.

Tuesday, May 3rd, will be the next WELCA meeting. We gather at 11:30 AM for lunch (bring a sandwich or something to microwave), and our hostess will serve dessert and coffee/tea. There will be a devotion followed by a business meeting. Then comes the fun part – cleaning all of the kitchen cabinets.

The last WELCA gathering before the summer break is Tuesday, June 7th, at 11:30 AM Over the past several

years we have met for lunch at a nearby restaurant. The WELCA members extend an invitation to all of the CTV ladies to join us. It has turned out to be a cordial time with great conversation, great food and service at the Bakers Square Restaurant located between Bluemound Road and the Watertown Plank Road at Moreland Road. We order from the menu, have separate checks, and if you have a Bakers Square Restaurant coupon, bring it along. If you would like to join the group – and we hope you do – please call Lois Selle (262-784-9614) by Sunday, June 5th.

HOPE CENTER

The “Undies Sunday” donations were taken to the Hope Center on Monday, April 4th. The following is a breakdown of the clothes that were so gratefully acknowledged.

Ladies’ underwear – 6 pair and 101 pair of socks
Men’s tee and athletic shirts – 18, 20 underwear and 26 pair socks
Boy’s underwear – 20 pair and 4 pair socks
Girl’s underwear – 7 pair and 54 pair socks

THANK YOU EVERYONE!

PILL BOX UPDATE

Here are some interesting facts about the success of collecting pill bottles:

Bottles collected and shipped – October – December 2015 – 228
Bottles collected and shipped – January – April 12, 2016 -- 819
Total 1047

THE W.E.L.C.A. PLANT SALE

Our thanks go out to so many of you who purchased plants in the past. Thank you also to those who found that their order had some glitch. We understand that there are many new people at Caan Floral and last year was a particularly strange year. We appreciate your understanding.

We are sad to announce that W.E.L.C.A. will no longer sponsor a plant sale. It is just too difficult, physically, for so few of us to get the job done. Thank you and God bless you for supporting this sale for so many years.

We had been able to return every cent of profit to the needs of C.T.V. It would be wonderful if a younger group would decide to carry on this tradition. Caan Floral had provided us with beautiful plants at a fair price. We would be glad to pass on the information.

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

Please keep the following members of Christ the Victor in your prayers.

Milt Latva	John & Jeanne Skorstad	
Valerie Rieck	Jerry Masnica	
Jodi Schneeberg	Bruce Wagner	Carol & Mike Rytkenon

CHURCH ATTENDANCE

March 27 thru April 17, 2016

4 Sundays at 9:30 am

Average Attendance

41 Adults

2 Children

Save the Date: Flock of Three Church Service and Picnic

Sunday June 5, 2016 At Valley View Park Area #1

STORM WINDOWS and SLOPPY JOES SUNDAY, MAY 1st following the service



Please plan to join us following the service. We will be taking off the storms, cleaning the screens and "Summerizing" our beautiful property. A lunch of sloppy Joes and --- will follow. Please bring your rakes, gloves and kneeling pads. We would like to thank Lois Selle for the generous gift of a wheelbarrow to save the many trips to the compost pile.

There is a sign-up sheet on the Bulletin Board in the Narthex. We pray for a blessing of MANY HANDS doing GOD'S WORK!!

HEBRON HOUSE MEAL SCHEDULE TUESDAY, MAY 17 by 12:30

Main Dish	Doris Elias	789-0125
Choice; Milk, Eggs Juice or Juice boxes	Irene Hoernke	679-3946
Starch and/or Veggies	Bea Kolberg	782-5542
Fruit or Fruit Salad	Charlotte Honeck	782-7796
Salad	Sue Wilderman	(414) 491-9758
Main Dish	Shelly Lucchesi	786-1425
Driver	Carolyn Ruud	784-0059

DRIVER: If you are unable to drive, please call Tom or Dick, as they have volunteered to drive when needed. Please call team members by the Thursday before, as we are entering vacation season and need to give them time to find a sub. Thank you

Team Members: Please check your calendar and find a sub if you will be unable to serve. Perhaps a member of the other team would be willing to prepare. You will still be responsible for the cost.

ATTENTION PLEASE ALL C.T.V. MEMBERS – We need one pair of willing hands to fill in the Hebron Schedule that has been left vacant by Joanne Krause.. Thank you for considering this.

Thanks, Bobbe

CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to Erica Wagner, daughter of Lori Link and Bruce Wagner, for finishing the Boston Marathon April 18th in a time of 3 hours, 22 minutes, 14 seconds. Great going Erica!!!



JOIN US FOR A THOUGHT PROVOKING MORNING
At the
ROB BELL VIDEO BIBLE STUDY
WEDNESDAY, MAY 18TH, 9:30 at GETHSEMANE

Each of these DVDs is a separate study. If you have not attended in the past, please give it a try.
You will be blessed with a morning of God's messages, welcoming fellowship and goodies. (Of course ☺)

CTV Council Meeting – March 10, 2016

Present: Pastor Paul, Tom Hartman, Dick Beirele, Scott Bruni, Bobbe Rybak and Lori Link.

Call to Order: Tom called the meeting to order at 7:07 pm.

Minutes: Copy of Feb's minutes are on file. Lori motioned to accept, Dick seconded.

Pastor's report: Refer to report on file. Call Committee:

President's report: 1) Pastor Kristin (Synod) was invited to attend the April 14 or May 12 Council meeting to discuss the Call process and status; include Pat Foy & Carolyn Ruud as well. 2) Holy Cross is ending their lease at CTV, using a room at Carroll College, starting week of March 13th. Although very welcomed at CTV, they believe CC will better meet their spatial requirements. 3) Tom directed attention to focus areas; refer to report on file.

Treasurer report: Scott's reports are on file. Highlights: Actual funds are slightly below budget, due in part to a 3-payroll month (Jan). Discussed the loss of lease revenue—approx \$400/mo (\$6000/yr). All current expenses are paid up. The Lenten Wed loose offering collected has been added into the next Sunday's total.

Asst Treasurer: Sondra Swessel has been training on the software used for maintaining members' weekly offerings. A few lines are being adjusted for clarification (eg Rent Income). Quarterly pledge reports will be printed only if they are requested rather than in bulk. Many members don't require a copy, except year-end.

Worship & Music – Lenten Soup Suppers have been well attended and preparation/clean-up has gone well. Reviewed Easter Week schedule; also on our website.

Building & Grounds – Rogers's report is on file. Carpet repair was completed, for now. Roger should receive a final proposal for repairing the outdoor sign from Al Beirele. \$2,000 had been approved for this expense in January.

Stewardship – Report on file with 2016 pledge count and amounts.

Evangelism – Bobbe met with Pastor & this committee on March 9th. 1) Discussed changing sharing of Peace to the start of worship as to not interrupt the flow of the service. Pastor will announce this next Sunday. 2) The committee recommended that we return to a simpler coffee fellowship following service. Members might more easily agree to provide cookies and breads rather than cheese, meats or other foods. Narthex sign up sheet is posted.

Congregational Life – Joan will implement a monthly or quarterly Birthday Brunch. Article to follow with details.

Social Ministry – “Undies Sunday” baskets are ready to be filled for the April 4th collection date. A few members have spoken with Lois (and Bobbe) about taking over some of the current committee ministries including Meru Coffee. Lois will create a description of each area for volunteer's reference.

Old Business – Can Jan Annual meeting minutes be brought to the next Council meeting? Lori will provide Tom a copy for review first; copies to be available at April's meeting.

New Business – Scott is getting a bid for a new all-in-one Canon copy machine. He'll compare the cost of our current machine, toner and monthly maintenance contact and report back.

Dismissal – President adjourned the meeting @8:49 pm. Pastor led a closing prayer. Next meeting is April 14th

Submitted by: Lori Link

Christ the Victor Lutheran Church Council Minutes
April 14, 2016

Present: Tom Hartman*, Dick Beierle*, Scott Bruni, Sue Kolberg Gonzalez, Lori Link, Bobbe Rybak*, Roger Rybak, Lois Selle, Joan Swessel* and Sondra Swessel.

Guests: Pastor Kristin Nielsen, Director of Rostered Leadership, ELCA-Greater Milwaukee Synod, and Call Committee member Carolyn Ruud. *Also on Call Committee (Pat Foy, Call Committee member, out-of-town.)

Call to Order: Tom called the meeting to order at 7:04pm.

Joint Call Committee/Council Meeting – The majority of the meeting Pastor Nielsen provided an overview and answered questions regarding Forming the Call Committee (CTV has done), how candidates are identified, and candidate interviewing. Next steps: Call Committee will meet before the end of April to discuss interview priorities/questions. Tom also has the “Call Process Manual” as a resource for the Committee.

Council Meeting

Minutes: Copy of March 2016 minutes are on file. Tom moved to accept; Joan seconded.

Pastor's Report: Pastor not in attendance since Pastor Nielsen present to discuss the Call Process.

Vice President Report: No report

Treasurer's Report: Scott Bruni's reports are on file.

Assistant Treasurer's Report: Sondra Swessel noted that there is some fine tuning to be done on the new reporting format. If congregation members want a quarterly statement, they should ask Sondra. These will not be generated otherwise.

Worship and Music –

- Dick noted that the Lenten Soup Suppers averaged about 50 attendees. The total freewill offering for the New Berlin Food Pantry totaled \$521.
- Annual joint worship/picnic with Gethsemane and Reformation churches is set for June 5th, 10:00 a.m. at Valley View Park, New Berlin.

Building and Grounds –

- Roger reported that Al Beierle provided an estimate to refurbish the sign on the corner of Moorland and Coffee Roads. Tom moved and Joan seconded that, per the 2016 Annual Meeting, the expenditure of \$2000 was approved. The sign will be removed during repairs. Joan suggested a banner could be placed on the corner during this time. Roger will bring back Al's second estimate for the Council's review after Al's had a chance to review any potential electrical needs for the sign.
- The cross in the front of the church blew over in strong winds. Al plans to put a steel base on the cross and set it in concrete.
- Roger will look into spring maintenance of the lawn mowers.
- May 1st will be CTV Spring Cleaning Day. Volunteers are needed.
- Bobbe requested that a wheeled “container” be purchased to assist those who work in the CTV yard. Lois Selle volunteered to pay for it.
- The chemical treatment of the trees will also be done.

Stewardship – No updates so no written report.

Social Ministry –

- Lois Selle provided updates. New team members to take over Lois' responsibilities are still needed.
- Lois delivered donations from "Undies Sunday" to the Hope Center where they were very well received.
- Friday, 5/20/16 – CTV will serve the evening meal at the Hope Center.
- This summer, Social Ministry will make plans for the assembly of the lunches for the Guest House on 9/12/16.

Congregational Life – Joan has made plans for potlucks for the fourth Sunday of April through August after church. The fellowship time begins 4/24/16 with a baseball theme and celebrating birthdays and anniversaries. Everyone is invited .

Evangelism – Bobbe indicated the committee will meet soon. The focus has been on repairing the outdoor sign on Moorland (see Building and Grounds). She noted that we are trying a new streamlined format with the "Sharing of the Peace" to help visitors feel more comfortable. To otherwise catch up with members, individuals are invited to visit after church during the fellowship time. Note: there has not been a first-time visitor since December, 2015.

Old Business -- The CTV sign (see Building and Grounds)

New Business – 1) Lois indicated that there will not be a plant sale this year although Lori Link had contacted several vendors. WELCA will consider again next year, but this format might not be feasible going forward. Plant sale proceeds had previously gone toward the snow plowing expense. 2) Next month topic – copier.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:20p.m. after Bobbe's closing prayer. Next Meeting: Thursday, May 12, 2016 at 7:00p.m. (Council meetings will now be the second Thursday of each month.)