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## Update from the Call Committee: What Comes Next?

*Please note: this article was written before information from our "Calling on You" initiative was analyzed.*

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Call Committee's *Calling on You* initiative on May 19 — both in person and through the online survey. The day after the event, the Call Committee gathered to look for trends in the responses. You may be asking, "What's next?"

The Call Committee will use the feedback and trends from the May 19 event to prepare the second half of the Ministry Site Profile (MSP), which looks at the future of our congregation and the gifts and skills desired in our next senior pastor.

Once the MSP is completed, it is presented to the congregational council for approval. Once approved, Jack Wilson, Call Committee Chair, hands off the completed MSP to the Synod. It is at that time when interested candidates can be interviewed.

In the meantime, here are answers to questions and statements we have been hearing:

**Can I read the completed MSP?** Unfortunately, no. The council, which consists of elected representatives of our congregation, will read and approve the final MSP document before it is handed over to the Synod.

**When will the MSP be completed?** It is hard to tell. The Call Committee tries to meet weekly, or every other week, as schedules allow. Now that summer has hit, coordinating meeting times may be more challenging. We hope to present the MSP to the council for approval by June or July.

**I know someone who I think would be great for the position!** That is wonderful! However, the process in the ELCA requires candidates to go through our Synod staff member in charge of mobility (Rev. Jen Beamsley). If you have someone you think might be a good fit, invite them to connect with Pastor Jen and present their Rostered Minister Profile (RMP) for consideration.

**When can we meet the potential new senior pastor?** Candidates will meet with the Call Committee first for a series of interviews. Once a candidate is identified as a potential good fit for CLC, he or she will be presented to the council. Following council approval, the congregation will be able to meet the candidate. There may be a "meet and greet" session before the official meeting to vote on accepting the candidate as the new senior pastor.

The Call Committee is committed to keeping the congregation informed of its progress. Your continued prayers are welcomed for its work and God's guidance at every step of the journey.

*Submitted by Deacon Laura and Jack Wilson, Call Committee Chair*



# PATHWAYS Offerings

**Spiritual Practices:** Offered the first Thursday of the month, *Spiritual Practices* introduces us to different ancient practices. Please join us at 10 am on Thursday, June 6, as we partake in a labyrinth walk as part of our faith practice.

**Praying for the World:** Join us at 10 on Saturday morning, June 29 at the Keeling-Puri Peace Plaza (3780 McFarland Road, Rockford, IL) as we join our hearts in prayer for the world. We'll learn about the challenges facing some of the countries whose flags are represented at the Plaza, and lift up prayers collectively for the nations. Rain location is Christ Lutheran.



Brad & Katy Cooper

## In the CLC Family

Christ Lutheran welcomed five young people into full membership through affirmation of baptism on May 5, and received additional new members on May 19.

What a blessing to welcome you all to our church family! May God strengthen our ministry together.



Steve & Jacqui Kudzma



(Confirmation students L-R) Kate Mathiesen, Ellie Mathiesen, Zack Gaddini, Luke Gaddini, Brayden Bullock. Also pictured is Rev. Jeff Clements and Deacon Laura Gorton.

## Financial Update

### First Quarter 2024

Budget YTD	\$ 130,968
Contributions YTD	\$ 152,628
Expenses YTD	\$ 129,593
<b>Net Income (Loss)</b>	<b>\$ 23,035</b>

First quarter contributions exceeded the budget due to some members contributing a larger portion of their pledge in the first quarter, while expenses were less than budgeted.

*Submitted by Jeff Bieck, Treasurer*

## MEF Scholarships and Grants

Scholarship and agency grant candidates are reminded that the Mission Endowment Fund Committee is now receiving applications. Pick up your application in the gathering space or access the online form at [makingChristknown.org](http://makingChristknown.org). Deadline is Friday, June 28 at 12:00 noon.

### June 2

Deuteronomy 5:12-15  
Psalm 81:1-10  
2 Corinthians 4:5-12  
Mark 2:23—3:6

### June 9

Genesis 3:8-15  
Psalm 130  
2 Corinthians 4:13—5:1  
Mark 3:20-35

### June 16

Ezekiel 17:22-24  
Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15  
2 Cor 5:6-10 [11-13] 14-17  
Mark 4:26-34

### June 23

Job 38:1-11  
Psalm 107:1-3, 23-32  
2 Corinthians 6:1-13  
Mark 4:35-41

### June 30

Lamentations 3:22-33  
Psalm 30  
2 Corinthians 8:7-15  
Mark 5:21-43

## Service & Outreach

### Sock Collection

Throughout the summer months, Service & Outreach is collecting new socks for school-age children. Please bring your donations to church and place them in the tub in the gathering space.

### Blood Drive

The bloodmobile is coming back to CLC on Tuesday, June 25 from 2-6 pm. We'll need help setting up, serving food, and cleaning up. Sign up to help or make an appointment on the board near the front door. You can also sign up for an appointment online by [clicking here](#).

## Habitat for Humanity

Mark your calendars! On Saturday, July 13, CLC will take part in a build day for Habitat for Humanity. No experience or tools necessary — they will have supplies and train you for the job you are assigned. The build is from 9 am to 3 pm, with lunch included. Please see Deacon Laura if you are interested in taking part or have any questions.



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for Humanity**<sup>®</sup>

## Summer Singers

EVERYONE is invited to join the Christ Lutheran SUMMER SINGERS!

Are you a shower singer, karaoke star, or former high school choir member? Summer Singers is a great place to continue exercising those vocal cords!

Join us as we create beautiful music to the Glory of God!

**June 16**  
**July 7**  
**August 25**

On these dates, we will rehearse at 9 am for worship at 9:30. We hope you will "add your voice!"



*Spring Cantata / May 5, 2024  
Such beautiful music and  
praise given to God.*



## Summer Worship

Join us each Sunday for worship and Holy Communion at 9:30 am. Online worship continues to be accessible via email and our website on Wednesday evenings.

## CLC Emails and Texts

Are you getting CLC emails and text messages? We know what it's like to be inundated with LOTS of messages, so we do limit the communications we send. Most weeks, two emails go out on Wednesdays: **Weekly Announcements** (2 pm) and **Online Worship** (7 pm). Texts are usually once a month or fewer. If there is news on our call process or other significant matter, we will send out other messages. Don't miss out — send an email with your preferred email address and cell number to Katie Belinson ([katie@makingChristknown.org](mailto:katie@makingChristknown.org)) and we'll get you in the loop!



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# CALLING ALL HEROES!



## HERO HOTLINE VBS

Learn about real heroes from the Bible and the amazing ways they demonstrate their faith. Each day of VBS we'll hear stories,

make crafts, do cool science experiments, play fun games, and enjoy yummy treats. Open to all children ages 3 years to 5th grade (as of spring 2024). Register now as space is limited. See Shirley Collins, VBS Director, with questions. Grab a friend and join the fun! Register in the gathering space or at [makingChristknown.org](http://makingChristknown.org).

**9am to 12pm**

# JUNE 17-20

**FREE** Vacation Bible School