

Christ Church



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SUNDAYS

9:30AM

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Je•sus (jē'zəs)
The Way.
The Truth.
The Life.





August

2026

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
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2 Liturgist-Julie O BVCC Donations Property Committee Meeting	3 Youthworks leader leave	4	5	6	7	8
Darlene will only be in the office on THURSDAY this week						
9 Liturgist-Doris M	10	11	12	13 Finance Meeting Noon Council Meeting at the Pfeifer's 4:30pm	14	15
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Pastor Bob gone through Sept 7						
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Liturgists

Aug 2	Julie Oren
Aug 9	Doris Mayeshiba
Aug 16	Jill Unglaub
Aug 23	Chuck Terlinden
Aug 30	Randene Wick

Quilting

Tuesday, August 25, 9:30am–noon

Sunday Counters

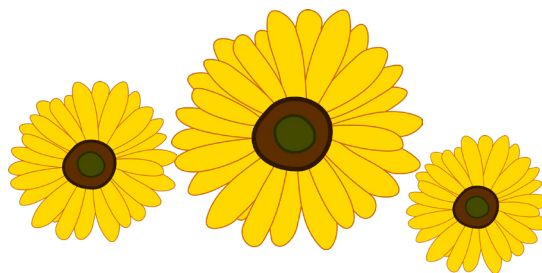
1 st Sunday	Janet Dietert / Mark Pfeifer
2 nd Sunday	Janet Kaye / Joyce Zieman
3 rd Sunday	Danette Volz / Renolle Volz
4 th Sunday	Peggy Carew / Jill Unglaub
5 th Sunday	Debbie Hansen / Doris Mayeshiba

Greeters

Aug 2	Dick & Joan Gaeth
Aug 9	_____
Aug 16	Chuck Terlinden
Aug 23	_____
Aug 30	_____

Coffee Hour

Aug 2	Cristal Ramirez
Aug 9	_____
Aug 16	_____
Aug 23	_____
Aug 30	_____



Property Committee Meeting

Sun, Aug 2 after church

Finance Meeting

Thurs, Aug 13 at noon

Council Meeting

Tues, Aug 13 at 4:30pm at the Pfeifer's house

NO Choir & Handbells in August

Sunday School

There will be no Sunday School classes in August. For more information, contact *Michael Key* or *Pastor Bob*.





Pastor's Letter

Friends,

What follows is a summary of responses to the first question asked at our Cottage Meetings. How would you respond to this question?

1. Reflecting on your entire experience at Christ Church, remember a time when you felt the most engaged, alive, and motivated. Who was involved? What did you do? How did it feel? What happened?

Across these responses, several clear themes emerge about when people felt most engaged, alive, and motivated at Christ Church.

The strongest theme is **relationships and community**. Again and again, people pointed not to a specific program but to the people. They spoke of making lifelong friends, meeting a spouse, reconnecting with people whose families they had known, being encouraged to stay at the church, and experiencing the congregation's support during times of grief. One participant summed it up simply: "It's the people at the church that makes it so great."

A second major theme is **serving alongside others**. Many of the most meaningful experiences involved working together for a common purpose—serving on the pastoral search committee, volunteering at the Hunger Task Force, helping with the rummage sale, organizing Friday night meals during COVID, serving on the Social Concerns committee, teaching Sunday School, and participating in large church dinners. These experiences created a sense of purpose and belonging through shared ministry.

Faith formation and worship also stand out. Confirmation was described as a life-changing experience, with one person saying, "At Confirmation something changed inside me." Others mentioned Sunday worship as the place where they learned about the church's mission and came to love the congregation. Worship in the Park and the Inter-Church Christmas Chorale were also remembered as especially meaningful communal experiences.

Another recurring theme is **welcome, acceptance, and pastoral care**. Respondents remembered pastors who were welcoming and supportive, especially during difficult moments such as the death of a spouse. One person was inspired to return after the pandemic because of Christ Church's Open and Affirming (ONA) commitment and sense of acceptance.

Finally, many responses reflect the joy of seeing lives transformed across generations. People spoke of watching children in Sunday School, teaching children themselves, and experiencing the church as a place where both children and adults grow in faith.

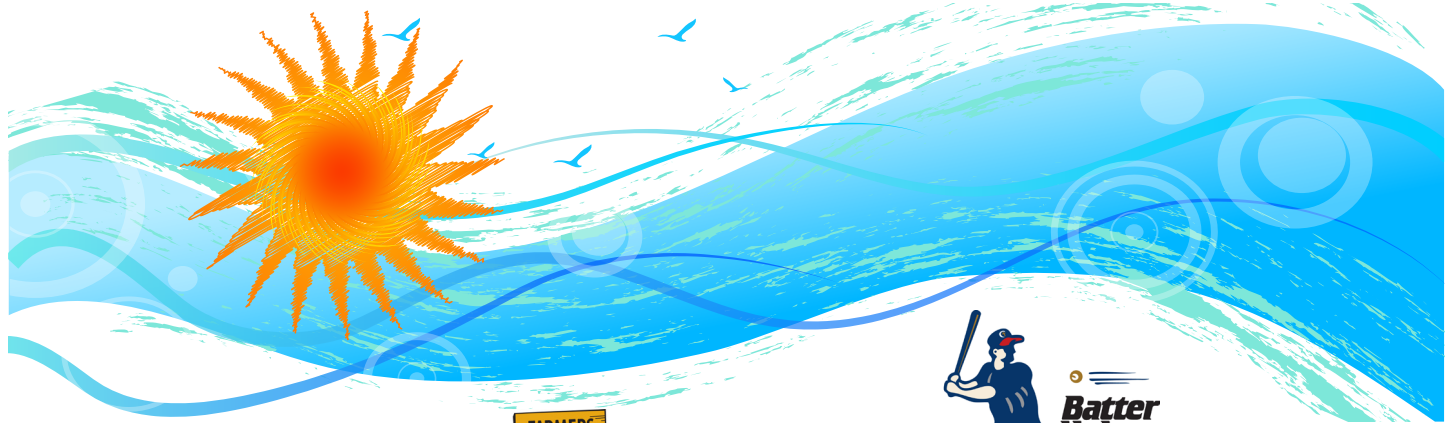
Overall, the responses suggest that people feel most alive at Christ Church not simply because of programs, but because they experience a **caring community** where they **grow spiritually, serve alongside others, and are welcomed and supported** through every stage of life.

Look for responses to other questions in the coming months.

Grace and peace,

Pastor Bob

If you should need pastoral support, please contact Pastor Bob Gross at 440-506-3258 or pastor@uccmke.org
Pastor Office Hour: Tues and Wed, 10am–Noon and 1–3pm or by appointment



South Shore Farmers Market



Join us **August 1st** at the South Shore Farmers Market. We'll have a tent up from **8am to noon**. We'll have information about our church to hand out as well as bottled water. Julie Oren will be doing face painting beginning at 10am and could use a helper or two. Please come out to the market and spend some time in our booth talking about all that Christ Church does in the community! Any questions see *Jim Wick* or call *Andy Oren*.

School Supplies



We will once again be collecting school supplies beginning in August to donate to local grade schools. There will be a bin in the chapel to place your donations. Please have your donations in **by August 30**.

Needed items include loose leaf paper, Kleenex, rulers, pink erasers, scissors, black or blue pens, glue sticks or 8oz bottles of glue, backpacks, #2 pencils, pocket folders in assorted colors, colored pencils, highlighters, pencil sharpeners, plastic pencil box, 70-page spiral notebooks, 8 count washable markers, and 24 count crayons.

We appreciate you considering donating to assist children in our community. If you have any questions, contact a member of the Social Concerns Committee, *Peggy Carew, Debbie Hansen, Mary Ann Mowery, Jan Naefken, Sara Rogers, Vicki Teal, Randene Wick*

Summer Baseball Outing

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND

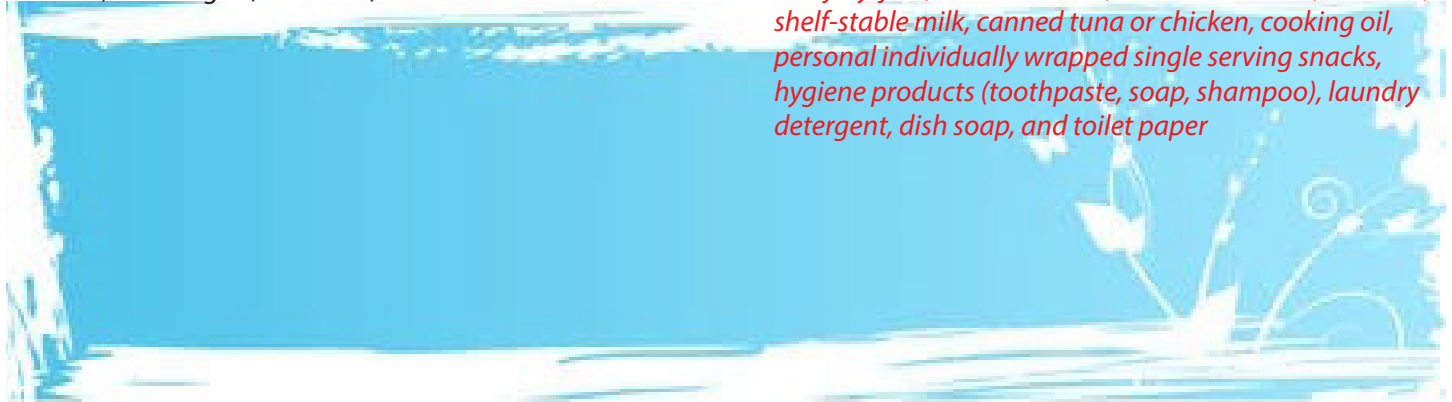
The membership committee invites you to join in the fun and excitement of a Milwaukee Milkmen baseball game on **Sunday, August 23 at 1pm** at Franklin Field, featuring the Milkmen of the American Association of Professional Baseball as they take on the Cleburne Railroaders. In addition to Fan Appreciation Day, the game features a helicopter candy drop and free donut for the kids. Tickets are \$23 per person and include a reserved seat in the dugout section plus sandwich, chips, a drink, and a gift. Please sign up at the Lenox St bulletin board and contact *Chuck Terlinden* for payment arrangement and any questions

BVCC Donations



We are continuing our monthly donation of food for the BVCC food pantry. Please bring your items to church the **first Sunday of each month**. Donations can be placed in the grocery cart located in the chapel. Thank you for helping provide for those families in our community in need! Any donations are greatly appreciated, or a financial contribution can be made directly to the BVCC. *BVCC thanks you for supporting your neighbors in need!*

Needed items: canned vegetables and fruit, peanut butter and jelly/jam, rice and beans, breakfast cereals, oatmeal, shelf-stable milk, canned tuna or chicken, cooking oil, personal individually wrapped single serving snacks, hygiene products (toothpaste, soap, shampoo), laundry detergent, dish soap, and toilet paper





STEWARDSHIP SNIPPET

Christmas in July

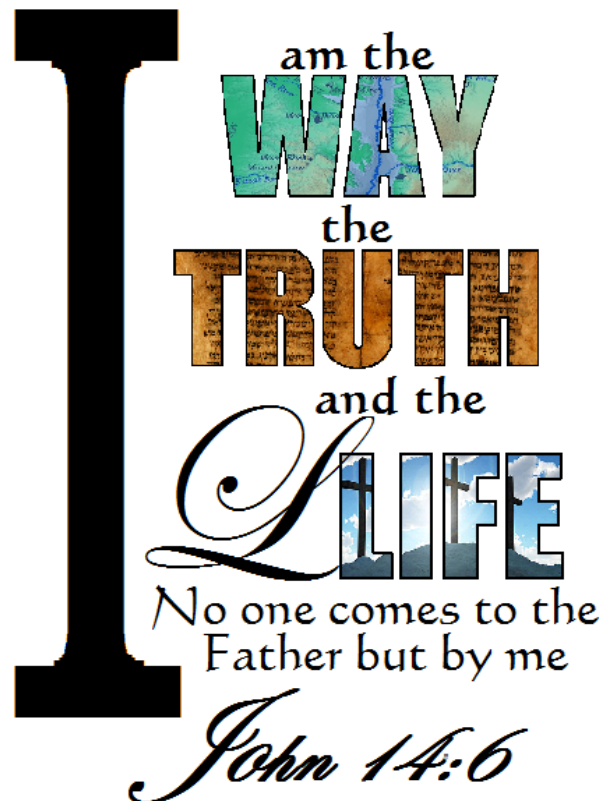
Thank You for Your Generous Support of Our Christmas in July Campaign!

Our hearts are filled with gratitude as we reflect on your generosity shown during our Christmas in July Financial Campaign. As of July 26, we have received a total of \$7,370! Thank you to every individual and family who gave so faithfully. Your gifts are more than financial contributions toward our capital expenditures—they are expressions of faith, love, and commitment to God's work through our church. Our campaign continues through the end of July, so there still is time to offer your gift, if you so desire. Any gift, of any size, makes a real difference.

On behalf of our entire congregation, thank you for your generosity. We look forward to all that God will continue to do through our church as we move forward together in faith.

With sincere appreciation,
Pam Kothrade, Stewardship

Monthly Activity	June	YTD
Contributions & Other Income	\$ 7,035	\$ 97,658
Expenses	\$ 17,570	\$ 119,182
Budgeted Amount	\$ 18,051	\$ 108,310



Hiding In Plain Sight Part 7

Each month we'll be looking at one of the nine men from Christ Church who were killed in action during World War II. This month we focus on Richard A. Huebner, son of Adolph and Ida Huebner, who died on January 7, 1945 at the tender age of 18. Huebner was born March 6, 1925 and was a graduate of Bay View High School. He was a private in the 345 Infantry Regiment, 87th Division and died in Vesqueville, Arrondissement de Neufchateau, Luxembourg, Belgium. Huebner is buried in Arlington Cemetery in Greenfield, Wisconsin.



Creation Care Corner

Recently, Dean Kothrade, Pastor Bob and John Helt walked through the church with a representative of Focus on Energy (FOE helps churches, businesses and households save money on energy costs, whether lighting, weatherization or other ways to reduce the use of electricity and other utilities.) We mostly focused on lighting that can be changed from inefficient incandescent bulbs to LED. (But in the walkthrough, we also discovered lights on and fans running in the vacant Youthworks sleeping areas.)



An incandescent bulb that costs five dollars in energy cost can be easily replaced by an LED bulb that costs one dollar to operate and will last much longer. The problem is that LEDs Aug cost more to buy up front. That's where FOE comes in. They help bring the initial cost down so we can better afford to buy and use a bulb that saves money and energy in the end. Right now, the property committee is looking at what inefficient lighting we can afford to replace around the church building, so that we can reduce our energy use in the future and keep more money for our mission. *John Helt*

Tree of Life

As you ascend the stairs at the Lenox Street entrance, the "Tree of Life" is visible to all who pass this way. On the leaves you will see messages to honor a church member who has passed away, a baptism, anniversary celebrations, etc.

You will notice that additional leaves are available. The Memorial Committee is offering the option for church members/families to consider honoring a special occasion for \$100 per leaf plus the cost of the engraving at 45 cents per letter. (The cost of the leaf will be used by the Memorial Committee for future projects.) Forms are available in the church office and also on the table near the "Tree of Life." After returning the completed form to the church office, a member of the Memorial Committee will contact you to review your request.



The Memorial Committee: Julie Oren, Judy Borkowicz, Kathy Schroeder, Sue Steinhauer, Randene Wick



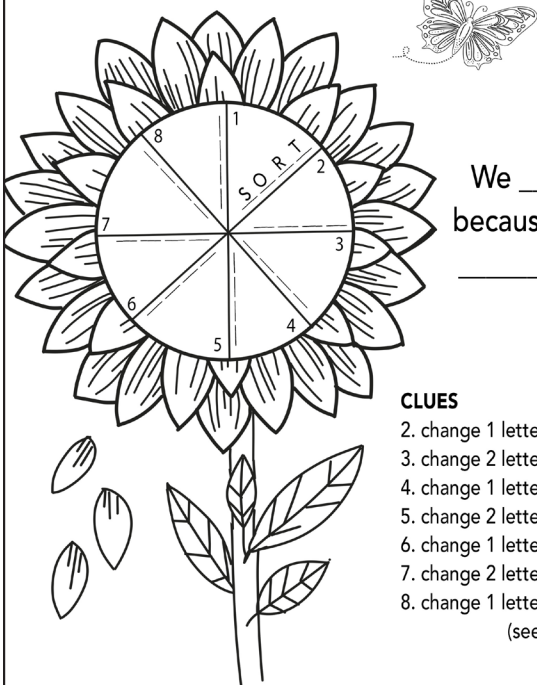
Hunger Task Force

On July 16, we partnered with Bay View Methodist Church to put work clothes on our faith at the Hunger Task Force. Together, we packed 400 boxes that will help 400 families with food insecurity in Milwaukee.

THE LOVE CYCLE

In 1 John 4, God instructs us to love other people. Where does our love come from?

Directions: Starting at #1 and going clockwise, solve each clue to create a new four-letter word. Then write the eighth word in both blanks below to complete 1 John 4:19, NIV.

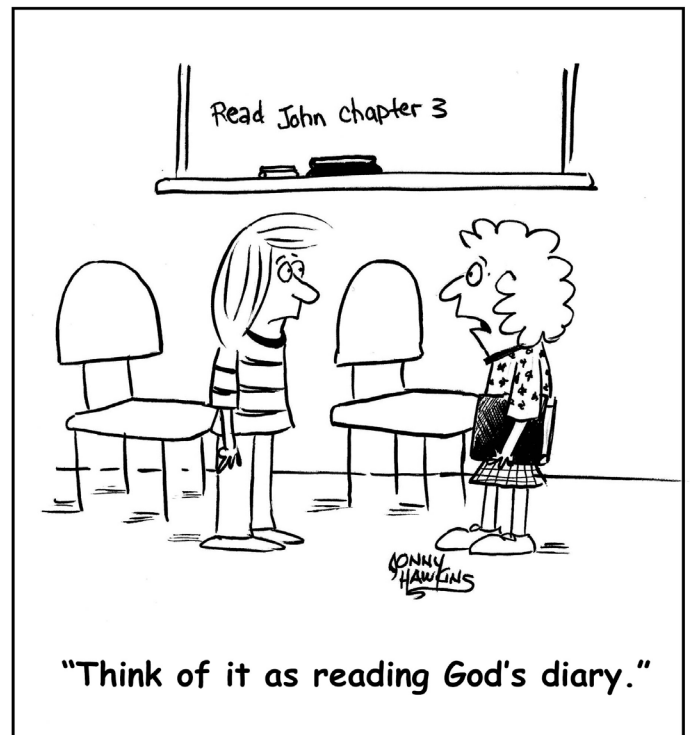


We _____
because [God] first
_____d us.

1 John 4:19, NIV

CLUES

2. change 1 letter: a tent to play in
3. change 2 letters: a crease in paper
4. change 1 letter: a precious metal
5. change 2 letters: a beautiful dress
6. change 1 letter: opposite of up
7. change 2 letters: a type of bird
8. change 1 letter: God is this
(see 1 John 4:16).



"Think of it as reading God's diary."

?? ? Bible Quiz ? ?

Paul declares that nothing "will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord." Which of the following does Paul specify as unable to block God's love?

- A. death; life
- B. angels; demons
- C. present; future
- D. height; depth
- E. all of the above

ANGELS
death LIFE depth
FUTURE present HEIGHT
demons

Answer: E (See Romans 8:38-39, NIV.)

Answers: fort; fold, gown, down, dove, love; We love because [God] first loved us. 1 John 4:19, NIV



Happy birthday blessings to YOU!

Loretta Johannsen - 1

Casey Schmeling - 2

Tom Dohoney - 3

Jon Simons - 5

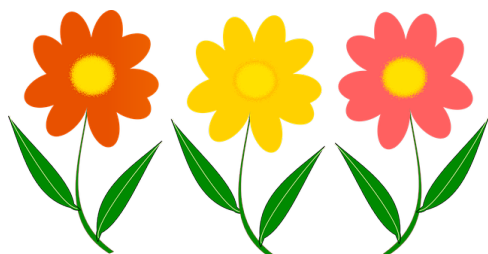
Darlene Collins - 7

Sarita Gwinn - 7

Andy Oren - 7

Jan Naefken - 10

Nancy Schlaack - 12



DI Laundry Ministry

A BIG thank you to everyone who donated food, quarters and their time for Divine Intervention's Laundry Ministry!!! We were welcomed warmly and helped a very worthy cause. Not only did we provide 20 bag lunches, we gave Tippe \$135.30 for another time to offer this important laundry service. Way to Go Everyone!!! Christ Church has the best members who really care!

There will be more opportunities to help with the DI Laundry Ministry in September. In the meantime, we will still be **collecting quarters** in the jar at the back of the sanctuary.

Social Concerns Committee



Habitat for Humanity Items

A HUGE thank you to everyone who donated food, quarters and their time for Divine Intervention's Laundry Ministry this past Sunday!!! We were welcomed warmly and helped a very worthy cause. Not only did we provide 20 bag lunches, we gave Tippe \$135.30 for another time to offer this important laundry service. Way to Go Everyone!!! Christ Church has the best members who really care!

Social Concerns Committee

≡ You're Invited! ≡

CHURCH HOMECOMING

≡ Connect. Rejoice. Join in Fellowship ≡



SUNDAY

September 20, 2026



WORSHIP
9:30 AM



CELEBRATION
AND PICNIC
11:15 AM



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All are welcome!

Christ Church T-Shirts

If you'd like to order a church t-shirt, please fill out this form and turn it in with your payment to Randene. Orders are due by **August 9**.

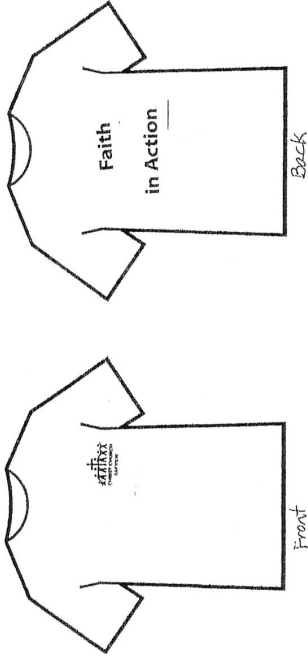
Thanks, *The Membership Committee*

Tee Shirt Order

Christ Church , 915 E. Oklahoma Ave., Milwaukee, WI

Questions: Contact Randene Wick 414-614-2622

Fabric content: 50/25/25 polyester/airlume combed and ringspun cotton/rayon. Retail fit. Pre-shrunk. Unisex sizing.



White logo and wording

<u>Cost:</u>			
Shirt size	S,M, L, XL	\$21.00 each	
2XL	\$21.00 + \$2.50=	\$23.50	
3XL	\$21.00 + \$5.00=	\$26.00	
4XL	\$21.00 + \$7.50=	\$28.50	



MAROON



TEAL



ROYAL BLUE

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Item ordered:	SIZE: (Circle) XS, S, M, L, XL, 2XL, 3XL, 4XL.	COLOR: Maroon, Teal, R. Blue	\$ _____
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Item ordered:	SIZE: (Circle) XS, S, M, L, XL, 2XL, 3XL, 4XL.	COLOR: Maroon, Teal, R. Blue	\$ _____
TOTAL AMOUNT <u>Due with order</u> (check to Christ Church note T shirt OR Cash)			\$ _____

Return by August 9th

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THE CHRONICLES AUGUST 2026



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