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PASTOR'S LETTER

DEAR CHURCH,



You know, sometimes people get mad about Christmas stuff being on retail shelves the week after Halloween ends – but not me! I love everything Christmas. I am the real-life embodiment of "Buddy" from the Will Ferrell Christmas movie *Elf*. I love lights, mint M&Ms, eggnog (and rum), and my tree. However, before all that stuff enters my life, I realize I need to remember Advent. What *is* Advent? In the Church, Advent is a time of preparation. It is a time when we *prepare* for Jesus' birth. It is a time of expectant hope. It is a time when things seem cold, dark, and hopeless. It sounds kind of like Wisconsin in the winter! In all honesty, Advent has been on my mind since early this fall because there has been a lot of heaviness and darkness in our world.

A day hardly passes without asylum seekers or immigrants as a part of our news or national conversation. Politicians and pundits have stoked fears and cheers about these folks. There is an irony that we, as Christians, would celebrate the birth of Jesus and the life of the Holy Family whom, in the second chapter of Matthew's Gospel, fled political violence from their Roman-occupied homeland of Judah to the foreign land of Egypt. It just seems a bit off or challenging to claim this story right now. At a minimum, I think it is nearly impossible for the season of Advent not to take on new meaning this year. I want to invite you to think of the hopes and fears that Mary and Joseph had as they traveled to a foreign land with no clear outlook about what would happen to them or their future. They, too, were asylum seekers, yet God chose *them* to bear God's Light to the world. They had hope despite the darkness. Do I have an answer to our immigration crisis? No. I don't have a solution. However, I think it's worth noting that Jesus, Mary, and Joseph aren't as comfortably a part of the past as we might wish them to be.

Winter is here. There seems to be more darkness than sunlight in the days now. It's cold out and I never raked the leaves from my yard or got a chance to put up Christmas lights on my house. Beyond that—there has also been a lot of hopelessness for many people in our country, city, and families. However, from that hopelessness and sea of darkness shines a dim, but persistent light. With winter comes the Advent – the season when we wait with hope for God's light to pierce through the cold and darkness (in the world and in our hearts). During Advent we prepare ourselves to hear the hope-filled story of Jesus' birth to lighten the day, warm the winter, and give us hope in the darkness.

As we journey through Advent together, I would encourage you to pray for and listen to the stories of families, like the Holy Family, of men, women, and children, with "no place their lay their heads." I am hopeful that we can listen with open hearts and minds to Joseph, Mary, and Jesus' stories today. As we gather this Advent for worship, family time, or whatever it is that you do – I hope that we all realize how fortunate we are. I will be praying for you and thinking of you as we welcome the Christ-child this Christmas Eve.

May God bless you and keep you this Advent.

With joy, Pastor Dan Stark

2018-2019 COUNCIL, ENDOWMENT COMMITTEE AND AUDITOR

Council (Council Committee Assignments will be posted in a future newsletter) <u>Newly Elected:</u> Katelyn O'Brien(2 year term), Sara Rogers (incumbent 3 year term) & Richard Tremarello(incumbent 3 year term)



Cheri Boyle Ken Klockow Dean Kothrade Paul Mayeshiba Fred Passow Judy Savage

Endowment:

Newly Elected: Howard Fritsch (3 year term) & Jill Unglaub (3 year term)

Returning Endowment Committee Members:

Randene Wick Tom Dohoney Todd Hansen

Auditor:

<u>Newly Elected:</u> Dean Mowery (incumbent 1 year term)

Installation of all officers will take place Sunday December 9th during worship.

OPPORTUNITY: WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

If you're interested in receiving the *Christ Church Weekly*, contact the <u>Church Administrator</u> (<u>christ-church@att.net</u>) to be added to the list (414-481-3530). Sign up sheets are also available at the information areas at the church entrances, then just drop it in the collection plate.

OPPORTUNITY: ONLINE GIVING

Online giving is now a possibility! If you're in the pew and you'd like to give something other than



cash or a check, you are encouraged to use your phone to visit <u>www.uccmke.org</u> and tap the <u>donate</u> button at the bottom. You can pay with an existing PayPal account or with any credit card. It's easy and it saves your information for the next time you visit! Wondering what one of these weird scanny codes in the bulletin is? Give them a scan with a QR reader app on your phone and it will bring up the donation page! Want more information about online giving? See <u>Pastor Dan</u> or contact the church office at 414-

481-3530. Please only donate with a credit card using a Pay Pal account so the church doesn't incur costly fees.



"HOW IS CHRIST CHURCH DOING FINANCIALLY??"

Our 2018 annual church budget is \$205,350, or \$17,030 per month, or \$3,930.00 per week.

Month	Budget	Running Budget Total	Monthly Receipts	Total Running Receipts	Monthly Balance/ (Shortage)	Running Balance/ (Shortage)
August	\$17,030.00	\$136,240.00	\$9,862.80	\$116,782.11	(\$7,167.20)	(\$19,457.89)
September	\$17,030.00	\$153,270.00	\$19,269.71	\$136,051.82	☺\$2,239.71☺	(\$17,218.18)
October	\$17,030.00	\$170,300.00	\$12,735.68	\$148,787.50	(\$4,294.32)	(\$21,512.50)

"AT A GLANCE"

For a quick update each month check out the large thermometer in the Niefer Chapel showing our budget and the funds received each month. As of the end of October we were approximately 12% short of our total budget, or about \$21,512. Thank you to all for your faithful and generous giving.

IDEA: Give thanks for the many blessings you have. "From everyone to whom much has been given, much will be required; and from the one to whom much has been entrusted, even more will be demanded" (Luke 12:48). At the 2017 annual meeting the congregation in attendance voted to challenge everyone to increase their giving by 25%. Prayerfully consider increasing your giving for 2019 by 25%. If this is too much, consider a 20%, 10%, 5% increase or \$1 per week. Every bit helps. Give with what speaks to your heart. Thank you for your prayerful consideration. Joan Gaeth, Stewardship Committee

2019 GIVING ENVELOPES NOW AVAILABLE OUTSIDE OF THE PARLOR

2018 SPECIAL ADVENT ENVELOPE DONATIONS

This year our special Advent donations will be split equally between our newest mission the Art, Science & Literacy Camp (ASLC) at Tippe Church for children living in poverty and the Christ Church General Fund. If you didn't receive your mailing of a calendar and Advent envelope please contact the office Please consider helping those in need, our local children and our Christ Church community. Thanks!

OPPORTUNITY: SPIRITUAL GIFTS DISCOVERY POSTER

Anyone that missed the Spiritual Gifts Discovery Sunday in June can still identify their spiritual gifts by filling out the questionnaire and following the instructions on the Spiritual Gifts Poster found in the church chapel. Explanations and opportunities to utilize your talents are listed. What has God been calling you to do? Spend a few minutes answering the questions and find out!

OPPORTUNITY: DIVINE INTERVENTION- HOST TRAINING SESSIONS

Are you interested in taking the next step and committing to be a host for Divine Intervention? **New Host Orientation Make-up Host Training is being held** Dec. 2, 4-6 PM at Tippecanoe Church 125 W. Saveland Avenue. **You do not have to Host if you attend, but you cannot Host if you do not attend an orientation.**

OPPORTUNITY: "GIVING TREE" CHRISTMAS GIFTS FOR THE BAY VIEW CC

Thanks to your generosity a lot of the names were picked on Sunday November 25^{th} ! There is still an opportunity to take a name and make a person(s) Christmas special. There are 9 children and 1 adult tickets left. Please make sure all gifts are placed under and around the Hat & Mitten tree in the chapel no later than Sunday December 16^{th} **unwrapped**, with the BVCC "tag" **taped** to the outside of the package(s).

Thank you and Merry Christmas! The Social Concerns Committee



OPPORTUNITY: HAT, SCARF & MITTEN TREE

New hats, scarves and mittens can be donated by hanging them on the tree in the chapel after the church is decorated for Christmas. We will again disperse all donations to the local neighborhood MPS schools "Parkside" & Humboldt Park Street School Last year they were extremely appreciative as they said their students' needs were great. This will run thru Sunday December 9th.

OPPORTUNITY: DIVINE INTERVENTION SOS (SHARING OUR SUPPERS) SIGN-UPS FOR DECEMBER- MARCH 1ST & 3RD THURSDAYS OF EACH MONTH

We are now signing up volunteers to provide meals at the Winter Warming Room held at Tippecanoe Church. Dates are (all Thursdays):

Volunteers still needed for the following dates:

Jan. 4, Feb. 7 & 21, March 7 & 21.

Arrive 6:00-6:15pm. Serve Food approximately 6:45pm. Depart 7:30pm

Meals should contain Milk, Protein, Vegetables, Carb. and or Dairy, & Dessert. Donations of oranges/bananas and hard boiled eggs for breakfast are also appreciated. Number of campers to feed will be communicated as date arrives.

If interested please contact Debbie Behling, <u>christ-church@att.net</u> 481-3530. find a copy of the email in our information racks that list volunteer information.

OPPORTUNITY: BVCC COOKIE DONATIONS TO THE ELDERLY

Christ Church has committed to donate 12 dozen Christmas Cookies for distribution to the elderly by the BVCC. We still need a couple more bakers. If you would like to participate you can sign up in the chapel. You may drop your cookies off in a disposable container or ziploc bag on the table in the chapel no later than Sunday December 16th. Please label them for the BVCC. Thank you for your kindness!

EVENT: FREE CHRISTMAS CONCERT AT CHRIST CHURCH – DECEMBER 7TH

You are invited to a beautiful evening of Christmas music at Christ Church on Friday, December 7th at 7:30pm. The concert will feature our very own church choir, praise team and other singers and instrumentalists (guitar, cello, French Horn, flute) from the Milwaukee area. Sit back and enjoy this evening as we fill our beautiful church with glorious Christmas music!

We invite you, your family and friends to this musical evening! There will be a free will offering and a reception to follow.

EVENT: LET'S GO CAROLING! SUNDAY DECEMBER 9TH 12:30PM

Please join us for a delightful afternoon singing Christmas Carols for our friends! Some of our church friends cannot get out very often so we will come to them to spread a little Christmas cheer! Whether they reside in their own homes or in care facilities or hospitals, our goal is to simply share The Good News and add a bit of joy to their day.

Make it a family affair and come caroling with your kids and grandkids. We will meet in the Choir Room at **12:30**. After an afternoon of caroling, we will meet back at church for a light dinner. *"And so I'm offering this simple phrase, To kids from one to ninety-two, Although it's been said many times, many ways, Merry Christmas to you!"* See Pam or Dean Kothrade for more details.

EVENT: CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM REHEARSAL SATURDAY DECEMBER 15TH

Rehearsal will take place at Christ Church on Saturday December 15th 10:30am-12:00pm. Parents are not required to stay for rehearsal. We will also be rehearsing on Sunday's in December during Sunday school time.







EVENT: CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM SUNDAY DECEMBER 16TH

Please join us during worship Sunday December 17th at 9:30am for, "Just a little Christmas" performed by our Sunday School Children and Confirmation Class. Afterwards you are invited to the Quilter's Cookie walk and coffee hour. It will be a very special morning.

EVENT: COOKIE WALK SALE SUNDAY DEC. 16TH

We need A LOT of your holiday cookies or your special Christmas dessert for the sale.

When you are baking, please help us by baking an extra recipe and bring them in a <u>disposable container</u> to the choir room before the service on Dec. 16Th. Don't forget to come to the Cookie Walk to shop for the special home baked desserts after worship on Dec. 16th . The Peace & Plenty Quilters: Ellen~Gloria~Carol B.~Joyce~Randene~Julie



EVENT: SISTERHOOD SATURDAY FUNDRAISER - SATURDAY JANUARY 12TH "LUAU" WITH HALE O MALO AUTHENTIC HAWAIIAN DANCERS

<u>Tickets on Sale Now:</u> \$15.00 (Includes Show, Gift Bag, Door Prizes, Beverages, Breakfast snack & Lunch) **Silent Auction & Dessert Dash additional cost.

Benefits:

50%--The Healing Center (Southside organization giving free services to those who have been sexually abused as children and/or adults).

25%--Divine Intervention (Helping the Homeless with: Food, Winter warming room, Program to integrate back into permanent living situation, Furniture & Household set up, Health issues and Employment

25%---Christ Church General Fund

We are now accepting Silent Auction donations from local businesses or new items. Official donation request letters are available to submit to local businesses you patronize. We appreciate any donations. See Debbie Behling from Social Concerns with any questions and donations. Thank You! Hope to see you there.

OPPORTUNITY: VOLUNTEER FOR 2019 UCC GENERAL SYNOD

The Wisconsin Conference will be hosting the 32nd General Synod of the UCC in Milwaukee June 21-25, 2019. Approximately 300-400 volunteers will be needed throughout the 5 days of the General Synod next June. Please

NEED: BAY VIEW CC COLLECTION SUNDAY DECEMBER 2ND

Canned proteins such as: • Canned Soups (both cream and broth) • Peanut Butter • Jelly • Canned Vegetables • Canned Fruits & Juices • Cereal • Mac and Cheese • Canned Tuna

NEED: LARRY UNDER THE BRIDGE (LUTB) & DI MOST URGENT REQUESTS

Hand Warmers Dish & Hand Soap Dish Soap Hand Sanitizer Coffee (regular & decaf) Sugar & Creamer Hot Chocolate Milk Cereal/Oatmeal Bread Butter/Margarine Peanut Butter Jello Pop Tarts

Donations can be **dropped off at Tippecanoe Presbyterian Church (125 W. Saveland Ave.)** door closest to 1st Street. (Tippe's staff are in and out of that door all day long so someone will bring

them in.) They will also accept monetary donations. Thanks! The Social Concerns Committee



SCHEDULE FOR UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS	
December 2: Advent Begins, Choir 8:15am, Adult Ed. 8:30am, Worship with communion Sunday School, Confirmation 9:30am, Coffee Hour 10:30am, Endowment M	· •
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Confirmation Class 11:00am, Ladies Advent Tea 1pm-3pm, Sisterbood Saturday Tickets go on gold today!	
Sisterhood Saturday Tickets go on sale today!	
December 3: Choir Room & Chapel pianos being tuned	
December 4: Staff Meeting 10:00am	
December 5: Praise Team Rehearsal 7:00pm	
December 6: Announcement Submissions by 10:00am, DI @ Tippe 6:00pm-Borchardts, Christmas Concert Rehearsal 7:00pm	AA Mtg. &
December 7: Praise Team, Choir & Concert Rehearsal 6:30pm, Christmas Concert 7:30pr	m-light
Refreshments to follow	
December 8: Crochet Class & Card Club 10:00am	
December 9: Adult Ed. 8:30am, Worship with Church Officer Installation, Sunday School	ol &
Confirmation 9:30am, Coffee Hour with mission presentation 10:30am, Cor	nfirmation
11:00am, Caroling 12:30pm with light dinner to follow, Sisterhood Sat. Tick	et Sales.
December 10: Property Committee Meeting 7:00pm	
December 11: Quilters 9:00am	
December 12: Praise Team 7:00pm	
December 13: Announcement submissions by 10:00am, AA Meeting 7:00pm	
December 14: January Chronicles Submissions by 10:00am	
December 15: Children's Christmas Program Rehearsal 10:30am-12:00pm (Parents not re	equired to stay)
December 16: Praise Team 8:15am, Adult Ed. 8:30am, Chapel Communion 9:00am, Wors	ship with
Children's Christmas Program "Just a little Christmas" 9:30am, Quilter's Co	ookie Walk
10:30am, Coffee Hour 10:30am, Sisterhood Sat. Ticket Sales, Confirmation	Class 11am,
Last day to bring Donations for: Giving & Hat & Mitten Tree, BVCC Cookies	S
December 17: Deliver BVCC Giving Tree Gifts & Cookies 10:00am	
December 18: Council Meeting 6:30pm	
December 20: Announcement Submissions for 12/23 & 12/30 by 10am, Pick Up Poinsettia	ıs, DI-Behlings
6:00pm, Choir &AA Meeting 7:00pm	
December 22: No Crochet Class or Card Club	
December 23: No Adult Ed. or Sunday School, Confirmation Sunday, Worship with baptisr	m 9:30am,
Coffee Hour 10:00em	
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- December 24: Choir 6:45pm, Christmas Eve Service 7:30pm
- December 24- January 1: Church Office Closed
- December 25: Merry Christmas!!
- December 27: AA Meeting 7:00pm
- December 30: No Adult Ed. or Sunday School, Pot Luck Worship with Christmas Carols in fellowship Hall 9:3am

December 31: New Years Eve

SAVE THE DATE

- January 1: Happy New Year!
- January 3: DI SOS @ Tippe 6:00pm-7:30pm-Volunteer(s) needed
- January 6: Choir 8:15am, Adult Ed. 8:30am, Worship with communion 9:30am,
- January 12: Sisterhood Saturday!! Join us for a Luau with Hale O Malo Dancers! Doors open 8:30am January 16: No Praise Team
- January 20: No Praise Team

DARTBALL SCHEDULE

No Dartball in December

- 1/7 @ Calvary 1/21 @ Greendale 1/28 Trinity @ home
- 2/4 Calvary @ home 2/18 Greendale @home 2/25 @ Trinity 3/4 @ Calvary



LENOX STREET PARKING HELPER SCHEDULE

12/2	12/9	12/16	12/23	12/24	12/30
Pat & Linda	Bill & Carol	Jim & Randene	Tom & Carol	Don	Dave & Nancy
Koszuta	Borchardt	Wick	Dohoney	Antoniewicz	Wareham

LITURGIST SCHEDULE

12/2	12/9	12/16	12/23		12/30
Dick Gaeth	Randene Wick	Students	Dean Kothrade		Howard Fritsch
				Jill Unglaub	



WEEKLY SCRIPTURES

12/2	Jeremiah 33:14-16	Psalm 25:1-10	1Thessolonians 3:9-13	Luke 21:25-36
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12/9	Malachi 3:1-4	Luke 1:68-79	Philippians 1:3-11	Luke 3:1-6
12/16	Zephaniah 3:14-20	Isaiah 12:2-6	Philippians 4:4-7	Luke 3:7-18
12/23	Micah 5:2-5a	Luke 1:46b-55 or Psalm 80:1-7	Hebrews 10:5-10	Luke 1:39-45, (46-55)
12/24	Isaiah 62:6-12	Psalm 97	Titus 3:4-7	Luke 2(1-7), 8-20
12/25	Isaiah 9:2-7	Psalm 96	Titus 2:11-14	Luke 2:1-14, (15-20)
12/30	1Samuel 2:18-20, 26	Psalm 148	Collossians 3:12-17	Luke 2:41-52

COFFEE HOUR SCHEDULE

12/2	12/9	12/16	12/23	12/30
The Pisarek Family	Volunteer	Volunteer	Volunteer	Pot Luck
	Needed	Needed	Needed	

GREETER SCHEDULE

Oklahoma	12/2	12/9	12/16	12/23	12/24	12/30
Street	Joyce	Sue	Nancy	Greg Mitchell,	Joan	Bill & Carol
	Zieman	Steinhauer	Jonokuchi	Jennifer Perdue	Amich	Borchardt
				& Family		
Lenox	12/2	12/9	12/16	12/23	12/24	12/30
Street	Leone	Dick & Joan	Dean &	Dave & Nancy	Howard	Ryan & Jamie
	Krueger	Gaeth	Mary Ann	Wareham	Fritsch	Wielepski
			Mowery			_

USHER SCHEDULE

12/2	12/9	12/16	12/23	12/24	12/30
Bill Borchadt	Julene Flanagan	Ben Clark	Debbie Behling	Joan Amich	Joan Amich
Tom Dohoney	Debbie Hansen	Chelsea Clark	Mary Ann Mowery	Brad Boyle	Tom Dohoney
Carol Dohoney	Katelyn O'Brien	Olivia Mayeshiba	Judy Savage	Cheri Boyle	Carol Dohoney
Debbie Hansen	Fred Passow	Mike Thomae	Chuck Terlinden	Fred Passow	Julene Flanagan

CHOIR SCHEDULE

Rehearsals *extra rehearsals	* 12/6 7-8:30pm Concert Rehearsal	12/20 7-8:30pm	Reh *ext
Sunday Rehearsal and Service	12/2 8:15- 9:15am	12/9 8:15- 9:15am	Sun Reh Ser Chr
Christmas Concert Rehearsal & Concert	12/7 6:30pm sharp		Con Reh Con
Christmas Eve Service	12/24 TBD	9	

PRAISE TEAM SCHEDULE

Rehearsals	*12/5	*12/6	12/16
*extra rehearsals	7-8:30pm	7-8:30pm	7-
		Concert	8:30pm
		Rehearsal	
Sunday	12/16	1/20	
Rehearsal and	8:15-	8:15-	
Service	9:15am	9:15am	
Christmas	12/7		
Concert	6:30pm		
Rehearsal &	sharp		
Concert			

BIRTHDAYS Happy birthday to all these wonderful folks!

DECEMBER 1 Charlotte Jeske DECEMBER 4 Jean Duermeier DECEMBER 7 Skylar Jorenson DECEMBER 8 Joyce Neumann DECEMBER 9 Beulah Goebel DECEMBER 10 Robert Miller Hannah Nielsen DECEMBER 14 Larry Brewer Kristen Wick Moreira	DECEMBER 15 Carol Polachowski DECEMBER 16 Jeff Crouse DECEMBER 18 Emmalyn Smith DECEMBER 19 Virginia Redlin Elliott Stark DECEMBER 21 Amy Cox Dennis Griebenow DECEMBER 22 Brooklyn Urbaniak	DECEMBER 23 Noelle Simons DECEMBER 24 Doris Mayeshiba Jacquelyn Struck DECEMBER 26 Benjamin Rondorf DECEMBER 27 Charles Veit DECEMBER 29 Doris Piacentine DECEMBER 30 Harrison Tremarello	
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PLEASE REMEMBER OUR SHARE AND CARE (SHUT IN) MEMBER OVER THE HOLIDAYS AND THROUGHOUT THE YEAR



Harvey Albertin 13705 W. National Ave. #223 New Berlin, WI 53151-4566 262-785-1011 Birthday 10/28/1928

Rosemary Czerwinski 3499 S. Brust Ave. Milwaukee, WI 53207 744-8907 Birthday 1/24/1932

Jean Duermeier S77W12929 McShane Dr. Apt F207 Muskego WI 53150 414-525-5503 Birthday 12/04/1926

Ernestine Faja 11077 W. Forest Home Ave. #245 Hales Corners WI 53130 425-6212 Birthday 07/03/1925

Neil Feest 3521 S. Pennsylvania Ave. St. Francis, WI 53235 414-483-5945 Birthday 03/05/1937

Loretta Hoedel (*recently moved*) Brenwood Park 9535 W. Loomis Road #303 Franklin, WI 53132 414/483-8392 Birthday 1/19/1927

Edmund Jonokuchi 2900 S. Moorland Rd. #40 New Berlin WI 53151 262-505-6276 Birthday 11/08/1920 James Kaye S77W18690 Janesville Rd. Apt 214 Muskego, WI 53150 327-3995 Nancy Birthday 2/2/1930

Carol Polachowski 2638 E. Henry Cudahy, WI 53110 414-769-8482

Birthday 12/15/41

Milton Reese 6033 So. Illinois Ave. Cudahy, WI 53110 414-769-8878 Birthday 11/19/24

David Slattery 3808 Georgia St. Apt. 113 San Diego, CA 92103 Birthday 8/26/1986414-

Louise Stojanovic 3710 S. Kinnickinnic Ave. Milwaukee, WI 53207

Lorraine Zabler (*recently moved*) Clement Manor 9339 W. Howard Ave, Room 135 Greenfield, WI 53228 262/821-9389 Birthday 3/27/1927



THANKS

~Thank you to Sue Klockow for taking charge of the Christmas Decorating. Thank you also to those who took time to help. The inside of the building is beautiful.

~A Thank you was received from the BVCC for our 7 bags of food donated to the food pantry from our collection on the 1^{st} Sunday of the month.

~A Thank you was received from Jean Duermeier. "Sending my appreciation and special thanks to each and every person that had a hand in helping to bring this beautiful Thanksgiving gift to my door. The gluten free cupcakes were delicious!"

~A Thank you was received from Ed Jonokuchi. "Thank you so very much for the wonderful Thanksgiving basket. I really enjoyed the candy and baked goods. I appreciate everyone's kindness. Have a great Thanksgiving."

~Thank you to all those who volunteered to help and extended such a warm welcome to family and friends at the funeral of Phil Neuenfeldt on Nov. 10th. I am so grateful for your support". Sara Rogers

~We accept with gratitude and appreciation a donation given to the church school in memory of my mother, Mathilde Poth's November 19th birthday from Carol A. Forde.

~Thank you for your generous donations to the Milwaukee CROP Walk and the Milwaukee Hunger Task Force. Your gift will be used to help those who are hungry and in need not only in our neighborhood but around the world! And thank you to our walkers! Your love for your neighbor is shown in what you do..... "For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in..." Matthew 25:35

~Another craft fair has come to a close. It generated \$1030.00 for the General Fund. To all the volunteers who helped and gave of their time, we could not have done it without you. Also, a special thanks to all who donated and made the food for the lunch. Again the bake sale was a huge success. Thanks to all who baked. Ken and Susie Klockow

~Thank you to Ken and Susie Klockow for all of their hard work in spearheading the Craft Fair. We appreciate all of your hard work!

~ A thank you was received from the UCC Wisconsin Conference for our generous gift of \$1,000.00 to help defray the cost of hosting General Synod 32 in Milwaukee. "Your support and commitment to the Wisconsin Conference is greatly appreciated. We are looking forward to providing extravagant hospitality to our sister and brothers in Christ Celebrating the beauty and diversity of Milwaukee while acknowledging the deep racial disparities present there and throughout our state. Together we will continue to make a difference in the ministries of the Wisconsin conference and the Wider Church.

In ministry with you, Rev. Franz Rigert-Conference Minister

~Thank you to all who participated in the ASLC 50/50 fundraiser in October and November. With your help we were able to sell \$366.00 in raffle tickets. 1st place went to Joyce Jakimczyk for \$91.00. 2nd & 3rd place went to Carol Dohoney & Judy Borkowicz for \$46.00 each. Due to 1 of the winners donating their winnings back we were able to raise \$230.00 for the ASLC. Thank you for your support! The Social Concerns Committee

~Thank you to the Membership Committee for hosting the November 17th Spaghetti Dinner and donating their time, resources and talents. A great time was had by all!



INFORMATION REQUEST: COLLEGE STUDENT & DEPLOYED MILITARY

Please contact the church office with the name(s), address, phone number and email information of any family members who are at college or deployed for the military. We would like to keep in touch with them while they are away so they know we care. You can do this via church email: <u>christ-church@att.net</u>, phone: 414-481-3530, mail: 915 E Oklahoma Ave. Milw. 53207 or the black mailbox outside of the church office. Thank You!

SHARING IN OUR SPONSORSHIP OF DAWA CHOEDON

Please remember that the Christ Church Council has voted to sponsor a child through "Global Ministries" (Relief organization of UCC & Christian Church-Disciples of Christ). Yes, we are all very excited about our sponsored child, <u>Dawa Choedon</u>.

Dawa is 12 years old and lives in Lhaze Zong in Tibet. Both her father and mother are farmers. She has 2 sisters. Since Dawa's parents are poor they have sent all 3 siblings to the Upper Tibetan Children's Village (TCV) for an education.

The cost of sponsoring Dawa is \$45/month, or \$11.25/week. We hope to be able to sponsor her for a year with proceeds from our donut hour offering. We are encouraged to write to Dawa so she will know who is sponsoring her and that she may be able to write back to her "family" in the United States. The address to write to her is:

Dawa Choedon Tenzin Zeden, Children's Secretary Tibetan Children's Village Dharamsala Cantt 176216 Distt. Kangra H.P. India

This is a special mission that was initiated to bring special meaning to our social gathering on Sunday mornings. Please give as you are moved to support this mission effort. This particular children's mission was chosen because it is connected with the United Church of Christ. If our Donut Hour ministry is successful perhaps we can support another child/organization next year through our funds. If you have any thoughts regarding this mission step taken through the donut hour please voice them to any member of the church council or to Dean Kothrade.

May we all share our God given blessings with Dawa.



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DATED MATERIAL

THE CHRONICLES DECEMBER 2018

____YES...I WOULD LIKE TO RECEIVE THE "CHRONICLES NEWSLETTER" VIA EMAIL

___YES...I WOULD LIKE TO RECEIVE THE "CHRIST CHURCH WEEKLY NEWSLETTER" VIA EMAIL

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