CHRIST THE SERVANT LUTHERAN CHURCH

From the Pastor – February 2026 - Article 1 of 3

For this time, we will be looking at our worship book, "The Green Book" or "LBW", The Lutheran Book of Worship. I want you to see that the book we use each week has so much information and is a great tool for study, for prayer, for time in worship.

Let's begin with the beginning of the book. As always there is a Table of Contents, take time to realize that so much is contained in it, just like Table of Contents for all other books you use. Next you will find an Introduction, I encourage you to read it and see the history of how hymnals are put together, the collaboration, the time and mostly the history involved. Next you will find a Calendar, which includes the Sundays and Principal Festivals. Following that calendar you see the Lesser Festivals and Commemorations, broke down by months. In both of these calendars, you will notice Red letters, which indicate the color of the season and what the paraments will be.

What an amazing amount of information so far, but there is much more to follow. Next you find the Prayers of the Day, Psalms and Lessons. For the most, you will find the readings, although some have changed and we have a current calendar of the readings each year. Note that there are three cycles: A is Matthew, B is Mark, C is Luke and John is scattered within all the cycles. We begin the church year with Advent and it concludes with Christ the King.

The next section is in regards to the Lesser Festivals. Many of these we do not use, but you may find it interested to read and pray those days, these readings. They are important, but we just don't put them into worship on a weekly basis. We have the option to include them, but most church's choose not to meet every day of the week.

Next is the section on Commemorations and includes the prayers and readings for specific days, events, for Martyrs, for Missionaries and more. Following this is the Occasions section, which includes things around harvest unity and many more prayers and verses to use.

The next major section is inclusive of Petitions, Intercessions, and Thanksgiving....this is a section which is all prayers. Prayers for all things, all needs, all times. These prayers include prayers for peace, social justice, our country, state and local governments, pastors, all church workers, renewal, prayers to use before and after worship, prayers for use before communion. Included you will the prayer of St. Francis, prayers for general thanksgiving and the list goes on. Then we have Prayers of the Church, along with the responsive response...Hear us, good Lord.

The final section for now is the Athanasian Creed...this creed is only used once a year, but is amazing to read, pray about, and ponder all of God's work.

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

CTS Council Meeting – December 18, 2025

Attendance: Jared Weich, Greg Moen, Al Boelman, Lu Carter, Pastor Cindy Cone, Brenda Beaudette Absent: Linda Shaffer

Al opened the meeting a devotion.

November meeting minutes were discussed. Greg mentioned there were a couple grammatical errors in the paragraph about the donations and monies for the furnace. Greg motioned to approve with minutes with the corrections. Lu seconded. Motion carried.

Financial Report:

Greg went over the financial report for November. Offerings were down a little in November. This may have been to a couple Sundays with extreme cold.

December will have 5 deposits which should help balance things out.

Al motioned to approve the November Financial Report. Brenda seconded. Motion carried.

Greg mentioned that an annual audit will need to be done in the spring of 2026.

Greg spoke with a representative from the IRS about an overage that had been paid in error earlier in the year. The overage should be paid back within the next 1-2 months.

Pastor's Report

Pastor Cindy noted that there was not good attendance for the mid-week Advent services. We discussed if a mid-week Lenten service should be provided. After much discussion it was decided that a mid-week Lenten service will not be provided. The Lenten service will be combined with the Sunday services.

Pastor Cindy will be gone from January 13-20, 2026.

Installation of Council officers will be Sunday, January 11, 2026.

Those that wish to help with choosing hymns for worship will meet on January 10, 2026.

Grounds/Maintenance

Al noted that the light in the corner of the parking lot needs to be replaced.

Greg is checking on estimate for 2026 lawn care.

New Business:

Greg sent an email to all the men in the church about the LCMC Men in Mission group.

A Council President is needed.

Transition/Call team met last week. Working on contract/list of responsibilities for Jared.

Pastor Cindy closed the meeting with prayer.

Respectfully,

Brenda Beaudette – Council Secretary

Ad Hoc Worship Committee
Pastor Cindy Cone, Lu Carter, Marsha Burke, Charlie Skoglund, Jared Weich

The ad hoc Worship Committee met Saturday, January 10, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. The purpose of this meeting was to select hymns and music for the worship services. Music was chosen through the end of June. The time for the meeting to select music for the remainder of the year will be announced.

The worship committee invites anyone interested to attend. You do not need musical training to participate. If you have a favorite hymn, you qualify.

Because of low attendance at mid-week services, it was decided there will be no Wednesday Lenten services. Imposition of Ashes will be observed the first Sunday in Lent.

Respectfully submitted,
Charlie Skoglund

FOUR SIGNS THAT IT'S A SCAM

1. Scammers pretend to be from an organization you know.
2. Scammers say there's a problem or a prize.
3. Scammers pressure you to act immediately.
4. Scammers tell you to pay in a specific way.

HOW TO AVOID A SCAM

Block unwanted calls and text messages.

Don't give your personal or financial information in response to a request that you didn't expect.

Resist the pressure to act immediately.

Know how scammers tell you to pay.

Stop and talk to someone you trust.

If you were scammed or think you saw a scam, report it to the Federal Trade Commission at ReportFraud.ftc.gov.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Altar Guild, coffee/fellowship, communion assistants, greeters, lectors, Membership Care, offering counters, sound booth, ushers. Please sign up or call/e-mail the office. Training will be provided.

"Servants" are needed in all areas.

FEBRUARY VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

	GREETERS	USHERS	LECTOR	COMMUNION	FELLOWSHIP	OFFERINGS
1	Doug & Pat	Al Ron	Greg		Sau Man	Doug & Pat
8	Connie	Greg Doug	Lu	Linda Megan		Charlie & Louise
15	Donna	Warren Al	Charlie		Sau Man	Doug & Pat
22	Al & Sharon	Ron Greg	Brenda	Sau Man Mary		Charlie & Louise

Membership Care: Doreen Kullbom, Lu Carter Altar Guild: Lu Carter

If you are unable to serve when scheduled, please trade with someone

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Feb. 8 Doug Witte
Feb. 11 Dagney Petersen, 11
Feb. 20 Rhonda Beed

Thank you to all who made cookies and brought them to me. I really enjoyed every one of them. I really appreciate your kindness and thinking of me. May God bless all of you and Christ the Servant. *Arlis Lind*

Membership transfer out

Kathy Rogers, 1-31-26

December financial report

Income	$17,009.01
Expenses	$16,602.78
Net	$ 406.23

2025 budget: $167,246
2025 income: $158,417.27
2025 expenses: $161,402.34
2025 net income: -$2,985.07

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February 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 ***Epiphany 4*** **9 Sunday school** **10 Worship**	2 **7 Bible study**	3	4 **6 Bible study**	5 7 Scouts roundtable	6 630 Girl Scouts	7
8 ***Epiphany 5*** **9 Sunday school** **10 Communion** **Potluck**	9 **7 Bible study**	10	11 **11 Rejoicing Spirits** **6 Bible study**	12	13	14
15 ***Transfiguration*** **9 Sunday school** **10 Worship**	16 **7 Bible study**	17 *Pastor in Ashland* 6 MOPS	18	19 **630 Council meeting**	20 630 Girl Scouts	21
22 ***Lent 1*** **9 Sunday school** **10 Imposition of Ashes, Communion** *Food Pantry*	23 **7 Bible study**	24	25 **6 Bible study (end)**	26	27	28