Chetek & Dovre Lutheran Churches

The Visitor

Comings and Goings

" The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in from this time on and forevermore." Psalm 121:8

Coming on board to help lead our Youth and Family Ministries are Rachel Elbin and her husband, Andrew. They are deep-rooted in the faith and seasonal educators who are an answer to our prayers. Keep them and their beloved son, Asher, in your prayers and pray that all of our children would come to know and grow in the love of Jesus.

Coming Tuesday, September 16 at 6:45pm, all committee and team ministries will be gathering to make and implement plans for the coming year. If you are looking for a place and people to share your God-given gifts in 'making Christ known' to our community and world, coming join us! Questions, give us a call.

September mission's offerings go to support the Voice of the Martyrs ministries. Pastor Richard Wurmbrand and his wife, Sabrina, who were imprisoned in Communist Romania, began the ministry to help persecuted Christians and their families around the world. We know today there are multitudes of brothers and sisters suffering for Christ and the Gospel.

Thank you for your prayers and support!

Thanks for all you do for Christ and his Church.

PASTOR GUY REDFIELD

FINANCIAL SUMMARY FOR JULY 2025

GENERAL FUND	
BEGINNING BALANCE:	$11,199.30
DEPOSITS:	$16,862.21
DISBURSEMENTS / EXPENSES	17,940.02
ENDING CHECKING BALANCE:	$10,121.49

MEMORIAL & GIFTS	
BEGINNING BALANCE:	$27,246.09
CONTRIBUTIONS:	$186.90
DISBURSEMENTS:	$846.54
ENDING BALANCE:	$26,586.45

July 2025 Special Mission: $263.00 for Lutheran World Relief

When you designate your Thrivent Choice Dollars to CLC, they are sent with the special mission for that month. Thank you for thinking of CLC when designating your Thrivent dollars.

Our Benevolence payments for July totaled $1,387.05. Benevolence is based on 9% of our tithes,
offerings, holiday donations and loose change funds.

MEMORIALS & GIFTS SUMMARY

DONATIONS TO:

KOINS FOR KIDS: $136.90
UNDESIGNATED: $50.00

DISBURSEMENTS FROM:

YOUTH & FAMILY
Food for VBS $346.54 This money was from the Lenten Soup Suppers & the kids designated it for VBS

Honorarium: $500.00 in gift cards for Shawna recognizing her hard work for Sunday School/Confirmation and more. Thank you Shawna!

If you ever have questions regarding the financial reports, I can be reached by email or phone listed below. You may also contact any council member or attend the monthly Council Meeting.

****Please note my new email below.*

Sincerely, your bookkeeper, Kelly Knowlton 715-642-3356 bookkeeper@cheteklutheran.church

Chetek Lutheran Church Council Minutes
For August 19, 2025

Location: Chetek Lutheran Church

Meeting Type: Regular Council Meeting

Meeting Times: 5:58-7:11

Attendees: Stu Cochrane, Gloria Kwallek, Mark Lenbom, Pastor Guy Redfield, Barb Webb, Ronda Carlson, Brendan Erickson, Russell Richards, Dave Foss, Dewayne Roe **Absent:** Francis Langman

Staff attending: Stephin Fortin, Rachel Elbin, Kelly Knowlton

Guests: Marissa Fortin, Tina Langman, Tammy Lenbom, Christine Anderson, Sue Johnson

Call To Order: Stu Cochrane

Devotions: Pastor Guy, The Common Cup

Approval: 8/19/2024 Agenda (Russell/Brendan), July minutes (Mark/Russell)

Old Business:

Omitted from last month's minutes - Mark to purchase gift cards for Shawn to show appreciation $300 Walmart, $200 Pizza Hut.
Red Cross blood drive - went well. We did not meet our goal for the number of units collected, however we had 9 that attended but could not complete donation (mainly low iron or blood pressure related). With those we would have surpassed our goal. This only means our goal may start lower next time. The Red Cross is looking for a Dec drive. CLC agreed to hold blood drives 12/1/2025 and 3/30/2026.

Youth Director: Rachel thanked us for hiring her. She provided a report of what she has accomplished so far and what is to come. Also provided key dates. Sunday School and Confirmation sign up is in progress. Sunday School will start 9/21/2025 and will be at 9 AM. Confirmation will be led by Andrew Elbin and will be held at the new time of Sundays at 10:15 with orientation 9/21/2025. Rachel can use fishing paraphernalia for rally day (poles, vests, hats, etc.). Please put your name on them so they can be returned. Key dates:

- Aug 24. 2025 - Backpack Blessing all three services (CLC and DLC)
- Sept 14, 2025 - 10 am - noon, Rally Sunday w/face painting, photo booth, and games
- Sept 21, 2025 - 9 am Sunday School starts and 10:15 AM Confirmation orientation
- Sept 28. 2025 - 10:15 Confirmation starts
- Oct 26, 2026 - Trunk or Treat
- Dec 21, 2025 - Christmas Program

New Business:

All Committee Night: will be held Sept 16 at 6:45 at CLC. Anyone interested in being on a committee is welcome to attend. Committees will be picking their own dates to meet going forward.
Mission Envelope: Voice of Martyrs (Gloria/Mark)

Pastor's Report: Will be on vacation Sept 14. Checking with Don Rosenberry and Kevin Prill to fill in, Lois Hartman will be hosting an End of Life Seminar in Sept/Oct, Pastor recommends Tech Committee consider change to live stream to include Facebook. We had better outreach using Facebook.

Bookkeeper Report: Checks and Claims (Mark/Dewayne), Finance Report (Ronda/Russell). Stephen no longer has a credit card. Discussion on how Stephen will make purchases without a credit card. He will be provided a list of local businesses where we have accounts such as Horton's and Synergy. He will contact the finance committee or Stu for any last minute needs.

Committees:

WELCA: Jim Adams spoke about We Care. Welca Commended Marlys Renz and Lois Hartman for reorganization of WELCA 1 year ago. Team 3 served at Barb Borgan Weisser's funeral. WELCA meeting Sept 3 - meeting 9-9:15 followed by workday 9:15-11:15 and lunch at 11:15. WELCA working on Lutheran World Relief Kits for shipping quilts in Oct. All congregation members are welcome to help put kits together Sept 3 at 9:15. Sue Johnson (715-790-8802) and Christine Anderson (612-518-7152) will be collecting funds or items for Baby Care Kits. Contact them to contribute. WELCA meeting Wed Oct 1 at 1:30, Sat Nov 1 from 7:30-11:30 Lefse Making with soup to follow. Wed Nov 5 at 9 AM - Pilgrim Brunch. Coffee Hour discussion. Many are willing to bake but serving is difficult - need other congregation members to help with serving/baking as well. Sign-up sheet is on the counter in the kitchen or contact Sue.

Finance/HR; Ronda Carlson, Stu Cochrane, Rita Hong, Tammy Lenbom, Jody Beuthling, Pastor Guy
Life and Growth: Barb Webb, Linda Roth, Russ Richards, Christine Anderson
Youth and Education: Sue Johnson, Russ Richards, Marissa Fortin, Toni Cochrane, Wendy Raddenback, Patti Nichols, Lacey Huset, Jordyn Esselman, Shari Thraen
Property/Committee: Mark Lenbom, Dewayne Roe, Rob Carlson, Randy Toufar, Larry Nelson. Mark is meeting tomorrow with someone to look at filling in the cross area across the street. The bricks are sunken leaving a tripping hazard. The plan is to leave the cross design with colored concrete to make the surface level. CLC is on the schedule for tree removal previously approved
Tech Committee: Tammy Lenbom, Michael Lenbom, Andrew Elbin, Jim Adams, Brendan Erickson, Marissa Fortin. No report. Brendan will set up time to meet soon and to discuss the live stream
Trust Committee: Dave Christiansen, Jim Adams, Lynn Trowbridge, Rob Carlson, Marissa Fortin. Next mtg is mid-sept
Audit Committee: Deanna McGinnis, Rita Hong, Becky Taft
Nominating Committee: N/A at this time.
Worship/Music: Gloria Kwallek, Dave Foss, Bruce Kamrath, Mary Johnson, Renee Bowers & Kevin Prill
Next Meeting: Sept 16 at 6 PM,
Devotions - Gloria Kwallek
Closed with Lord's Prayer and Adjourned: 7:11 PM

Respectfully submitted by Gloria Kwallek

Dovre Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes
August 17, 2025

Meeting was called to order by President Paul Carlson.

Members present: Lynda Rogers, Cathy Albrecht, Sandy Harelstad, Wayne Olson, Cody Nyhagen, Paul Carlson, Karin Jorstad. Devotions were given by Paul from the 1932 book Home Worship, "Be Not Afraid".
Secretary's Report was reviewed. Motion made by Wayne, seconded by Sandy to accept the Minutes. Motion carried.
Treasurer's Report was reviewed for June and July. Motion made by Lynda, seconded by Wayne to accept June's Report. Motion carried. Motion made by Wayne, seconded by Cody to accept July's Report. Motion carried. Cathy received a check for $100 from Susan McPeters in memory of Arlene Hoveland to be used where needed. We will use the gift of money for Maintenance. Cathy read a Thank You from the Calhoun Library of Chetek. Cathy reported that the Pre-pay Propane is $1.47/gallon this year.
Pastor's Report: Pastor Redfield will be on vacation September 14th. We will ask Kevin Prill to fill in.
Old Business:

Maintenance and Repairs: Paul is waiting to hear from the National Elevator Inspector. Wayne put a new door on the back of the church, and he will ask Gene's Heating to inspect the furnace for fall. The Parking Lot project is scheduled for Sept.

Good Neighbor Fund: After discussion, there were no needs at this time.

Vacation Bible School: We have not received a bill from CLC regarding VBS as of

New Business:

Rachel Elbin is the new Youth and Family Director for CLC/Dovre churches. She will continue to play piano for us. Andrew Elbin will be teaching Confirmation classes and will fill in for Sunday School.

Shawna Skoug offered to do Sunday School at Dovre. Confirmation instruction will continue to be at Chetek Lutheran for continuity and fellowship with other students. Dovre's confirmands may be confirmed at Dovre if they wish. Motion made by Wayne, seconded by Cody to have Shawna teach Sunday School at Dovre and have Confirmation instructions at CLC. Motion carried. Paul will talk to Rachel about the plan.

Backpack Blessing: will be on August 24th. Jackson Nyhagen is ready for the 3-year Bible.

Secretary Update: Charlene needs help assembling the Newsletter.

Next Mtg will be Sept. 21 at 9:00 a.m. at Dovre. Mtg. adjourned at 10:05 a.m.

Minutes for Organizational Meeting of Chetek Lutheran Church Perpetual Trust Fund Committee

Date: June 12, 2025
Time: Meeting was called to order by CLC Trust chairman David Christensen at 3:05 pm
Location: Chetek Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall
Attendees:

David Christensen
Jim Adams
Marissa Fortin
Robert Carlson
Guest Stu Cochrane

Agenda Items:

Review CLC Constitution

- **Discussion:** some portions of the Constitution describing the administration of the Trust are confusing or unclear.
- **Decision:** No decisions at this time.
- **Action items:** Stu will write proposed amendments to be discussed at future meeting, and once approved, will be presented to the congregation.

Treasurer and Secretary Report

Distribution of funds

- **Discussion:** WeCare Ministries, Good Samaritan Fund, and Food Pantry continue to be critical to serving the community.
- **Decision:** $500 will be given to both WeCare and Good Samaritan. Donations to Food Pantry will be held until fall when there are matching funds that can maximize donations.
- **Action Items:** Marissa will write checks to WeCare and Good Samaritan now, and Food Pantry in the fall when there is a match available

Vacation Bible School

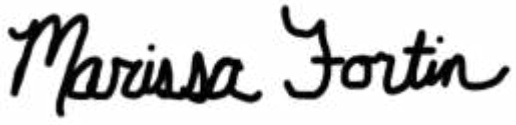
- **Discussion:** Vacation Bible School is in need of more financial support than usual, due to an unforeseen change in plans. Luther Park has offered to provide staff, curriculum, and supplies at less than their cost.
- **Decision:** $2500 will be designated to Vacation Bible School. First, VBS needs will be met. Any monies remaining will be donated to Luther Park.
- **Action Items:** Marissa will notify VBS planning team and write appropriate checks.

Meeting adjourned at 4:21 pm

Next Meeting:

Date: September 2025, date and time to be determined

Location: CLC Fellowship Hall



Marissa Fortin

Secretary of CLC Trust Committee

Wed., Aug. 6	***WELCA Meeting -** Jim Adams was our guest speaker on the topic of WE CARE and answered many questions. WELCA commended Marlys Renz and Lois Hartman for initiating the reorganization of WELCA one year ago on August 7, 2024 after the resignations of all the WELCA officers in June, 2024 and we celebrated our 1-year reorganization and success this past year with an anniversary cake. ***COFFEE HOUR DISCUSSION**: WELCA provided and served treats for most Sundays during the 2024-25 school year. Bell Choir and a few others also served several times. At August 6 WELCA meeting, we had a good discussion about Coffee Hour for the 2025-26 school year. More treats are needed when Sunday School is in session. Several WELCA members expressed their willingness to bake but inability to serve. Tabitha Circle agreed to serve Coffee Hour treats during the month of September. We will have more discussion at our Sept 3, 2025 WELCA meeting. The Church Council requested more discussion at the next meeting on September 16th.
Sat., Aug.16	Team # 3 - Served 90 following Barb Borgen Weisser's Funeral
Wed., Sept 3	**WELCA Brief Meeting – 9:00 -9:15 am** **WELCA Work Day – 9:15 – 11:15 am** **POTLUCK LUNCH at 11:15 am** WELCA will be working as a team putting together Lutheran World Relief Kits for shipping with quilts in October, 2025. **Everyone is welcome to gather and help put kits together on Wed., Sept. 3rd at 9:15 am and join us for a potluck lunch.** *If anyone would like to donate money or items for the Baby Care Kits or Personal Care Kits, please contact Sue Johnson at 715-790-8802 or Christine Anderson at 612-518+7152; Personal Care items can also be donated for Benjamin House with no restrictions on items.* **Baby Care Kit Items Needed:** Two lightweight cotton T-Shirts (no Onesies) Two long or short-sleeved gowns or sleepers (without feet) Two swaddling blankets, medium weight cotton or flannel, or crocheted or knitted with lightweight yarn, 36' to 52" square Four cloth diapers, flat fold preferred One jacket, sweater or sweatshirt with a hood, or include a baby cap Two pairs of socks One hand towel, dark color recommended Two or three bath-size bars of gentle soap equaling 8-9 oz., any brand, in original wrapping; no mini or hotel size bars Two diaper pins or large safety pins
Wed., Oct. 1	**WELCA Meeting – 1:30 pm**
Sat., Nov. 1	**Lefse Making Day – 7:30-11:00 am &** soup luncheon to follow
Wed., Nov. 5	**Pilgrim Brunch – 9:00 am**
Sun., Nov. 9	**Thankoffering Sunday – WELCA members serve as Greeters, Ushers, Scripture Readers and Communion Servers**

September

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 O ed	**2** We Care Ministries 6pm	**3** 7:30 am Men's Breakfast 9:00—11:15 am WELCA Kit Work Day/ Pot Luck at 11:15am 5:00 pm Handbells **7:00 pm Chancel Choir**	**4**	**5**	**6**
7 8:00 am CLC Indoor Worship 9:15 am CLC Outdoor Worship CLC Coffee/Bible Study 10:30 am DLC Worship 	**8** **Pastor's Sabbath** 1:00 pm Hannah Circle 6:30 pm Sunday School Teacher meeting	**9** 11:30 am Sons of Norway	**10** 7:30 am Men's Breakfast 9:00 am Quilters 10:00 am Tabitha Circle 5:00 pm Handbells 7:00 pm Chancel Choir	**11** 	**12**	**13**
14 RALLY DAY 9:00am CLC Worship 10:00 am CLC Coffee/Bible Study **RALLY DAY (10am—noon)** 10:30 am DLC Worship 	**15** **Pastor's Sabbath**	**16** **6:00pm CLC Council Meeting** **6:45 pm Committee/ Ministry meeting**	**17** 7:30 am Men's Breakfast 9:00 am Quilters 1:00 pm Deborah Circle 5:00 pm Handbells 7:00 pm Chancel Choir	**18**	**19**	**20**
21 1st Day of Sunday School **9:00 am DLC Council Meeting** 9:00am CLC Worship & Sunday School 10:00 am CLC Coffee/Bible Study 10:15 am **Confirmation Orientation**	**22** **Pastor's Sabbath**	**23**	**24** 7:30 am Men's Breakfast 9:00 am Quilters 5:00 pm Handbells 7:00 pm Chancel Choir	**25** 9:30 am Dovre Quilting	**26**	**27**
28 9:00am CLC Worship & Sunday School 10:00 am CLC Coffee/Bible Study 10:15 am Confirmation 10:30 am DLC Worship	**29** **Pastor's Sabbath**	**30**				

Sunday Worship Assistants

September	7	14	21	28
CLC Organist	Rita Hong	John Dutmer	Rachel Elbin	John Dutmer
DLC Organist	Rita Hong	John Dutmer	Rachel Elbin	John Dutmer
DCL Reader	Connie Olson	Wendy Raddenbach	Bob Rogers	Sandy Harelstad
DLC Altar Guild	Karin Jorstad	Karin Jorstad	Karin Jorstad	Karin Jorstad

REGULAR SERVICE SCHEDULE WILL RESUME ON SEPTEMBER 8, 2025

CHETEK AT 9:00 AM

DOVRE AT 10:30 AM

Registration:

Scan the QR for Sunday School

Sunday School Returns!

Greetings!

The youth program is up and running with several events planned. Here's what to look out for this coming month and beyond.

September 14 – Rally Sunday "Fishing for Faith" 10:00 am – Noon
Carnival games, photo booth, brunch, and face painting.
All are welcome to this free event!

September 21 – Sunday School Starts, Bible Distribution, & Confirmation Orientation
Sunday School will continue to be offered during the 9:00 am service.
9:00 am service: 3 year olds will receive a SPARK Story Bible and 3rd graders will receive a SPARK Bible.
Confirmation will follow the regular service at 10:15 am. This first Sunday of Confirmation will be an Orientation class for students and their parents.
Registration for Sunday School and Confirmation can be found at www.cheteklutheran.church/youthprograms

Sunday, October 26 – Trunk or Treat

Sunday, December 21 – Children's Christmas Program

We hope you can join us and encourage any kids and families you know to come, too!

Rachel Elbin
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'Planning for End-of-Life' Seminar

At Chetek Lutheran Church -
Fellowship Hall
at 5:30 pm

September 18th - ADRC - Joanne Sweet
September 25th - Law Office - Hannah Royes
October 2nd - Hospice - Angie Plendl
October 9th - Funeral Services -
Caleb Feavel of Stokes, Prock & Mundt Funeral Home & Cremation Society of Wisconsin

To Register, please contact:
Christine 612-518-7152
Dawn 612-961-7667

"WE CARE" MINISTRIES:

Helping to make the Chetek Area a great place to live by bringing together skilled volunteers with those who need their skills.

To volunteer or donate,
Contact 715-642-2204 or you can sign up.
Sign up sheet is on the table behind the pews.

Automatic Monthly Giving to Chetek Lutheran

If you would like to change your giving to our monthly automated giving program, you can go to our home page on our cheteklutheran.org page to download a copy or stop by the church office for a printed copy. Funds are taken out on the 15th of each month. Thank you!

Thank you for your generous support of our mission and ministry.