



# THE BEACON

August 2016

Christ Lutheran Church  
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Sunday Divine Worship 9:00 a.m.  
Bible Study 10:00 a.m.  
Wednesday Divine Service 6:30 p.m.  
Wednesday Bible Study 7:30 p.m.

## Fall/Winter Worship Schedule Begins

Sunday, September 11

### Sunday

Divine Service – 8 & 10:30 a.m.  
Sunday School & Adult/Teen Bible Studies – 9 a.m.

### Wednesday

Divine Service – 6:30 p.m. & Bible Study – 7:30 p.m.

## “Martin Luther: Art & the Reformation” Minneapolis Institute of Art



More than 100 objects that have never traveled to North America and coming to the Minneapolis Institute of Art (MIA), sponsored by Thrivent Financial. In preparation for the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Protestant Reformation in 2017, the Luther House in Wittenberg, Germany, is temporarily closing. Because of that, MIA is able to put on this exhibition together. In “Martin Luther: Art and the Reformation”,

visitors will experience a close up of Luther’s life through his personal possessions, plus archaeological finds from his childhood and adult homes. This exhibition is an once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. It runs from October 30, 2016 to January 15, 2017.

Christ Lutheran Church is hoping to put together a bus trip down to the Minneapolis Institute of Art on November 12, 2016.

We need to know how many people would be interested in participating in order to figure out the cost per person, but an estimate would be between \$30 - \$40 per person depending on number going.

If you are interested in taking a bus down and seeing this exhibit please sign up on the office door by September 11. Or email [clcoffice320@gmail.com](mailto:clcoffice320@gmail.com) or call 715-398-3680.

## Rally Sunday Pig Roast

We are planning for the Rally Sunday Pig Roast that will take place on the church property following the 2nd Service on Sunday, September 11, 2016. We plan to have a Big Tent set-up on the lawn of the North West side of the building. There will be music by Sounds Unlimited, a Bounce House for the youth of the congregation, and a Pig Roast put on by B&B Market. The event is planned to be a potluck and gives you all a chance to be involved in the food, fun, and fellowship.

The only thing we need from you is notification of your attendance, and your families attendance (if applicable), along with a food item you would like to bring for the potluck. We will be posting a sign-up sheet on the office door for sign-up on Sunday, August 7, or you can contact Roni at 715-398-3680 or [clcoffice320@gmail.com](mailto:clcoffice320@gmail.com) and give her the message.

On the sign-up sheet, you will be asked: 1) your name, 2) how many will be in attendance, and 3) the food item being brought for the potluck. We will have to give B&B Market the number of people attending 7-10 days in advance to make sure there is enough pork for everyone, **so we are asking for your commitment "no later than" Sunday, August 28.**

## Thank You! Thank You! Thank You!

I want to take this opportunity to thank all Officers, Board members, and the many seen and unseen members who have served the Church in the past year. I also want to extend a huge thank you to those members serving the Church in Officer and

Board positions in the 2016-2017 Church year. Our Church would not be what it is today without “everyone’s” dedication to service, stewardship, and generosity.

Psalm 118:24

**“This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.”**

Thanks again for your efforts and God Bless.

*Len Campbell*

## IT'S SUMMER!

Isn't it wonderful! As I write this in mid-July, we are in the midst of beautiful summer weather. Our tomatoes, beans and potatoes have taken off, the lawn mower needs pushing all too frequently, and Greta, our dog, is soaking up the sun for all she's worth.

But weather isn't the only thing happening this summer. Many of us have run into health issues and other challenges. Let's remember to pray for those of our church family for whom the summer weather is no solace.

Our youth and two adult leaders are at the National Youth Gathering in New Orleans, having a great time and growing spiritually as they get into the Word and celebrate the Lord with 40,000 other young saints. I look forward to their report and youthful enthusiasm!

Our Synod met in convention last week. This is the principal legislative assembly of the church body that meets once every three years. Rev. Matthew Harrison was reelected as our new president. A full report of the convention's work is available at Synod's web site: [www.lcms.org](http://www.lcms.org).

Finally, the country's national political parties are meeting this summer to adopt their platforms and elect their presidential candidates. This is the "Kingdom of God's Left Hand" in which He governs temporal affairs (in contrast to the spiritual "Kingdom of God's Right Hand"), but still it is important for Christians to participate in the process and vote with the insight and values we receive from the teaching of Christ and the Holy Scriptures.

Finally we would certainly agree that, like our gardens, the Lord's field in Superior is ripe unto harvest. All the Lord needs are the workers to gather it in! How awesome to be a part of that team of faithful Christians doing the Lord's work at Christ Evangelical Lutheran! But to do that work, we must first be nourished and equipped. See you in church and Bible class this Sunday or Wednesday!

*Pastor Schoessow*

## Church Council Minutes

June 9, 2016

**Members Present:** Pastor Schoessow, Len Campbell, Bob Raaflaub, John Robinson, Jim Lemmerman, Don Hauser, Elisabeth Hannula **Absent:** Sharyn Vengrin, Adam Bennis

**Call to Order:** Len Campbell

**Opening Prayer:** Pastor Schoessow

**Call for Additional Agenda Items:** None

**Approval of Minutes:** Jim made the motion to accept the May 12, 2016 minutes; Don seconded. Motion carried.

**Pastor's Report:** We welcome through transfer Mark and Gigi Koenig. Jaden Westman was confirmed on May 24. Pastor arranged for the purchase and delivery of an air conditioner to one of our members. It has not been installed yet. Pastor reminded us that it is time to begin planning for the 125th anniversary of CLC and the 500th anniversary of the Reformation.

**Treasurer's Report:** Balance \$33,483.27. Motion made by John to accept report as written. Jim seconded. Motion carried. We received a letter from Superior Water, Light, and Power stating a problem with a faulty meter registration has been resolved in our favor, to the tune of \$3664.69.

### BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Trustees:** Parking lot lights and the heating system have been turned off for the summer. A new toilet was installed in the women's restroom. The floors will be stripped and waxed June 20-21 by General Cleaning with an approximate cost of \$2000. Help is needed to clear the floors before and replace items after the work is completed. Thank you to Lawrence Lehto for painting the Fellowship Hall, to our surprise and delight! Lawn mowing has commenced with no issues. Trustees continue to monitor the roof and the "speed bump" at our entrance.

**Deacons:** No report.

**Stewardship and Evangelism:** Peg is working on the blood drive planned for October. Upcoming projects: establishing greeters; creating a "welcome center"; holding a congregational pig roast on Rally Day in September; possible freewill offering for military Bible sticks. A special voters' meeting will be held June 26 to ask voters' approval to use money from our miscellaneous fund to pay for the pig roast

**Education:** All focus is currently on Vacation Bible School, held the last week in June. Three teachers are now in place but more help is needed for a variety of tasks. Joye will put together a proposed budget for VBS expenses. Money will likely come from the Mission Endowment fund.

**Memorial Committee:** No report.

**Endowment Committee:** Bob reported no expenditures in the past month. He is not impressed with our

education endowment investments but is quite pleased with how well the scholarship fund is performing.

**Memorial Garden:** Nothing new.

### Old Business:

1. Len reported no Planning Committee update. However, a conference phone call regarding youth leaders will take place next week with Ken Erlandson from Lutheran Island Camp. Len will put a report together shortly.
2. Endowment Funds Maintenance Recommendation: the Executive Committee will meet to discuss necessary changes and may speak with an attorney about our options.

### New Business:

1. There was a request to use our building as a place to sleep on June 24 by Hope Lutheran Church in Warren, MI. Twelve members, mostly adults, are en route to a mission project in Montana. Don made a motion to accept the request; Jim seconded it. Motion carried. John will unlock the doors Friday evening and secure the building (Don agreed to be the back-up person if needed).
2. A motion was made by Elisabeth to send undesignated mission offerings (\$600.) to our LCMS mission congregation in Grand Marais. John seconded it. Motion carried.
3. We thank Len for his years of superb leadership as President of Christ Lutheran Church!

**Next Council Meeting: August 11, 2016 at 5:30  
Adjournment and Lord's Prayer**

### Special Voter's Meeting

June 26, 2016

Call to order: Don Hauser

Opening Prayer: Pastor

Review of Constitution relating to Voting Membership

**Old Business:** None

### New Business

Quote from Superior Glass Inc. to replace South hallway exit door to parking lot for \$2,730. The motion was made by Jim Lemmerman and seconded by Millie Derrick that we replace the South hallway exit door to parking lot for \$2,730. All in favor. Motion carried. Rally Sunday (September 11, 2016) Event, to include pig roast, music, bounce house and big tent-cost not to exceed \$2,000. The motion was made by Louise Busse and seconded by Harla Lemmerman that we have a pig roast on Rally Sunday (September 11, 2016). The event, to include a pig roast, music, bounce house and big tent-cost not to exceed \$2,000. All in favor. Motion carried.

## Boards Resume

All boards could still use a few people especially the Altar Guild. Each board meets once a month, here are the current meeting days and times (subject to change);

Altar Guild – 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday @ 5 p.m.

Board of Deacons – 1<sup>st</sup> Monday @ 5:30 p.m.

Christian Education – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday @ 11:45

Stewardship/Evangelism – 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday @ 5:30 p.m.

Church Council – 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday @ 5:30 p.m.

These meeting times are subject to change as the new boards meet and get underway.

### Your 2016-2017 Board Members:

Welcome to our new and returning board members:

President: Don Hauser

Vice-President: Jim Lemmerman

Secretary: Sharyn Vengrin

Treasurer: Wayne Ploetz

Deacons: Jim Lemmerman, Adam Bennis, Matt Pfeil, Kay Anderson, Lois Teich & Mike Kramer.

Stewardship: Len & Peg Campbell, Dave & Mary Pat Severin, Jeff Allen, Peder & Jean Becken & Kirk Schield

Education: Shannon Allen, Amy Kirchoff, Sara Kroeplin, Marcy Bennis, Elisabeth Hannula, Joye Bedard & Marilyn Pingel.

Trustees: Lawrence Lehto, Dick Lull, Jeff Allen, John Robinson, Andy Anderson, Shane Kroeplin & Mike Kramer

Thank you to everyone for their service, if you volunteered and are not listed please contact the office.

## Stewardship

“Thanks be to God for His inexpressible gift” (2 Cor. 9:15)! This is St. Paul’s exclamation upon hearing the Corinthian church’s response to the preaching of the Gospel of Jesus Christ and his request for support for the Church in Jerusalem. The Christians in Corinth heard and received God’s mercy in Christ, and they responded to St. Paul’s call to support Christians in Jerusalem with a collection. The Corinthian’s joy filled Jerusalem’s need.

This is the reality of stewardship. Because of God’s generosity in the giving of His Son to die on the cross for us, we are to be generous with all that we receive from Him. What do we receive? Everything. All that we are and all that we have is the Lord’s. He is the creator and the giver. We are His creatures and those who receive what He gives.

It sounds easy. And it is. But then again it isn’t.

Stewardship is easy because it God’s work. Through what God gives, we give to others. Through what God gives, we support the work of the church for the life of the world. He gives; we receive. And like our generous Father in Heaven, we, as His children, use what He gives to us to love and serve others.

But stewardship is also difficult. That is because it goes against our natural inclination to think that what I have is mine to do what I want with. This is our sinful nature. It is our selfishness and our greed. How can we who have been given everything—life, food, clothing, house, home, forgiveness, divine sonship, an eternal inheritance—be so stingy with what we give to the church, the place where we hear about and receive all that God gives us and does for us? We are all guilty of this kind of thinking. And the only godly response is to repent and trust in the Gospel.

For if God has given you His own Son, will He not give you all things? Yes. He will. This is His sure and certain promise. God provides for His people. He provides everything we need for this body and life and for the life that is to come.

The church is a mercy place. It’s a place where God’s mercy in the death and resurrection of His Son, Jesus Christ, is given and received. For we who believe in Christ, it means forgiveness, life, and salvation in the face of sin, death, and the power of the devil. Here in the church we inhale God’s mercy in Word and Sacrament, and exhale this same mercy in love and service to our neighbor. And that is an enduring, joyful thing to do. Our joy fills our neighbor’s need because His joy filled ours (Heb. 12:2). Thanks be to God for His inexpressible gift!

## Why? A Layman’s Guide to the Liturgy

### Why is it Important for Christians to receive the Holy Sacrament frequently?

Let’s let Martin Luther answer this, from the “Christian Questions with Their Answers” in the Small Catechism: “In respect to God, both the command and the promise of Christ the Lord should move him, and in respect to himself, the trouble that lies heavy on him, on account of which such command, encouragement, and the promise are given.” And then Luther continues, “But what shall a person do if he be not sensible of such trouble, and feel no hunger and thirst for the Sacrament?”:

To such a person no better advice can be given than that, in the first place, he put his hand into his bosom, and feel whether he still have flesh and blood, and that he by all means believe what the Scriptures say of it, in Gal. 5 and Rom. 7.

Secondly, that he may look around to see whether he is still in the world, and keep in mind that there will be no lack of sin and trouble, as the Scriptures say, in John 15 and 16; 1 John 2 and 5.

Thirdly, he will certainly have the devil also about him, who with his lying and murdering, day and night, will let him have no peace within or without, as the Scriptures picture him, in John 8 and 16; 1 Pet. 5; Eph. 6; 2 Tim. 2.

### **Serve the Lord in the Altar Guild**

Have you ever prayerfully considered joining in God's work by helping prepare the altar for Divine services? Please take a few moments to reflect on your talents, where and how you are helping in the church now and how you might become an active member of our Altar Guild.

We have an active membership that meets once a month to learn more about altar preparations and their significance in the Divine service. We also discuss any needed business that may apply to the guild. We take turns preparing the altar by preparing the elements for Holy Communion, changing the liturgical colors, cleaning, doing flower arrangements, and any other jobs that may have significance for the altar.

We are actively recruiting new members to help share the work of the Altar Guild. We find that it is very rewarding to be a part of the Divine service through service preparation. Please consider joining us in this very important work. You will be trained and you will work with an experienced person.

To offer your service, please contact the church office 715-398-3680.

### **Attention College Students!**

All our college students are invited to church on **Sunday, August 21** when we will specifically include you in the congregation's prayers in a short rite of blessing as you go off to school. Please **RSVP by August 17** with your name, the school you are attending and your major.

As you make preparations for college, please inform the church office of your contact information, including email. We will stay in touch with you throughout the year and can also help you make contact with local LC-MS campus ministries or congregations near your school.

### **Parent's Confirmation Meeting**

Our congregation has a solid and exciting program for the catechesis (teaching) of our children (in the process of confirmation). An orientation meeting for parents and catechumens (learners) is on **Wednesday, September 7 at 3:30 p.m.** We will outline our "cradle to the grave" confirmation process and confirm our weekly schedule so that together we can enable our children to thrive in their Christian faith and life. Book purchases will be made on this day. **Confirmation class begins that same day.**

### **Sunday School Starts**

The fall quarter of Sunday school begins on September 11 at 9 a.m. Classes are offered for grade pre-k through

high school and Bible study for adults. We have an exciting year planned and hope your family is a part of it. Parents need to come in and register their children on the first day, you can do this in the classrooms in the Sunday school wing after Pastor's opening.

Then worship together as a family in one of our Divine Services (8 & 10:30 a.m.).

Please join us at the Rally Day pig roast after the 10:30 a.m. service. There will be a bounce house, music and great food.

### **Sunday School Teachers for 2016/2017**

The Board of Education is looking for new/additional Sunday School Teachers for the 2016-2017 school year. We have added new faces and our Sunday School is growing.

We would like to add at least a few more teachers to our staff. Curriculum is provided and we will support and train anyone who is willing to step forward and teach our youngest church members. If they have any questions, please contact Marcy Bennis or the church office.

### **Christ's Men**

#### **Men, Let's Do Lunch**

Christ's Men will meet on Tuesday, August 2 at 12 noon at the Upper Deck Restaurant at the Bong airport. This is an opportunity to gain guidance and spiritual support from God's Word as well as an excellent opportunity for Christian friendship.

### **Did You Move? Or Someone You Know Move?**

Summer is a time when many people move. If you or someone in your family has moved recently, please let the church office know your new address. If you have moved to another city, remember to transfer your church membership to one of our sister LCMS congregations by simply requesting a transfer from the pastor of the church you wish to be transferred to. There are many reasons to transfer your membership when you move, but the most important is that you will have a place close to home where you can regularly hear the Word of God and receive the Body and Blood of the Lord in His Supper. So if you've moved recently, and distance keeps you from weekly worship at Christ Lutheran, now is the time to answer God's call by remaining faithful to our faithful Lord!

### **Defending the Faith, Teaching the Truth**

Issues, Etc. is a talk radio show hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken and produced by Lutheran Public Radio. Recent topics include: Same-Sex Marriage, Reformation *Solus*, Depression, Radical Islam, What Boys Need, Pro-Life Women and more. Listen to what you want when you want at [www.issuesetc.org](http://www.issuesetc.org).

## Food for the Local Food Shelf

The first Sunday of every month is when you need to bring in your donations of non-perishable food items for the local food shelf. You may put your items under the table in the narthex. This is given to those in need and then to the local food pantry.

## Do We Have Your Current Email Address?

Are you receiving email from Christ Lutheran? If not, you are missing important and timely information from your church. We will not flood your inbox or share your email address (addresses are always hidden when sent from church). Please help us keep you informed! Call the office at 715-398-3680 or send it to [sechristlutheran@centurytel.net](mailto:sechristlutheran@centurytel.net).

## Looking for something?

The LCMS staffs the "Church Information Center", which offers a great deal of help and resources on a variety of topics. To contact the CIC with your questions, you may write: [infocenter@lcms.org](mailto:infocenter@lcms.org) or call toll free 1.888.843.5267

## Tips for Inviting People to Church

- ② **Invite Someone You Know:** Surveys show that a majority of persons first come to church because a friend invited them.
- ② **Pray About Your Inviting:** Ask the Spirit's help through prayer as you reach out to someone else
- ② **Invite Persons In Time Of Need:** People going thru the stress of change - a loved-one's deaths sickness, a new community, loss of a job or a baby -can be served by the message of the Risen Christ around which the worship revolves.
- ② **Invite Persons To Special Services:** Special worship services are also times when people may be open to an invitation.
- ② **Invite People In Your Own Way:** There is no single "right way" even if your words may seem stumbling (to you), the Spirit will work through you.
- ② **Invite People Because We Are Proud Of Our Parish Family:** Because we know the "joy of salvation" in our worship, we will want others to share that joy and salvation.
- ② **Invite People to Worship With You:** Arrange to bring; them or meet them at church and sit and worship with them.
- ② **Don't Give Up:** Be gentle, but make sure a person knows the welcome mat is out.

- ② **Ask Pastor For Help:** He will be happy to help you in your inviting and he'll be happy to visit these people also.



1	Jill Austin
2	Millie Derick
	David Ritsche
4	Justin Michalski
	Kimberly Kroll
10	Patrick Flynn
13	Johanna Brown
14	Gene Loughren
	Keaton Schutte
15	Natalie Schultz
16	Jenny Schoessow
17	Robert Janicki
18	Doris Toms
21	Thomas Bedard
20	Barbara Johnson
23	Lorraine Kramer
24	Patrick Field
25	Connie Noble
	Jerry Broderson
	Patricia Nelson
	Nick Johnson
26	Kevin Kroll
27	Dee Meadows
	LaVonne Hockin
28	Michael Miller
29	Don Hauser
30	Kali Magdzas

