



THE BEACON

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Sunday Divine Worship: 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.
Sunday School/Bible Study: 9:00 a.m.
Wednesday Divine Service 6:30 p.m.

The Season of Advent is Here!

Start the New Year with spiritual preparation for our dear Lord's imminent return in glory! Join us during Advent!



*"Prepare my heart, Lord Jesus,
Turn not from me aside,
And grant that I receive Thee
This blessed Advent tide.
From stall and manger low
Come Thou to dwell within me;
Loud praises will I sing Thee
And forth Thy glory show."
-THL 75:4*

November 30

12:15 & 6:30 p.m. – Two Families (Luke 1:5–25)

December 7

12:15 & 6:30 p.m. – Our Way (Luke 1:57–66)

December 14

12:15 & 6:30 p.m. – A List! (Matthew 1:1–17)

Soup & Sandwich Suppers

Please join us for soup and sandwich suppers during Advent. They start **November 30 at 5:30 p.m.** The Board of Deacons is hosting this first supper.

Christmas Schedule

*"And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths and laid him in a manger."
-Luke 2:7*



Christmas Eve – December 24

4:30 p.m. Christmas Eve Service of Light

Christmas Day – December 25

10:30 a.m. Festival Christmas Day Service

Sunday School Christmas Program

The Sunday school Christmas program will be held on Sunday, December 18 at 10:30 service. The 10:30 service will be totally devoted to the Children's Christmas program this year. The 8 a.m. service will be a Divine Service like normal.

Christmas Tree Decorating

It is time to deck the halls for Christmas! Calling all young couples and singles, help is needed to climb ladders and put together 3 trees. Any new ideas for decorating the Lord's House are welcome. It is a fun time to get to know each other. The tree trimming will occur on Friday, December 16 starting at 6 p.m. Any questions please contact Judy Pahos 715-394-6584.

Each One Reach One!

The New Year brings with it another opportunity for us to gather an adult membership class (beginning later in January). During the past year you may have made many contacts with neighbors, friends and family who do not presently have a church home. With the blessing of God's Spirit on your consecrated effort, you may be able to lead them to know Christ as their Savior and/or to find a new church home in which to worship and serve Him. Invite these people to worship with you or to attend the next Life in Christ—Life at Christ new member class. You may also wish to have pastor contact them. And by all means, remember them in your prayers.

Poinsettia Orders

It is time to order poinsettias to beautify the altar during Christmas. The price is still \$10. You will find order forms in various locations in the narthex & in the church office. Please fill out an order form and turn it in WITH the money to the office. The deadline for ordering is Sunday, December 4.

Family Life

Advent and Christmas 2016

Family life. It can be the best of times and—let's be honest—it can be the worst of times.

Consider these family facts:

- You don't need remote control for your TV. If you have children, the chances of controlling anything are already remote.
- More ominous than the sound of an approaching riot is the sound of children suddenly quiet.
- A survey of marriage counselors has uncovered this bit of data: no marriage can survive white carpeting.

Everyone needs godly wisdom when it comes to family relationships. That's why, as we begin a new church year, we plan to learn from the families connected with our Lord's birth. This includes Joseph, Mary, and Jesus, along with Zechariah, Elizabeth, and John. These families faced infertility, frustration, loss, misunderstandings, death, and so much more.:

Advent 1 – **Two Families** (Luke 1:5–25)

Advent 2 – **Our Way** (Luke 1:57–66)

Advent 3 – **A List!** (Matthew 1:1–17)

Advent 4 – **Open the Door** (Matthew 1:18–20)

Christmas Eve – **Whoever Takes the Son Gets It All** (Matthew 1:21–25)

You are encouraged to be a part of these worship services. *Your family is worth time and investment in God's word!*

Pastor Schoessow

Church Council Minutes

November 10, 2016

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

Call to Order: Don Hauser

Opening Prayer and Devotion: Pastor Schoessow

Call for Additional Agenda Items: None

Approval of Minutes: Len made the motion to accept the Oct. 13, 2016 minutes; Wayne seconded. Motion carried.

Pastor's Report: No official acts other than the usual ministry duties.

Treasurer's Report: Checking account balance: \$34,208.80. Wayne presented a monthly financial report. Jim made the motion to accept the report; John seconded it.

BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

Trustees: John reset all the clocks and timers (daylight savings change); trustees helped set up for the pasty bake; snow plowing has been arranged for the coming season at a cost of \$100 each time.

Deacons: Sara Kroeplin asked the deacons to consider hiring a sign language interpreter for our services. Some discussion ensued. This will be brought to the circuit.

Stewardship and Evangelism: Super One gift cards have been purchased for one family (another may follow). More information will be shared with the congregation about our sponsored missionaries, hopefully twice each year. A possible CASDA presentation is being considered for February. The guardian angel brunch will be January 8.

Education: Villa Marina project is scheduled for Dec. 4. Gifts are being collected and purchased for it. The family Christmas service is scheduled for December 18 at 10:30. Pastor is still hoping to schedule Christian release time at the local schools. The Campus Ministry candidate has not returned calls, so a new candidate needs to be hired.

Memorial Committee: No report.

Endowment Committee: No report; however, a contribution will soon be sent to global missions.

Memorial Garden: No report.

Old Business:

- A. Planning Committee: no report.
- B. Constitution update: none.
- C. Statement of Belief: Don will share it with the congregation at Sunday's voters' meeting, giving people time to peruse it.

New Business:

- A. There have been no requests for use of the Fellowship Hall.

Next Council Meeting: 8 December 2016 at 5:00

Adjournment and Lord's Prayer

Voter's Meeting Minutes

November 13, 2016

- 1) Call to Order: President Don Hauser
- 2) Opening Prayer: Pastor Schoessow
- 3) Call for additional agenda items: None
- 4) Minutes from September 18, 2016 Voters' Assembly – Motion was made by Wayne and Seconded by Len that we accept the minutes as written. All in favor. Motion Carried..
- 5) Treasurer's Report; Checkbook balance as of October 31, 2016, \$34,208.80 – Motion was made by Dave and seconded by Len that we accept Treasurer's Report as written. All in favor. Motion carried.
- 6) Old Business: none
- 7) New Business
 - a) Pastor gave us a short update on the status his need to take some time off to be with family.
 - b) 2017 Budget Proposal – Motion was made by Dave and seconded by Nelda to accept the proposal as presented. All in favor. Motion carried.
 - c) First reading of "Statement of Beliefs", Second reading will be at February Voter's Assembly.
 - d) Synod Constitutional Amendments – were handed out, a vote for acceptance will occur at the February Voter's Assembly
- 8) Next Voter's Assembly February 19, 2017, after second service
- 9) Adjournment – Lord's Prayer

Respectfully Submitted Jim Lemmerman

Online Information

LC-MS Website
lcms.org

Minnesota North District Website
mnn.lcms.org

Lutheran Witness Online
www.lcms.org
Click on 'Lutheran Witness' in left column

LC-MS Synod Radio Stations
www.kfuo.org—or—classic99.com
www.issuesetc.org

**Information on Pregnancy, Parenting
& Adoption**
getrealwithyourself.com

Stewardship

Every Christmas present that sits wrapped under your Christmas tree will wear out. It will break or go out of style. This fact was there, somewhere, in the back of your mind even as you bought them, but you bought them anyway. For you love the person you bought them for, you wanted to see that look of joy it brings to their face.

So also God gives to you. But greater. What He gives will never wear out, break down, or go out of style. For what He gives is His eternal and only-begotten Son, wrapped in your flesh, and placed upon the tree of the Cross. He gives His Son for you. He gives that you may have everlasting joy. He gives because He loves you. This is why the Word became flesh to dwell among you.

And that is who is given to you. The Word who is God yet was with God from all eternity. The Word through whom all things were made. The Word who is the only-begotten Son of the Father, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, being of one substance with His Father. The One who called all things into existence, the One who spoke to Moses from the bush that burned yet was not consumed, the One whose glory filled the tabernacle to dwell among His people, God Himself, has taken on your flesh.

Even though the Word is made flesh, even though God became Man, His Divinity is not lessened. His Divinity is not changed. His Divinity remains, pure and unchanging, but your flesh, your human nature, is exalted. Your flesh and humanity is assumed into God. God became man so that you would become like unto God—holy and righteous, without sin, without death.

And so it is that the Son given to you wrapped in your flesh is placed upon the tree of the Cross. And no tree was ever adorned more beautifully. Its ornaments were nothing less than the Blood of God, poured out as an atoning sacrifice for your sins. Its garland the Body of God, hanged in death that you may have life. Its light the incarnate Light of the world, strung up to call you and all men unto Himself, to enlighten you, to make you His own. He gives you His life, He gives you joy and peace—peace with God in heaven and peace with one another on earth.

And from the tree of the Cross the Lord Jesus places another gift for you upon the Altar. It is the Fruit of the Cross, His crucified and risen, living Body and Blood, the Fruit of the Tree of Life, wrapped in bread and wine and given to you. He fills you with His Glory. He makes your mouths and your hearts His manger. He abides in you and you in Him.

The Word became flesh to be placed under the Cross for you. You are forgiven. This is why we give. We give because He has first given to us. And just as it was a joy for Him to give all He had to us. It is a joy for us to give to one another and His church so that this message of forgiveness, life, and salvation may be proclaimed.

Blessing of Advent Wreath at Home

Leader: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. *Matthew 28:19b*

Response: Amen.

Leader: As we begin the season of Advent, let this wreath remind us that Jesus Christ came to conquer the darkness of sin and to lead us into the light of His glorious kingdom. As the prophet Isaiah says, "The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shined." *Isaiah 9:2*

Leader: Our help is in the name of the Lord,
Response: who made heaven and earth.

Leader: Let us pray. O Lord Jesus Christ, the true light who comes into the world to enlighten all people, bless us as we light the candles of this wreath in preparation for Your coming, and enkindle in our hearts the fire of Your love that we may receive You with joy and gladness and evermore remain steadfast in the faith; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Response: Amen.

Leader: May the Lord Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless this wreath for use in our home/school throughout this holy season of Advent.

Response: Amen.



Rite of the Christmas Tree

This order may be used with family or friends as you decorate your Christmas tree. You can find take home copies in the narthex.

Leader: In the name of the Father and of the (+) Son and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Leader: Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad!

All: Let the sea roar and the fullness thereof! Let the fields be joyful and all that is therein! Then shall all the trees of the wood rejoice before the lord. For he cometh, for he cometh to judge the earth. He shall judge the world with righteousness and the people with his truth.

Leader: Jesus on the Tree of the Cross didst give salvation unto mankind

All: That whence death arose, thence life might rise again.

Leader: And that he who by a tree once overcame

All: Might likewise by a tree be overcome through Christ our Lord.

Leader: The Lord God planted a garden eastward in Eden and there he put the man whom he had formed. And out of the ground made the Lord God to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food; the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of knowledge of good and evil. Praise be to Jesus who in his own self bore our sins in his own body on the tree, that we being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness

Let us pray. . .

O Lord Jesus who didst bear on thine own sacred Body the sins of us and all mankind on the Tree of the Cross; bless this tree and let it be a reminder to us of the joy of thy birthday and of the glorious hope which thou has obtained for us.

All: Amen.



Guardian Angel Epiphany Brunch

We would like to invite you to join us on Sunday, January 8, 2017, following the 2nd service, for the Annual Guardian Angel Epiphany Brunch held in the fellowship hall. A delicious potluck brunch will be provided.

What is a Guardian Angel?

People participating will pick a name out of a hat. For the next year, the person who draws your name, will keep you in their prayers throughout 2017. You are welcome to remember your person on special dates, i.e., birthdays, anniversaries, and holidays, by giving cards or small gifts to this person. When signing your card, simply write, "From Your Guardian Angel."

The mailboxes located in the Narthex, will be used when delivering these surprises. Remember, we do not reveal ourselves to the person we are praying for until next year at the Epiphany Brunch of 2018.

If you would like to participate in the Guardian Angel drawing, please fill out a form located in the Narthex and place it in the Guardian Angel box on the counter. The form should be submitted "no later than" Wednesday, January 4, 2017. You will need to attend the event to pick out a name from the basket.

This event is a potluck. There is a sign-up sheet on the office door in the Narthex for breakfast/brunch type items needed for the Brunch. Please check the sheet and consider bringing one of the items to the brunch. We appreciate your help on this. **Your favorite brunch-type recipe would be appreciated.** Ideas include: egg bakes, muffins, fruit, and juice.

God Bless and Thank You!

Getting Married?

A marriage preparation class for couples planning marriage is coming up in January. Limit of five couples. Please contact the church office immediately to get your spot.

Pasty Bake Report

A great big THANK YOU to everyone who helped in anyway with the pasty bake, 1800 pastys were made. This year we started making pastys on Monday and we were done by Tuesday. With everything cleaned pretty much on Wednesday. This, as always was accomplished with the help of many volunteers. Thank you again!

Youth Upcoming Events

All 7th – 12th grade youth are invited to attend any or all events! We study God's Word in a variety of ways – music videos with today's current Christian artists, creative Bible lessons, and issues that relate to the youth! Join us! Bring a friend!

We are also well on our way Sunday mornings in the youth room at 9:15 for Bible study. Please come and join us.

Did You Know

Advent Devotionals

Advent devotionals are available for your family, free of charge, in the church narthex. There are a couple of different devotions available to choose from, take the one that works best for you or take both. You will find them in various locations around the narthex.

Invite Someone to Church

Christmas is one of two times during the year when people without a church are especially open to invitations to come and worship. Use this opportunity to invite and bring your neighbors to our Advent and Christmas services. God bless your missionary work!

2016 Offerings & 2017 Offering Envelopes

Another year has flown by and it is time to distribute new offering envelopes. This year you will find them in your mailbox. If you don't have a mailbox they will be on the counter. The envelopes should be out by December 15. If you did not have envelopes in 2016 and would like them in 2017 please contact Roni in the office.

Reminder: please throw away any unused 2016 envelopes. Please do not use 2016 envelopes in 2017 because the number will not be the same and your contribution will not get credited to you.

Your offerings for 2016 must be **to the church no later than December 31**. Contribution statements will be available in the narthex by January 31.

Remember our Service Personnel

Soldiers of 312th **Army Reserve Engineers**, deployed to Kuwait; **Staff SGT E5 Joe Austin**, USAF, Alaska, Son of Jill & Dennis Austin/Cathy Austin; **LTJG Sean Freitas**, US Navy aviator, Texas, grandson of Carole Strohman; **David Ritsche**, 148th Air Wing; **Nathan & Jill Rogers**, Majors, Air Force Reserves, Daughter & son-in-law of Darrell & Joann Erdman; **PVT. John Seboe**, Army, Fort Drum, NY, grandson of David & Donna Manos;

Please if you see a name on this list that is no longer in the military please notify the church office

Christ's Men

Men, Let's Do Lunch

Christ's Men will meet on Tuesday, December 6 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.

The Heating Season

The heating season is upon us again, please double check that all doors are locked, all lights are turned off (including bathrooms), and thermostats are turned down before your group leaves the church. Thank you!

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 Solas, Depression, Radical Islam, What Boys Need, Pro-Life Women and more. Listen to what you want when you want at 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 clcoffice320@gmail.com

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 or call toll free 1.888.843.5267

**January Newsletter
Submissions are due by
December 15**

THIS MONTH'S
birthdays

- 1 Louise Busse
- 3 Beth Erdman
Linda Byrka
- 4 Audrey Kidd
- 6 Mark Schultz
- 7 Mary Manderscheid
- 8 Margaret Stenberg
- 9 Kaiti Derick
- 10 Bud Brand
- 11 Joshua Pitt
- 12 Amanda Bedard
Ken Ormsby
James Lemmerman
- 14 Gertrude Johnson
- 16 Jennifer Doane
Marie Haire
Nell Loughren
- 18 Dorothy Thoreson
- 20 Jim Pohl
- 21 Alyssa Isackson
- 22 Sharon Makela
- 23 Sharyn Vengrin
- 26 Lisa Ahlberg
Lawrence Lehto
Bonnie Pahlen
- 27 Kathleen Anderson
Tiffany Kari
Adair Piper
- 28 Lloyd Lehto
Mark Olson
Scott Stenroos
- 29 Carole Strohman
- 31 Brett Austin
Tom Burd

