



# THE BEACON

March 2016

Christ Lutheran Church  
320 N 28<sup>th</sup> St. E.  
Superior, WI 54880

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

## Midweek Lenten Series

### The Salutory Gift

Lent begins Ash Wednesday, March 1 with services at 12:15 p.m. & 6:30 p.m.  
Soup and Sandwich suppers start March 8 at 5:30 p.m.

### March 1 - Ash Wednesday (12:15 & 6:30 p.m.)

"Life Giving Fruit"

### March 8 (12:15 & 6:30 p.m.)

"Bread from Heaven"

### March 15 (12:15 & 6:30 p.m.)

"Healing Medicine"

### March 22 (12:15 & 6:30 p.m.)

"Blest Communion"

### March 29 (12:15 & 6:30 p.m.)

"Rest for the Weary"

### April 5 (12:15 & 6:30 p.m.)

"Nuptial Feast"

Within the solemn halls of the Lenten season, we gather around God's Word in repentance over sin, preparation for our Savior's sacrifice, and thanksgiving for the crucifixion's redemptive power. The theology of the Lord's Supper mirrors this Lenten pilgrimage in many ways.

Through studying the Old and New Testament Scripture passages in these Wednesday services, we arrive at a deeper appreciation of the Lord's Supper instituted by Christ. Each theme reveals a host of approaches to understanding the same gift: life-giving fruit, nourishment, healing, communion with saints, rest, a priestly meal, the feast of victory, and more.

Meditate on these beautiful biblical images and metaphors in addition to the chief blessing of the Holy Sacrament described in Scripture: *the forgiveness of sins*. The forgiveness of sins, won the world on Calvary and offered in the Lord's body and blood, truly makes this blessed Supper a salutory gift.

## Welcome Pastor Schield & Installation Service

On January 15 Christ Lutheran Church Voter's Assembly voter to offer a call for a part time Assisting Pastor to Pastor Kirk Schield. He has accepted the call and will be installed on March 1.

**Installation Service** will be held Sunday, March 5 at 4 p.m. with a soup & sandwich supper to follow the service. Everyone is invited to attend and welcome Pastor Schield.

Pastor Schield grew up in Stevens Point, WI and worked for Woodward Governor Company as a machinist and in assembly, test, and development of aircraft fuel controls and hydroelectric governors. He married Beth Nelson in 1982 and together they have 4 children, Dan, Ben, Anna, and Sara. They spent 2 years with Woodward in Fort Collins CO, and after over 15 years with the company Pastor Schield and family returned to Stevens Point where he worked as a technician troubleshooting and repairing machining equipment for Pointe Precision, LLC. As he and Beth studied for the Lay Ministry by Extension program through Concordia University, Mequon, WI. Rev. Schield was led by the Lord to enter Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne, IN. The family moved there in 2001 and he began preparing for the Office of the Holy Ministry at 40 years of age. His first call assignment was in 2004 as a vicar to Shepherd of the Lake in Two Harbors, MN. He and his family served there until 2014 when he accepted the Call to serve God's people at St. John's and Zion Lutheran Churches in Thief River Falls and Warren, MN. In 2009, Beth had been diagnosed with breast cancer and God provided good health even through several more diagnosis' and treatments. However, shortly after Pastor Schield's installation in March 2014, the cancer began to spread quickly and Beth expressed wishes to return either to Stevens Point or to Two Harbors to spend her last days here on earth. The Lord provided opportunity for immediate employment in August 2014 in Two Harbors in the form of a machinist position at Stanley-Labounty so Pastor Schield resigned his Calls at St. John's and Zion and he and Beth moved back to their home in Two Harbors. Beth was called to the Church Triumphant in December of 2014. Pastor Schield continues to work as a Quality Assurance Technician at Labounty.

His interests include spending time with his children, auto and small engine repair, and he continues to work as a consultant to the Hydroelectric industry for American Governor Company. Pastor Schield is excited to help serve God's people at Christ Lutheran Church. To God be all glory!

## ***Of Babes and Hobbits***

*Out of the mouths of babes and infants you have established strength because of your enemies, to silence the foe and the avenger. (Psalm 8:2).*

Islamic warriors terrorize the Middle East and Europe. North Korea and Iran flaunt nuclear agreements and build intercontinental missiles. Loved ones are felled by accident, disease or depression.

**Where is the power of Christ in all of this?** Why does He not send the heavenly Princes Gabriel and Michael with their host of angelic armies to break the power of the enemy? For the enemy is the prince of darkness, a strong and powerful spirit. He is the god and prince of this world and uses his legions to cause terror and tumult across the earth.

**Answer:** The Lord, our Master does not wish to use Gabriel or Michael, but wills rather to *establish strength out of the mouths of babes and infants*. I wonder if JRR Tolkien did not base his *Lord of the Rings* trilogy on this psalm. The evil lord Sauron is too strong to be overcome by the armies of men. Instead a hobbit is used to defeat the lord of darkness. Hobbits are from two to four feet high, with pointed ears and large feet. They are called “the little people” and are in no way mighty warriors.

Well, we live in no dreamy legend land. There is indeed an enemy whose wickedness is great. But our Master, the Lord Jesus Christ, is pleased to mock the evil lord Satan by using a Babe. He lowers Himself into our world, is born of a lowly mother and goes about in weak poverty. Yet in just such a weak body He attacks the enemy, allows Himself to be crucified and slain, and through His cross and death, He overcomes the enemy.

And still today, the Lord God holds back the great and mighty power of the heavenly angels and uses instead the unlearned, simple, and weak folk of the Christian church (we hobbits!). He uses us babes and infants to confront the terrible power of the devil and the world. We are tried and tested, but let us be true to our Master, for He will certainly be true to us. He delights in using our feeble weakness to shame the world’s powers and glorify His Christ. That is the way in which our Master founds His kingdom.

See you in Church during this Lenten season (Sundays and Wednesdays). The Master will be there, ready to touch your weakness with His strength and so will He *silence the foe and the avenger!*

Yours for Christ and His Kingdom,

*Pastor David Schoessow*

## Church Council

February 9, 2017

**Members Present:** Pastor Schoessow, Bob Raflaub, Jim Lemmerman, Wayne Ploetz, Pastor Shield, Elisabeth Hannula, Don Hauser, Len Campbell and Sharyn Vengrin

**Call to order:** Don Hauser

**Call for additional agenda items:** None

**Opening Prayer:** Lead by Pastor Schoessow

**Minutes from Council Meeting:** Len made the motion to accept the January 12, 2017 minutes Jim seconded. All in favor. Motion Carried.

**Pastor's Report: Looking ahead:**

**Casda** Presentation Feb 12 at 9:15 am

Ash Wednesday is March 1

**Installation Service for Pastor Schield March 5, 4:00 pm**

Reception of new members

Life in Christ/Life at Christ new member class

**Treasurers Report:** Checking account balance: \$33,448.53 Liz made the motion to accept the report. Jim seconded. Motion carried.

### BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Board of Deacons:** No Report

**Trustees Report:** Contacted Badger Storage and Excavating regarding clearing brush on the West side of the Driveway and also along the tracks on the east side. I was given verbal price of \$500.00 to \$750.00 for the job. He stated he could do it within the next two weeks. Phone follow up to Northern Star Food Equipment regarding his quotation for kitchen Dishwasher and Stainless steel counter. As of this writing, no reply Main circulating Pump has been replaced. The original pump is obsolete. The cost of the replacement pump is \$1,900.00. The new pump was installed Feb. 7, 2017. The electric connections have to be changed because the old pump was 208 volts/3ph and the new pump is 115 volts/1ph.

Bob made the motion to approve the work necessary to replace the obsolete pump. Jim seconded. All in favor. Motion carried. Council agrees with action John took. After final bill John will review payment with Don.

**New Business:**

**Board of Stewardship & Evangelism:** They are still working on greeter document.

**New Business: Sponsoring a Meal for Homeless-** Dave Severin investigated this opportunity with Solid Rock and Salvation Army. Food cannot be brought to the Solid Rock facility in a potluck fashion, however donations can be accepted. The Salvation Army accepts food for the Food Shelf along with monetary donations and accepts clothing for re-distribution. Many questions were raised. Dave will contact the Solid Rock to gain better direction for next month's meeting.

**Church Apparel Spring 2017-**Len and Kathie Allen met with a representative of Hill Creek Marketing to discuss a

clothing sale. A couple of logos have been developed that need slight modification. Along with a variety of shirts for sale, we are considering coffee mugs and tote bags. The plan is to appeal to the congregation in med-March to mid-April to take orders and distribution no later than May 14.

**Sponsor Clothing Drive-**Discussion took place about a potential clothing drive. Some things to consider are 1) making the drive specific to one area, i.e., youth clothing, or accepting monetary donations for purchase of new clothing, 2) clothing to be new or slightly used, 3) consider contacting local retailers who may be interested in donating clothing they cannot sell, 4) possibly stocking the church with this clothing if space is available, or bring the clothing to a local community charity group. This topic needs more search and discussion.

**Discuss Meeting Time-**Future meeting dates/times will be the first Tuesday of the month at 5:00 p.m.

**Other Business:** Casda Presentation Sunday, February 12, 9:15 am. Orphan Grain Train Free-Will Offering, February 26

**Board of Education:** No report

**Memorial Committee:** Nothing new

**Endowment Committee:**

**Memorial Mission Endowment:** Gloria Meier for quilting \$64.89.

**Memorial Garden:** Same

**Old Business: Planning Update:** Facility Planning: Has been suspended until we get a handle on upcoming expenses.

**Youth Leader Discovery Group:** Meeting 2/19 at 5:30.

**Constitution Update:** Discuss Membership sections of Constitution and Bylaws: Some discussion.

**New Business: Voter's Assembly February 19<sup>th</sup>:** Second reading and/or voting on Statement of Belief.

**Requests to use Fellowship Hall:** None

Next Council Meeting: March 8, 2017 @ 5:00 pm

Adjournment: Lord's Prayer

**Respectfully submitted by: Sharyn Vengrin**

## Voter's Meeting

February 19, 2017

- 1) **Call to order:** Don Hauser
- 2) **Opening Prayer:** Pastor Schoessow
- 3) **Call for additional agenda items:** None
- 4) **Minutes from November 13, 2016 Voter's Assembly-** Motion was made by Len and Seconded by Wayne that we accept the minutes as written. All in favor. Motion Carried.
- 5) **Minutes from January 15, 2017 Special Voter's Assembly-**Dave made the motion that we accept the Minutes as written. Peg seconded. All in favor. Motion Carried.
- 6) **Treasurer's Report:** Check book balance as of January 31, 2017 is \$32,448.53. Motion was made by Dave and seconded by Peg that we accept the report as written.
- 7) **Old Business:**

- a. Statements of Beliefs- Don read the Statements of Beliefs. Jim made a motion that we accept the Statements of Beliefs as read. Dave Seconded. All in favor. Motion carried

**b. Synod Constitutional Amendments:**

**Article V Membership**

**Advisory Members**

Advisory members only are the following:

1. Pastors whose congregations do not hold membership in the Synod
2. Ministers not in charge of congregations
3. Professors at the Synod's educational institutions
4. Teachers of the Evangelical Lutheran Church

**All in favor**

**Article XII Districts of the Synod and Their Regulation**

The meetings of the districts of the Synod are composed of the following:

**Advisory Members**

Advisory members are:

- A. Pastors whose congregations do not hold membership in the Synod
- B. Ministers not in charge of congregation
- C. Professors at the Synod's educational institutions
- D. Teachers of the Evangelical Lutheran Church

**All in favor**

**Constitutional Amendment B**

**Proposed Wording**

**Article IV Powers**

1. To purchase, hold, administer, and sell property of every description in the Interest of the Synod.
2. To accept, hold, administer, and, if deemed advisable dispose of legacies, donations, commercial papers and legal documents of every description in the interest of its work.

**All in favor**

**New Business**

**A. Resolution for Pastor Kirk Schield's Housing Allowance**

RESOLVED, that Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church, as a standing resolution to Remain in force and effect until such time as amended or revoked, hereby Authorizes and establishes a housing allowance for Pastor Kirk Schield for the Duration of service in an amount each year equal to 60% percent of that person's annual compensation. Annual gross compensation comprised of basic cash salary plus housing allowance.

Len made the motion that we accept the resolution as written. Wayne seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

**B. Water pump fix:** John explained the problem with the water pump. He called Belknap Plumbing to

come and analyze the problem. It was assessed and found the pump would need new parts but this did not fix it. The pump had to be replaced. The cost of the new pump is \$1,900.00. The electrical must be changed to a single phase. Pastor Shield and Ken Bedard will make the change. The approximate cost will be \$3,000.

**C. Talk about kitchen dishwasher:** The dishwasher is in need of being replaced. The Memorial Committee will donate \$5,000.00 and The Ruth Society will donate \$5,000. Don showed us some changes to the kitchen also. Don gave us options: **Replace Dishwasher, Replace with pass thru dishwasher (Sink table and adding outfield table.) Extending sink area. Should we purchase stainless steel counter.**

Sharyn made the motion that we choose the pass through dishwasher and Millie seconded. All in favor. Motion Carried. Len made the motion that we purchase the stainless steel counter. Dave seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Next Voters' Assembly: May 21, 2017 after 2<sup>nd</sup> service Adjournment – Lord's Prayer

**Stewardship**

Lent is a season of repentant joy. There is joy in repentance because in repentance, God, through His Word, turns us away from our sins — our failures of thought, word, and deed — to believe in the forgiveness and new life He has accomplished for us in the death and resurrection of His Son. For our God is our Father, and fathers discipline their children. He loves us enough to point out when and where we have erred, so that we are not weighed down by false belief, despair, and other great shame or vice.

Thus we do well to listen to God's Word, His own teaching, about giving. St. Paul exhorts: "Anyone who receives instruction in the word must share all good things with his instructor" (Gal 6:6). This means that the local congregation is primary. In other words, everything else that we might give to during the year — laudable and worthy charities — are to be on top of what we give to our local congregation. For the local congregation is the place that serves us with the gifts of Christ's death and resurrection. The local congregation is where our spiritual needs are met when Christ's atonement is preached, when the forgiveness of sins is proclaimed, when we were baptized into the name of the Triune God, and when we partake of the body and blood of the risen and living Lamb of God.

But how much are we to give to this local congregation? His instructions are these: to give regularly (1 Cor 6:1–2), proportionally (1 Cor 16:1–2; 2 Cor 8:12), and generously (2 Cor 8:20) of our first fruits (Gen 4:4; Prov 3:9; Lev 27:30) with a spirit of eagerness (2 Cor 9:2),

earnestness (2 Cor 8:7), cheerfulness (2 Cor 9:7), and love (2 Cor 8:23).

Thus, giving to the church is not to be an afterthought, given after everything else is spent. In this way, it is deliberate. We give it regularly, whenever we have income. We set it aside beforehand, before anything else is spent. From those first fruits, we set aside a proportionate and generous amount. Ten percent was the standard for the Israelites. Tithing was a command for them. St. Paul never mentions a tithe. Since a tithe was the bare minimum for the people of Israel in the Old Testament, perhaps St. Paul had more in mind. That aside, however, ten percent is an easy way to figure out an amount. You simply move your weekly, bi-weekly, bi-monthly, monthly, or yearly income one decimal point to the left. And that's it. That's what you put in the offering plate to support your local congregation so that you may continue to be a hearer of God's word by sharing all good things with those who teach it to you.

And how are we to give it? We give it with eagerness and earnestness. We give it cheerfully and with love, not out of compulsion. For through the preaching of the gospel and the administration of the sacraments, God has made us His children, forgiven us all our sins, given us grace upon grace, promised us life everlasting with Him in His kingdom, and filled us with His own Spirit, the Holy Spirit. This makes giving a joy. For it is more blessed to give than to receive (Acts 20:35).

In repentant joy, then, do we hear God's Word on giving, and we let that Word dwell in us richly. We let that word wash over our ears and seep into our hearts, to turn us away from our own selfish desires and turned toward Him in faith and love. We love the Lord and His Word. And we desire to do it. And when we have failed, that Word reproves and corrects, forgives and consoles. It calls us back to Him who is our God, our Savior, our Father.

## Lent for Life

For centuries Christians have used the Lenten season to fortify their spiritual health. The Christian church has developed a variety of "disciplines" or spiritual "workouts" to help people renew their commitment to Jesus Christ. These also allow people to prepare for baptism and to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ on Easter. Spiritual insights and habits gained during the six weeks of Lent can then be applied very successfully to the rest of life through the miracle Jesus Christ's resurrection.

Rediscover some of these helpful disciplines during this Lenten season:

1. In addition to the regular 8:00 and 10:30 a.m. Sunday services, two additional midweek Vespers services are available each Wednesday at 12:15 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. during Lent. Week by week you are invited to meditate on the incredible events and

personalities through which God first brought His saving love into the world. Midweek Lenten services will continue every Wednesday through April 5. This year's theme is "The Salutary Gift". Soup and sandwich suppers are served every Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. (except Ash Wednesday).

2. Another Lenten option is to explore the Christian faith with Pastor Schoessow in one of our Bible studies on Sunday at 9:15 am or Wednesday at 10 a.m.
3. Still another opportunity is to make an appointment for a "conversation with the pastor" during Lent. We make appointments to see experts in medicine for the health of our bodies and minds. You are invited to consult with our pastor about your spiritual health and to use the discipline of personal confession and absolution.
4. Lent is an excellent time to reconnect with the ancient Christian practice of alms giving or helping those less fortunate. Donations for the local food shelf will be received during Lent. Or you may wish to support disaster relief through LCMS World Relief.
5. Or you may wish to culture the discipline of fasting and prayer. There are numerous aids to private and personal reflection and growth during Lent. A number of free resources are available on the tables in the church narthex

In the end, it is all about personal priorities. Is Jesus Christ at the top of my list or not. Jesus' cross and passion assures you that *you* are on the top of *His* list! See you at the Lord's altar!

## Lenten Organ Recital

The Arrowhead Chapter of the American Organists Guild is sponsoring an Organ recital here on Wednesday, March 22 at 11:45 a.m. The recital is free to the public but they will have a free will offering.

## Youth Upcoming Events

All 7<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> 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!

## Day Camp Being Offered

The Board of Christian Education is in the planning process of hosting a week long day camp put on by Luther Island Camp. The camp would be held here at CLC during the week of June 26 – 30.

We don't have everything pinned down quite yet but we are meeting with Ken Erlandson from LIC to get it figured out.

We would promote the camp in the community and to our sister congregations to hopefully get the required

minimum number of kids. There is a fee to attend and we are also working on that. We will be having a Meatball Dinner Fundraiser for camperships etc. On April 2<sup>nd</sup> after the late service more details to follow on that. We may need some volunteers and if this would be something you are interested in doing please save the date.

Watch the newsletter and News & Notes for updates.

### **Potluck Easter Breakfast**

Each Easter we have a wonderful breakfast between the services. As always volunteers are needed to help out and bring the food, especially with clean up. The Easter Breakfast will start at 9 a.m. on Easter Sunday. It will be a potluck again. Please sign up on the office door (**Note:** sign up will be up a couple weeks before Easter). There are a lot of options to sign up for so please help out.

### **Easter Egg Hunt**

Once again there will be an Easter Egg Hunt on Easter Sunday after the breakfast at 9:45 a.m.

### **Easter Lilies**

It is time once again to order Lilies to beautify the Altar this Easter Season. We will be ordering through Engwall's at a cost of \$11.00 per plant. The deadline for ordering is **March 6**. Please put your order slip along with your payment on my desk. Please DO NOT place your money or order slip in the offering plate. Order forms will be on the ushers table.

### **Daylights Savings Time**

A reminder the Daylight Savings Time begins Sunday, March 12! We'll lose an hour. Move your clocks ahead 1 hour on Saturday night. It is another sign of spring and the changes that are coming our way, we hope.

### **Luther Island Camp**

Brochures for Luther Island Summer Camps are available in the Narthex. They have a lot of different themes available.

### **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](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 [clcoffice320@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:infocenter@lcms.org) or call toll free 1.888.843.5267

### **March Birthdays**

1	Steven Olson
3	Gloria Vreeland
4	Chris Filteau
8	Jonathan Schoessow Carol Corrine Evans Brian Maslowski
9	Russell Hagberg
11	Jim Kari
12	Nancy Durand
16	Kayla Bedard
17	Caryl Lehto
20	Cheryl Harkabus Beverly Strongitharm Brandee Dittbrender
21	Kayti Flynn Elizabeth Flynn
22	Una Privette Judy Pohl
23	Amanda Fudally
26	Taylor Amundson
28	Peggy Campbell Nick Kirchoff
30	Belinda Sternberg Brent Reinkall Grant Thompson

# Boy Scout Troop



**Fridays**

**March 10, 17, 24,  
31**

**April 7**

**5 p.m. to 7 p.m.**



Christ Lutheran Church  
320 N 28<sup>th</sup> Street  
Superior, WI

Tickets: \$10 Adults; \$7  
children 4-11  
(3 & under free)