



# THE BEACON

May 2017

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

## Ascension Eve Service on May 24



By His Ascension Jesus has honored and exalted our human nature. But greater honor awaits us. *"After his resurrection [he] appeared openly to all His disciples and in their sight was taken up to heaven that he might make us partakers of his divine nature"* (Proper Preface for Ascension). In these days of waiting for that gift, we direct our hearts and minds to

the ascended Lord. He directs the church, His body, in its waiting so we may reveal His reign to all people. Join the church on *Ascension Eve Wednesday, May 24 at 6:30 p.m. for our festival Divine Service.* Bring a friend!

## Pentecost Sunday

Christians around the world will see red on **June 4** as the Church celebrates the festival of Pentecost. The color of the day is red: red vestments, red paraments, red flowers and banners. If only Christians would attend this, the fourth major festival of our Lord's life, as well as they do Christmas and Easter! After all, the Spirit of God is the *Lord and Giver of life.*

Pentecost is also known as Whitsun Day. The origin of the term flows from Wit or Wisdom Sunday, the day when the Apostles were filled with wisdom by the Holy Ghost.

In the Christian tradition, the Holy Wisdom of God is a divine attribute in which new Christians share to some degree through the process of catechesis and confirmation, when we pray that the Spirit, first given them in Baptism and as they were taught the faith, will continue to empower and enliven them.

## Summer Worship Schedule begins May 29

Our summer worship schedule begins on Memorial Day weekend as follows:

### Sundays

9:00 a.m. Divine Service  
10:00 a.m. Bible Study

### Wednesdays

6:30 p.m. Divine Service

Be faithful in your summer worship. The summer preaching schedule sees a shift in focus from the life of Christ (as found in winter and spring) to our life in Christ—i.e. daily Christian discipleship. Missing summer services deprives you of much practical application in Christian living. So this summer, no vacation from God. After all, what if God took a vacation from you?

## Voter's Meeting – May 21, 2017 at 11:45 a.m.

Election of officers and board members.

## 125th Anniversary

Christ Lutheran Evangelical Church will be 125 years old on June 6, 2017. We will celebrate by having a luncheon on Sunday, June 4, 2017. The time of the event will be decided in the near future, please stay tuned for more details.

The luncheon is being offered to the congregation at no cost and will be provided by Kurtz Catering. A sign-up sheet will be posted on the office door beginning Sunday, May 7. On the sign-up sheet, you will be asked: 1) your name, and 2) how many will be in attendance, or contact Roni at 715-398-3680 and give her your information. We need to inform Kurtz Catering of the number of people attending 7 days in advance, so **we are asking for your commitment "no later than" Sunday, May 28.**

This should be a fun and enjoyable event for everyone! Thank you!

## Day Camp "Standing on the Rock"

Lutheran Island Camp's Day Camp is coming to Christ Lutheran Church the week of June 26-30. This year's theme is "Standing on the Rock". Children ages 5-12 are welcome to register.

The camp is from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Food is provided. The campers will spend their time mostly outdoors (weather permitting), there will be Bible Studies, games, crafts and activities. Breakfast, lunch & snacks provided. There may even be a field trip. **The cost of the camp will be \$30 per child.** There are scholarships available.

Please consider having your children attend this great camp! Registration forms will be available the beginning of May.

We are still accepting donations from the congregation, if you would like to sponsor a child or two let us know.

We will need some volunteers and if this would be something you are interested in doing please save the date.

# The Ascension of our Lord

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Compared with the festivities connected with Christmas and Easter, Ascension is a poor cousin. Churches are full on Christmas/Easter, but few churches even have Ascension Day Services. Yet our Lord's ascension brings Christmas and Easter to their natural culmination, for the Lord who was born, suffered, died and raised from the dead, returns to His rightful throne in holy triumph and glory.

The straw of the manger, the dusty, weary roads of Galilee, the torment of scourge and nails, the dampness of borrowed tomb are all past. The Son of God returns home. Angelic choirs that announced His birth now hymn with sweet anthems His return to heaven's glory:

*Worthy is the Lamb who was slain*

*to receive power and riches and wisdom,*

*and strength and honor and glory and blessing! (Rev. 5:12).*

Luther reminds us that the Lord's Ascension is not spatial movement from one place to another in the universe. His ascension is not like a boarding a 747 and traveling to a distant city. The Ascension is not about space travel—it transcends time and space.

The Lord's parting promise is *"I am with you always, even to the end of the age."* Jesus is ascended but He is not absent. He is with us whenever even two or three gather in His name to hear His Word and receive His Supper. Jesus is still Emmanuel—God with us.

*"God has ascended amid shouts of joy, the Lord amid the sounding trumpets"* and He is here!

The Lord grant us a blessed Ascension celebration! (May 24 at 6:30 p.m.)

*Pastor Schoessow*

## Church Council Minutes

April 13, 2017

**Members Present:** Liz Hannula, John Robinson, Don Hauser, Len Campbell, Jim Lemmerman and Sharyn Vengrin

**Absent:** Pastor Schoessow, Wayne Ploetz and Bob Raaflaub

**Call to order:** Don Hauser

**Call for additional agenda items:** None

**Opening Prayer:** Lead by Len Campbell

**Minutes from Council Meeting:** Len made the motion to accept the March 9, 2017 minutes Liz seconded. All in favor. Motion Carried.

**Pastor's Report:** No Report

**Treasurers Report:** Ending Balance: \$29,080.42

### BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:

#### Trustees Report:

1. Badger Storage and Excavating finished cutting the brush on the west side of the drive way.
2. Requested a quotation from ESCsystems for a second wireless microphone for Pastor Schield. Option B was chosen.
3. Met with Kathy Field, Don Hauser and Dan Linder of Northern Star Food Equipment Co. regarding replacement of the dishwasher. The purchase was approved at the March 26, 2017 Voters Assembly. We checked all the specifications to make sure the order is correct. The order was placed.

#### Board of Deacons:

##### New Business:

#### Board of Stewardship & Evangelism:

##### Old Business

The guidelines pertaining to "Suggestions for Greeting Visitors" was reviewed and modifications made. Len will take this to the Council for their review/input. The article titled "Five Common Greeter Mistakes to Correct in the New Year" was reviewed. The members agreed this information can be used as a newsletter insert in the future.

There was much discussion pertaining to sponsoring a meal for the homeless. Dave reported he had made contact and follow-up with a couple of organizations and received little to no interest. Jean suggested, and will follow-up on opportunities with the Damiano Center and Transitional Housing in Duluth.

Len updated the members on the apparel. Sale. The order date was extended to April 23.

There was much discussion of a clothing drive and how or what this could look like for CLC. Peg informed the Board members of the Threads of Hope program through another local church. The members didn't feel CLC would have enough storage or could proper man a program similar to this, but would continue to look at

other options. Peg will contact the program director for Threads of Hope to find out their criteria and if there was a way CLC could help.

Len informed members \$296 was received through a door offering for the Orphan Grain Train.

#### New Business:

Len will sit down with Pastor and discuss the three Synod Resolutions: Reaffirm "Witness, Mercy, and Life Together" as a Mission and Ministry emphasis, Expand Evangelism and Encourage Use of Every One His Witness, and Command Work of LCMS National Housing Support Corporation. Information and insight will be brought back to the S&E Board for Further discussion.

The Board is in the process of soliciting potential members for the 2017-2018 Board.

**Next Meeting: 5:00, Tuesday, May 2, 2017**

#### Board of Education:

1. Helena Frost is joining the BOCE. We are still actively trying to recruit new members.
2. Fundraising efforts to defray the cost of the Lutheran Island Camp summer program include the following (we hope to bring the cost down to \$30 per child).
  - A. The meatball dinner netted approximately \$700.00.
  - B. Thrivent issued us an action grant of \$250.00.
  - C. A rummage sale will be held at the church on May 20.
  - D. A request for additional funds will be made to the Endowment Committee.
  - E. A second Thrivent grant will be requested to cover the cost of food, which also lessens the fee.This summer camp is a mission outreach effort. We hope to bring in families from the community, and it's important that we plan some sort of whole-family welcome and ongoing communication with them. We will need help with meal preparation that week and additional housing (the Frosts will take two people).
3. June 4: CLC anniversary celebration + confirmation+ graduation Sunday (Tom Bedard)

#### 4. Youth Group:

- A. the Bible Bowl competition didn't work out this year due to lack of participants. The Frosts are eager to try again next year but would appreciate advance notice of the date and topics covered so they can prepare the students. Pastor Schield has expressed interest in working with the kids.
- B. We are planning a canoe day trip for teens this summer. If anyone has a canoe they are willing to loan, please call Helena or Dominick Frost.
- C. There is concern about the low number of youth at our church and none moving into that age bracket.

**Memorial Committee:** No Change

**Endowment Committee:** No Expenditures

We received an application (March 31) from a student for Scholarship money support. Our full committee along with Pastor Schoessow and Liz Hannula (Board of Ed. Chair) plan to meet on Wednesday, April 26<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 P.M. to review the application and vote to either approve or deny the request.

**Memorial Garden:** No Change**Old Business:** Constitution Update

Discuss Membership sections of Constitution and Bylaws

**New Business:**

- A. Addition/change to Sanctuary Audio System-Refer to Trustee Report
- B. Board nominations next month at Voters' Assembly April 23, 2017.
- C. Suggestions for Greeting Visitors: Len gave a handout regarding this.
- D. Update Emergency Payment resolution
  - a. Current Resolution
    - i. The Church Council, the Executive Committee and the Board of Trustees are each authorized to make unbudgeted emergency expenditures up to \$1,500 per emergency. Motion passed 5/17/2009.
  - b. Proposed Resolution
    - i. The Board of Trustees is authorized to make unbudgeted emergency expenditures up to \$2,000 per emergency. Church Council and executive Committee are each authorized to make unbudgeted emergency expenditures up to \$5,000 per emergency.

Len made the motion that we authorize the Trustees to make unbudgeted emergency expenditures up to \$2,000 per emergency. Jim seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion Carried.
- E. Boy Scouts: The re-chartering of the Boy Scouts was discussed.
- F. Request to use Fellowship Hall.
  - i. Joye Bedard, Saturday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>. Graduation Party for Tom.  
Liz made the motion that we allow Joye Bedard the use of the Fellowship Hall on June 3, 2017. Sharyn Seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Next Council Meeting: May 11, 2017 @5:00 pm

**Adjournment: Lord's Prayer**

**Respectfully submitted by: Sharyn Vengrin**

**Stewardship**

"It is more blessed to give than to receive," said St. Paul, quoting our Lord (Acts 20:35). How can this be?

Jesus and His disciples withdrew to a mountain by the shore of the Sea of Galilee. The crowds followed them, for the Lord had just showered upon them the gift of His teaching, the gift of His Word. But the day was waning; the sun was setting, and it was getting late. Looking upon the crowds, Jesus had compassion on them and asked, "Where are we to buy bread, so that these people may eat" (John 6:5)? Philip said that two hundred denarii (a day's wages for two hundred men) could not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little.

But Andrew, Peter's brother, brought a young boy forward, who had five barley loaves and two small fish. "But," Andrew asked, "what are they for so many" (John 6:9). Jesus replied, "Have the people sit down" (John 6:10).

Then Jesus, the Son of God, gave them a second gift, a gift from what only He could give—a gift from above. He took the bread and the fish, gave thanks, blessed them, and distributed them to the crowd. Then came the miracle. As these five loaves and two fish were given out, they multiplied. He fed the hungry crowd until they were all full. And twelve baskets full were left over.

But Jesus was not the only one who gave that day. There is one person who also gave from what he had. It was the boy with the five loaves and the two fish. All the others, including the boy, received the gift of a miraculous feast. And they would look back on it with wonder. But the boy, when he would look back on it, would look back and remember not just what he received. He would look back with wonder and delight when the Son of God made his gift into something miraculous. For it is more blessed to give than to receive.

This our Lord does for each of us. He presses our gifts, no matter how big or how small, into His service and works wonders with them. He provides through what we give: water for baptism, bread and wine for the Lord's Supper, a man called and sent for the preaching of the Gospel and Absolution. He provides a building in which we can gather as His children, lights so that we might not gather in darkness. He provides funds for the care of the poor and struggling, for missionaries who preach and teach beyond our borders. He makes Christians, disciples of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ in our midst by bringing them to faith and nurturing them in that faith. He takes our gifts and turns them into something miraculous.

Indeed, it is more blessed to give than to receive. Thus we give. We give of what we have. And the Lord works His wonders.

## Lost & Found

We have quite a collection of items in the lost and found. If you do not know where the lost and found it is located in the coat rack by the restrooms in a box marked lost and found and all the items hanging too. Please check if there are any items that might belong to you, your spouse, your children etc. Any items left unclaimed by May 14 will be put in the rummage sale.

## Spring Cleaning? Day Camp Rummage Sale

As you work on your spring cleaning please keep this in mind, the board of Christian Education is having a rummage sale on Saturday May 20, 2017 from 8 a.m. until 2 p.m. As you start your spring cleaning projects keep us in mind and bring any of your clean and gently used (saleable) items and clothing. You may drop your items off in the fellowship hall the starting **May 14, NOT before.**

**Please DO NOT bring in:** large appliances, microwaves, mattresses, doors, computer equipment, TVs, cell phones, rechargeable appliances, paint, oil or any hazardous waste. The items that remain after the sale go to Goodwill and they do not accept any of these things. Any questions at all please do not hesitate to call the church office 715-398-3680

This sale is another fundraising event to reduce the cost of the day camp in June. Thank you very much for your support.

## 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!

## Attention All Graduates

We will be honoring all graduates during the 10:30 service on June 4. If you know someone graduating from college, or high school please contact Roni at 715-398-3680 so the names can be listed in the bulletin. A reception will follow after the church service.

## Thank You to Our Sunday School Teachers

Another year of Sunday school has flown by with the last day of Sunday school being May 21 and the Board of Christian Education would like to thank all of our hard working Sunday school teachers who work hard teaching our children the Word of God, and bringing the love of Jesus to them. So when you are dropping your kids off be sure to thank them for their devotion to your children. Our Devoted teachers are:

Pre K – Kindergarten – Marilyn Pingle  
1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade – Shannon Allen & Susan Isackson  
3<sup>rd</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> – Kathy Allen & Joye Bedard  
5<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> – Wendy Schultz  
7<sup>th</sup> Grade – Youth – Helena & Dominic Frost

Elisabeth Hannula – music  
Pastor Schoessow – Confirmation & Adult Bible Study

Shannon Allen for doing the Nursery Roll, which sends out cards and stuff to the kids who are not old enough for Sunday School.

And to the substitutes that helped out.

Also, Thank you to Pastor Schoessow and Pastor Schield for leading the kids in the opening each week.

Thank you to Marilyn Pingel for assuming the Sunday school Superintendent role, she is doing a wonderful job!

Please consider teaching for the 2017/2018 year, help is really needed.

## 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.

## Confirmation & Graduation Cards

Just a reminder, as Confirmation and Graduation approaches, there are cards available in the Library for .50 each. There is also an assortment of sympathy, thank you, birthday, anniversary, etc. Come check them out Sunday mornings!

## Summer musicians:

### Vocal and instrumental!

As the choir disbands for the summer there are 30 opportunities (Sunday and Wednesdays) for you to share your musical gifts in honor and praise of our Lord Jesus. Don't be shy. Be bold to share your talents. Contact pastor.

## Christ's Men

### Men, Let's Do Lunch

Christ's Men will meet on Tuesday, May 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.

## June/July Newsletter

The newsletters for June and July will be combined and will come out in early June. If you have anything for either month please get them to the church office by May 15.

## 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)

## MAY BIRTHDAYS

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| 2  | Missy Brand                                       |
| 3  | Ryan Lull<br>Lois Teich                           |
| 4  | Angela Ormsby                                     |
| 5  | Mary Hannula<br>Edward Sielaff                    |
| 6  | Gloria Meier                                      |
| 7  | Lori Flynn<br>Meghan Janicki<br>Ella Seboe        |
| 8  | Michael Flynn<br>William Harkabus                 |
| 9  | Ronald Ahola                                      |
| 10 | Rebecca Noble                                     |
| 11 | Silas Lull  |
| 13 | Hailey Jacobson<br>Bob Blomquist<br>Dorothea Hart |
| 14 | Arthur Pfeil                                      |
| 15 | Harriet Barnard<br>Tom Vengrin                    |
| 17 | Repeka Tuinei                                     |
| 18 | Mickey Sternberg                                  |
| 19 | Lorraine Robinson                                 |
| 20 | Nancy Doane<br>Jonah Kroeplin<br>Katarina Pfeil   |
| 22 | Samuel Kroeplin                                   |
| 23 | Ashley Harkabus                                   |
| 24 | Brent Winans<br>Taylor Leuthner                   |
| 26 | Samuel Stenroos<br>Wendy Schultz                  |
| 27 | Jeffrey Allen<br>Jon Pahos                        |
| 28 | Claudia Grenier                                   |
| 29 | Lukas Fudally<br>Matt Pfeil                       |
| 30 | Donna Dittbrender<br>Pastor Schoessow             |
| 31 | Ashley Swanson                                    |