



The Beacon

November
2017

**Christ Ev.
Lutheran
Church**

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**Divine Worship
Services
Sunday - 8:00
a.m.
10:30 a.m.
Wednesday - 6:30
p.m.**

**Bible Study &
Sunday School
Sunday - 9 a.m.**



Wow! It's November already. Obviously, we can tell by the weather, and the excited deer hunters and the other things that mark this month. Among the things we have in November is Thanksgiving-time to be thankful.

The first thing we can thank God for this Thanksgiving is that we Americans still have Thanksgiving. This holiday, so bound up with our history and our traditions, is in danger. Most department stores have long since put up their Christmas - correction -- holiday decorations and filled the air with "Yuletide" carols. With more and more national retail chains opening for business on Thanksgiving Day, we have to ask: Will Thanksgiving Day give way to Black Thursday in years to come? Will it be no more than the kickoff for the season of year-end bargain-hunting? Will an unrelenting materialism drive out any time for home and hearth?

But, turning aside from this rush toward secularism, we can again celebrate another bountiful harvest with the words of the great New England poet, John Greenleaf Whittier:

*Give fools their gold and knaves their power;
Let fortune's bubble rise and fall;
Who sows a field, or trains a flower,
Or plants a tree, is more than all.*

You may remember that it was Abraham Lincoln who gave us Thanksgiving. In his 1863 Thanksgiving Proclamation, which is when the annual national observance of the day began, he wrote:

Population has steadily increased, notwithstanding the waste that has been made in the camp, the siege and the battlefield; and the country, rejoicing in the consciousness of augmented strength and vigor, is permitted to expect continuance of years with large increase of freedom. No human counsel hath devised nor hath any mortal hand worked out these great things. They are the gracious gifts of the Most High God, who, while dealing with us in anger for our sins, hath nevertheless remembered mercy. It has seemed to me fit and proper that they should be solemnly, reverently and gratefully acknowledged as with one heart and one voice by the whole American People.

We can certainly be thankful for the freedoms we have here in America. Celebrating the harvest as we do, we can be thankful for the rich bounty of America's farms, rivers, lakes, and seas. And, like Abraham Lincoln, we can remember that all that we have are gracious gifts of the Most High God. As we do this, we can look ahead to many of Thanksgivings to come.

For Christ and His Church,

Pastor Kirk Schield



If You Think, You Will Come To Thank

Has God blessed you? Think about it. Then join with Christians across America to give on **Thanksgiving Eve, Wednesday, November 22 at 6:30 p.m.** for a special service of praise and thanksgiving to God for His never-ending goodness to us, His people. Don't let the turkeys and the parades keep you from this "one thing needful." *"Oh give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good!"*

Thanksgiving Day Services, November 23:

9:30 a.m. at Mount Olive Lutheran, 2012 E Superior, Street, Duluth.

Advent begins December 3

Happy New Year! Well, not quite yet, but it will be soon. The new church year begins Sunday, December 3, the First Sunday in Advent. Spiritually enriching and challenging Divine Services are planned for each Sunday and Wednesday in Advent. Start the New Year right by preparing for our dear Lord's imminent return in glory! Join us during Advent!

December 6 – 12:15 & 6:30 p.m.

December 13 – 12:15 & 6:30 p.m.

December 20 – 12:15 & 6:30 p.m.

Advent/Christmas Tea

Come and enjoy an evening of Christmas goodies and music at the Advent/Christmas Tea. The tea will be held on Thursday, November 30 at 6:30 p.m. A holiday program by the Superior Singers will provide an evening of Christmas music to kick off our Christmas season. Everyone from 1 to 101 is invited.

Stewardship Sunday

November 5 is scheduled as Stewardship Sunday. This will be your opportunity to prayerfully offer your time and talents, along with your financial commitment, to your church for 2018. The Time & Talent form and the Financial Commitment form will be placed in your mailboxes in mid-October. Additional forms can be found on the table outside of the office door.

Financial Commitment Form

When filling out the 2018 Financial Commitment form, please fill out completely and place in a sealed envelope. If you submitted a Financial Commitment Form last year, it will be placed in your mailboxes for

your review and reference as you develop your personal plan for giving in 2018.

Time & Talent Form

As you review the Time & Talent form, please consider areas of the church's operation that you may be interested in and fill out the form accordingly.

Both forms can be submitted on Stewardship Sunday.

Following both Services on Sunday, November 5, the **Board of Stewardship & Evangelism** will be hosting a reception in the Fellowship Hall following each Sunday service and provide a dessert bar, refreshments and fellowship. You are all welcome to attend.

Pasty Bake Alert!

The 2017 Pasty bake will soon be here! This year it take place a bit later than usual due to the past years being to warm to keep the pastys cool. It will takes place the week of November 12 – 16. Sunday after service we will be setting up, a fingerfood lunch will be provided. We will then be peeling vegies for a few hours. Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday we will be baking, with clean up on Wednesday also. Any time that you can help out is greatly appreciated. Volunteers are greatly needed in all areas so please come help whenever you can. Every little bit helps.

Order blanks are out. The deadline for orders is November 5

Attention All Cooks! Food for Pasty Bake Needed!

Pasty bake is almost upon us! As always there is a need to provide food for these hard workers. If you are will to supply food, please see the sign-up sheet on the office door. All kinds of foods are needed for these hungry workers as breakfast, lunch, dinner and snacks are supplied each day – So please sign-up!

**Daylight
Savings Time
Ends –
November 5**



Church Council Minutes

October 17, 2017

Members Present: Wayne Ploetz, John Robinson, Don Hauser, Len Campbell, Roni Hauser, Pastor Schoessow, Pastor Schield and Sharyn Vengrin

Absent: Jim Lemmerman and Liz Hannula

Call to order: Don Hauser

Call for additional agenda items: None

Opening Prayer: Pastor Schoessow. Don't worry let God do the worrying.

Minutes from Council Meeting: Len made the motion to accept the September 14, 2017, minutes with one correction on Trustee's Report. Wayne seconded. All in favor. Motion Carried.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Schoessow: One baptism.

No official acts.

Pastor Schield: Worship Services-10 Bible Studies:

0 Visits: 3

4 Conferences: 2 fellowships Community Ministry Events 1:

New Business:

Treasurers Report: Ending Balance: \$25,707.66. Len made the motion to accept the ending balance.

Seconded by John. All in favor. Motion carried

BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Board of Deacons:

New Business: 1. Advent services will be on Wed. Dec. 6, 13, and 20 at 12:15 P.M. and 6:30 P.M. The Deacons' will serve the first Soup and Sandwich meal on Dec. 6 at 5:30 P.M. Volunteers are needed to serve on Dec. 13 and Dec. 20.

2. Christmas Eve falls on a Sunday this year. We will have the two regular morning services with a candlelight service at 4:30 P.M. that evening.

3. Pastor led the group in an over view of the Board of Deacons' Manual.

Referrals to Council: Jim will not be able to attend so group asked Pastor to bring our request for a donation for Mt. Olive's speaker/program to the Council.

The next meeting will be held on November 13, 2017 at 5:30 P.M.

Trustees Report:

1. I showed Don how to turn the heating system on for the winter. It is operating fine.
2. The installation of the new dishwasher should be completed tomorrow. Don and I have spent a lot of time getting everything set.
3. Will make arrangements for snow plowing this coming winter.
4. 4. Refinishing of the Pews. The refinishing will be left to the congregation.
5. John will contact blacktop people regarding patching by memorial garden.

Board of Stewardship & Evangelism:

Volunteer at the Damiano Center: Was a wonderful experience. Jean, Pete, Barb, Jim and Peg will volunteer on Monday, November 13, 2017. Jean will also contact both Pastors to see if they would be interested. Baseball hats with our church logo will be ordered for volunteers, with members of our committee paying for their own, and an additional four hats will be

ordered through our Stewardship budget for any congregational volunteers.

Casda Mission Project: Items are being accepted from the congregation each Sunday through the month of October for delivery in early November.

Future Mission Project Considerations: National Disaster Assistance was discussed.

New Business: Stewardship Sunday: will take place on November 5, 2017. Committee reviewed and approved the Financial, and Time and Talent forms. Announcements begin, and forms will be available on Sunday, October 15. Coffee and desserts will be served after both services.

Christian Halloween Bags: 96 bags will be distributed on October 31, with 20 at the church's Trunk or Treat and the remainder through congregational volunteers. 2018 Stewardship Budget: Reviewed and approved.

Board of Education:

1. Report from Marilyn: Christmas program review + set date December 17 at 10:30 +rehearsals (Dec. 9 and 16?)

Bibles will be given to grade 3 students on Reformation Sunday, Superior students are on break: Possible date change needed: Kathie and Jill please ask parents.

2. Operation Christmas Child: We will order 100 boxes and offer to the congregation for filling (Debbie W. has some items, and we also have some funds we can use).

3. Pastor Schield will check to see if there is a family needing our support

4. Activities: November 5 children will craft necklaces for the OCC boxes + pizza lunch (De. W.)

December 9 game day and caroling 3-5:00 (also a bonfire and snacks)

Campus Ministry + Release Time: No Report

Catechism Class: two students (Ivy and Matthew)

Financial Report: Joye presented her proposed budget

Mark Your Calendars-It's a busy time!

Oct. 29 Bake Sale, Oct. 31 Trunk or Treat: 6:00-7:30.

Nov. 5 Crafting and pizza after church; Nov. 7 BOE meeting

Dec. 3 Villa Marina; Dec. 9 Caroling and Game Night

Dec. 9 and 16 possible Christmas program rehearsals;

Dec. 17 Christmas Program

Memorial Committee: None

Endowment Committee: Will give council copy of report.

Memorial Garden: New fence will be put in next spring.

Old Business:

Church Facility Use Policy; Church Facility Reservation

Request: Tabled

New Business:

a. Request for donation to help off-set the cost of the lectures on the 95 theses at Mt. Olive on October 21. I believe one was also requested for the bus ride to Concordia University in St. Paul for Reformation Sunday. This would be one bus-Cloquet Redeemer-Request for lecture around \$200.00 to \$300.00. Len made the motion that we will take money out of Conf. Line Item. Wayne 2nd. All in favor. Motion carried.

b. Girl Scout Outreach Letter: Was discussed.

- c. Requests to use Fellowship Hall. Angel Ormsby, Saturday, and December 2 Len made the motion that we grant the Use of the Fellowship Hall to Angel Ormsby on Saturday, December 2, 2017 for a baby shower. Sharyn seconded. All in favor. Motion carried. City of Superior, Parks and Recreation Dept., Wednesday, November 8th at 3:30-6:30. Len made the motion that we grant the use of The Fellowship Hall to The City of Superior, Parks and Recreation Dept., Wednesday, November 8th at 3:30-6:30. Wayne 2nd. All in favor. Motion carried.

Next Council Meeting: November 9, 2017 @5:00 P.M.
 Adjournment: Lord's Prayer
 Respectfully submitted by: Sharyn Vengrin

Stewardship

Our Father in heaven has claimed us as His own. By the shedding of His Son's blood, by the His death for our sins and His resurrection for our justification, God the Father has received us back into His family. By water combined with His Word, promise, and name, the Holy Spirit has taken up residence in us. We belong to Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. He is in us, and we are in Him. And being in Him, all things are ours. In Him, we are richly and abundantly blessed.

Our true treasure and wealth is that we belong to the most holy Trinity and everything that is His belongs also to us: righteousness, peace, eternal life. Even our temporal treasures are gifts from His fatherly divine goodness and mercy.

We receive our treasures from Him, and thus, as (good stewards of His varied grace.) (1 Peter 4:10) we manage them in such a way that they may be returned to Him. We bring them to Him, hallowed through prayers of thanksgiving and God's holy Word, as an offering. Thus, all our possessions, as gifts from God, are also offerings to Him, from which we eat to nourish our bodies, share with our family, neighbors, and fellow Christians, with the poor and even our enemies, as holy things given by the holy God. His temporal gifts are blessings to and for us, and bring blessing upon us even as they are pressed into His service for His kingdom and the souls that receive them.

Thus we place all that we have into God's hands, and He never fails to remember us and pours out the fullness of His promises upon us. We give thanks for all that He has done, is doing, and will continue to do. We give thanks by not taking for ourselves, but giving to all even as our heavenly Father has given to us.

As we prepare for the celebrations of Thanksgiving, may we all give thanks continually for all that we are and all that we have because of God's providential care. And may we be all the more diligent in bringing everything that we have received from God to Him, so that He may bless it and employ it for the good of all — even for us.

"For to the one who has, more will be given, and he will have an abundance" (Matthew 13:12).

LWML Fall Rally

Saturday, November 4, 2017
 Our Redeemer Lutheran Church
 Cloquet, MN
 Registration 10 – 10:30 a.m., \$5

Topic: Adoption by God's Design. Come and listen to Terssa Markworth, the Mother of 21 children. She will show you how God's calling in her life can help you discover your calling

Ingathering: Items for Our Redeemer Lutheran Preschool
 (Please note that **CLC is not collecting these items**, they are to be brought to the LWML Fall Rally.)

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!

Come to the Youth Bible Study during the Christian education hour from 9 to 10 each Sunday, it promises to be good and there may even be food!

Matthew West Concert

Any youth (or anyone) interested in attending the Matthew West "All in Tour" on Tuesday, November 7 at 7 p.m. at the DECC Symphony Hall. Tickets are \$25. The youth are interested in having a group go, so contact the church office.

Operation Christmas Child

We are once again participating in "Operation Christmas Child" shoebox program. If you are not familiar with Operation Christmas Child, it is run by Samaritan's Purse International and it is where you fill a shoebox with a



special gift, along with other toys, school supplies and toiletries for a child. Those boxes are then delivered around the world to needy children.

For ideas and instructions please grab the flyer "how to pack your shoebox" that will be available around the church starting October 8.

If you wish to create a shoebox you just need to pick shoebox from church, pick an age group and whether it is for a boy or a girl, pick up your items, pack in shoebox, enclose a **\$9 check for each box packed made to Christ Lutheran Sunday School** and bring them to church by Sunday, November 5.

Christ's Men Men, Let's Do Lunch

Christ's Men will meet on Tuesday, November 7 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.

Special Offering

We are still collecting donations for the dish carts. So far we have received \$750.00.

You will find special envelopes on the table by the office and the cool thermometer in the office window (no more space on the door). The amount needed to cover the racks is \$2494.12, so any help is appreciated. You may put the envelope in the offering plate or in the office, if there are no special envelopes any envelope will do as long as you note 'special cart offering' so the counters know. Thank you

Thank you to the Gardeners & Mowers

A big thank you to everyone who helped keep our grounds and gardens in great shape. Thank you to all of the guys who did the mowing and weed whacking. It takes a lot of work to maintain the church grounds, so thank you.

Poinsettia Time

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 3.

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!

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 *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

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

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28th Annual
**Free Thanksgiving
Buffet**
Thanksgiving Day
Thursday, November 23, 2017
11 a.m. – 4 p.m.

At the DECC
(Duluth Entertainment Convention Center)

Homebound Persons
Call 218-722-6484 by Friday, November 18, 2016 to
request meal delivery

Buffet organized by The College of St. Scholastica and
the Twin Ports Community

www.css.edu/thanksgiving