



THE BEACON

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



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 23 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 24:

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

Advent begins November 27

Happy New Year! Well, not quite yet, but it will be soon. The new church year begins Sunday, November 27, 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!

November 30 - 12:15 & 6:30 p.m.

December 7 - 12:15 & 6:30 p.m.

December 14 - 12:15 & 6:30 p.m.

December 21 - 12:15 & 6:30 p.m. (to be determined)

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, December 1 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.

Sunday Bible Study

A Man Named Martin - Part 1: The Man

In *A Man Named Martin - Part 1: The Man* viewers encounter a 15th-century religious reformer from Germany who broke ranks with the Catholic Church. This Bible study is the first of a three-part series devoted to Martin Luther -- a monk whose Spirit-inspired grasp of God's justification of sinners through faith in the Savior was the cornerstone of the Protestant Reformation.

In this five-session Bible study, Luther's life and times are examined through the lens of history, religion and theology. Expanding on commentary from Rev. Gregory Seltz, Speaker for **The Lutheran Hour**, numerous scholars add their expertise and perspective to render an illuminating portrait of the life of this extraordinary human being.

The influence and impact of Luther's life is the stuff of serious study. As a forlorn sinner feeling lost and desperate before a stern and exacting Judge, Luther desponded of all hope for eternity. But as one who came to cling to the Spirit-delivered truths of justification by faith and the liberty believers experience by God's grace, he rebounded to become a triumphant ambassador for the Gospel.

The details of Luther's life -- his childhood with his parents Hans and Margaret, his university pursuits, his decision to become a monk, his protestation of Catholic practices, his voluminous and erudite scholastic output, his life in hiding, and his roles as husband and father -- are all considered in this study. *A Man Named Martin* is a fresh and explorative look at an individual who, down through the centuries, has increased in importance and vitality to the Christian church.

To this day, Luther's staunch faith and the extent of his outreach, remain a standard for Christ-centered living to believers in the 21st-century.

Please join us Sunday mornings at 9:15 a.m. as we explore the man named Martin.

Pastor's Page

Election Day

As members of the “Kingdom of God’s Left Hand” (civil government), Christians living in a democracy promote the common good by exercising the right to vote and by serving in political office. Christians may disagree over various candidates and issues (how to help the poor, protect the environment, provide health care, education, etc.), but there are currently three matters that are intrinsically evil and cannot in good conscience be supported by Christian candidates or voters. Intrinsically evil actions are in fundamental conflict with God’s Word and cannot be carried out under any circumstances because they bring harm to individuals and to society.

1. **Abortion**

Science and Scripture are clear that the unborn are human persons. Abortion breaks the Fifth Commandment, “You shall not murder.” Even when a child is conceived through rape or incest, the fault is not the child’s, who should not suffer death for other’s sins.

2. **Marriage and Sexuality**

Humans were created to be one of two complementary kinds: male and female. The ordered design in nature (natural law) makes it impossible for two persons of the same sex to marry in the same sense that a man and a woman are united in marriage. Denying these facts of nature harms both individuals and our society by encouraging an objectively unnatural arrangement. It is not proper for government to pressure school districts into accepting and enforcing a view of human sexuality and marriage that denies God’s good design.

3. **Euthanasia/Assisted Suicide**

Making it legal for medical providers to give medications that intentionally cause the death of their patient, out of a misplaced sense of compassion violates the Fifth Commandment. No person has the right to take their own life or the life of another innocent person.

How Do I Vote?

The Minnesota North and South Districts of the LCMS Public Policy Advisor Committee has published a “Lutheran Voter Information Guide” that addresses the above and other issues. It is available in the church narthex and I encourage you to consult it. Do not vote based on party affiliation or on a candidate’s appearance or ‘media-savvy.’ Do not vote on a “What’s in it for me?” basis. Base your decision on which candidates will most likely promote the common good, even if it will not directly benefit you.

While local candidates have less opportunity to address the above issues, they do form the pool of future state and national candidates. Therefore investigate and rank how each candidate’s positions align with the key moral issues of our day and give preference to candidates who promote the greatest good and will foster the least evil.

Pastor David Schoessow

Church Council Minutes

October 13, 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: Pastor Schoessow

Call for Additional Agenda Items: None

Approval of Minutes: Jim made the motion to accept the Sept. 15, 2016 minutes; John seconded. Motion carried.

Pastor's Report: In addition to normal duties, Pastor conducted two funerals (Sherman Wittke on Sept. 6 and Marion O'Brien on Sept. 8). He will take some vacation time in October and November.

Treasurer's Report: Checking account balance: \$37,621. Wayne presented a monthly financial report. John made the motion to accept the report; Len seconded it.

BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

Trustees: John obeyed the order for all state flags to be flown at half-mast the week of Oct. 10. The driveway entrance has been leveled and paved. John turned on the heating system and trained Ken Bedard in the logistics of running it. John presented Kathy Field two quotes for a new dishwasher. One quote was approximately \$8200 and the other approximately \$23,000.

Deacons: The Deacons will begin calling the first group of inactive members. The trip to Minneapolis to view the Luther exhibit was cancelled due to low interest. Pew cards have arrived and will be placed in the pews. Jim mentioned two upcoming conferences in November and February; these conferences are for pastors and church leaders.

Stewardship and Evangelism: Stewardship Sunday is October 23. The blood drive has been cancelled due to low interest. Halloween treat bags will be distributed by members. The Bible stick appeal resulted in \$288. In the future, Endowment funds may match the donations. Len will find current information about the missionaries we are sponsoring and will share what he learns with us.

Education: Marcy Bennis has stepped down from the BCE; Marilyn Pingle is our new Superintendent of the Sunday school. The current mission focus is Operation Christmas Child. A bake sale Oct. 30 will raise funds to purchase gifts for the annual Villa Marina Christmas event. Pastor is continuing to work on starting a Christian release time at a local elementary school. Dominic and Helena Frost attended youth leadership training at Lutheran Island Camp and shared what they learned. They hope to work with youth leaders at our sister congregations to build a strong youth group.

Pastor will contact the UWS Campus Ministry representative and get the program going.

Memorial Committee: Jim stated that the committee is exploring options for using the available funds. Many ideas are being discussed. New Advent paraments have been ordered at a cost of \$3800.

Endowment Committee: Bob reported no meeting and no activity in the past month. However, he'd like to explore making a donation to the LCMS Global Mission Fund.

Memorial Garden: No report.

Old Business:

- A. Planning Committee: no report.
- B. Constitution update: members were given copies of suggested changes and will discuss the changes at next month's meeting.
- C. Statement of Belief: Don read to us the multi-page statement adopted by the LCMS as presented in the booklet "Protecting Your Ministry." We will be scrutinizing and updating our policies with the specific purpose of protecting our Pastor and our church from negative reaction to the LCMS stance on sensitive topics. The Belief Statement will be reviewed again before being presented to the voters for ratification. This statement along with a copy of our Constitution and a copy of our policies will be available for reference.

New Business:

- A. Stewardship has requested funds to help two of our congregation's needy families. Jim made the motion and Elisabeth seconded that \$300-\$500 be made available from the Women's League Missions account. Motion carried.
- B. The Budget Committee will meet Nov. 12 at 9:00 AM.
- C. Approval was granted for Kathy Field to use the Fellowship Hall Dec. 4. Len made the motion; Wayne seconded it. Motion carried.

Next Council Meeting: 10 November 2016 at 5:00

Adjournment and Lord's Prayer

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

Stewardship

"O give thanks to the Lord for He is good. His love endures forever" (Psalm 136:1). The love of the Lord does endure forever because the Son of God, our Lord Jesus Christ, is risen from the dead, lives and reigns for all eternity. He was crucified for our transgressions, but He is raised and lives forever for our justification. We are acceptable to God in Christ Jesus.

This is indeed something for which we give thanks. We give thanks in our prayers. We give thanks in the hymns we sing in church. We give thanks by talking about it with our friends and neighbors and teaching it to our children and grandchildren. And we give thanks by giving to the church a generous, first-fruits portion of the income He provides us.

Giving is giving thanks. It is one of the concrete ways in which we thank God for all He has done for us. This includes not just what He has done for us here in time, but what He does for us for all eternity. He provides for all that we need in both body and soul. He is more ready to give than we are able either to receive or even ask. That is who He is. That is His character. He is good and His love endures forever.

Let us then give thanks in all these ways, not in one way or the other. But rather in all things, everything that we do and say, whether it be in word or deed, in prayer and praise, in teaching and giving, let us give thanks to God for He is good.

Why? A Layman's Guide to the Liturgy

The segments for this article are taken from the book "Why? A Layman's Guide to the Liturgy" by Burnell Eckardt.

Why is violet the color of Advent and Lent?

Violet is the color of royalty, having once been a rare and costly color to which only the rich and royal had access. The rich man who failed to notice poor Lazarus (*St. Luke 16:19-31*) was "clothed in purple and fine linen." Jesus was clothed in a purple robe when His royalty was mocked by Pilate's soldiers (*St John 19:2*).

Therefore it is fitting that the Church employ violet in her seasons of penitence, for our recollection of the scorn heaped upon our Lord must produce contrite hearts. The color of violet therefore serves to symbolize both the true royalty of Christ (*the Anointed, cf. Ps. 2*) and His humiliation, which ought to humble us all in due preparation to receive Him. Violet is a penitential color, not a festive color. Its rich hue designates somber penitence and prayer. *

Why is blue sometimes seen in churches?

The color blue has in recent years been used as an alternate color for Advent, inasmuch as blue universally symbolizes hope. During Advent the Church emphasizes her perpetually hopeful wait for the coming of Christ. This innovation, while providing a

helpful distinction between Advent and Lent, also de-emphasizes the need for understanding Advent as a penitential season. Preparation for the coming of Christ must always be penitential. Moreover, the use of blue for Advent is a departure from its traditional use as the color for the Blessed Virgin Mary. In iconography she has traditionally been seen in red or royal blue, or both, perhaps because she herself is emblematic of the Church's hopeful expectation of the coming of her Son.

The church which has blue paraments might well employ them for the Marian feasts (the Annunciation, March 25, the Visitation, July 2 [or May 31], and the Dormition, August 15), and retain violet for Advent.

Adult Catechesis

Discover God's special plan for your life--it will come as good news to you. The study is informal.. You may just listen or you may ask questions. No memory work is required. No one is asked to read or "put on the spot." There is no obligation to the pastor or the church. Those who desire may use this study as a door to baptism and/or church membership. People from all types of church backgrounds or non-Christian backgrounds are welcome. "These sessions will undoubtedly be among the liveliest Bible study classes you have ever attended in your life. Consider attending this exciting course with a friend or family member. Class takes place on **Tuesdays at 5:30 p.m.**

Pasty Bake Alert!

The 2016 Pasty bake will soon be here! It takes place the week of November 6-10. Sunday will be for set up and picking up groceries, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday we will be making pasty's. 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.

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!

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.

Operation Christmas Child

The Board of Christian education has decided to have the Sunday school children and our youth participate in the "Operation Christmas Child" shoebox program. We would like to invite the congregation to join us.



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 in the narthex.

If you wish to create a shoebox you just need to pick a 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 **\$7 check made to Christ Lutheran Sunday School** and bring them to church by Sunday, November 6.

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.

"Superior Made" Arts & Craft Show

Saturday, November 19, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Boy Scout Troop 221 is hosting an arts and craft sale with local artisans as a fundraiser. Please stop by.

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 6.

Men, Let's Do Lunch

Christ's Men will meet on Tuesday, November 1 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.

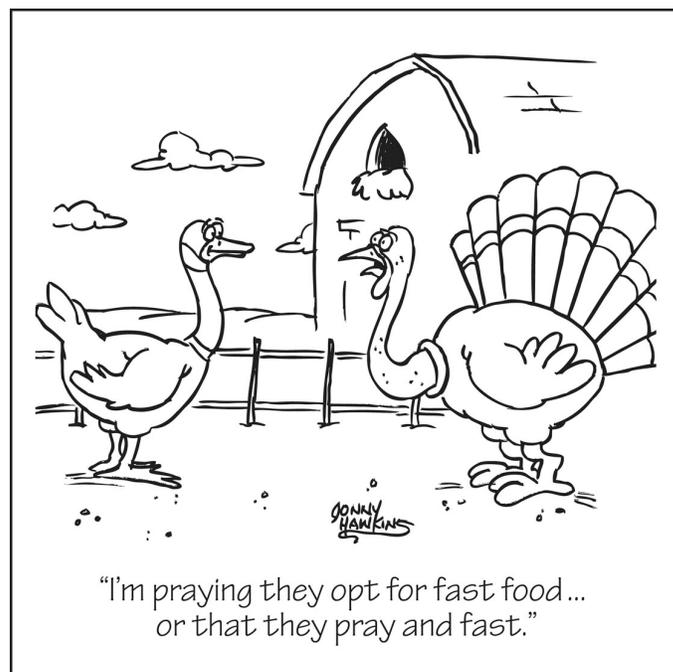
Do We Have Your Current Email Address?

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



November Birthdays

2 Joyce Olafson
3 Angela Durand
Tyler Derick
4 Carol Evens
Matthew Plesko
5 Jill Hoivik
McKenzie Taly
6 Marietta Lemmerman
7 Rachel Isackson
8 Ryan Kari
11 Donald Nindorf
12 Darrel Swanfeld
13 Joseph Austin
Richard Lull
14 Mae Anderson
Emmy Telfer
15 James Kirchoff
18 Brian Swanson
Stephen Wittke
20 David Byrka
Kenneth Strongitharm
21 Evelyn Ploetz
22 Bonnie McMillan
24 Diane Balko
25 Brandi Fudally
26 David Olson
Lucy Root
28 Ken Brown
Amelya Gohde-Caywood
29 Leonard Campbell
Nelda Jardine

26th Annual Free Thanksgiving Buffet

Thanksgiving Day
Thursday, November 24, 2016
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