



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.
Wednesday Bible Study 7:30 p.m.

Reformation Sunday

SOLA FIDE (Faith Alone) SOLA SCRIPTURA (Scripture Alone) SOLA GRATIA (Grace Alone)

Lutherans and other Christians throughout the world pause to acknowledge and reflect on the great blessings God has poured out on His people through the work of one unique servant, Martin Luther. Through his steadfast adherence to Scripture, his zeal and dedication, we today enjoy the freedom of hearing the Gospel taught and preached in church every Sunday, the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood as Jesus gave it, the blessings of private devotion, the majesty of great hymns, and the tools of catechism instruction.

We will have an opportunity to gather together with fellow Christians on **Sunday, October 30 & Wednesday November 2** when we will observe the Reformation of the Church!

Adult Catechesis

You can make some exciting discoveries in the bestselling book--the Bible-- in a study with Pastor David Schoessow. This series for teens and adults which explores the teachings of the Bible and the Lutheran Church.

Discover God's answers to questions on marriage, baptism, Jesus Christ, the gifts of the Holy Spirit, the occult, euthanasia and doctor assisted suicide, death, hell, heaven and many more.

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. Cassette tapes are available for make-up in case of sickness, work, or vacation. 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," commented Pastor Schoessow.

If you are interested in becoming a new member of Christ Lutheran or if you are a member and wish to attend this class please contact Pastor Schoessow or the church office for details. 715-398-3680 or clcoffice320@gmail.com

Stewardship Sunday

October 23rd 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 2017. The Time & Talent form and the Financial Commitment form will be placed in your mailboxes the first week of October. Additional forms can be found on the table outside of the office door.

Financial Commitment Form

When filling out the 2017 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 2017.

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, October 23rd, 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.

Wednesday Morning Bible Study

Starting on October 5 the Wednesday Bible Study will start looking at the book of Jonah. Join us at 10 a.m. every Wednesday.

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

Pastor's Page

Consecration Sunday – October 23

“Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.” 1 Corinthians 9:6-7

Many of us are reaping the harvest of hard work done earlier this spring — every meal is a “harvest dinner” of fresh potatoes, tomatoes, sweet corn, squash and the like. Oh, how good it is!

On Sunday, October 23 our congregation will enjoy a “harvest dinner” of sorts as we give thanks to God (with a thanksgiving dinner!) for His blessings. God has blessed us, even in this sour economy, with those ‘everyday’ blessings He pours into our laps—food, drink, family, friends, Word and Sacrament, life and salvation, and the high privilege of serving Him each day!

On October 23rd we’ll enjoy dessert bar and coffee after each service , the dedication of our 2017 commitments and each other’s fine company! I hope you can come.

This is the time to consider an important spiritual question as regards our care and stewardship of the gifts God has given us (we own nothing—it all belongs to the Master!). That question is: ***“What is God calling me to give as a percentage of my income?”*** That is a personal, spiritual question and can be answered in three different ways.

- 1) Some will say, “God is calling us to give 10 percent of our income to the Lord’s work.
- 2) Others will respond, “We want to begin tithing, but our faith in God isn’t there yet. God is calling us to drive our tent pegs into the ground at 5 or 6 percent, trusting God will enable us to increase that percentage in the future.
- 3) A third answer will be, “We’ve been tithing for years, but God just keeps blessing us! Giving 10 percent of our income does not even come close to a sacrifice for us. God is enabling us to return 15 or 20 percent of our income to the Lord’s work.

As we prepare for our Consecration Sunday, let’s pray for God’s guidance as to what percentage of His blessings God is calling us to return to Him. Convinced of that—*not reluctantly or under compulsion*, we too will know the sheer joy of being cheerful givers!

For Christ and His Church,

Pastor Schoessow

Church Council

September 10, 2015

Members Present: Don Hauser, Bob Raaflaub, John Robinson, Jim Lemmerman

Absent: Sharyn Vengrin, Pastor Schoessow, Len Campbell, Elisabeth Hannula

Call to Order: Don Hauser

Opening Prayer: Lord's Prayer

Call for Additional Agenda Items: None

Approval of Minutes: Jim made the motion to accept the August 11, 2016 minutes with correction to Trustees Report that the boiler's RPZ will only cost \$500-\$700, not \$5000-\$7000; Wayne seconded. Motion carried.

Pastor's Report: None

Treasurer's Report: Checking account balance as of August 31st: \$50752.95. Bank Statement hadn't been reconciled. Motion to accept: John. Seconded: Jim. All in favor. Motion Carried

BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

Trustees: Organized crew to set up and put away tables and chairs for the Sunday School Rally Day on September 11, 2016.

Received two quotations from Inter City Asphalt and Monarch Paving Co. to lay asphalt on the driveway, over the tracks and the culvert that is raised up. Quotations presented. Discussion held. Motion made to recommend Inter City Asphalt to the Voters by Jim. Seconded by Wayne. All in favor. Motion Carried. Set timers on outside lights.

Had Northern Star Food Equipment repair the dish washer.

Ruth Society looking into replacing dishwasher. Waiting for quote.

Deacons: The Deacons continue to review the list of inactives and make a plan for reaching those people. The Deacons hope to organize a trip to the Cities to view a traveling Luther exhibit.

New pew cards, "*Divine Service an Explanation*", were presented by Jim. He was given an OK to purchase 200. Discussion was had on how to celebrate the upcoming Reformation. No firm plans reached.

Stewardship and Evangelism: Peg is working on the blood drive planned for October 20. This activity is for members only, and a sign-up is required by October 2. Len informed that all was set for the September 11 pig roast.

Education: Pastor will investigate offering some kind of release time Christian education for students.

Campus Ministry job will be posted this month on the UWS job posting site.

Staffing for Sunday school is still not complete. No response or a negative response from CLC members other than the same staff that have taught for years. Dominic and Helena Frost will attend a youth training session at Lutheran Island Camp in mid-October. They have volunteered to teach the youth group Bible study each Sunday.

Roni is arranging for families of high school students to receive subscriptions to "*Higher Things*". There are four

Higher Things conferences in the summer of 2017, and we hope to send youth to one of them.

Mary Kate Hannula is the new nursery worker, starting this Sunday.

Memorial Committee: No report.

Endowment Committee: Bob reported no expenditures in the past month. Bob shared information on the Christ the King Scholarship Fund.

Memorial Garden: One burial was made in the past month.

Old Business:

- A. Planning Update
 1. Facility Planning – No activity
 2. Youth Leader Discovery Group – No activity
- B. Constitution Update
 1. Some changes were suggested, will be reviewed next month
- C. Pew cards/Liturgy explanation
 1. Per above, Jim ordering and replacing the ones in the pews

New Business:

- A. Talked about and will now implement two signatures on main checking and all main savings accounts.
- B. Use of building – Matter of Balance training class. A class on helping people 60 and older with learning how to keep from falling and getting hurt. Christ Lutheran members will have priority when filling the class. Approval granted to use the church.
- C. Statement of Beliefs
 1. A Statement of Beliefs needs to be developed for our church. A suggested statement was attached to the agenda minutes. These will be discussed and amended at next meeting.
- D. Voters' Meeting agenda items were suggested.
- E. No requests for use of the Fellowship Hall

Next Council Meeting: 13 October 2016 at 5:00

Adjournment and Lord's Prayer

Voter's Meeting

September 18, 2016

- 1) Call to Order: President Don Hauser
- 2) Opening Prayer: Pastor Schoessow
- 3) Call for additional agenda items: Bob Raaflaub update on Scholarship Fund (information)
- 4) Minutes from May 15, 2016 Voters' Assembly – Motion was made by Wayne and Seconded by Dorie that we accept the minutes as written. All in favor. Motion Carried.
- 5) Minutes from June 26, 2016 Special Voter's Assembly – Motion was made by John and Seconded by Wayne that we accept the minutes as written. All In favor. Motion Carried.

- 6) Treasurer's Report; Checkbook balance as of September 18, 2016, \$45274.62 – Motion was made by Jim and seconded by Lorraine that we accept Treasurer's Report as written. All in favor. Motion carried.
- 7) Old Business: none
- 8) New Business
- 9) Driveway entrance remediation – Two bids were received. Discussion about bids. Motion was made by Kay Seconded by Dorie to accept bid from Inter City Asphalt, Inc, Superior WI, for \$3880 to complete work. All in favor. Motion carried. Work will be completed this season.
- 10) Bob gave a report on Scholarship Fund – The fund has increased in value, if it continues on current path we should have approximately \$2000 for distribution next spring.

Next Voter's Assembly November 13, 2016
 Adjournment – Lord's Prayer
 Respectfully Submitted Jim Lemmerman Pro Tem

Stewardship

Christ died for our sins, was buried, and rose again. If you believe this gospel, if you stand upon it, and cling to it, you are saved. Trust in this is the dividing line. It defines, either positively or negatively, all men. It separates and divides Cain from Abel, Job from his so-called friends, Abraham from Abimelech, Isaac from Ishmael, Jacob from Esau, David from Saul, Daniel from Belshazzar, Joseph from Herod, Lazarus from the rich man, and the tax collector from the Pharisee. What defines men is not whether they are good or bad, but whether or not they believe in Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of sins.

The problem with man is his heart. Our hearts are fallen and predisposed to think that we can impress God. We think that if we do all the right things God will reward us, and we will escape evil. We think that God will be impressed with our gifts, that our prosperity and goodness is evidence that God loves us or that it should motivate God to love us.

But we know better because God has blessed us with the faith of Abel, Job, and Abraham. We know that God's grace in Christ saves us, not our works.

We know that God is not impressed with our giving. He is not impressed when we give him that which is already his. God doesn't benefit from our giving and He doesn't need it. But our neighbor does need it. And God delights in us growing more and more like Him. He blesses us, and He invites us to bless one another with our giving: so that the Gospel may be proclaimed, so that the poor may be fed, so that all God's work through the Church may be done.

So consider God's priorities in comparison to your own. And be honest. Reevaluate where you are and where God has called you to be. Look into your own bank statement. Would any accountant think that the Church was your priority? He would see a spreadsheet filled with where your money actually goes: into house and clothing and cars, into eating out and beauty supplies and entertainment. Indeed, much of it wasted on frivolous things. But would he find great percentages going to the church? Figure up the percentage. Put it in relation to the proportion of your income. What percentage of your income do you give for the mission of the church: the preaching and teaching, the baptizing and communing, the help for the weak and poor brothers of Christ? Is it even enough for a deduction when you file your income taxes? The widow gave all she had and thought nothing of it. She was glad to do it. The rich man gave what to him was meaningless, trifle amount and desired a plaque in his honor. Why is it that the less we give the prouder we are and the more credit we expect?

All your works, even your monetary gifts, done in faith please God now for Christ's sake. No matter how great or small, frequent or infrequent. They are all washed and cleansed by grace through faith on account of Christ. Whatever you do from faith in God pleases him for the sake of the Son. So reevaluate your generosity in the light of the grace of Christ. Freely you have received, freely give.

Halloween Bags

As Christ Lutheran Church continues with community outreach, the Board of Stewardship & Evangelism is putting together about 100 Christian oriented "Halloween Handout" bags once again this year. Here's how it works and how you can help:

The Board will make up small bags that include Christian items such as Christian pumpkin mini-prisms that state "Jesus shine in me," mini-paddleball games that state "Jesus lights the way," and color crayons and a pencil that state "Jesus shine on me," a piece of candy, and a sheet that gives an explanation of how Halloween and All Saints' Day came to be.

We are asking members of the congregation to volunteer to hand out the bags. It's easy.....you don't even have to purchase candy-you can just hand out the bags, or you can add candy if you wish. Please consider being a part of this ministry opportunity and let Peg Campbell know "no later than" Sunday, October 23rd if you'd like to participate and the number of bags you will take. If you have questions, please contact Peg at 218-348-4230 or via email at p328campbell@gmail.com. God Bless.

Pastor Appreciation Month

October is pastor appreciation month. Take a few moments to share your thanks, prayers and encouragement with Pastor Schoessow.

LWML Fall Rally

October 29, 2016

St. Matthews Lutheran Church

Esko, MN

Registration 10 – 10:30 a.m., \$5

Speaker: Connie Olson, co-founder of Wispers of Hope
Wispers of Hope is a Christ-centered residential and non-residential facility where women can experience spiritual, emotional and physical healing while discovering God's purpose for their lives.

Ingathering: Items for Wispers of Hope: Septic Safe (one ply) toilet paper; paper towels(half sheet size); Ziploc bags (any size); postage stamps.

(Please note that **CLC is not collecting these items**, they are to be brought to the LWML Fall Rally.)

"Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the laws of Christ." Galatians 6:2

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!

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 around the church starting October 9.

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 **\$7 check for each box packed made to Christ Lutheran Sunday School** and bring them to church by Sunday, November 6.



Pasty Bake Alert!

The 2016 Pasty bake will soon be here! It takes place the week of November 6 – 10 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.

We also need people to furnish food for the workers. So if you can't help with production please consider supplying some food. Watch your bulletins for sign up sheets.

Order blanks should be out in the mail around mid-October. The deadline for orders is October 26

Christ's Men

Men, Let's Do Lunch

Christ's Men will meet on Tuesday, October 4 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.

29th Annual Lutheran Free Conference "A Candid Look at Islam"

**Saturday, November 5, 2016, 9:30 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Redeemer Lutheran Church, St. Cloud, MN**

This conference has been planned to give a clear picture of Islam. It will not be the politically correct picture that is portrayed in the media and by many of our political leaders. It will be given by two experts on the subject, Dr. Timothy Furnish and Rev. Dr. Alvin Schmidt.

Sr. Funnish holds a Ph.D. in Islamic, African and World History, and the author of *Holist Wars* as well as articles on topics such as Mahdism, Islamic eschatology, sects, Islamic history and jihadism.

Rev. Dr. Schmidt is the author of *Great Divide: Failure of Islam and Triumph of the West; How Christianity Changed the World; and The Menace of Multiculturalism: Trojan Horse in America*.

Though pre-registration is not required, a non-monetary pre-registration is required if you plan to eat at the conference site. If you plan to attend and be fed, call (320) 252-8171 or send an e-mail to: office@redeemerstcloud.org by Thursday, October 15, with the names of those attending.

Registration: Begins 8:30 a.m.

Cost: \$25/person; \$10/high school or college student (includes coffee, rolls, lunch)

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

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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

October Birthdays

2	Michael Durand
4	James Ross
7	Randi Wheeler
8	Michelle Sternberg Jacob Makela
9	Elisabeth Hannula Kerri Ritsche
11	Scott Doane
14	Cruz Krause
16	Philip Keppers
17	Kirk Krause Carl Syring
18	Bob Jardine
19	Sarah Harkabus Daynen Lull
21	Lori Randa
22	Matthew Flynn Alya Pfeil Lewis Keppers
23	Steve Hauser Katie Stenroos
24	Darrell Erdman
27	Nathan Derick Wayne Ploetz
31	Judy Pahos Randy Lemmerman Isaac Plesko

Boy Scout Troop 221

All-You-Can-Eat

Fish Dinner

Friday

October 14

5 p.m. to 7 p.m.



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Tickets:

Adults: \$10 (12 yrs & up)
Children: \$7 (4-11)
(3 & under free)