



The Beacon

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Christ Ev. Lutheran
Church

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Divine Worship Services

Sunday - 9:00 a.m.
Wednesday - 6:30 p.m.

Bible Study & Sunday School

Sunday - 10:15 a.m.



Should Christians Meditate?

“As for that in the good soil, they are those who, hearing the Word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bear fruit with patience” (St. Luke 8:15).

Should Christians meditate? That depends. People meditate for all sorts of reasons and in all sorts of ways. Some use it for therapeutic exercise in deep relaxation; others use it to gain a sense of euphoria; and others to aid in problem solving. Pagan meditation is often coupled with teaching about astral planes and angel guides.

Christian meditation is entirely different. The purpose of Christian meditation is given by Jesus in His explanation of the parable of the sower in Luke 8:11-15 (please read it now). Jesus connects fruitful hearing of God’s Word with meditation on the Word, (*“hold it fast in an honest and good heart”*) for you are not letting it ‘go in one ear and out the other.’

Jesus says that our heart is like the seedbed of God’s Word. Soil, no matter how rich, cannot produce a harvest without good seed. So the purpose of meditation is to let God’s Word produce a bumper crop in and through those who receive it (*and bear fruit with patience*”). The more the hearts of Christ’s disciples listen to the Word and ponder it, the more fruitful we become. So the Word produces the practice of meditation as well as its harvest.

But the harvest does not come immediately. As I write many of us are reaping our gardens. That harvest came after long hours of weeding, seeding, tilling and watering. Growth is slow and is not always evident. We do not immediately experience the results of meditation as soon as we begin to meditate. Hence Jesus stresses the need for “patience.” It is only now that I am reaping the harvest from what I meditated on long ago. The harvest comes from patient persistence in meditation on God’s Word.

In Christian meditation, God is the Sower. He speaks and we listen. We receive from Him as He gives of Himself to us. As we receive His Word into our hearts by meditation on it, it does it work in us. Scripture changes us inwardly and gradually permeates everything we think and feel and say and do. It brings the Holy Spirit with it, the Spirit of Christ who makes us spiritually fruitful and productive.

Yes. Christians may and should meditate—on the work of Christ in the Holy Scriptures!

Yours for an eternity with Christ,

Pastor Schoessow

VBS Day Camp

The time is fast approaching for our VBS Day Camp with Lutheran Island Camp August 5-8. Everything is pretty much set at this point, however we could always use a volunteer or two, see the sign up on the office door. Volunteering is not a big commitment and mainly in the kitchen helping with meals and snacks.

On the subject of meals and snacks we could use some donations of food to help offset the amount of food we need to purchase. Items that would help would be:

- 2 - family size bags Cheetos
- 2 - family size bags potato chips one plain, one flavored
- 1 - family size bag of Doritos
- 1 - 40 count pkg of individual wrapped Rice Krispie bars
- 2 - 24 count pkgs chewy granola bars
- 1 - Capri Sun pkg drinks with 16 in each pkg
- 1 - big box fruit snacks
- 1 - head broccoli
- 5 - 1 gallon jugs of Hawaiian Punch
- 1 - watermelon
- 1 - bag of grapes red or green
- 1 - bunch of bananas
- 1 - bag of apples
- 4 - pkgs cookies - any kind that **doesn't have nuts** in them

If you are able to donate please have items to church by August 4. Perishable items should be brought on August 4.

Fall/Winter Worship Schedule Begins Sunday, September 8

Sunday

Divine Service – 8 & 10:30 a.m.
Sunday School & Adult/Teen Bible Studies – 9 a.m.

Wednesday

Divine Service – 6:30 p.m. & Bible Study – 7:30 p.m.

Rally Sunday Pig Roast/Potluck

The Board of Christian Education & Board of Stewardship & Evangelism are planning for a pig roast and potluck on **Rally Sunday, September 8, 2019**, following the 2nd Service. We plan to have a Bounce House for the youth of the congregation, and a Pig Roast provided by B&B Market. The event is planned to be a **potluck** and gives you all a chance to be involved in the food, fun, and fellowship.

Please sign-up on the sheet posted on the office door, or you can contact Roni at 715-398-3680 or clcoffice320@gmail.com and give her the message.

On the sign-up sheet, you will be asked: 1) your name, 2) how many will be in attendance, and 3) the food item being brought for the potluck. We will have to give B&B Market the number of people attending 10-14 days in advance to make sure there is enough pork for

everyone, **so we are asking for your commitment "no later than" Sunday, August 25.**

Thank You! Thank You! Thank You!

I want to take this opportunity to thank all Officers, Board members, and the many seen and unseen members who have served the Church in the past year. I also want to extend a huge thank you to those members serving the Church in Officer and Board positions in the 2018-2019 Church year. Our Church would not be what it is today without "everyone's" dedication to service, stewardship, and generosity.

"This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it."

Thanks again for your efforts and God Bless.
Jim Lemmerman

Boards Resume

All boards could still use a few people especially the Altar Guild. Each board meets once a month, here are the current meeting days and times (subject to change);

Altar Guild – Quarterly
Board of Deacons – 2nd Monday @ 5 p.m.
Christian Education – Variable @ 5 p.m.
Stewardship/Evangelism – 1st Tuesday @ 5:00 p.m.
Church Council – 2nd Thursday @ 5:00 p.m.

These meeting times are subject to change as the new boards meet and get underway.

Your 2019 – 2020 Board Members:

Welcome to our new and returning board members:

President:	Jim Lemmerman
Vice President:	Frank Bowman
Secretary:	Sharyn Vengrin
Treasurer:	Wayne Ploetz

Board of Deacons:

Lois Teich, Mike Kramer, Millie Derick, Jim Lemmerman, John Allen, Jim Bolin, Audrey Kidd, Mike Miller

Board of Stewardship & Evangelism:

Jim Johnson, Barb Johnson, Peg & Len Campbell, Dave & Mary Severin, Peder & Jean Becken, Asley Demars

Board of Christian Education:

Marilyn Pingel, Roni Hauser, Debbie Winans, Helena Frost, Shannon Allen, Amy Kirchoff, Sara Kroeplin, Jill Markee

Board of Trustees:

John Robinson, Shane Kroeplin, Mike Kramer, Ken Bedard, Dick Lull, Jeff Allen

Thank you to everyone for their service, if you volunteered and are not listed please contact the office.

Sunday School Starts

The fall quarter of Sunday school begins on September 8 at 9 a.m. Classes are offered for grade pre-k through high school and Bible study for adults. We have an exciting year planned and hope your family is a part of it. Parents need to come in and register their children on the first day, you can do this in the classrooms in the Sunday school wing after Pastor's opening.

Then worship together as a family in one of our Divine Services (8 & 10:30 a.m.).

Please join us at the Rally Day pig roast after the 10:30 a.m. service. There will be a bounce house, and great food.

Church Council Minutes

No meeting in July

Stewardship

Have you ever noticed the subtle ceremony of receiving the offerings during the Divine Service? The offerings are collected in plates or baskets, and they are brought forward and given to the pastor or an assistant. The pastor turns toward the altar, and, as he slightly bows his head, the offerings are raised slightly to the Lord and placed on the altar or an adjacent table.

Why do we have this ceremony? And what does it teach us? For that is what ceremony does – it teaches, as the Augsburg Confession tells us what we need to know about Christ (AC XXIV, 1–3).

Originally, this ceremony included more than simply bringing forward what was collected in the offering plates. The elements for the Holy Communion – the bread and the wine – were brought forward with the offerings. The offerings and elements were lifted toward the Lord and placed upon the altar. The altar, now made a table, would be set for the Lord's Supper.

Gifts brought to the altar come from the sweat of His people's brow. They are the bread and wine, the fruits of His people's labor in this fallen world. After six days of labor and toil, the people are to bring a generous proportion for the Lord's work. Gifts set upon the altar are offered to the Lord for Him to take up and press into service for His gracious work.

For what is offered to the Lord from the sweat of His people's brow – the bread of anxious toil – comes back to us as the bread of life. The bread comes down from heaven that whoever eats this bread and drinks this cup will receive life through the forgiveness of their sins.

This is not unlike what the Lord did for His people in the Old Testament:

“You shall tithe all the yield of your seed that comes from the field year by year. And before the Lord your God, in the place that he will choose, to make his name dwell there, you shall

eat the tithe of your grain, of your wine, and of your oil, and the firstborn of your herd and flock, that you may learn to fear the Lord your God always. And if the way is too long for you, so that you are not able to carry the tithe, when the Lord your God blesses you, because the place is too far from you, which the Lord your God chooses, to set his name there, then you shall turn it into money and bind up the money in your hand and go to the place that the Lord your God chooses and spend the money for whatever you desire – oxen or sheep or wine or strong drink, whatever your appetite craves. And you shall eat there before the Lord your God and rejoice, you and your household.” (Deut. 14:22-26)

What a blessing! God provides for us in all things. He provides bread from the sweat of our brows. He receives this from us in the first-fruits offerings we give to Him in thanksgiving and praise, and He turns these into spiritual bread. He gives this heavenly bread – the bread of eternal life – back to us so we might have joy.

So, the next time you are in the Divine Service, watch this ceremony in wonder. The offerings we have given to Him, the Lord gives back to us in His supper so that we may rejoice in the salvation He won for us upon the cross.

Why? A Layman's Guide to the Liturgy Why is green the color of the second half of the church year?

The color green is the color of life and growth, as foliage reappears in the springtime and remains throughout the summer. Therefore it is fitting that green be used for the second half of the church year, the period following Pentecost and Trinity (Pentecost and Trinity octave use red and white, respectively) until the end of the church year.

This period is appropriately subdivided into Trinitytide (from Trinity Sunday), St. John's Tide (from the Nativity of St. John the Baptist, June 24), St. Laurence Tide (from St. Laurence Day, August 10) Michaelmas Tide (from Michaelmas, September 29), and All Saint's Tide, also called the Last Sundays of the Church Year (All Saint's Day, November 1). These subdivisions also serve to emphasize the various stages of the Christian pilgrimage, even summer itself has various stages.

Traditionally this period has been referred to as ordinary time, as opposed to the festival time of the church year which observes particular aspects of the mystery of Christ. Ordinary time therefore refers to the period of time for observing the mysteries of Christ in all their aspects, but none in particular. Perhaps for this reason, there is wide traditional precedent for counting the Sundays after Epiphany and the Baptism of Our Lord as belonging to ordinary time as well. However, the unity of the Epiphany theme throughout the entire period, the theme of the manifestations of the Lord's glory, would

suggest the use of white throughout that season, employing green only during summertime, as nature itself also suggests.

Parent's Confirmation Meeting

Our congregation has a solid and exciting program for the catechesis (teaching) of our children (in the process of confirmation). An orientation meeting for parents and catechumens (learners) is on **Wednesday, September 18 at 4:15 p.m.** We will outline our "cradle to the grave" confirmation process and confirm our weekly schedule so that together we can enable our children to thrive in their Christian faith and life. Book purchases will be made on this day. Confirmation process starts for children in 7th grade. **Confirmation class begins that same day.**

Christ's Men

Men, Let's Do Lunch

Christ's Men will meet on Tuesday, August 6 at 12 noon at Fuller's Family Restaurant. This is an opportunity to gain guidance and spiritual support from God's Word as well as an excellent opportunity for Christian friendship.

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

Tips for Inviting People to Church

- ② Invite Someone You Know: Surveys show that a majority of persons first come to church because a friend invited them.
- ② Pray About Your Inviting: Ask the Spirit's help through prayer as you reach out to someone else
- ② Invite Persons In Time Of Need: People going thru the stress of change - a loved-one's death, sickness, a new community, loss of a job, or a baby - can be served by the message of the Risen Christ around which the worship revolves.
- ② Invite Persons To Special Services: Special worship services are also times when people may be open to an invitation.
- ② Invite People In Your Own Way: There is no single "right way" even if your words may seem stumbling (to you), the Spirit will work through you.
- ② Invite People Because We Are Proud Of Our Parish Family: Because we know the "joy of salvation" in our worship, we will want others to share that joy and salvation.
- ② Invite People to Worship With You: Arrange to bring; them or meet them at church and sit and worship with them.
- ② Don't Give Up: Be gentle, but make sure a person knows the welcome mat is out.
- ② Ask Pastor For Help: He will be happy to help you in your inviting and he'll be happy to visit these people also.



- 1 Jill Austin
- 2 Millie Derick
- 4 Justin Michalski
Kimberly Kroll
- 10 Patrick Flynn
- 14 Gene Loughren
- 15 Natalie Schultz
- 16 Jenny Schoessow
- 17 Robert Janicki
- 18 Doris Toms
- 20 Barbara Johnson
- 21 Thomas Bedard
- 22 Jesse Pfeil
- 23 Lorraine Kramer
- 24 Patrick Field
- 25 Connie Noble
Jerry Broderson
Patricia Nelson
- 26 Kevin Kroll
- 27 Dee Meadows
LaVonne Hockin
- 28 Michael Miller
- 29 Don Hauser
- 30 Kali Magdzas