



The Beacon

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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.



Got Questions? God's Got Answers

The Boston Globe once listed their top ten "unanswerable" questions. Here's one: "I am nine years old and have a cat that eats regularly and needs to go on a diet. He also eats mice when he is out. How many calories in a mouse?"

While that's a funny unanswerable question, there is one question that needs to be answered by every one of us.

That question is this: Who do you believe Jesus Christ is?

Sometimes we like answer a question with more questions, so here are some for you. (Don't worry-I'll give the answers too.)

- 1) What does the name "Jesus" mean?
- 2) What does "Christ" mean?
- 3) What does "redeem" mean?
- 4) True or False: Jesus is the only Savior from sin and eternal death.
- 5) T or F: Jesus was not tempted to sin as we are.
- 6) T or F: Jesus didn't have to die for your sins.

Answers:

1) The name Jesus is his personal name. A name might represent who you are or what you can do. The name Jesus means "the Lord saves."

2) The word Christ is not a last name like the family names we have. The name Christ is a title. As God's Son, Jesus was "the Christ" which in Greek means the "Anointed One; or one set apart, like a king. When Adam and Eve rebelled against God, they "sinned" against Him. God is holy-that is, without sin. As descendants of theirs we are sinners too. All of us would be forever apart from God. But, God promised that He would send a Savior. That Savior is Jesus, "the Christ," set apart by God to redeem us.

3) To "redeem" means to buy back. Years ago, when we bought certain items, we would get S&H Green Stamps which we would put in stamp books. You would take your pile of Green Stamp books and redeem them for kitchen appliances or something. By His perfect, sinless life and His death on the cross, "redeemed" us from our enemies sin, death, and the devil.

4) The correct answer is True: Jesus is the only Savior from sin and eternal death. Every other "religion" teaches that one must work to please a god of some kind in order to get to "a better place." Only the Christian *faith* has the real solution of sin and death. That solution is God's free gift of forgiveness given to all who put their faith in Jesus alone.

5) The answer is False: Jesus was tempted to sin in every way that we are, so He understands all that you and I go through when we are tempted.

6) True: Jesus didn't have to die for us but He loved us so much that He willingly died on the cross—and since He is also true God, He rose from the dead because He is more powerful than death.

One more question: What are the first two words of the Apostles' Creed? The answer: "I believe." That's an important question for you to answer, because *I* cannot believe in Jesus, the Christ, for you. But, by God's grace, you were given the faith to believe that, while you are a sinner you also believe that Jesus lived died and rose for you. You believe that Jesus is your Savior.

Pastor Kirk Schield

Fall/Winter Worship Schedule Begins

Sunday, September 13

Sunday

Divine Service – 8 & 10:30 a.m.

*Sunday School & Adult/Teen Bible Studies – 9 a.m.
depending on safety guidelines*

Wednesday

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

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 2020 – 2021 Board Members:

Welcome to our new and returning board members:

President:	Jim Lemmerman
Vice President:	Len Campbell
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, Len Campbell.

Board of Stewardship & Evangelism:

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

Board of Christian Education:

Debbie Winans, Helena Frost, Shannon Allen, Amy Kirchoff, Sara Kroeplin, Jill Markee, Jennifer Keske, Laura Hoeschen.

Board of Trustees:

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

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

Sunday School

The Board of Christian Education along with the new Sunday school superintendent will be meeting in August to determine if we are able to have Sunday school and what it will look like, and if we can manage in person classes will we have enough teachers who are willing to teach in person, so please stay tuned for information. If you are willing to teach in person please contact the church office.

Welcome and Thank You

Please welcome John Keske as our new Sunday School Superintendent. And thank you to Marilyn Pingel for her many years of hard work as our superintendent. Wishing you both God’s blessing in your new endeavors.

Confirmation Starts

Our congregation has a solid and exciting program for the catechesis (teaching) of our children (in the process of confirmation). Confirmation process starts for children in 7th grade. Our first class for catechumens (learners) is on **Wednesday, September 16 at 4:15 p.m.** Parents are welcome to attend to see what is needed. 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. A Faith Alive Bible and a catechism will be supplied if the students do not have those already.

New Playground

If you read the council and voter’s minutes you will know that we are installing a new playground to replace the one we currently have due to it being unsafe because pieces are broken and or missing.

The playground is a Rainbow system playground as is to hopefully be installed on August 17, obviously depending on weather (pray for a dry day). It will be a nice, and safer place for our children and the neighborhood children to play.



Church Council Minutes

No meeting in July

Voter's Meeting

June 28, 2020

Opening Devotions: Pastor Shield

Roll Call: Jim Lemmerman

Approval of Agenda: A motion was made by Wayne Ploetz and seconded by Mike Miller to approve the agenda. All in favor. Motion carried.

Reading and approval of minutes from February 16, 2020. These are posted in the Newsletter.

Admission of new members: John and Jennifer Keske

Treasurer's Report: Balance: \$34,419.04. A motion was made by John Robinson and seconded by Millie Derrick to receive and file the Treasurer's report as printed. All in favor. Motion carried.

Old Business: No new business

New business (Action needed)

Election of officers

Officer and Committee Members Nominees 2020/2021

PRESIDENT: Jim Lemmerman

VICE PRESIDENT: Len Campbell

SECRETARY: Sharyn Vengrin

TREASURER: Wayne Ploetz

BOARD OF DEACONS:

Len Campbell – 3 year term

Lois Teich, Mike Kramer, Millie Derick – 1 year appointment

BOARD OF STEWARDSHIP/EVANGELISM:

Peg & Len Campbell – 3 year

Barb & Jim Johnson – 1 year appointment

BOARD OF EDUCATION:

Debbie Winans, Jennifer Keske - 3 year term

Helena Frost, Laura Hoeschen – 1 year appointment

John Keske - Sunday School Superintendent

TRUSTEES:

Shane Kroepelin – 3 year term

John Robinson, Mike Kramer – 1 year appointment

Notes:

The Deacons have 5 people currently serving 3year terms.

The Board of Stewardship/Evangelism currently has 3 people serving 3year terms and 2 people serving 2year terms.

The Board of Education currently has 1 person serving a 3year term and 3 people serving 2 year terms.

Those requesting 1year appointments (as noted in the right had column above) will be made by the president of the congregation at the next Church Council Meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Swing Set: After discussion a Motion was made by John Robinson and seconded by Don Hauser to go ahead with the swing set. All in favor. Motion Carried.

Motion was made by Mike Kramer and seconded by Wayne Ploetz to take the money out of the General Fund. We will be having a fund raiser to pay back the general fund. All in favor. Motion Carried.

Adjournment: Jim Lemmerman

Closing Prayer: Lord's Prayer

Next Meeting: September 20, 2020

Stewardship

Winston Churchill reportedly said, "we make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give." According to Churchill then, our lives are defined less by what we have gotten and more by what we give away.

Our Lord's life is defined in this way. He gave completely of Himself for us. He became man for us. He taught the truth of God's Word. He healed those with many and various diseases. He died the death that we deserve because of sin. He gave of Himself in order to save us from sin, death, and hell. So it is that by giving completely of Himself, He got us for Himself, making us citizens of His eternal kingdom by grace.

As it was for Jesus, so it is also for us. We get more from giving than we do from simply getting. Giving softens our hearts and frees us from the worries of this world and making a living. For when we are singularly focused on making a living, we are singularly focused on what we get.

That mindset begins to bleed into all areas of our lives – our relationships with friends and family, with neighbors and coworkers, and with the Lord. It shifts our focus from asking "How can I be a friend, family member, neighbor, and servant to others?" to "What have they done for me lately?" We become more selfish instead of selfless.

But, when we give, we do not have less, and we do not become less. We have more and become more. Because when we give, we join in the bond of friendship and family, the bond of service to those around us out of love for them. And love is the fulfillment of the Law. It is the nature of God Himself, for God is Love. Thus, we are participating in the divine nature. As Jesus said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive" (Acts 20:35).

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.

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



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| 2 | Millie Derick |
| 4 | Justin Michalski |
| | Kimberly Kroll |
| | Carson Frost |
| 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 |