



The Beacon

August 2018

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.



“Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they ran there on foot from all the towns... When Jesus went ashore he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd. And he began to teach them many things.” (Mark 6:33, 34)

A lot of the Gospel of Mark-and for sure Chapter 6-is about Jesus' mission. We know why Jesus came into the world: to seek and to save the lost. The lost are all who do not know him or know him but do not believe in him as the Son of God: the One who lived, died and rose from the dead, so that all who put their trust in him are forgiven of their sins. Anyone who is forgiven by God has joy here on earth and eternal life ahead of them-with God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit-in heaven.

That's the Gospel-the good news that God wants all people to hear. Each and every person he created is special to him. I would venture to say that most of you who are even taking the time to read this article and to find out what is going on at Christ Lutheran Church in Superior, WI, know and believe this good news, so I'm probably preaching to the choir. But what about anyone else? Sometimes we Christians bemoan the fact that many people aren't in worship every Sunday. We bemoan the fact that people aren't giving to the cause of furthering the Good News about Jesus. It's such GREAT news-why aren't people banging down the doors to hear and be fed by God's Word? That's a perplexing question isn't it; one I think about often. I/we have been so blessed that someone brought **us** to be baptized, to worship and Sunday School, to catechism instruction, and so on! When are other people going to wake up and make all that a priority? we wonder.

Well, I want to encourage myself-and you-to start with ourselves. We have our own list of priorities don't we? Time seems so tight-we have so much to do! Luther once said that if he was so busy that he didn't have time to pray for even one hour each day he took time to pray for two hours. That's something to think about isn't it? So here's what we can do: Pray for zeal on your part to talk to someone about Jesus, your Savior, their Savior. Pray that children would be brought to Vacation Bible School to hear about Jesus. Stop in and see what's going on during the week of August 6 and show your support of children and staff. Continue to pray for the children who do attend-that they would grow in their faith. Find your church directory. Pray for those who are listed whom you haven't seen in a while. Pray for-and visit-one or more of this congregations' "shut-ins." Pastor Schoessow has the list and would be glad to make a copy for you.

Because there are lots of people "who are like sheep without a shepherd." And we have such good news to tell them! May God be with you as you seek the lost!

In Jesus' Name, Pastor Schield

Day Camp

The time is fast approaching that we are hosting the Lutheran Island day camp. 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:

- Watermelon
- Apple or orange juice
- Hawaiian punch (gallon jugs)
- Chips (potato, Doritos, Cheetos)
- Veggies (carrots, celery, broccoli, cauliflower etc.)
- Ranch dressing
- Cookies/treats
- Sandwich bread

If you are able to donate please have items to church by August 5.

Fall/Winter Worship Schedule Begins Sunday, September 9

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

Once again the board of education is planning for a pig roast and potluck on Rally Sunday following the 2nd Service on Sunday, September 9, 2018. We plan to have a Bounce House for the youth of the congregation, and a Pig Roast put on 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.

We will be posting a sign-up sheet on the office door for sign-up on Sunday, August 5, 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 7-10 days in advance to make sure there is enough pork for everyone, **so we are asking for your commitment "no later than" Sunday, August 26.**

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.

Don Hauser

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 @ 5:30 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 2018 - 2019 Board Members:

Welcome to our new and returning board members:

President: Jim Lemmerman

Vice-President: Vacant

Secretary: Sharyn Vengrin

Treasurer: Wayne Ploetz

Deacons: Millie Derick, Lois Teich, Mike Kramer, John Allen, Jim Bolin, Jim Lemmerman

Stewardship: Len & Peg Campbell, Peder & Jean Becken, Kirk Schield, Jim & Barb Johnson, Dave & Mary Severin

Education: Elisabeth Hannula, Joye Bedard, Marilyn Pingel, Roni Hauser, Debbie Winans, Helena Frost, Shannon Allen & Amy Kirchoff

Trustees: Shane Kroeplin, Mike Kramer, Ken Bedard.

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

Attention Sunday School Teachers

Sunday, August 26th the Board of Education will be hosting a brunch to welcome new and returning teachers, also to answer any questions you may have and hand out the curriculum. So please join us in the Multi-purpose room at 10 a.m.

Sunday School Starts

The fall quarter of Sunday school begins on September 9 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

When it comes to stewardship, a favorite Bible verse is the account of the widow's mite (Luke 21:1-4). It's a moving account. Our Lord praises the seemingly small gift of two copper coins given by a poor widow above the abundance of gifts given by the rich, saying, "Truly, I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all of them" (Luke 21:3).

And that is usually where we stop. But the text goes on. "For they all contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty put in all she had to live on" (Luke 21:4).

"She ... put in all she had to live on." She gave everything. She held nothing back. She trusted that the Lord who made her and all creatures, who gave her everything she had, who redeemed her from her own sin, from death, and the power of the devil, who called her by the Gospel and enlightened her with His gifts of Word and Sacrament, would continue to do this. He would provide her with all that she needed for this body and life because that is the character of the God she had.

But this is not why we give small gifts. Her gift, though it appeared small, was actually large. When we are tempted to give small gifts it is precisely because we want them to be small! We don't trust the Lord to provide for us.

We give small gifts because we lack faith in the One who created us, redeemed us, sanctifies and keeps us in the one true faith. We give small gifts because we doubt that God will really give us what we need and desire. We give small gifts because we are not content with what God has already given.

We are not slaves, children of the slave woman, under the Old Covenant (Gal. 4). We are adopted sons of the free woman. And since we are sons, we are also heirs. And heirs receive the inheritance. For everything is already ours in Christ. And thus, moved by the willing spirit of adoption, we do the will of God in financial matters far beyond all that done by those under the Old Covenant who were forced by legal demands.

So what have you decided to give? How do I decide what to give? Let the Scriptures be your guide.

We are to give proportionally to what we have received from God's giving to us (Luke 12:48; 1 Cor. 16:1-2, 2 Cor. 8:12). But you have not been set free to give nothing. See that you excel in the grace of giving (2 Cor. 8:7).

We are not free to live selfishly outside the Gospel, without regard for God who gives us all good gifts, without generosity for our neighbor who needs us and our gifts, without supporting the community of faith in which we live, without care for our spiritual fathers and those who teach and help raise our children in the faith, without resources for the poor and needy – in short, we are not free to live unto ourselves, hoarding what God has given us only for us.

For love is the fulfillment of the law (Romans 13:10). And the sum of the law is this: Love God and love your neighbor (Matt. 22:34-40). We love because He first loved us. We give because He has given to us.

Luther once said, "Possessions belong in your hands, not in your heart" (LW 14:240). There is a reason your 10 fingers spread apart. With your hands you catch God's gifts for what you need and let the rest fall through your fingers to your neighbors – your family, your friends, your community, your church.

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 19 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 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.

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?

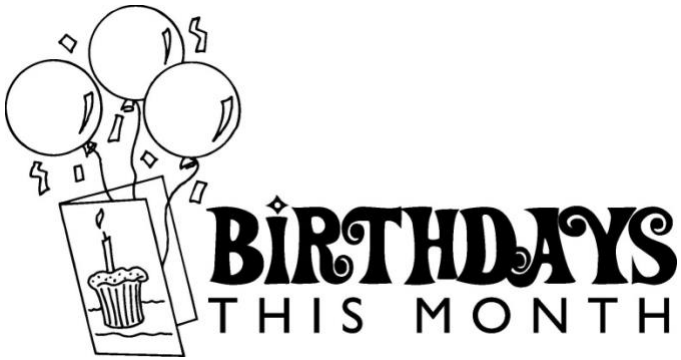
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Looking for something?

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

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
- 13 Johanna Brown
- 14 Gene Loughren
- 15 Natalie Schultz
- 16 Jenny Schoessow
- 17 Robert Janicki
- 18 Doris Toms
- 21 Thomas Bedard
- 20 Barbara Johnson
- 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