



The Beacon

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Christ Ev. Lutheran
Church

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Divine Worship
Services
Sunday - 8:00 a.m.
10:30 a.m.
Wednesday - 6:30 p.m.

Bible Study & Sunday
School
Sunday - 9 a.m.



What's Love Got to do With it?

That's the title of a Tina Turner song from 1984. Since Valentine's Day is nearly here let's talk about love. What's love got to do with it? Well, everyone loves to be loved. Love is an often used word because we not only want to be loved—we *need* to be loved.

In the English language we have only one word for love. We use the word love for all sorts of things. We love our mother or father. We love our husband, we love our wife. We love our children. We love our brother, we love our sister. We love to hunt, we love to fish. We love pizza. We love potato chips. We love chocolate.

In Greek, the original language of the New Testament, the word love is expressed with several different words. Philo is the word that is used for love for a relative or friend. So, the word Philadelphia means, "city of brotherly love." Then there is "eros" love. In a world that is so often preoccupied with sexual love the word erotic certainly has a negative connotation. But that word was meant to be an intimate love between one man and one woman in marriage.

There are other Greek words for different kinds of love but there is a word used specifically for the kind of love that God has for us. The love God has for us is *agape* (*Ah Gah Pay*) love. In English, that word, agape is in itself pretty profound. It reminds me of our word agape, which the dictionary defines as "having the mouth open in wonder or surprise." God has that kind of love for us: a wide-open kind of love. God's love is a steadfast love. A longsuffering love. An unconditional love. A surprising love. A love that is moved to action. The Bible has lots of verses that describe this action kind of love that God has for us. Here's one: "God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us." We see in that statement that we are sinners. As sinners we sin against God and against our loved ones and our friends. Since God does not sin and we do, we certainly do not deserve his love. Yet God loves us with an everlasting love. He loves for us to have a relationship with him; he doesn't want us to be separated from him. That's another verse in the Bible: "Nothing shall separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus, our Lord." There are other verses such as "He loved me and gave himself for me." Or "greater love has no one than this: that someone lays down his life for his friends." That's what God's Son, Jesus, did: he laid down his life for us so that we, his friends, would once again have peace with God.

In her song Turner sang "What's love but a second-hand emotion?" For God love is not just an emotion that comes and goes based on how he feels. In fact, the Bible says that God IS love. We love in very weak, imperfect ways, but God loves us powerfully, perfectly. Love is his whole being.

So "What's love got to do with it?" In God's case, love has everything to do with it!

Pastor Schield

Valentines dinner fundraiser

The Board of Education has decided to host a Valentine's Dinner, Sunday, February 10 as a fundraiser for the Lutheran Island Day Camp that we will be hosting again this year during August. It will follow in tradition by serving Chicken Kiev, potatoes, beans, coleslaw, roll and dessert. The cost will be whatever you wish to donate. All proceeds will go to support the day camp.

Main Street Living Northland LCMS Service of Worship

"MAIN STREET LIVING NORTHLAND" is a locally produced TV program that includes a 30-minute worship service led by participating pastors of the Minnesota North District of our LCMS, along with a 30 minutes remastered program called "This is the Life" from Lutheran Hour Ministries. It is broadcast every Sunday at 9:30 a.m. Central time on KBJR Channel 6 NBC and cable and satellite systems carrying these stations, and archived on <https://vimeo.com/user82955593>

Upcoming "This is the Life" programming

"This is the Life" airs following worship service at 10 a.m.

February 3, 2019

"The Point of No Return". This color presentation illustrates God's limitless Grace

February 10, 2019

This week's episode is "Mr. Big".

February 17, 2019

Social Responsibility and Christian witness is the topic in "The Day We Lost Ella Mae"

February 24, 2019

"Out of Bondage" examines the Christian approach to alcoholism

LWML Meeting

All women are welcome to join us for our monthly Lutheran Women's Missionary League meeting on Tuesday, February 19, 2019. The meeting will begin at 1:00 p.m., here at Christ Lutheran. We will share in devotions, a Bible study, a short business meeting and fellowship. If you have any questions please contact Donna Manos at 218-729-5056.

Midweek Lenten Services

Lent begins Ash Wednesday, March 6 with services at 12:15 p.m. & 6:30 p.m.
Soup and Sandwich suppers start March 13 at 5:30 p.m.

March 6 - Ash Wednesday (12:15 & 6:30 p.m.)

March 13 (12:15 & 6:30 p.m.)

March 20 (12:15 & 6:30 p.m.)

March 27 (12:15 & 6:30 p.m.)

April 3 (12:15 & 6:30 p.m.)

April 10 (12:15 & 6:30 p.m.)

Church Council Minutes

January 10, 2019

Members Present: Pastor Shield, Len Campbell, Wayne Ploetz, John Robinson, Jim Lemmerman, Roni Hauser, Don Hauser and Sharyn Vengrin

Guest: Kevin Smalley, Sinnott Blacktop Representative

Call to order: Jim Lemmerman

Call for additional agenda items: None

Approval of Agenda: Len made motion to approve Agenda Items. Wayne seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Opening Prayer: Pastor Schield

Special presentation: Sinnott Blacktop; Kevin Smalley presented the council with how they were going to go about replacing the blacktop in the parking lot. He will be reclaiming the blacktop and will be using it for fill. A company will come in and do this. He is familiar with the wet areas and will give them extra attention. Timeline: When road restrictions are off. June-It should take one week.

Minutes from Council Meeting: John made the motion to accept the December 13, 2018, minutes, Wayne seconded. All in favor. Motion Carried.

Pastor's Report:

Pastor Shield: Made December Visits. Continuing to minister the Youth.

Treasurers Report: Ending Balance: \$13,353.97. Len made the motion to accept the ending balance. Seconded by John. All in favor. Motion carried

BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Board of Deacons: No Meeting yet.

Trustees Report: No report: Roni called Badger to sand the icy parking lot.

Board of Stewardship & Evangelism:

Project 24 Child Sponsorship Program is being considered.

Mainstreet Ministry was discussed and when it would be paid. Len will inform us when he knows more.

Board of Education:

1. Summer Camp: we will need more volunteers to help this year. The \$1500 fee will cover any number of children but not food and supplies. Parents will pay \$30.00 per child.
2. Valentine's Dinner: There will be a Dinner this year.

3. Roni will change the Game Night flyer to indicate kids should bring a treat and game to share.
4. Nursery and Cradle Roll: Lydia Bennis needs a backup person.

Aug. 5-8 Summer camp with Lutheran Island Camp.
Next meeting February 11, 2019 5:00

Memorial Committee: No Report

Endowment Committee: No change

Memorial Garden: No activity

Old Business:

Update on roof Progress: The Roof is done.

New Business: Additional Check Signers. There will be no additional check signers.

Pastor Schoessow requests that we make a payment for \$378.08 For Logo 8 Bible Software.

Len made the motion that we purchase this Logo 8 Bible Software for \$378.08. Wayne seconded. Motion Carried

Request to use Fellowship Hall: Kathy Field has requested to use the Fellowship Hall, April 14 and June 15 for Showers. Wayne made the motion that we grant the use of the Fellowship hall to Kathy Field for Showers on April 14 and June 15. Len seconded. All in favor Motion carried. Give invoice to Roni.

Next Council Meeting: February 14, 2019 @ 5:00 pm

Adjournment: Lord's Prayer

Respectfully submitted by: Sharyn Vengrin

Stewardship

The season of Epiphany focuses on how God was made manifest in the flesh of Jesus. The church spends time hearing of the miracles, the signs and wonders, of Jesus in the world.

And this made plain to all that Jesus was who He said He was: He was the Second Person of the Holy Trinity, the only-begotten Son of the Father, in the flesh. For "the Word became flesh and dwelt among us" (John 1:14).

It is revealed for all the world to see that Jesus is God in the flesh. It is made manifest by His words and His work, by what He said and by what He did. And these belong together, for "the Word became flesh and dwelt among us."

Jesus is the Word and will of God in the flesh, that is, He is the walking, talking, enactment of God's Word.

It is no different for us. We are called not just to believe in God in hearts, but also to trust in God in word and deed.

As James wrote: "But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves" (James 1:22), and again, "What good is it, my brothers, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? ... So also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead. ... Show me your faith apart from your works, and I will show you my faith by my works. ... For as the body apart from the spirit is dead, so also faith apart from works is dead" (James 2:14, 17-18, 26).

Our faith is lived out in works for our neighbor. Our trust in the Word and will of God is lived out not in word only, but also in deed and in truth.

In other words, the Epiphany of the Lord creates in us an epiphany of our faith in our works of obedience to God who commanded them. By this, our faith is made manifest to the world. It is, as Luther wrote of faith:

"Faith is a divine work in us. It changes us and makes us to be born anew of God (John 1). It kills the old Adam and makes altogether different people, in heart and spirit and mind and powers, and it brings with it the Holy Spirit.

"Oh, it is a living, busy, active, mighty thing, this faith. And so it is impossible for it not to do good works incessantly. It does not ask whether there are good works to do, but before the question rises, it has already done them, and is always at the doing of them.

"He who does not these works is a faithless man. He gropes and looks about after faith and good works and knows neither what faith is nor what good works are, though he talks and talks, with many words about faith and good works.

"Faith is a living, daring confidence in God's grace, so sure and certain that a man would stake his life on it a thousand times. This confidence in God's grace and knowledge of it makes men glad and bold and happy in dealing with God and all His creatures.

"And this is the work of the Holy Spirit in faith. Hence a man is ready and glad, without compulsion, to do good to everyone, to serve everyone, to suffer everything, in love and praise to God, who has shown him this grace.

"And thus it is impossible to separate works from faith, quite as impossible as to separate burning and shining from fire. Beware, therefore, of your own false notions and of the idle talkers, who would be wise enough to make decisions about faith and good works, and yet are the greatest fools." (*Preface to the Book of Romans*)

So, then, let our faith be active by God's power in the Word through the Holy Spirit. And let then our faith be made manifest to the world by what this faith does: serving our neighbor — in church, in the family, and society — with the works of faith in time, talents, and treasures.

Why? A Layman's Guide to the Liturgy Why do the Readings always include Epistle and Gospel, in that order?

As it was with the sacred Scriptures in Israel's day, so today there are two parts to the Scriptures of the New Testament. Then, there were Moses and the Prophets. Now, there are the Gospels and the Epistles. And yet, as the books of Moses (the first five books of the Bible, called the *Pentateuch*) were the foundation upon which the Prophets were laid, so also, the Gospels are the foundation upon which the Epistles are laid.

This is the reason the Gospels appear first in the New Testament, and it is also the reason the Gospel Reading is given last. In order of placement in the New Testament, the Gospels are given the most prominent position, that is, first, and in order of public reading they are also given the most prominent position, which in the case of oral utterance is last.

Moreover, it is also fitting that an Old Testament Reading regularly accompany these two Readings, to show that the New Testament arises out of the Old, and that all the sacred Scriptures are a unity.

Why is the Bible carried from the right to the left side as one faces the altar for the reading of the Gospel?

During the Divine service, there are ordinarily three Readings: the Old Testament, the Epistle, and the Gospel. All three are worthy of our special attention, of course, since they are words from the Sacred Scriptures, and therefore words of God. But of those, the Church has traditionally regarded the words from the Gospels as being the greatest, since the Gospels (St. Matthew, St. Mark, St. Luke, and St. John) are the accounts of Christ in the flesh and His holy ministry among us, and they contain also His very words. This is why all rise for the reading of the Gospel, even as the members of any assembly customarily rise for the entrance of a president, king, or other dignitary. Since we believe that through the Gospel Christ Himself comes and dwells with us, therefore it is fitting that we rise and sing *Alleluias* to acknowledge His entrance to sit in the midst of us when the Gospel is about to be read. Moreover, the Gospel is meant for all the world to hear; and therefore from ancient times there has been a movement of the reader toward the north, in the churches (which generally faced the east). For the heathen dwelt mostly to the north. This movement of the reader thus formed a vector of sorts, an arrow. By this ritual, then, an understanding obtains that this Gospel is for all, even the heathen "in the north." In the service, everything moves toward the "north": the lighting of the candles, the Bible, the Readings, the reader, even the altar book.

Sometimes, at higher feasts and festivals, the movement of the reader and Gospel book toward the 'north' is highlighted also by a movement first into the nave, to stand directly in the midst of the congregation. This is to depict the coming of Christ into the flesh, to dwell among us. So let us with ready and willing feet rise alertly for the reading of the Gospel, and see the movement of the book and its reader as a holy illustration that the Gospel pertains to the incarnation of God, to dwell among us, and that it is meant for all the world to hear.

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!

Day Camp Being Offered

With the success of the day camp last summer the Board of Christian Education is in the planning this year's week long day camp put on by Luther Island Camp. The camp would be held here at CLC August 5-8.

We would promote the camp in the community and to our sister congregations to hopefully get the required minimum number of kids. There is a fee to attend and once again we will be offering assistance and camperships. To help offset the costs we will be having a Valentine's Dinner Fundraiser for camperships etc. on Sunday, February 10 at 11:45 a.m.

We might need a few volunteers during camp and if this would be something you are interested in doing please save the date.

Christ's Men

Men, Let's Do Lunch

Christ's Men will meet on Tuesday, February 5 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.

Religious Greeting Cards

There is an assortment of religious greeting cards for sale in the library. Everything from Get Well, Thank you, Birthday, Sympathy, Wedding & Anniversary, Confirmation and Baptism and many more. Cards are \$.50 each and may be purchased (for now) on Sundays between early and late services.

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.

*March Newsletter
Submissions are due by
February 15*



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

2	Patricia Miller
3	Michael Field Debbie Winans Ruth Keppers
4	Kathleen Ostrom
5	Kyra Bradley
8	Kyle Leuthner
9	Greg Pahos Angie Mack Eric Craven
10	Gary Plesko Mason Lull
14	Anthony Miller Marilyn Pingel
15	Scott Pahos
16	Scott Markee
17	Steve Kidd Kellsey Allen Lora Randa
19	Lana Broderson Patty Ayotte
22	Cindy Michalski Nola Stenroos George Hockin
24	Donna Manos
25	Lydia Noble Tom Pingel
27	Jennifer Heffner Andrew Vengrin

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