



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.



One Heart at a Time

As we move through the twelve days of Christmas and toward our Lord's Epiphany, I pray that this holy season has provided you with ample opportunity to reflect on the mystery of the incarnation of our Lord. God's clandestine visit to our planet certainly ranks as the top news event in history, worthy of reporters straight from heaven:

Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King;
Peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled."
Joyful, all you nations, rise; Join the triumph of the skies;
With angelic hosts proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"

But this is not a message for angels alone. The hymn writer rightly admonishes all to rise and join with the angelic hosts to proclaim Christ's birth, life, death, resurrection and glorious return to heaven.

This we do every Sunday in church by means of the Scriptures, the creeds, hymns, chorales and the like. But not all are there to hear the news. So we need follow the example of the angels and go out into the fields to sing of the glory of the newborn King. Angels were sent to only a few. But the church is sent into all the earth. We are to go out to the highways and byways of our world to reach those who do not yet understand that all this Christmas stuff is really about them and Jesus.

We do this by our faithful support of LCMS missions abroad. The news that God and sinners are reconciled needs to reach Baghdad and Beijing alike. Thank you for your participation in that task as each year we send at least 10% of our church income to support LCMS mission.

We also do this by being missionaries ourselves. We cannot reach the world. But we can reach one or two. The twin ports are a mission field of vast opportunity and need. Approximately 50% of the population has no church home. As the Lord tarries, He is giving us a new year in which to make a difference. So let's reach our corner of the world, one heart at a time.

For Christ and His Church,

Pastor Schoessow

Epiphany Brunch & Guardian Angels

Guardian Angel Epiphany Brunch

We would like to invite you to join us on Sunday, January 6, 2019, following the 2nd service, for the Annual Guardian Angel Epiphany Brunch held in the fellowship hall. A delicious potluck brunch will be provided.

What is a Guardian Angel?

People participating will pick a name out of a hat. For the next year, the person who draws your name will keep you in their prayers throughout 2019. You are welcome to remember your person on special dates, i.e., birthdays, anniversaries, and holidays, by giving cards or small gifts to this person. When signing your card, simply write, "From Your Guardian Angel."

The mailboxes located in the Narthex, will be used when delivering these surprises. Remember, we do not reveal ourselves to the person we are praying for until next year at the Epiphany Brunch of 2020.

If you would like to participate in the Guardian Angel drawing, please fill out a form located in the Narthex and place it in the Guardian Angel box on the counter. The form should be submitted "no later than" Wednesday, January 2, 2019. You will need to attend the event to pick out a name from the basket.

This event is a potluck. There is a sign-up sheet on the office door in the Narthex for breakfast/brunch type items needed for the Brunch. Please check the sheet and consider bringing one of the items to the brunch. We appreciate your help on this. **Your favorite brunch-type recipe would be appreciated.** Ideas include: egg bakes, muffins, fruit, and juice.

Bible Study Opportunities for Everyone

"How sweet are Your Words to my taste, sweeter than honey"

Sundays, 9 a.m.

Sunday School for age 3+
Teen Bible Study – Youth Room
Teen and Adult – Fellowship Hall

Wednesdays

10 a.m. Morning Bible Class – Multi-purpose room
4:15 p.m. Confirmation Class – Multi-purpose room

Valentines dinner fundraiser

The Board of Education has decided to host a Valentine's Dinner 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. Please sign up on the office door by February 1.

Church Council Minutes

December 13, 2018

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

Absent: Len Campbell

Call to order: Jim Lemmerman

Opening Prayer: Pastor Shield

Call for additional agenda items: Keys and Locks

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

Minutes from Council Meeting: Roni made the motion to accept the November 8, 2018, minutes, John seconded. All in favor. Motion Carried.

Pastor's Report: No Report

Pastor Shield: Villa Marina visit was a success. He will be making New Member visits.

Treasurers Report: Ending Balance: \$16,373.18. John made the motion to accept the ending balance.

Seconded by Sharyn. All in favor. Motion carried
We will take \$7,000 from General Savings to cover commitment to district and synod.

Roni made the motion to take \$7,000.00 from the General Savings to cover commitment to district and synd. It was seconded by Wayne. All in favor. Motion passed.

BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Board of Deacons: Gift bags were made and are being delivered to our shut-ins.

Trustees Report: We met with Gene Peterson of Heavenly Maid Janitorial Services on Monday, December 10, 2019 to go over our requirements to clean the church.

He quoted \$675.00 per month to clean the church for the next year per our specifications.

We requested a quotation to strip and wax the vinyl floors as follows;

- A. Fellowship Hall and kitchen \$1,500.00
- B. Narthex, rooms and hallways \$1,447.50
- C. Total \$2,947.50

They can do this in two separate times. They will supply equipment and supplies. We plan on scheduling this between New Years and Ash Wednesday if approved.

Board of Stewardship & Evangelism:

Old Business: Len updated the members on the approval at the Voter's Assembly in November of the proposed Resolution to fund Main Street Living Northland TV programming in the amount of \$1,000 annually for three-years. The Resolution was approved by the Voters.

Len reminded the members we will be sponsoring the advent Soup and Sandwich on December 12.

Len informed the members that the Guardian Angel Epiphany Brunch will take place on January 6. This will be a pot luck event. Announcement and sign-up will begin December 9.

Slots for Damiano soup kitchen workers are filled for December and January. A big "thank you" to all those participating!

Other Business: We talked about sponsoring pot luck in June. This will be a topic of conversation at a future meeting. No official meeting in January.

Board of Education:

Discussed Christmas Program Sunday
Last Sunday in January there will be a Family Game Night

VBS will be in August

Memorial Committee: No Activity

Endowment Committee: No Activity

Memorial Garden: No Activity

Old Business:

Replacement of Black Top Parking Lot-Don Hauser
Two proposals were submitted and will be present at a special Voter's Meeting in January.

Update on roof progress: Shingles should be delivered Friday 12/14/2018. They said that they will begin on Saturday 12/15/2018.

New Business: Keys and Locks – A committee of John, Roni and Jim will solve the problem.

Request to use Fellowship Hall:

Pam Moore (Sara Kroepelin) wishes to use the Fellowship Hall on behalf of the Japanese Delegation on January 27, 2019. Set up on Sunday. Wayne made the motion that we grant the use to Pam Moore. John Seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Next Council Meeting: January 10, 2019 @ 5:00 pm

Adjournment: Lord's Prayer

Respectfully submitted by: Sharyn Vengrin

Stewardship

It is no secret that God calls us to be generous with the gifts He has given us. Throughout the Bible, we read that just as God has generously given to us, so are we to give generously one to another. As Jesus said, "By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another" (John 13:35) and "Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful" (Luke 6:36).

But God also calls us to give to Him. And He, who does all things well, presses it into service for the benefit of all the people of God. See for example what God spoke to Moses on Mount Sinai, after he and the people were safely brought out of Egypt across the Red Sea on dry land:

The Lord said to Moses, "Speak to the people of Israel, that they take for me a contribution. From every man whose heart moves him you shall receive the contribution for me. And this is the contribution that you shall receive from them: gold, silver, and bronze, blue and purple and scarlet yarns and fine twined linen, goats' hair, tanned rams' skins, goatskins,[a] acacia wood, oil for the lamps, spices for the anointing oil and for the fragrant incense, onyx stones, and stones for setting, for the ephod and for the breastpiece. And let them make me a sanctuary, that I may dwell in their midst. Exactly as I show you concerning the pattern of the tabernacle,

and of all its furniture, so you shall make it. (Ex. 25: 1-9)

Notice in verse two that the Lord instructs Moses to tell the Israelites to "take for me a contribution" and that from everyone motivated from gratitude for what God has just accomplished and given to them, Moses is to gather up "the contribution for me."

Pay attention, though, why the Lord wants the people of Israel to gather up these contributions for Him. God tells Moses precisely why: "let them make me a sanctuary, that I may dwell in their midst." The purpose for the contribution of the Israelites was so that He may dwell with them, that He would live among them. Through the tabernacle and the priesthood, through their rites and ceremonies, through their feasts and festivals, as through means, the Lord God, who brought them out of the bondage of Egypt would live and dwell among them and be their God, and lead them into the promised land, which flowed with milk and honey.

God dwells among us still. In the fullness of time, God's son was born of woman, born under the law to redeem those under the law. He brought us out of bondage to sin, death, the devil, and Hell, and He did this by His obedient suffering and death, his resurrection and ascension. But He is not gone. He dwells with us through the means of His Word and His sacraments, through the preaching and the teaching of our pastors, through the rites and ceremonies of our liturgy. He dwells with us in the Church through those means. And He is leading us to the true promised land, to the new heavens and the new earth in the new creation.

In the meantime, as God, even now, continues to call us to give to Him, let us, who have been saved from slavery to sin and death, the devil and hell, be so moved in our hearts as to give generously to Him so that the means of grace, the means of His gracious dwelling among us, would continue now and into the future. For just as He did then so does He do now. He presses the gifts given to Him into service for the benefit of all His people. He puts it to use so that we may have Him with us always, even unto the end of the age.

Why? A Layman's Guide to the Liturgy Why do we stand up for the last stanza of some hymns?

A good number of our hymns have as a last stanza a *Trinitarian doxology*. This is an ascription of praise to the Holy Trinity. Doxology comes from two Greek words: **doxa**, which means "praise" and **logia**, which means "Words/" hence, "praise words," A Trinitarian doxology is therefore simply an ascription of praise to Father, Son, and Holy Spirit (Holy Ghost)* This is a custom dating to the early church, when the psalms were sung with a Gloria Patri at their conclusion (as we still do when we sing psalms). The Gloria Patri (Latin for "Glory be to the Father," its opening words) is itself the earliest form of the Trinitarian doxology, and was added to the psalms

to indicate that these Old Testament prayers have now been fulfilled in Christ our Lord, who commanded Baptism in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost, When Christian hymns began to be written, they were generally seen as psalms in verse, and hence the Gloria easily found its way into their last stanza. Since the Psalmist declares that it is by His name that God saves us (e.g., Ps, 54), it is good and fitting for Christian people, according to long-standing custom, to honor the blessed name of the Holy Trinity whenever it is expressed aloud. Indeed, not only standing but also the bowing of the head is appropriate at the point when the name Father, Son, and Holy Ghost is sung. Some churches even have the custom of making the sign of the cross at this point. Such bodily involvement in the liturgy is always helpful, as an indication that in Christ our whole body, mind, and soul are held captive to the Word of God, *

Opportunities to Serve

Altar Guild. Men and women who prepare the sacred vessels for Holy Communion and who care for the altar and its liturgical appointments. Their service beautifies the sanctuary and the sacred space in which God's people worship. They serve as assistants to the pastor and function under the authority of the Board of Deacons.

Communion Assistant and/or Worship Assistant. This opportunity is open to qualified men who would receive instruction from the pastor and/or choral director to assist in parish liturgies and/or distribution of Holy Communion. They function under the authority of the Bd. of Deacons.

Grounds Maintenance. A beautiful and well-maintained building and grounds says "this is a church that cares." Who plants and cares for our flowers, who cuts the lawn, cleans the building, shovels the snow? Our members do. Speak to any member of our Board of Trustees to volunteer.

Prayer Chain. Members intercede to the Lord on behalf of others in need.

Quilting. Hands on sewing of quilts that are sent to Lutheran World Relief and used around the world. Meet on Tuesdays from 9am – noon.

Sunday School Teachers (grades preschool through high school). More teachers are welcome.

Shut-In Visitation. Currently a member brings meals once a week to some. There is also opportunity for regular friendly visits to be made to one or more people.

Usher. This is a service of hospitality to members and guests. Ushers assist worshippers in our services of worship.

Lutheran Witness

The Lutheran Witness is a magazine about you and your church. Each month it brings you a wealth of information that's important to you as you grow in faith and service to the Lord Jesus. You can receive the Witness in your home for the cost of \$22.56 for eleven issues. You will find a sign up form on the office door. When you sign up make your check payable to Christ Lutheran Church and leave it in the office. Any questions please contact the office. Sign up by January 20.

Annual Reports

Another year is past and it is time for me to start compiling the Annual report. I will need everyone's reports by January 15. I will accept reports in whatever form they come in but it saves me some time if they can be emailed or saved to a flash drive or disc or typewritten. Thank you for your work.

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!

Family Game Night

The Board of Christian Education is planning a Family Game Night. The date will be January 27 time to be announced. Enjoy an evening of board games, cards, etc. All ages welcome. A snack will be provided. Watch bulletins for updates.

Christ's Men

Men, Let's Do Lunch

Christ's Men will meet on Tuesday, January 8 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.

Leaving for Warmer Climate?

Take me with you! Kidding, sort of, but if you are one of our 'snowbirds' and you want to keep up on what's happening in your church you can get the newsletter online at our web site: christlutheran-superior.org. If you need your contribution statement mailed to you please remember to leave your winter address with the secretary.

The Heating Season

The heating season is upon us again, please double check that all doors are locked, all lights are turned off (including bathrooms), and thermostats are turned down before your group leaves the church. Thank you!

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

January Birthdays

1	Kathryn Swanson Erik Lull
2	Betty Knutson
3	Jan Larson
5	Ken Bedard Joan Pince
7	Kathleen Field
8	Eric Mack
9	Martin Pfeil
10	Brandon Derick Cody Krause
13	John Robinson
18	Chris Kirchoff
19	Matthew Vengrin Trevor Derick
20	Jeremy Winans
23	Allan Makela
24	Makayla Pitt Stacie Kirchoff
26	Deborah Klein
27	Kristin Kroll - Taly
28	Ricky Krause Susan Krause
30	Andy Anderson Elijah Kroeplin
31	Jacie Benesch

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