



# The Beacon

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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.



**Jesus said, “Behold, I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”**

As I write this 2020 is just around the corner. We get out the new calendar from the bank, our financial planner, or the local hardware store. Not much fanfare there-but we certainly wonder, “What will the new year bring?” In my neck of the woods we just had a very well known young man die in a snowmobile accident out west. We had a 57 year old man die of a heart attack. Closer to home, my mother had a stroke, leaving her struggling to speak, and pretty much homebound. A sister-in-law has recently been diagnosed with breast cancer. Each of you most likely has experienced at least some sort of loss or life changing events this past year. What will happen this coming year? Jesus knows. Just before he said the words above (Matthew 28: 18-20), he also reassured his disciples-those who had been with him and learned from him for three years-that “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.” Jesus comforts them with the fact that he is in control of all events. Of course, the curse of sin brought more sin, sickness, and death into the world. Those results, at the least bring sadness, and at worst cause us to despair and even turn from God. But Jesus has won the victory over those things! Jesus came into our world to live the perfect life we couldn’t live and then died on the cross to defeat sin, sickness and death. He knows what is ahead. Jesus, as I’ve mentioned regarding a sermon I heard, is ruling with his feet up; unlike us who worry and wonder, he is NOT worried. He knows what’s ahead for all those who put their faith in him: eternal life with him.

The reason I noted about Jesus’ disciples is because, in Matthew 28:19, Jesus sends them out into the world; they are no longer disciples, they are apostles-that is, those who are sent out. The same is true for us: before Jesus ascended to his heavenly Father he reassured his people of all ages that he will indeed always be with them. Then, confident that we are forgiven and will be taken care of, he sends us out into our world. We are so blessed! Jesus loves us and will always take care of our needs. Knowing that, we can go out and tell others about God’s love and forgiveness.

Is the future scary? Sometimes. But our God is already there ahead of us. He will be with us always!

May God bless you in the days and years ahead.

In Christ,

Pastor Schield

## Epiphany Brunch & Guardian Angels

We would like to invite you to join us on Sunday, January 5, 2020, following the 2nd service, for the Annual Guardian Angel Epiphany Brunch held in the fellowship hall. A delicious potluck brunch will be provided.

If you would like to participate in the Guardian Angel drawing, please fill out a form located on the table next to the office in the Narthex and submit the form "no later than" Wednesday, January 1, 2020. You will select a name at the Epiphany Brunch.

Remember the person you select on special dates throughout the year, i.e., birthdays, anniversaries, and holidays, by giving cards or small gifts to this person, signed only "From Your Guardian Angel." Use the mailboxes in the Narthex to deliver your surprises.

This is a potluck event. There is a sign-up sheet on the office door in the Narthex for breakfast/brunch type items needed for the Brunch. Ideas include: egg bakes, muffins, fruit, and juice.

God Bless and Thank You!

## 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

## Church Council Minutes

### December 12, 2019

**Members Present:** Pastor Schield, Roni Hauser, Len Campbell, John Robinson, and Sharyn Vengrin

**Call to order:** Sharyn Vengrin

**Opening Prayer:** Pastor Schield

**Call for additional agenda items: Additions made.**

**Approval of Minutes:** Len made the motion to accept the November 14, 2019 minutes and Roni Seconded.

All in favor. Motion Carried

**Pastor's Report:** We will be accepting The Stumpf Family and The Keske Family into the congregation this Sunday.

Dominic Frost will be confirmed. There will be a reception at 9:15.

The children brought gifts and sang at Villa Marina. It was deeply appreciated by all.

We are looking into how it would be the best way to notify our congregation of the closing of the church due to inclement weather. Who makes the phone call? Do we "E" Mail the TV station? Pastor Schield will follow up on this with the Deacons and get back to the Council.

Pastor Schield will address the congregation regarding the lighting of the trees. It will also be listed in the Bulletin.

### **Treasurer's Report: Checking Account Balance:**

**\$35,043.46** John the motion to accept Checking account Balance as written. Len seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

### **BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

#### **Board of Trustees:**

Perrault Construction installed the heat tape in the valley on the south side of the roof.

Perrault Construction will install the ceiling insulation in the office after the first of the year.

If we get more snow we should consider hiring a contractor that has a large front end loader to push the snow piles further back away from the parking lot.

Belknap Plumbing and Heating will be here tomorrow to test the cross connection valve (RPZ). This is required by the state.

#### **Board of Stewardship & Evangelism:**

Ashley informed the board that content for Facebook posts is going well. She is attempting to reach out to families for information or content for future posts.

Discussion surrounded our members getting on Facebook and sharing pertinent church posts, and possibly placing a link to the church website.

Clothing donations are going well. We'll ask the Damiano if they are ready for us to take donations for women's clothing.

Members were informed of approval of three-year extensions for support of \$1,000 annually beginning in 2020 and ending in 2022 for missionaries Reverend Jastram in Japan, Reverend Preus in the Dominican Republic, and layperson John Wolf in Kenya that took place at the November Voter's assembly.

The resolution to support missionaries Kipp and Tami Beaudoin in Ukraine was discussed at the November Voter's Assembly, and it was decided to modify the resolution to clarify how and when payment would take place related to the other missionary support that is currently in place. The revised resolution will go before the congregation for consideration of approval at the February 17, 2020 Voter's Assembly.

A new member reception is tentatively scheduled for December 15 following the first service.

#### **New Business:**

The Guardian Angel Epiphany Brunch will be held on Sunday, January 5. Announcements will begin December 15. Forms for sign-up as a Guardian Angel will be available December 15, along with a sign-up sheet for members to bring a dish for the potluck brunch, and to let us know how many people will be attending.

Coffee and treat sign-up includes:

January 5-no sign-up as the Guardian Angel Brunch will take place after the 2<sup>nd</sup> service

February 2-Campbell's

March 1-Becken's

April 5-Severin's-

May 3-Johnson's

Other Business:

The Board will sponsor the Advent Soup and Sandwich on December 11 at 5:30pm. Members are asked to arrive by 4:45 pm to set-up>

**Next Meeting: 5:00 pm, Tuesday, January 7, 2020**

**Board of Education:** The Children's Sunday School Program will be at the 10:30 service on December 22, 2019. The Sunday School has adopted a family from The Salvation Army.

**Memorial Committee: Ending Balance November 20, 2019: \$7,781.21**

**Endowment Committee:**

**Education Fund: Concordia: \$183.45**

**Memorial Garden: No activity**

**Old Business:**

Fellowship hall use – revised date: Mary Ann Ross wishes to change the date on her request to June 13, 2020.

Millie Derrick requests to use the fellowship hall for Thanksgiving next year.

Len made the motion that we grant the use of the fellowship hall to Millie Sharyn seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

**New Business:**

**Church Cleaners:** There will be a change to the cleaners of the church. We will be reverting back to Cari Reder. This will be done January 1, 2020. Roni will contact her.

Benevolent Fund: This was discussed.

Christmas Bonus: Amounts were decided

**Next Council Meeting: January 9, 2020 @ 5:00pm**

**Adjournment: Lord's Prayer**

## Stewardship

Our God is a God who works through means. He can and has worked immediately without agency, as the Bible testifies, but primarily, on the whole and for the most part, our God works through means. He does this not only for all of our earthly needs but also for all of our spiritual needs. And He does this for our benefit.

He provides for all our needs of this body and life through means. He gives us fathers and mothers to care for us when we are young. Through them, God provides house and home, food and clothing, education and training in the arts and work of this world.

He gives us good government to protect us from harm and danger; He gives us faithful neighbors and good friends to help in times of need and lack. He gives us employers who trade our work for income so that we may acquire the needs of the body. He gives us brains and brawn so that we will have something to trade with those employers for that needed income. This work, which we are able to do only because of what God has provided to us, redounds to the benefit of others. And so, the cycle of God giving through means continues.

He provides for all our needs of our souls. He sent His Son into the flesh to be our Savior. In that body, our Lord Jesus Christ lived the life that God demands of us all – a life we have failed to live because of our sins – and, in

that body, He made payment for those sins on the cross, once and for all.

God delivers this forgiveness through the means of His Word and Sacraments. He calls pastors to proclaim, in His stead and by His command, that our sins are forgiven for Jesus' sake. Through these same pastors, God Himself claims us as His own in Holy Baptism, placing His own name on us in water and Word, igniting faith by the gift of the Holy Spirit. And He gives us His life-giving body and blood to nourish us in this same faith until the end. Our God is a God who works through means.

This is true also of stewardship. This is what St. Paul wrote in Philippians:

"I have received full payment, and more. I am well supplied, having received from Epaphroditus the gifts you sent, a fragrant offering, a sacrifice acceptable and pleasing to God. And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus" (Phil. 4:18–19).

The gift St. Paul received from the Philippian church is a fragrant offering, a sacrifice acceptable and pleasing to God. They gave to God. God provided for St. Paul through the Philippians. And the God who loves both Paul and the Philippians will supply their every need according to the riches in Christ Jesus. Our God is a God who works through means.

"For all the promises of God find their Yes in [Jesus Christ]," St. Paul tells us in 2 Cor. 1:20. This is true also of you. Trust in the God who provides for all that we need in body and soul through means. And not only will you find His "yes" to you, but others will find it, too, through you. "But as you excel in everything – in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in all earnestness, and in our love for you – see that you excel in this act of grace also" (2 Cor. 8:7).

## 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.

**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 7<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> 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!

## LWML at Christ Lutheran

Women, here is an opportunity to join thousands of other Lutheran women who focus on missions and God's Word. Join us on Tuesday, January 14 at 1 p.m. our emphasis will be on Bible Study, mission projects, and sharing faith and friendship with out "sisters-in- Christ. Please mark your calendars and join us on Tuesday, January 14.

## Christ's Men

### Men, Let's Do Lunch

Christ's Men will meet on Tuesday, January 7 at 12 noon at Fuller's Family Restaurant on Tower Ave in South Superior. 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](http://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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:infocenter@lcms.org) or call toll free 1.888.843.5267

## January Birthdays

1	Kathryn Swanson Erik Lull
5	Jan Larson Ken Bedard Joan Pince Jonathan Stumpf
7	Kathy Field Kirk Schield
8	Eric Mack
9	Martin Pfeil
10	Brandon Derick Cody Krause
12	Christine Stumpf
13	John Robinson
14	Simon Pfeil
18	Chris Kirchoff Joshua Stumpf
19	Matthew Vengrin Trevor Derick
20	Jeremy Winans Quinn Frost
24	Makayla Pitt Stacie Kirchoff
26	Deborah Klein
27	Kristin Kroll
28	Ricky Krause Susan Krause
30	Andy Anderson Elijah Kroepelin
31	Jacie Benesch

### Online Information

#### LC-MS Website

[lcms.org](http://lcms.org)

#### Minnesota North District Website

[mnn.lcms.org](http://mnn.lcms.org)

#### Lutheran Witness Online

[www.lcms.org](http://www.lcms.org)

Click on 'Lutheran Witness' in left column

#### LC-MS Synod Radio Stations

[www.kfuo.org](http://www.kfuo.org)—or—[classic99.com](http://classic99.com)

[www.issuesetc.org](http://www.issuesetc.org)

#### Information on Pregnancy, Parenting & Adoption

[getrealwithyourself.com](http://getrealwithyourself.com)