



The Beacon

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2020

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.



Pandemic Time is Jesus' Time!

Several of you have shared with me in the past weeks how the pandemic quarantine has been a blessing in disguise. You are getting refocused and reconnected. Extra time with one another has prompted you to begin doing things together that you had gotten out of the habit of doing, such as playing games, taking walks and/or bike rides, reviewing family picture albums, working on your family genealogy, cleaning and organizing, discussing books, tackling art and/or service projects, gardening, and the like.

You have shared that while technology can be of use, social media is a poor substitute for the real thing: socializing, that is, one-on-one personal interaction. You miss that especially in corporate worship and Bible study and yearn to receive again the Body and Blood of Christ in fellowship with your fellow believers.

I agree that those are beneficial insights. It reminds me of Psalm 133 which says in part:

“Behold, how good and pleasant it is when brothers dwell in unity! It is like the precious oil on the head, running down on the head... It is like the dew of Hermon (a mountain), which falls on the mountains of Zion! For there the Lord has commanded the blessing, life forevermore.”

But you have not stopped there. You have been sending in your offerings. Many of you have shared how much you appreciate the recordings of our brief Service of the Word and our TV worship broadcast, “Main Street Living.” You have talked about growing in the Word and prayer and have been actively taking care of one another, your family, friends and neighbors. No, the hand of God has not been shortened. *The Lord has commanded the blessing, life forevermore.*” Yes, just like any other time, pandemic time is Jesus’ time.

As I write, the congregation is making plans to reopen for worship, carefully following the State and CDC guidelines so that we can do so in a relatively safe manner. Be sure that the church office has your best contact information. Stay informed of our reopening plans via our website and Facebook page.

Keep the positive and eager attitude of the Psalmist who looked forward to the opportunity for worship and said: *“I was glad when they said unto me, let us go to the House of the Lord!”*

Pastor Schoessow

When Can We Return to Worship?

I know this is the question on everyone's mind since the stay at home order was dismissed by the Wisconsin Supreme Court.

We are currently working on a timeline to open for worship and have tentatively set a date of June 14. As you know we cannot just open the doors, there has to be guidelines in place for sanitizing, social distancing, group size etc. The Deacons are currently working everything out with the help of other board members.

Please be patient we need to have guidelines so people don't get sick.

We will see you soon! Watch your email, our Facebook page for further announcements.

CTK Scholarship Awarded!

This year we have two recipients for the CTK Scholarship! Each will receive a \$1000.00 scholarship to the school they are attending. Our recipients are:

Mr. Jacob Franck of Duluth, a member of Mt. Olive English Evangelical Lutheran Church in Duluth. Jacob is currently attending Concordia University- Chicago. His area of study is the Pre-seminary, Theological language & Philosophy.

The other recipient is Mr. Josef Muench of Hermantown, MN and also a member of, Mt. Olive English Evangelical Lutheran Church in Duluth. Josef is continuing his studies at Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, Indiana. His area of study is the Pastoral Ministry with intent to earn the Master of Divinity degree.

Congratulations

Congratulations to our graduates. Best wishes to you in all of your future endeavors.

High School Graduates:

Gabe Kroepflin, Northwestern High School.
Lydia Bennis, Northwestern High School, and
Jessica Stumpf, Superior High School.

If you are going away to college or not living at home, please let the church know so we can have current information and stay in touch. If you graduated this year from either High School or College, and your name is not listed please contact the office so we may include you.

VBS Day Camp

It is with great regret that the Board of Education has decided to cancel our Day Camp for this year. It is hard to find volunteers to help and to find someone to house the counselors in a normal year and as we all know this is not a normal year.

We plan on returning next summer!

MAIN STREET LIVING NORTHLAND LCMS SERVICE OF WORSHIP for the Duluth region televised by

KBJR Channel 6. "MAIN STREET LIVING NORTHLAND" is a locally produced, regionally recognized TV program with a message for the world. The service includes a 30-minute worship service led by participating pastors of the Minnesota North District of our LCMS, along with a 30 minute remastered program called "This is the Life" from Lutheran Hour Ministries (starting at 10:00 a.m.). Main Street Living Northland is broadcast every Sunday at 9:30 a.m. Central time on KBJR Channel 6 NBC and cable and satellite systems carrying these stations.

Sunday June 7, 2020

Rev. Don Stauty

Gloria Dei, Virginia and Redeemer, Aurora

Sunday June 14, 2020

Rev. Brad Felix

Trinity, Virginia

Sunday June 21, 2020

Rev. Jim Anthony

Redeemer, Deer River and Centennial, Squaw Lake

Sunday June 28, 2020

Rev. Jeff Walther

St. Matthews Lutheran Church - Esko

Why? A Layman's Guide to the Liturgy Why do we confess the Creed after hearing the Gospel?

During the Sunday Divine service, the Nicene Creed is confessed after the Gospel has been heard. Thus we express our belief that the Christian faith which we confess is given *by* the Gospel we have heard.

In some settings of the Divine Service, the Creed is confessed before the Sermon, and in others, it comes after the Sermon. In the former case, where the Creed comes before the Sermon, we express the conviction that the Sermon should be rooted in the Gospel as we have confessed it, and that it should not deviate from this faith. In the latter case, however, where the Creed comes after the Sermon, this former conviction is simply *assumed* to be the case, which, by some reckoning, actually makes the conviction a stronger one. At the same time another conviction is implied, namely, that the Gospel when it is preached is as much the Gospel as when it is heard in the Readings. In either case, to confess the Creed immediately upon hearing the Word is to imply that faith comes by hearing, that is, to acknowledge the power of the Word to create the faith we confess.

According to traditional rubrics, the Creed is said during all feasts of the first class, feasts of our Lord, and Sunday feasts, but is omitted during any other weekday Services. This is to elevate the status of the feasts.

Church Council

May 14, 2020

Present: John Robinson, Roni Hauser, Len Campbell, Wayne Ploetz, Jim Lemmerman, Pastor Schield, Pastor Schoessow and Sharyn Vengrin

Call to order: Jim Lemmerman

Opening Prayer: Pastor Shield

Call for additional agenda items: Use of Fellowship Hall

Approval of Minutes: Wayne made the motion to accept the April 16, 2020 minutes and Len Seconded. All in favor. Motion Carried

Pastor's Report: Pastor Schoessow: Called people. Thank you to Roni for recording of sermon.

Pastor Schield: Talked with 2 people with health problems. There was one death

Treasurer's Report: Checking Account Balance: \$12,300.00. We accepted the Small Business Payroll

Protection Loan: It was deposited into checking account. If all things are verified by Christ Lutheran this loan will be forgiven. Sharyn made the motion to accept Checking Account Balance as written. John seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Board of Deacons: No Report

Board of Trustees: Procedure report is being worked on.

John will check on stripping and waxing the floor. We would like 2 bids if possible. AC Janitorial or Heavenly Maids.

Relief Valve to be replaced.

John will talk with Lawrence regarding some painting projects.

Lawn mowing has been assigned.

We will request that Cari clean the alter carpet.

Board of Stewardship & Evangelism: No Meeting

Board of Education: No Meeting

Memorial Committee: No Meeting

Endowment Committee: Same

Memoriam Garden: Same

Old Business:

Swing Set: Don has contacted Rainbow and is waiting for quote.

New Business:

Approval – Small Business Paycheck Protection Program. Len made the motion and Roni seconded that we accept the Small Business Paycheck Protection Program. All in favor. Motion passed.

Voter's Assembly: When: This will depend on the opening of church. There was a general discussion regarding this.

Approval of new Endowment committee member/treasurer.

Len made the motion and Roni seconded that we accept Craig Ploetz as our new Endowment Coordination. All in favor. Motion Passed.

Requests to use Fellowship Hall:

Sara Kroepelin requested that she use the parking lot for a drive by graduation gathering in early June. We will be checking on the guidelines for this.

Next Council Meeting: 5:00 p.m., Thursday, June 11, 2020

Adjournment-Lord's Prayer

Stewardship

The sin of the world is paid for. God's Law has been kept perfectly on our behalf. The prophecies have all been fulfilled. Jesus Christ has finished it all! And that, dear Christians, should fill us with complete confidence in our salvation. Since Jesus has finished all these things in His self-sacrifice, we can be fully certain our sins are forgiven, and we have everlasting life!

St. Paul wrote: "I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship." (Rom. 12:1)

We hear the same teaching in 1 Peter. "As you come to him, a living stone, rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious, you yourselves, like living stones, are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ." (1 Peter 2:4-5)

It's the very thing Malachi foretold of the Lord, that He would come and purify His priestly people, that they may offer to Him an offering in righteousness. (Mal. 3:3)

So, what does this mean? In view of God's mercies – that is, because Jesus sacrificed Himself to make us pure, giving His entire self into death – Paul said that we are to sacrifice ourselves entirely to God, offering Him our whole lives. For our Savior did not give Himself for us in part. So, we do not give back to Him in part.

We don't offer ourselves to God just on Sunday mornings or Wednesday evenings, for example. Rather, we give Him our whole selves, all the time. We understand that offering ourselves to God as living sacrifices involves the giving of our time. It requires us to be faithful stewards of the time He has given us. Yes, it means we devote to our Savior all our time. Otherwise we are not sacrificing our whole lives.

You see, God both teaches us, and has graciously qualified us, to present ourselves to Him as living sacrifices – to live as His holy priests, who offer Him acceptable sacrifices through Jesus Christ, all day, every day, in our various callings.

In the passages from Romans and 1 Peter, we hear several examples of Christian self-sacrifice: serving, teaching, encouraging, giving, leading, showing mercy, living peaceably with others, submitting to governing authorities and those over us in the workplace, wives submitting to husbands, husbands honoring wives, showing compassion, and suffering patiently in doing good.

In all these things, and in all our other everyday activities, we sacrifice ourselves by using our time, not just for our own benefit, but also and especially for the well-being of others. Work time, school time, exercise time, study time, mealtime, chore time, recreation and relaxation time, even sleep time – it's all God's gift to us to use for purposes that please and honor Him.

This challenges us to think about the way we spend our time, how we utilize our talents, and the way we spend our treasures. Whatever it is I'm doing, am I doing it "for the Lord"? (Col. 3:23) Am I presenting God a living sacrifice? Am I conducting myself as a holy priest, whose sacrifice is acceptable to God?

Because our Lord sacrificed Himself wholly for us, we offer ourselves wholly to Him as living sacrifices. This is following Jesus in self-sacrifice. By His saving mercy, yes, our sacrifice is acceptable to God. For the sake of Jesus' finished work, God is pleased with us.

Sunday School Teachers for 2020/2021

The Board of Education is looking for new/additional Sunday School Teachers for the 2020/2021 school year. We have added new faces and our Sunday School is growing.

We would like to add at least a few more teachers to our staff. Curriculum is provided and we will support and train anyone who is willing to step forward and teach our youngest church members. If they have any questions, please contact the church office or Marilyn Pingel.

Greeting Cards Available in the Library

The library is well stocked with new cards for birthday, anniversary, sympathy, "thinking of you", get well, thank you, Baptism...cards for every occasion. Cost is only 50 cents each. If you're looking for a card for your Guardian Angel, we have it!

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



June Birthdays	July Birthdays
1 Janet Kroll	1 Gloria Jablonski
3 Lydia Bennis	2 Gabriel Kroeplin
5 Carly Larson Sarah Nestrud	3 Hope Fudally Lois Geiger
6 CLC Robert Raaflaub	5 Harla Lemmerman
8 Kathie Nikula	7 Harris Balko
9 Jay Thompson	9 Melanie Sternberg
10 Zoey Heytens	10 Cheryl Magnusson
11 Mercede Mullikin	12 Sylvia Bloxham
12 Jeffrey Makela	15 Nick Lull
13 Harlow Filteau	19 Shannon Allen
15 Tylar Brand	21 Dane Blomquist
16 Aiden Kroeplin Weston Ormsby	23 Everly Fonger
18 Alice Dailey Lars Root Sara Kroeplin	24 Matthew Markee
19 Vicki Lull	25 Joanne Pitt Robert Sorenson Danika McLaughlin
22 Karl Schroeder John McMillian	27 Scott Winans Hannah Kidd
23 William Doane Brian Amundson Bruce Johnson	30 Michael Kramer Leone Syring
25 Jill Markee	
27 Peder Becken Rebecca Harkabus Emeline Larson Jessica Stumpf	
28 Dennis Austin Ivy Bennis	
30 Evelyn Reinkall	