



The Beacon

June/July
2018

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.



Summer Time is Jesus' Time!

Where we live summer weekends are often spent at “the cabin” or on trips to the lake. Summer is the season for road trips, family reunions, destination weddings, exploring the great outdoors at national parks, and other adventures that draw us away church.

Summer can be a challenging time for a family's participation in Bible study and corporate worship. As a result our spiritual life with Jesus suffers. But summer time is still Jesus' time, just like the rest of the year.

Here are some great ideas to help you stay connected to Jesus — whether you're on the road or at the lake or somewhere in between!

Wednesday Divine Services

When you are gone on the weekend, take advantage of our Wednesday Service at 6:30 p.m. Afterwards gather around the fire pit for hot chocolate and a chance to discuss a topic of interest.

Day Camp (led by staff from Lutheran Island Camp)

“By Faith” is the theme and *August 6-10* is the week. If you will be in town that week, be sure to get your family and neighbors registered soon.

Backyard VBS

Host a backyard VBS for your own kids, grandchildren, friends and neighbors!

Start small and plan for a single day. Use simple curriculum ideas from our VBS or Sunday school find craft and snack ideas and simple games on *Pinterest*.

Have the kids over for the program, and invite their parents and/or grandparents to stay for a backyard barbecue at the close of the day. Kids can share what they learned, display their crafts, and teach their parents some songs while you all gather around a fire pit for s'mores.

Road Trips with Jesus

Mail a *postcard* to the church from your vacation locations. We'll decorate a bulletin board and add the postcards to the display as they arrive. Bring back a *worship bulletin* from any congregations you visit, and we'll add those to our summer bulletin board, too!

To find that congregation, add *the LCMS* (Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod) *app* to your smartphone which will identify our sister congregations around the world.

Worship To-Go Boxes

Assemble prayer and worship resources into a Worship To-Go Box to bring on your summer travels. Include a Bible (children's Bible), hymnal(s), catechism, children's worship bulletins, *LSB* (Lutheran Service Book), Daily Prayer Cards, *Portals of Prayer* etc.

Summer Service Projects

Choose a service project to complete over the course of the summer, such as:

- Working at the local food bank.
- Helping with outside landscaping at the church or a local community garden.
- Making greeting cards, then delivering them to a local nursing home or rehab facility.
- Participating in a cleanup day or other environmental cleanup (beach, trails, etc.).
- Hosting a neighborhood canned food drive—create flyers to share the event with your neighbors, hand out plastic bags (you could reuse plastic shopping bags), and set a date for pickup. (Bonus: You'll get to know your neighbors!).

Share your project with the congregation using pictures, a brief write-up, brochures from the organization(s) you helped, or other visual aids.

Yes, just like any other time of the year, summer time is Jesus' time. Keep the positive and eager attitude of the Psalmist who said: “*I was glad when they said onto me, let us go to the House of the Lord!*”

Pastor Schoessow

Summer Worship Schedule

Sundays

9:00 a.m. Divine Service
10:00 a.m. Bible Study

Wednesdays

6:30 p.m. Divine Service
7:30 p.m. Bible Study

These brief months find us enjoying summer to the max! But remember that Christians do not take a vacation from God (what if He took a vacation from us?). Worship faithfully this summer and find true "re-creation" for body, mind and soul. If you are out of town on both Sunday and Wednesday, and cannot worship with us, go to www.LCMS.org or call the church office for times and locations of Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod church services in the town where you will be vacationing.

CTK Scholarship Awarded!

This year's recipient is Mr. Josef Luther Muench of Hermantown, MN and a member of our sister congregation, Mt. Olive English Evangelical Lutheran Church in Duluth. He is a 2012 graduate of Hermantown High School and most recently a May 2017 graduate of Concordia University, St. Paul, MN. 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. Josef received a \$2000 scholarship.

Congratulations

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

High School Graduates:

James Kirchoff, Superior High School
Will be attending Lake Superior College

College Graduates:

Laura Schoessow, Des Moines University
Doctorate of Physical Therapy.

Stephen Hauser, Milwaukee School of Engineering,
Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering; Minor in
Psychology.

Nick Kirchoff, 1st Lieutenant, Naval Ordnance Disposal
School, Elgin Air Force Base, Florida. Stationed at
Schofield Barracks, Hawaii.

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.

Day Camp "By Faith"

Lutheran Island Camp's Day Camp is coming to Christ Lutheran Church the week of August 6-10. This year's theme is "By Faith". Children ages 5-12 are welcome to register.

The camp is from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Food is provided. The campers will spend their time mostly outdoors (weather permitting), there will be Bible Studies, games, crafts and activities. Breakfast, lunch & snacks provided. There may even be a field trip. **The cost of the camp will be \$30 per child.** There are scholarships available.

Please consider having your children attend this great camp! Registration forms will be available the beginning of June.

We are still accepting donations from the congregation, if you would like to sponsor a child or two let us know.

We will need some volunteers and if this would be something you are interested in doing please save the date.

Quilters

The quilters delivered 36 quilts to the Oncology departments of St. Luke's and Essentia in Duluth in May. These quilts bring much comfort to the patients, who get to keep them. The quilters have been busy and always welcome any help, no sewing skills required.

Thank you!

Thank you to everyone who donated items for the rummage sale on June 2 it was a great success. We were able to raise \$850 for the day camp in August. Thank you to everyone who helped set up and cleanup.

Why? A Layman's Guide to the Liturgy

Why do we sing the Gloria right after the Kyrie?

During the Mass, we sing "Lord, have mercy" immediately after the Introit, that is, as soon as the pastor has approached the altar for the first time. On Sundays outside of penitential times, the Church has traditionally augmented the Kyrie with the Gloria in Excelsis, which is also called the Greater Gloria. (Traditionally this Gloria is not sung at weekday Masses unless they are feasts of the first class or feasts of our Lord), This approach is to signify the approach of faith, as the writer to the Hebrews says "Draw near to God" As soon as we enter the holy place we cry out for mercy, thereby acknowledging our dire need for mercy in the presence of the holy God. Yet we also know that this God is indeed a merciful God. We do not pray as if to make God merciful by our petitions. Rather, we know He is so. Therefore as soon as we have cried out for mercy, we at once express our confidence in this mercy by singing the song of the angels at the birth of Christ: "Glory to God in the highest, and peace on earth, goodwill toward men" With these words our hearts are again brought to Bethlehem and the One whose holy birth has joined heaven and earth. In Him is our confidence that we shall receive mercy. For He who is heavenly from all eternity is now also become earthly for all eternity, that we who are earthly might become heavenly in Him, for all eternity. Therein we find confidence that God shall indeed be merciful to us.

Church Council

May 10, 2018

Members Present: Pastor Schoessow, Wayne Ploetz, John Robinson, Don Hauser, Len Campbell, Jim Lemmerman, Joye Bedard and Sharyn Vengrin
Absent: Pastor Schield, Roni Hauser

Call to order: Don Hauser

Call for additional agenda items: None

Opening Prayer: Pastor Schoessow

Minutes from Council Meeting: Wayne made the motion to accept the February 8, 2018, minutes, Len seconded. All in favor. Motion Carried.

Pastor's Report:

Official Acts: Rite of Christian Burial: Bill Johnson April 19, 2018

Looking Ahead:

Ascension Eve Festival Service Wed., May 9 at 6:30 p.m.

Pentecost May 20

Holy Trinity May 27

Supper Service schedule (Memorial Day weekend
Main Street Living Northland TV Broadcast-financial support and lay representative on the board

Pastor Schield: No Report:

Treasurers Report: Ending Balance: \$12,821.47. Jim made the motion to accept the ending balance. Seconded by John. All in favor. Motion carried

BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Board of Deacons:

Requests from Council:

The Van survey created by the Deacons was given a favorable review with a few suggestions for word changes. The most important one was to stress that this van will not be handicapped accessible. Group will continue work on this survey in April

Jim brought the idea of use of Hymn Boards and regular bulletins to Council. Further discussion by this group will be held in the future.

Old Business.

Deacon's Annual Report: Jim updated us on a few additions that he made to it. Group approved them. Lenten service schedule was reviewed and approved from last month.

New Business: None.

Group held a short discussion of our communion practice statement as compared to another LCMS church that Jim attends when on vacation. While perhaps ours could be shorter, we liked it better than their statement. No immediate changes are planned. Group reviewed and discussed the article in the Deacon's Manual under Resources titled "What About Fellowship in the Lord's Supper. Assignment: Absent members are asked to read this article before the next meeting. Group will continue reviewing the Deacon's Manual at the next meeting.

Trustees Report:

John attended open meeting regarding resurfacing of 28th street.

According to the project manager, Jason D. Piazza 28th street will be raised two inches. This will change the

entrance to the church. The culvert in the ditch between 28th Street and the railroad tracks will be replaced. I asked about the culvert on the church side of the tracks. He stated that the contractor will install a new culvert and surface it with asphalt. We will have to supply the new culvert. This is scheduled to be completed by May 2019.

Replacement of the water heater in the Boiler Room will cost up to \$1,200.00.

The roof on the garage must be replaced at a cost of \$2,160.00.

Ken Bedard fixed the water heater in the Sacristy.

Board of Stewardship & Evangelism:

Old Business: Five volunteers have been scheduled to work the soup kitchen at the Damiano Center for May 14.

Approximately three boxes of items have been acquired through donations from the congregation for Superior Boys and Girls Club during the month of April. The items will be dropped off this week.

Nominees for a three-year term on the Board of Stewardship and Evangelism are Dave and Mary Pat Severin and will be considered for approval at the May Voters Meeting.

New Business:

Len briefly discussed opportunities with the LCMS Foundation. The Foundation was established to provide resources beyond congregational offerings. Topics include: charitable trusts, endowment funds, donor advised funds, using retirement assets as gifts, communicating estate gift plans to family, and more. More information is needed before we take another step. The Board came up with the following questions: 1. where and how is money distributed, 2. Does the LCMS Foundation have knowledgeable staff that can speak to the congregation about the programs available. 3. If members are interested, who can they contact for interest or questions, and 4. What are specific responsibilities of Christ Lutheran Church? Len will contact the LCMS Foundation with these questions and report back at the next meeting.

The Board reviewed a letter from the Center Against Sexual and Domestic Abuse, Inc. regarding interesting topics and possibility for future presentations to our congregation. We will look at topics and plan a presentation for late September, and promote donations for CASDA during the month of October 2018.

Next Meeting: 5:00 pm, Tuesday, June 5, 2018 at a restaurant TBD.

Board of Education

Sunday school: Report from Marilyn

Children will make a Mother's Day gift this Sunday.

The last day of Sunday school is May 20. The children will sing their benediction song.

Thank you gifts for teachers are being prepared. Summer VBS.

August 7-11; start advertising (Roni will make pamphlets) and collecting art supplies.

Rummage and bake sale June 2 to raise money for VBS students

Housing needed for Lutheran Island Camp worker.

Staff is being organized for fall.

Youth Group

Pastor Schield continues to bring Jonah Kroepelin to Esko for weekly youth group activities and hopes to expand youth activities locally.

Summer book Study

A study group is preparing for meeting Wednesday evenings after church by the bonfire; the book has not yet been selected

Memorial Committee: Unchanged

Endowment Committee:

Education Fund: Concordia Publishing: Everyone His Witness Workbook-(2) 30.98

Mission Fund: Hill Creek Marketing Baseball hats for Damiano Center \$124.44

Scholarship Endowed Fund: Christ Lutheran Church-Scholarship-Josef Muech (attending Concordia Theological Seminary) \$2,000.00.

Organ Maintenance Fund: Christ Lutheran Reimburse for maintenance on organ \$380.00 \$2 for money order.

Memorial Garden: Estimate to replace fence: \$5,200.00. Will be starting soon.

Old Business: None

New Business:

Elections

28th Street paving

Re-shingle the garage roof

Talk about possible requesting some funds from the endowments to help offset wages.

Will look into this.

Percent increase for CTK Gift

Finish accounting review May 19, 2018 at 9:00 am.

Request to use Fellowship Hall: None

Next Council Meeting: June 14, 2018 @ 5:00 pm @ 5:00 pm

Adjournment: Lord's Prayer

Respectfully submitted by: Sharyn Vengrin

Voter's Meeting

Call to Order: Don Hauser

Opening Prayer-Pastor Schoessow

Call for additional agenda items: None

Minutes from February 18, 2018 Special Voters' Assembly. Wayne made the motion that we accept the minutes as written. They were seconded by John. All in favor. Motion Carried.

Treasurer's Report: Ending Balance: \$12,821.47. Sharyn made the motion that we accept the Report as written. It was seconded by Jim. All in favor. Motion carried.

Board and Committee Reports:

These reports are published in the monthly newsletter

Old Business: None

New Business:

A. Elections: A block vote was taken with the Nominations as printed.

Sharyn made the motion that we do the vote by Block Vote. It was seconded by Wayne.

All in favor. Motion Carried.

President: Jim Lemmerman

Secretary: Sharyn Vengrin

Treasurer: Wayne Ploetz

Board of Deacons: 3-year term ending 7/31/2021

Board of Stewardship & Evangelism-3 year term ending 7/31/2021

1. Dave and Mary Pat Severin

B. Convention of the Minnesota North District

1. Pastor Schoessow and Jim Lemmerman Pastor and Jim summarized the convention.

Purpose: To make decisions and make elections

C. Water Heater

John stated that the Hot water heater needed to be replaced. The cost would be about \$1,200 dollars. It will be a 40 or 50 gal. The monies will be taken out of LCEF. All in favor.

D. Re-shingle garage roof: Cost: \$2,160 this will be taken out of LCEF. All in favor.

E. Main Street Living North KBJR at 10am Sundays They are looking for donations-We are to get the word out regarding this church Service.

F. Checking accounts that are under the church's tax ID have been reviewed and found no irregularities.

Next Voters' Assembly: September 16, 2018 after second service

Adjournment-Lord's Prayer

Respectfully Submitted by: Sharyn Vengrin

Stewardship

By Rev. Jason Braaten Immanuel Lutheran Church – Tuscola, Ill.

"There are three conversions necessary to every man: the head, the heart, and the purse." Attributed to Luther, though yet to be located in his vast writings, this statement echoes what Jesus taught about hearts and treasures. He said, "For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also" (Matthew 6:21; Luke 12:34).

But which conversion comes first? I submit that the order is this: first the head, then the purse, then the heart. Let me explain.

Our Lord Jesus Christ dwelt among us to save us. He took on our flesh, fulfilled the demands of the law in our place, became sin for us, and suffered torture and death on our behalf, in order that we would be free from sin, death, and hell. He gives us what He accomplished through Baptism, Absolution, and the Lord's Supper.

And so, He doesn't just do it for us but gives it to us, makes what He did ours by making us His. Thus, we are called by His name: Christians. We have a new life in Him.

Through the preaching of Law and Gospel, God grants us repentance, a changing of our minds. It is a conversion of the mind. We are called to turn away from our sins and turn toward Him for forgiveness, life, and salvation. For when God calls us away from something, He is, at the same time, calling us to something.

And thus, He calls us to a new life, with new deeds. This is the conversion of the purse. Jesus said that “it is easier for a camel to enter through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter the kingdom of God” (Matthew 19:24). “For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.”

Notice that our hearts follow our treasures, not the other way around. As Christians, God calls us to invest our treasures in His Kingdom to ensure that the gospel is preached and the sacraments are administered. He calls us to share all good things with the one who teaches us the doctrines of Christ. He calls us to be generous in giving to the church, for it is more blessed to give than to receive.

So where is your treasure? If it is not invested in the kingdom of God, then the only response is repentance—a conversion of the heart—and to begin doing just that. And as our Lord promised, where your treasure is there your heart will be also.

This is not to say that you earn your way into heaven. It is simply to say that as Christians, those who have been made to be temples of the Holy Spirit, who have been given a new life in Christ, who are dead to sin and now alive in Him, we are, actually, to live — think (conversion of the mind), do (conversion of the purse), and be (conversion of the heart) — a new life in Him.

And when you fail, know that God in Christ loves and forgives you and still calls you away from that and to Himself.

Summer Bible Study Schedule

Bible study is offered during the summer at 10:15 a.m. after the Sunday Divine service.

Wednesday Evening Book Study

There will be a Wednesday evening book study after the service. We will be meeting at the fire ring, weather permitting at about 7:30 p.m. Start date and our first book to be announced.

Sunday School Teachers for 2018/2019

The Board of Education is looking for new/additional Sunday School Teachers for the 2018-2019 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!

Summer musicians:

Vocal and instrumental!

As the choir disbands for the summer there are 30 opportunities (Sunday and Wednesdays) for you to share your musical gifts in honor and praise of our Lord Jesus. Don't be shy. Be bold to share your talents. Contact pastor.

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

- 1 Janet Kroll
- 3 Lydia Bennis
- 5 Sarah Nestrud
- 6 CLC
Robert Raaflaub
Kory Telfer
- 8 Kathie Nikula
- 9 Jay Thompson
- 11 Mercede Mullikin
- 12 Jeffrey Makela
- 13 Harlow Filteau
- 15 Tylar Brand
- 16 Aiden Kroeplin
Weston Ormsby
- 18 Alice Dailey
Lars Root
Sara Kroeplin
- 19 Vicki Lull
- 22 Karl Schroeder
John McMillian
- 23 William Doane
Brian Amundson
Bruce Johnson
- 25 Jill Markee
- 26 Joseph Campbell
Kirby Aho
- 27 Peder Becken
Rebecca Harkabus
Emeline Larson
- 28 Dennis Austin
Ivy Bennis
- 30 Evelyn Reinkall

July Birthdays

- 1 Gloria Jablonski
- 2 Kara Brown
Jakob Kidd
Gabriel Kroeplin
- 3 Hope Fudally
Lois Geiger
- 5 Harla Lemmerman
- 7 Harris Balko
- 9 Melanie Sternberg
- 10 Cheryl Magnusson
- 12 Sylvia Bloxham
- 14 Cheynne Pierre
- 15 Nick Lull
- 19 Shannon Allen
- 21 Dane Blomquist
- 23 Shannon Durand
- 24 Matthew Markee
- 25 Joanne Pitt
- 26 Robert Sorenson
Danika McLaughlin
- 27 Scott Winans
Hannah Kidd
- 29 Clarissa Thompson
- 30 Michael Kramer
Leone Syring



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Lutheran Witness Online
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LC-MS Synod Radio Stations
www.kfuo.org—or—classic99.com
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