



The Beacon

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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.



“Equipped to Serve.” That’s the theme of our seminaries as they train men and women.

As I wrote this article on Tuesday, April 23, the vicarage and deaconess internship assignment service was actually in progress at Concordia Theological Seminary (CTSFW)-the seminary I attended and graduated from, which is in Fort Wayne, Indiana. And, Wednesday, April 25 was the Candidate Call assignment service where pastoral candidates will have received their call assignments to serve God’s people around the country-indeed, often around the world. You say “we at Christ Lutheran Church, serving Superior WI, and Duluth, MN already have two pastors, one who has been here for over 15 years and one that’s been serving us for over a year. What do the “Call” services have to do with us?” Plenty, I say. Now, it’s true that you aren’t currently in need of a pastor. You can thank God for that. But there are many other congregations who will have the privilege of either helping a vicar or deaconess to gain experience for future service to God’s people, or congregations with a vacancy will be getting a pastoral candidate fresh out of one of our two seminaries: CTSFW in Fort Wayne, or Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, Missouri.

My point: I chose this topic to help you to see how God spiritually provides for us, his people.

Pastors, you see, don’t just *show up*. God uses many different men to serve his people. Some are single men, 26 years old, right out of college and seminary. Such, I believe is the case, for Pastor Schoessow-he attended and graduated from Concordia, St. Louis. (We at Fort Wayne used to-in good humor-refer to guys like him as from the “other seminary”). Some men’s paths have taken them to work for a few years-or in my case, over 20-because I didn’t hear the call to serve God’s people until I was nearly 40 years of age. There are men attending or graduating from seminary who are married. There are men like me who were not only married but had one, two, four, maybe even six(!) children. You might gather, then, that God uses men from many different experiences and all walks of life. By the way, Christ Lutheran is privileged to help support a young man, Josef Muench, whose home church is Mount Olive, Duluth, as he is “equipped to serve.” I just learned from his mother that he is engaged to be married. As I noted earlier, God uses many different men to serve his people. They all have unique gifts, unique experiences but they all have one thing in common: God has called them to serve alongside his people as they **all together** strive to share the Good News of Jesus Christ crucified and risen in the world in which they live. They are called to preach, teach, visit their people in good times and bad, laugh with them, cry with them-whatever the circumstances may be. They’ve found it important enough to quit their jobs, sell their homes, and move their families, all the while trusting that somehow God will provide for their physical and financial needs. Now I’m not here to try to show how we are some sort of super-Christian or some sort of hero. My point is that God takes care of his people through those he has called. You may know the story on me already, but if not here is a little history: I was working in Fort Collins, CO and was asked to serve on the Evangelism board at church, Pastor Russow said, “Maybe you should consider going to be a pastor.” I said, “I’m a blue collar man who is married with four children. I’ll either be broke or dead by the time I’m through seminary.” But God opened all the doors-even the ones I wasn’t sure I wanted to go through, so that I could finish and be ordained into the Office of the Holy Ministry. I thank God for the pastors I had throughout my life. I thank God for bringing me here to the North Shore, to serve you, his people and to enjoy its beauty. Because God does indeed provide men who are, by his grace, “Equipped to Serve.” May God bless us all as we serve together! Christ is Risen! He is Risen indeed!

Love in Christ,

Pastor Kirk Schield

Ascension Eve Service on May 9



By His Ascension Jesus has honored and exalted our human nature. But greater honor awaits us. *"After his resurrection [he] appeared openly to all His disciples and in their sight was taken up to heaven that he might make us partakers of his divine nature"* (Proper Preface for Ascension). In these days of waiting for that gift, we direct our hearts and minds to

the ascended Lord. He directs the church, His body, in its waiting so we may reveal His reign to all people.

Join the church on *Ascension Eve Wednesday, May 9 at 6:30 p.m. for our festival Divine Service.* Bring a friend!

Pentecost Sunday

Christians around the world will see red on **May 20** as the Church celebrates the festival of Pentecost. The color of the day is red: red vestments, red paraments, red flowers and banners. If only Christians would attend this, the fourth major festival of our Lord's life, as well as they do Christmas and Easter! After all, the Spirit of God is the *Lord and Giver of life*.

Pentecost is also known as Whitsun Day. The origin of the term flows from Wit or Wisdom Sunday, the day when the Apostles were filled with wisdom by the Holy Ghost.

In the Christian tradition, the Holy Wisdom of God is a divine attribute in which new Christians share to some degree through the process of catechesis and confirmation, when we pray that the Spirit, first given them in Baptism and as they were taught the faith, will continue to empower and enliven them.

Summer Worship Schedule begins May 27

Our summer worship schedule begins on Memorial Day weekend as follows:

Sundays

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

Wednesdays

6:30 p.m. Divine Service

Be faithful in your summer worship. The summer preaching schedule sees a shift in focus from the life of

Christ (as found in winter and spring) to our life in Christ—i.e. daily Christian discipleship. Missing summer services deprives you of much practical application in Christian living. So this summer, no vacation from God. After all, what if God took a vacation from you?

Voter's Meeting – May 21, 2017 at 11:45 a.m.

Election of officers and board members.

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.

Host Families Needed

Once again we will need host families to put up the counselors while they are here. They need a place to sleep and dinner. Probably need at least 2 families to host. Please contact the church office if you are willing to host.

Church Council Minutes

April 12, 2018

There was no council meeting due to a number of people unable to attend

Stewardship

St. Paul teaches, "Let the one who is taught the word share all good things with the one who teaches" (Galatians 6:6).

And again, he says, "Do you not know that those who are employed in the temple service get their food from the temple, and those who serve at the altar share in the sacrificial offerings? In the same way, the Lord commanded that those who proclaim the gospel should get their living by the gospel" (1 Corinthians 9:13–14).

In other words, ministers of the gospel are supported by the offerings of those who are served by them. And this is how the Church lives even now. It is standard practice. But this deserves closer examination. For it instructs us not *just* that we are to give but also *what* we are to give.

And it does so with four little words: "In the same way ..."

St. Paul is building his case for supporting the preachers of the Gospel with the sacrificial giving of individual members on the example of the Old Testament people who supported the Levites with their offerings and sacrifices.

We're to support the Gospel ministry "in the same way." But how did the Old Testament people support the Levites?

Moses records this: "You shall tithe all the yield of your seed that comes from the field year by year. And before the Lord your God, in the place that he will choose, to make his name dwell there, you shall eat the tithe of your grain, of your wine, and of your oil, and the firstborn of your herd and flock, that you may learn to fear the Lord your God always" (Deuteronomy 14:22–23).

The Levites were supported by the tithe, 10 percent of all the yearly yield of that which was harvested.

Does that seem like a lot? Does it surprise you that St. Paul instructs us that we are to support the New Testament Gospel ministry "in the same way?"

If it does, ask yourself: is the Church's job in the New Testament bigger or smaller than the Levites' job in the Old Testament? Back then there was one Temple, and the ministry was almost exclusively located in one nation among the descendants of Abraham.

Jesus calls us to teach and baptize all nations (Matt. 28). And there are churches and ministries all around the world. How could we support this new Gospel ministry with anything less than the Israelites supported the Old Testament ministry?

Of course, we are free to give more, for we have received more than those in the Old Testament. We have received the fullness of God's revelation, the fullness of His salvation, the fulfillment of everything that God promised to do.

For we have received Christ, God's own Son, in the flesh, who took upon himself our sins and in exchange

gave us his righteousness. The Father claimed us as his own in Holy Baptism.

He gathers us together in the place where his name dwells to feast on the first fruits of the resurrection, the risen and living body and blood of his Son, our Lord, Jesus. He reminds us that we are His, that all things are ours because we belong to Him. He blesses us here in time with physical and spiritual gifts.

In the same way, and in response to his fatherly divine goodness and mercy, we gladly give to those who proclaim to us "the excellencies of him who called us out of darkness and into his marvelous light."

For once we were not a people, but now we are God's people; once we had not received mercy, but now we have indeed (1 Peter 2:9–10).

Why? A Layman's Guide to the Liturgy Why is the Sermon preached from the pulpit?

The pulpit and lectern may be seen as embellishments of two of the horns, or corners, of the altar, the traditional places from which the Word of God sounds forth. In Old Testament temple worship the four horns of a freestanding altar were actually projections, to which the sacrificial lamb was bound. As the sacrifice was bound to the horns of the altar (Ps. 118:27), so today, in the age of fulfillment, the Word of God is the message of Christ crucified, our sacrificial Lamb.

Traditions are divided regarding the placement of the pulpit, some placing it at the Gospel side (the left horn, from which the Gospel is read), and others at the Epistle side (the right horn, from which the Epistle is read). The former placement highlights the importance of the Sermons content, that being primarily exposition of the Gospel Reading, and by extension also proclamation of the Gospel in all its fullness, and to all the world. The latter placement, on the Epistle side, highlights rather the importance of the Sermons addressees, namely, the congregation. As the Epistles were directed specifically to the Church, so the Sermon is directed to the Church.

Why is the offering collected when it is?

During the Mass, the collection of the offerings takes place while the altar is being prepared for Holy Communion. There is an important connection here between the elements used (the bread and the wine) and the offerings collected. In the early church, the Offertory was a time of movement in the liturgy: it was sung while the bread and wine were brought forth from the congregation as elements being offered to God for use in the Sacrament. According to some traditions, the bread and wine themselves are brought forward by the congregation. In others, they are brought to the altar by a server or sub-deacon. By extension, the offerings of money are collected while the altar is being prepared, for the money collected is used to provide for the elements, the altar, the building, the pastor, and indeed everything we need here.

Spring Cleaning?

Day Camp Rummage & Bake Sale

As you work on your spring cleaning please keep this in mind, the board of Christian Education is having a rummage sale on Saturday, June 2 from 8 a.m. until 2 p.m. As you start your spring cleaning projects keep us in mind and bring any of your clean and gently used (saleable) items and clothing. You may drop your items off in the fellowship hall the starting Sunday, May 20, NOT before. **NOTE:** Roni will be gone the week of the 27th so there will be no one to let you in during that week.

Please DO NOT bring in: large appliances, microwaves, mattresses, doors, computer equipment, TVs, cell phones, rechargeable appliances, paint, oil or any hazardous waste. The items that remain after the sale go to Goodwill and they do not accept any of these things. Any questions at all please do not hesitate to call the church office 715-398-3680

This sale is another fundraising event to reduce the cost of the day camp in August. Thank you very much for your support.

If you don't have anything for the rummage sale we are also holding a bake sale so we could also use baked goods to sell.

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!

Attention All Graduates

We will be honoring all graduates during the service on a date to be determined. If you know someone graduating from college, or high school please contact Roni at 715-398-3680 so the names can be listed in the bulletin

Thank You to Our Sunday School Teachers

Another year of Sunday school has flown by with the last day of Sunday school being May 20 and the Board of Christian Education would like to thank all of our hard working Sunday school teachers who work hard teaching our children the Word of God, and bringing the love of Jesus to them. So when you are dropping your kids off be sure to thank them for their devotion to your children. Our Devoted teachers are:

Pre K – Kindergarten – Marilyn Pingle

1st & 2nd Grade – Shannon Allen & Susan Isackson

3rd – 4th – Kathy Allen & Jill Markee

5th – 6th – Wendy Schultz

7th Grade – Youth – Helena & Dominic Frost

Elisabeth Hannula & Donna Manos– music

Pastor Schield – Confirmation

Pastor Schoessow - Adult Bible Study

Shannon Allen for doing the Nursery Roll, which sends out cards and stuff to the kids who are not old enough for Sunday School.

And to the substitutes that helped out.

Thank you Pastor Schield for leading the kids in the opening each week.

Thank you to Marilyn Pingle for serving as the Sunday school Superintendent, she is doing a wonderful job!

Please consider teaching for the 2018/2019 year, help is really needed.

Sunday School Teachers for 2018/2019

The Board of Education is looking for new/additional Sunday School Teachers for the 2016/2017 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.

Confirmation & Graduation Cards

Just a reminder, as Confirmation and Graduation approaches, there are cards available in the Library for .50 each. There is also an assortment of sympathy, thank you, birthday, anniversary, etc. Come check them out Sunday mornings!

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.

Christ's Men

Men, Let's Do Lunch

Christ's Men will meet on Tuesday, May 1 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.

June/July Newsletter

The newsletters for June and July will be combined and will come out in early June. If you have anything for either month please get them to the church office by May 15.

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

MAY BIRTHDAYS

2	Missy Brand
3	Ryan Lull Lois Teich
4	Angela Ormsby
5	Mary Hannula Edward Sielaff
6	Gloria Meier
7	Lori Flynn Meghan Janicki
8	Michael Flynn William Harkabus
9	Ronald Ahola
10	Rebecca Noble
11	Silas Lull
13	Hailey Jacobson Bob Blomquist Dorothea Hart
14	Arthur Pfeil
15	Harriet Barnard Tom Vengrin
17	Repeka Tuinei
18	Mickey Sternberg
19	Lorraine Robinson
20	Nancy Doane Jonah Kroeplin Katarina Pfeil
22	Samuel Kroeplin
23	Ashley Harkabus
24	Brent Winans Taylor Leuthner
26	Samuel Stenroos Wendy Schultz
27	Jeffrey Allen Jon Pahos
28	Claudia Grenier
29	Lukas Fudally Matt Pfeil
30	Donna Dittbrender Pastor Schoessow
31	Ashley Swanson