



# 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.



## What are We to Do?

Christ is Risen! He is Risen indeed!

If you're reading this newsletter article it's because you called Roni to open the door of our "locked down" church building to pick up a copy or got it on the internet because you're supposed to "stay home, stay alive. It's after Easter, and we're wondering what's going on in the world. Seems like we're talking more about avoiding sickness and death than we are talking about living our lives.

Well, of course, the Covid virus is on everybody's mind. How long are we supposed to stay home? How long before we can worship together? It's hard not being able to worship and fellowship with others. Some church bodies are saying that we are being persecuted by this governmental ban, and I suppose that is possible. They're saying that we have every right to meet for corporate worship and some churches *are* meeting. But is being defiant the best way for Christians to act? Here are my thoughts: we as Lutheran Christians have been blessed with an understanding of Luther's doctrine of the Two Kingdoms: "The Kingdom of the Left", and the "Kingdom of the Right".

The "Kingdom of the Left" is the government under which, we as earthly citizens live. We are privileged to hold office, to vote, pay taxes, serve in the military etc. The government works to protect us by making laws under which we live. Of course, in a sinful world every government is a flawed system. But it's the best we have, and it is, in fact, a gift from God.

The "Kingdom of the Right" is the Kingdom of God. This kingdom has God the Father as our ruler. And, this kingdom has Jesus as our King AND Jesus as our Savior. We obey this King not because we fear punishment-as in our earthly government-but because he loved us so much that he lived, died and rose for us to save us from sin and death. This Kingdom is perfect (has NO flaws) and what God has for laws help us to see the need for our Savior and eventually will be the wonderful kingdom in which we will live when we are called home to heaven.

So, while we can't be on corporate worship, we have been blessed with the tools that we already have at home: our Bibles, our Catechisms and our Portals of Prayer. If you don't have all 3 of those, stop by and see Roni. Tell her to get you a Catechism-or since our hymnals have the Catechism in them-ask to borrow one of those. Then you can sing hymns at home as well. Also, this cycle of Portals of Prayer is wonderfully written; April's devotions speak clearly of Jesus' victory over sin, death, and the devil. If you don't already have one of those, pick one up from Church.

May God bless you as you focus, not on sickness, or fear of death, but of LIFE in Jesus, our Savior. In time, we will be able to worship together!

Pastor Kirk Schield

## Video Services

As you are all aware due to the Corona Virus our government has instituted “safer at home” guidelines, one of which is no groups over 10, 6 feet of separation, and stay home, etc. Well that means that church services have cancelled until such a time as the restrictions have been lifted.

To that end we have now been recording and posting Sunday services online. There are 2 ways that you can watch the services:

1. A link is emailed out on Friday or Saturday that takes you to the video on Christ Lutheran’s YouTube channel. You can only get to it through the link. If you have not been receiving the weekly emails from church either I do not have a correct email address for you or it is going to your spam folder.
2. You may also find the video on our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/clcsuperior/> if you are on Facebook. If you are on Facebook and haven’t liked our current page please do so.

We are also sending out the readings and prayers via email each Friday.  
If you have any questions, please call 715-398-3680.

## Office Hours

The church office is open 10 – 3 each day. You may stop by and drop your offerings off or pick up a Portals of Prayer, or a or pretty much whatever you need. Please call before you come.

## Contribution & E-Giving

Even though we have not been able to have church for a month now the church still needs your monthly/weekly donations, because we still have bills to pay. You can mail your offerings, the mail is checked every day except Saturday (I try to stop by on Saturday afternoon but not always) & Sunday. If you are uncomfortable mailing it you may drop at church during office hours without contact, just call for instructions.

Or you can give through E-giving. You can get to our giving page through our website [christlutheran-superior.org](http://christlutheran-superior.org) on the page at the bottom you will find a button for e-giving. It is done through a company named VANCO. You can do it once or set up reoccurring. If you have questions, please call the office.

## Portals of Prayer

I have put Portals of Prayer in the black mailbox on the wall right next to the front door. They are individually packaged in bags, just help yourself, I do not need to be here.

## Summer Worship Schedule begins May 24

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 – TBD

**May 17, 20 at 11:45 a.m.**

Election of officers and board members.

## Day Camp - TBD

Lutheran Island Camp’s Day Camp is coming to Christ Lutheran Church the week of August 5 - 8. 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 will need some volunteers to help with getting ready, serving, and clean up for the meals at most a couple of hours each day. Time slots would be the breakfast (7 – 8:30 a.m.) and lunch (probably 11 – 1, not sure). If this would be something you are interested in doing please save the dates and let either Marilyn Pingel or the church office know.

## 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 eat dinner. Probably need at least 2 families to host. Please contact the church office if you are willing to host.

## Church Council Minutes

April 16, 2020

Council met in the fellowship hall with COVID 19 measures, social distancing 6 – 10 feet apart & most wearing masks, no more than 10 people.

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

**Call to order:** Jim Lemmerman

**Opening Prayer:** Pastor Schoessow

**Call for additional agenda items:** Discuss upcoming copier lease expiration. Motion was made by Len and seconded by Wayne to add copier to agenda. All were in favor. Motion carried.

**Approval of Minutes:** John made the motion to accept the February 13, 2020 minutes and Len Seconded. All in favor. Motion Carried

**Pastor's Report: Pastor Schoessow:** Pastor was unable to finish shut in visits.

**Pastor Shield: Confirmation:** Pastor would like to have the 3 confirmands be confirmed before the next school term

**Treasurer's Report: Checking Account Balance: \$14, 530.98.** Len 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 action:** Len stated that he would like to become a deacon. This will be done in August. Jim will make the appointment.

**Board of Trustees:** John is working on an Operations Manual. He will present it at the next council meeting. Pastor stated that the wall by the Baptismal Font needs to be painted. John will contact Lawrence.

**Board of Stewardship & Evangelism:** No meeting yet. Meeting on Tuesday, August 13, 2019. The Domiono Center has cancelled the volunteer program for now. Len is looking into having a new directory in the fall. He will be contacting Lifetouch. Project 24 is on hold.

**Board of Education:** The Board has not met. Sunday School has been suspended until Fall. Day Camp VBS is on a to be determined basis.

**Memorial Committee: Same**

**Endowment Committee: Same**

**Memorial Garden: Quiet-**Need to look at fence.

**Old Business: Swing Set:** Don is looking into this.

**New Business: 2020 Budget:** This has already been approved at our last Voters Meeting

Small Business Paycheck Protection Program. We will be filling this out. Wayne will follow through with NBC.

**Copy Machine Lease:** Roni will take care of this.

**Requests to use Fellowship Hall:** None

**Next Council Meeting: 5:30 p.m., Thursday, May 14, 2020**

**Adjournment-Lord's Prayer**

## Stewardship

Our Savior calls us to follow Him in generosity. "For I have given you an example, that you also should do just as I have done to you." (John 13:15) We cannot give our lives for the salvation of the world, of course. Praise God – that job's already done!

But with hearts full of thanksgiving for what Jesus has given us, we can follow Jesus' example of generous giving. And this is not merely an example alone. It's also our Lord's command. "The one who contributes, (let him give) in generosity." (Rom. 12:8)

So, when we give to help others who are in need, and when we bring offerings to the Lord, we should strive to heed His command and follow the pattern He has established for us. Jesus did not give us leftovers. He gave His best. So, we should not give leftovers, either, but the first and best of what He has given us. Jesus did not give as an afterthought, but according to the plan of salvation God established from the foundation of the world.

So, when it comes to our offerings to the Lord, we should make a thoughtful plan to give generously, in proportion to the way He has blessed us. Like the Macedonian Christians, who gave according to their ability – and even beyond their ability (2 Cor. 8:3) – we can and should give a generous portion of the income that God provides us to honor the Lord.

So also, we should give freely, just as Jesus gave freely for us. There is no compulsion involved in our works of love and our offerings to the Lord. Nor do we give grudgingly. We should give freely and cheerfully because we want to out of thanksgiving. "Each as he purposes in his heart," as the Lord says. (2 Cor. 9:7) There is no New Testament ceremonial law involved here. Rather, we are free to give as generously as our Savior has given for us.

In the same way, our Lord teaches us to give generously out of love – love for Him and for our neighbor. Genuine love is always love in deed (1 John 3:18), love such as Jesus showed us all. It is love that sees our neighbor in need and gives generously to help him. It is love that hears the Word of the Lord and does what it says. If we truly love, we give generously. If we give without love, our giving is not truly following Jesus.

Finally, we follow Jesus in generosity when we give for a good purpose to thank the Lord and support His gospel ministry and other works of mercy. The people of Israel gave generously for the service of God's gospel purposes, to construct and support the operation of the tabernacle. For that was the place where the Lord received the Old Testament sacrifices, through which He bestowed the forgiveness of sins on His people. So, they gave abundantly – so abundantly that they had to be told to stop giving. (Ex. 36:5-6)

In the same way, we should bring generous offerings to support the Lord's work of bestowing His gifts of forgiveness, life, and salvation in our congregations through the preaching and teaching of His Word, Baptism, and the Lord's Supper. We should support the Lord's work of caring for those who are poor and needy.

Our Savior calls us to follow His example in generous giving. Let us then, with thankful hearts, rededicate ourselves to following Him in generosity.

### **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!

### **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**

Because of the "stay at home" order due to the corona virus it was decided to end the school year for Sunday School. The Board of Christian Education would like to thank all of our hardworking Sunday school teachers who work hard teaching our children the Word of God and bringing the love of Jesus to them. Thank you very much to our Devoted teachers:

Pre K – Kindergarten – Marilyn Pingel  
1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade – Shannon Allen & Susan Isackson  
3<sup>rd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> – Kathy Allen, Jill Markee & Patricia Ploetz  
7<sup>th</sup> 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 Pingel for serving as the Sunday school Superintendent, she is doing a wonderful job!

Please consider teaching for the 2020/2021 school year, help is really needed.

### **Summer musicians:**

#### **Vocal and instrumental!**

Once we get up and running again remember that during 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.

### **Main Street Living Northland**

**LCMS Service of Worship televised by KBJR Channel 6 – 9:30a.m.**

"MAIN STREET LIVING NORTHLAND" is a locally produced TV program that 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. All current shows and information about Main Street Living can be found at <http://www.mainstreetliving.com> and past programs are archived on <https://vimeo.com/user82955593>

Thank you for your support! You can send comments or contributions to:

Main Street Living Northland  
c/o Mt. Olive Lutheran Church  
2012 East Superior Street  
Duluth, MN 55812

### **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)

## MAY BIRTHDAYS

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

***June/July Newsletter  
Submissions are due by  
May 15***