



The Beacon

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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.



Normally I would write an article, but as I was reading this devotion from “Word From the Center” (website address is below) it struck me that maybe you’d like to hear from others now and then. Dr. Scaer was a “young, new professor” when I started at Seminary in 2001. His words deserve a wider audience.

By the way, there is a very active “40 Days for Life” group in our area of Duluth/Superior.

Singing Truth and Grace into the World

by Peter Scaer

Not long ago, a goodly group of seminary students, their wives and children gathered outside Planned Parenthood as part of the 40 Days for Life. I’ve done this sort of thing in the past. Sometimes, it was just me and maybe a couple of others. When I first started, I stood and prayed. Then I thought to bring a Bible, and to read it, so as to mark the time while standing vigil. Then I wrote a litany, and we sang a hymn or two. Last year, a student took charge, and we upped our game. More singing. More Scripture.

And this year we made it even better. We did an entire Vespers service . . . with psalms, hymns and readings. When that was finished, I gave the group a little bit of history about abortion and the life movement in our area. And then came hymns and more hymns. Some easier to sing, many more difficult. Ah, but it was beautiful. I saw any number of student wives who sang the hymns, the harder ones, from memory. Some have participated in this sort of thing for many years and say they have heard nothing like it.

And I think it’s instructive. Silent no more. That’s the motto for women who have had abortions and have been ashamed to say so. I think that this may apply more broadly. The Word of God spoken out loud has a powerful effect, inspiring the faithful, catching the ear of those who have never heard and driving away the demons of those who would destroy life. Adding the songs of the liturgy and the hymns proved more powerful still. Mary sang at the conception of her child, and Zechariah sang at the birth of his. Singing is powerful. Singing the truth of the Lord, the Gospel of Christ Jesus, in all its fullness and splendor is to taste heaven and drive away hell. In singing, we ourselves are strengthened, but so also do we attract a world that knows no beauty, no grace, no charity or light.

Yes, as a church, it’s high time we take our word out to the streets, out to sidewalk. And let that word be accompanied by, be carried by the great music of the Church, the Song of the Lamb that has no end. Don’t run from the liturgy, but to it. Don’t give up the great hymns; learn them, sing them. You need them, and so does the world.

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<https://lcrifreedom.org/word-from-the-center-digest-friday-october-18-2019/>



If You Think, You Will Come To Thank

Has God blessed you? Think about it. Then join with Christians across America to give on **Thanksgiving Eve, Wednesday, November 27 at 6:30 p.m.** for a special service of praise and thanksgiving to God for His never-ending goodness to us, His people. Don't let the turkeys and the parades keep you from this "one thing needful." *"Oh give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good!"*

Thanksgiving Day Services, November 28:

9:30 a.m. at Mount Olive Lutheran, 2012 E Superior, Street, Duluth.

Advent begins December 1

Happy New Year! Well, not quite yet, but it will be soon. The new church year begins Sunday, December 1, the First Sunday in Advent. Spiritually enriching and challenging Divine Services are planned for each Sunday and Wednesday in Advent. Start the New Year right by preparing for our dear Lord's imminent return in glory! Join us during Advent!

December 4 – 12:15 & 6:30 p.m.

December 11 – 12:15 & 6:30 p.m.

December 18 – 12:15 & 6:30 p.m.

Advent/Christmas Tea

Come and enjoy an evening of Christmas goodies and music at the Advent/Christmas Tea. The tea will be held on Thursday, December 5 at 6:30 p.m. A holiday program by the Superior Singers will provide an evening of Christmas music to kick off our Christmas season. Everyone from 1 to 101 is invited.

On that note we do need people to help by baking goodies for the tea, cookies, breads, candy, finger sandwiches etc. Also help to set up and clean-up is greatly needed so prayerfully consider helping. If you can please help with either request please let the church office know. Thank you.

Stewardship Sunday

November 10 is scheduled as Stewardship Sunday. This will be your opportunity to prayerfully offer your time and talents, along with your financial commitment, to your church for 2020. The Time & Talent form and the Financial Commitment form are in your mailboxes. Additional forms can be found on the table outside of the office door.

Financial Commitment Form

When filling out the 2020 Financial Commitment form, please fill out completely and place in a sealed envelope. If you submitted a Financial Commitment Form last year, it will be placed in your mailboxes for your review and reference as you develop your personal plan for giving in 2020.

Time & Talent Form

As you review the Time & Talent form, please consider areas of the church's operation that you may be interested in and fill out the form accordingly.

Both forms can be submitted on Stewardship Sunday.

Following both Services on Sunday, November 10, the **Board of Stewardship & Evangelism** will be hosting a reception in the Fellowship Hall following each Sunday service and provide a dessert bar, refreshments and fellowship. You are all welcome to attend.

Pasty Bake Alert!

The 2019 Pasty bake will soon be here! This year it take place a bit later than usual due to the past years being to warm to keep the pastys cool. It will takes place the week of November 10 – 13. Sunday after service we will be setting up, a fingerfood lunch will be provided. We will then be peeling vegies for a few hours. Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday we will be baking, with clean up on Wednesday also. Any time that you can help out is greatly appreciated. Volunteers are greatly needed in all areas so please come help whenever you can. Every little bit helps.

Order blanks are out. The deadline for orders is November 3

Attention All Cooks! Food for Pasty Bake Needed!

Pasty bake is almost upon us! As always there is a need to provide food for these hard workers. If you are will to supply food, please see the sign-up sheet on the office door. All kinds of foods are needed for these hungry workers as breakfast, lunch, dinner and snacks are supplied each day – So please sign-up!



**Daylight Savings Time
Ends – November 3**

November Voter's Meeting – November 17 @ 11:45 a.m.

Church Council Minutes

October 10, 2019

Members Present: Pastor Schield, Len Campbell, John Robinson, Jim Lemmerman, Frank Bowman, Mike Kramer, Wayne Ploetz and Sharyn Vengrin

Call to order: Jim Lemmerman

Opening Prayer: Pastor Schield

Call for additional agenda items: None

Approval of Minutes: John made the motion to accept the September 12, 2019 minutes and Wayne Seconded. All in favor. Motion Carried

Pastor's Report: Verbal: Pastor Schield: Discussing other religions in Confirmation Class. Is meeting with new families. **Pastor Schoessow** visits shut-ins,

Treasurer's Report: Checking Account Balance: \$40,963.25. Len made the motion to accept Checking account Balance as written. Mike seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Board of Deacons: We had a high attendance for Oktoberfest. Everything went well. We have to make sure the oven is off and the doors are locked before we leave. We will be having a Clergy Appreciation Day. We are planning our Christmas Baskets for our shut-ins.

Board of Trustees: On 9-28-19 Don Hauser and myself started up the heating system for this coming winter season. John showed Don the procedure in detail. John will make a written document regarding how to operate the heating system.

Placed the order for the heat-tape that was approved at the 9/15/2019 Voters Assembly with Jim Perrault construction.

John met with Mitch Mesojedec of North-star insulating Co. regarding insulate the ceiling in the Church Office. He had to turn the job down because they have a lot of contracts and doesn't have the time. He referred me back to Jim Perrault.

John will be meeting with Mr. Perrault tomorrow afternoon at 3PM to go over the job.

Jamey Johnson will snow plow the driveway and the parking lot this winter for the same price as last year.

Board of Stewardship & Evangelism:

Ashley will promote several items on the Facebook page that are in the current: News and Notes, including the Oktoberfest potluck scheduled for Sunday, October 6 following the second service.

We continue to plan for Dave Priebe presentation scheduled for October 27 and Stewardship Sunday scheduled for November 10.

CASDA donations will begin October 6 and continue throughout all Sundays in October. All donations received will be scheduled for CASDA pick-up the first week of November.

We began receiving clothing donations for the Damiano Center on September 30. The main donation request is for men's clothing. Donations will be ongoing until further notice. Small bins are located in the Narthex under the coat racks by the fellowship hall.

Christian Halloween Trunk and Treat bags were packaged following the end of this meeting. We discussed the financial support of the three missionaries we are currently supporting, including Reverend Jastram in Japan, Reverend Preus in the Dominican Republic, and layperson John Wolf in Kenya. Christ Lutheran will satisfy the five-year commitment to these three missionaries by the end of 2019. However, we have contacted the LCMS and found all three missionaries will still be active in the mission field beyond this year. The Board agrees to pursue a three-year extension for each of these missionaries. Related to the missionaries, we discussed supporting layperson missionaries Kipp and Tami Beaudoin in the Ukraine. The Board agreed to pursue funding to pursue a five-year financial commitment for these missionaries. The Board applied to the Mission Endowment for \$500 for hurricane relief. The application was approved and check will be sent to the LCMS Disaster Response and relief Fund.

New Business:

We discussed financial support of the Orphan Grain Train to help defray transportation costs to ship food and many personal items to the neediest. We agreed to promote a door offering in January to help out.

Next Meeting: 5:00p.m. Tuesday, November 5, 2019.

Board of Education: Pastor is speaking to Sunday School Committee regarding organizing the board.

Memorial Committee: Same

Endowment Committee: No new entrees

Memoriam Garden: Same

Old Business:

Report from committee on document storage: on Hold

Update-insulation and ceiling repair, installing roof fix for ice build-up, update-John. See above.

Swing set update: Same

New Business: 2020 Budget review. Saved until next meeting.

November Voter's Assembly (Date)-Budget approval: November 17, 2019

Next council Meeting, November 14, 2019 @ 5:00 P.M. Adjournment-Lord's Prayer

Stewardship

St. Paul wrote to the Church of Christ in Corinth: "Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver" (2 Cor 9:7). *God loves a cheerful giver.* But who is a cheerful giver?

Abel was. By faith, Abel gave the firstborn of his flock, and it was acceptable in God's sight. Abraham was. By faith, Abraham prepared cakes and a tender choice calf for God and entertained angels unaware. So also were David and Solomon. By faith, David would not make a sacrifice to God that cost him nothing, so he paid Araunah his due. By faith, Solomon built a house for God, where his name would dwell and thereby where He would dwell to be Israel's God and they His people.

What more shall I say? For time would fail me to tell of all those who gave not simply for the joy of giving but for the joy of knowing the One to whom they gave.

So also our Lord, who for the joy set before Him, gave everything, yes, even His life, enduring the cross and scorning its shame. He gave to the shedding of His blood, willingly and resolutely setting His face toward Jerusalem to die for the life of the world. Though He was rich in every way, He became poor, so that by His poverty we might be rich beyond measure.

So then, let us – like Abel and Abraham, like David and Solomon, and even like our Lord Jesus Christ – give cheerfully to God for the work of His kingdom in our midst. Like them, let us decide in our heart – for the joy set before us – the joy of knowing the One to whom we give is the One who gives us all good things.

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!

Come to the Youth Bible Study during the Christian education hour from 9 to 10 each Sunday, it promises to be good and there may even be food!

LWML News

Our LWML Society has been working on restarting the Prayer Shawl Ministry here at Christ Lutheran. A few talented members have been knitting or crocheting shawls to be given out to members who are ill, recovering from surgery, or shut-ins. Fleece blankets are also being made for the men in need. If anyone would like to donate yarn or fleece please contact Bard Johnson. We also take completed shawls if you enjoy knitting or crocheting. If you know anyone one who should be receiving a shawl please contact Barb Johnson or Jean Becken.

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, November 19 at 1 p.m. as we "start-up" our own LWML society. Our Lutheran Women's Missionary League will meet on the third Tuesday every month, beginning 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, November 19.

Christ's Men

Men, Let's Do Lunch

Christ's Men will meet on Tuesday, November 5 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.

Thank you to the Gardeners & Mowers

A big thank you to everyone who helped keep our grounds and gardens in great shape. Thank you to all of the guys who did the mowing and weed whacking. It takes a lot of work to maintain the church grounds, so thank you.

Poinsettia Time

It is time to order poinsettias to beautify the altar during Christmas. The price is \$11. You will find order forms in various locations in the narthex & in the church office starting November 3. Please fill out an order form and turn it in WITH the money to the office. The deadline for ordering is Sunday, December 1.

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!

Did You Move? Or Someone You Know Move?

Summer is a time when many people move. If you or someone in your family has moved recently, please let the church office know your new address. If you have moved to another city, remember to transfer your church membership to one of our sister LCMS congregations by simply requesting a transfer from the pastor of the church you wish to be transferred to. There are many reasons to transfer your membership when you move, but the most important is that you will have a place close to home where you can regularly hear the Word of God and receive the Body and Blood of the Lord in His Supper. So if you've moved recently, and distance keeps you from weekly worship at Christ Lutheran, now is the time to answer God's call be remaining faithful to our faithful Lord!

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



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- 3 Tyler Derick
- 4 Carol Evens
Matthew Plesko
- 5 Jill Hoivik
McKenzie Taly
- 6 Marietta Lemmerman
- 7 Rachel Isackson
- 8 Ryan Kari
- 11 Donald Nindorf
- 12 Darrel Swanfeld
- 13 Joseph Austin
Richard Lull
- 15 James Kirchoff
- 18 Logan Ford
- 20 David Byrka
Kenneth Strongitharm
- 21 Evelyn Ploetz
- 22 Bonnie McMillan
- 24 Diane Balko
- 25 Brandi Fudally
- 26 David Olson
Lucy Root
Phoebe Ormsby
- 29 Len Campbell
Nelda Jardine

30th Annual Free Thanksgiving Buffet

Thanksgiving Day
Thursday, November 28, 2019
11 a.m. – 3 p.m.

At the DECC
(Duluth Entertainment Convention Center)

Homebound Persons

Call 218-723-6484 by Friday, November 22, 2019 to request meal delivery

Buffet organized by The College of St. Scholastica and the Twin Ports Community

www.css.edu/thanksgiving

Online Information

LC-MS Website
lcms.org

Minnesota North District Website
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