



# The Beacon

November  
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.



## Election Day

As members of the “Kingdom of God’s Left Hand” (civil government), Christians living in a democracy promote the common good by exercising the right to vote and by serving in political office. Christians may disagree over various candidates and issues (how to help the poor, protect the environment, provide health care, education, etc.), but there are currently three matters that are intrinsically evil and cannot in good conscience be supported by Christian candidates or voters. Intrinsically evil actions are in fundamental conflict with God’s Word and cannot be carried out under any circumstances because they bring harm to individuals and to society.

### 1. Abortion

Science and Scripture are clear that the unborn are human persons. Abortion breaks the Fifth Commandment, “You shall not murder.” Even when a child is conceived through rape or incest, the fault is not the child’s, who should not suffer death for other’s sins.

### 2. Marriage and Sexuality

Humans were created to be one of two complementary kinds: male and female. The ordered design in nature (natural law) makes it impossible for two persons of the same sex to marry in the same sense that a man and a woman are united in marriage. Denying these facts of nature harms both individuals and our society by encouraging an objectively unnatural arrangement. It is not proper for government to pressure school districts into accepting and enforcing a view of human sexuality and marriage that denies God’s good design.

### 3. Euthanasia/Assisted Suicide

Making it legal for medical providers to give medications that intentionally cause the death of their patient, out of a misplaced sense of compassion violates the Fifth Commandment. No person has the right to take their own life or the life of another innocent person.

### How Do I Vote?

The Minnesota North and South Districts of the LCMS Public Policy Advisor Committee has published a “Lutheran Voter Information Guide” that addresses the above and other issues. It is available in the church narthex and I encourage you to consult it. Do not vote based on party affiliation or on a candidate’s appearance or ‘media-savvy.’ Do not vote on a “What’s in it for me?” basis. Base your decision on which candidates will most likely promote the common good, even if it will not directly benefit you.

While local candidates have less opportunity to address the above issues, they do form the pool of future state and national candidates. Therefore investigate and rank how each candidate’s positions align with the key moral issues of our day and give preference to candidates who promote the greatest good and will foster the least evil.

Pastor David Schoessow,



### **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 21 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 22:**

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

### **Advent begins December 2**

Happy New Year! Well, not quite yet, but it will be soon. The new church year begins Sunday, December 2, 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 5 – 12:15 & 6:30 p.m.**

**December 12 – 12:15 & 6:30 p.m.**

**December 19 – 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, November 29 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 11 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 2019. 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 2019 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 2019.

### **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 11, 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 2018 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 11 – 14. 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 4

### **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 4**

## Church Council Minutes

October 11, 2018

**Members Present:** Pastor Schield, Jim Lemmerman, John Robinson, Mike Kramer and Wayne Ploetz.

**Members Absent:** Pastor Schoessow, Len Campbell, Roni Hauser, and Sharyn Vengrin.

**Call To Order:** Jim Lemmerman

**Call For Additional Agenda Items:** None

**Opening Prayer:** Pastor Schield opened meeting by reading Psalm 121 and with prayer.

**Minutes From 13 Sep Council Meeting:** Date of October Fest Corrected From 27 Oct 2018 to 28 Oct 2018. Motion made and seconded to accept corrected minutes. Motion passed.

**Pastors Report:** Pastor Schield discussed request by a parent to change confirmation from Wednesday afternoon to Sunday between services. He gave several reasons indicating why this change would not be appropriate at this time. Some reasons were; not enough time between services, his co-teaching a Sunday school class, other pastoral duties between services, and the inability of students to participate in youth group on Sundays. After some discussion the board agreed to back Pastor's decision that confirmation class should remain on Wednesdays.

Pastor Shield will be out of town for the next board meeting (8 Nov) and including the weekend of Sunday 11 Nov.

**Treasures Report:** Wayne discussed transfer of money for roof repair and status of building fund. He also mentioned that offerings were below budget as was spending. Motion was made and seconded to accept treasures report as printed. Motion passed.

**Board of Deacons:** The board is in discussion with Pastor Schoessow and Liz Hannula about donating unused Bibles and songbooks to appropriate groups. They will seek board approval after more discussion.

The new pew Bibles have arrived. Mike Kramer volunteered to get memorial labels installed so they could be used in the 28 Oct services.

Mike also inquired where the money was coming from for the October fest. After some discussion it was decided to use Stewardship and if required, Miscellaneous funds.

**Board of Trustees:** Timers for outside lights were reset. A down payment check was issued to the roofing contractor but no firm date has been received for roof repair. It was noted that the weather was not co-operating and that could explain some of the delay. The heat has been turned on. John Robinson will be contacting a plumber to check out the back flow preventer (required by law) and install new water heater to replace the leaking one.

John also took two other trustees thru the procedures for turning the heating systems on and off.

**Board of Stewardship & Evangelism:** Len Campbell met with Pastor Schoessow to discuss board members visiting shut-ins. Pastor passed on a list of shut-ins for volunteers to call on. Volunteers will begin scheduling visits.

Pastor Shield discussed Project 24, which involves sponsoring a child in Kenya. More research will be done before bringing before the congregation.

Support of Main Street Living Northland aka MSLN was discussed. The board is requesting the council and congregation to commitment \$1000.00 for three years, with the money to be redirected from 2019 mission budget.

**Board of Education:** Pastor Schield and Jonah Kroepelin continue to join Esko youth group for fellowship and activities. Pastor suggested combining our youth group attendees with the Esko group for the national youth gathering in the cities this summer. Some kind of fundraiser will be forth coming. Registration and attendance is for the whole convention.

We will have to commit to a date for summer camp soon. Eighteen to nineteen young people were in attendance this past summer. More adult volunteers will be needed to assist with projects and supervision of participants.

A Christmas program will be chosen soon.

Other activities like caroling, tubing, sledding and game night are being discussed.

Trunk or Treat will be held 31 Oct from 5:30 to 7:00 PM.

**Memorial Committee:** No Report

**Endowment Committee:** No Report

**Memorial Garden:** No Report

**Old Business:** Briefly discussed roof repair and are waiting on additional parking lot quote(s).

**New Business:** Discussed necessity of looking into the possibility of more reasonable options for janitorial services.

**Fellowship Hall Request(s):** Motion made and carried to permit hall usage by Lou Ann Ross (daughter-in-law of Mary Ann Ross) for a baby shower on 9 Feb 2019.

Next Meeting 8 Nov 2018 at 5.00PM

Adjourned with Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted by *Wayne Ploetz*, acting secretary

## **Voter's Assembly**

**September 30, 2018**

**Opening Devotion:** Pastor Schield

**Roll Call:** N/A

**Approval of agenda:** Mike made the motion that we accept the agenda as written Len seconded. All in favor. Motion Carried.

Reading and approval of minutes from May 20, 2018 meeting. Len made the motion that we approve the minute as written. Don seconded. All in favor. Motion Carried.

**Admission of new members:** No new members.

**Transfers and Releases:** No transfers or releases

**Treasure's Report:** Balance ending September 29, 2018 \$19,166.62. John made the motion we accept the Treasurer's report as presented. Peg seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

**Reports of Officers and Board-printed in Church**

**Newsletter:** Installation of officers will be next week.

**Old business-**none

**New Business:**

1. Motion to allow beer to be served at October Fest October 27, 2018. Would like a motion to cover this use each year supported by the Board of Deacons.  
Motion to allow beer and wine to be served at any approved church function subject to approval of Church Council. Mike made the motion we approve the above motion. Don seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.
2. Council has received bids for roofing the shingled portion of the church roof. Council has reviewed and recommends the bid from Perrault Construction for \$52,000 not to exceed \$65,000. We would like to include 50 year shingles. Len made the motion that we include 50 year shingles and approve  
The bid from Perrault Construction for \$52, 000 not to exceed \$65,000. The Money will be taken from Building Fund Savings and balance from Christ the King fund. Wayne seconded. All in Favor. Motion Carried.
3. Approve a Lay member as Circuit Delegate to 2019 LCMS Convention. Motion was made by Mike to Approve Jim Lemmerman as a Lay Member as Circuit Delegate to 2019 LCMS Convention. Wayne seconded. Motion Carried.

Adjournment:

Closing Prayer: Lord's Prayer

Next meeting November 18, 2018

## **Stewardship**

Sometimes people don't like it when pastors talk about stewardship. For some, it hits too close to home. It is easier to talk about bad people in Washington, in history, or overseas than it is to think about what our daily life in Christ is supposed to look like – how we are supposed to love our neighbor.

The fact that we don't like hearing about stewardship certainly means we ought to face it. Here are a few simple and practical realities.

God calls us to first-fruits, sacrificial giving. This means we should give off the top. We should set a percentage of our income as a deliberate gift for the work of the Church and give that first. We write the check to the Lord's work in the Church before we pay the mortgage or pay for our medicine or pay for anything else. We don't pay for all the stuff we need, and think we need, and then give from what is left over. That is the first-fruits idea. It is hard because we think we need all sorts of other things first. But that is the point of "sacrificial."

Next, how could the starting point for Christian generosity and sacrifice really be anything less than a tithe – 10 percent? The ceremonial law of the Old Testament was never arbitrary. In the Old Testament, the Levites received this tithe so they could be full-time ministers.

Does the New Testament have a ministry that is larger or smaller? It is far larger: "Make disciples of all nations" (Matt. 28:19).

And we are still to have a full-time ministry: "The Lord has commanded that those who preach the Gospel should make their living from the Gospel" (1 Cor. 9:14). So, if 10 percent was needed in the Old Testament, and we have a bigger mission need in the New Testament, how can we expect the Lord's work to be done on less than a tithe?

First-fruits, sacrificial, generous giving – that's the way. We shouldn't fool ourselves into thinking that we've out-given God's goodness or that we've given plenty.

We might be tempted to think so but consider – no one in the Church has given plenty because no one has given all. No one has died for his sins. Only the sinless Son of God did that.

Or, as St. Paul said, bringing the Good News of Jesus into the discussion of our giving to support the Lord's work in the Church:

"I say this not as a command, but to prove by the earnestness of others that your love also is genuine. For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich" (2 Cor. 8:8-9).

As you can see, what the Bible commands about our stewardship can sting. It's law, and the law shows our sins. It calls us to repentance.

The law is meant to expose and accuse for the sake of showing us Christ and His fulfillment of the law. If first-fruits, sacrificial giving has you squirming, that's the point.

In Mark's account of the feeding of the 5,000, Jesus took the disciples' five loaves and two fish and blessed them. It was nothing among so many, but, of course, it was plenty. Jesus makes something from nothing.

Mark doesn't say that all the disciples gave Jesus all the bread they had. It is quite possible some of them held something back. But even if they did, that didn't stop Jesus from blessing them. Jesus makes something out of nothing.

He, who fed His people in the desert with Manna every morning, doesn't need their bread. But they need to give it. And what they give, however little it might be, however grudgingly they do so, He blesses it.

He not only blesses those whom He feeds with it, but He blesses them, the givers – not just in that they wind up with (a basket full for each loaf) but that they learned to trust and rejoice in Him.

The Lord gives, and the Lord takes away. The Lord gives abundantly or asks us to fast. We do not know what will happen. Blessed be the Name of the Lord. He does all things well and works all things together for good. The disciples don't give their bread to Jesus because it is a good investment. They give it because He is good, they love Him, and they trust Him. Let us go and do likewise.

## LWML Fall Rally

Saturday, November 3, 2018  
Hope Lutheran Church - Munger  
4093 Munger Shaw Road  
Registration 10 – 10:30 a.m., \$5

Topic: "Vocation: Everyone is a Missionary"  
Guest Speaker Anna Schield is a teacher at Trinity Lutheran in Minneapolis. She spent a month in Kenya, Africa last summer, teaching the Kenyan children and sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Ingathering: Scholl supplies for Trinity Lutheran. Especially kleenex, watercolor opaints, construction paper, and **unlined** 3 x 5 index cards (Please note that **CLC is not collecting these items**, they are to be brought to the LWML Fall Rally.)

## 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!

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!

## 2019 National Youth Gathering

The LCMS National Youth Gathering is coming to Minneapolis summer of 2019. This is a great opportunity for the youth in our congregation entering 9<sup>th</sup> grade (2019/2020 school year) and older. If you are interested in attending please contact the church office or Helena or Dominic Frost.

## Operation Christmas Child

We are once again participating in "Operation Christmas Child" shoebox program. If you are not familiar with Operation Christmas Child, it is run by Samaritan's Purse International and it is where you fill a shoebox with a



special gift, along with other toys, school supplies and toiletries for a child. Those boxes are then delivered around the world to needy children.

If you wish to create a shoebox you just need to pick shoebox from church (they are located in the Narthex on a table), pick an age group and whether it is for a boy or a girl, pick up your items, pack in shoebox, enclose a **\$9 check for each box packed made to Christ Lutheran Sunday School** and bring them to church by Sunday, November 11.

## Christ's Men

### Men, Let's Do Lunch

Christ's Men will meet on Tuesday, November 6 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.

## 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 still \$10. You will find order forms in various locations in the narthex & in the church office. Please fill out an order form and turn it in WITH the money to the office. The deadline for ordering is Sunday, December 2.

## 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 *Solus*, 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)

## 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](mailto:infocenter@lcms.org) or call toll free 1.888.843.5267



# BIRTHDAYS THIS MONTH

2	Joyce Olafson
	Lochlan Ormsby
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
14	Mae Anderson
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
28	Ken Brown
29	Len Campbell
	Nelda Jardine

### Online Information

**LC-MS Website**  
[lcms.org](http://lcms.org)

**Minnesota North District Website**  
[mnn.lcms.org](http://mnn.lcms.org)

**Lutheran Witness Online**  
[www.lcms.org](http://www.lcms.org)  
Click on 'Lutheran Witness' in left column

**LC-MS Synod Radio Stations**  
[www.kfuo.org](http://www.kfuo.org)—or—[classic99.com](http://classic99.com)  
[www.issuesetc.org](http://www.issuesetc.org)

**Information on Pregnancy, Parenting  
& Adoption**  
[getrealwithyourself.com](http://getrealwithyourself.com)

29<sup>th</sup> Annual  
**Free Thanksgiving  
Buffet**

Thanksgiving Day  
Thursday, November 22, 2018  
11 a.m. – 3 p.m.

At the DECC  
(Duluth Entertainment Convention Center)

**Homebound Persons**

Call 218-722-6484 by Friday, November 16, 2018 to  
request meal delivery

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

[www.css.edu/thanksgiving](http://www.css.edu/thanksgiving)