



The Beacon

November
2020

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.



The Word of our God will Stand Forever!

A voice cries out. "All flesh is grass, and all its beauty is like the flower of the field. The grass withers, the flower fades when the breath of the Lord blows on it; surely the people are grass. The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever." (Isaiah 40:6-8)

Only God's Word stands forever. Just a few days ago the trees were in their glory. Now they are stripped bare. The grass is withered, the flowers gone. We see the same thing going on in our bodies. Things that once seemed so strong and sturdy now appear so fragile. The grass withers, the flowers fade, and we wither and fade along with them. *"But the Word of our God will stand forever."* And in the power of that Word you will stand forever. Not by your doing but by God's doing, *"for the mouth of the Lord has spoken."*

But the prophet is not done: *"Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good news; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good news; lift it up, fear not; say to the cities of Judah, "Behold your God!" (Isaiah 40:9)*

Our mouths too are called to speak. That prophetic voice is speaking as much through the church today as it once did to Israel of the Old Testament. The Church is God's *Israel* of the end times. His *chosen people*, His *royal priesthood*, His *holy nation*, His *city set on a hill*. We are to be a beacon reflecting the light of Christ into the ever-darkening world. We have good news in a world filled with bad news: The Lord God comes with power and might to save. He came by virgin mother, crib and cross. He comes by Word and Water and Supper. He is coming in glory to raise the dead, to bring life and a new creation. He is making all things new.

There is nothing sure and lasting and certain in this world. Not the trees, not the mountains, not the grass or the flowers or us. Only this: *The Word of our God stands forever*. You can be sure of that. And by that Word you are forgiven, you are justified, you are sanctified, you are glorified — all in Jesus, all for Jesus's sake.

It is that Word, God's sure Word, that I have sought to speak to you these past two decades. Where I may have failed you or God, I ask for your forgiveness, even as I thank you for the honor and privilege that has been mine to walk with you as your pastor. I love each of you, and this congregation.

And I know with all certainty that, in Christ, we will be with each other again; maybe not in this world, but in the splendors of paradise where we will see with our own eyes His Word and promise fulfilled.

Pastor 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 25 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 26:

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

Advent begins November 29

Happy New Year! Well, not quite yet, but it will be soon. The new church year begins Sunday, November 29, 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 2 – 12:15 & 6:30 p.m.

December 9 – 12:15 & 6:30 p.m.

December 16 – 12:15 & 6:30 p.m.

Stewardship Sunday

November 15 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 2021. 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 2021 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 2021.

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.

November Voter's Meeting – November 15@ 10:15 a.m.

Quilters

During COVID 19 the quilters have been busy making quilts for local donation. Ruth House, CASDA, Harbor House, Homeless Vets – Bong, Essentia Hospice received a total of 41 quilts this past week.

Check the Doors

Reminder that the last person out of the building please turn out the lights and make sure the doors are locked. If you are not sure you are the only one here please check around.

Payroll Protection Loan

Back in April we applied for and received a loan to help cover our payroll expenses for a time period. The loan came with the possibility of being forgiven in whole or part. We received a letter notifying us that 100% of our loan was forgiven, we do not have to repay it.

Church Council Minutes

October 8, 2020

Members Present: John Robinson, Len Campbell, Wayne Ploetz, Jim Lemmerman Phone, Roni Hauser and Sharyn Vengrin

Call to order: Len Campbell

Opening Prayer: Len Campbell

Call for additional agenda items: Salvaged Bricks

Approval of Minutes: John made the motion to accept the September 10, 2020 minutes and Wayne Seconded. All in favor. Motion Carried

Pastor's Report: None

Treasurer's Report: Checking Account Balance: \$28,413.08 John made the motion to accept Checking Account Balance as written. Sharyn seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Board of Trustees: Don and John started the boilers. Landscaping has been seeded. This finishes this part of the landscaping.

Board of Deacons: Reports: Altar Guild: No Report
Pastor's Report:

Pastor Schield stated that the Celebration of Confirmation will be Sunday.

October 25th. Pastor Schield will contact parents with info. Len Campbell stated the Stewardship Committee will cover cost and organize refreshments, etc. Will try to plan gathering outdoors-weather permitting.

Pastor Schoessow submitted his Letter of Retirement to Chairman of Deacons (Mike Kramer) effective December 6, 2020. A letter will also be sent to all members, notifying them of his retirement.

Seeing as many shut-ins as allowed-visiting restrictions still in place at some facilities. Has seen some members outside, when able.

Will have a "Liturgical Assistant" training for review of procedures for administering Communion after the Voter's Meeting on Sunday, September 20th with a possible repeat on Sunday, September 27th.

Mainstreet Living is now independent and is called "My Savior Lives" Northland. They are looking for a lay volunteer from our Church to attend Board meeting. If interested, talk to Pastor Schoessow or Pastor Schield. Brought up problem of staining of carpet around altar-needs cleaning. Reminded again that this area should be a solid surface. Mike Kramer will bring this up to the Council-to be referred to Board of Trustees. Mike Miller noted that Gary Builder's Supply had given an estimate of replacement a couple of years ago.

Requests from Council: Budget Committee Meeting will be held week of October 10-17 with Chairmen from each Committee attending. A budget of \$500 was suggested for the Board of Deacons.

New Business: Pastor Schoessow's retirement announcement to congregation and Letter of Retirement...Previously addressed above.

Do the Deacons need a budget? Discussed and suggested \$500.00. Mike Kramer will notify Wayne Ploetz before the Budget meeting.

Pastor Appreciation Sunday-October 11th. Will also be the Sunday we will be having a "Pre-Call" meeting with our District President, Pastor Fondow and possibly Pastor Franck. Discussed having cupcakes instead of a cake. Mike Kramer will talk to Millie about ordering the cupcakes. A notice will be sent to all members.

CLC website change-discussed changing the times of Sunday worship to only 9AM (along with Wednesday evening service) until further notice. Has been confusing to some out of town guests who have tried to attend. Jim Lemmerman has talked to Roni about changing it. Oktoberfest celebration and Advent soup/sandwich suppers will be cancelled this year. Also, there will be no noon Advent service.

Christmas Eve services discussed-do we need 2 services? Suggested we contact Elizabeth for her input-Mike Kramer will talk to her-will revisit next meeting. Next Meeting: Monday, October 12, 2020, at 5PM.

Board of Stewardship & Evangelism:

Old Business: We will plan for a free will offering for Project 24-Christ's Care for Children after the first of the year Stewardship Sunday is scheduled for November 15. All paperwork and bulletin announcements will be prepared and placed in church mailboxes.

We will not be asking for food and supply donations for CASDA this year. However, in conjunction with Domestic Violence Awareness Month, we will be asking

for monetary donations, rather than risk physically handling supplies during the Covid-19 virus. This will allow their staff to purchase what they need. A door offering is planned for Sunday, October 18, 2020.

In honor of the new confirmands, individually wrapped cupcakes will be provided on at the church service on October 25.

There will not be soup and sandwich this Advent season due to the pandemic.

We applied to the Mission Endowment Committee for \$500 for hurricane relief, and reminded the committee of Our Savior Lives Northland, previously Main Street Living Northland, of the three-year sponsorship of 41,000 per year in support of this program. The 2nd payment is due by the end of 2020.

We viewed a Lutheran Hour Ministries workshop video called "Spiritual Conversations". This video centered around how we as Christians can prepare to talk to other Christians and non-believers about God and our beliefs.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, November 3, 2020 5:00pm

Board of Education:

Possibly starting Sunday School November 8, 2020

Memorial Committee:

Met 9/21/20 Lorraine Kramer, Lois Teich and Marilyn Pingel

Covered Memorial Committee responsibilities in the Constitution

Brief of Backgrounds

Contact Information

Updated signatory for the checkbook. Lorraine and Len Meet every 3 months or as needed

Next meeting 12/13/20 following church

Endowment Committee: Monthly Report was presented.

Memorial Garden: Looking very nice.

Old Business: NBC Signatory Update: We are all set. Two signatures are no longer needed for the checking account.

Swing set Fundraiser: Just a little over \$500 left to raise.

Budget Meeting: October 17, 2020 at 9:00am

New Business: Bids on New Copier Lease: 3 bids were presented. John made the motion that we accept the bid from Tri State Business it was seconded by Sharyn All in favor. Motion carried.

Sealcoat and Stripe Parking Lot in 2021: We will put this in the budget for next year.

Plan to cut brush after Freeze-up: John will check on this!

Requests to use Fellowship Hall: None

Other: Salvaged bricks from Christ the King. Roni will check on this.

Next Council Meeting: 5:30 p.m., Thursday, November 12, 2020

Stewardship

Our Father in heaven has claimed us as His own. By the shedding of His Son's blood, His death for our sins, and His resurrection for our justification, God the Father has received us back into His family. By water – combined with His Word, promise, and Name – the Holy Spirit has taken up residence in us. We belong to Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. He is in us, and we are in Him. And, being in Him, all things are ours. In Him, we are richly and abundantly blessed.

Our true treasure is that we belong to the most Holy Trinity, and everything that is His – righteousness, peace, eternal life – also belongs also to us. Even our temporal treasures are gifts from His fatherly divine goodness and mercy.

We receive our treasures from Him, and thus, as good stewards of His varied grace, we manage them in such a way that they may be returned to Him. We bring them to Him, hallowed through prayers of thanksgiving and God's holy Word, as a sacrifice.

Thus, all our possessions, as gifts from God, are also sacrifices to Him. We eat to nourish our bodies. We share with our family, neighbors, fellow Christians, the poor, and even our enemies as holy things given by the holy God. His temporal gifts are blessings to and for us, and they bring blessings upon us even as they are pressed into His service for His kingdom.

Thus, we place all that we have into God's hands, and He never fails to remember us. He pours out the fullness of His promises upon us. We give thanks for all that He has done, is doing, and will continue to do. We give thanks by not taking for ourselves, but, giving to all even as our heavenly Father has given to us.

As we prepare for the celebrations of Thanksgiving, may we all give thanks continually for all that we are and all that we have because of God's providential care. And may we be all the more diligent in bringing everything that we have received from God to Him, so that He may bless it and employ it for the good of all – even for us. For to the one who has, more will be given, and he will have an abundance.

Sunday School

The Board of Education will meet on November 9 to discuss in person Sunday School. In the meantime the curriculum will be sent out and posted on Facebook and emailed. If you are not receiving it via email and would like to please send a note with your email address to clcoffice320@gmail.com.

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 8. Please fill out an order form and turn it in WITH the money to the office. The deadline for ordering is November 29.

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!

My Savior Lives Northland

LCMS Service of Worship – Every Sunday at 9:30 a.m. on KBJR Channel 6, Duluth

"My Savior Lives 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.). [MSL 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. Please check your local listings as sometime the program is moved to a different channel due to programming conflicts on NBC.

Please send contributions c/o:

Mt. Olive Lutheran Church
2012 East Superior St
Duluth, MN 55812

Checks should be made to: MSL Northland

November 1, 2020

Rev. John Bonk
Shepherd of the Lake Lutheran Church, Two Harbors

November 8, 2020

Rev. David Schoessow
Christ Lutheran Church; Superior, WI

November 15, 2020

Rev. Arleigh vonSeggern
St. Paul Lutheran Church; Marengo, WI
Trinity Lutheran Chapel; Cable, WI

November 22, 2020

Rev. Robert Franck
Mt. Olive Lutheran Church; Duluth, MN

November 29, 2020

Rev. Dr. Don Fondow
President of the LCMS North District

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 by 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 John Keske
7	Rachel Isackson
8	Ryan Kari
12	Darrel Swanfeld
13	Joseph Austin Richard Lull
15	James Kirchoff
18	Brian Swanson Stephen Wittke 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	Leonard Campbell Nelda Jardine

Online Information

LC-MS Website
lcms.org

Minnesota North District Website
mnn.lcms.org

Lutheran Witness Online
www.lcms.org
Click on 'Lutheran Witness' in left column

LC-MS Synod Radio Stations
www.kfuo.org—or—classic99.com
www.issuesetc.org

**Information on Pregnancy, Parenting
& Adoption**
getrealwithyourself.com

Thanksgiving Day Buffet

2020 Twin Ports Regional Event

Sadly, we cannot provide the community Thanksgiving buffet as we have in the past, due to COVID-19. In an effort to keep our community safe during this difficult time, we've had to reimagine the traditional Thanksgiving meal provided to so many of our community members. Although we're saddened that we won't be coming together at the DECC this year, we remain hopeful that we will return to the traditional event as soon as safely possible.

We know that the need for access to food is increasing for many in our region who may be facing a loss of income due to the pandemic. Therefore, we are focusing on helping those who are most in need. We will continue our home delivered meals for the home-bound as well as creating traditional Thanksgiving dinner family meal kits for those who are served through the efforts of the Second Harvest Northern Lakes Food Bank.

We are able to serve those who live in the following areas:

**Duluth, MN, Superior, WI, Proctor, MN
Hermantown, MN, Esko, MN, Cloquet, MN
Two Harbors, MN**

You may sign up for either a meal kit or a home-bound meal delivery but not both. Duplications will be removed. If you have any questions, contact thanksgiving@css.edu.

Reservations

Reserve a delivered meal by one of the following methods (not both):

- Online reservation form
- Over the phone by calling (218) 723-6484 and listening to the directions prior to leaving your information.

The deadline for ordering a family meal kit is Friday, Nov. 13, 2020 at noon.

Puzzle!

Write the words below in alphabetical order inside the squares. Then read down the second column to discover the sentence that begins and ends Psalms 146, 147, 148, 149 and 150.

FEAST
KHAKI
MOUTH
ESSAY
LLAMA
ORBIT
CARRY
UDDER
BRUSH
ITEMS
APPLE
LEARN
CIDER

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Answer:

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Answer: Praise the LORD!