



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.



From the Desk of Pastor Schield

“It’s guaranteed,” a salesperson assured a wary customer. “We will win the game; I guarantee it,” boasted a basketball player.” “It’s backed by a five-year 50,000 mile guarantee,” states an automobile ad. When you’re hired, company guarantees that you’ll be able work there long enough to retire from them.

Guarantees give some peace of mind, but we know they aren’t foolproof. Mechanical things, appliances, and electronic gadgets eventually break down. Sports teams lose games they were “guaranteed” to win. Vehicles don’t last forever. Companies-like the one I work for right now-are laying off workers-that may include me. While he worked for years to hopefully guarantee himself a place in heaven, Martin Luther was sure that God was extremely angry with him and that the only thing he could be sure of was going to hell.

We’ve come to know that there are no absolute guarantees in life. Nothing is certain—with one notable and undeniable exception. Here is what God inspired the Apostle Paul to write:

“Now we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, an eternal house in heaven not made by human hands, Meanwhile we groan, longing to be clothed with our heavenly dwelling, because when we are clothed we will not be found naked. For while we are in this tent, we groan and are burdened, because we do not want to be unclothed but to be clothed with our heavenly dwelling, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life. Now it is God who has made us for this very purpose and has given us the Spirit as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come.”

So what does this passage from 2nd Corinthians tell us? It tells us that God makes guarantees, and that only by His grace can those guarantees become ours completely and absolutely, with no exceptions. But, you might ask, I can’t see God. I can only see what’s right here in front of me.

You may have heard the New Age expression “Create your own reality.” That’s really a futile philosophy for us human beings. It is God who creates reality—the real world, a new life, and our home in heaven. In this world of doubt in anything that can’t be seen we ask, “How can I be sure that what God guarantees will come to pass?”

The Bible tells us that we can be sure that God cares for us. He wants us to believe what He guarantees. And God, who has promised us a new home in heaven, has done it all. Jesus lived the perfect life that we could not live. He endured the death that we deserved to die. His Easter resurrection is the seal of certainty. Because our salvation is 100 percent in Jesus’ hands, it is guaranteed.

God gives us life. He brought us into this world and continues to care for us. He promises that all who believe have life through the forgiveness of sins found only in Jesus.

God will take us to heaven—He will give us life. We have His word. It’s guaranteed. ☺

Reformation Sunday

SOLA FIDE (Faith Alone) SOLA SCRIPTURA (Scripture Alone) SOLA GRATIA (Grace Alone)

Lutherans and other Christians throughout the world pause to acknowledge and reflect on the great blessings God has poured out on His people through the work of one unique servant, Martin Luther. Through his steadfast adherence to Scripture, his zeal and dedication, we today enjoy the freedom of hearing the Gospel taught and preached in church every Sunday, the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood as Jesus gave it, the blessings of private devotion, the majesty of great hymns, and the tools of catechism instruction.

We will have an opportunity to gather together with fellow Christians on **Sunday, October 28 & Wednesday October 31** when we will observe the Reformation of the Church!

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, October 16 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, October 16.

Oktoberfest

Join us Sunday, October 28 for Oktoberfest after the late service (about 11:45 a.m.). We will be having Brats and hot dogs and a variety of German foods. The brats, hot dogs and buns will be supplied, along with beer and a barrel of 1919 root beer. The rest is potluck, so dig out your favorite German recipe to share. There is a sign up on the office door, please list your name, number of people, and what you are bringing. We need a count for the brats & hot dogs. Please sign up by October 14.

Community Outreach Project

The Board of Stewardship & Evangelism is planning a community outreach project during the month of October. We will be asking for donations for the **Center Against Sexual and Domestic Abuse (CASDA)**. Items are listed for each Sunday of the month on a separate sheet. Items can be dropped off on Sundays during October in a box labeled CASDA located in the Narthex. Items will be delivered to CASDA the first part of November.

Additionally, CASDA will be making a presentation to our congregation at **9:15 am, Sunday, October 14** in the Fellowship Hall. CASDA mission is to provide supportive services to individuals hurt by domestic violence, sexual assault and child abuse while advocating for a community effort to end violence. The presentation will cover their Domestic Abuse & Shelter

Programs. No Bible Study will take place this day. Coffee and treats will be provided. We hope to see you there!

We appreciate your participation. Thank you and God Bless.

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 will be placed in your mailboxes in mid-October. Additional forms can be found on the table outside of the office door.

Financial Commitment Form

When filling out the 2018 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.

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

Church Council Minutes

September 13, 2018

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

Call to order: Jim Lemmerman

Call for additional agenda items: None

Opening Prayer: Pastor Schield

Minutes from Council Meeting: Len made the motion to accept the August 8, 2018, minutes, Wayne seconded. All in favor. Motion Carried.

Pastor's Report: No Report

Pastor Schield: Visited VBS, Team Teaching with Patricia. Shut in visits-Wedding October 13, 2018. Will get more info from Anna RE: Project 24.

Treasurers Report: Ending Balance: \$19,166.62. Len made the motion to accept the ending balance. Seconded by John. All in favor. Motion carried

BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Board of Deacons: October fest will be Oct. 27, 2018. Will be brought to Voters Meeting regarding Beer being served.

Trustees Report: Janitorial Services: I met with Gene Peterson of Heavenly Maid Janitorial Services on Tuesday 9/11/2018 to go over duties of custodial services. He gave a verbal quotation of \$800.00 per month. Our church secretary, Roni Hauser was in the conversation regarding duties and what paper work needs to be done and also witnessed the quotation. This would total \$9,600.00 per year. Our 2018 budget was \$8,320.00. They are insured for \$2,000,000.00. They will use their own equipment and supply the cleaning compounds. To strip and wax the vinyl floors would be extra.

2. The timers have been set.

3. The lawn has been mowed this summer by a group of volunteers and they did a great job, thanks.

Wayne made the motion that we hire Heavenly Maids Janitorial services to the end of the year at the price quoted. Len seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Board of Stewardship & Evangelism:

Old Business: We will be asking the congregation for donation of items needed for the Center Against sexual and Domestic Abuse. Inc. (CASDA) on all Sundays in October. We are also preparing for CASDA's presentation on October 14. No Bible Study will be held that day. Members of the Board will provide coffee and treats for the event.

Stewardship Sunday will be November 11.

Len will be meeting with Pastor Schoessow on September 6 to discuss visiting shut-ins and bring back information to the Board at next month's meeting.

We will discuss Project 24 and the LCMS Foundation opportunities at next month's Board meeting.

Five volunteers have been scheduled to work the soup kitchen at the Damiano Center on September 10.

Peg will order supplies for Christian Halloween bags.

The Board will prepare the bags at the October meeting in preparation for Halloween.

Next Meeting 5:00 p.m. Tuesday, October 2, 2018

Board of Education:

Sunday school Report from Marilyn

Sumer camp review: there were 18-19 kids there and a youth helper (Trevor). Kids seemed to enjoy, but some of the little boys were challenging, so more adult help is needed next year.

Marilyn will email the leader to see what different options may be available for next summer because we will need to commit to a date soon.

Rally Day musings: we need sauce for the meat next year (someone should remind me when I place the order)

Bake Sale? Maybe one of these days, as needed

Family activities: Tubing at Mont du Lac should be limited to older youth, we are in charge of Trunk or Treat (is it the 31st? time?), ask Susie if she wants to run the Christmas gift event at Villa Marina (otherwise, we'll just sing for the residents), kids informal sledding party if we get snow, January game night.

Christmas programs: Marilyn has narrowed it down to two and will choose one soon

Youth Group

Pastor Schield continues to bring Jonah Kroepelin to Esko for weekly youth group activities

Other: We need to commit SOON to your gathering.

Catechism Class starts September 19, 2018

Financial Report: None, but Joye will be writing a check for summer camp soon.

Memorial Committee: Have not met yet. Will be purchasing Pew Bibles.

Endowment Committee: No Change

Memorial Garden: Tom Vengrin replaced the latch on the gate with a new one.

Old Business:

Roofing Bids. Two bids were received. Don read all of the particulars to council members. John made the motion that we accept the Perrault Bid for \$52,000.00 not to exceed \$60,000.00. Wayne seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Don spoke with Eric at Monarch Paving. They went over the needs of the parking lot. We will be receiving the bid by the 30th of September 2018.

Janitor recommendations: Please see above.

New Business:

Requests to use Fellowship Hall: None

Circuit Delegate to LCMS 2019 Convention (Pastoral & Lay: Jim Lemmerman will be Lay Person; Pastoral pending.

Next Council Meeting: October 11 @ 5:00 pm

Adjournment: Lord's Prayer

Respectfully submitted by: Sharyn Vengrin

Stewardship

Why do we give? Is it simply because God commands us to? Or is there more to it? To be sure, the instruction and Word of God in the Bible says we should give, and this is sufficient to encourage us to give (Luke 6:38; Acts 20:35; 1 Cor. 16:2; 2 Cor. 8:7; Gal 6:6).

But there's more to it than just obligation. We're not just trying to fulfill a work of the Law. We are bearing fruits of the Spirit given to us by our Father in heaven through His Son our Lord Jesus Christ. In other words, we're not just doing what our Father said, we're also doing what He did.

Children emulate their parents. When they grow up they often carry many of the same mannerisms and characteristics as their parents, but there is more to it than that. Children copy their parents even on a more mundane level. They watch how their parents cross their legs, how they fold their hands, how they stand and sit and walk, how they do and say most everything. And children try to copy it, which can be quite humorous when parents wish they wouldn't. It can be uncomfortable and embarrassing if a child copies or repeats something less than polite that they learned from a parent. Sitcoms thrive on these situations. It only happens because children emulate their parents because they want to be like them.

We are the children of God, by grace, through faith. In Holy Baptism, God the Father declares of us what He declared of Jesus at His Baptism in the Jordan: "You are my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased." God the Father claims us as His own. He takes away all our sins, and in exchange He gives us His righteousness, His purity, His holiness, and His Spirit, by which we cry out, "Abba, Father."

We are born again, born from above, born of water and the Spirit, to a new life in Christ as His children. We are sons of God in Christ, through Baptism. And since we are sons, we are heirs – heirs who share in the glory of the Son of God. The inheritance is ours because of the Father's grace and mercy, His generosity in sending His Son in time to save us for all eternity.

And this is why we give generously of our income to the work of the church. We want to be like our heavenly Father. We want to emulate His generosity by being generous ourselves. We give to the work of the Church because we have witnessed the generous giving of our Father in heaven.

More than that, we are recipients of it. It is because we have received God our Father's gifts that we desire to give ourselves. And His gifts are not just spiritual. They are temporal and earthly as well. As the Small Catechism teaches in the Fourth Petition of the Lord's Prayer:

"Give us this day our daily bread." *What does this mean?* God certainly gives daily bread to everyone without our prayers, even to all evil people, but we pray in this petition that God would lead us to realize this and to receive our daily bread with thanksgiving. *What is meant by daily bread?* Daily bread includes everything that has to do with the support and needs of the body, such as food, drink, clothing, shoes, house, home, land, animals, money, goods, a devout husband or wife, devout children, devout workers, devout and faithful rulers, good government, good weather, peace, health, self-control, good reputation, good friends, faithful neighbors, and the like."

In other words, God gives us everything we need for the care of both body and soul. His generosity knows no

bounds. Therefore, we sit down at the beginning of the year, the beginning of the month, or the beginning of the week to set aside a generous portion of God's daily bread for His work in the Church.

We don't do this simply because He has commanded us so to do; it is because we, as His children by grace, want to emulate His generosity in our own lives. He is our Father; we are His children. And children want to be like their parents.

Why? A Layman's Guide to the Liturgy **Why Does the Pastor say the Collect by himself?**

After the Kyrie and Gloria are sung, the Collect is said. This is the prayer for the day, and is called a *collect* because it is the prayer of the collected faithful. It is prayed with one voice, by the pastor alone, to signify the unity of the faith. This is the prayer of the whole Church, collected into a unity. It is not only those *collected* in one particular church building that we pray here, but the whole Christian Church. Even the saints triumphant pray with us here, are collected with us here. The pastor, chanting alone, is praying in the stead of the whole Church, with a single voice. Then, all respond with *Amen*, to indicate our agreement in unity of the Christian faith.

Faith Stepping Stone: My First Bible — for Third Grade and Up

We will present brand new Faith Alive ESV Bible to our 3rd graders, on Reformation weekend (October 28). If you have a 3rd grader or older who has not received a Bible please contact the church office so we can include them.

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!

Trunk or Treat

The board of Education has decided to host a Trunk or Treat for Halloween. If you don't know what that is basically we have a bunch of church members or groups park their cars in the parking lot with their trunks open and hand out candy, trinkets etc. to the children who come by. The board of education will have candy and Christian themed trinkets. This year the time will be from 5:30 – 7 p.m. so spread the word. We can always use people to hand out candy from their 'trunk'. If you are interested please sign up on the sheet on the office door.

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 appricated. Volunteers are greatly needed in all areas so please come help whenever you can. Every little bit helps.

We also need people to furnish food for the workers. So if you can't help with production please consider supplying some food. Watch your bulletins for sign up sheets.

Order blanks should be out in the mail around mid-October. The deadline for orders is November 1.

Christ's Men

Men, Let's Do Lunch

Christ's Men will meet on Tuesday, October 2 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.

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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