



The Beacon

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**Divine Worship
Services**

Starting Sept. 8

Sunday - 8:00 a.m.

10:30 a.m.

Wednesday - 6:30 p.m.

**Bible Study & Sunday
School**

Sunday - 9 a.m.



Rest

Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.” (Matthew 28:11)

Labor Day. What exactly is the meaning of “Labor Day”? I sort of knew but to get some details I did what lots of us do-I Googled it! (Funny what kind of strange words the internet has brought us.) Many of you probably already know, but I learned that Labor Day was started by the labor movements/organizations in 1894 “to celebrate the achievements of American workers.” Canada caught on and they-like the U.S.- observe it as a holiday on the first Monday in September.

I learned that other countries who observe this day observe it on May 1st.

As I write this I am looking forward to celebrating the Labor Day holiday by not having to...work. Well, working at my day job, that is. But I may end up doing work at home. You may be like lots of people who will take the opportunity to get some of their last summer projects done before Fall and Winter arrives. Maybe finish painting the house or washing windows or putting the boat in storage.

God gives us the privilege of being able to work at things. We all do things that may be work but that we enjoy. I don’t always consider mechanical repair “work”, while you might call it work. You have pastimes that I might call work, but you call them hobbies, or fun, or relaxing, or fulfilling.

In the Gospel of Matthew Jesus was often up against the Pharisees because he, or the disciples, were caught working on the Sabbath. People of Jesus’ day worked hard-most likely 12 hours a day or more 6 days a week. In addition, they were burdened by all the laws and rites and rituals that the religious leaders placed on them. How could they possibly ever work hard enough to earn God’s favor?

In the verse above Jesus assures them and comforts them with the Gospel. They don’t have to earn God’s favor-he will live the perfect life they-and we-could never live. Then he would die on the cross and rise from the dead to earn salvation for all who put their trust in Him. Now we can rest easy - we don’t have to worry about whether we have done enough work to earn God’s favor-Jesus did that for us. While we are on earth we will “work” in some way, shape, or form. But we can rest knowing that ahead for us is eternal life, where we will “rest from our labors.”

But, as I mentioned above we all like to “work” at something. And in heaven there will be work for us to do-work that we will thoroughly enjoy. All because we will be in the presence of God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit forever!

Here’s to enjoying the work God has given us to do here on earth, and eternally, in heaven!

Pastor Kirk Schield

Fall/Winter Worship Schedule Begins

Sunday, September 8

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Divine Service – 8 & 10:30 a.m.

Sunday School & Adult/Teen Bible Studies – 9 a.m.

Wednesday

Divine Service – 6:30 p.m.

Rally Sunday Pig Roast

Join us on September 8 for our annual Rally Sunday pig roast and potluck following the 2nd Service. There will be a Bounce House for the youth of the congregation, and a Pig Roast put on by B&B Market. The event is planned to be a potluck and gives you all a chance to be involved in the food, fun, and fellowship.

Sunday School Starts

The fall quarter of Sunday school begins on September 8 at 9 a.m. Classes are offered for grade pre-k through high school and Bible study for adults. We have an exciting year planned and hope your family is a part of it. Parents need to come in and register their children on the first day, you can do this in the classrooms in the Sunday school wing after Pastor's opening.

Then worship together as a family in one of our Divine Services (8 & 10:30 a.m.).

Please join us at the Rally Day pig roast after the 10:30 a.m. service. There will be a bounce house, and great food.

Cradle to the Grave—the Bible is for Everyone!

Not only does our Sunday school begin its fall quarter on September 8, but we teens and adults have some great opportunities to grow in God's Word too. Christ Lutheran offers us **many different choices** for Bible study! Pick one and enjoy! *"The words of the LORD are flawless, like silver refined in a furnace of clay, purified seven times" (Ps. 12:6).*

Sundays:

9:00 a.m. Fellowship Hall – Adult Bible Study

9:00 a.m. Youth Room – 6th Grade – Confirmation

Wednesdays (Starting Sept. 18):

10:00 a.m. Multipurpose Room

Wednesdays (Starting Sept. 18):

4:15 p.m. Confirmation Multipurpose Room

How sweet are your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth! I gain understanding from your precepts; therefore I hate every wrong path" (Ps. 119:103f)

Main Street Living Northland

LCMS Service of Worship for the Duluth region televised by KBJR Channel 6.

"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.

September 1, 2019

Pastor Rob Franck, Mount Olive Lutheran Church, Duluth

"Love, Pride, and Humility"

September 8, 2019

Pastor Matt Kohl, Our Redeemer Lutheran Church
"Thirsty"

September 15, 2019

Pastor David Schoessow, Christ Lutheran Church, Superior

"Finding the Lost – Worth the Cost"

September 22, 2019

Pastor John Bonk, Shepherd of the Lake Lutheran Church, Two Harbors

"How shrewd are you as children of the light?"

Church Council Minutes

August 8, 2019

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

Call to order: Jim Lemmerman

Opening Prayer: Pastor Schoessow

Call for additional agenda items: None

Approval of Minutes: Wayne made the motion to accept the June 13, 2019 minutes and Mike Seconded. All in favor. Motion Carried.

Pastor's Report: Verbal: Pastor Schield: Attended Youth Gathering. Visited Jan Kroll. **Pastor Schoessow** visited shut-in's,

Treasurer's Report: Checking Account Balance: \$9,558.83 Len made the motion to accept Checking account Balance as written. John seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Board of Trustees: Paving of parking lot was completed on June 12, 2019. Thank you Don Hauser, for making the arrangements with Sinnott Blacktop. I received a lot of good complements, it looks good.

The cord on Pastors head microphone broke. Brought he unit to ESC to replace the cord. The charge was \$18.00 and they also supplied an extra cord.

The water heater for the restroom faucets sprung a leak. Belknap P&H replaced it 7-31-2019. Total cost was \$600.00.

Dick Lull and myself did a minor repair on the swing set. The swing set is in bad shape and should be replaced. We are still discussing this.

On 8-6-2019 I had to call Carlson Refrigeration to repair the refrigerator in the kitchen because it was freezing everything. They came early that afternoon to repair it. On 8-7-2019 I met with a representative from Perrault Construction to get a chip to match the color of the EIFS siding for paint for the siding. I also mentioned the ceiling tiles in the Ladies Restroom and the Sunday school hallway need to be replaced. He also stated that Jim Perrault should be contacted to insulate areas to prevent ice damming in the winter.

Board of Stewardship & Evangelism: No meeting yet. Meeting on Tuesday, August 13, 2019

Board of Education: No meeting yet! Pig and bouncy house have been ordered for Sunday School Rally. There were 18 children at VBS.

Memorial Committee: Same

Endowment Committee: Education Fund: Concordia Publishing \$37.94

National Youth Gathering: \$3,000

Scholarship Fund: Scholarship to: Jacob Franck: \$2,000

Memoriam Garden: Still Beautiful! Thank you to Dick Lull for keeping it that way.

Old Business:

Report from committee on document storage: Haven't met yet!

Update-insulation and ceiling repair, installing roof fix for ice. Contacting Jim Perrault.

New Business:

What do we want in a swing set replacement and price range?

We will check on Code and Insurance.

VOTER'S MEETING SEPTEMBER 15, 2019

Requests to use Fellowship Hall: None!

Next Council Meeting: 5:00 p.m., Thurs. Sept. 12, 2019
Adjournment-Lord's Prayer

Stewardship

What is a steward? Most people will say a steward is a manager.

That is correct, but it is only half right. A steward is indeed a manager, but he is a manager of what does not belong to him. Someone else is the owner, and the steward manages the owner's property on the owner's behalf.

We are God's stewards. Our stewardship is that God has made us managers of what belongs to Him:

"For we brought nothing into this world, and we cannot take anything out of the world" (1 Tim. 6:7)

Everything that we have and everything that we are comes from God's fatherly divine goodness and mercy. God is the owner.

This is not only because He created all things; He is also the redeemer. He has redeemed – that is, purchased – and won all things. Therefore, it all belongs to Him.

We are simply managers of everything in this world. Like Joseph in Egypt, we are put in charge of managing what belongs to God. What a privilege.

Think about that for a minute. The all-knowing, all-powerful, all-wise God has asked us to manage his possessions on His behalf here on earth.

And by doing this, He invites us to take part in the allocation of His good gifts. He wants us to give our input and advise Him in where His gifts are to be used. What a privilege indeed.

But what a responsibility!

"Everyone to whom much was given, of him much will be required" (Luke 12:48b).

We are not the owners. And while He puts us as managers, we are still to do with His property what He wants done with it. That means we need to know what He desires and wills for His property.

How do we know this? How can we know the will and mind of God?

We find the will of God in the Bible. There God tells us what His will is for all of His gifts. He tells us how we are to spend our time and use our talents and treasures. He instructs us in the use of our minds, bodies, and souls.

There is nothing we have that doesn't belong to Him.

“Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body” (1 Cor. 6:19–20).

God informs us of the big picture, the overarching policy, of how we as His stewards – managers and custodians – are to manage His property.

And that is stewardship. It is simply doing what God wants us to do with what He has given us.

As St. Paul said,

“Do not present your members to sin as instruments for unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and your members to God as instruments for righteousness” (Rom. 6:13).

So, let's dive into God's Word, and listen to what He desires from His stewards.

Suggestions for Greeting Visitors

It is because of our Risen Savior Jesus' love and forgiveness that we at Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church do what we do!

It's always a good time to learn and put into practice ways in which we can serve our fellow members as well as welcome our visitors and share with them love of Christ and the hand of friendship!

To that end, here are some ways all Christ Lutheran members can be as welcoming as possible:

- Smile, be friendly, and introduce yourself to new faces entering the church! Encourage your fellow Christians to mingle with others. Greeters can model this by engaging and talking with visitor(s) and new member(s). Ask visitors about themselves to break the ice. Show them that you are listening and care about them. Ask them if they would like more information about Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church and answer any questions they may have. Introduce them to Pastor whenever possible. If there is a question you cannot answer, direct them to Pastor or appropriate person for further assistance.
- Show them our Service Bulletins, Newsletter, current Portals of Prayer booklets and/or the many other informational pamphlets available. Ask visitor/guests if they would like the current Portals of Prayer booklets. Help them select what is best for them.

- Check with the visitors to see if they are able to follow along with the order of worship.
- Specifically invite visitors to stay for fellowship, Bible Class, and Sunday School. Invitations by many people can be positive and entice visitors to check into our programs and/or come back for a return visit.
- Ask visitors to sign the Guest Book. This is important for follow up, i.e., sending thank you cards or making visits.
- Pray for people you know, invite them, and pray that others would search us out.

Note of Reminder to Congregation:

Those of you who are physically able are asked to park a reasonable distance from the entrance door. The idea is to leave the nearest spaces for our visitors or our members that have accessibility or mobility issues.

Something to think about.....

When asked why they joined the church they did, one family said:

“Because they seemed to care so much about us, we really felt they wanted to show us Christ's love.”

And by God's Grace, that is what Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church is all about!

Why? A Layman's Guide to the Liturgy Why do we sing “Lord, have mercy” right after the Introit? By Burnell Eckardt

The words “Lord, have mercy” are a translation of the Greek *Kyrie eleison*, which is why this part of the service is called “the Kyrie” (pronounced *kee-ree-yay*). Since the Introit is the “entrance” wherein we all enter by faith into the presence of the living God, it is most appropriate for us to utter these words at once; “Lord, have mercy!” If even people as pious as Isaiah (cf. Isa. 6:5) or St. Peter (cf. St. Luke 5:8) find themselves woefully and miserably out of place in the presence of the holy God, certainly it is right for us to see ourselves in the way, upon first entering onto His sacred presence in the service. But we rightly cry at once for mercy, using the very same words as blind Bartimaeus, the ten lepers, and others who were brought to Jesus. We cry for mercy on the sure confidence that we shall receive it, for God is merciful and kind to His people. Our crying out for mercy *immediately* upon entering the holy place by faith indicates our awareness both of our own unrighteousness, and of the righteousness which He freely gives us who claim no merit of our own.

Parent's Confirmation Meeting

Our congregation has a solid and exciting program for the catechesis (teaching) of our children (in the process of confirmation). An orientation meeting for parents and catechumens (learners) is on **Wednesday, September 18 at 4:15 p.m.** We will outline our “cradle to the grave” confirmation process and confirm our weekly schedule so that together we can enable our children to thrive in

their Christian faith and life. Book purchases will be made on this day. Confirmation process starts for children in 7th grade. **Confirmation class begins that same day.**

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). But our goal is not just to place a book in their hands. The goal of this stepping stone is to place the gift of family devotions into your family's daily rituals! Stepping Stone 4 ends at the Altar where parents are affirmed for keeping your promise to "place in their hands the Holy Scriptures" and asked to add "a verse a night" to the highs & lows, daily prayers, blessings, and bedtime music that features the Word of God.

We invite parents of our 3rd graders to participate in this two-session experience that will gift you with the use of God's Word in your home. This is a very practical idea gathering' time when you can network with other parents, obtain some great resources on maintaining a faith-filled, Christ-centered home, and enjoy Christian fellowship. The dates for this year's workshop are Sundays, October 13 & 20, at 9:15 a.m. in the fellowship hall. **Parents are asked to pre-register by calling the church office at 715-398-3680 or emailing clcoffice320@gmail.com by October 1.**

Oktoberfest

We are doing it again! The board of Deacons is again hosting Oktoberfest. Please join us Sunday, October 6 for our second 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 will be a sign up on the office door at some point in September, please list your name, number of people, and what you are bringing. We need a count for the brats & hot dogs. Watch the News & Notes for updates.

Christ's Men

Men, Let's Do Lunch

Christ's Men will meet on Tuesday, September 3 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.

Quilting

Quilting starts up for the year on Tuesday, September 10. Quilters meet in the fellowship hall at 9 a.m. Everyone is welcome! You don't need to know how to sew! There have been a couple of large material donations over the summer, so there is a lot of material to make into quilts.

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.

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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