



# The Beacon

September  
2018

Christ Ev. Lutheran  
Church

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Divine Worship  
Services

Starting Sept. 9  
Sunday - 8:00 a.m.  
10:30 a.m.

Wednesday - 6:30 p.m.

Bible Study & Sunday  
School  
Sunday - 9 a.m.



*Let the word of Christ richly dwell within you, with all wisdom teaching and admonishing one another with psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with thankfulness in your hearts to God. Colossians 3:16*

“Bring It Home” is just around the corner. This fall our congregation is excited to help member families to engage in reading the great narratives of the Bible. Starting October 1<sup>st</sup> we are going to read 5 great events of the Bible each week, in our homes along with discussion questions and prayers to use during family devotions. Imagine what God will do in our homes and families as we center our lives around the reading of His Word!

If you would like to purchase at a steep discount one of two family Bible Story books written for young people, order forms are at the family book table outside the church office.

Please be generous and buy one to give away to a friend or neighbor! Use it as an outreach tool.

On October 1st, start reading the great stories of the Bible with your family! What a great opportunity for us!

For Christ and His Church,

*Pastor Schoessow*

## Fall/Winter Worship Schedule Begins Sunday, September 9

### Sunday

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 9 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 9 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 9, 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 – 6<sup>th</sup> Grade – Confirmation

### Wednesdays (Starting Sept. 12):

10:00 a.m. Reading the Psalms      Multipurpose Room

### Wednesdays (Starting Sept. 19):

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)*

## Bring it Home "Reading the Great Stories of the Bible"

At the Minnesota North District Convention they overwhelmingly adopted a resolution to encourage the reading of the great stories of the Bible. It is called *Bring it Home: Reading the Great Stores of the Bible* and will begin this fall. You can use your own Bible or you can order "The Story Bible" or "Know the Bible Now" from CPH at a special discount made possible by CPH an significant donations from people and groups within the MN North District. The Bibles being offered are great for families with children or anyone for that matter. You may order one of the bibles being offered on the form that is on the book table by the office. You may place your check, made out to the church on the secretaries desk. Please place your order by September 9.

You may go online to [mnnlcms.org](http://mnnlcms.org) for more information and to sign up for free information.

## Women of Faith Conference

A Women of Faith Conference is being planned at Mt. Olive Lutheran Church on Saturday, September 22. We will gather at 9:30 a.m. for a gathering time and then will begin with Matins at 10 a.m. The theme will be "Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me" and the main part of the program will be to let women here encourage one another in the faith that God has given them and how they live that out in their lives.

Lunch provided by Thrivent Action Teams and we will conclude around 2 p.m.

## Fall Bible Sale

Concordia Publishing House is having their yearly Fall Bible sale. The sale runs through September 30. There are over 30 Bibles on sale, see enclosed flyer. You can go to [cph.org](http://cph.org) and order online or you can sign up on the sheet on the office door and put a check made to the church on the secretary's desk. If you are ordering through the church please have your order into the office no later than September 23.

## **Church Council Minutes**

**August 9, 2018**

**Members Present:** Pastor Schield, Wayne Ploetz, Jim Lemmerman, John Robinson, Don Hauser, and Sharyn Vengrin

**Call to order:** Jim Lemmerman

**Call for additional agenda items:**

**Opening Prayer:** Pastor Schield-Tell people about Jesus. He is a loving God!

**Approval of Agenda:** John made the motion we approve the agenda as written, Wayne seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

**Minutes from Council Meeting:** Wayne made the motion to accept the June 14, 2018, minutes, John seconded. All in favor. Motion Carried.

**Pastor's Report: No Report**

**Pastor Schield:** Making Visits, Confirmation will begin the week after school starts. Book reading will continue. Pastor Schield will teach Sunday school, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade.

**Treasurers Report:** Ending Balance: \$15,345.60. John made the motion to accept the ending balance. Seconded by Sharyn. All in favor. Motion carried

### **BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Board of Deacons: No meeting yet.**

**Trustees Report:** 2 items to finish: Hot water heater and Back Flo Preventer. Lawn was mowed.

John will make a list of things that he does to operate the church.

**Board of Stewardship & Evangelism:**

Five volunteers have been scheduled to work the soup kitchen at the Damiano center on August 13.

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. Also a presentation by CASDA, covering the Domestic Abuse Shelter Programs, will be given between services on October 14. No Bible Study will be held that day.

We reviewed several videos marketing the LCMS Foundation. There was much discussion of the opportunities they can provide our congregation, Further research is needed, and Pastor Schield will touch base with Pastor Schoessow, along with following up with the Minnesota North District. He will bring back his findings at the next monthly meeting.

**New Business:**

Len will look at coffee/treat coverage throughout the church year.

We are exploring dates for Stewardship Sunday this fall. Peg will order supplies for Christian Halloween bags.

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

Pastor Schield explained the Project 24 mission project in Kenya, Africa with the idea of considering some type of future support for the program. He will follow-up with his daughter Anna with several questions that came up and bring back information at the next meeting.

We talked about visiting shut-ins, those hospitalized and/or in assisted living situations. Len will check with Pastor for specifics.

**The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, 5:00 pm on September 4, 2018.**

**Board of Education:**

Sunday School:

Fall staff welcome breakfast meeting August 26 after the service (sign up to bring food)

Rally Day September 9 +potluck, pig roast, bounce house + outside games organized by Sara and Shane?

Opening time: little one will exit after singing; older kids stay for their own music time

Summer Day Camp August 6-10 (ages 5-12)

Numbers are currently low. Roni and Helena will make a message and post it to Face book for everyone to share.

Registration deadline is August 1. Roni will make doorknob fliers.

Menu will be same as last year; Roni will post a sign up for volunteers to help with meals.

Financial Report: Rummage sale profit approximately \$900; savings\$975.00; checking \$2,475.00

**Catechism Class**

This year's class: Ivy, Matthew, Alyssa, Haley

Helena will get information about the 2019 National Youth Gathering (July 11-15 in Minneapolis for student's grade 8 through high school)

Summer Bible Study

The Wednesday evening book study is well-attended!

Next Meeting: July 30 at 5PM

**Memorial Committee:** Check written for \$1,600.00 toward Memorial Garden fence.

**Endowment Committee:** No activity

**Memorial Garden:** The new fence has been installed. The garden has been weeded. What a nice resting place.

**Old Business:**

Roofing bids: Expecting bids soon!

Replacement of Black Top in the Parking Lot. Don will make a call to Monarch Blacktopping.

Janitor recommendations: 16 hours a week. John will call Heavenly Maids for a bid.

Scheduling Active Shooter Situation for Congregation: Len will handle this.

New Computer: Don will check into this along with Wi-Fi.

**New Business:**

**Circuit Delegate:** Jim Lemmerman-October 20, 2018

**Speaker on Muslim Religion:** Jim will contact Joy RE: Donation.

**Requests to use Fellowship: None**

**Next Council Meeting: September 13, 2018 @ 5:00 pm**

**Adjournment: Lord's Prayer**

**Respectfully submitted by: Sharyn Vengrin**

## Stewardship

It's September, and everything is in full swing again: back to school and back to church attendance after vacations and weekends away. And since everything is back into full swing, it's a perfect time to get back to basics, back to the foundation.

At the end of the first of his chapters on the virtue of faith in *Mere Christianity*, C.S. Lewis provides a helpful reminder, by way of analogy, for the foundation of stewardship. He wrote:

Every faculty you have, your power of thinking or of moving your limbs from moment to moment, is given you by God. If you devoted every moment of your whole life exclusively to His service you could not give Him anything that was not in a sense His own already. So then, when we talk of a man doing anything for God or giving anything to God, I will tell you what it is really like. It is like a small child going to its father and saying, "Daddy, give me six pence to buy you a birthday present." Of course, the father does, and he is pleased with the child's present. It is all very nice and proper, but only an idiot would think that the father is six-pence to the good on the transaction. When a man has made these two discoveries God can really get to work. It is after this that real life begins. (128–129).

This is the first thing we are given to confess about stewardship, and it has to do with ownership. God owns everything, and we are simply managers — stewards — acting on His behalf. This is true not only of all that we have in this life (Deuteronomy 8:17–18), but also all that we are in this life (1 Corinthians 6:20).

The rest flows from here. Since we are stewards, or managers, of what belongs to God, entrusted to make use of it according to His will, there is an expectation of responsibility and accountability.

For the Lord said, "Everyone to whom much was given, of him much will be required, and from him to whom they entrusted much, they will demand the more" (Luke 12:48b).

And from this comes blessing and reward: "Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master" (Matthew 25:21).

We have everything we need to support this body and life from our God's fatherly divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in us. We have everything we need for our spiritual life also from His merciful hands.

On account of the sacrifice of His Son, our Lord Jesus, through the preaching of the gospel and the administration of the sacraments, we have the forgiveness of sins, eternal life, and everlasting salvation delivered to us with absolute certainty that it is ours — not as stewards but as sons (Galatians 4:1–7).

Let us then, as His own sons, press all that He gives to us into the service of His church and to His glory.

## 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 stand up for the last stanza of some hymns?**

A good number of our hymns have as a last stanza a Trinitarian doxology. This is an ascription of praise to the Holy Trinity. Doxology comes from two Greek words: doxa which means "praise", and logia, which means "words", hence, "praise words." A Trinitarian doxology is therefore simply an ascription of praise to Father, Son and Holy Spirit (Holy Ghost). This is a custom dating to the early church, when the psalms were sung with a Gloria Patri at their conclusion (as we still do when we sing psalms). The Gloria Patri (Latin for "Glory be to the Father", its opening words) is itself the earliest form of the Trinitarian doxology, and was added to the psalms to indicate that these Old Testament prayers have now been fulfilled in Christ our Lord, who commanded Baptism in the name of the Father, Son and of the Holy Ghost. When Christian hymns began to be written, they were generally seen as psalms in verse, hence the Gloria easily found its way into their last stanza. Since the Psalmist declares that it is by His name that God saves us (e.g., Ps 54), it is good fitting for Christian people, according to long-standing custom, to honor the blessed name of the Holy Trinity whenever it is expressed aloud. Indeed, not only standing but also the bowing of the head is appropriate at the point when the name Father, Son, and Holy Ghost is sung. Some churches even have the custom of making the sign of the cross at this point. Such bodily involvement in the liturgy is always helpful, as an indication that in Christ our whole body, mind, and soul are held captive to the Word of God.

## **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 19 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 7<sup>th</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 14 & 21, 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](mailto:clcoffice320@gmail.com) by October 1.**

## **Oktoberfest**

We are doing it again! The board of Deacons decided to have the Oktoberfest again this year since it was a success last year. So join us Sunday, October 28 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 4 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 11. 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 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](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



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### 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)  
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