



The Beacon

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Christ Ev. Lutheran
Church

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Divine Worship Services

Sunday - 9:00 a.m.
Wednesday - 6:30 p.m.

Bible Study & Sunday School

Sunday - 10:15 a.m.



For the April 2019 Church newsletter, I wrote an article explaining the sort of path many seminarians-including myself took in order to become a pastor. I mentioned that God calls each of us men in different ways, but we all had one thing in common: we all went through much prayer and preparation as we traveled that path. After successfully completing all of studies and our "Theological Interview" all we "Candidates" had to do was wait for what we knew of as "Call Night." On Call Night we would find out where we would be placed. Locations were usually any number of churches or missions in the US or even somewhere else in the world. Although we filled out forms listing our preferences as to worship style, church size or even location we didn't really have a choice in the matter; we trusted that the district presidents and the placement professors would look to God in prayer for guidance. We served where we were placed.

Then, after having served in ministry for anywhere from 1 year to 5, 10, 15, 20 or more years, a pastor may receive a Call "from the field." This simply means that a congregation has been led to call a pastor who is serving a church or other ministry somewhere, to be their new pastor. That's what you, God's people at Christ Lutheran Church are doing now; you've chosen to "Call a pastor from the field." We pray for God's patience as this process may take months or possibly a few years. The pastor who is Called must then also prayerfully look to God and others for guidance. He holds a Call at the ministry he is serving. He holds a Call to the new place. Now he must wrestle with many questions: Does God want him to serve the new ministry or is he to stay serving where he is. While it is considered a Divine Call from God, if he has family, they, too, still play a part in the decision. Are they open to change? Is his wife open to change? Is HE open to change? Pastor Lieske, the pastor you have voted to Call, sent you, the calling congregation, as well as me a letter of acknowledgement asking for some things. I quote:

Dear Brothers and sisters in the Lord of Christ Lutheran Church in Superior, Grace and peace from God our Father and from our Lord Jesus Christ.

Greetings in the name of the Lord! I am writing to you to acknowledge that I have received your congregation's call that I serve you as pastor. It is with great humility that I will now consider this call, praying that the Lord would guide me to see where He would have me to serve His kingdom.

Please pray fervently for me that by the Spirit's guidance, I would rightly discern the will of the Lord. Pray also for my family in the time of uncertainty. Please keep Alive! Lutheran Church here in Monticello in your prayers, along with your own congregation, that God would continue to provide for His Word to be proclaimed among us and His sacramental gifts given to us. I will certainly keep your congregations in my own prayers as well.

So, please pray as he requests. God already knows how things will go, but He desires to have us lean on Him and call upon Him for everything. He will be gracious to us in His way and in His time!

In Christ,

Pastor Kirk Schield

Thank You! Thank You! Thank You!

I want to take this opportunity to thank all Officers, Board members, and the many seen and unseen members who have served the Church in the past year. I also want to extend a huge thank you to those members serving the Church in Officer and Board positions in the 2020 - 2021 Church year. Our Church would not be what it is today without "everyone's" dedication to service, stewardship, and generosity.

"This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it."

Thanks again for your efforts and God Bless.
Jim Lemmerman

Boards Resume

All boards could still use a few people especially the Altar Guild. Each board meets once a month, here are the current meeting days and times (subject to change);

Altar Guild – Quarterly
Board of Deacons – 2nd Monday @ 5 p.m.
Christian Education – TBD @ 5 p.m.
Stewardship/Evangelism – 1st Tuesday @ 5:00 p.m.
Church Council – 2nd Thursday @ 5:00 p.m.

These meeting times are subject to change as the new boards meet and get underway.

Your 2021 – 2022 Board Members:

Welcome to our new and returning board members:

President: Len Campbell
Vice President: John Keske
Secretary: Sharyn Vengrin
Treasurer: Wayne Ploetz

Board of Deacons:

Jim Lemmerman, John Allen, Jim Bolin, Audrey Kidd, Mike Miller, Len Campbell, Lois Teich, Mike Kramer, Millie Derick

Board of Stewardship & Evangelism:

Peg & Len Campbell, Mike & Christine Stumpf, Dave & Mary Severin, Peder & Jean Becken, Asley Demars

Board of Christian Education:

Debbie Winans, Helena Frost, Sara Kroeplin, Jill Markee, Jennifer Keske

Board of Trustees:

Don Hauser, Shane Kroeplin, Dick Lull, Jeff Allen

Thank you to everyone for their service, if you volunteered and are not listed please contact the office.

Sermon Series

In the month of August, our sermon series on "The Christian Atheist" will continue and then end. The following are the upcoming topics:

August 4 & 8	"When You Believe in God but Pursue Happiness at Any Cost"
August 11 & 15	"When You Believe in God but Trust More in Money"
August 18 & 22	"When You Believe in God but Don't Share Your Faith"
August 25 & 29	"When You Believe in God but Not in His Church"

Join us as we are challenged to live out the beliefs that we have toward God — to live the life that God wants all of us to live. Bring a friend or two as we discuss how we can be more consistent in living out the Christian faith that we proclaim!

Sunday School

The Board of Christian Education along with the new Sunday school superintendent have decided to have in person Sunday school this fall. Sunday school will start Sunday, September 12 at 10:15 a.m.

Teachers Needed

We need Sunday school teachers this fall. With enough volunteers it will not be an every Sunday commitment. Please prayerfully consider being a teacher to the children in our congregation, share your love of Jesus and the Bible with them. If you would like to volunteer please contact the church office with your name and a grade preference either by email clcoffice320@gmail.com or call 715-398-3680. Thank you for considering teaching.

Confirmation Starts

Our congregation has a solid and exciting program for the catechesis (teaching) of our children (in the process of confirmation). Confirmation process starts for children in 7th grade. Our first class for catechumens (learners) is on **Wednesday, September 15 at 4:15 p.m.** Parents are welcome to attend to see what is needed. 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. A Faith Alive Bible and a catechism will be supplied if the students do not have those already.

Christ's Men Group

The Christ's Men's first Tuesday lunches are resuming. They will meet on August 3, 11:30 AM, at Superior Family Restaurant, it is on the first floor, alley side of the Androy Hotel, at 1213 Tower Ave. Hope to see as many as possible there.

CTK Scholarships Awarded!

This year we have two recipients for the CTK Scholarship! Each will receive a \$2000.00 scholarship to the school they are attending. Our recipients are: Mr. Jacob Franck of Duluth, a member of Mt. Olive English Evangelical Lutheran Church in Duluth. Jacob is currently attending Concordia University- Chicago, and spent his summer attending Boot Camp for the Army

Reserves. His area of study is the Pre-seminary, Theological language & Philosophy.

The other recipient is Ms. Holly Klomhaus of Poplar, WI and a member of, Christ Lutheran. Holly is currently attending Concordia University in Mequon, WI. Where she is studying business working towards a BS in Entrepreneurship

Church Council Minutes

No meeting in July

Stewardship

When it comes to stewardship, a favorite Bible verse is the account of the widow's mite (Luke 21:1–4). It's a moving account. Our Lord praises the seemingly small gift of two copper coins given by a poor widow above the abundance of gifts given by the rich, saying, "Truly, I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all of them" (Luke 21:3). And that is usually where we stop. But the text goes on. "For they all contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty put in all she had to live on" (Luke 21:4).

"She ... put in all she had to live on." She gave everything. She held nothing back. She trusted that the Lord who made her and all creatures; who gave her everything she had; who redeemed her from her own sin, from death, and the power of the devil; who called her by the gospel and enlightened her with His gifts of Word and Sacrament; would continue to do this. He would provide her with all that she needed for this body and life because that is the character of the God she had.

But this is not why we give small gifts. Her gift, though it appeared small, was actually large. When we are tempted to give small gifts, it is precisely because we want them to be small! We don't trust the Lord to provide for us. We give small gifts because we lack faith in the One who created us, redeemed us, sanctifies and keeps us in the one true faith. We give small gifts because we doubt that God will really give us what we need and desire. We give small gifts because we are not content with what God has already given.

We are not slaves, children of the slave woman, under the Old Covenant (Galatians 4). We are adopted sons of the free woman. And since we are sons, we are also heirs. And heirs receive the inheritance. For everything is already ours in Christ. And thus, moved by the willing spirit of adoption, we do the will of God in financial matters far beyond all that done by those under the Old Covenant who were forced by legal demands.

So, what have you decided to give? How do I decide what to give? Let the Scriptures be your guide.

We are to give proportionally to what we have received from God's giving to us (Luke 12:48; 1 Corinthians 16:1–2, 2 Corinthians 8:12). But you have not been set free to give nothing.

See that you excel in the grace of giving (2 Corinthians 8:7)!

We are not free to live selfishly outside the Gospel, without regard for God who gives us all good gifts, without generosity for our neighbor who needs us and our gifts, without supporting the community of faith in which we live, without care for our spiritual fathers and those who teach and help raise our children in the faith, and without resources for the poor and needy.

In short, we are not free to live unto ourselves, hoarding what God has given us only for us. For love is the fulfillment of the law (Romans 13:10). And the sum of the law is this: Love God and love your neighbor (Matthew 22:34–40). We love because He first loved us. We give because He has given to us.

Luther once said, "Possessions belong in your hands, not in your heart" (LW 14:240). There is a reason your 10 fingers spread apart. With your hands you catch God's gifts for what you need and let the rest fall through your fingers to your neighbors – your family, your friends, your community, your church.

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?

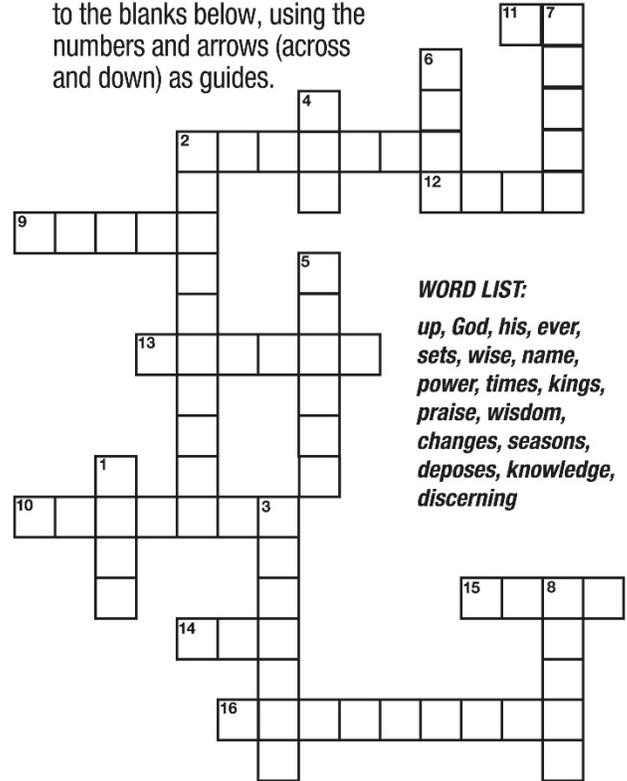
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- 1 Jill Austin
- 2 Millie Derick
- 4 Justin Michalski
Kimberly Kroll
Carson Frost
- 14 Gene Loughren
- 15 Natalie Schultz
- 16 Jenny Schoessow
- 17 Robert Janicki
- 18 Doris Toms
- 20 Barbara Johnson
- 21 Thomas Bedard
- 22 Jesse Pfeil
- 23 Lorraine Kramer
- 24 Patrick Field
- 25 Connie Noble
Jerry Broderson
- 26 Kevin Kroll
- 27 Dee Meadows
- 28 Michael Miller
- 29 Don Hauser

Puzzle!

Fit these words from the book of Daniel into the squares. Then transfer them to the blanks below, using the numbers and arrows (across and down) as guides.



WORD LIST:

up, God, his, ever, sets, wise, name, power, times, kings, praise, wisdom, changes, seasons, deposes, knowledge, discerning

" _____ be to the _____ of _____ for _____ and _____ ;
 _____ and _____ are _____. He _____
 and _____ ; he _____ and _____
 them. He gives _____ to the _____ and _____ to
 the _____ ." DANIEL 2:20-21

Answer: "Praise be to the name of God for ever and ever; wisdom and power are his. He changes times and seasons; he sets up kings and deposes them. He gives wisdom to the wise and knowledge to the discerning." Daniel 2:20-21