

Our Mission



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.



“Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they ran there on foot from all the towns... When Jesus went ashore he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd. And he began to teach them many things.” (Mark 6:33, 34)

A lot of the Gospel of Mark-and for sure Chapter 6-is about Jesus' mission. We know why Jesus came into the world: to seek and to save the lost. The lost are all who do not know Jesus, or know him, but do not believe in him as the Son of God: the One who lived, died and rose from the dead, so that all who put their trust in him are forgiven of their sins.

Anyone who is forgiven by God in Christ has joy here on earth and eternal life ahead of them-with God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit-in heaven. That's the Gospel-the good news that God desires for all people to hear. Each and every person he created is special to him. I pray that all of you who are even taking the time to read this article and to find out what is going on at Christ Lutheran Church in Superior, WI, know and believe this good news, so I'm probably preaching to the choir. But what about anyone else? Sometimes we Christians bemoan the fact that many people aren't in worship every Sunday. We bemoan the fact that people aren't giving to the cause of furthering the Good News about Jesus. It's such GREAT news-why aren't people banging down our doors to hear and be fed by God's Word?

That's a perplexing question isn't it; one I think about often. I/we have been so blessed that someone brought **us** to be baptized, brought us to worship and to Sunday School, to catechism instruction, and so on! When are other people going to wake up and make all that a priority? we wonder.

Well, I want to encourage myself-and you-to start with ourselves. After all, each of us have our own list of priorities don't we? Time seems so tight-we're so busy- we have so much to do! Luther once said that if he was so busy that he didn't have time to pray for even one hour each day he took time to pray for two hours. That's something to think about isn't it? So here's what we can do: Pray for zeal on your part to talk to someone about Jesus, your Savior--their Savior. Find your church directory. Pray for those who are listed whom you haven't seen in a while. Maybe they are just staying away because of Covid, but you could still give them a call and see how they're doing. Pray for (and visit or call) one or more of this congregations' "shut-ins." Roni, our secretary, or the Board of Deacons have the list and would be glad to make a copy for you.

Because there are lots of people "who are like sheep without a shepherd." And we have such good news to tell them! May God be with you as you seek the lost!

Pastor Schield

Voter's Meeting Sunday, Feb. 13 at 10 a.m.

Midweek Lenten Services

The Lenten Season begins on March 2 with Ash Wednesday. In our Lenten midweek services on Wednesday at 12:15 and 6:30 p.m.,

March 2 - Ash Wednesday (12:15 & 6:30 p.m.)

March 9 (12:15 & 6:30 p.m.)

March 16(12:15 & 6:30 p.m.)

March 23(12:15 & 6:30 p.m.)

March 30(12:15 & 6:30 p.m.)

April 6 (12:15 & 6:30 p.m.)

Soup & Sandwich Suppers

Please join us once again for food and fellowship as we bring back the soup and sandwich suppers during Advent. They start **March 9 at 5:30 p.m.**

Christ the King Memorial Scholarship

The purpose of the Fund is to provide scholarship assistance to LCMS students pursuing higher education at LCMS colleges, universities or seminaries. The Fund earned net income sufficient enough that \$2,000.00 is available for scholarship awards in 2022. Any award granted shall be for tuition purposes only. Any student who is a communicant member in good standing of CLC or another LCMS congregation is eligible to apply for an award. Application forms and related instructions are available from the church office. **Students must return completed applications to the church office no later than April 1, 2022.** Applications will then be reviewed by the Scholarship Committee.

Church Council Minutes

January 13, 2022

Members Present: Len Campbell, Don Hauser, Pastor Bernecker, Wayne Ploetz, John Keske and Sharyn Vengrin

Call to order: Len Campbell

Opening Prayer: Pastor Bernecker

Call for additional agenda items: None

Approval of Minutes: Wayne made the motion to accept the December 9, 2021 minutes and Don Seconded. All in favor. Motion Carried

Pastor's Report: Everything is going well.

Treasurer's Report: Checking Account Balance:

December 31, 2021 of \$64,333.50 Don made the motion to accept Checking Account Balance as written. Sharyn seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Board of Trustees:

No meeting held

Placed switch guards on the on/off switches for the boilers and boiler pump so they may not be turned on or off by accident.

Had issue with outside lights-on 24 hours. Reset timer and have been working fine since. Wrote down instructions on what to do when this happens. Will test when/if it happens again and then publish for future reference.

As reported last month, the electric motor for the humidifier for the organ was fixed. However, there was a leak on the left side working unit. Parts are no longer available for the humidifier that we have. I have been able to fix and have no leaks. Need to investigate replacement of the entire unit as I believe the part that I fixed will dry out over the summer and start leaking again. Same could happen on the other side as well. Explained, via bulletin, to the congregation that the parking lot is only plowed once 2" or more snow has fallen. Jamie, our snowplow driver, has more than just our church lot to plow and may not get to our lot right away. Also, salt/sanding is not a given. We must request that Jamie does this and need some time to give a "heads-up" to have it done. It was asked that members be sure to wear footwear appropriate for weather conditions. A pew has been moved back into the entryway so that members can change their footwear if they wish.

A call for volunteers to help clear snow from the sidewalks. Help is needed if snow has fallen before the Sunday or Wednesday services. Patrick Field has stepped forward and has been a wonderful help! I am hoping that others will step forward if a snow event happens right before a service.

Heat tape is in place in the gutters. Perrault has completed them.

Men's restroom was painted by Lawrence Lehto. Met with Dave and Rick's Tree & Stump Removal for clearing the brush in front of the church. Will submit a bid within the next few days. Should be no different than previously submitted bids from the (approximately \$2100.00)

Board of Deacons: No Report

Board of Stewardship & Evangelism:

Old Business:

A presentation by CASDA will take place February 20 following the service.

We coordinated the Guardian Angel Epiphany Brunch to be held January 9,

Len/Peg will purchase all supplies for the pancake and sausage breakfast. Members will meet Sunday morning at 7:00 am to set-up and prepare pancakes and sausage and make coffee. It looks like we will have fourteen participants in the Guardian Angel program for 2022. Members were informed that Lutheran Island Camp donations through Thanksgiving and Advent offerings totaled \$2,390.

Members were informed that through undesignated mission funds, Orphan Grain Train and Project 24 were awarded \$100 each and Faith Comes by Hearings (Military Bible Sticks) were awarded \$150.00. Checks have been mailed to each.

New Business:

Members were informed that our Board applied for disaster relief from Mission Endowment for housing and food because of tornado damage in Kentucky.

Time and talent forms were given to members to review with the idea we may change the form or do something different to the future.

Next Meeting February 1, 2022 at 5:00pm.

Board of Education: Meeting January 24, 2022

Memorial Committee: No Report

Endowment Committee: Received as written

Memorial Garden: Resting

Old Business: call Committee update: More information coming on January 23, 2022.

New Business: Insurance considerations: Greg Brisky and Nick Ferrell gave a presentation on the new insurance policy for our church. Statement of no loss was signed. Wayne made the motion to accept the New Policy as written. John seconded and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

Christmas tree ornaments: Len has the sign up list. He will be contacting the people on the list regarding the making of the ornaments.

Requests to use Fellowship Hall:

Next Council Meeting: 5:30 pm. February 10, Thursday, 2022

Adjournment-Lord's Prayer

Stewardship

"I am not commanding you, but I want to test the sincerity of your love by comparing it with the earnestness of others. For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that you through his poverty might become rich" (2 Corinthians 8:8-9).

Without commands or even arm-twisting, St. Paul encourages, even challenges, the Church in Corinth to demonstrate the sincerity of their faith by their generosity in giving. He does this because giving generously is a gift of the Spirit given to us through the Gospel.

St. Paul wrote: "But just as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in your love for us—see that you also excel in this grace of giving" (2 Corinthians 8:7). In other words, just as we grow in faith and speech and knowledge of eternal things by the Holy Spirit through the Word of God, so also do we grow in giving from the same Spirit through the same Word.

The problem is that the grace of generosity often grows cold in us. It's not so much that we stop giving, but we don't put it first. We treat it like all the other bills that must be paid. It becomes a chore, just one more thing to check off a list of things to do. That empties it of its spiritual power and robs us of the joy that Christ and the Scriptures assign to it.

On top of that, since this generosity is linked to faith and knowledge of divine things, a lack of excelling in giving is

sure sign that our faith and knowledge of God are under attack as well.

Thus St. Paul points to the foundation of generosity: the generosity of Christ Himself. Even though He was rich, He became poor so that we who are poor might become rich. Thus, the incarnation, suffering, and death of our Lord on the cross is the reason, source, and driving force for our generosity in giving to the church.

And since Christ who was rich became poor so that we might be rich in His grace—of which generous giving is part—so we also who are rich in His grace can excel in pressing His grace into service toward the gracious work of the church.

Pay attention to what you give to the church so that you may excel at it. And if you find that your heart has grown cold or indifferent toward it, immerse yourself in God's Word. Read it at home. Attend Bible Class. Hear and listen to it preached in the Divine Service. Be reminded of what Christ has done for you in His incarnation, suffering, and death. For this will strengthen your faith and knowledge. And where that excels, so will the grace of giving excel also.

My Savior Lives Northland LCMS Service of Worship for the Duluth region televised by KBJR Channel 6.

"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, 2012 East Superior St, Duluth, MN 55812. Checks should be made to: MSL Northland

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!

Religious Greeting Cards

There is an assortment of religious greeting cards for sale in the library. Everything from Get Well, Thank you, Birthday, Sympathy, Wedding & Anniversary, Confirmation and Baptism and many more. Cards are \$.50 each and may be purchased (for now) on Sundays between early and late services.

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.

FEBRUARY Birthdays

2	Patricia Miller
3	Michael Field Debbie Winans Ruth Keppers
5	Kyra Bradley
9	Greg Pahos Angie Mack
10	Gary Plesko Mason Lull
14	Anthony Miller Marilyn Pingel
15	Scott Pahos
16	Scott Markee
17	Steve Kidd Kellsey Allen Lora Randa
19	Lana Broderson Patty Ayotte
22	Cindy Michalski Nola Stenroos
24	Donna Manos
25	Lydia Noble Tom Pingel
27	Jennifer Heffner Andrew Vengrin

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

*March Newsletter
Submissions are due by
February 15*