



The Beacon

February 2020

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.



Valentines Dinner

The Valentine's Dinner will be on **Sunday, February 23** at 11:45 a.m. the dinner is a fundraiser for the Lutheran Island Day Camp that we will be hosting again this year. We will be serving Chicken Kiev, baked potatoes, beans, coleslaw, roll and dessert. The cost will be whatever you wish to donate. All proceeds will go to support the day camp. Please sign up on the office door by February 16

Midweek Lenten Services

Lent begins Ash Wednesday, February 26 with services at 12:15 p.m. & 6:30 p.m.
Soup and Sandwich suppers start March 4 at 5:30 p.m.

February 26 - Ash Wednesday (12:15 & 6:30 p.m.)

March 4 (12:15 & 6:30 p.m.)

March 11 (12:15 & 6:30 p.m.)

March 18 (12:15 & 6:30 p.m.)

March 25 (12:15 & 6:30 p.m.)

April 1 (12:15 & 6:30 p.m.)

Soup & Sandwich Suppers

Every Wednesday in Lent, starting March 6 we will be having a soup and sandwich supper. These are generally hosted by various boards. Lent has 5 Wednesdays that we serve supper, we have 3 boards that currently serve, the Deacons, Stewardship & Education. That leaves 2 Wednesdays that need hosts. It can be a family or a group of friends, if you would consider hosting a supper it would be wonderful.

Here are the dates for Lent and if hosts are needed:

March 4: hosts needed

March 11: Board of Ed

March 18: hosts needed

March 25: Board of Stewardship

April 1: hosts needed

E-Giving

After prayerful consideration the council has decided to start an e-giving option sometime in February. We are using a company called Vanco, we decided on them because they were the best option, they work with our Church Windows software, we could enroll for free and the monthly fee for the church was reasonable. Please watch for details in the News & Notes in February.

For those of you who answered our survey, thank you for taking the time to do so, it is greatly appreciated.

Please remember as we go forward that E-giving is only an option you may still use your envelopes and contribute that way. A side note that if you wish to use e-giving it will still be credited to your contributions.

Please if you have any questions please talk to Wayne or Roni.

Church Council Minutes

January 9, 2020

Members Present: Roni Hauser, Len Campbell, John Robinson, Wayne Ploetz, Sharyn Vengrin, and James Lemmerman by Phone.

Call to order: Sharyn Vengrin

Opening Prayer: Len Campbell

Call for additional agenda items: Additions made.

Approval of Minutes: John made the motion to accept the December 12, 2019 minutes and Leni Seconded. All in favor. Motion Carried

Pastor's Report: No Report

Treasurer's Report: Checking Account Balance:

\$24,145.53 Len the motion to accept Checking account Balance as written. Roni seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Board of Deacons: No Report

Board of Trustees: John called Heavenly Maids to discontinue their work. Cari Rader resumed her position as our Church Cleaner in January.

Board of Stewardship & Evangelism: No meeting yet. Guardian Angel went well. 26 participated. They worked on resolution for Tami and Kip Beaudoin missionaries in Ukraine

Check was cut for Orphan grain train for \$200.00. There were 5 \$20.00 gift cards purchased from Super One for the Benevolent Fund to give to someone in need.

Keep the Benevolent Fund on agenda until criteria has been composed.

Motion was made by Len and seconded by Wayne to designate \$1,000 donation from Betty Knutson family to the Benevolent Fund. Motion Passed

Board of Education: No Meeting

Memorial Committee: Same

Endowment Committee: Same

Memoriam Garden: Same

Old Business: Church Cleaners, John took care of this. See above.

Computer Scanning documents: Wayne has gotten started on this. This is a very big endeavor and he has got a plan. We will continue to keep you posted on this. Thank you so much Wayne.

New Business: Fellowship Hall use requests:

Pam Moore, representative for the Superior sister City Delegation, not a member of our congregation, requests to use the fellowship hall on Monday, January 27, with access to set up on Sunday evening, January 26th for a celebrating the Japanese New Year. Sara Kroeplin will be present.

Millie Derick, member of our congregation requests to use the fellowship hall on the following dates. Saturday, February 1 from 10:30 a.m.-3 p.m. and Saturday, February 8 from 1-9, for Birthday parties.

Kathy Field, requests to use the fellowship hall on Saturday, March 28, 12-5 for shower.

John requested and Len seconded that we grant all of the above permission to use the fellowship hall. Motion passed.

E-giving: Roni will compile a questionnaire for the congregation. This should take about 4 weeks to compile.

Parking lot sanding: Roni will monitor and talk with Jamey our plow man if needed.

Next Council Meeting: 5:00 p.m., Thursday February 13, 2020

Next Voter's meeting: February 16, 2020

Adjournment-Lord's Prayer

Stewardship

Of the three things a person is not to talk about in polite company – religion, politics, and money – the church is called, in one way or another, to talk about all three. Perhaps this is the reason why teaching about stewardship often seems to be an afterthought. It's something that happens only out of necessity when financial constraints are already nipping at the heels.

There is a more excellent way. Stewardship shouldn't be the kind of teaching that comes up only when there is a financial crunch. It should be part and parcel of the ongoing instruction of Christians as they live out their faith in their vocations – members of their family, their society, and their church. This teaching touches upon every facet of our lives; it stakes a claim upon our time, our presence, our prayers, and our possessions.

Stewardship begins with the acknowledgment that we are stewards. A steward is a manager of someone else's possessions. In Christian stewardship, we recognize, according to the Apostles' Creed, that God is the owner of all things as the Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier. And in His fatherly divine goodness and mercy, He gives us what is His to manage here below.

The principal virtue for stewards is faithfulness. As St. Paul wrote to the Christians in Corinth:

“Moreover, it is required of stewards that they be found faithful.” (1 Cor. 4:2)

Stewards must manage that which belongs to the owner according to the owner's wishes. That is what it means to be faithful in stewardship.

That raises a question: How are Christian stewards to be faithful in their managing of what God has entrusted to them to manage? In other words, what are the specific duties of a Christian steward?

This depends upon what God has revealed in His Word for each of our vocations in life as those in a family (fathers, mothers, husbands, wives, children), society (governors or citizens), and the church (pastors or laity).

The Table of Duties from *Luther's Small Catechism* lays this out in helpful and orderly way.

Let's look just at what the laity (hearers as it is labeled in the catechism) owe their pastors:

"In the same way, the Lord has commanded that those who preach the gospel should receive their living from the gospel." (1 Cor. 9:14)

"Let the one who is taught the word share all good things with the one who teaches. Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows." (Gal. 6:6-7)

"Let the elders who rule well be considered worthy of double honor, especially those who labor in preaching and teaching. For the Scripture says, 'You shall not muzzle an ox when it treads out the grain,' and, 'The laborer deserves his wages.'" (1 Tim. 5:17-18)

"We ask you, brothers, to respect those who labor among you and are over you in the Lord and admonish you, and to esteem them very highly in love because of their work. Be at peace among yourselves." (1 Thess. 5:12-13)

"Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they are keeping watch over your souls, as those who will have to give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with groaning, for that would be of no advantage to you." (Heb. 13:17)

We can see that the Lord commands hearers to support the work of the ministry with the gifts God endowed them – their time, their presence, their prayers, and their possessions. This is the means by which God blesses His people with His gifts: the ministry with the support of those whom they serve, and the hearers with the work of the ministry.

St. Paul expounds upon this further in his letters to the church at Corinth. He instructs them to give regularly (1 Cor. 16:1-2), proportionally (1 Cor. 16:1-2; 2 Cor. 8:12), and generously (2 Cor. 8:20) of our first-fruits (1 Cor. 16:2) with a spirit of eagerness (2 Cor. 9:2), earnestness (2 Cor. 8:7), cheerfulness (2 Cor. 9:7), and love (2 Cor. 8:23).

All of this teaching is set forth squarely within the context of stations to which God calls us. This is always appropriate for the church to speak because it instructs God's people in how they are to live out their faith as His stewards under those who are created, redeemed, and sanctified by Him.

Why? A Layman's Guide to the Liturgy

Why is the Bible carried from the right to the left side as one faces the altar for the reading of the Gospel?

During the Divine service, there are ordinarily three Readings: the Old Testament, the Epistle, and the Gospel. All three are worthy of our special attention, of course, since they are words from the Sacred Scriptures, and therefore words of God. But of those, the Church has traditionally regarded the words from the Gospels as being the greatest, since the Gospels (St. Matthew, St. Mark, St. Luke, and St. John) are the accounts of Christ in the flesh and His holy ministry among us, and they contain also His very words. This is why all rise for the reading of the Gospel, even as the members of any assembly customarily rise for the entrance of a president, king, or other dignitary. Since we believe that through the Gospel Christ Himself comes and dwells with us, therefore it is fitting that we rise and sing *Alleluias* to acknowledge His entrance to sit in the midst of us when the Gospel is about to be read. Moreover, the Gospel is meant for all the world to hear; and therefore from ancient times there has been a movement of the reader toward the north, in the churches (which generally faced the east). For the heathen dwelt mostly to the north. This movement of the reader thus formed a vector of sorts, an arrow. By this ritual, then, an understanding obtains that this Gospel is for all, even the heathen "in the north." In the service, everything moves toward the "north": the lighting of the candles, the Bible, the Readings, the reader, even the altar book.

Sometimes, at higher feasts and festivals, the movement of the reader and Gospel book toward the "north" is highlighted also by a movement first into the nave, to stand directly in the midst of the congregation. This is to depict the coming of Christ into the flesh, to dwell among us. So let us with ready and willing feet rise alertly for the reading of the Gospel, and see the movement of the book and its reader as a holy illustration that the Gospel pertains to the incarnation of God, to dwell among us, and that it is meant for all the world to hear.

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!

Youth Fun Day

All youth in 5th grade and up are invited out to the Kroepflin's home out in Lake Nebagamon for an afternoon of sledding, games, ice fishing on Sunday, February 9 at 1 p.m. There will be sloppy joes & hotdog provided, please bring something to share, chips, drinks, dessert or whatever.

Be sure to bring snow clothes and if you plan on ice fishing a fishing license if you are required to have one (16 and older), and a sled if you have one.

Please RSVP on the sheet on the office door by February 5. It is possible to carpool, but need people willing to drive. If you have any questions contact the church office at 715-398-3680 or clcoffice320@gmail.com.



FEBRUARY Birthdays

Christ's Men

Men, Let's Do Lunch

Christ's Men will meet on Tuesday, February 4 at 12 noon at Fuller's Family Restaurant. This is an opportunity to gain guidance and spiritual support from God's Word as well as an excellent opportunity for Christian friendship.

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.

- 2 Patricia Miller
- 3 Michael Field
Debbie Winans
Ruth Keppers
- 4 Kathleen Ostrom
- 5 Kyra Bradley
- 8 Kyle Leuthner
- 9 Greg Pahos
Angie Mack
Eric Craven
- 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
George Hockin
- 24 Donna Manos
- 25 Lydia Noble
Tom Pingel
- 27 Jennifer Heffner
Andrew Vengrin

***March Newsletter
Submissions are due by
February 15***

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