



# The Beacon

October  
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.

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## Trick or Treat: Where did we get “Halloween” anyway?

I think I put this out a while ago but in case you don’t already know the origin of this day here’s how it came to be. During the middle or dark ages many people believed that a lord of death sent evil spirits into animals to play terrible tricks on people. To frighten the spirits away, they wore scary disguises, built bonfires, and sometimes even burned animals in the fires because they believed this would appease the spirits. Sometimes treats were set out in the hope that the spirits would stay away. Nowadays, we might see these beliefs as silly superstitions.

Christians know that no one needs to be afraid of evil spirits because God is almighty; He loves us and will protect us. Instead of fearing the dead or ghosts and goblins, Christians chose to remember departed loved ones on the first day of November. They called November 1<sup>st</sup> “All Hallows Day.” All Hallows means “All holies” or “all saints.” The word “Saint” is often applied to those who have supposedly done many good things here on earth. But the Bible teaches that saints are sinners like you and me who are set apart or made holy because we trust God’s promise that Jesus Christ came to forgive us of our sins. The word saint is also used to refer to those who have died believing in Jesus and whose souls are right now with God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit in heaven. In other words, if we believe in Jesus we are right now also saints who, when we die will also live in heaven with Him. What a wonderful truth!

Now, about that word “Halloween. Just as we call December 24<sup>th</sup>, the day before Christmas, “Christmas Eve,” October 31<sup>st</sup> became known as “All Hallows Eve.” Along the way All Hallows Eve became shortened or contracted into “Hallow‘een.”

While Halloween is now seen as just a harmless, cute, and fun day, we need to remember the evil and scary roots of this event. Jesus and the writers of the Bible made it quite clear that there is a supernatural world. The devil is real. Obviously, he’s not going to jump out at us in the dark, but he is very evil and he works to lead people away from the true God. Please, stay away from people, books, or websites that appear satanic because evil powers are nothing to fool around with. Instead, God wants us to be exploring the Bible. There, Saint Paul reminds us that when we’re afraid we can be assured that “God did not give us a spirit of fear but a spirit of power and love.”

God loves us. He sent His Son, Jesus, to die for us and to rise from the dead. Jesus alone has the power to save us from sin, Satan, and from eternal death itself. One day all who believe in Jesus will be in heaven where we will see for ourselves the glory of God and the peace, joy, and beauty of heaven. That’s no “trick.” It’s the truth and the best “treat” of all!

Pastor Schield

## Pre-Call Meeting

As you may have heard, Pastor Schoessow has decided to retire. His last service will be December 6, 2020. He will be missed but we wish him a happy retirement.

All this mean that we will be putting out a call for a new pastor. To tell us what this means and what our steps will be, the MN North District President, Rev. Donald Fondow will be here on Sunday, October 11 at 10:30 a.m. Everyone in the congregation is encouraged to attend this informative meeting.

We will observe the current safety guidelines for meetings and ask that you wear a mask.

## Reformation Sunday

SOLA FIDE (Faith Alone) SOLA SCRIPTURA (Scripture Alone) SOLA GRATIA (Grace Alone)

Lutherans and other Christians throughout the world pause to acknowledge and reflect on the great blessings God has poured out on His people through the work of one unique servant, Martin Luther. Through his steadfast adherence to Scripture, his zeal and dedication, we today enjoy the freedom of hearing the Gospel taught and preached in church every Sunday, the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood as Jesus gave it, the blessings of private devotion, the majesty of great hymns, and the tools of catechism instruction.

We will have an opportunity to gather together with fellow Christians on **Sunday, October 25 & Wednesday, October 28** when we will observe the Reformation of the Church!

## Oktoberfest

Unfortunately, Ocktoberfest and the Pasty Bake have sadly become victims of the pandemic and have been cancelled for 2020. Hosting the Pasty Bake will be revisited in early spring of 2021.

## Youth Events

The following events are open to all youth in grades 7 – 12. Please join us for some get togethers with fun and short Bible studies.

### Thursday, October 15, 6 – 7:30 p.m.

Couple and enjoy an evening around the campfire here at CLC. Please dress warm, bring a chair and your Bible. Enjoy some fellowship and a short Bible study.

### Sunday, October 25 following church

Join in on a drone/remote car event. Bring a remote-controlled vehicle. If you do not have one, no worries come and enjoy the company anyways. Bring your Bible for a short Bible study.

## Church Council Minutes

September 10, 2020

**Members Present:** John Robinson, Len Campbell, Wayne Ploetz, Jim Lemmerman, Pastor Schield, Pastor Schoessow, 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 August 13, 2020 minutes and Len Seconded. All in favor. Motion Carried

**Pastor's Report: Pastor Shield:** Confirmation will meet next Wednesday, outside from 4:15-5:30. Board of Education may ask Pastors to teach.

**Pastor Schoessow:** Pastor announced that he would be retiring as of Dec. 31, 2020. The last day of preaching will be December 6, 2020. Jim stated that we should have this in writing.

**Treasurer's Report:** Checking Account Balance: \$29,224.83 Sharyn made the motion to accept Checking Account Balance as written. John seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

## BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:

**Board of Deacons:** Meeting next Tuesday

**Board of Trustees:** Lawrence Lehto will be painting the wall and the exit door.

John will start the boilers the end of September.

**Board of Stewardship & Evangelism:** No meeting yet. Set up date of November 15 for Stewardship Sunday. Len has a training session for stewardship Committee on the 22<sup>nd</sup> at 5:00pm.

John suggested that the pastors turn their mikes on when they are preaching.

### Board of Education:

Welcomed the new members of the board and the new Sunday school superintendent.

The board met to discuss the feasibility of having in person Sunday school

Decided to send out a survey to our families to see what they wanted, whether they would attend an in person Sunday school, if they would prefer to have curriculum mailed out or if they would watch a video lesson. The survey was mailed out, to 14 families. Have since received 9 surveys, with mixed results. The board will meet on September 21 @ 5pm to discuss options.

Discussed lack of teachers, we currently have 1 maybe two teachers willing to teach in person. Not enough.

Helena and Dominic are willing to teach the youth ad are looking to incorporate a 5:30 Wednesday evening (5:30-6:30 youth group get together for grade 7 through 12.

Youth Group will start October 7 from 5:30-6:30. Bible Study and meal. Leaders: Helena and Dominic Frost!

Next Meeting Monday, September 21 @ 5pm.

**Memorial Committee:** No Report

**Endowment Committee:** No change

**Memorial Garden:** Still resting!

**Old Business:**

Swing set update-installed and fund raiser started.

**New Business:**

Mainstreet Living: Needs a local member.

Voter's Assembly September 20

Pasty Bake: Sarah and Shane in attendance: There was some discussion: It was decided due to COVID that we would postpone until Spring.

**Requests to use Fellowship Hall:** None

Next Council Meeting: 5:00 p.m., Thursday, October 8, 2020

Adjournment-Lord's Prayer

## **Voter's Meeting Minutes**

**September 20, 2020**

**Opening Devotion:** Pastor Shield

**Roll Call:** Jim Lemmerman

**Approval of Agenda:** A motion was made by Len Campbell and seconded by Mike Kramer approve the agenda. All in favor. Motion carried.

Reading and approval of minutes from June 28, 2020 Regular Meeting, 2020. These are posted in the Newsletter. Wayne made the motion that we approve the minutes and Lois seconded the motion. All in Favor. Motion approved.

**Admission of new members:** None

**Transfers and Releases:** None

**Treasurer's Report:** Balance: \$29,224.83. A motion was made by Mike Kramer and seconded by Peg Campbell to receive and file the Treasurer's report as printed. All in favor. Motion carried.

**Old Business:** Playground equipment update: Well received.

**New business:** Pastor Schoessow's retirement, Last preaching date will be December 6, 2020. Pastor said that he had no plans of moving. He said He and Jenny will still be attending Christ Lutheran Church. Pre-call Meeting-Everyone in the congregation is invited Sunday October 11<sup>th</sup> after the service approximately 10:30. President Fondow will be in attendance.

**Adjournment:** Jim Lemmerman

Closing Prayer: Lord's Prayer

Next Meeting: November 15, 2020

## **Stewardship**

*(Note: This is what should have been in September's newsletter instead of October's)*

"Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with all your might" (Eccl 9:10).

God bids us to be faithful in the tasks He calls us to do. He calls us to be members of a family (husbands and wives; fathers and mothers; sons and daughters). He calls us to be members of society (those who govern and those who are governed). And He calls us to be members of His family, the Church (those who preach

and teach and those who hear and learn). Each of these callings from God places a duty on us.

As members of a family, husbands are given the duty to die for their wives as Christ gave His life for His bride, the Church; while wives are given the duty to respect their husbands and submit themselves to them as the Church does to Christ. Fathers and mothers are to raise their children in the fear and admonition of the Lord, teaching them the Ten Commandments, the Creed, the Lord's Prayer, and the Scriptures concerning Baptism, Confession, the Office of the Keys, and the Lord's Supper. Children are to honor their parents throughout their lives, and even when their parents are no longer alive, serving and obeying them, loving and cherishing them, and speaking well of them.

As members of society, God calls those who govern to bear the sword, that is, to punish those who do evil (those who live contrary to God's will) and to reward those who do good (those whose lives are lived in conformity with God's will). Those who are governed are to obey their leaders as to the Lord Himself, for their leaders bear the sword of God's temporal justice for a purpose.

As members of God's own family, the Church, He calls those who preach and teach to do so in faithfulness to His holy Word. To preach and teach the Law of God to convict the hearts of hearers of their sin and to encourage, admonish, and exhort them to do good works in accordance with God's will. They are to preach and teach the Gospel, the full forgiveness of their sins accomplished by Christ and received through faith, not by works. They are to administer the means of grace in accordance with the Gospel and the Word of God. They do all this for the young and old alike, for those who are near and far off. Those who hear and learn are to submit themselves to their preachers and teachers. They are to support them by their prayers and their gifts.

Each of these callings from God place a duty on us. They make a claim on our presence; on our prayers; and our time, talents, and treasures. So, "Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with all your might" (Eccl 9:10). Pray for your family, your government, and your church. Give of yourself by means of your time, your talents, and your treasures to your family, your government, and your Church. That is what it means to be faithful in the tasks that God has given us. That is what it means to do it with all your might.

## **Stewardship Sunday**

November 15 is scheduled as Stewardship Sunday. This will be your opportunity to prayerfully offer your time and talents, along with your financial commitment, to your church for 2021. The Time & Talent form and the Financial Commitment form will be placed in your mailboxes in mid-October. Additional forms can be found on the table outside of the office door.

### **Financial Commitment Form**

When filling out the 2021 Financial Commitment form, please fill out completely and place in a sealed envelope. If you submitted a Financial Commitment Form last year, it will be placed in your mailboxes for your review and reference as you develop your personal plan for giving in 2019.

### **Time & Talent Form**

As you review the Time & Talent form, please consider areas of the church's operation that you may be interested in and fill out the form accordingly.

Both forms can be submitted on Stewardship Sunday.

### **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](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

### **My Savior Lives Northland**

**LCMS Service of Worship – Every Sunday at 9:30 a.m. on KBJR Channel 6, Duluth**

"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:

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October 4, 2020

Rev. Dr. Areigh VonSeggern  
St. Paul Lutheran Church, Marengo, WI  
Trinity Lutheran Chape, Cable, WI

October 11, 2020

Rev. Robert Franck  
Mount Olive Lutheran Church, Duluth

October 18, 2020

Rev. Dr. Jeff Walther  
St. Matthews Lutheran Church, Esko

October 25, 2020

Rev. Matt Kohl  
Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, Cloquet



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