



The Beacon

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Christ Ev. Lutheran
Church

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**Divine Worship
Services**
Starting Sept. 8
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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The word above is the recorded word (in the Greek language) spoken by Jesus when He was tempted by the devil in the wilderness (immediately after His baptism in the Jordan river). It is the word that Jesus spoke as He responded to **each of the three** temptations that the devil made toward Jesus. In essence, it was Jesus' way of how a person could deal with each and every temptation that he/she may encounter in his/her life.

Some believe that it was this word that Martin Luther was referring to when he wrote the hymn: "*A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*". Those of us who use only the English language would never be able to guess what the one word might be that Luther refers to. But, with Luther being well versed in the Greek language (among other languages), the above Greek word very likely is the one word that he had in mind. Verse three of that hymn states:

*Though devils all the world should fill,
All eager to devour us,
We tremble not, we fear no ill;
They shall not overpower us.
This world's prince may still
Scowl fierce as he will,
He can harm us none.
He's judged; the deed is done;
One little word can fell him.*

So, what is the English translation of that one "little" (Greek) word? It is the phrase: "**It is written**". That phrase speaks volumes about our church's startup of Sunday School classes this month of September. If we want to be able to successfully resist the temptations that we will face in life, we would be tremendously helped if we were well aware of "what is written" — written, of course, in God's Word (better known as the Bible).

Too many people are not as aware as they could be of what is written in the Bible. But the Bible's Words can help us in a big way to live in the way that God wants us to live. God intended His Word to be a **guide for us in life**. So, yes, that one word is a huge mandate for every Christian to know the Bible well. The better we know the Bible, the better we will be able to resist any temptation in life. It reinforces the importance of having and attending Sunday School.

We should also know that God's Word can be (and should be) read and studied outside of a Sunday School setting. There are many reading plans of how a person can methodically read through the Bible over a period of time. Our *Lutheran Study Bible* has such a plan (a two year plan) on Roman numeral pages 59-63. May all of us be determined to better know God's Word ("what is written") so that we can successfully live in the way that God wants us to live.

Pastor Bernecker

Pastor Nominations

Since our latest Call has been returned, the Call Committee is in the process of requesting a new list of candidates from the district. We invite members of the congregation to submit the names of any pastors they feel would be a good fit for us and might be interested in the position. Please submit by Sept 19. A Submission Form can be obtained for the church secretary or any member of the Call Committee.

Fall/Winter Worship Schedule

Normally at this time we would be announcing our service times for the fall & winter season. It has been decided that because of the way the world is currently that we will continue with having one service on Sundays and on Wednesdays.

Sunday

Divine Service – 9 a.m.

Wednesday

Divine Service – 6:30 p.m.

Rally Sunday

Join us for Rally Sunday on September 12 at 10 a.m. to kick off the new Sunday school year! There will be a light breakfast with yogurt parfaits, baked goods, juice and coffee.

Wednesday Morning Bible Study

Join us for a Bible study on the book of Romans at the Wednesday morning Bible study that will begin September 8th starting at 10 a.m. Over the weeks to come, we will look in detail at one of the Apostle Paul's greatest letters to the Christian Church. His letter to the people of Rome presents some of the major central teachings of the Christian faith.

Confirmation

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 15 at 4:15 p.m.** We will outline our confirmation process and confirm our weekly schedule so that together we can enable our children to thrive in their Christian faith and life. Confirmation process starts for children in 7th grade. **Confirmation class begins that same day.**

Adult Confirmation Classes

We are planning on having an Adult Confirmation class beginning Tuesday, September 21st. It will be held every Tuesday night at 6:30 p.m. for seven weeks. Each class will be one hour in length. If you have an interest in learning more about the teachings of the Lutheran Church or if you would like to become a confirmed member of the church, please contact the church office by September 13th. The church office can be reached either through email (at clcoffice320@gmail.com) or by phone (at 715-398-3680).

Pastor Schoessow's Retirement Party

We are finally able to host a retirement party for Pastor Schoessow. It will be held Sunday, September 26 after the service. It will be a catered affair with Kurtz Catering providing the meal. Please join us. Signup on the office door by September 19.

Please consider helping the Altar Guild

Caring for the altar is a wonderful way to serve the Lord. The Altar Guild very much needs your help. Gratefully we have had some people step forward to offer their help. We work in teams of two and we currently have three teams. That means each team will have altar care once every three months. Ideally, if six more volunteers step forward, we would have six teams and each team would care for the altar two month in the entire year. The more people who volunteer, the less time commitment for each team. If you are planning to be gone or vacation away in the winter, we can work around your schedule and trade coverage dates.

The main duties are the care of the altar and setting up and taking down communion. A current Altar Guild member will work with you until you are comfortable to work on your own as a team.

Time commitment each week varies with the person but normally takes a team of two 1 to 1 ½ hour each week to clean, set up communion, put oil in the candles, etc. Taking down communion generally takes 30-45 minutes. At different times during the year paraments are changed to a different color for the church season and the banners are also changed. There is one communion service on Sunday morning and another one on Wednesday evening. The Wednesday service generally takes 10-15 minutes to set up and can be done after taking down communion on Sunday morning.

Please prayerfully consider helping with this important service.

May God bless your decision.

LWML

Join thousands of other Lutheran women who focus on missions and God's Word. Our Christ Lutheran LWML will meet on Thursday, September 16th at 1 PM. Our emphasis is on Bible Study, mission projects, and sharing faith and friendship with our "sisters-in-Christ". Pastor Bernecker will lead our Bible Study from the Summer Quarterly titled "Come Unto Me, Ye Weary". If you have received a summer quarterly, please bring it with you.

Explanation of Communion Service

On Wednesday, September 29, and Sunday, October 3, we will be having an explanation of our Communion Service. This service is intended to help everyone better understand and appreciate the Divine Service, Setting One (page 151 and following) in our hymnal. The time that is ordinarily used for the sermon will be divided up

into short commentaries that will be made throughout the service. These short commentaries will talk about the background and purpose of each part of the service. If you've often wondered why we do certain things in our service, you won't want to miss church on the 29 or the 3!

From the Treasurer

Any group that has a line in the church budget need to submit their budget requests to Wayne Ploetz, Treasurer. You may put them in the treasurer's box in the office, or on the secretary's desk.

Main Street Living Northland LCMS Service of Worship for the Duluth region televised by KBJR Channel 6.

"MAIN STREET LIVING 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.). Main Street Living 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.

Church Council Minutes

August 19, 2021

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

Call to order: Len Campbell

Opening Prayer: Pastor Bernecker

Call for additional agenda items: None

Approval of Minutes: Mike made the motion to accept the June 10, 2021 minutes and Don Seconded. All in favor. Motion Carried

Pastor's Report: Everything is going well.

Treasurer's Report: Checking Account Balance: June \$71,079.78. Don made the motion to accept Checking Account Balance as written. Mike seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Checking Account Balance: July \$53,454.71. Don made the motion to accept Checking Account Balance as written. John seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Board of Trustees:

June/July No meeting held

Requests for estimates for sealing parking lot were received in June from Sinnott and Twin Ports Seal Coating. Council chose to go with Sinnott as the estimates were close and Sinnott is the company that replaced our parking lot. We are on Sinnott's docket, and they will complete project as soon as they are able.

Request for estimate from Jim Perrault Construction was made and received for gutters and heat tape for the wings at the front of the church. Jim was informed on July 27th that we have accepted the estimate. The signed estimate and 50% of estimate were sent on

August 2nd. I have not heard when they may make the installation.

Jim Perrault has/will send someone out to look at the issue of water coming into the women's restroom. Currently, it is believed that it is not a roof leak. The air exhaust from the restrooms may be causing condensation in the spring and the water leaking into the women's restroom. We have had at least two substantial rains with no water leaking into the women's restroom.

I have been informed that there is a leak in the boiler room, too. This may have been corrected as Jim Lemmerman did see someone from Perrault calking around the stacks above the boiler room. Will continue to watch.

The new boilers have been installed and are running. They are set to only actually run when the outside temperature is below 70 degrees. Neal Scharte has suggested that is best that the boilers stay "on" during the summer. If there is a problem with the boilers, we should be aware of it before they are needed in the late fall/winter. I suggest leaving the boilers on the rest of the summer and compare gas usage to last year to see if there is a large difference and that we should shut the boilers down in the summer. If boilers are shut off, the date and time need to be reset when turned back on. Side note: I have submitted an Incentive Application to Focus on Energy for a possible rebate \$1194.

Pastor's office has been painted.

Our cleaning girl has resigned. She has accepted a new position. We are now looking for a new person to do the cleaning.

Board of Deacons:

Pastor Appreciation Meal: Retirement dinner for Pastor Schoessow. Sept. 26, 2021.

Rally day for Sunday School was discussed. The Altar Guild is in need of more help.

Board of Stewardship & Evangelism:

We welcomed Chris and Mike Stumpf as new members of the Board of Stewardship and Evangelism and look forward to working with them.

Old Business: Len will inquire with Council regarding future potlucks.

We will receive a list of needs from the Center Against Sexual and Domestic Abuse (CASDA) by the end of August which we will use to solicit donations from the congregation in October

We looked at topics for a presentation to the congregation in October and will coordinate with CASDA to set up a presentation following the church service on October 17th.

The Damiano Community Kitchen is open during lunch "only". All meals are available "to-go" at the 4th Street entrance. We continue to wait until the Community Kitchen opens fully before Christ Lutheran members consider working the soup kitchen as in the past. Chris will check into potential options at the Ruth House and report back to the board.

The Damiano will take clothing, however, appointments for dropping off donations need to be made in advance. Limited items are being accepted due to space availability.

A date for Stewardship Sunday will be decided in the next month. Dates considered are November 7&14. We decided to schedule the Spiritual Conversation training for Christ Lutheran members on Saturday, October 23, from 9:00-noon. We will advertise in the bulletin and newsletter and prepare a sign-up sheet for those attending. Coffee, juice and treats will be provided. Our members will provide treats and make coffee for Sunday fellowship and bible study on the following dates this fall: Becken's, September 19, Campbell's October 10, Severin's, November 7, and Stumpf's, December 12.

New Business:

Installation of officers and board members is Sunday, August 8th during the service.

Recognition of Holly Klomhaus's Christ the King Scholarship will take place Sunday, August 15th during the service. We hope schedules align to have Jacob Franck's recognition stop by on a later date.

Other Business:

Halloween Trunk and Treat will be discussed at the September board meeting.

Next Meeting: 5:00pm, Tuesday, September 7, 2021

Board of Education: Rally Sunday: September 12th, breakfast will be served. We have materials. Helena will be the leader of the Youth Group during Sunday school.

Memorial Committee: Total Memorial Fund Balance as of July 31, 2021 is \$9,708.66

Endowment Committee: No change.

Memorial Garden: Two new name plates were made. One replacement and one for Gilbert Schumacher.

Old Business: NBC Signatory Update: Wayne needed signatures for our account.

Call Committee update. We received a refusal. Now waiting for another call meeting.

How do we handle potlucks moving forward: This was discussed. We will be following the usual procedures during this Covid Season.

New Business:

Funding Opportunity: Community Outreach: Tabled
Requests to use Fellowship Hall: None

Next Council Meeting: 5:30 p.m., Thursday, September 9, 2021

Adjournment-Lord's Prayer

Stewardship

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 sixpence 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 sixpence 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 (Deut. 8:17–18) but also all that we are in this life (1 Cor. 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” (Matt. 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 (Gal. 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.

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 *Solus*, 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

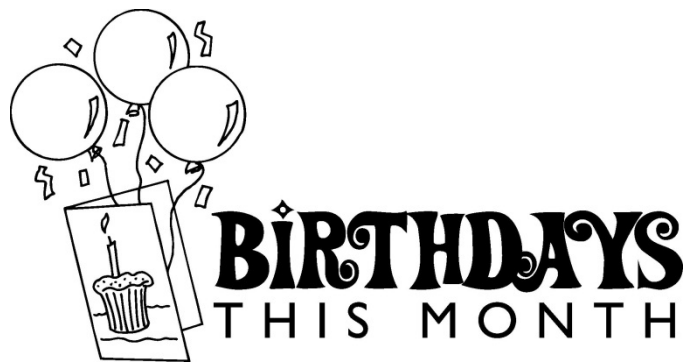
The first Sunday of every month is when you need to bring in your donations of non-perishable food items for the local food shelf. You may put your items under the table in the narthex. This is given to those in need and then to the local food pantry.

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?

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 or call toll free 1.888.843.5267



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Online Information

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www.lcms.org
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LC-MS Synod Radio Stations
www.kfuo.org—or—classic99.com
www.issuesetc.org

**Information on Pregnancy, Parenting
& Adoption**
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You're Invited to Rally Sunday!!

Sunday, September 12

10:15 a.m.

Join us for a light breakfast of yogurt parfaits, baked goods, juice and coffee, and a new year of learning about Jesus and other fun activities.

