



The Beacon

September 2022

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.



You and I are proud people. We talk about “Packer (or Viking) pride.” We’re a “Proud parent of an honor student.” “Proud parent of a Marine.” We love to take pictures at weddings, graduations, and anniversary celebrations. When we catch a fish what do we do? We have a picture taken of us and our fish with a big smile on our face. When we bag that big buck what do we do? We capture the moment by kneeling down and holding the antlers of the “turdy point buck.” We have our pictures taken with politicians or celebrities. We take pictures of places we’ve been with whatever place it is in the background or by a tee-shirt so we can say, “I was there.” We have bumper stickers that say “Proudly built in America” or “Proud to be an American.” While it certainly isn’t wrong to appreciate an accomplishment or a job well done we need to think about how any of these things is possible.

In the Bible, we learn about pride. In Luke God’s Son, Jesus Christ taught people in parables. Jesus told these parables because He knew that only those who really wanted to listen would stick around long enough to hear His explanation. In Luke 18 Jesus tells the parable about two men who went up to the temple to pray. One was a really religious and highly esteemed man. The other was a real low life—a tax collector is the term Jesus used. In our day too: a tax man or someone who steals peoples’ hard-earned life savings? You can’t get more despicable than that. Well, the highly esteemed religious man goes to church to pray where lots of people can see and hear him. He prays, “God, I thank you that I am not like other men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I have done many good things and I give money to the poor.”

Jesus goes on: “The tax collector stands in the back all by himself, out of earshot of others. He humbly says ‘God be merciful to me, a sinner.’” Jesus explains the parable by saying, “I tell you, this man went down to his house justified, rather than the other.” Basically, the religious man is saying, “I’m proud of what I’ve made of myself.” The tax collector, on the other hand, realizes that before God, he is nothing but a sinner.

You and I both need to ask ourselves: “Which one of these two am I?” Whether we want to admit it or not, before God we are all sinners. In God’s eyes we are no different from those of whom we say, “I’m not like *them*.” At our funeral do we want someone to talk about us and how great we were because of the great things we’ve done, or would we want our surviving loved ones to hear about what God has done for us in Jesus Christ? Jesus came to earth to teach people—to teach about who He was: the Son of God. Jesus came to live the perfect life we could never live. Then He willingly allowed Himself to be crucified as the payment our just God demanded from sinners. Jesus then rose from the dead as proof that He was indeed who He said He was and that He had power over death.

We are only able to do anything at all because God gives us those abilities. That’s why we can humbly say, “Thank you, God for forgiving my sins for Jesus sake.” And because our sins are forgiven we can—not proudly but *confidently* tell others, “God has promised to take me to be with Him forever in heaven!”

Pastor Kirk Schield

To: Christ Lutheran Church, Superior, WI

From: Rev. Kirk Schield

Date: August 23, 2022

Dear members of Christ Lutheran Church,

Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ!

This letter is to officially inform you that I believe our Lord is leading me accept the Call to serve full time at Christ Lutheran Church in Superior WI, beginning January 1st 2023.

Since I was Installed as your part time pastor in March of 2017 I don't know if I need to be installed again, but I will check with the District to see what they wish to do. I will notify you later on if there will be an Installation service in 2023.

I humbly ask your prayers as Jill and I prepare for the transition to full time.

Thank you very much in advance for your prayers!

In Christ's service I remain,
Pastor Kirk Schield

Fall/Winter Worship Schedule

We are continuing with the same service times.

Sunday

9 a.m. Divine Service

10:15 a.m. Adult/Teen Bible Study

10:15 a.m. Sunday School

Wednesday

6:30 p.m. Divine Service

Rally Sunday Pig Roast & Potluck

It is that time of year where kids are getting ready for back to school, well so is our Sunday School. To kick off the school year we have brought back our Rally Sunday kick-off with the pig roast.

Join us Sunday, September 11, for the Pig Roast and potluck lunch starting at 10:30 a.m. All ages are invited to attend and enjoy a wonderful meal and fellowship. Please sign up on the sheet on the office door with what you can bring for the potluck. Hope to see you there!

Sunday School Starts

The fall quarter of Sunday school begins on September 11 at 10 a.m. Classes are offered for grade pre-k through high school and Bible study for adults. We have an exciting year planned and hope your family is a part of it. Kids will meet their teachers in the classroom and fill out needed information.

Please join us at the Rally Day pig roast at 10:30 a.m. service.

Wednesday Morning Bible Study

Beginning August 17th (starting at 10 a.m.) the Wednesday morning Adult Bible class will begin a new study on the book of Genesis. Join us as we look at the earliest of Old Testament history — from the creation account through the first three generations of the Old Testament people of Israel. It is anticipated that this study will continue throughout the remaining months of 2022.

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 14 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.**

Thank You to The Congregation

This July, Christ Lutheran sent 4 youth and 2 adults to the national youth gathering in Houston, TX. We would like to thank the congregation for their support and making it possible for us to attend this amazing event. We attended wonderful Bible studies, sessions, mass events filled with music, and timely, powerful messages, laughed, cried, and grew in our faith. The theme was "in all things". God is in all things. He is there from the beginning to the end. We learned that the stress and anxiety of daily life are middle words and because God is in all things we can look to those final words like grace and salvation. We rocked out to a Christian music band one evening called For King and Country and they had a message for us of being priceless and how God is with us in all things. Thank you again from all of us to all of you. We look forward to sending even more youth in three years to New Orleans!

God bless- Chris Stumpf, Marcy Bennis, Jackie and Joshua Stumpf, Ivy Bennis, and Shelby Torpen

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 Tuesday, September 20 at 1 PM. Come join us for Bible study, discussions on ways to help our church and community, fellowship and treats. All ladies of the church are invited.

Mt. Olive Lutheran Church's 100th Anniversary

Mt. Olive will celebrate 100 years of blessings from the Lord on Sunday, September 25 at 9:30 a.m., with an Anniversary Festival Service. Mt. Olive pastor's, Rev. Robert Franck will be assisted in the Divine Worship by Minnesota North District president, Rev. Brady Finnern, and former Mt. Olive pastor, Rev. David Magruger. A luncheon will follow the service. Former members and friends are invited to attend.

Church Council Minutes

August 11, 2022

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

Call to order: Len Campbell

Call for additional agenda items: None

Opening Prayer: Pastor Schield

Minutes from Council Meeting: Wayne made the motion to accept the June 9, 2022 minutes, Don seconded. All in favor. Motion Carried.

Pastor's Report: Confirmation was discussed

Treasurers Report: Ending Balance: \$82,942.55. Don made the motion to accept the ending balance.

Seconded by John. All in favor. Motion carried

BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Board of Trustees: Most everything finished. Our next step is to clean out the garage.

Board of Deacons: No Meeting.

Board of Stewardship & Evangelism:

Old Business:

Pastor Bernecker presented an option that could replace the time and talent sheets. This option would look at spiritual gifts and talents of members and help in their willingness to participate in the operation and/or activities of the church. The process would involve

members taking part in three one-hour sessions that would lead each member to identify their spiritual gifts. The board members decided to review and tweak the forms supplied to us, review and complete an inventory form, and discuss at the next meeting. A follow-up meeting with Pastor Bernecker will take place September 19.

New Member Kim Klomhaus was introduced to the board. She is a welcome addition, and we look forward to working with her.

Dave Severin, Jean and Peder Becken, Ashley Demars began one-year appointments on August 1, 2022, and running through July 31, 2023.

New Business:

Len distributed a contact list to the board for 2022-2023 terms.

We will look at filling slots on the Sunday coffee/treat list. We covered member involvement throughout the year for the following events.

Len will work out a date for Stewardship Sunday with both Pastors.

CASDA Donations and Presentation-Len will get a list of items in need for a donation drive and research the possibility of a presentation by CASDA in October.

Mission appeals-ongoing

Halloween Trunk and Treat-this will be discussed further at the September meeting. We will be in contact with the Youth Group to help assemble Trunk or Treat gift bags prior to Halloween.

Advent-Soup and Sandwich-prior to Wednesday service-date: TBO.

Guardian Angel Program-January 8, 2023.

Lenten Soup and Sandwich-date: TBO.

Other events as they come up.

Meeting times will continue to be the first Tuesday of the month at 5:15.

Other Business:

We will work on scheduling Damiano soup kitchen volunteering soon for the September through /December Next Meeting 5:15 pm, Tuesday September 6, 2022

Board of Education:

Rally Sunday will be September 11th.

A pig roast is being planned.

The Board will provide what is needed for the event.

There will be a sign-up sheet on Roni's door for those who will attend.

There will be no Bible Study that day.

John will touch base with the Sunday school teachers after church on Sunday the 14th. Any needs for the fall school year can be brought to John. He will give them to Roni and she will order them.

Teachers for the fall are:

Mallory and Jessica for Pre-K-Kindergarten

Shannon and Kim for grades 1-2

Jill, Shane and Debbie for grades 3-4

Helena and Dominic grades 6-12.

Substitutes are: Angie Mack and John Keske

Next board Meeting: August 30, 2022 at 5:00

Memorial Committee: No report
Endowment Committee: As per report
Memorial Garden: One burial: Andy Anderson
Old Business:

Consider Roni to set-up autopay: We will inform Roni to go ahead and set up Autopay for CPS.

New Business:

Requests to use Fellowship Hall: None
Call Document Benefits Concern:
Convened to Executive Committee
Next Council Meeting: September 8, 2022 @ 5:00 pm
Adjournment: Lord's Prayer

Stewardship

What is Stewardship?

What is a steward? Most people, when asked this question, will reply: "A manager." That is correct, but it is only half right. A steward is indeed a manager, but he is a manager of what does not belong to him. Someone else is the owner, and the steward manages the owner's property on the owner's behalf.

We are God's stewards. Our stewardship is that God has made us managers of what belongs to Him. For we have brought nothing into this world, and we can take nothing out of it (1 Tim. 6:7). Everything that we have and everything that we are comes from God's fatherly Divine goodness and mercy. God is the owner. Not only because, as the Creator, He created all things. But also, as the Redeemer, He has redeemed, that is, purchased and won all things. It all, therefore, belongs to Him.

We are simply managers of everything in this world. Like Joseph in Egypt, we are put in charge of managing what belongs to God. What a privilege. Think about that for a minute. The all-knowing, all-powerful, all-wise God has asked us to manage His possessions on His behalf here on earth. And by doing this, He invites us to take part in the allocation of His good gifts. He wants us to give our input and advise Him in where His gifts are to be used. What a privilege indeed.

What a responsibility. For to whom much is given, much shall be required (Luke 12:48). We are not the owners. And while He puts us as managers, we are still to do with His property what He wants done with it. That means we need to know what His desire and will for His property is.

How do we know this? How can we know the will and mind of God? We find the will of God in the Bible. There God tells us what His will for all His gifts are to be used. He tells us how we are to spend our time and use our talents and treasures. He instructs us in the use of our minds, bodies, and souls.

There is nothing that we have that doesn't belong to Him. "Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, for you were bought with a price"

(1 Cor. 6:19–20). He informs us of the big picture, the overarching policy, of how we as His stewards – His managers and custodians – of His property are to do the managing.

And that is what stewardship is. It is simply doing what God wants us to do with what He has given us. As St. Paul said: "Do not present your members to sin as instruments for unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and your members to God as instruments for righteousness" (Rom. 6:13). So, let's dive into the God's Word and listen to what the owner desires from His stewards.

Our Savior Lives Northland

LCMS Service of Worship for the Duluth region televised by KBJR Channel 6.

"Our 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.). [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.

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?

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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