



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.



Teaching the Faith!

Families are eagerly anticipating a safe return to the classroom, both at school and Sunday school.

The family has been, is, and always will be the primary teacher of faith. It is hard to argue otherwise. Parents (and grandparents) are teaching faith every day. The question is, what faith are we teaching? When we give children \$20 for a meal on Saturday night and \$2 for the offering on Sunday morning, we are teaching faith. When we drop children off at Sunday school and go out for coffee, we are teaching faith. When we say, "Just get through confirmation and you can decide for yourself if you want to go to church," we are teaching faith.

There is little a church can do to teach faith in 60 minutes a week that isn't undone the other 10,020 minutes. So, it's time we parents recommit to do and be what we promised God we would do and be when we brought our child(ren) to the baptismal font. The Bible teaches that parents are the primary teachers, mentors, and role models for our own children with the church as reinforcement – not replacement – of parents' duties (i.e. Deut 6 or Eph 6:4).

I. Check your priorities

The First Commandment tells us that in a healthy life, God will be front and center, not marginalized to a back corner of the basement. Where is God in your family's priorities?

II. Is your faith reflected in your language?

The Second Commandment reminds us to put God's name into daily speech through prayer, praise and thanksgiving, instead of using God's name in fighting and swearing. If a typical day in your home was caught on tape, what would it sound like?

III. Make weekly worship a habit

The Third Commandment reminds us that our families need a day of spiritual refreshment at least once a week. Jesus Christ is truly present in the Divine Service to give us His most precious gifts: the forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation! Are you enriching or depriving your family on Sunday mornings (or Wednesday evenings)?

IV Home Huddles: a nightly check-in

Regular, thoughtful communication is essential if family relationships are to remain healthy. Why not begin a family ritual of having daily devotions or a nightly check-in process where you share the "Highs & Lows" of the day, read a verse of Scripture (cf. *Christ's People Pray*) and apply it to those highs or lows, pray and bless each other before bed? What positive benefits would your family experience by such a ritual?

Children and teens view us as role models of a Christian life. We have opportunity to let them witness our joy in the Lord and our need for spiritual nourishment when we faithfully attend worship services, study God's Word and partake of the Lord's Supper. Praise God that He is with us, empowering and blessing us in this awesome task!

Pastor Schoessow

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.

Sunday School

The Board of Christian Education met and are working on what Sunday school will look like. A survey has been sent to our Sunday school families to see what their thoughts are. We would like to do some kind of in-person Sunday school and the response to the survey will hopefully point us in a direction. As of right now we have delayed the start to until October 4. If in person Sunday school happens it will start at 10:15.

We are also rethinking how and when your youth meet, watch for details.

Parent's Confirmation Meeting

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 16 at 4:15 p.m.** We will outline our "cradle to the grave" confirmation process and confirm our weekly schedule so that together we can enable our children to thrive in their Christian faith and life. Book purchases will be made on this day. Confirmation process starts for children in 7th grade. **Confirmation class begins that same day.**

New Playground Fundraiser!

A fundraiser has been set up to defray the costs of the wonderful new playground. You will find envelopes on the office door by fundraiser thermometer. Please place your donation in a 'playground' envelope and place it on Roni's Desk. Thanks to some very sizable donations we only have another \$909.00 to raise! Every little bit counts. We have a beautiful new playground for our kids and the neighborhood kids to enjoy for years to come.

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 13, 2020

Members Present: John Robinson, Len Campbell, Jim Lemmerman, Roni Hauser and Sharyn Vengrin

Call to order: Jim Lemmerman

Opening Prayer: Jim Lemmerman

Call for additional agenda items: None

Approval of Minutes: Len made the motion to accept the June 11, 2020 minutes and Roni Seconded. All in favor. Motion Carried

Pastor's Report: None

Treasurer's Report: Checking Account Balance: \$32,068.21. John made the motion to accept Checking Account Balance as written. Len seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Board of Deacons: Consensus to start Sunday School
Board of Trustees: Mike Field came and removed trees from South side of building. Be thinking of a solution to landscaping. Maybe sod. Remove rocks. Talk with Lawrence about painting of wall.

Board of Stewardship & Evangelism: No meeting yet. Will have report next time.

Board of Education: They will be discussing Sunday school. We have two teachers so far. Roni will no longer represent for the Board of Ed. Confirmation will continue.

Memorial Committee: NBC: \$5,368.51 LCEF: \$4,592.25 Total: \$9,960.76

Endowment Committee: No change

Memorial Garden: Resting

Old Business: Swing Set: Monday Delivery. Roni will set up thermometer for Donations to Swing Set. We have to raise approximately \$4,800.00.

Church Credit Card: Any Problems? None.

New Business: 2021 Appointments: Board of Education: Laura Hoeschen

What will Church services look like this fall-winter: We are to think about this.

Requests to use Fellowship Hall: None

Next Council Meeting: 5:00 p.m., Thursday, September 10, 2020

Voter's Meeting: September 20, 2020
Adjournment-Lord's Prayer

Stewardship

We celebrate the Reformation at the end of each October. The Reformation began on All Saints' Eve in 1517, which was when Martin Luther posted the 95 Theses to the door of the Castle Church in Wittenberg. So, let's hear from Luther himself on the topic of giving and stewardship.

In the Small Catechism under the Table of Duties, Martin Luther gives specific Bible passages to help Christians know their duty in their various vocations as members of their family, society at large, and in God's family, the Church. Under the heading "What Hearers Owe Their Pastors," Luther lists five passages from the Bible, three of which have to do with giving to your local congregation. They are these:

- "The Lord has commanded that those who preach the gospel should receive their living from the gospel." (1 Cor. 9:14)
- "Anyone who receives instruction in the word must share all good things with his instructor. Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows." (Gal. 6:6–7)
- "The elders [presbyters, i.e., pastors] who direct the affairs of the church well are worthy of double honor, especially whose work is preaching and teaching. For the Scripture says, 'Do not muzzle the ox while it is treading out the grain,' and 'The worker deserves his wages.'" (1 Tim. 5:17–18)

Luther comments on these passages in his 1535 Lectures on Galatians. He wrote:

"When Paul says 'all good things,' this is not to be taken to mean that everyone should share all his possessions with his preacher. No, it means that he should provide for him liberally, giving him as much as is needed to support his life in comfort. ... The apostle is so serious in advocating this topic of support for preachers that he adds a threat to his denunciation and exhortation, saying: 'God is not mocked.' ... All this pertains to the topic of support for ministers. I do not like to interpret such passages; for they seem to commend us, as in fact they do. In addition, it gives the appearance of greed if one emphasizes these things diligently to one's hearers. Nevertheless, people should be taught also about this matter, in order that they may know that they owe both respect and support to their preachers. Christ teaches the same thing in Luke 10:7: 'Eating and drinking what they provide, for the laborer deserves his wages'; and Paul says elsewhere (1 Cor. 9:13–14): 'Do you not know that those who are employed in the temple service get their food from the temple, and those who serve at the altar share in the sacrificial offerings? In the same way the Lord commanded that those who

proclaim the Gospel should get their living by the Gospel.' It is important for us who are in the ministry to know this, so that we do not have a bad conscience about accepting for our work wages ... it happens when those who proclaim the glory of God and faithfully instruct the youth derive their livelihood from them. It is impossible that one man should be devoted to household duties day and night for his support and at the same time pay attention to the study of Sacred Scripture, as the teaching ministry requires. Since God has commanded and instituted this, we should know that we may with a good conscience enjoy what is provided for the comfortable support of our lives from church properties to enable us to devote ourselves to our office." (LW 27:125–126)

Why? A Layman's Guide to the Liturgy Why do we sing "Lord, have mercy" right after the Introit? By Burnell Eckardt

The words "Lord, have mercy" are a translation of the Greek *Kyrie eleison*, which is why this part of the service is called "the Kyrie" (pronounced *kee-ree-yay*). Since the Introit is the "entrance" wherein we all enter by faith into the presence of the living God, it is most appropriate for us to utter these words at once; "Lord, have mercy!" If even people as pious as Isaiah (cf. Isa. 6:5) or St. Peter (cf. St. Luke 5:8) find themselves woefully and miserably out of place in the presence of the holy God, certainly it is right for us to see ourselves in the way, upon first entering onto His sacred presence in the service. But we rightly cry at once for mercy, using the very same words as blind Bartimaeus, the ten lepers, and others who were brought to Jesus. We cry for mercy on the sure confidence that we shall receive it, for God is merciful and kind to His people. Our crying out for mercy *immediately* upon entering the holy place by faith indicates our awareness both of our own unrighteousness, and of the righteousness which He freely gives us who claim no merit of our own.

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 *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



BIRTHDAYS THIS MONTH

- 1 David Dittbrender
- 9 Beverly Nelson
- 13 James Barnard
Ashley Demars
- 18 Mary Colborn
Ian Ormsby
Gabriella Grammond
- 20 Milton Aho
- 23 Carolyn Hagberg
- 25 Karen Warren
Susan Isackson
Christopher Warren
- 26 Patricia Ploetz
- 27 Don Warren
- 29 Gilbert Schumacher
Laura Hoeschen
Mallory Allen
- 30 Haley Schultz

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