

The Beacon

May 2025

Christ Ev. Lutheran
Church

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Divine Worship
Services
Sunday - 9:00 a.m.
Wednesday - 6:30 p.m.

Bible Study
Sunday - 10 a.m.



“Set Apart to Serve”

That’s the theme of the awareness program in our Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod as we seek to recruit men and women, to be “Set apart to Serve”-to bring the good news of the Gospel of Jesus Christ to us and to the world.

You might find this article familiar. Or, it may be completely new to you. I write an article on this subject pretty much every May to remind you of our need to encourage others to be “Set Apart to Serve.” As I revised this article on Monday, April 28, the vicarage and deaconess internship assignment service was just seven hours away (the website counts down the days, hours and minutes) at Concordia Theological Seminary (CTSFW). That’s the seminary I attended and graduated from, which is in Fort Wayne, Indiana. And, Tuesday, April 29 was the Candidate Call assignment service where pastoral candidates will have received their call assignments to serve God’s people around the country-and even around the world. Now, you might say “We at Christ Lutheran Church, serving Superior WI, and Duluth, MN already have our pastor, so we’re set for awhile. What do the “Call” services have to do with us?” Plenty, I say. Now, it’s true that you aren’t currently in need of a pastor. You can thank God for that. But there are many other congregations who will have the privilege of either helping a vicar or a deaconess intern to gain experience for future service to God’s people, or congregations with a vacancy will be getting a pastoral candidate fresh out of one of our two seminaries: CTSFW in Fort Wayne, or Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, Missouri.

My point: I’m writing this to help you to see how God spiritually provides for us, his people.

Pastors, (and other church workers such as deaconesses and teachers) you see, don’t just *show up*. Here, I speak mostly of pastors, but of course, we need to recruit others to serve as well. In the case of pastors, God uses many different men to serve his people. Some are single men, 26 years old, right out of seminary. Statistics show a majority of younger fellows graduate from Concordia, St. Louis. (We at Fort Wayne used to-in good humor-refer to St. Louis guys as from the “other seminary”). Some men’s paths have taken them to work for a few years-or in my case, over 20 years-because I heard the call to serve God’s people when I was nearly 40 years of age. There are men attending or graduating from seminary who are married. There are men like me who were not only married but had one, two, four, maybe even six(!) children. Incidentally, I chose CTSFW because Fort Wayne is smaller than St. Louis, as well as because affordable homes were located right near the campus. You might gather, then, that God uses men from many different experiences and all walks of life. By the way, Christ Lutheran has been privileged to help support Jacob Franck, whose home church is Mount Olive, Duluth, as he is “Set Apart to Serve.”

As I noted earlier, God uses many different men and women to serve his people. They all have unique gifts and unique experiences but they all have one thing in common: God has called them to serve alongside people like you as we **all work together** to share the Good News of Jesus Christ crucified and risen to “reach” the world in which they live. They are called to preach, teach, visit their people in good times and bad, laugh with them, cry with them-whatever the circumstances may be. They’ve found it important enough to quit their jobs, sell their homes, and move their families, all the while trusting that somehow God will provide for their physical and financial needs. Now I’m not here to say that we pastors are some sort of super-Christian or some sort of hero. My point is that God takes care of his people through those he has called. You may know the story on me already; if not, here is a little history: I was working in Fort Collins, CO and served on the

Evangelism board at St. Peter's Lutheran Church. Pastor Russow said, "Maybe you should consider going to be a pastor." I said, "I'm a blue collar man, without a college degree, who is married with four children. I'll either be broke or dead by the time I get through seminary." But God opened all of the doors—even the ones I wasn't sure I wanted to walk through—so that I could finish and be ordained into the Office of the Holy Ministry. You will hear in our worship services that we often pray that God would raise up men who will serve as pastors, and men and women who will serve as teachers, deaconesses, missionaries etc. That's because we—and future generations—need pastors to teach, preach, and to pass on the Good News of God's love and forgiveness in Christ.

I thank God for all of the Christian teachers and pastors I had throughout my life. I thank God for bringing me here to the Twin Ports, to serve you, his people and to enjoy its beauty. Because God does indeed provide men and women who are, by his grace, "Set Apart to Serve."
May God bless us all as we serve together! Christ is Risen! He is Risen indeed!

Love in Christ,

Pastor Kirk Schield

Voter's Meeting

May 18, 2025, at 10 a.m.

Election of officers and board members.

Spiritual Conversation Workshop

Have you ever run into a person who asks you a question related to your religious beliefs, or ask you if you believe in God, or why do you go to church? Sometimes, or many times, the answer doesn't immediately come to you! The Board of Stewardship & Evangelism, through Lutheran Hour Ministries, is offering you an opportunity to attend a workshop from **9:00 am to 12:30 pm, Saturday, May 10, 2025, in the fellowship hall.**

The workshop will be broken into two parts. The first video relates to the **Eager Conversationalist** examining spiritual conversations. The second video, **The Spiritual Conversation Curve**, offers help in getting past conversation hurdles.

If you are interested, there is a sign-up sheet on the office door. **Please sign up no later than Sunday, May 4, 2025.** This will allow time to prepare all training materials prior to the event. Coffee and treats will be provided. You can also sign up by contacting **Roni Hauser, Church Secretary, 715-398-3680.** God Bless!

Thank You to Our Sunday School Teachers

Another year of Sunday school has flown by with the last day of Sunday school being May 18 and the Board of Christian Education would like to thank all of our hard-working Sunday school teachers who work hard teaching our children the Word of God and bringing the love of Jesus to them. So, when you are dropping your kids off be sure to

thank them for their devotion to your children. Our Devoted teachers are:

Pre-K – 2nd Grade: Jessica Stumpf & Mallory Allen

3rd – 5th Grade: Deb Winans & Jill Markee

6th & 12th Grade & Youth: Dominic Frost & Nathan Fowler

Substitutes: Angie Mack, Shane Kroeplin, Kathie Allen, Shannon Allen, Elisabeth Hannula
Pastor Schield – Confirmation & Bible Study

Elisabeth Hannula, music

Shannon Allen for doing the Nursery Roll, which sends out cards and stuff to the kids who are not old enough for Sunday School.

Thank you to Helena Frost for serving as the Sunday school Superintendent!

Please consider teaching for the 2025-2026 school year, help is really needed.

Christ's Men

Men, Let's Do Lunch

Christ's Men will meet on Tuesday, May 6 at 11:30 a.m. at Superior 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.

LWML

Join thousands of other Lutheran women who focus on missions and God's Word. Our Christ Lutheran LWML will meet on Tuesday, May 6 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.

Young Adults and College Students

Please join us Sunday June 1st at 5pm! For an evening of sunshine, great food, and some friendly competition on the sand! An event to meet new people and enjoy a game of beach volleyball. Whether you're a seasoned player or just in it for the food and sunshine, you're invited! Location: Park Point Recreation 411 W First St, Duluth, MN (we will meet at Mt Olive at 4:40 and drive over together, or you can meet us there!) Text or Call Rachel 218-393-7260 with any questions.

Church Council Minutes

April 10, 2025

Members Present: Chris Kirchoff, Paul Klomhaus, Kim Klomhaus, Mike Miller, Don Hauser, Roni Hauser, Chris Stumpf, and Sharyn Vengrin

Call to order: Paul Klomhaus

Opening Prayer: Pastor Shield

Call for additional agenda items: None

Minutes from March 13, 2025 Council Meeting:

Chris Kirchoff made the motion to accept the minutes of the council meeting. It was seconded by Don Hauser. All in favor. Motion Passed.

Pastor's Report: Vacation June 4th to 8th.

Treasurers Report: Ending Balance: \$71,833.15.

Don Hauser the motion that we accept the Treasurers Report as Written. Sharyn Vengrin seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion Passed.

BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Trustees Report: Changed Church Office locks.

Those that I know need access have been given a key.

An electronic lock has been completely installed on the exterior door by the Multipurpose Room

Members that I know need access to the church have been given a key fob to access the church through this door. These fobs have 24/7 access.

The door has been programmed to open on Sundays from 8:00-9:30 for church and from 9:30 to 11:00 for Bible study on Wednesdays.

Filter maintenance has been done on the choir loft humidifiers.

Replaced battery in kitchen smoke detector.

Replaced the CO detector in the kitchen because replacing the batteries did not resolve the issue.

Exterior door locks have been replaced. Pastor, Roni, and trustees are the only members who have keys.

Fire Department lock box was updated with the Church Office and Exterior keys.

Checked and cleared storage sheds of hornet nests. A few were found in the larger shed.

Board of Deacons: Members meeting for May.

Board of Stewardship & Evangelism: No Meeting. Spiritual Workshop- In May Domiano: Still volunteering. Monday: 8:30-1:00.

Board of Education: VBS August 4-7

Ad was put in paper.

Memorial Committee: Total for all memorials: \$2,371.80

Endowment Committee: March 5, 2025, In attendance: Jim Kari, Pastor Schield, Don Hauser, Sharyn Vengrin (by phone) Absent: Jim Bolin We reviewed the response from Pattie Miller for a baby blanket mission. The committee decided that we would budget \$500.00 annually for her mission. Don Hauser will create a letter to let her know our decision.

Tickets for air fare for attending the NYG have been purchased.

Memorial Garden: Resting

Old Business: Directory: Pictures for families are all done.

Floor: Floor is all done. They are finishing pews. Sanctuary walls: All painted. It should be finished by the end of the week.

The floors should be done after Easter.

Voter's Meeting: May 18, 2025 at 10:00

Next Council Meeting: Thursday, May 8, 2025 , 5pm.

Adjournment: Lord's Prayer

Stewardship

Stewardship in the Body of Christ

Baseball season is upon us. The southern images of spring training give way to the pageantry of Opening Day. On that day, the hopes and dreams of every major league team, player and fan focus on doing whatever it takes to get to the Fall Classic, the World Series. Baseball is a secular way that so many of us confess that hope "springs" eternal.

With all of this in mind, baseball can also teach us a new perspective about stewardship. Think about the game itself. Baseball is a team sport. The home team faces off against the visitors. Yet while it is a team game, there are repetitive, individual confrontations that take place within the game. The baseball game cannot start without the individual pitcher against the hitter. Once the batted ball is in play, the battle is between the ability of the fielder against the speed of the baserunner. Once there is a runner on base, an attempt to steal a base pits

the runner against the catcher. A base hit into the outfield pits the outfielder against a runner trying to score.

Baseball is a team game with many smaller units at play. Without all those smaller units working together and achieving their tasks, the team will lose.

Romans 12 puts our stewardship of the Gospel in a similar setting. The church is certainly described as a team, if you will.

Verse 3: "For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned." This is where the Body of Christ is really seen as a team. No one member of the baseball team can win the game by themselves. In the same way, no one part of the Body of Christ can accomplish stewardship of the Gospel alone. The pastor cannot. The congregational chair cannot. The lead soprano in the choir cannot. But each of these individuals have been added to the local congregation to be built into a team that can win the victory with Jesus.

Verses 4–5: "For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another." In baseball, the pitcher pitches. The catcher catches. The hitter hits. When a pitcher attempts to hit, the result is usually not very pretty. Catchers often do not excel at running the bases. The hitter usually does not do well when they are sent to the mound to pitch. Every member of the Body of Christ has a unique set of abilities and functions. Not everyone preaches. Not everyone leads. Not everyone sings well. Yet when the congregation assembles together as a team, it can succeed in ways unattainable by the individual.

Verses 6–8: "Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching; the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness." Each member of the team has a role to play. Abilities and opportunities are entrusted to the individual members of the Body of Christ to be used for the

ultimate purpose of stewarding the Gospel for the glory of God and the benefit of the neighbor. The one preaching is no more or less important than the others. The one serving or the one teaching, the leader or the merciful one — all are equally important in the faithful stewardship of all that the Lord has entrusted to the Body of Christ. All this stewardship is for the sake of the other!

A baseball team can have five All-Star pitchers but cannot win if the hitters do not hit. The best lineup in the league will struggle if the pitchers cannot get anyone on the other team out. Pitchers need the defense behind them to play well. Coaches need to lead well. When they all work together, you have a winning baseball team. When the Body of Christ has all its members faithfully stewarding the unique individual talents that have been entrusted to them, the victory goes to Jesus! This is the goal of faithful stewardship! It is all about Jesus!

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!

Vacation Bible Study

Our vacation Bible School will be held August 4-7. Watch the news & notes and newsletter for information.

Attention All Graduates

If you know someone graduating from high school, trade school, or college please contact Roni at 715-398-3680 so the names can be listed in the bulletin.

The June/July Newsletter will be out mid-June.

My Savior Lives Northland

LCMS Service of Worship – Every Saturday & Sunday at 9:30 a.m. on My 9 Channel 6.3

"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. [MSL Northland is broadcast every Saturday & Sunday at 9:30 a.m. Central time on My 9 Channel 6.3 and cable and satellite systems carrying these stations.](#) Please check your local listings.

Please send contributions c/o: Mt. Olive Lutheran Church, 2012 East Superior St., Duluth, MN 55812
Checks should be made to: MSL Northland

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



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3	Lois Teich
4	Michael Stumpf
5	Mary Hannula
	Edward Sielaff
6	Gloria Meier
7	Lori Flynn
	Meghan Janicki
8	Michael Flynn
13	Bob Blomquist
	Jason Pahlen
14	Arthur Pfeil
15	Harriet Barnard
	Tom Vengrin
	Kenneth Thimm
17	Repeka Tuinei
18	Mickey Sternberg
20	Nancy Doane
	Jonah Kroeplin
	Katerina Pfeil
22	Samuel Kroeplin
24	Brent Winans
26	Sandy Kari
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29	Matt Pfeil
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	Donna Dittbrender
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Sun, Sand and Spikes!

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 Location: Park Point Recreation 411 W First St, Duluth, MN (we will meet at Mt Olive at 4:40 and drive over together, or you can meet us there!)

 When: June 1st 5pm

If you can't attend but want to stay updated on future events and Bible studies, feel free to reach out:

 Rachel Franck – rachelfranck656@gmail.com

 Call/Text: 218-393-7260

We'd love for you to join us! In case of rain, the event will be rescheduled.