



# The Beacon

## June/July 2025

Christ Ev. Lutheran  
Church

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Divine Worship  
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Sunday - 9:00 a.m.  
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Bible Study & Sunday  
School  
Sunday - 9 a.m.



### What is "Free?"

Free. When you think of this word what does it mean to you? Since we Americans will celebrate the 4<sup>th</sup> of July or Independence Day next month we might remember that our freedom was won by the patriots who fought to become free from the tyranny and taxation of Great Britain. And, we are still blessed to have many active soldiers who are right now risking their lives, and many military veterans who risked their lives to keep this country free. We can certainly thank them for their service!

As we continue to think of the word "free," things come to mind such as "Buy one, get one free" or "Free: kittens to a good home." The Merriam-Webster Dictionary gives the following meanings for free:

1) having liberty; 2) not controlled by others : independent 3) released or not suffering from something unpleasant (such as free from pain or suffering); 4) given without charge 5) made or done voluntarily; 6) lavish; 7) plentiful 8) not restricted by conventional forms; 9) not fastened or bound; 10) to relieve, rid, disentangle.

Now let's look at a Bible passage: **Jesus said, "If you abide in my Word, you are my disciples indeed. And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." They answered Him, "We are Abraham's descendants, and have never been in bondage to anyone. How can You say, 'You will be made free'?" Jesus answered them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, whoever commits sin is a slave to sin. And a slave does not abide in the house forever, but a son abides forever." "Therefore, if the Son makes you free you will be free indeed."** (John 8:31-36)

When we think about what Scripture teaches about Jesus and what He has done for us we can use lots of those dictionary terms. Jesus knew that as sinners we were slaves; we did not have liberty, we were in bondage to sin. Without Jesus we would have something very unpleasant in our future-eternal separation from God in hell. But God loved us so much that He sent His Son, Jesus. Jesus voluntarily gave himself-Our freedom cost Him his life. Yet for us there is no charge. We think that we can somehow work to gain our freedom. But, we cannot free ourselves. So, Jesus, who is "not restricted by conventional forms" gave HIS life in OUR place. Through faith in Jesus as our only Savior we can be released and be rid of the guilt of our sin.

Since the Son set us free we are free indeed. We need to know that in a world cursed by sin the struggle goes on. But Jesus has won the victory! Now, since we are free from sin, every day is Independence Day!

You may be oppressed by guilt, pain, and the bondage of a sinful past or behavior, or you know people who are. The consequences of your sin or their sin may continue. But as you learn about Jesus' forgiveness you will see that you can be free from slavery. Or, if you have been freed but know someone who needs to be freed you can tell them what Jesus assures us, "If you abide in my Word, you are my disciples indeed. And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free. Therefore, if the Son makes you free you will be free indeed."

Happy Independence Day!

Pastor Schield

## **Congratulations**

Congratulations to the graduates. Best wishes to you in all your future endeavors.

## **High School Graduates:**

Mallory Allen – Superior High School  
Will be attending UMD to study Biochemistry

If you are going away to college or not living at home, please let the church know so we can have current information and stay in touch. If you graduate this year from either High School or College, and your name is not listed please contact the office so we may include you.

## **Thank You Quilters**

Our wonderful group of quilters is done for the season. They have sewn and assembled 175 quilts over the season. They donate them to various agencies; Harbor House, CASDA, Salvation Army, St. Vincent DePaul, Hospice & Ruth House. Thank you to the 10 very dedicated women; Mary Colborn, Joanne Thompson, Susanne Marro, Patser Lynch, Karen Cirilli, Lani Leino, Laroyia Berka, Lana Broderson, Linda Sharp & Gloria Meier. Keeping our fellow citizens warm – one quilt at a time. See you in the fall!



## **Summer Vacation Bible School!**

Come join the fun at Christ Lutheran's VBS "Road Trip" On the Go with God! VBS will run August 4-7 from 5 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Dinner will be provided. Please look at your bulletins and our Facebook page for more details. You will find registration forms on the tables in the Narthex when we get closer to August.

## **Youth Upcoming Events**

All 6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> 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!

## **Camp Arrowhead**

Too young for the National Youth Gathering? Or unable to go? There is another camp option available. Camp Arrowhead is a place where young people come for an affordable week of fun and growing in faith. Located on the beautiful Camp Siegal near Gilbert, MN, Camp Arrowhead is filled with activities, friendship building, song and most importantly time to study God's word and focus on His work in our lives. Camp week is July 13 – July 18. You can find brochures for Camp Arrowhead on the table in the narthex. Or contact the church office for one.

## **Church Picnic**

Join us on Sunday, June 22 at 11:30 a.m. for a Potluck church picnic. See attached flyer for more information.

## **Letter from Jacob Franck**

Dear Christ Lutheran,  
It feels surreal that I have reached the end of my second year and will shortly be heading off to my vicarage. These two years have flown by, and I cannot thank you enough for your prayers and support, without which this would not have been possible.

To begin my vicarage, I will be heading to Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church in Muncie, Indiana. I am very excited to begin and start this next step in my journey to becoming a pastor. During my vicarage, I will be running the campus ministry at Ball State and Taylor University, as well as assisting at Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church. I will be living at the parsonage at the church, so luckily, I will not have to worry about finding a place to live.

For my classes this quarter, I have taken Pentateuch II, which was on the books of Exodus through Deuteronomy; Greek Readings, in which we cover the lectionary readings in Greek; Church History IV, which covered the history of Lutheranism in America; Field Education II, in which we cover various aspects of parish life and situations; Preaching Law & Gospel, which focused on how to properly preach Law and Gospel in our sermons; Deaf Ministry III, in which we learned more ASL sign language as well as occasionally did ASL interpretations for parts of chapel services; and Dogmatics II, in which we covered various aspects of the two natures of Christ.

Although the basketball season ended, there were other sports we were able to do with the warmer weather, including Ultimate Frisbee on Sundays; flag football, which was a lot of fun. We had five teams in total; and the annual softball game vs. St.

Louis Seminary, which we won again this year. For my military service, I have been adjusting to my new unit, which is a military police unit. There are two other chaplain candidates there besides me, all from Fort Wayne Seminary, so it's always a good time and we can just talk theology together during drill. Recently, we went to a four-day drill at Camp Atterbury because the unit was shooting their .50 cal's and Mk 19 grenade launchers, which were a lot of fun to watch even though chaplains are not allowed to touch any guns.

For this summer, I am signed up to attend a campus ministry conference at Concordia Irvine in California, so I am looking forward to that. Otherwise, I will mostly be relaxing a bit before my vicarage starts, and I also have some plans to take a trip down to Tampa, Florida, for a vacation. Currently, I don't know what my mailing address will be at my vicarage, but in the meantime any mail can be sent to my home address of 3622 Crescent View Ave, Duluth, MN, 55804. If any mail is sent to the seminary, it will be forwarded to me, so don't worry if something is sent there.

Again, I can't thank you enough for everything, and I look forward to keeping you updated on my vicarage.

Thank you and God's blessings,  
Jacob Franck

## **Church Council**

**May 8, 2025**

**Members Present:** Paul Klomhaus, Kim Klomhaus, Don Hauser, Pastor Shields, Roni Hauser, Chris Stumpf, and Sharyn Vengrin

**Call to order:** Paul Klomhaus

**Opening Prayer:** Pastor Shield

**Call for additional agenda items:** Discuss changing banks.

**Minutes from March 13, 2025 Council Meeting:** Don Hauser made the motion to accept the minutes of council meeting. It was seconded by Kim Klomhaus. All in favor. Motion Passed.

**Pastor's Report:** Is instructing confirmation students.

**Treasurers Report:** Ending Balance: \$52,337.38. Don Hauser made 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:** Performed maintenance on the church organ humidifiers. It seems to have performed well again this winter. (Mainly maintains 35% humidity when HVAC is not running). Changed batteries, if needed, and changed the time on Sunday School room clocks.

Changed two U-tube lights in the Narthex. An issue with smoke detectors going off happened on 4/6 after church. (All smoke detectors are hardwired interconnected-one goes off and they all go off.) It was determined that it was probably the smoke detector above the church organ. (With all the sanding of the walls in prep for painting, a lot of dust was produced and probably fouled the sensor.) Patrick Field and Don Hauser disconnected the smoke detector above the organ until we replaced it. All the smoke detectors in the church have been replaced with hardwired interconnected smoke detectors with 10-year battery backup (approx. \$40.00 each). Batteries will not need to be replaced annually. If the battery dies, the detector will still chirp, and the detector will need to be replaced.

Removed the snow driveway markers.

**Board of Deacons:** No Report

**Board of Stewardship & Evangelism:** There will be a summer picnic on June 22, 2025 after church. Meat will be provided. Bring a dish potluck.

**Board of Education:** No Report

**Memorial Committee:** No Report

**Endowment Committee:** Eleanor A. Oexemann Endowed Youth Fund: \$7,137.36 Payable to Chris Stumpf Payment for Youth Gathering.

Miriam J Oexemann Endowed Mission Fund:

3/4/2025 Gloria Meier Quilters \$303.88

3/11/2025 Pattie Miller baby blankets \$500.00

4/29/2025 Gloria Meier Quilters 303.88

**Memorial Garden:** Tom Vengrin trimmed the trees in the Memorial Garden

**Old Business**

Directory is coming along.

**New Business:**

Summer Picnic June 22<sup>nd</sup> (Board of S&E)

Board of Deacons members Jim Bolin, Mike Kramer are filling open positions. Audrey Kidd is also stepping down.

Board of S&E members Dave Severin and Mike and Chris Stumpf are stepping down. Possibly Jessica Fowler will be added.

Discussion regarding changing banks. Don will check both Banks and Credit Unions.

**Next Council Meeting:**

Thursday, June 12, 2025, 5pm.

**Adjournment:** Lord's Prayer

## **Voter's Meeting**

**May 18, 2025**

**Call to order:** Mike Miller

**Opening Prayer:** Pastor Shield

**Call for additional agenda items:**

**Minutes: Approval** of minutes from February 16, 2025. Jim Lemmerman made the motion to approve the minutes as written. It was seconded by Len Campbell.

**Members Transfers and Releases:**

Release to other Lutheran: Ashley DeMars

Removed by request: Kathy Evered

Treasurer's Report: \$46, 874.11 Don Hauser Made the motion that we accept the balance as written. All in favor. Motion carried.

**Board and committee Reports:** These reports are published in the monthly newsletter.

**Old Business:**

Sanctuary and Sacristy floor replacement: Completed

Electronic Door Locks installation: We have one glitch and it will be rectified Monday of this week. New floors in the narthex, offices, fellowship hall, halls and multipurpose room: Completed

**New Business: Nominees for Officers and Board Members 2025-2026**

**President:** Paul Klomhaus

**Vice President:** Chris Kirchoff

**Secretary:** Elisabeth Hannula. Len Campbell made the motion to accept the nomination for secretary. Wayn Ploetz Seconded. All in favor. Motion Carried.

**Treasurer:** Chris Stumpf

Block Vote was taken

Len Campbell made the motion to accept the nominations. It was seconded by Jim Lemmerman All in favor. Motion carried.

**Board of Trustees** (three-year term)

David Klinker

Mike Stumpf

Len Campbell made the motion to accept the nominations. It was seconded by Don Hauser. All in favor. Motion Carried.

**Deacons** (three-year term)

Mike Kramer

Jim Bolin

Nate Fowler

Len Campbell made the motion to accept the nominations. It was seconded by Jim Lemmerman All in favor. Motion carried.

**Board of Stewardship and Evangelism** (three-year term)

Can be appointed

**Board of Christian Education** (three-year term)

Elisabeth Hannula

Len Campbell made the motion to accept the nominations. It was seconded by Jim Lemmerman. All in favor. Motion carried.

Board Appointments will be made at the June Council meeting.

**Next Meeting:** September 2025-TBD

**Adjournment:** Lord's Prayer

## **Stewardship**

Rooted in Christ, Growing in Stewardship

The heartland is now awash in various hues of green. The doldrums of winter give way to the colors of spring. Now, the promise of spring gives way to the growth of summer. Fields are planted and sprouted. Gardens are planted. Flowers adorn the beds of neighborhood homes and roadside ditches. Green is the shade of life!

Green growth is also the hue of the faithful steward. The seed of faith planted in human hearts in the waters of Holy Baptism grows as it is nurtured in the Word proclaimed and ingested in the Holy Supper. This faith does indeed save. But our stewardship of the Gospel is also designed to bear fruit for God's glory and the benefit of our neighbor.

To consider this, let us look at the hymn, "Fruitful Trees, the Spirits Sowing" (LSB 691). It is very much a stewardship hymn!

Fruitful trees, the Spirit's sowing, May we ripen and increase, Fruit to life eternal growing, rich in love and joy and peace.

- The tree of faith is not planted in us by us. It is the Spirit's work! We do not claim the title "steward." Rather, we are created for it (Gen. 1:26-28).
- He is the One who makes it grow in us. The fruits of the Spirit are borne out because we, by grace through faith, are connected to the vine that is Jesus (John 15). Laden branches freely bearing Gifts the Giver loves to bless; Here is fruit that grows by sharing, Patience, kindness, gentleness.
- Our stewardship is NOT about what we do. It is about what the Holy Spirit does in and through us. That is the fruit that we bear. His fruit for His purposes.
- But that fruit is lived out through us. The world sees the fruit of our stewardship of the Gospel in lives lived connected to Word and

Sacrament. Rooted deep in Christ our Master, Christ our pattern and our goal, Teach us, as the years fly faster, Goodness, faith, and self-control.

- Stewards have been created and redeemed to reflect the image of Jesus in the world. He is the pattern. We reflect to others around us the Light of the Gospel He has shone on us.
- This reflection comes when Christ's goodness flows from us to others.  
Fruitful trees, the Spirit's tending, May we grow till harvests cease; Till we taste, in life unending, Heaven's love and joy and peace.
- Just as the Spirit has created us for stewardship of the Gospel, so also does He cause our faithfulness! He calls, gathers, enlightens, sanctifies and KEEPS us in this faithful stewardship of the Gospel.
- The ultimate goal of our faithful stewardship is eternity. For us. For our neighbor. All worked out by the Spirit.

Green is the color of the world right now. It is also the color of our stewardship and it is growing in us as we are connected to the vine, Jesus! God grant our growth in Him!

### **Sunday School Teachers for 2025/2026**

The Board of Education is looking for new/additional Sunday School Teachers for the 2025/2026 school year. We have added new faces, and our Sunday School is growing.

We would like to add at least a few more teachers to our staff. Curriculum is provided and we will support and train anyone who is willing to step forward and teach our youngest church members. If they have any questions, please contact the church office.

### **Greeting Cards Available in the Library**

The library is well stocked with new cards for birthday, anniversary, sympathy, "thinking of you", get well, thank you, Baptism...cards for every occasion. The cost is only 50 cents each. If you're looking for a card for your Guardian Angel, we have it!

### **Defending Faith, Teaching 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 miss 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)

### **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:

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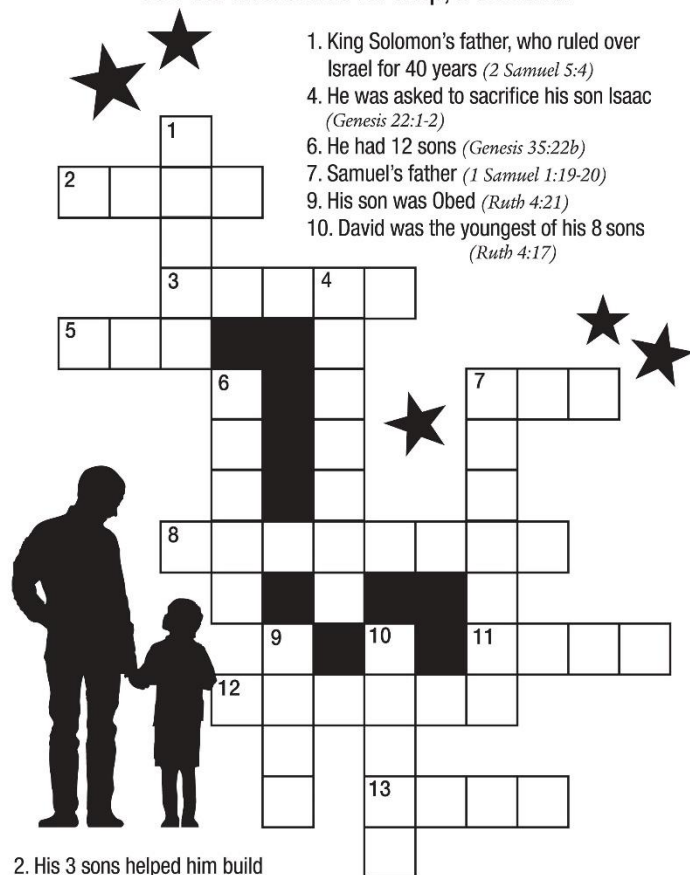
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- 3 Lydia Bennis  
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- 6 CLC  
Robert Raaflaub
- 8 Kathie Nikula
- 15 Tylar Brand
- 16 Aiden Kroeplin  
Weston Ormsby
- 17 Jessica Fowler
- 18 Sara Kroeplin
- 19 Vicki Lull
- 22 Karl Schroeder
- 23 Bruce Johnson
- 25 Jill Markee  
Laroyia Berka
- 27 Peder Becken  
Emeline Larson  
Jessica Stumpf
- 28 Ivy Bennis  
Julianne Schnoor
- 30 Evelyn Reinkall



- 1 Gloria Jablonski
- 2 Gabriel Kroeplin
- 5 Harla Lemmerman  
Donald Anderson
- 7 Harris Balko
- 9 Melanie Sternberg
- 13 Nathan Fowler
- 14 Paul Klomhaus
- 20 Shannon Allen
- 23 Everly Fonger
- 24 Matthew Markee
- 25 Robert Sorenson
- 27 Scott Winans
- 28 Maxwell Klinker
- 30 Michael Kramer  
Karen Thimm

# Puzzle!

Complete this crossword with names of biblical fathers.  
Use the references for help, if needed.



1. King Solomon's father, who ruled over Israel for 40 years (2 Samuel 5:4)
4. He was asked to sacrifice his son Isaac (Genesis 22:1-2)
6. He had 12 sons (Genesis 35:22b)
7. Samuel's father (1 Samuel 1:19-20)
9. His son was Obed (Ruth 4:21)
10. David was the youngest of his 8 sons (Ruth 4:17)
2. His 3 sons helped him build an ark (Genesis 6:10)
3. His youngest son, Jacob, tricked him into giving away a birthright (Genesis 27:30)
5. The Father of our Lord (Ephesians 1:3)
7. His sons were not like Samuel; they were wicked (1 Samuel 2:12)
8. David's best friend and the father of Mephibosheth (2 Samuel 9:6)
11. Father of Cain, Abel and Seth (Genesis 4:25)
12. He was married to Mary, mother of Jesus (Matthew 1:20-21)
13. Father of Jonathan; Israel chose him as their first king (2 Samuel 9:6)

Answer: DOWN 1. David, 4. Abraham, 6. Jacob, 7. Elkanah, 9. Boaz, 10. Jesse; ACROSS 2. Noah, 3. Isaac, 5. God, 7. Eli, 8. Jonathan, 11. Adam, 12. Joseph, 13. Saul





# SUMMER

## OUTDOOR GAME DAY & PICNIC

22 June | 11:30 am

Bocce Ball, Corn Hole, Volleyball  
& other outdoor games!

Burgers, Hot Dogs, S'Mores  
& Drinks Provided

QUESTIONS?  
THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDSHIP  
& EVANGELISM WOULD LOVE TO ANSWER THEM!