

Christ Lutheran Newsletter

Official Newsletter of Christ Lutheran Church, Augusta, MO 63332

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August 2016

Bible Study/Sunday School: 9:00 a.m.
Worship Service: 10:00 a.m.

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From the Pastor...

"Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, making the best use of the time, because the days are evil." Ephesians 5:15-16

*Let everyone, therefore, aid and assist, first, in promoting the public preaching and hearing of the Word of God everywhere that the church may be well established and built up. Then let him put on the wedding garment...let him be careful to be found as one who has accepted the Word of God in earnest, uninfluenced by the thoughts of presumptuous spirits who reason: Oh, I have pastors and preachers enough; I can hear and read the Word whenever I please; I can easily get at it any day. But my first concern must be how to make a living for myself. Let others look out for themselves. -- No, my dear fellow, be careful! You can easily fall in this matter. You can neglect your spiritual welfare, be found without the wedding garment, and thus pass away without it, or be led into error before you are aware of it. Whose fault will it be, then, but your own? You would not hear the admonition of St. Paul nor walk wisely and circumspectly. **Martin Luther***

"It is surely true that, were God not on our side, none would be saved."

Scripture is filled with warnings about falling away from the Faith. In the Greek language (the language the New Testament was written in), the word for falling away is quite often in the passive tense. What this means is that a Christian can fall away, not because he chooses to, but because he is neglectful. It is such a simple thing to stay in the Word - reading it, studying it, hearing it. Yet, as simple as this is, it is the most difficult art for the Christian to master, for the devil constantly tempts us to neglect God's Word, and our own flesh is weak and easily drawn away. It is surely true that, were God not on our side, none would be saved. He does not let Satan have his way, but fights for us to keep us with Christ in the one, true Faith.

Keep me, O Lord, among the assembly of those who gladly hear Your Word. Let not the devil nor my sinful flesh draw me away from Christ. Allow me to walk as one who is wise. Amen.

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Lord, keep us steadfast in Your Word; curb those who by deceit or sword, would wrest the kingdom from Your Son, and bring to naught all He has done.

Lord Jesus Christ, Your pow'r make known, for You are Lord of lords alone; defend Your holy Church that we, may sing Your praise eternally.

LSB #655 vss. 1-2 - "Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word"

Pastor's Office Hours:

Monday & Wednesday
9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Prayer Service

Followed by Bible study
each Wednesday morning
11:00 - 11:30 a.m.



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"Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path." Psalm 119:105



Attendance

June 26 - 42
 July 3 - 45
 July 10 - 42
 July 17 - 50
 July 24 - 33

"I was glad when they said to me, let us go to the house of the Lord!" Psalm 122:1

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Church Work Day

The Trustees have scheduled a church work day for Saturday, August 27, starting at 9:00 a.m. There is a sign-up sheet in the lobby listing tasks to be completed and supplies/tools to bring.

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Church Website

As summer plans and vacations take you away from home over the weekends, remember our church website has audio and written sermons, along with daily devotions. So even if you cannot be in the Lord's House, you can still hear God's Word through the use of technology.



Paul Ballmann Memorial Golf Tournament

The Voters have again decided to support the Paul Ballmann Memorial Golf Tournament. It will be held on Saturday, August 13 with a 7:00 a.m. start time. The beneficiaries will be: Brenda Ford - to help her support the children of Amanda Ford after her tragic accident. Claire Phippen - to deal with physical abnormalities caused by a neurological disorder. Donny Kopmann - to help deal with the cost of his battle with cancer.

Christ Lutheran Church will offer a sponsorship of \$100. We will also provide 20 dozen cookies, as we have done in prior years. Linda Warnecke has again agreed to coordinate this activity.

More details are on the bulletin board. Try to put a team together or sponsor a hole yourself. It will be a fun day and will help some folks who could use a boost.

Apple Butter Cooking

Our annual apple butter cooking will be held on Saturday, September 17. The sign-up sheet will be available in the Education Wing beginning Sunday, August 7. We have several volunteer opportunities available and donuts and lunch will be provided. We also need a total of 150 pint and 75 half pint jars - if anyone is interested in donating please place your donations on the white table in front of the serving line in the basement. Please consider helping with this important (and fun) annual fundraising project. Thanks!



June 2016 and Year-to-Date Financial Update

	<u>June</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Operating Income	\$5,952.00	\$42,784.50
Operating Expenses	<u>\$9,184.76</u>	<u>\$51,985.72</u>
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Thank you to the congregation for the generous donations to the Amanda Ford children. The support has been overwhelming. We will never forget your kindness. - Brenda Ford and Family

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Dennis Finley	2	3	4	5 Stacy Squires	6
7	8 Kimberly Warnecke 7:00 Council	9 Bill Warnecke	10	11	12	13 Natalia Figura
14	15	16	17 Liam Charles Brian Pieper	18 Judy Pieper Pastor & Julie Bell	19 Ron Hamersen Sherry Overschmidt	20
21	22	23	24 Jacob Rinne	25 Julie Figura	26 Hannah Rinne	27 9 a.m. Work Day
28 Venita Mallon Carol Wissmann	29	30	31 John Kurtz		Office Hours: Monday & Wednesday mornings 9-12	Prayer Service: Wednesday mornings 11-11:30