

# Christ Lutheran Newsletter

Official Newsletter of Christ Lutheran Church, Augusta, MO 63332

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September 2016

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

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## From the Pastor...

*"In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."* Luke 13:28

On the Last Day there will be tears and wailing like never before, and there will be anger and rage so intense that people will gnash their teeth. These are the ones who will be standing outside the door of heaven. They will be angry at Jesus, true; but they will also be full of anger toward others: their priest or pastor who led them astray from the truth by not rightly dividing Law and Gospel; their family members who refused to warn them that they were neglecting their salvation; their friends and neighbors who were afraid to speak to them about Jesus.

*"We who have the Gospel of Christ; who have been given the assurance of our salvation through Him who died for us and for all sinners, how can we keep this to ourselves?"*

Too many Christians are not willing to confront their friends and loved ones about the most important topic of all: their soul's salvation. They are afraid of losing a friend, perhaps, or of turning a family member against them. Better, however, to have someone angry at us for a while here on earth, than to have them angry at us forever. *"Am I my brother's keeper?"* Cain replied to God. Yes, we are. *"To whom much is given, much is expected."* We who have the Gospel of Christ; who have been given the assurance of our salvation through Him who died for us and for all sinners, how can we keep this to ourselves? If we lose a friend, so be it. A real friend would care about my most pressing need and speak to me about it. If we upset a loved one, thank God! How much worse if there was apathy instead of anger. The anger is being caused by the Law at work within them.

When Esther was afraid to speak to the king about Haman's plan to destroy her fellow Jews, her uncle, Mordecai, said these words of wisdom to her: *"Who knows whether you have not come to the kingdom for such a time as this?"* The same can be said of us. Who knows whether God has not placed us next to our friend, neighbor, or loved one for the distinct privilege of being used by the Holy Spirit to bring them to Christ, or to bring them back to Christ? God will bless whenever we speak to another about their salvation in Christ. *"Your labor, in the Lord, is not in vain"* (1 Corinthians 15:58). God's Word will not return to Him empty, but will accomplish that which He purposes (Isaiah 55:11). Let us not live in fear of losing friends and loved ones; let us, rather, pray that God opens the door of heaven to those He puts before us as He speaks the word of salvation through us.

## 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.



## Inside this Issue:

- †Financial Update
- †Rally Day
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*"Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path." Psalm 119:105*



## Attendance

July 31 - 60  
August 7 - 42  
August 14 - 44  
August 21 - 64

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

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## July 2016 Financial Update

Operating Income \$8,547.00  
Operating Expense \$8,439.96  
**Positive Cash Flow \$107.04**

*Note—There were 5 Sundays in July.*

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## Paul Ballmann Memorial Golf Tournament Update

August 13 was a great weather day to again host the Paul Ballmann Memorial Golf Tournament. Forty-nine, three-man teams teed off at 7:00 a.m. at the Warrenton Golf Course. Our church ladies, organized by Linda Warnecke, served up 24 dozen cookies for dessert to add to the delicious food offered by the committee. The committee solicited the help of 175 sponsors, including our congregation which donated \$510. Altogether it looks like the committee may eclipse the \$20,000 mark in funds raised for the three beneficiaries, Claire Pippen, Donny Kopmann, and Brenda Ford. That is over \$6,600 each! Thank you to everyone who helped and donated!

## Apple Butter Cooking

Our annual apple butter cooking will be held on Saturday, September 17. There is a sign-up sheet in the Education Wing. 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!

## Rally Day!!

### Sunday, September 11

From age 3 to 103! Let's Rally around God's Word!

- Venita Mallon will be teaching Sunday School
  - *Children attending Sunday School will receive a Bible story book*
- The Adult Bible Class will be starting a series on the Book of Ruth
  - *Did you know...Ruth, a Moabite woman was the great-grandmother of King David, making her an ancestress of David's greater son, Jesus.*
  - Which word, used extensively in the Book of Ruth (twenty times), can be attributed both to Boaz and to Jesus? (*come and find out!*)

**Plan now to be part of Rally Day! The study of God's Word is for all ages!**

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## Thank you!!

Thank you to everyone who helped with clean-up day on Saturday, August 28.

Julie & Lillie Figura

Jill Landes

Tom Kluesner

Pastor & Julie Bell

Bob & Glenda Drier

Gordon, Ryan, & Spencer Coates

Bill & Linda Warnecke

- Trustees

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*Christ Lutheran:*

*It was a joy to be with you all on August 7th! Thank you all for your support, thoughts, and prayers as I continue to prepare for my vicarage call to the Dominican Republic. I look forward to being used as an instrument to bring the Gospel of Jesus Christ to that part of the world. In Christ - Paul Flo*

# Work Day Photos



# September 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>Sundays:</b> Sunday School & Bible Study 9 a.m. Worship 10 a.m.	<b>Office Hours:</b> Monday & Wednesday mornings 9-12	<b>Prayer Service &amp;            Bible Study:</b> Wednesday mornings 11-11:30		Neil Warnecke 1	2	Dennis Nadler Nathan & Ramona Hagedorn 3
Patricia Baravik 4	5	6	7	8	9	10
<b>Rally Day Sunday</b> 11	Dave & Nancy Little 12  <b>6:00 Elders</b> <b>7:00 Council</b>	13	14	15	16	Dennis & Jackie Nadler 17  <b>Applebutter</b>
Neil & Sally Warnecke 18	Darrell & Ruth Nadler 19	Mark Warnecke 20	21	22	23	Christy Hamersen Dan Rinne 24
25	26	27	John & Jeanne Abbett 28	Ollie Borgmann Kevin & Teri Nadler Al & Mary Jacob 29	30	