

Christ Lutheran Newsletter

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

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From the Pastor...

If you were to attend a daily chapel service at our seminary in St. Louis or Ft. Wayne, you would see young men streaming in, and all of them pausing at the baptismal font to dip their finger into the water and then apply it to their forehead in the shape of the cross. Our future pastors are being taught to keep their baptism before them every day of their life.

This is something we, too, need to be taught. A husband wears his wedding ring as a physical reminder that he is united to his wife. The water of the font traced upon our forehead in the shape of the cross is just such a physical reminder. This is not a "re-baptizing," but a return to our baptism. For most of us, it was many years ago that the sign of the cross was made on our forehead and heart as water was poured on our head. God, on that day, attached His grace, the forgiveness of sins, to the physical water. If His grace was only for that day in our life, you and I would not need to be reminded of it. But the joy of baptism is that it stands forever. Scripture clearly testifies, as it does in Romans 6, that we who are baptized into Christ, live under grace, in union with Jesus, every single day of our life.

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But here is the challenge for us. A husband and wife wear rings as a reminder of their union. What do we Christians have as a physical reminder of our union to Jesus Christ in Holy Baptism? This is where the sign of the cross comes in which we can make over our hearts day after day. This is where the water in the font comes in which we can apply to our forehead. Understanding the wonderful meaning behind this simple act, the Elders thought it would be a good thing to always have water in the font for our use. The lid will be removed during each service for those who want to apply the water to their forehead. Because this is a reminder of God's grace, this is not given by way of command, but by way of encouragement.

<i>This is the Spirit's entry now;</i>	<i>Let water be the sacred sign</i>
<i>The water and the Word,</i>	<i>That we must die each day</i>
<i>The cross of Jesus on your brow</i>	<i>To rise again by His design</i>
<i>The seal both felt and heard.</i>	<i>As followers of His way.</i>

LSB #591—"This is the Spirit's Entry Now" vss. 1, 3

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*

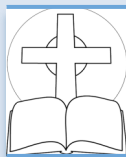


Attendance

June 4 - 68
June 11 - 61
June 18 - 52
June 25 - 50

July 2 - 52
July 9 - 49
July 16 - 53
July 23 - 40

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



Augusta Eclipse Festival

The Town of Augusta will be celebrating the arrival of the first total solar eclipse in our area since 1442 with a Solar Eclipse Festival on the town ballfields Monday, August 21, from 10am to 4pm. Christ Lutheran Church will be holding a food booth fundraiser and needs volunteers to help man the booth. There are two shifts - 10am to 1pm and 1pm to 4 pm. A signup sheet is now available in the Education Wing for all those interested in helping with this event. A large turnout is expected, so please consider volunteering for this once in a lifetime experience!



Reformation Celebration

On Sunday, October 29, our congregation will be celebrating the 500th anniversary of the Reformation. Lutherans around the world will be celebrating this historic anniversary.

A Reformation Committee has been formed to plan festivities in connection with this celebration. Following a Reformation themed worship service with special music, there will be a free luncheon for all members and our community friends. We will be serving Pretzel Brats (from Gus' Pretzels), German Potato Salad, and Strudel.



In the weeks leading up to October 29, topics dealing with the Reformation will be discussed in Bible Class and Sunday School. What a special opportunity this is to learn more about the incredible impact and blessings that stemmed from the Reformation.

*A Mighty Fortress is Our God, A trusty shield and weapon;
He helps us free from ev'ry need that hath us now o'ertaken.
The old evil foe now means deadly woe; deep guile and great
might, are his dread arms in fight; on earth is not his equal.*

*With might of ours can naught be done, soon were our loss
effected; but for us fights the valiant One; whom God Himself
elected. Ask ye, who is this? Jesus Christ it is, of Sabaoth Lord,
And there's none other God; He holds the field forever.*

LSB #656—"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" vss. 1,2

Reformation Community Program

Pastor Bell has been asked to lead a community presentation with Dr. Paul Mack on the effects of the Reformation. This presentation will be held on Wednesday, September 20, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at the American Legion in Augusta. As we know, the Reformation had an incredible theological impact on the church. What is often overlooked is the cultural impact of the Reformation. This presentation will provide an in-depth look at the cultural significance of the Reformation. Please plan on attending and supporting this community event.

Ladies Luncheon

Attention all ladies! A summer lunch get together has been set for Saturday, August 12, at Chandler Hill Winery in Defiance from 11:30am to 1:30pm. All ladies of the congregation are invited to enjoy fun, food and fellowship together; lunch entrees range from \$10-\$15 dollars and a variety of beverages are available as well. If you have a friend you would like to invite they are most welcome. Please sign up on the sheet in the Education Wing so we have an idea of the number of attendees. Look forward to seeing you there!

School Supplies Collection

We have been asked to participate in a back to school supply collection for the Augusta Elementary School. There is a box at the side entrance to the church for the items. A list of items needed is located by the box or you can pick one up at WalMart. The drive will last through August 27. Thanks for your support.

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Thank You Note

A thank you was received from Jamie and Greg Kappelmann for the door collection on behalf of their daughters Ava and Sophia. It is on the bulletin board.

Apple Butter Cooking

Our annual apple butter cooking will be held on Saturday, September 30. A sign-up sheet will be available in the Education Wing starting in August. Donations of half pint and pint jars are always welcome. We look forward to seeing you there!

Voters Meeting Recap

Reports were heard by various officers, boards, and committees. Noteworthy were the presentation of the proposed 2018 Budget by Julie Kurtz and the planned activities by the Reformation Celebration Committee, and the slate of offices needed to be filled by October.

The following New Business was considered:

- J.B. Ueltzen was elected to fill last year's vacancy as Elder.
- A motion was made and seconded to request the Endowment Fund Committee to reimburse the General Fund the expense incurred with The Reformation Celebration up to an amount of \$2,500. Motion passed.
- Peter Menke volunteered and was affirmed to be our delegate to the Lutheran Church Foundation Fund.
- A motion was made and seconded to sponsor two holes in the name of the Church at the Paul Ballmann Memorial Golf Tournament each \$100, and to provide 20 dozen cookies towards the meal. Contact Linda Warnecke if you want to help make cookies. Motion passed.
- Cole Latham announced his new position as a police officer would require him to carry a weapon with proper conceal and carry licensing. Would we be opposed to him doing this while attending church services? Weapon would be concealed and unseen. Since this is part of his work requirement and weapon would not be noticeable, a motion was made and seconded to not only make this allowance, but also thank him for his service. Motion passed.

Future meeting dates were presented. We adjourned with a Standing Vote of Thanks to the Glennon and Ruth Stelzer Family for their cash donation to the Christ Lutheran Church Endowment Fund.

Paul Ballmann Golf Tournament

The Paul Ballmann Memorial Golf Tournament will be held on Saturday, August 12 at Warrenton Golf Course. It will be a Shotgun Start at 7:00 a.m., 18 holes. The cost for three person teams is \$90 per person - \$270 per team. There will be breakfast sandwiches in the morning and homemade fried chicken with plentiful sides for lunch. Beer, soda, and water available all day. There will also be cash prizes and attendance prizes.

The beneficiaries this year are Jamie (Nadler) and Greg Kappelmann and their daughters, Stephanie Lindemann, a high school student from Union and a cancer victim, and the family of Eric Haddin, who died from a car accident.

Hole sponsors are available to families and businesses for \$50 or \$100. Our congregation is providing 20 dozen cookies for desserts. Please call Linda Warnecke if you are able to donate cookies. Information is on the bulletin board. Thank you!

Financial Update

2nd Quarter

Loose Plate and	
Current envelope	\$43,401.13
Operating Expenses	<u>\$52,544.64</u>
Operating Loss	(9,143.51)

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*We give Thee but Thine own,
whate'er the gift may be; All that
we have is Thine Alone, A trust, O
Lord, from Thee.*

**LSB #781 - "We Give Thee But
Thine Own" vs. 1**

August 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Dennis Finley	2 7:15 Men's Bible Breakfast	3	4	5 Stacy Squires
6 Reformation Committee	7	8 Kimberly Warnecke	9 Bill Warnecke	10	11	12 Golf Tourney Ladies Luncheon
13 Natalia Figura	14 6:00 Elders 7:00 Council	15	16 7:15 Men's Bible Breakfast	17 Liam Charles Brian Pieper	18 Judy Pieper Pastor & Julie Bell	19 Ron Hamersen Sherry Overschmidt
20	21 Eclipse Festival	22	23	24 Jacob Rinne	25 Julie Figura	26 Hannah Rinne
27	28 Venita Mallon	29	30	31 John Kurtz	Office Hours: Monday & Wednesday mornings 9-12	Prayer Service: Wednesday mornings 11-11:30