

Christ Lutheran Newsletter

Official Newsletter of Christ Lutheran Church, Augusta, MO 63332

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February 2017

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

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From the Pastor...

Twelve spies went into the land of Canaan. Ten came back with a bad report. "It's a good land," they said, "but the people and their cities are too strong for us; we are unable to take the land." Two spies, Joshua and Caleb, agreed the land was good, but they disagreed with the ten that they could not take the land. "The Lord," they said, "will bring us into this land and give it to us." The Children of Israel did not listen to these two, but to the ten. They became angry at Moses for bringing them this far on their journey only to have their hopes dashed. But God was angry at them. For thirty-eight more years He made them wander in the wilderness until all of them perished. Only their children were able to enter the Promised Land.

For us today, the land of promise is heaven. It's a good land. It's where our journey is leading us; the journey which began in our Red Sea: Holy Baptism. But those wicked ten spies are with us today. They are in the world around us. They dwell within us. They create doubt in our hearts by telling us that although heaven is a good land, we will not be able to enter it. We don't have what it takes. We are not good enough to get into the promised land. But we also have the two spies with us, not Joshua and Caleb, but the two testaments of Holy Scripture: Old and New. These two spies remind us that heaven is the "promised" land. It is not up to us to earn a place there; it is promised to us as a gift in Jesus. The Lord will bring us into this land and give it to us.

Too many are like the Israelites. They listen to the ten spies and not to the two. So many look to themselves, their efforts, their good works, and they despair. I have personally spoken to far too many who have doubted that they will make it to heaven. They have been listening to the ten spies. What about you? God wants no one to perish. He wants all to believe His promises in Christ. He wants you to believe. This is why He gives you the two spies. Listening to them is the way into the promised land. To be sure, the ten outnumber the two. Far more voices, without and within, are telling us to doubt what God says. Turn away from the ten spies and trust what the two spies proclaim. The promised land of heaven is yours in Jesus Christ!

Guide me, O Thou great Redeemer, pilgrim through this barren land. I am weak, but Thou art mighty; hold me with Thy pow'rful hand. Bread of heaven bread of heaven, feed me till I want no more; feed me till I want no more.

LSB #918- "Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer" vs. 1

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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

January 1 - 45
January 8 - 44
January 15 - canceled
January 22 - 56

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



Looking Ahead

Wednesday evening Lenten services will begin on Ash Wednesday, March 1 at 7:00

Inviting All Ladies

We are starting a women's Bible study and discussion group meeting the 2nd and 4th Fridays of the month from February through May at 7:00 pm. We will be discussing topics such as: how to practically apply Biblical teaching to our everyday lives, how to live stress free in a stressful world, and how to enjoy the abundant life Jesus died to give us. No homework or reading assignments required - just join us for sharing, fun and fellowship! The study will be hosted by Marcy Menke at her home 4461 Killdeer Drive in Augusta Shores, and will begin Friday, February 10th at 7:00 pm. If you have any additional questions or concerns please contact Marcy at (636) 228-4092. Look forward to seeing you there!

Altar Guild Meeting

There will be an Altar Guild meeting on Sunday, February 5th, immediately following the worship service. We will be setting the schedule for this year and covering some important information about Altar Guild duties. Please plan on attending if you are a current Altar Guild member or are interested in becoming one. See you there!

Financial Update

	<u>Dec.</u>	<u>4th Qtr.</u>	<u>Year End</u>
Deposits—Loose Plate & Current Envelope	\$5,182.25	\$19,374.25	\$81,705.75
Expenditures	<u>\$10,444.11</u>	<u>\$30,266.83</u>	<u>\$111,601.92</u>
Over (Short)	(\$5,261.86)	(\$10,892.58)	(\$29,896.17)

Due to miscellaneous donations, fundraisers, and generous gifts (Luker family gift of \$25,000), we were able to fund our savings accounts and pay off our First Bank line of credit at the end of the year.

Lenten Fish Fries

Christ Lutheran Church will be having two Fish Fries again this year during Lent, on March 17 and March 31. Larry and Diane Pieper will be chairing the committee. Anyone that would like to help on the committee please see Larry or Diane.

Also, anyone who would like to donate start up money for the fish fries may do so by putting it in a plain envelope with your number on it, so it's reflected on your church statement and give to Larry or Diane. More details to follow.

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Knoernschild Property Gift

On December 30, 2016, the Trustees and Leonard Knoernschild signed documents to transfer ownership of a 150 foot wide strip of land running parallel with our western most boundary equaling 2.0 acres. If you look in that direction, the survey stakes are evident in the grass.

In exchange we paid the costs incurred for surveying the property, authoring the donation agreement, establishing the land value, and drawing up the deed, recording it, and acquiring title insurance. We also agreed to provide 10 burial plots for Leonard's children and their spouses at no cost to them with the agreement they will need to comply with our cemetery rules.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Sunday School & Bible Class: Sundays 9 a.m. Worship: Sundays 10 a.m.			1 Kristine Warnecke 7:15 Men's Bible Breakfast	2	3	4
5	6	7 Claire Beumer	8	9	10 Kenneth Hemsath 7:00 Ladies Bible Study	11 Doug Pieper
12	13 7:00 Council	14	15 7:15 Men's Bible Breakfast	16	17	18
19 Dennis Pieper	20 George Baravik	21	22	23	24 7:00 Ladies Bible Study	25
26	27 Lillie Figura Larry Pieper	28 Dennis & Judy Pieper	(March 1 - Lent begins with Ash Wednesday. Service at 7 p.m.)		Office Hours: Monday and Wednesday mornings 9-12	Prayer Service: Wednesday mornings 11-11:30