

Christ Lutheran Newsletter

Official Newsletter of Christ Lutheran Church, Augusta, MO 63332

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October 2017

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

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From the Pastor... (provided by lutheranreformation.org)

To embrace the freedom of truth means rejecting the slavery of error. That is why the Book of Concord uses two phrases to capture the essence of biblical confession: "we believe, teach, and confess" and "we reject and condemn." One cannot believe, teach, and confess the truth without also rejecting and condemning everything that endangers or contradicts the truth. This spirit of "confessional Lutheranism" is what continues to animate people today who hold to this collection of affirmations, professions, and confessions of faith.

Not all churches that go by the name "Lutheran" still regard the Book of Concord as highly as they once did. Some prominent Lutheran Church bodies in the United States and around the world regard these statements of faith as "historically conditioned." They say that the older confessions are not necessarily correct in what they teach about God's Word. These churches have embraced various ecumenical agreements with non-Lutheran churches that contradict what Lutheranism has taught historically.

Confessional Lutheran churches regard these compromises not only as a compromise of historic Lutheranism, but also as an actual denial of the truth of God's Word. (A most serious matter indeed!) It is important to keep in mind this distinction among churches that use the name "Lutheran." This is all the more reason to make sure that these Confessions are not merely historical documents in congregations that are genuinely Lutheran. They must be well known by laypeople and church workers alike.

Historic, genuine Lutheranism holds that the Bible is actually the Word of the Living God. We believe that it is both incapable of error and free from error. We hold strongly to the Lutheran Confessions because we are absolutely convinced that these confessions of faith are a pure exposition and explanation of God's Word. Lutherans agree with the apostle Peter, who said, "We cannot but speak of what we have seen and heard" (Acts 4:20).

When God the Holy Spirit gives the gift of trust in Jesus Christ as the Savior, this gift of faith creates a desire to confess, to bear witness, to testify, to proclaim, and to speak this faith. That is what the documents in this book are all about. They are not musty, old relics from history. They are the living confession of God's people, who have clung to the truths in these documents for nearly five hundred years. Today, we who hold to these Confessions make the Book of Concord our confession, our witness, our public testimony of what the Bible teaches. With Martin Luther, we say, "Here we stand. We cannot do otherwise. God help us. Amen."

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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

August 27 - 55
September 3 - 48
September 10 - 51
September 17 - 39
September 24 - 47

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

Thanksgiving Food Drive

We will hold our annual Thanksgiving Food Drive to benefit the Marthasville Food Pantry beginning Sunday, October 15 through Sunday, November 19. A list of items needed will be posted on the Food Drive display in the Education Wing. A container will be available on the display table for cash or check donations; if you wish to write a check please make it out to "Charrette Baptist Church" and write "Food Pantry Donation" on the memo line. Thanks for blessing those less fortunate this holiday season!

Financial Update August 2017

Loose Plate and
Current envelope \$ 6,827.00
Operating Expenses \$11,202.57
Operating Loss (4,375.57)

*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**

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.

Sausage Dinner

The Sausage Dinner is just around the corner, October 8, 2017!

Carry outs Available Country Store

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

67th Annual Whole Hog Sausage & Sauerkraut Dinner
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2017

CAFETERIA STYLE DINNER ~ ALL YOU CAN EAT
11:00 A.M. TO 6:00 P.M.

AIR CONDITIONED DINING AREA - HANDICAP ACCESSIBLE

JOIN US FOR
10:00 A.M. WORSHIP
SERVICE

MENU

- Pork Sausage
- Sauerkraut
- Mashed Potatoes
- Green Beans
- Applesauce
- Bread
- Apple Butter
- Home-Made Pies

BRING YOUR FAMILY
AND FRIENDS,
ALL ARE WELCOME!

LOCATED ALONG BEAUTIFUL
SCENIC ROUTE 94
123 CHURCH ROAD
AUGUSTA, MISSOURI

Adult Tickets: \$11
Children Ages 6-12: \$4
Under 6: Free

To preorder apple butter please call 636-228-4092
To preorder pork sausage, meaty backbones or ribs please call 636-228-4417.
Sunday meat sales begin at 10:00 A.M.

Please call (636) 228-4642 or visit <http://www.clcaugustamo.org/> for more information.

There is a sign-up sheet for desserts in the lobby. For those not wishing to bake, cash donations for supplies are welcome. Contact Julia Kurtz if you have questions. Thank you!

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Ladies Bible Study

A women's Bible study will be held weekly each Thursday evening starting Thursday, October 26 through Thursday, November 16 at 7:00 p.m. at the Menke home. We will be studying "Knowing the Heart of God" and invite all women 18 and older to attend as we learn about the Father's heart for us while enjoying fun and fellowship together. Please contact Marcy Menke if you have any questions - hope to see you there!

Quilting & Needleworking

Quilters meet on Tuesdays at the church from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. This is not only for quilters but anyone who embroiders, knits, crochets, or would just like to visit! Bring whatever project you are working on, along with your lunch, and plan on joining us!



Country Store

Please donate to the Country Store! The Country Store at our Sausage Dinner has always done very well. Many people stop in to see what is homemade & provided by people of our church. Crafts, canned goods, garden items, breads, cookies, candy, etc. Many of these items have been donated by the Quilters; or past members who are no longer with us. You can bring perishable items the day of the dinner; any other items please leave in the Sunday School room on the table with the Applebutter. Any questions, please call Julie Figura: 636-299-2056. Let's fill up the store!

Apple Butter Cooking

Thanks to Team Apple Butter for another successful year of apple butter making! Thanks to each and everyone who either donated items or worked during the day - we couldn't have done it without you!



October 2017

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|---------------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------|---|---|---|--|
| 1 | 2
Caitlyn Sullivan | 3 | 4
7:15 Men's Bible
Breakfast
6:30 Choir | 5
Randy & Stacy
Squires | 6
Trevon Molitor | 7
Bill & Linda
Warnecke |
| 8
Sausage Dinner | 9 | 10
Raquel Ritter | 11
6:30 Choir | 12 | 13
Bob Drier
Dave Little | 14 |
| 15 | 16
6:00 Elder
7:00 Council | 17 | 18
Ron & Christy
Hamersen
7:15 Men's Brkft
6:30 Choir | 19 | 20
Lynn Fuhr
Natalia Ritter | 21
Kenneth Beumer |
| 22
Voters Meeting | 23 | 24 | 25
6:30 Choir | 26
7:00 Ladies Bible
Study | 27
Linda Warnecke
5:00 Wedding
rehearsal | 28
Carolyn Kemner
3:30 Wedding
(Allison & Nathan) |
| 29
Reformation
Service and meal | 30 | 31
Reformation Day | | Office Hours:
Monday &
Wednesday
mornings 9-12 | Prayer Service:
Wednesday
mornings 11-11:30 | Quilting &
Needleworking
Tuesdays 9-3 |