

# Christ Lutheran Newsletter

Official Newsletter of Christ Lutheran Church, Augusta, MO 63332

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February 2018

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

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## From the Pastor...

*"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."* Matthew 5:3

Whenever God speaks His Word of Law to us, the only response we are able to utter is, "Woe to me, for it is true that I am a sinner, and I deserve every pain and woe that there is." When we confess our sins every Sunday morning, we are simply saying, "Woe to me. I am a poor, wretched, woeful sinner, and I deserve to be punished both now and forever as God's Law says."

But listen to this...when we say, "Woe to me," God says, "Blessed are you." Upon your woeful confession, He commands His minister to turn toward you and say, "God forgives you. Jesus took away your pain and woe. Heaven is yours in Jesus Christ."

*"There isn't one pain and woe out there that Jesus did not suffer. He did this out of compassion."*

We might think that if anyone is "Blessed," it's Jesus. He is the "Blessed One" of His Father. But the good news for you is that Jesus became the "Woeful One" in your place. He suffered every woe that you and I had coming. The season of Lent, which is soon upon us, preaches this truth to us. A Good Friday hymn tells the story..."O Darkest Woe" we sing on that night. But it's not your woe—it's Jesus'. He endured it all. There isn't one pain and woe out there that Jesus did not suffer. He did this out of compassion. He knew that because of His suffering, good things would come to you. For you now are the "blessed one." And it's not because of how you live. It's because of who you are in Christ. You don't have to strive to be "blessed." God, right now, declares you "blessed" for Jesus' sake.

When the Law tells you how woeful you are, run to your baptism. Jesus' blood washes away all your sins. In God's eyes there is nothing woeful about you. He calls you "blessed," for His Son, who died for you, gives you all good things in your baptism. In those waters a great exchange took place. Jesus took your "woes" and He gave you His "blesseds." Now perhaps that doesn't seem fair to Him—but that is not His concern. His only concern is to show mercy to you. And so He poured it on. As the water was poured over your head, His "blesseds" came to you. All of them. Every blessing that God has to give is now yours in Christ.

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**Wednesday evening Lenten services begin on February 14, Ash Wednesday. All Lenten services are at 7:00 p.m.**

## 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

December 24 - 22  
Christmas Eve - 80  
Christmas Day - 34  
December 31 - 42  
January 7 - 23  
January 14 - 48  
January 21 - 56

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

## **Church Directory**

The 2018 Church Directory is in its final stage of revision. We are currently awaiting the Teller and Altar Guild schedules and as soon as these are available we will be able to get the Directory printed. We hope to have copies available for distribution by the end of February; thanks to everyone who assisted with this project!

## **Fish Fries**

This year's fish fries will be held March 2 and March 16 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Tickets will be \$11.00 for adults, and \$5.00 for children 6-12. Larry and Diane Pieper will be chairing the committee. Please let them know if you would like to help on the committee. Worker sign-up sheets will be available in early February. 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 will be reflected on your church statement) and give it to Larry or Diane. Thank you!

## **Voters Meeting Recap**

Boards and Committees presented their reports. The Sausage Supper Committee is looking at different processors to make our sausage. They are also looking at an alternative to the old big cooler. Three individuals are needed to step up and offer to be either an Elder, Treasurer or Financial Secretary, or to be on the Board of Christian Education.

Under New Business approval was given to have two fish fries March 2 and 16, and to serve the Easter Breakfast April 1. We also formed a committee chaired by Patsy Baravik to "declutter" our entire facility this spring. Tom Kluesner 636-433-5484

## **Spring Cleaning Project**

A "Declutter" Committee was formed at the Voters Meeting. They will prepare a schedule to review the contents of each room in our facility, along with the kitchen and storage rooms in the basement. We realize there are items that may have been donated years ago that may have special interest or sentimental value. So we plan to put on display in the basement any items we intend to discard. Members will have the opportunity to review them before we deal with their removal. Our plan is to begin this process right after the Easter Breakfast. -Tom Kluesner

## **Giving Tree**

In an effort to refresh the purpose and use of the Giving Tree, the Board of Lay Activities will be overseeing this project with Glenda Drier serving as coordinator. Glenda will develop a written set of guidelines for utilizing this system as a way to donate towards congregational needs such as candle oil, altar cloths, etc., through gifts from individual members. Please share any ideas or suggestions you have about this project with Glenda - stay tuned for updates as this progresses. Thanks!

## **Financial Update**

|   | <u>December</u>   | <u>Year to Date</u> |
|---|-------------------|---------------------|
| Deposits—Loose Plate & Current Envelope | \$10,163.25       | \$87,391.38         |
| Other Deposits                          | <u>\$2,745.00</u> | <u>\$20,658.95</u>  |
| <b>Total Deposits</b>                   | \$12,908.25       | \$108,050.33        |
| Operating Expenses                      | \$9,813.43        | \$118,618.46        |
| Other Expenses                          | <u>0.00</u>       | <u>\$11,686.91</u>  |
| <b>Total Expenses</b>                   | \$9,813.43        | \$130,305.37        |
| <b>Over (Short)</b>                     | \$3,094.82        | (\$22,255.04)       |

# February 2018

| Sun  | Mon  | Tue  | Wed   | Thu                    | Fri | Sat                   |
|--|--|--|---|------------------------|-----|-----------------------|
| <b>Office Hours:</b><br>Monday and<br>Wednesday<br>mornings 9-12 | <b>Prayer Service:</b><br>Wednesday<br>mornings 11-11:30 | <b>Quilting &amp;<br/>                     Needlework:</b><br>Tuesdays 9-3 |   | 1<br>Kristine Warnecke | 2   | 3                     |
| 4  | 5  | 6  | 7<br>Claire Beumer<br><b>7:15 Men's Bible<br/>                     Breakfast</b>  | 8                      | 9   | 10<br>Kenneth Hemsath |
| 11<br>Doug Pieper  | 12<br><b>7:00 p.m. Council</b>                           | 13   | 14<br><b>7:00 p.m. Ash<br/>                     Wednesday<br/>                     Service</b>                              | 15                     | 16  | 17                    |
| 18   | 19<br>Dennis Pieper                                      | 20<br>George Baravik   | 21<br><b>7:15 Men's Bible<br/>                     Breakfast</b><br><br><b>7:00 Lenten<br/>                     Service</b> | 22                     | 23  | 24                    |
| 25   | 26   | 27<br>Lillie Figura<br>Larry Pieper  | 28<br>Dennis & Judy<br>Pieper<br><br><b>7:00 Lenten<br/>                     Service</b>                                    |                        |     |                       |