

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...

"Children, do you have any fish? They answered Him, 'No.' He said to them, 'Cast the net on the right side of the boat and you will find some.' So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in, because of the quantity of fish."

John 21:5-6

*It is impossible for a person not to be puffed up by his good works unless he has first been deflated and destroyed by suffering and evil until he knows that he is worthless and that his works are not his but God's. **Martin Luther***

When Jesus called out to His disciples, asking whether they had any fish, He was wanting them to admit their helplessness. But we don't want to admit this. "Do you have any fish?" God asks.

And we respond, "We're fine; no problems here." Had the disciples given Him this answer: "Thanks for asking, but we're doing okay," Jesus would not have told them to cast their net on the right side of the boat, and the story would have ended quite differently.

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God, therefore, acts out of mercy to make us see our helplessness; to cause us to admit that our nets are empty. Thus deflated and destroyed, He comes with His word of promise: *"Cast your nets on the right side...and you will find some fish."* When life seems to be at its worst; when our nets are the most empty - this is when God's promises are the most reassuring. Once Peter heard that it was Jesus on the shore, he dove into the water. This, too, is where we can dive - into the water of our Baptism. Into this water Jesus commanded His disciples to cast their net. Into this water He placed the promise of fish. And into the water of Baptism we will always find those same blessings and promises, for here on the right side, is where Jesus has placed them.

My net, Lord, has been empty. Direct me to Your Word and into my Baptism, and fill my net with your grace and blessings. Amen.

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With the Lord begin your task; Jesus will direct it.
For His aid and counsel ask; Jesus will perfect it.
Ev'ry morn with Jesus rise, And when day is ended,
In His name then close your eyes; Be to Him commended.
LSB #869 *"With the Lord Begin Your Task"*

Pastor's Office Hours:

Monday & Wednesday
9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Prayer Service

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

March 31 - 57

April 7 - 55

April 14 - 50

Maundy Thursday - 33

Good Friday - 36

April 21 - 91

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

Calling All Graduates!

If you or someone you know will be graduating this spring, let Pastor or Julie know so they can include you in an upcoming newsletter.



Food Drive

Our church will again participate in the community food drive held from April 21, Easter through June 9, Pentecost. Let's help stock the shelves of our neighborhood food pantries. Non-perishable items only - no glass items. For monetary donations, make checks payable to : Ebenezer U.C.C. Be sure to include Food Pantry in the memo on the check. Donations will be distributed to St. Vincent de Paul food pantry, New Melle and Southern Warren & St. Charles County food pantry, Marthasville. Drop off box is in the Educational Entrance.

Thank you for your support!

New Church & Education Building Roof

As most of you are aware, we recently had a new shingled roof put on the church and education building. Some of you may be asking, didn't we just have a new roof put on a few years ago and why are we not discussing how much this new roof costs? Believe it or not, it was 2011 when the last roof was put on. For the most part it held up well except when we had some shingles blow off in 2014 and in February 2019. A local roofing company was contacted to cover up the bare spots and they questioned the shingle construction because it looked like most of the tabs did not seal. They contacted the shingle manufacturer's representative and found out something interesting about the shingles put on in 2011. Those were only manufactured for 3 years and were discontinued because of manufacturing issues. Normally commercial buildings, yes the church and education building are considered commercial, are only covered by a 5 year warranty, but given the fact we had shingles blow off in 2014, 2019, and they were considered defective, we got a new roof. Not only did the manufacturer pay for new shingles, but they sent us a check to pay for the labor to remove the old roof and install the new roof. We have not received the final labor invoice as of this writing, but I anticipate we are covered. If not, there will be a small out of pocket cost for a whole new roof. The actions of the shingle manufacturer is much appreciated and helps restore faith in good business practices.

Meditation

For just as the truth of this divine promise, once pronounced over us, continues until death, so our faith in it ought never to cease, but to be nourished and strengthened until death by the continual remembrance of this promise made to us in baptism. Therefore, when we rise from our sins or repent, we are merely returning to the power and the faith of baptism from which we fell, and finding our way back to the promise then made to us, which we deserted when we sinned. For the truth of the promise once made remains steadfast, always ready to receive us back with open arms when we return...

It will therefore be no small gain to a penitent to remember above all his baptism, and, confidently calling to mind the divine promise which he has forsaken, acknowledge that promise before his Lord, rejoicing that he is still within the fortress of salvation because he has been baptized, and abhorring his wicked ingratitude in falling away from its faith and truth. His heart will find wonderful comfort and will be encouraged to hope for mercy when he considers that the promise which God made to him, which cannot possibly lie, is still unbroken and unchanged, and indeed, cannot be changed by sins, as Paul says "If we are faithless, He remains faithful—for He cannot deny Himself." II Tim 2:13. This truth of God, I say, will sustain him, so that if all else should fail, this truth, if he believes in it, will not fail him. In it the penitent has a shield against all assaults of the scornful enemy, an answer to the sins that disturb his conscience, an antidote for the dread of death and judgment, and a comfort in every temptation—namely, this one truth—when he says: "God is faithful in His promises, and I received His sign in baptism. If God is for me, who is against me?" - Martin Luther

Roofing Photos



Easter Egg Hunt



May 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Office Hours: Monday and Wednesday mornings 9-12	Prayer Service: Wednesday mornings 11-11:30	Ladies Quilting and Needlework: Tuesdays 9-3	1 Jerry Nadler 7:30 Men's Bible Breakfast	2	3	4
5 Thurman Cook	6	7	8 (no prayer service)	9 Glenda Drier	10 Kelly & Carol Latham	11 Nick & Patricia Baravik
12 <i>Mother's Day</i>	13 Teri Nadler 7:00 Council	14	15 7:30 Men's Bible Breakfast	16	17 Scott & Sandra Toedebusch	18
19 Geoffrey Ballmann	20	21	22	23 Thomas Gibbs	24	25
26 Timios & Elizabeth Cook	27 <i>Memorial Day</i>	28	29	30 <i>Ascension Day</i>	31 Mary Jacob	