

Christ Lutheran Newsletter

Official Newsletter of Christ Lutheran Church, Augusta, MO 63332

<http://www.clcaugustamo.org>

September 2019

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

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From the Pastor...

"A threefold cord is not quickly broken." Ecclesiastes 4:12

Martin Luther suggests that the source of this proverb was a father fast approaching the day of his death. He called his sons to him and had them gather a bundle of sticks. Then he asked them to try and break the bundle. They could not do it. But they could break each stick individually. This wise father used this simple but powerful illustration to teach his sons that only by living in harmony with each other would they be able to preserve the inheritance they were about to receive.

This beautiful verse from Ecclesiastes is sometimes used as the text for wedding sermons. When a man and woman become husband and wife, they certainly want their marriage to last. This is where Christ comes in. A *threefold cord* refers to the husband, the wife, and to Jesus. When a couple invites Him into their life, their marriage is *not quickly broken*.

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Statistics can be overplayed, but let me share the following stats anyway because they are telling. We're told that in America today, a marriage has a fifty-fifty chance of surviving. But when a husband and wife faithfully attend the same church together, along with having devotions together in their daily life, the chance of divorce is just one in 1,500. This is not to suggest that couples who are faithful in church along with being together in the Word of God never have problems, and never divorce each other. But when Jesus is at the heart and center of a marriage, that threefold cord is not quickly broken.

Yet when it is broken, we should not believe that Jesus has forsaken us. He continues to love and care for all His dear children: single, married, divorced, or widowed. Our marital status does not make, or break, our relationship with our Lord. You are baptized into Christ. You are, therefore, joined to the threefold cord of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. And nothing can undo that cord. Nothing can undo what God gave you in your baptism: life in Christ, now and forever.

Unless You build it, Father, the house is built in vain;
Unless You, Savior, bless it, the joy will turn to pain.
But nothing breaks the union of hearts in You made one;
The love Your Spirit hallows is endless love begun.

LSB #858 - "O Father, All Creating" vs. 4

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

August 4 - 56
August 11 - 44
August 18 - 41
August 25 - 70

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

Apple Butter Cooking

Our annual Apple Butter Cooking will be held on Saturday, September 28. A sign up sheet is available in the Education Wing for volunteers to help with various tasks. We are also accepting donations of half pint and pint jars as well. Donuts and lunch will be provided! Please consider helping with this annual fund raiser - hope to see you there!

Sausage Dinner

Carry outs
Available

Country
Store

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

69th Annual Whole Hog Sausage & Sauerkraut Dinner

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2019

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

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

MENU

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

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

BRING YOUR FAMILY
AND FRIENDS,
ALL ARE WELCOME!



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.

**A Work Day has been scheduled for Saturday, September 28.
Thank you in advance for helping with this!**

Missouri Amish Country Outing

A trip to Amish country has been planned for Friday, September 13. Anyone interested in going should meet in the church parking lot by 7:00 a.m. It will take about 2 hours to get to Clark, Missouri. Lunch will be at a restaurant in Sturgeon, which is just down the road from Clark. We will return late afternoon to Augusta. This is a perfect time to pick up gorgeous fall mums, pumpkins, Indian corn, a variety of baked goods, fresh vegetables, baskets, jams, rugs, etc. This is also a chance to meet some of the nicest people and see what their day to day lives consist of. With it being harvest season, there should be lots of activity in the fields, as well. Please contact Glenda if you have any questions, 636-459-0679.

Large Print Hymnals

Large print hymnals (3 volume set) are now available at both the main sanctuary and lobby entrances. Please return them to their original location after the service. Thank you!



Augusta Harvest Festival

Our church has been invited to participate in the Augusta Harvest Festival on Saturday, September 21. We will have a booth on the town square and will provide coffee and donuts for a free will offering from 7:00—8:00 a.m. Several members will also be serving a pancake/sausage breakfast from 8:00—10:00 a.m. sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce with proceeds going to the Augusta Heritage Foundation. There will be many special events in town that day, and all are invited to join the celebration. Hope to see you there!

Welcome Noah Rinne!

Noah Matthew Rinne was brought to Jesus in Holy Baptism on Sunday, August 25.



Morning and Evening Prayers

A good Christian practice is to begin and end each day making the sign of the cross, in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit, and saying the following prayers:

Morning Prayer—*“I thank You, my Heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.”*

Evening Prayer—*I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands, I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.*

Meditation

“It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me.” Galatians 2:20

*Our salvation is given us at once and is not obtained by works. For birth does not produce one member only, a hand or a foot, but the entire life, a complete human being, who is not active in order to be born but is born in order to be active. Just so works do not make us clean and pious. Nor do they save us; but first we are made clean and pious and are saved. Then we freely perform works to the glory of God and the benefit of our neighbor. **Martin Luther***

As we are born into the world, so we are born into the kingdom of God. We are passive in birth, but active after our birth. Through Baptism God gives us birth unto salvation, for we are baptized into Christ who is our salvation. After this birth we perform the good works of a child of God because Christ lives in us. We must keep this Scriptural teaching straight. Our good works cannot help us; they can only help our neighbor. We do not perform works of faith in order to obtain faith and salvation; we perform such works because we already have faith and salvation.

In Baptism we now put on Christ - our shame is fully covered with all that He once sacrificed and freely for us suffered. For here the flood of His own blood now makes us holy, right, and good before our heavenly Father. Amen.

Special Voters Meeting

There will be a special Voters Meeting on Sunday, September 15, following the service to discuss upcoming work needed on the church parking lot. Please plan on attending. Thank you!

Photos

Levi Charles Bell, son of Brian and Julia Bell, was baptized on August 18, 2019. Pastor Bell had the privilege of baptizing his grandson. And, Al Landes was the organist on that Sunday! Al and Jill asked that we pass their greetings on to everyone at Christ Lutheran.



September 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Neil Warnecke Elders Mtg	2 <i>Labor Day</i>	3 Dennis Nadler Nathan & Ramona Hagedorn	4 Patricia Baravik 7:30 Men's Bible Breakfast	5	6	7
8	9 7:00 Council	10	11	12 Dave & Nancy Little	13 Amish Outing	14
15 Voters Mtg Board of Ed Mtg	16	17 Dennis & Jackie Nadler	18 Neil & Sally Warnecke 7:30 Men's Bible Breakfast	19 Darrell & Ruth Nadler	20 Mark Warnecke 5:30 Rehearsal	21 2:00 Wedding (Brianna & Garrett)
22	23	24 Christy Hamersen Dan Rinne	25	26	27 Peyton Stephens	28 John & Jeanne Abbott Applebutter & Workday
29 Ollie Borgmann Kevin & Teri Nadler Al & Mary Jacob	30			Office Hours: Monday & Wednesday mornings 9-12	Prayer Service: Wednesday mornings 11-11:30	Quilting & Needlework: Tuesdays 9-3