

Christ Lutheran Newsletter

Official Newsletter of Christ Lutheran Church, Augusta, MO 63332

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November 2020

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

Church Phone: (636)228-4642
Pastor's Phone: (636)485-2048

From the Pastor...

"He will swallow up death forever; and the Lord God will wipe away tears from all faces." Isaiah 25:8

A mother sent her little girl on an errand. The daughter was gone a long time. When she finally returned, her mother demanded an explanation. The little girl explained that on her way she had met a little friend who was crying because she had broken her doll. "Oh," said her mother, "then you stopped to help her fix her doll?" "Oh, no," replied the little girl. "I stopped to help her cry."

All Saints' Day (November 1) reminds us of the day when "God will wipe away every tear from their eyes" (Rev. 7:17). That day is coming but is not yet. Now we live in a vale of tears. We cry over everything from a small disappointment to the death of a loved one. Our tears flow because we live in a broken world, and we ourselves are broken by sin. We are unable to fix our world. We are unable to fix ourselves or those around us. But God is. All Saints' Day not only points us to the day when our tears will stop flowing; it points us to our Lord who comes to fix our broken lives. He comes to cry with us, as He did when Lazarus died (Jn. 11), but more than that, He becomes the One broken on the cross in our place. Yet He did not stay broken. He broke death to pieces by His bodily resurrection. Jesus broke the chokehold of your sin. He broke the power of the devil. You may feel broken, but you're not. Look at your Baptism. You are joined there to your Lord. He gives His risen life to you. He puts His Spirit in you. He forgives you of your sin. He heals your brokenness. In this life the tears will continue to flow, but as we cry with each other, we can also give hope to each other - the hope we have as God's saints through Jesus.

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For all the saints who from their labors rest,
Who Thee by faith before the world confessed.
Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

The golden evening brightens in the west;
Soon, soon to faithful warriors cometh rest;
Sweet is the calm of paradise the blest.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

LSB#677 - "For All the Saints" vss. 1, 6

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



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

Holy Communion

Beginning November 1 at 2:00 p.m., we will be offering Holy Communion in a shortened ten-minute service where everyone, Pastor included, is required to wear a mask. We will offer this mask-required service the first Sunday of each month at 2:00 p.m. If you are unable to attend a service on a certain month but would like to receive the Sacrament, please contact Pastor Bell (636-485-2048) to make other arrangements.

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Church Decorating

Church Decorating will take place on Sunday, December 6 following the service.

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Food Drive

A food drive is currently underway, and donations can be placed on the table or in the box in the lobby. Monetary donations are also accepted. All proceeds will support the Marthasville Food Pantry. Please consider giving to help those in our area who are in need. This has been an especially difficult year for so many, and your gifts are greatly appreciated.

Thank you!

Meet Our Organist!

Hello! My name is Jordan Glock, and I am thrilled to be playing the organ here at Christ Lutheran, Augusta. I grew up in Central Illinois, where my father, who is an LCMS pastor, serves a dual parish. I was introduced to the organ when I was about 8 years old, and I played my first ever Saturday evening church service in August 2007 at the age of 13. In 2008 the congregation decided that I could play every Sunday, and twice a month at the other church where my dad serves. In 2010 I became the organist at every service at both churches up through my first couple years of Junior College. In 2015 I enrolled at Concordia University, Wisconsin, where I graduated in 2018 with a Bachelor's Degree in parish music and a minor in theology. I returned to Central Illinois after college and played for several other LCMS churches in the area, gaining experience in working with other pastors and congregations. In addition to playing here, I am the Director of Traditional Music at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Wentzville, playing the organ and leading the vocal and handbell choirs. It is an absolute pleasure to be here with you in Augusta, and I pray that you may be blessed as we make a joyful noise to the Lord!

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We extend our sincere thanks to Elizabeth (Liz) Cook who graciously filled in as our organist during the past two years. Liz stepped in when Al Landes moved to California. We certainly appreciate Liz sharing her musical talents with us during that time!

Thanksgiving and Christmas Services

Our Thanksgiving Eve service will be held on Wednesday, November 25, at 7:00 p.m. We will be designating the front section of pews on the Lectern side as **Mask Required** for this service, and also for the upcoming Christmas Day and Christmas Eve services.

Worship Notes

Worship services are being held each Sunday morning at 10:00 a.m. We continue to practice precautionary measures, such as social distancing, no hand shaking, and single line communion.

We are continuing to provide a weekly video service for those who are not yet able to join us in church. This video worship service will be available on the church's website.

Pastor Bell posts a weekly devotion on Facebook and the church website. If you would like a printed copy of the sermon mailed to your home or if you have any other needs, please contact Pastor Bell at 636-228-4642 (church) or by cell phone at 636-485-2048.

Meditation

"The one who endures to the end will be saved." Mark 13:13

Jesus is the one who endured to the end. But He did this for you. So you have a Savior who helps you endure. He does not tell us, "The one who has never been knocked down will be saved," but "*The one who endures.*" We fall down all the time. Our sins lay us flat. The devil tempts us and we give in to the world's charms. We're a mess. We're weak. How will you endure? Through Jesus who keeps lifting you up. He returns you to your Baptism. He draws you to His house of mercy; to His table of grace. He puts His words of life into your ears. Through these, He is laying hold of you so you endure.

"He who endures to the end." You and I will not waltz into heaven. It's more like we'll be carried there on a stretcher by Jesus...bruised, beaten, exhausted...because we're in the fight of our lives and no Christian comes through unscathed. But Jesus is for you. He fought for you, and He fights alongside of you. Lean on Him. Fall into His arms. They are strong, and they are always full of mercy and forgiveness for you. That's how you will endure to the end--through Jesus.

Lord Jesus, if I am to be saved; if I am to endure to the end, it must be You who saves me; You who keeps me enduring. Stay with me always. Forgive me. Strengthen my faith. Keep me in Your Word. Amen.



Golf Tournament Update

We received the following letter from the Paul Ballmann Golf Tournament Committee:

Our 24th Annual Benefit Golf Tournament went extremely well again this year, setting yet another fundraising record! We are so very grateful for the overwhelming support that we continue to receive for our golf tournament. Thanks to your help, we were able to give \$12,400 to each of our three beneficiaries. That's truly amazing. It speaks very well about the people and businesses in our community. On behalf of our beneficiaries; the Keith & Michelle Voss family, the Jeff & Maria Kuenzel family, the Matt & Taylor Thayer family, as well as all of us on the committee, we sincerely thank you for your generous support. Thanks for all you do to help make this tournament such a big success every year (and the cookies were delicious, as usual). We hope we will be able to count on your support again next year. We will soon begin making plans for next year's tournament, so if you know of anyone that could use our help, please contact us.

Sausage Dinner Donation

With the Sausage Dinner being canceled this year, if you would like to make a monetary donation to the church in lieu of donating your time and energy towards working at the dinner, you may mail a donation or put it in the offering plate. If you do so, please include your envelope number, so it can be recorded on your annual statement. Thank you!

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Directory Changes

Please make the following changes to your directory:

Address Change:

Kim Warnecke
209 E. 4th Street, Apt. 1-W
Washington, MO 63090

Phone Number Change:

Shirley Toedebusch - (636) 698-2140

Offerings

God has continued to bless Christ Lutheran Church through you, our members, who continue to give to the Lord from what He has given to you.

Reminder—to assist the Tellers, please use your offering envelopes or if you forget your envelope, write your envelope number on your check. Thank you!