

# Christ Lutheran Newsletter

Official Newsletter of Christ Lutheran Church, Augusta, MO 63332

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July 2016

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

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## *From the Pastor... (message from the Augusta Memorial Day Service)*

This used to be called Decoration Day. Now it's called Memorial Day - a day to remember; to remember those who gave everything in service to their country. That's not why they did it. These men and women did not lay down their lives so that we would remember them. They did not die with the thought: "At least on Memorial Day we will be remembered." Even if we would not remember, they still would have given their lives for us. It's called honor, loyalty, integrity. If we do not remember, we are the ones to be pitied...not them.

It's good, therefore, that you are here today. You have given up your time and made the effort to come out to this cemetery to be a part of this. It's not as if you couldn't remember from the comfort of your living room. But you couldn't do that, could you?

These brave men and women did not stay in their comfort zones. They entered the battlefield for you. The least we can do is get off our couch and stand here together to remember them.

So today we remember. But those we remember are not aware of us. When a soldier is dying on the battlefield, his comrades may say to him: "We will always remember you and what you did." But it's never the other way around. The comrades do not ask the one who is dying to remember them. The living remember those who have died. Why would the living ask the dying to remember them?

It happened once...on the greatest battlefield of them all. A thief hanging from a cross asked Jesus, who would soon be dead, to remember him. "Jesus," he asked, "remember me." In the Greek the name Jesus means Savior. So what this thief was saying was, "Savior, remember me." And Jesus promised to never forget him. "Today," He told him, "you will be with Me in Paradise."

That thief did not deserve to be remembered...unlike the brave men and women we remember today. But this is our God. He is no respecter of persons. He doesn't care how good or how bad we have been; how brave or how timid. He went to the battlefield of Calvary for you, my friend, to take your place on a cross; to endure the penalty of death, yes, eternal death, which we all deserve. He did this for everyone of you purely out of love for you.

Jesus is the only Soldier who came back from the battlefield after giving His life there. That's why He is the Savior, your Savior. All the brave men and women who fought and died for us are saviors with a small "s." Jesus is the Savior with a capital "S," for He saves us from sin, death, and hell, and nothing else does.

So yes, this is Memorial Day, and we are here to remember. But our remembering will end the day we die. It is Jesus who takes us beyond the grave into Paradise. And so even as we remember those who fought and died for us, on this Memorial Day, we turn, with the thief to Jesus, and say, "Savior, remember me."

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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.



### **Inside this Issue:**

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*"Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path." Psalm 119:105*



## Attendance

May 29 - 40

June 5 - 49

June 12 - 41

June 19 - 52

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

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## May Financial Update

Operating Income \$6,864.00

Operating Expenses \$8,276.19

May Deficit (1,412.19)

Larger upcoming bill:

- Quarterly insurance payment of \$1,707.00 due at the end of June

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## Church Website

As summer plans and vacations take you away from home over the weekends, remember our church website has audio and written sermons, along with daily devotions. So even if you cannot be in the Lord's House, you can still hear God's Word through the use of technology.



*"Lord, keep us steadfast in Your Word."*

## Paul Ballmann Memorial Golf Tournament

At the June Council Meeting, it was decided to again support the Paul Ballman Memorial Golf Tournament. It will be held on Saturday, August 13 with a 7:00 a.m. start time. The beneficiaries will be: Brenda Ford - to help her support the children of Amanda Ford after her tragic accident. Claire Phippen - to deal with physical abnormalities caused by a neurological disorder. Donny Kopmann - to help deal with the cost of his battle with cancer.

We are going to ask the Voters to sponsor a hole on the course with our name and \$100, the funds to come from future Thrivent deposits. Two door collections in July will also allow members to donate to this cause. We will provide 20 dozen cookies, as we have done in prior years. Linda Warnecke has again agreed to coordinate this activity.

More details are on the bulletin board. Try to put a team together or sponsor a hole yourself. It will be a fun day and will help some folks who could use a boost.

## Daily Devotion

*"Let God be true and every man a liar." Romans 3:4*

*We must have tokens and signs...in order to be led to a recognition of God by them. For human reason cannot find God unless such signs, instituted by God Himself, lead us, as it were, by the hand. For nothing is more dangerous for a man than to arrange a way to God for and by himself and to depend on his own ideas...*

*Therefore Christ seriously exhorts us to avoid such snares of the devil when He says (Matt. 24:23): "If any man shall say unto you, Lo, here is Christ, or there, believe it not." Christ must be sought where He has revealed Himself and wants to be recognized, as in the Word, in Baptism, in the Lord's Supper. There He will certainly be found, for the Word cannot deceive us. But reason usually disregards these signs and turns its attention to the harlot who sits at the door. Martin Luther*

Everyone has an opinion about God - who He is, where He is to be found, etc. This is the problem. We value our own opinions whether they are accurate or not. And it's very difficult to change our opinions when we have held them for a long time. This is our great downfall. We refuse to give up our opinions and be taught by the Word. This is why God charges parents with the duty of raising their children in the Faith, so that they do not form opinions (which are always wrong and lead away from God), but are immediately instructed rightly about God. God's Word alone is true, and every man's opinion is a lie. It is not impossible for someone to lose their opinion about God and believe the truth, but this can only happen by the working of the Holy Spirit, for "with God, nothing is impossible."

*You, O Christ, are the Truth; my opinions count for nothing. Have mercy upon me by leading me by the hand to Your Word, where You are found, and by Your Spirit working in me, grounding me in the one, true faith. Amen.*

# July 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>Office Hours:</b> Monday & Wednesday mornings 9-12	<b>Prayer Service and Bible Study:</b> Wednesday mornings 11-11:30				1 Ramona Hagedorn	2 Abbey Rinne
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11 <b>6:00 Elders 7:00 Council</b>	12	13 Cole Latham	14	15	16
17 <b>Voters Meeting</b>	18 Gordon Coates Zachary Freeman	19	20 Brian & Jennifer Pieper	21 Peter & Marcy Menke	22	23 Virginia Nadler
24 Jeanne Abbett	25	26	27 Doug & Michelle Charles	28	29	30 Jocelyn Coates
31 Tom Kluesner						