

# Christ Lutheran Newsletter

Official Newsletter of Christ Lutheran Church, Augusta, MO 63332

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November 2017

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

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## From the Pastor...

"For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven," we read in Ecclesiastes. There is "a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted... a time to break down, and a time to build up." Dietrich Bonhoeffer, a Lutheran pastor in Germany who suffered greatly under Hitler, applies this theme to the church. He speaks words of wisdom for our day. Read his words, which follow, and meditate upon them.

It is not we who build, (Christ) builds the church. No man builds the church but Christ alone. Whoever is minded to build the church is surely well on the way to destroying it; for he will build a temple to idols without wishing or knowing it. We must confess...He builds. We must proclaim...He builds. We must pray to Him...that He may build.

*"No man builds the church  
but Christ alone."*

We do not know His plan. We cannot see whether He is building or pulling down. It may be that the times which by human standards are times of collapse, are for Him the great times of construction. It may be that the times which from a human point of view are great times for the church, are times when it is pulled down.

It is a great comfort which Christ gives to His church: you confess, preach, bear witness to Me, and I alone will build where it pleases Me. Do not meddle in what is My province. Do what is given to you to do well, and you have done enough. But do it well. Pay no heed to views and opinions. Don't ask for judgments. Don't always be calculating what will happen. Don't always be on the lookout for another refuge! Church, stay a church! But church, confess, confess, confess! Christ alone is your Lord; from His grace alone can you live as you are. Christ builds.

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*Lord Jesus Christ, the church's head, You are her one foundation;  
In You she trusts, before You bows, and waits for Your salvation.  
Built on this rock secure, Your Church shall endure  
Though all the world decay and all things pass away.  
O hear, O hear us, Jesus!*

LSB #647—"Lord Jesus Christ, the Church's Head" vs. 1

## 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

October 1 - 61  
October 8 - 58  
October 15 - 44  
October 22 - 45

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

### **Birthday Celebration**

Glennon Stelzer turns 90 on November 30, and we would like to help him celebrate with a card shower. Cards may be mailed to:

Grandview Healthcare  
c/o Glennon Stelzer  
201 Grand Avenue  
Washington, MO 63090

If you have a favorite story or memory, please include that also with your card.

There will be a surprise birthday party with cake and ice cream following the church service on December 3. All are invited to attend.

### **Thanksgiving Food Drive**

We will hold our annual Thanksgiving Food Drive to benefit the Marthasville Food Pantry through Sunday, November 19. A list of items needed is posted on the Food Drive display in the Education Wing. A container is available on the display table for cash or check donations; if you wish to write a check please make it out to "Charrette Baptist Church" and write "Food Pantry Donation" on the memo line. Thanks for blessing those less fortunate this holiday season!

### **Augusta Christmas Walk**

Christ Lutheran will again be having a booth at the Augusta Christmas Walk the first two Fridays in December, the 1st and 8th. A sign-up sheet will be available starting Sunday, November 5 for cookie donations, as well as time slots for working the booth. Please consider helping with this festive community outreach, as we share the good news of our Savior's birth.

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### **Church Decorating**

Church Christmas decorating is scheduled for Sunday, December 3, immediately following the church service. We welcome any and all who would like to assist in decorating the sanctuary for the joyous Christmas season!

### **Financial Update September 2017**

Loose Plate and  
Current envelope \$ 5,969.00  
Operating Expenses \$11,601.89  
**Operating Loss (5,632.89)**

*We give Thee but Thine own,  
whate'er the gift may be; All that  
we have is Thine Alone, A trust, O  
Lord, from Thee.*

**LSB #781 - "We Give Thee But Thine Own" vs. 1**

### **2018 Directory Update**

In order to get an early start on our 2018 Church Directory, current listings will be posted in the Adult Sunday School room beginning Sunday, November 5. Please check over your information and make necessary corrections by crossing through any incorrect information and writing the corrected information beside it. If no corrections are needed place your initials next to your name. Please feel free to also check information for family members who may not attend on a regular basis. Thanks in advance for your help with this important project!

### **Thanksgiving Eve Service**

Our Thanksgiving Service will be held on Wednesday, November 22, at 7:00 p.m.



## Ladies Bible Study

A women's Bible study will be held weekly each Thursday evening through November 16 at 7:00 p.m. at the Menke home. We will be studying "Knowing the Heart of God" and invite all women 18 and older to attend as we learn about the Father's heart for us while enjoying fun and fellowship together. Please contact Marcy Menke if you have any questions - hope to see you there!

## Golf Tournament Update

The Paul Ballmann Memorial Golf Tournament was held on August 12. The total profit from the tournament was \$25,389. This was divided evenly among the three beneficiaries; Jamie (Nadler) and Greg Kappelmann and their daughters, Stephanie Lindemann, a high school student from Union and a cancer victim, and the family of Eric Haddin, who died from a car accident. Thank you to all who helped or contributed!

## Voters Meeting Recap

The Endowment Fund Committee reported \$10,370.70 in the First Bank Savings Account and \$201,767.00 in the LCMS account. Sausage Supper Committee reported 873 meals served, down 187 from last year, with a projected profit of \$9,940.48, about the same as last year, up \$1,000.00 from two years ago. Discussion followed about updates needed in building, equipment, and changes needed in operations next year. Golf Tournament yielded a \$25,000.00 profit with \$8,463 going to each beneficiary.

A new copy machine has been ordered from the Canon company at a cost of \$1,518.00. Officers were elected for 2018. Scott Jacob, vice-chairman, Bob Drier, one-year Elder, Dianne Pieper, Board Of Lay Ministry, Gordon Coates, Trustee. Positions not filled are Treasurer, Elder, Board Of Christian Education. The 2018 Budget was considered. Good debate followed over the salary raise included for the Pastor. The Elders' position was that Pastor has not received nor sought a raise in three years. and deserves one. This, plus the fact we are quite lower than synod guidelines, justifies the request. Opposing debate was that we simply cannot afford more expense being so far behind borrowing from the bank. Budget passed as proposed.

After reviewing the bylaws of the Endowment Fund intended expenditures, a motion passed to request the Endowment Fund Committee to reimburse the General Fund \$2,636.85 for the expense incurred last year in acquiring the donated Knoernschild property. Also to request \$1,518.00 for purchasing the replacement copy machine. A motion passed to place the Sausage Supper proceeds in the General Fund. Peter Menke volunteered to act as Lay Delegate to the District Convention in June in Columbia. Approved.

-Tom Kluesner



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2017 It's *Still* All About  
**Jesus**

# November 2017

| Sun  | Mon  | Tue   | Wed  | Thu  | Fri | Sat                            |
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| <b>Office Hours:</b><br>Monday &<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>Kendra Latham<br>Larry & Diane<br>Pieper<br><b>7:15 Men's Bible<br/>Breakfast</b> | 2<br>Tim Beumer<br><br><b>7:00 Ladies Bible<br/>Study</b>                          | 3   | 4<br>Monica Weirich            |
| 5  | 6  | 7   | 8<br>Adam Kurtz<br>John & Julia Kurtz<br><b>7:15 Men's Bible<br/>Breakfast</b>         | 9<br>Michelle Charles<br>John & Julie Figura<br><b>7:00 Ladies Bible<br/>Study</b> | 10  | 11                             |
| 12   | 13<br><b>7:00 Council</b>                                | 14  | 15<br>(no prayer service)  | 16<br><b>7:00 Ladies Bible<br/>Study</b>   | 17  | 18                             |
| 19<br>Frances Fuhr<br>Sally Warnecke<br>Sandy Toedebusch<br>JB Ueltzen | 20   | 21  | 22<br>(no prayer service)<br><b>7:00 p.m.<br/>Thanksgiving Eve<br/>Service</b>         | 23<br><i>Thanksgiving Day</i>  | 24  | 25<br>Dennis & Nancy<br>Finley |
| 26<br>John Freeman   | 27   | 28  | 29<br>Nancy Finley   | 30<br>Glennon Stelzer  |     |                                |