

# Christ Lutheran Newsletter

Official Newsletter of Christ Lutheran Church, Augusta, MO 63332

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August 2018

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

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## From the Pastor...

*"And taking the five loaves...He gave them to His disciples to set before the people" (Mark 6:41).*

Jesus could have filled those 5,000+ people by speaking a word; but He didn't. He could have had the people come up to fill their plates; but He didn't. Jesus used His disciples. He gave the food to them to give to the people. This made them waiters. The waiter doesn't prepare the food; he serves it. When you go to a restaurant, you don't even see the chef. He is in the kitchen slaving over a hot stove preparing your meal. You see the waiter who brings out the food to you.

Jesus uses His pastors in the way that He used the disciples. Your pastor is simply a waiter. He doesn't prepare your meal. He doesn't slave away in the kitchen. Jesus prepared your meal; He is, in fact, the meal. Jesus became a slave, a servant for your sake. He prepared the meal of grace by His sufferings, death, and resurrection. It was prepared on a cross, but it's not served there. The meal is served in the restaurant of His holy house and at His holy table. You don't see the one in the kitchen; you see the waiter. Your pastor stands before you in the pulpit, at the lectern, and before the altar. He is called to serve the food of life Jesus prepared for you.

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The pastor is never to think that he can improve the meal Jesus has prepared. The pastor is not to try to embellish the food, add to it, or take away from it. His task is to serve the food exactly as Jesus has prepared it. This was the task of the disciples when the five thousand were fed. They had one task: give the food Jesus handed to them to the people. It is not for the pastor to try to "out-think" Jesus; to "improve" on His design. Those who do will be called to account on the Last Day. Jesus wants nothing more, and nothing less, than that His meal should be given to His people exactly as He has prepared it.

So, yes, you will hear the same things over and over from the pulpit. You will sing the same hymns, and use the same liturgies through the course of the Church Year. We might add salt and pepper to our plate, but the meal remains the same throughout all generations. The Gospel of salvation is to be kept pure. Pray that your waiter serves this blessed meal to you Sunday after Sunday. Pray that you, with all our members, have the godly desire to devour this meal as often as it is served.

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Lord Jesus Christ, we humbly pray that we may feast on You today; Beneath these forms of bread and wine enrich us with Your grace divine.

Give us, who share this wondrous food, Your body broken and Your blood, the grateful peace of sins forgiv'n, the certain joys of heirs of heav'n.

LSB #623 - "Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray"

## 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

July 1 - 48  
July 8 - 52  
July 15 - 42  
July 22 - 48

*"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 29. A sign up sheet will be available in the Education Wing starting Sunday, August 5 for volunteers to help with various tasks. We are also accepting donations of half pint and pint jars as well. Please consider helping with this annual fund raiser - hope to see you there!

## **Voters Meeting Recap**

On Sunday July 15, Voters heard reports from Boards and Committees. Lay Activities is planning a Ladies day trip to Amish Country. Glenda Drier revamped the Giving Tree. Look for updated ideas for less than \$200 and guidelines to follow. Apple Butter cooking is coming up in September.

Painting of the windows and steeple is underway. The new deck is almost complete. Buildings were sprayed as pest treatment.

The Endowment Fund Committee reported approximately \$210,000 in their two accounts. The Sausage Supper Committee to have final arrangements made with Dan's Country Meats to slaughter and process the hogs and deliver the final product here in a cooler they will provide. Prices will stay the same as last year at \$11.00. Advertising is underway.

A nominating worksheet was presented. We need help filling these positions for next year. An "I could do that" attitude is much needed. See Scott Jacob or Tom Kluesner.

Julie Bell was elected to fill the interim term of Financial Secretary. The 2019 proposed budget was presented for Voters' review. Where to place Sausage Supper proceeds was considered and tabled until the October meeting. -Tom Kluesner

## **Financial Review—June 2018 and Year to Date**

|                            | <u>Actual Profit/Loss</u> | <u>Against Budget</u> |
|----------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------|
| Contributions—June         | \$6,247.25                | \$6,247.25            |
| Expenses—June              | \$10,140.19               |                       |
| Budgeted Planned Expenses  | _____                     | <u>\$10,117.58</u>    |
| Net Income—June            | (\$3,892.94)              | (\$3,870.33)          |
| Line of Credit             | (\$7,500.00)              |                       |
|                            |                           |                       |
| Contributions—Jan/June     | \$42,670.35               | \$42,670.35           |
| Expenses—Jan/June          | \$56,863.89               |                       |
| Budgeted Expenses Jan/June | _____                     | <u>\$60,705.48</u>    |
| Net Income—Jan/June        | (\$9,004.78)              | (18,035.18)           |
| Accounting Adjustment      | <u>(\$1,009.82)</u>       |                       |
|                            | (\$10,014.90)             |                       |

## **Benefit Golf Tournament**

The tournament will be August 11 at the Warrenton Golf Course. Our congregation has agreed to provide the desserts in the form of 24 dozen cookies. Please call Linda Warnecke at 636-433-5552 if you can help. Put the cookies in the basement in one of the boxes on the counter by 4:00 p.m. Friday, August 10. More ways you can help and details about the beneficiaries are on the bulletin board.

## **School Supplies Collection**

We will be participating in the school supply collection for Augusta Elementary School. There is a table at the side entrance to the church for the items. A list of items needed is located on the table or you can pick one up at Walmart. The drive will continue through August 26. Thanks for your support.



## Church Officers

Following is a chart of current church officers and positions that need to be filled for 2019:

| <b>Year</b> | <b>Office</b>           | <b>Current</b> | <b>Term</b> | <b>Expires</b> |
|-------------|-------------------------|----------------|-------------|----------------|
| 2 yr.       | Chairman                | Tom Kluesner   | 2nd         | 2018           |
| 2 yr.       | Secretary               | Julie Figura   | 2nd         | 2018           |
| Interim     | Financial Secretary     | Julie Bell     | Interim     | 2018           |
| Interim     | Board of Elders         | Peter Menke    | Interim     | 2017           |
|             | Board of Elders         | Vacant         |             | 2018           |
| 3 yr.       | Board of Lay Activities | Rhonda Ray     | 1st         | 2018           |
| 3 yr.       | Board of Trustees       | Kelly Latham   | 1st         | 2018           |
| 3 yr.       | Board of Christian Ed.  | Vacant         |             | 2017           |
|             | Board of Christian Ed.  | Interim        |             | 2018           |

### Photos from Recent Church Projects



# August 2018

| Sun  | Mon  | Tue  | Wed  | Thu           | Fri                          | Sat                                |
|--|--|--|--|---------------|------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| <b>Office Hours:</b><br>Monday and<br>Wednesday<br>mornings 9-12 | <b>Prayer Service:</b><br>Wednesday<br>mornings 11-11:30 | <b>Ladies Quilting &amp;<br/>Needlework:</b><br>Tuesdays 9-3 | Dennis Finley<br><b>7:15 Men's Bible<br/>Breakfast</b> |               |                              |                                    |
| Stacy Squires  |  |  | Kimberly Warnecke                                      | Bill Warnecke |                              | <b>Golf Tourney</b>                |
| <b>Elders Mtg</b>  | Natalia Figura<br><br><b>7:00 Council</b>                |  | <b>7:15 Men's Bible<br/>Breakfast</b>                  |               | Liam Charles<br>Brian Pieper | Judy Pieper<br>Pastor & Julie Bell |
| Ron Hamersen<br>Sherry Overschmidt                               |  | Sarah Baravik  |  |               | Jacob Rinne                  | Julie Figura                       |
| Hannah Rinne   |  | Venita Mallon  |  |               | John Kurtz                   |                                    |