

Christ Lutheran Newsletter

Official Newsletter of Christ Lutheran Church, Augusta, MO 63332

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July 2018

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

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From the Pastor...

"Give me your tired, your poor; your huddled masses yearning to breathe free; the wretched refuse of your teeming shore; send these, the homeless, tempest-tossed to me. I lift my lamp beside the golden door." These words are inscribed on the base of the Statue of Liberty. For hundreds of years they have called out to people from all nations, welcoming them to America. And many have come, including our ancestors. They came across the water to a new way of life.

We have in this a reminder of Jesus' words in Matthew 11:28, "Come to Me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." As Lady Liberty stands high above the waters of New York harbor with arms raised, so Jesus stands in the waters of Holy

"As Lady Liberty stands high above the waters of New York harbor with arms raised, so Jesus stands in the waters of Holy Baptism, and with welcoming arms, receives us there unto Himself."

Baptism, and with welcoming arms, receives us there unto Himself. He turns no one away. The wretched refuse, those tired and worn out from constantly being mastered by sin, those stripped of joy, peace, and hope, those living with guilt and shame - are all welcomed by Jesus. He welcomes all because He died for all. No one is too wretched for Jesus. No one has too much sin in their past for Him. There is forgiveness in Jesus for every sinner. He gives the promise of eternal rest in heaven to everyone who in faith comes to Him.

When our ancestors came to this country, they did not expect to have easy and carefree lives. They got to work. They knew that with freedom came responsibility. So also Jesus does not call us to a life of spiritual laziness. But having freedom in Him from the curse of the Law, we now desire to live for Him in His church. This is not an easy life, but it is a fulfilling life.

As we prepare to celebrate our nation's 242nd anniversary, remembering the freedoms and blessings this great land offers, we want to also remember to give thanks for the greater blessings we have in Christ, keeping His words always before us, "Come to Me...and I will give you rest."

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Come unto Me, ye weary, And I will give you rest. O blessed voice of Jesus, Which comes to hearts oppressed! It tells of benediction, Of pardon, grace, and peace, Of joy that hath no ending, of love that cannot cease.

And whosoever cometh, I will not cast him out. O patient love of Jesus, Which drives away our doubt, Which, though we be unworthy Of love so great and free, Invites us very sinners To come, dear Lord, to Thee! LSB #684 - "Come unto Me, Ye Weary"

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

May 6 - 51
May 13 - 66
May 20 - 48
May 27 - 33
June 3 - 59
June 10 - 44
June 17 - 64
June 24 - 47

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

Summer Projects

This summer we will embark on two major projects – the painting of the church steeple and all the exterior windows, plus the replacement of the back deck. In the Building Fund Savings Account we have money designated for the painting project, just not enough to pay for all of it. Likewise we have designated gifts in the Memorials and Gifts Savings Account for the deck but similarly not quite enough to complete the project. We have other savings we can use to cover the shortages.

If you care to contribute to either project you could simply put an offering in the Building Fund Envelope. If you care to make a special designated gift to either project, put your donation in a plain white envelope marked with your name, envelope number, and amount and drop it in the collection plate. Thank you, Tom Kluesner

Giving Tree

As promised our Giving Tree now has a new look and new opportunities to give towards the mission and ministry of Christ Lutheran Church. The guidelines as well as a list of the items available are noted in the framed document in front of the tree. Choose an item, remove the corresponding envelope, fill out the information on the front of the envelope, enclose your donation if applicable, and place in the offering plate. That's it - we will take care of the rest. If you have any additional questions or suggestions, please contact Glenda Drier, Giving Tree Coordinator. Thanks for your consideration!

Community Food Drive

The Augusta community food drive was a success again this year. We collected 33 large boxes of food and non perishable items along with \$1,200 in cash. Thanks to all who donated and helped with the drive.

Financial Review—May 2018

	<u>Actual Profit/Loss</u>	<u>Against Budget</u>
Total Contributions		
For May	\$6,188.00	\$6,188.00
Total Expenses-May	\$11,764.82	
Budgeted Planned Expenses	_____	<u>\$10,117.58</u>
Actual Loss-Over Budget	(\$5,576.82)	(\$3,929.58)
Line of Credit	(\$7,500.00)	

Church Schedules

Just a reminder that all church schedules for this year are found at the back of the 2018 Church Directory. This includes Usher, Greeter, Teller, Altar Guild, First Sunday Fellowship schedules as well as the general Church Calendar noting special services and events. If you have any questions about these schedules or need an additional copy of the directory, please contact Marcy Menke at 636-228-4092. Thanks!

Looking Ahead

Golf Tournament—The annual Paul Ballmann Memorial Benefit Golf Tournament will be Saturday, August 11, 2018 at Warrenton Golf Course. 7:00 a.m. Shotgun Start, 3-person scramble, \$90 per person includes breakfast sandwich, deep fried chicken, and soda. For additional information, see the flyer on the bulletin board.

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Apple Butter Cooking will be held on Saturday, September 29, 2018. Donations of half-pint and pint jars are always welcome.

Church De-Clutter Project

The church de-clutter project is underway! Items no longer being used are being moved to the tables in the basement. Please look through them and take anything you would like. Anything not taken will be disposed of every couple weeks. Thank you!

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Ramona Hagedorn	2 Abbey Rinne (no office hours)	3	4 <i>Independence Day</i> (no activities)	5	6	7
8	9 6:00 Elders 7:00 Council	10	11	12	13 Cole Latham	14
15 Voters Mtg	16	17	18 Gordon Coates Zachary Freeman 7:15 Men's Bible Breakfast	19	20	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		Office Hours: Monday and Wednesday mornings 9-12	Ladies Quilting & Needlework: Tuesdays 9-3	Prayer Service: Wednesday mornings 11-11:30