

# Christ Lutheran Newsletter

Official Newsletter of Christ Lutheran Church, Augusta, MO 63332

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

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## From the Pastor...

The Princess and the Goblin, a fantasy novel by George McDonald, tells of a princess and her friend who become lost in a darkened mine. Pursued by hideous creatures, the princess remembers what her great-grandmother had told her--to follow the skein, or thread, of gold. Following this thread they discover that their path becomes even more difficult. They find themselves in tighter and tighter spots. They wonder if they should abandon the thread and look for a different path through the mine. The princess, however, is determined not to forsake what her great-grandmother told her, and eventually by following the thread of gold, they make it through to safety.

As Christians we follow the thread of gold which is the Word of God. Living in this sin-darkened world, we remember what was told to us by our faithful parents and grandparents--following God's Word will lead us safely through to the other side. What was true of the princess, however, is also true for us. Following the thread of the Word, life becomes even more difficult. Goblins pursued the princess in the novel, but Satan who is very real, pursues us relentlessly. He makes our path through life as hard as possible the more we are faithful to the Word of Christ.

Many Christians have, therefore, abandoned the thread and forged a different path apart from God's Word. We dare not allow ourselves to be taken off course by those who have forsaken the truth handed down to us. Jesus is the path--the thread of gold. He has already made it through. Yes, He suffered, and so will we if we follow Him. But He came through victorious, and this victory, this goal, is yours as His follower. You are baptized into Christ. You are one who comes to His house to regularly hear His words and feed upon His Sacrament. You will, therefore, make it through your darkened mine. It is a certainty. All, not some, but all who abide in Jesus will finish their course in Him.

We are quickly approaching the Last Sunday in the Church Year (November 24). The theme before us is to be ever watchful and diligent, not abandoning the Word of Christ, but being drawn ever more deeply into it.

*"O Jesus Christ, do not delay, But hasten our salvation; We often tremble on our way, In fear and tribulation. O hear and grant our fervent plea; Come, mighty judge, and set us free, From death and ev'ry evil." LSB 508 vs. 7*

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## 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

October 6 - 51  
October 13 - 55  
October 20 - 37  
October 27 - 61

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

## **Apple Butter/Fall Work Day**

Thanks to all who participated in our annual Apple Butter cooking and Fall Work Day on September 28. 103 jars of delicious apple butter was produced, in addition to the fry shed being cleaned and the grounds spruced up courtesy of this hard working group of volunteers. Fellowship was enjoyed by all. Thank you!

## **Thanksgiving Food Drive**

Our annual Thanksgiving Food Drive to benefit the Marthasville Food Pantry will be taking place through November 24. An informational display about items needed can be found in the Education Wing, and a receptacle for cash/check donations is also available. Please make checks payable to Charrette Baptist Church and note "Food Pantry" in the memo section. Thank you!

## **Augusta Harvest Festival**

Thanks to everyone who volunteered at the Festival's donut and pancake breakfast this year. A special thank you to Peggy Recktenwald, Glenda Drier, Julie Figura, Rick & Meha Gibbs, and Angela Stephens. The breakfast was a huge success and over \$200 was raised for the Augusta Heritage Foundation. Thanks in part to your efforts this was the most successful Harvest Festival to date!

## **Welcome Jack and Max!**



Jack Henry Ballmann, son of Justin and Samantha Ballmann, was brought to Jesus through Holy Baptism on October 13. His sponsors are Helena Ballmann, Bob Drier, and Melissa Kersting.



Max Nicholas Baravik, son of George and Sarah Baravik, was brought to Jesus through Holy Baptism on October 27. His sponsors are Melanie Baravik and Nathan Baravik.

## **This & That**

- Thanksgiving Eve Service will be November 27 at 7:00 p.m.
- New address: Bobbie Baravik, 5550 Highway T, Augusta
- Church Christmas decorating will take place on Sunday, December 1 after the service.