

Christ Lutheran Newsletter

Official Newsletter of Christ Lutheran Church, Augusta, MO 63332

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March 2016

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

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From the Pastor...

There is no escaping the fact that there is evil in this world. "Deliver us from evil," our Lord teaches us to pray. In the Hebrew language, the word for evil is *ra-ah*. It's pronounced from the back of the throat and the sound is like the sound a person makes when he is vomiting. How appropriate! When a person is sick in this way, there is something wrong with him. Ra-ah! There is evil in our world! Our world is not right. It's sick, and it's not going to get better.

Lent points us to the truth that the evil in our world lives also in us, but also (and this is the real comfort of Lent) that Jesus came to deal with this evil once and for all. He entered into the very throat of evil for our sake. He was swallowed up by ra-ah becoming covered with the stench of our sinfulness. Jesus knows how to deliver you from evil because He looked evil in the face as He hung on Calvary's cross, and He was victorious. Evil is all around us, and dwells within us, but it cannot conquer us, not when Jesus, who overcame evil, is with us. "No evil shall be allowed to befall you," writes the Psalmist. Evil already found its mark. It laid into Christ, so it cannot have you. It can make a mess of your life at times. But it cannot be allowed to destroy you; not when Jesus has you safe in His nail-pierced hands.

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I walk in danger all the way. The thought shall never leave me that Satan,
Who has marked his prey, is plotting to deceive me. This foe with hidden
Snares may seize me unawares if I should fail to watch and pray.

I walk in danger all the way.

I walk with Jesus all the way, His guidance never fails me; within His wounds
I find a stay when Satan's pow'r assails me; and by His footsteps led, my path
I safely tread. No evil leads my soul astray; I walk with Jesus all the way.

"I Walk in Danger All the Way" LSB #716 vss. 1, 5

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

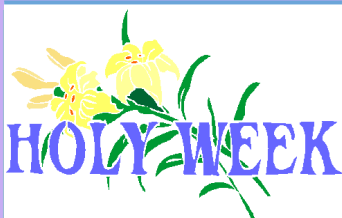
January 31 - 44
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Ash Wednesday - 22
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February 17 - 23
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"I was glad when they said to me, let us go to the house of the Lord!" Psalm 122:1

Holy Week

Holy Week services:

- ◆ Maundy Thursday with Holy Communion Service, March 24, 7:00 p.m.
- ◆ Good Friday Service, March 25, 7:00 p.m.
- ◆ Easter Service, March 27 at 7:00 a.m. followed by an Easter Breakfast and Easter Egg Hunt



Meal Volunteers

Thanks to everyone who provided a meal or two for Nancy and Dave Little during Nancy's recovery from foot surgery. Your culinary talents were much appreciated as you ministered God's love in a very practical way. May God bless you as you continue to serve Him by serving others!

Easter Breakfast

The annual Easter Breakfast will be held on Sunday, March 27, immediately following the 7:00 a.m. Easter service. A sign-up sheet is available in the Education Wing for donations of breakfast casseroles, pastries, fruit, etc. A free will offering will be taken during the event to help defray the costs. Volunteers are also needed to set up, serve and clean up afterwards. If you have any questions, please contact Marcy Menke at 636-228-4092. Thanks so much for your help in making this Easter celebration truly special!

Fish Fries

A big thank you to everyone who helped with the fish fry on February 26! We served 170 adults and 18 children. Sign-up sheets for the March 11 fish fry are in the lobby. Please step forward and volunteer as many hands make light work. Thanks, Larry & Diane.



Ivan Xu Update

As some of you may recall, a young man named Ivan stopped at our church on Thanksgiving Eve. Ivan is from China and he was in the middle of a bicycle trip across the United States. Ivan joined us for the church service and slept at the church before carrying on with his journey the following day. Ivan has kept in touch with us, and he informed us when he reached his destination of Boston. Ivan has now returned to China. The following link is a short video of his trip across the U.S.:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bpzytxg7xAw>

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| | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5
Aspen Pieper |
| | | | 7:00 Lenten Service | | | |
| 6 | 7
Ruth Stelzer | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12
Michael Baravik

(Set clocks ahead) |
| | | | 7:00 Lenten Service | | 4-7 Fish Fry | |
| 13 | 14
Leland Nadler | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 |
| | 6:00 Elders
7:00 Council | | 7:00 Lenten Service | | Alexis Pieper | |
| 20 | 21 | 22
Marcy Menke | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26
Mia Pineda |
| | | | | 7:00 Maundy Thursday Service | 7:00 Good Friday Service | |
| 27
Julie Bell
Dwayne Sullivan
7:00 Easter Service
Breakfast follows | 28 | 29
Tyler Bean | 30 | 31 | Office Hours:
Mondays and Wednesdays
9:00 - 12:00 | Prayer Service & Bible Study:
Wednesdays
11:00 - 11:30 a.m. |