

Christ Lutheran Newsletter

Official Newsletter of Christ Lutheran Church, Augusta, MO 63332

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November 2016

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

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From the Pastor...

A mother sent her little girl on an errand. The daughter was gone a long time. When she finally returned, her mother demanded an explanation. The little girl explained that on her way she had met a little friend who was crying because she had broken her doll. "Oh," said her mother, "then you stopped to help her fix her doll?" "Oh, no," replied the little girl. "I stopped to help her cry."

On All Saints' Day (Nov. 1) we are reminded in Revelation 7:17 that "*God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.*" That day is coming, but is not yet. Now we live in a vale of tears. We cry over everything from a disappointment to the death of a loved one. Our tears flow because we live in a broken world, and we ourselves are broken by sin. We are unable to fix our world. We are unable to fix ourselves or those around us. But God is. All Saints' Day not only points us to the day when our tears will stop flowing; it points us to our Lord who comes to "fix" our broken lives. He comes to cry with us, as He did when Lazarus died (Jn. 11), but more than that, He becomes the One broken on the cross in our place. But He did not stay broken. He broke death to pieces by His bodily resurrection. Jesus broke the chokehold of your sin. He broke the power of the devil. You may feel broken, but you're not. Look at your Baptism. You are joined there to your Lord. He gives His risen life to you. He puts His Spirit in you. He forgives you of your sin. He heals your brokenness. In this life the tears will continue to flow, but as we cry with each other, we can also give hope to each other - the hope we have as God's saints through Jesus.

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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

Oh, how blest are they whose toils are ended,
Who through death have unto God ascended!
They have arisen from the cares
Which keep us still in prison.

Christ has wiped away their tears forever;
They have that for which we still endeavor.
By them are chanted songs that
Ne'er to mortal ears were granted.

LSB #679—"Oh, How Blest Are They" vss. 1 & 4



Attendance

October 2 - 55
October 9 - 34
October 16 - 39
October 23 - 56

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

"For by grace you have been saved, through faith, and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God."

Ephesians 2:8



2017 Church Directory Updates

A copy of the current church directory will be available in the Adult Sunday School room starting Sunday, November 6, for members to review. Please initial by your name if all the information is correct; if not, please cross out what is incorrect and write the correction next to it. We are collecting this information to update the 2017 directory for distribution early next year. Thanks for your cooperation with this project!

Leonard Knoernschild Gift

Leonard Knoerschild through his family trust has donated a 150' strip of land to attach to the full length of our western boundary, approximately 1.7 acres. In return he has asked for ten plots to be made available at no cost for his five children and their spouses, all former members of our church and members of good standing with the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod. It was also requested that we fund all the expenses involved with the land transfer. A "Donation Agreement" was drafted and presented to the Voters. The gift and terms of the agreement were accepted.

Augusta Christmas Walk

Christ Lutheran Church will again be participating in the annual Christmas Walk on December 2 and 9. We will have a table at the Train Station behind the Silly Goose where all the vendors will be located. Sign-up sheets for cookie donations and volunteers to help work the table during the walk will be available starting Sunday, October 30. Please consider helping with this festive community event and fund raiser - contact Glenda Drier with any additional suggestions or if you would like to donate craft items. Thanks in advance for your support!

New Officers

A slate of candidates was presented and approved at the October Voters meeting:

- Chairman, Tom Kluesner
- Secretary, Julie Figura
- Financial Secretary, Julie Kurtz
- Board of Christian Education, Venita Mallon
- Board of Trustees, George Baravik
- Board of Lay Activities, Marcy Menke

Samantha Kersting was also elected to the Board of Christian Education. When her membership requirement is fulfilled, she will be installed and officially take office. In the meantime, she will simply work with the Board of Education while she prepares the business plan for our Preschool and Day Care venture.

Thanksgiving Eve Service

Our Thanksgiving Service will be held on Wednesday, November 23, at 7:00 p.m.



Thanksgiving Food Drive

Our annual Thanksgiving Food Drive benefitting the Marthasville Food Pantry will be taking place through Sunday, November 20. A list of non-perishable food and personal care items needed is in the Education Wing. If you would like to make a donation, please place cash or check (made payable to Charrette Baptist Church with "food pantry donation" written in the memo section) in an envelope marked Thanksgiving Food Drive in the collection container. Thanks so much for being a blessing to those in need this Thanksgiving season!

Sausage Dinner Preliminary Report

<u>Meals Served:</u>	<u>Inside</u>	<u>Outside</u>	<u>Total</u>
Adults	695	286	981
Children	29	22	51
Complimentary	12	16	28
Total	736	324	1060

<u>Net Sales as of October 9:</u>	<u>Past Years Attendance</u>
Inside Dining	\$8,085.25
Outside Dining	\$2,914.00
Country Store	\$1,569.80
	2015 - 1028
	2014 - 987
	2013 - 1050
	2012 - 1157



Financial Update—3rd Qtr. and Year-to-Date

	3rd Qtr.	YTD
Operating Income	\$20,197.00	\$62,331.50
Operating Expense	<u>(\$29,336.87)</u>	<u>(\$81,335.09)</u>
Negative Cash Flow	(\$9,139.87)	(\$19,003.59)

Additional Voters Meeting News

- ⇒ **The proposed 2017 Budget** was presented, discussed, and passed.
 - ⇒ **Augusta Elementary PTO:** Voters approved the donation of two 2017 Sausage Dinner tickets to the PTO Dinner Auction to be placed in a basket with other church sponsored dinners in town.
 - ⇒ **Synod Constitution Amendments;** The amendments were announced. We will vote on them in the January meeting.
 - ⇒ **Hurricane Relief:** An appeal was presented from Lutheran World Relief for aid for the people in Haiti. We anticipate there may be more requests for domestic relief. Motion carried to authorize the Church Council to act on these as they see fit up to a maximum of \$500 in association with a door collection, half for out of country relief and half for domestic relief.

Luker Gift

The Luker Family, former members and pastor from prior years, generously presented our congregation a \$25,000 cash gift to be used as we choose. The Trustees are compiling a list of items and/or projects which we may choose to endorse. In the meantime, a motion passed to use \$17,000 to pay down our Line of Credit at First Bank, and \$8,000 to move into the "Memorials and Gifts" and "Building and Improvements" funds for the designated gifts we have already spent for general expenses until such time designations are made as to how they are to be used. A letter is to be sent to those families having gifts on account reminding them of the status of their gift and asking if a designation would want to be assigned.

Church Decorating

Church Christmas decorating is scheduled for Sunday, November 27, immediately following the church service. We welcome any and all who would like to assist in decorating the sanctuary for the joyous Christmas season!

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		Kendra Latham Larry & Diane Pieper 1	Tim Beumer 7:15 a.m. Men's Bible Breakfast 6:30 Choir	2	3	4 Monica Weirich
6	7	Adam Kurtz John & Julie Kurtz 8	9 Michelle Charles John & Julie Figura	10	11	12
13	14	15	16 7:15 a.m. Men's Bible Breakfast 6:30 Choir	17	18	19 Frances Fuhr Sally Warnecke Sandy Toedebusch JB Ueltzen
20	21	22	23 (no prayer service) 7:00 p.m. Thanksgiving Eve Service	24 Thanksgiving Day	25 Dennis & Nancy Finley	26 John Freeman
27 Decorate church after service	28	Nancy Finley 29	30 Glennon Stelzer 6:30 Choir		Office Hours: Monday and Wednesday mornings 9-12	Prayer Service & Bible Study: Wednesday mornings 11-11:30