

Christ Lutheran Newsletter

Official Newsletter of Christ Lutheran Church, Augusta, MO 63332

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March 2017

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

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From the Pastor...

"Where your treasure is, there will your heart be also (Matthew 6)." As Lent approaches, we need to focus on these words of our Lord. If we are being honest, we must admit that our treasure lies within this world. Consider where you spend your time, your money, your effort. We may say we treasure Jesus and His kingdom most of all, but our actions contradict what we say. We do not seek His kingdom first. We seek what this world can offer us. Our way of life, therefore, is a lie. Our religion, in many ways, is fake. We must repent.

Do not fear. For the very words that condemn you also give you pardon and peace. Lent is not about what you do; it's about what God does; about what God has done to forgive you. And so we ask this question of God: where is His treasure? For where His treasure is, there His heart is also. Friend, you are God's treasure. Jesus calls you *a hidden treasure, a pearl of great price*. You are a treasure in the eyes of your God not because of anything in you; not because of anything you do for God. God treasures you because of who He is. He is the friend of sinners. Like the woman caught in adultery upon whom Jesus had mercy; like the prodigal son who was shown mercy by his father; the thief on the cross; Zaccheus; Peter... each one of these sinners God treasured, just as He treasures you. "And where your treasure is, there will your heart be also." Lent shows us most clearly the heart of God. His heart is beating upon a cross; it's beating for you because you are His treasure.

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*Jesus, I will ponder now on Your holy passion;
with Your Spirit me endow for such meditation.
Grant that I in love and faith may the image cherish
of Your suffering, pain, and death, that I may not perish. Amen.*

LSB #440- "Jesus, I Will Ponder Now" vs. 1

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Lenten Services

Lent begins with Ash Wednesday, March 1. We will have Lenten services each Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. On Ash Wednesday we will have Holy Communion, along with the imposition of ashes.



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 29 - 59
February 5 - 52
February 12 - 47
February 19 - 47

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

Lenten Fish Fries

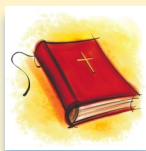
Christ Lutheran Church will be having two Fish Fries again this year during Lent, on March 17 and March 31. Larry and Diane Pieper will be chairing the committee. Anyone that would like to help on the committee please see Larry or Diane.

Also, anyone who would like to donate start up money for the fish fries may do so by putting it in a plain envelope with your number on it, so it's reflected on your church statement and give to Larry or Diane. Thank you!

Bible Studies

Plan on attending one of the Bible studies currently available:

- ◇ Sunday morning, 9:00 a.m., Topic - Video Series on the Liturgy
- ◇ Men's Bible Breakfast at Kate's Coffee, 7:15 a.m., 1st & 3rd Wednesdays
- ◇ Ladies Bible Study at Marcy Menke's, 7:00 p.m. 2nd & 4th Fridays through May.



Easter Breakfast

Our annual Easter Breakfast will be held on Sunday, April 16, immediately following the 7:00 a.m. sunrise Easter service. We will have a sign-up sheet available beginning Sunday, March 19, for donations of breakfast casseroles, fruit and pastries. If you would like to donate money towards the purchase of fruit/baked goods please place either cash or check made payable to Christ Lutheran Church in a plain envelope marked "Easter Breakfast Donation" in the offering plate. Please be sure to note your envelope number on the outside as well. Thanks in advance for your support!

Reformation 2017

This logo takes many elements from Luther's seal, which is the most easily recognized symbol for Lutheranism. It was common in Luther's day for people to create a seal or coat of arms for their families, and that seal told the world what the family cared about or did for a living. It's no surprise, then, that Luther's seal was all about Jesus!



At the center of Luther's seal, and at the center of the Reformation 2017 logo, is a red heart in the middle of a white rose. (The heart and rose together are commonly referred to as Luther's rose.) As Luther explained in one of his writings, "The heart in the middle of the white rose shows that faith gives joy, comfort, and peace. It immediately sets [the believer] into the midst of a white, joyful rose, not like the peace and joy the world offers. That is why the rose should be white, not red. White is the color of the spirits and all angels."

At the center of that rose is Jesus Christ and Him crucified. Jesus is the center and Rock of our faith. He has been since He came to Earth in the flesh, and He still is today. The word "still" bears witness to the ever and ongoing relevance of this one, saving truth for sinners.

This and That

- ◇ **A letter was received from** Trevon Molitor, who is currently at Basic Training in Oklahoma. The letter is on the bulletin board. You can send him a letter at: PVT Molitor Trevon, 1-31 FA BN, Delta Battery 4th PLT, 5955 NE Rothwell Street, Fort Sill, OK 73503-4482. *(Please write "4th PLT" on the back of the envelope, also).*
- ◇ **Phone Chain Update.** In the event of bad weather, if you have not received a phone call and you are unsure if church has been canceled, please call Tom, Peter, or Pastor to confirm.
- ◇ **Thank you to everyone** who donated towards the Disaster Relief door collections.

March 2017

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| Office Hours:
Mondays and Wednesdays
9:00 -12:00 | Prayer Service:
Wednesday mornings 11-11:30 | | 1
7:15 Men's Bible Breakfast

7:00 Ash Wednesday | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| 5
Aspen Pieper

Elders Mtg | 6 | 7 | 8

7:00 Lenten Service | 9 | 10

7:00 Ladies Bible Study | 11

(set clocks ahead) |
| 12
Michael Baravik | 13

7:00 Council | 14
Leland Nadler | 15
7:15 Men's Bible Breakfast

7:00 Lenten Service | 16 | 17

4-7 Fish Fry | 18
Alexis Pieper |
| 19 | 20 | 21 | 22
Marcy Menke

7:00 Lenten Service | 23 | 24

7:00 Ladies Bible Study | 25
Kelly Latham |
| 26 | 27
Julie Bell
Dwayne Sullivan | 28 | 29
Tyler Bean

7:00 Lenten Service | 30 | 31

4-7 Fish Fry | |