

# Christ Lutheran Newsletter

Official Newsletter of Christ Lutheran Church, Augusta, MO 63332

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April 2018

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

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## *From the Pastor...*

Once each year Christians attend a church service which lasts about a day-and-a-half. When going to church on Good Friday, all the worshipers leave without receiving the benediction. There is no hand-shaking either, but that act of fellowship does not conclude the service; the benediction does. And so without the benediction, the service is not over...not until the benediction is given the following Sunday at the conclusion of the Easter service.

This is not an over-sight--leaving off the benediction at the Good Friday service. It is very intentional. Good Friday never stands by itself. There can be no Good Friday without Easter, just as there can be no Easter without Good Friday. The two belong together. Jesus' death is without meaning unless Easter takes place. And because He did rise on the third day, Good Friday now finds its conclusion in the Easter event.

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This sets the pattern for our life in Christ. Just as Good Friday and Easter are inseparable, so is Confession and Absolution. Confession is meaningless unless Absolution is given. Judas confessed his sin of betrayal to the priests, but they gave him no forgiveness and so he perished in unbelief. Jesus commands His pastors to absolve the sins of those who repent. Absolution must follow confession just as Easter must follow Good Friday. On the other hand, there can be no absolution unless one repents. Jesus forbids His pastors from absolving the sins of those who refuse to repent. Just as there can be no Easter without Good Friday, so there can be no absolution without confession.

Good Friday and Easter also sets the pattern for our life to come. We who trust in our Lord Jesus, who confess our sins and believe in the word of Absolution spoken to us by our pastor--we do not fear when death comes to us or to our loved ones, because we know that Easter must follow Good Friday. The burial at the gravesite is not the conclusion. The final benediction will not take place until the Resurrection. Because Jesus, who died, also rose again, so we who live and die in Christ must also rise again when He calls us forth from our graves. There is no cause for doubt here. It is absolutely certain. Easter always follows Good Friday. It did for Jesus. It does for us who live in His forgiveness. It will for us who fall asleep in Jesus.

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***Easter Service with Holy Communion on April 1 at 7:00 a.m. followed by an Easter breakfast and Easter Egg hunt.***

## **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

March 4 - 30  
 March 11 - 39  
 March 18 - 48  
 March 25 - 62  
 Maundy Thursday - 40  
 Good Friday - 34

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

### Donation

We would like to extend our appreciation to Mr. Bob Roberts, a resident of Augusta Shores, who made a generous monetary donation to our church this past December. Mr. Roberts reads Pastor's sermons on our website, along with other information. Although he is not a Lutheran, he wanted to donate because Pastor's sermons have been so meaningful to him, and he appreciates the way his faith is strengthened as he applies God's word to his life. Be sure to check the website for weekly sermons, especially if you are unable to attend church.  
 -The Elders

### Community Food Drive

We will be participating in the Augusta Community Food Drive from April 1 through May 20. There will be a table set up in the Education Wing with a list of items needed such as non-perishable foods, personal care products, etc. A container for monetary donations will also be available. Contact Diane Pieper with any questions. Thanks in advance for your support of this important community outreach.

### Financial Review—February 28, 2018

	<u>Actual Profit/Loss</u>	<u>Against Budget</u>
Total Contributions		
For February	\$6,778.25	\$6,778.25
Total Expenses-February	\$7,796.29	
Budgeted Planned Expenses	_____	<u>\$10,117.58</u>
Actual Loss-Over Budget	(\$1,018.04)	(\$3,339.33)
Line of Credit	(7,500.00)	

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### Fish Fry Report

Thanks to everyone who donated items and/or their time towards our two fish fries. It was very much appreciated! We served 188 adults and 8 children at our first fish fry and 162 adults and 10 children at our second fish fry.

#### **Income:**

|                           |                           |
|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| Gross Income (both)       | \$ 3,895.94               |
| Sales from leftover items | \$ <u>41.00</u>           |
| <b>Total Income</b>       | <b>\$ 3,936.94</b>        |
| <b>Expenses (both)</b>    | <b><u>\$ 1,412.61</u></b> |
| <b>Net Profit</b>         | <b>\$ 2,524.33</b>        |

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### Church Directory

The 2018 Church Directory is now ready for distribution. Please check the table in the Education Wing to pick up your directory and be sure to mark your name off the list so we know who has received a copy. You may also pick up a copy for friends/family who attend infrequently, just be sure to mark their names off the list as well. Please place your 2018 Directory in the plastic cover and discard all the pages from last year. Thanks for your assistance and patience with this project!

### Trustees

Thank you to our Trustees, Gordon Coates, George Baravik, and Kelly Latham, for all they do on a regular basis around the church. Some recent projects included installing a new door in the parsonage basement, and the repairing of church pews by George's brother, Dan Baravik.

**Thank you all!**

# April 2018

| Sun   | Mon  | Tue   | Wed   | Thu  | Fri   | Sat  |
|---|--|---|---|--|---|--|
| 1<br><b>Easter Sunday</b><br>7:00 a.m. Worship<br>Breakfast and Egg<br>Hunt follows | 2  | 3   | 4<br>Brianna<br>Overschmidt<br><br><b>7:15 a.m. Men's<br/>Bible Breakfast</b> | 5  | 6   | 7<br>Peggy Recktenwald                                   |
| 8<br>Elaine Rutherford  | 9<br><br><b>6:00 Elders<br/>7:00 Council</b> | 10  | 11<br>Brenda Ford   | 12<br>Helena Ballmann  | 13  | 14   |
| 15<br><b>Voters Meeting</b>   | 16   | 17<br>Justin Ballmann<br>Julie Kurtz<br>Austin Pieper | 18  | 19<br>Vernon & Ollie<br>Borgmann                                 | 20<br>David Warnecke  | 21   |
| 22<br>Tim & Sharon<br>Beumer  | 23<br>Ashley Hunter                          | 24  | 25  | 26   | 27  | 28<br>Dayton Sullivan                                    |
| 29  | 30<br>Emma Hilsabeck                         |   |   | <b>Office Hours:</b><br>Monday and<br>Wednesday<br>mornings 9-12 | <b>Ladies' Quilting &amp;<br/>Needlework:</b><br>Tuesdays 9-3 | <b>Prayer Service:</b><br>Wednesday<br>mornings 11-11:30 |