

Christ Lutheran Newsletter

Official Newsletter of Christ Lutheran Church, Augusta, MO 63332

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May 2018

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

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From the Pastor...

"I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in Me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from Me you can do nothing. If anyone does not abide in Me, he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned... Abide in Me and I in you." John 15:5-6, 4a

A branch remains a living branch not because of what it knows, but because it remains attached to the vine. It's good and vital that we know the Bible narratives about God's people in both the Old and New Testaments. It's vital that we know about Jesus Christ—the narratives of His life, sufferings, death, and resurrection. Yet consider that there are millions out there who also know these things and who are not God's people. Even the devil knows all these things. Knowing is not abiding. A branch that is cut off from the vine may well remember what the vine looked like. It may remember what life was like when it was once attached to the vine. But that memory, that knowledge does it no good. To be a living branch that bears fruit it needs to abide in the vine. To be living Christians, Jesus' disciples who bear the fruits of faith, we need to abide in Him.

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So rejoice dear branch, dear child of God, for what you are is not your doing—it is the work of God. Branches are always on the receiving end. They don't give to the vine, the vine gives to them. And God is the one who gives to you. In Holy Baptism He joins you to Himself. He grafts you into Christ, the Vine. You didn't pick yourself up off the ground and join yourself to Jesus. You had no decision, no action in this. God, in mercy, attaches you to your Savior. And once you are joined to Him through Holy Baptism, you become a living Christian, Jesus' disciple, because you are receiving life from Jesus. That's how branches live. The constant nourishment comes to them from the vine. Your Christian life and the fruits of faith you produce are the result of the living Word that Jesus gives you, as you hear His Word, read and study His Word, and receive His body and blood for you in the Sacrament. Jesus is not just someone you "know." He is your living Lord in whom you abide. Abide in Him, therefore, and He in you.

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Thanks to everyone who attended the Easter Breakfast and to those who donated money or food to help make it a success. Special thanks to Rhonda Ray for coordinating the event and to Jill Landes, Jackie Nadler, Tom Kluesner, Peter Menke, and Ed Burke for helping with clean-up. A profit of \$351.20 was realized after expenses. Your support is greatly appreciated!

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

April 1 - 89
April 8 - 41
April 15 - 54
April 22 -47

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

Financial Review—March 31, 2018

| | <u>Actual Profit/Loss</u> | <u>Against Budget</u> |
|---------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------|
| Total Contributions | | |
| For March | \$10,544.08 | \$10,544.08 |
| Total Expenses-March | \$9,872.79 | |
| Budgeted Planned Expenses | _____ | <u>\$10,117.58</u> |
| Actual Loss-Over Budget | \$671.29 | \$426.50 |
| Line of Credit | (7,500.00) | |

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.

Congratulations Graduates!

- ◆ **Ryan Coates**—Washington High School, will be pursuing a degree in Wildlife Management/Biology at Missouri State University. Ryan is the son of Gordon and Jocelyn Coates.
- ◆ **Taylor Nadler**—University of North Dakota, Summa Cum Laude, Bachelor's degree in Kinesiology. Will pursue a Masters degree in Sports Psychology while working with the college softball team. Taylor is the granddaughter of Dennis and Jackie Nadler.
- ◆ **Olivia Warnecke**—Washington Middle School. Olivia will be attending Washington High School next year. Olivia is David Warnecke's daughter and the granddaughter of Bill & Linda Warnecke.
- ◆ **Eli Nadler**—New Bloomfield High School. Eli is the son of Bernie and Amy Nadler.

Voters Meeting Recap

Sunday April 15 Voters heard reports from Boards and Committees. Lay Activities is planning a Ladies day trip to Amish Country. Glenda Drier is reviewing and revamping the Giving Tree. Look for updated ideas for less than \$200 and guidelines to follow. Peggy Recktenwald will send holiday cards to shut-ins. Painting of the windows and steeple is scheduled to start in May. Two bids were reported to replace the deck at the back of church. Most of the cracked pews have been repaired. The basement door in the parsonage has been replaced.

The Endowment Fund Committee reported \$206,294.70 in their two accounts. Auditing Committee reported their findings. The Sausage Supper Committee hopes to have final arrangements made with a processor and cooler by end of April.

Actions taken included electing Julie Kurtz to Treasurer. The Purging and Declutter Project has been put on hold until Pat Baravik can return to supervise. Mary Jacob volunteered to clean the church until Pat can resume her duties. Diane Pieper also volunteered to help Mary. The fish fry proceeds are to be left in the General Fund and used for general expenses. Voters moved to participate in the Paul Ballmann Memorial Golf Tournament on August 11. We are to supply 24 dozen cookies and sponsor two holes at \$100 each. Voters accepted the recommendation by the Trustees to accept the bid of \$6,600 by Jasper Construction to replace the rear deck and stairs.

Meeting adjourned with a Standing Vote of Thanks to Kelly and Cole Latham and Bill Warnecke for replacing the basement door in the parsonage and to George and Dan Baravik for repairing the cracked and split pews. Tom Kluesner, Chairman

The June/July newsletter will come out in July. A June calendar will be emailed the first of June.

May 2018

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|----------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|
| Office Hours:
Monday and Wednesday mornings 9-12 | Prayer Service:
Wednesday mornings 11-11:30 | Jerry Nadler 1 | 7:15 Men's Bible Breakfast 2 | 3 | 4 | Thurman Cook 5 |
| Elders Meeting 6 | 7 | 8 | Glenda Drier 9 | Kelly & Carol Latham 10

<i>Ascension Day</i> | Nick & Patricia Baravik - 50th 11 | 12 |
| Teri Nadler 13

<i>Mother's Day</i> | 14

7:00 Council | 15 | 7:15 Men's Bible Breakfast 16 | Scott & Sandra Toedebusch 17 | 18 | Geoffrey Ballmann 19 |
| 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | Jennifer Pieper 25 | Timios & Elizabeth Cook 26 |
| 27 | <i>Memorial Day</i> 28 | 29 | 30 | Mary Jacob 31 | 31 | Ladies' Quilting and Needlework:
Tuesdays 9-3 |