

# Christ Lutheran Newsletter

Official Newsletter of Christ Lutheran Church, Augusta, MO 63332

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April 2019

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

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## *From the Pastor...*

Very soon we will again have the privilege of gathering with fellow Christians on Good Friday. This service is unique. There is no hand-shaking afterwards and we leave in silent darkness. But also this, the service does not conclude with the benediction. At least it doesn't appear to. Actually the Good Friday service concludes with the benediction given at the end of the Easter service three days later. This is significant. Good Friday never stands by itself. It is inseparable from Easter. Death and resurrection belong together. Jesus' death has no meaning apart from His resurrection, and because He rose on the third day, Good Friday finds its meaningful conclusion in the joy of the Easter celebration.

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We find this same inseparableness in Confession and Absolution. Confession is meaningless unless the word of forgiveness is given. Judas confessed his sin to the priests, but they gave him no absolution and he perished. Jesus commands His pastors to absolve the sins of those who repent just like Easter must follow Good Friday. The opposite is also true. Jesus forbids His pastors from forgiving the sins of those who refuse to repent. There can be no Easter unless first there is Good Friday.

When we gather for a Christian burial we do so in the sure and certain hope of the resurrection on the Last Day. In the midst of our tears, therefore, we are given Easter's joyful benediction. As long as we live in this world, we are still in those three days between Good Friday and Easter, for the final Easter has not yet come. But it will. Jesus, who triumphed over death, will come back to raise us from our graves. And so though we live in the silent darkness of this world now, we are certain of what awaits us. We live each day, therefore, in the peace and joy Easter gives to us.

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***Holy Week Services: Maundy Thursday, 7:00 p.m., Good Friday, 7:00 p.m. and Easter Service with Holy Communion on April 21 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**

February 24 - 60  
March 3 - Canceled  
Ash Wednesday - 27  
March 10 - 46  
March 17 - 67  
March 24 - 53

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

## **Church Directory**

Copies of the 2019 Church Directory are now available in the Education Wing. Be sure to remove all the pages from your 2018 directory and replace with the current one. When taking your copy, please check off your name from the list. Thank you!

## **Church Organ**

Our new organ has been installed, and will be dedicated on Sunday, March 31. If you would still like to contribute to this gift, put a donation in the "Organ Fund" envelope or in a plain white envelope with the following; date, name, amount, and envelope number.

## **Giving Tree**

The Giving Tree will be refreshed for Spring during the first week of April. We have some new donation opportunities, so please take a look when you get a chance. Thanks to everyone who has so generously contributed during the Winter season!

## **Fish Fries**

Thank you to everyone who helped with our first fish fry on March 22. Our next fish fry will be April 5 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Tickets will be \$11.00 for adults, and \$5.00 for children 6-12. Committee members include Larry and Diane Pieper, and Al and Mary Jacob. Sign-up sheets for workers and dessert donations are available in the Education Wing. If you have any questions, please check with one of the committee members. Thank you!

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## **Easter Breakfast**

Our annual Easter Breakfast will be held immediately following our 7:00 a.m. Easter worship service on Sunday, April 21. A sign-up sheet for casseroles, fruit, and baked good donations is available in the Education Wing. We encourage all who are planning to attend to sign-up to provide at least one item, as we usually average over 100 people in attendance. There will also be an Easter Egg Hunt for the children following the breakfast. Thanks in advance for your support!

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## **Meditation**

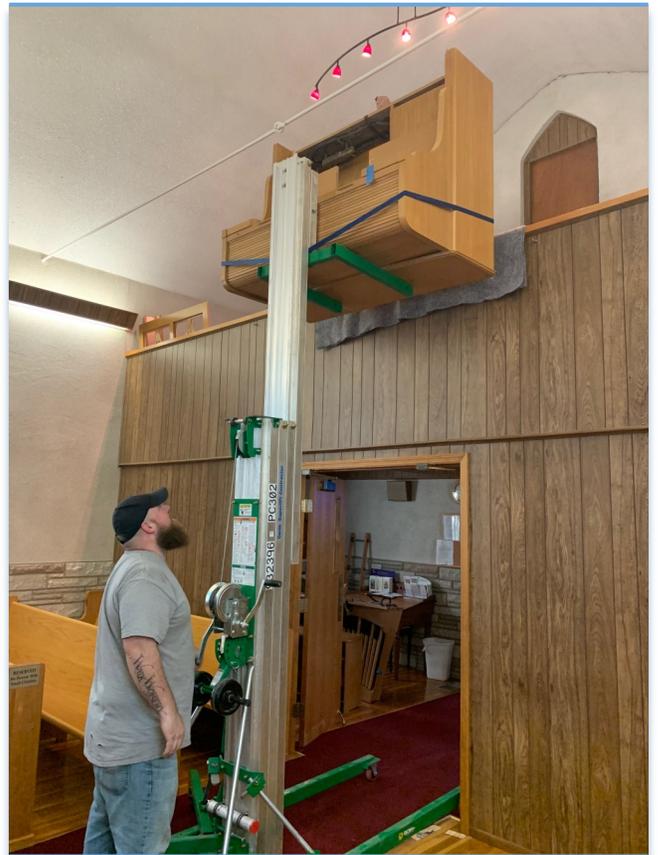
Whoever wants to belong to the one, invisible Church must be an upright Christian, striving with great earnestness to do what God has commanded and to leave undone what He has forbidden. Such a person also has the holy duty to belong, where he can, to an orthodox visible church because this, too, is a clear command of God. According to God's Word, a person should not only have the right faith in his heart, but he should also confess it with his mouth and his deeds. Therefore, whoever wants to belong to the true invisible Church also joins with those who confess the faith of this Church...

No one who wants to be saved is free to remain alone, to separate himself from the multitude of other confessors of the truth, and to keep the divine service only for himself. Instead, each person is bound to keep himself where the Word is preached in an open and orderly manner. As David testifies, "I hate the assembly of evildoers...I wash my hands in innocence and go around Your altar, O Lord, proclaiming thanksgiving aloud, and telling all Your wondrous deeds" (Psalm 26:5-7). Christ says, "And if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector" (Matthew 18:17). When the apostles' converted 3,000 souls on the first Pentecost, the Book of Acts reports that "they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers" (2:42). Later, when those zealous for the faith wanted to go out, the apostles cautioned, "Do not neglect to meet together, as is the habit of some" (Hebrews 10:25). And as Paul exhorts in (I Cor. 1:10), believers should tolerate "no divisions among," but instead should be "united in the same mind and the same judgment." - C.F.W. Walther

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# Organ Photos

Out with the old...



...and in with the new!



# April 2019

| Sun   | Mon  | Tue                  | Wed  | Thu  | Fri  | Sat   |
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|   | 1  | 2                    | 3<br>No Lenten Service   | 4<br>Brianna<br>Overschmidt                | 5<br>5:00 -7:30 Fish Fry   | 6   |
| 7<br>Peggy Recktenwald  | 8<br>Elaine Rutherford<br>Office hours 9-12<br>6:00 Elders<br>7:00 Council | 9                    | 10<br>7:30 Men's Bible<br>Breakfast<br>Office Hours 9-12<br>Prayer Service:<br>11-11:30<br>No Lenten Service | 11<br>Brenda Ford                          | 12<br>Helena Ballmann  | 13  |
| 14<br><i>Palm Sunday</i>  | 15   | 16                   | 17<br>Justin Ballmann<br>Julie Kurtz   | 18<br>7:00 p.m. Maundy<br>Thursday Service | 19<br>Vernon & Ollie<br>Borgmann<br>7:00 p.m. Good<br>Friday Service | 20<br>David Warnecke  |
| 21<br><b>Easter Sunday</b><br>7 a.m. Worship<br>Breakfast and Egg<br>Hunt follows | 22<br>Tim & Sharon<br>Beumer<br>Office Hours:9-12                          | 23<br>Ashley Hunter  | 24<br>7:30 Men's Bible<br>Breakfast<br>Office hours:9-12<br>Prayer Service:<br>11-11:30                      | 25   | 26   | 27  |
| 28<br>Dayton Sullivan<br><b>Voters Mtg</b>  | 29<br>Rick & Meha Gibbs<br>Office Hours:9-12                               | 30<br>Emma Hilsabeck |  |  |  | <b>Ladies' Quilting &amp;<br/>Needlework:</b><br>Tuesdays 9-3 |