

Christ Lutheran Newsletter

Official Newsletter of Christ Lutheran Church, Augusta, MO 63332

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April 2015

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

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From the Pastor's Desk...

(The following is the Lenten sermon from March 25)

I was a few hours away from hell. Not only was it my last day on earth; it was my last opportunity to repent. My life had been hideous. I was a taker, never a giver. I stole, I robbed. A thief, they branded me. Eventually I was caught. They led me out to Calvary early on a Friday morning. I was to die by crucifixion. There were three of us. I, my partner in crime, and Jesus. The king of the Jews, they called Him. But He did not look like a king. Bloodied, beaten, stripped of His clothing...He was raised up on a cross just like me. They made fun of Him--those who passed by. *"If you are the Son of God,"* they said laughing, *"save yourself!"* I joined in with them. I was scared, afraid to die, afraid to face my God in the Judgment. So I mocked Him, this Jesus of Nazareth. Somehow it made me feel better.

But then He spoke. He was praying...praying for His crucifiers. *"Father,"* He cried, *"forgive them..."* What manner of man was this? I wondered, to forgive those who are torturing you to death! My partner kept at it, but I stopped

mocking Him. Instead, I was thinking; thinking about Jesus. He spoke again, to His mother. He was kind. He spoke with love. I began to see myself for who I was. My past life sickened me. I was wretched. There was nothing good about me. And I began to see Jesus for who He was. He was a king. But not some earthly king; a heavenly king. This was the Son of God hanging next to me! I would never have believed it, except that when He spoke, His words did something to me. They went to my heart.

I turned to Him and spoke. He was all I had. He could save me; not from my death that day--from hell. Jesus could save me from hell. *"Jesus,"* I kept saying, *"remember me when you come into your kingdom."* He turned. My king turned to look at me. His face was a mess. Ugly with blood. But His eyes melted my heart. And His words brought to me tears of joy. *"Truly I say to you,"* He was speaking to me! *"Today you shall be with Me in Paradise."*

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"Truly I say to you...today you shall be with Me in Paradise."

Pastor's Office Hours:

Monday & Wednesday
9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Prayer Service

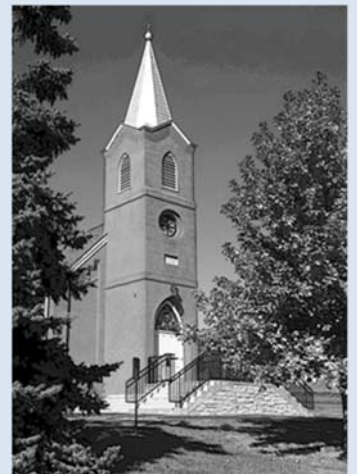
Followed by Bible study
each Wednesday morning
11:00 - 11:30 a.m.



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"Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path." Psalm 119:105



Attendance

March 1 - Canceled
March 4 - 28
March 8 - 48
March 11 - Canceled
March 15 - 52
March 18 - 26
March 22 - 49
March 25 - 33

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

Psalm 122:1

My king, my Savior. He knew I was a thief. But He turned to me. My life, my whole wretched life was forgiven. I was going to heaven, and my sinfulness could not prevent it! Jesus will not leave me to die alone. He will not leave me to hell and Satan. He will take me...me! to Paradise with Him. My heart was singing. I wanted to wrap my arms around Him and hug Him, if only I could. I loved Jesus. His were the most beautiful words anyone ever spoke to me. And I believed them. A few hours later Jesus died. I cried when He died, for He was my best Friend. But I had hope, and confidence. I knew where He was. He went to heaven to remember me. And I, soon, very soon, would join Him there. I thought of my mother. How many tears she would have cried over me. How often she must have prayed for me. But mom, I was thinking, it's okay! I'm going to heaven to be with Jesus! Oh, I wish I could have lived my life over. I would have lived, not as a rebel, but as one who loves God, who lives with Him as my king. But it wasn't to be. If I had had the chance, I would have told the whole city, the whole world about Jesus. That they have a Savior, too, no matter how they have lived.

But you are here tonight, and you are hearing my story. You may not be a thief and a robber, but you are a sinner. You need Jesus, too. And He's yours. There isn't anyone who has lived so badly that they are beyond Jesus' help. God forgives you too, just like He forgave me. Paradise is for you, too. Your sins cannot keep you out. That's why Jesus died...to be your Savior.

When the soldiers came and broke my legs, I had minutes to live, if that. But I clung to Jesus' words. I clung to His promise. It was for me. And it's for you. Go, live your life. Serve your king. And cling to His words. You won't die on a cross like I did. But when you die, you, like me, will go to Paradise. Because of Jesus, my friend, because of Jesus.

Easter Breakfast

The annual Easter Breakfast will be held on Sunday, April 5, immediately following the 7:00 a.m. Easter Service. A sign-up sheet is located in the education wing for donations of pastries, fruit, casseroles, etc. A free will offering will also be taken that day to help defray the cost. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer to help set-up, please contact Jillynn O'Black at [636-828-5059](tel:636-828-5059). Thanks to all for making this Easter celebration a truly joyous one.

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There will also be an Easter Egg hunt for the children following the breakfast. Weather permitting, the Easter Egg hunt will be held outside.



Holy Week

Holy Week services:

- ◇ Maundy Thursday with Holy Communion Service, April 2, 7:30 p.m.
- ◇ Good Friday Service, April 3, 7:30 p.m.
- ◇ Easter Service, April 5 at 7:00 a.m. followed by an Easter Breakfast and Easter Egg Hunt



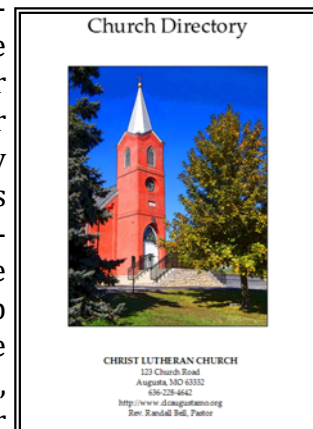
Calling all Graduates!

If you or someone you know will be graduating this spring, let Pastor or Julie know so they can include you in an upcoming newsletter.



Updated Church Directory

The updated church directory is now available on the table in the lobby of the education wing. The update will COMPLETELY replace the current directory with the exception of the plastic cover and the title page with the church photograph. All that needs to be done is to open the directory cover, fold up the three metal clasps in the middle and remove all the pages except for the title page. Replace these pages with the new set and replace the title page and cover. When picking up your new directory please be sure to check your name off on the list provided so that we know who has yet to get a copy. If your information is listed in the "Friends" section there will be a directory with your name on it on the table. The Usher, Greeter, Teller, First Sunday Fellowship and Altar Guild schedules through the end of the year are included as well as the church calendar, call chain and list of officers. Thanks for your patience and cooperation!



Food Drive

Our church will again participate in the community food drive held from April 5, Easter through May 24 Pentecost. Let's help stock the shelves of our Neighborhood Food Pantries. Non Perishable items only - no glass items. For monetary donation, please make your tax deductible check payable to: Ebenezer U.C.C. Be sure to include Food Pantry in the memo on the check. Donations will be distributed to St. Vincent de Paul food pantry, New Melle and The Harvest Food Pantry, Marthasville.

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Frances Fuhr Estate Auction

On Saturday, April 25th, with a rain date of Sunday, April 26th, Christ Lutheran Church will host a food booth at Frances Fuhr's estate auction from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in Augusta. Food and beverages will be available for purchase and volunteers are needed to provide desserts, help with set-up, serving, tear down, etc. The proceeds will go to Christ Lutheran Church. If you are able to assist in any of these areas please contact Glenda Drier at [636-459-0679](tel:636-459-0679). Thanks!

Megan Fuhr

Megan Fuhr, the granddaughter of Frances Fuhr, was selected by the LC-MS to be a medical missionary in Kenya, Africa this summer. Her role will be to provide health care for approximately 2,000 to 3,000 people. While doing this, she will also have opportunity to witness to Jesus Christ to the people she is serving. You can help in her mission by donating a little or a lot. All money raised will go towards paying for airfare, ground fees, and the supplies which will be handed out to the people at the clinic. If you would like to help, you can donate at www.gofund.me/megan-to-kenya or, to avoid 5% being taken out, simply send your donation to Megan Fuhr 971 Schluersburg Rd Augusta, MO 63332 and designate it for the Kenya mission. Above all, you can pray that God will bless her, and through her, the people she will serve.



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| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| Office Hours:
Monday &
Wednesday
mornings
9:00 - 12:00 | Prayer Service &
 Bible Study:
Wednesday
mornings
11:00 - 11:30 | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4
Brianna
Overschmidt |
| 5
7:00 Easter
 Service
 Breakfast & Egg
 Hunt following | 6 | 7
5:45 Catechism
 Class | 8
Elaine Rutherford | 9
Randy Paul | 10 | 11
Brenda Ford |
| 12
Helena Ballmann | 13
6:00 Elders
 7:00 Council | 14
5:45 Catechism
 Class | 15 | 16 | 17
Justin Ballmann
Julie Kurtz
Austin Pieper | 18 |
| 19
Vernon & Ollie
Borgmann

Voters Meeting
 after church | 20
David Warnecke | 21
5:45 Catechism
 Class | 22
Tim & Sharon
Beumer | 23
Ashley Hunter | 24 | 25 |
| 26 | 27 | 28
Dayton Sullivan

5:45 Catechism
 class | 29 | 30
Emma Hilsabeck | | |