

Christ Lutheran Newsletter

Official Newsletter of Christ Lutheran Church, Augusta, MO 63332

January 2015

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

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From the Pastor's Desk...

"Come to Me...and I will give you rest." Matthew 11:28

††Every year around this time there is pictured, in cartoon form, the old year as a wrinkled old man, Father Time, passing the torch to the new year which is depicted as a tiny, bright-eyed, baby. Like Father Time, you may have the marks of many troubles from this year thrust upon you. And even worse, you, along with me, have a conscience plagued with many sins that we have done over the past year. We know, oh so well, of how we have let our loved ones down this year; how we have let our church down, our community down, of how we have let our Lord down. We cannot go on like this. Our sinfulness affects our life in a negative way. The burden is too great for us to bear. We have not just seen troubles around us; those troubles are within us, and I am to blame...you are to blame. Like Father Time, we cannot even go one more day. We need relief from our sins and guilt now. We must pass on the burdens and sins of our life now.

This is why Jesus has come. He is here at the right time for you. There is no burden He does not take from you. There is no sin of yours that He shies away from. He puts all your guilt upon Himself. He takes the blame for everything you have done. Jesus knows that you cannot go one more step, and so He takes the many steps up to Calvary's cross for you. He knows that you cannot last much longer with your troubles weighing heavily upon you, and so He opens His arms and accepts the weight of God's punishment in your place. Friend, God forgives you. Enter the new year in peace.

*Heavenly Father, forgive me the sins of this year for Jesus' sake,
and let me enter the new year in peace and joy. Amen.*

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and guilt now. We must pass
on the burdens and sins of
our life now."*

Pastor's Office Hours:

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

Prayer Service

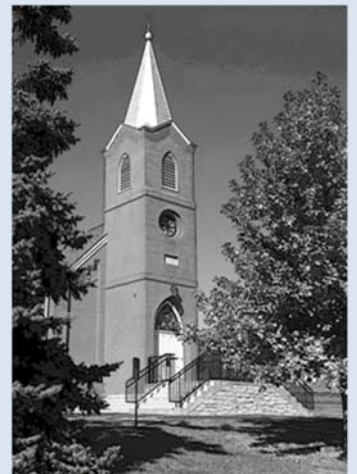
Followed by Bible study
each Wednesday morning
11:00 - 11:30 a.m.



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



†† A Daily Devotion from our church website.
Devotions are posted Monday through Friday. If
you have not had a chance to check them out,
please visit our website at:
<http://www.clcaugustamo.org>



Attendance

December 7 - 62
December 14 - 55
December 21 - 74
Christmas Eve - 107
Christmas Day - 34
December 28 - 41

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

Youth Activities

The youth had an evening of fun and fellowship following Christmas Caroling, with snacks, games and a gift exchange. More activities will be planned throughout the year. All middle and high school youth are encouraged to become involved.

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News From the Trustees—2015

Chairman – Gordon Coates, Bill Warnecke – 1st year,
Mark Warnecke – 3rd year

Looking to the future, the Trustees hope to make more progress on the goals remaining from last year while adding more to the list. Due to funding, timing, and volunteer availability we are not promising to complete all these projects but we are communicating the needs. In no particular order, the goals are:

Flower bed completion in front of the main church entrance.

Install a new playground dusk-to-dawn light.

Pour concrete in front of the parsonage garage. (This is Phase III of the parking lot.)

Add mulch to the playground.

Replace the parsonage cellar door.

Painting (kitchen and basement bathroom floors, touch up at various locations, metal doors, back entrance walkway and stairs, steeple, and a few others.)

There will always be little projects that come up throughout the year that must be dealt with. As these projects on the list or other projects come along, we may ask for extra hands to help out. Again, we do want to thank all of those who have given of their time, skill, or donations to make these improvements possible and we hope for continued support in the future.

Christmas Eve Service Participants

Christ's birth was celebrated at Christ Lutheran through a very special Christmas Eve service with participation from the youth, special choir selections, solos, and instrumental music. A big thank you to all who shared their talents to the Glory of God to make this such a memorable service:

Children:

Alex Charles
Liam Charles
Aspen Pieper
Isabella Pineda
Mia Pineda

Readers:

Mackenzie Bean
Ryan Coates
Spencer Coates
Lillie Figura
Natalia Figura
Alexis Pieper
Caitlyn Sullivan

Ushers:

Tyler Bean
Ryan Coates
Spencer Coates

Instrumentalists:

Oboe: Ann-Renee Gargrave
Flute: Jocelyn Coates
Violin: Brian Bell
Cello: Julia Bell
Trumpet: Sarah Bell

Sunday School Teacher:

Venita Mallon

Choir/Chimes:

Helena Ballmann
Julie Bell
Julie Figura
Lillie Figura
Natalia Figura
Christy Hamersen
Jill Landes
Jillynn O'Black
Pastor Bell

Director of Music:

Al Landes



Pictures from Christmas Eve are included on later pages in the newsletter.

December Activities

The town of Augusta invited our church to participate in the Christmas Walk, offering us a table at the Visitor Center. We enjoyed the opportunity to visit with a number of people, and share dozens of free cookies and Wassail!



Thank you to Ruth Stelzer, Laverne Beumer, Diane Pieper and Pastor & Julie Bell for greeting visitors to our table. A special thanks to Peter & Marcy Menke for setting up the display both evenings.

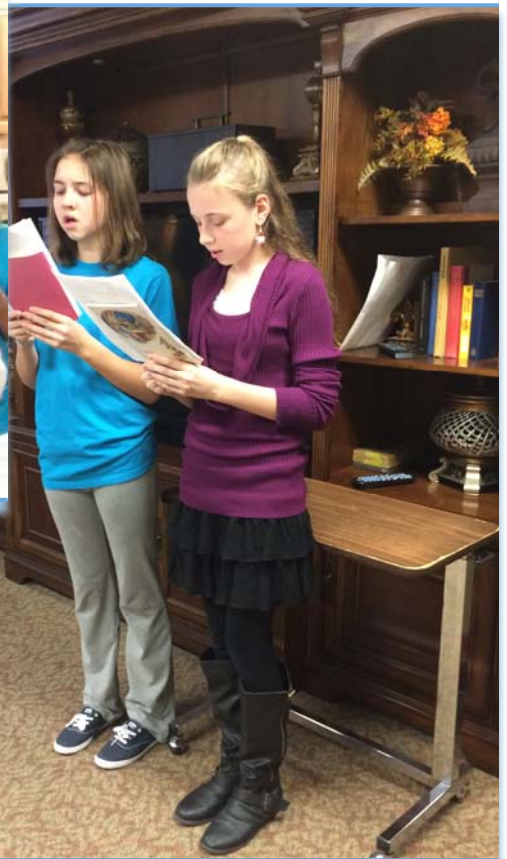


Visitors to our table had the opportunity to sign up to win a Holiday Gift Bag. The lucky winner was a friend of the Amanda Ford family.



Christmas Caroling

On December 14, carolers traveled to South Pointe and Cedarcrest in Washington, and Breeze Park in St Charles.



Carolers:

Jillynn & Ben
O'Black

Julie & Lillie Figura
& Ashley Newton

Al & Jill Landes

Gordon, Ryan &
Spencer Coates

Glenda Drier

Pastor & Julie Bell

Kelly, Carol, Cole &
Kendra Latham

Laverne Beumer



A big thank you to all those who brought
Christmas joy to our shut-ins!

Christmas Eve Service

The Christmas message was enhanced on Christmas Eve through the participation of many youth, adults, and guests who shared their musical abilities and talents.



Christmas Eve Service



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Office Hours: Monday and Wednesday mornings 9-12	Prayer Service & Bible Study: Wednesday mornings 11-11:30			1	2	3 Wesley Wissmann
4 Officer Installation Remove decorations	5	6 Al Landes 5:00 Catechism	7	8	9	10 Bobbie Williams
11 Al Jacob Voters Mtg	12 7:00 Council	13 5:00 Catechism	14 6:30 Choir/Chimes	15	16	17
18 Voters Mtg	19	20 Jeanette Stelzer	21	22 Tom & Cathy Kluesner	23	24 Mackenzie Bean
25 Laverne Beumer	26 Ronald Beumer Tanner Molitor	27 5:00 Catechism	28 Shirley Toedebusch 6:30 Choir/Chimes	29 Darrel Nadler Kevin Nadler	30	31