

# Christ Lutheran Newsletter

Official Newsletter of Christ Lutheran Church, Augusta, MO 63332

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

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## *From the Pastor's Desk...*

*"Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick."  
Matthew 9:12*

A 37 year-old man died from snakebite last week in Missouri. He was wading in the river when the snake bit him twice on his leg. His girlfriend pleaded with him to go to the hospital, but he refused, choosing instead to go back home. The next morning she found him dead in his bed.

The tragedy of such a death is that it was avoidable had he only sought help at the hospital. This is also the tragedy of all who perish from the snakebite of the deadly serpent, Satan. There is no need for anyone to be lost forever. The hospital of Jesus' church has ample supply of anti-venom for everyone. As that man was bit while he was wading in the water, so we should not think that once we're in the waters of Holy Baptism, Satan cannot bite us with his deadly poison. The Bible does not teach "once saved, always saved." Instead, God teaches us to seek the medicine of the Gospel continually throughout our daily life, for Satan is constantly seeking those who wade in the water of baptism. He constantly bites us with his attacks of temptation, and because we are weak and often not on our guard, we fall into sin, giving in to temptation.

*"The anti-venom is now given to you every time you open your ears to His Gospel of forgiveness, and your mouth to His meal of grace."*

How blessed we are, however, that Jesus' medicine comes into us through the hearing of His Word and the reception of His body and blood. Jesus, it was promised in Genesis 3:15, would crush the head of the serpent. This He did on the cross. The anti-venom is now given to you every time you open your ears to His Gospel of forgiveness, and your mouth to His meal of grace. Really, the only way for someone to perish from the snakebite of Satan is to avoid the medicine. We are not able to overcome the deadly poison in us, just as the man from Missouri was unable to survive without medical treatment. But Jesus does overcome. He did overcome Satan on the cross for you, and He overcomes Satan's poison in you every time He enters you through the medicine of His Gospel.

## **Pastor's Office Hours:**

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

## **Prayer Service**

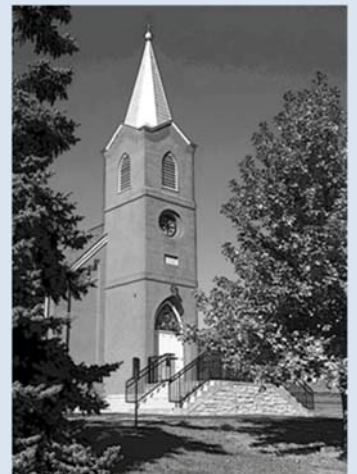
Followed by Bible study  
each Wednesday morning  
11:00 - 11:30 a.m.



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



*"As true as God's own Word is true, Not earth nor hell's satanic crew, against us shall prevail. Their might? A joke, a mere façade! God is with us and we with God—Our victr'y cannot fail."*

## Attendance

April 26 - 49

May 3 - 54

May 10 - 62

May 17 - 71

May 24 - 80

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

*Thank you to everyone who donated food and/or money to the recent food drive. Many people within our community will benefit from your generosity!*

## **A Note on Flowers**

As most of you already know, for the past year Jill Landes has been arranging the church altar flowers and caring for the altar plants. As a free-lance floral designer, Jill has joyfully agreed to continue serving the church in this capacity.

Should you desire to designate a specific Sunday in Memory, or in Honor of a loved one, Jill is available to pick-up and arrange your flowers. A customary \$30.00 donation is requested to cover the cost of purchasing fresh cut flowers. You may contact Jill at 510-452-7999 to discuss floral details and options (preferably two weeks in advance, if possible) or talk with her at church.

**Reminder**—In reverence to God and specific church seasons, some colors and flower arrangement sizes may not be appropriate, as in the penitent seasons of Advent and Lent, where more subdued colors are used and floral arrangements are generally smaller in scale and size.

Jill looks forward to serving you and will do her best to accommodate your requests!

## **Celebrating 60 years!**

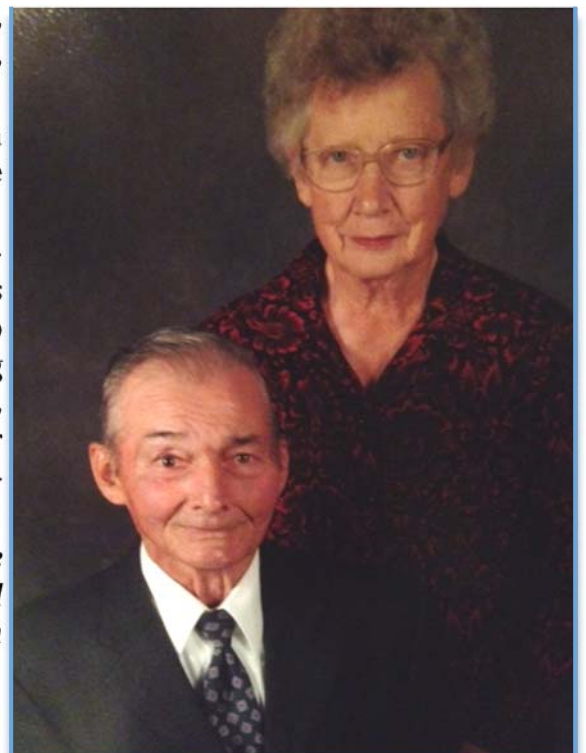


Ruth Emma Knoernschild, daughter of Oswald and Helene Knoernschild, Augusta, and Glennon Henry Stelzer, son of Emil and Hilda Stelzer, Matson, were united in holy matrimony on Saturday, June 26, 1955 at Christ Lutheran Church, Augusta, MO. They are both lifelong members of the church, having also been baptized and confirmed here. Two children were born to this union, Lyndon Stelzer, Foristell, and Glenda Drier, Augusta. They have three grandchildren; Justin, Geoffrey and Helena Ballmann, and one great-grandchild, Austin Ballmann.

Glennon and Ruth reside on the farm where they have lived the past 58 years.

The members of the congregation and their families, as well as guests, are invited to celebrate with us following the church service on Sunday, June 28. Please join us for cake and ice cream in the dining hall.

***If you can't make it to the party and would like to send a card, please don't mention the party, as it is a surprise.***



## Confirmation - May 24, 2015



### God's Blessings to our 2015 Confirmands!

**Front Row Left to Right**—Emma Hilsabeck, Lillie Figura, and Samantha Pineda

**Back Row Left to Right**—Rodrigo Pineda, Ben O'Black, and Pastor Bell

### Apple Butter Cooking

Even though September is several months away, the Lay Activities Committee is looking for donations of half pint and pint jars for this annual event. We need approximately 50 half pints and 135 pints - we have plenty of quart jars on hand. Please be sure all jars are either Ball or Mason canning jars as we are unable to utilize any jars with screw on lids or odd sizes at this time. Thanks so much for your consideration!

## Congratulations Graduates!

**Lillie Figura**—Immanuel Lutheran School

**Emma Hilsabeck**—Washington Middle School

**Ben O'Black**—Washington Middle School

**MaKayla Nadler** (Granddaughter of Dennis & Jackie Nadler)

Truman State University, Valedictorian Honors, with a Bachelor Degree in Science & Ag Science, and a Minor in Biology



### Frances Fuhr Auction Food Booth Report

Thanks to everyone who helped with the food booth for the Frances Fuhr auction held on Saturday, April 25th. From the Friday night pie making social to Saturday morning set-up, manning, and tear down, everyone's help was MUCH appreciated! A profit of \$501.39 was realized and donated back to the general fund. A special thanks to Glenda Drier for overseeing this project and working so diligently to make it a success. Way to go team!

### Attention Greeters and Ushers

Please be sure to check the Greeter and Usher schedules in the back of the church directory to see when you are scheduled for duty. If you are unable to serve on your scheduled date, please contact a fellow greeter/usher to switch with you and notify Julie Bell of the change so this can be reflected in the bulletin. Due to health issues Randy and Judy Paul will no longer be able to serve as greeters, so if anyone is looking for a great way to volunteer with a limited time commitment this would be ideal. Please contact Marcy Menke (636-228-4092) if you would be interested in helping in this area. We want to thank Judy and Randy for their years of service in welcoming people to worship and continue to keep them in our thoughts and prayers.



## Jail Ministry

God has blessed our congregation by opening a mission door for us into the Warren County Jail. Not only is Pastor Bell visiting inmates there with the Gospel on a regular basis, a number of members have been writing letters containing Scripture verses and words of encouragement. While Ashley Hunter has been there, God has been working through her, reaching out with the good news of Jesus to others, and opening their hearts to Christ. We are very glad to embrace Erica Gray and her son Caden into our midst. Others, too, may be coming to worship with us in the near or distant future. We keep all in our prayers, including Ashley, praying that God will soon deliver her. But while she is there in jail, we also pray for God to continue working mightily through her.

*“Remember those who are in prison, as though in prison with them” (Hebrews 13:3).*

### God’s Blessings, Juanita

Our thoughts and prayers go along with Juanita Nadler as she moves to Illinois to assist her son and his daughter, as they are going through some difficult times. We will look forward to seeing Juanita whenever she is able to visit.

### Membership Class

Due to recent requests, Pastor Bell will be starting a membership class sometime this summer. This is not only for those who would like to join our congregation, but also for those who would like a refresher course over Luther’s Small Catechism. More information will be forthcoming.

### Summer Sunday School

Our Sunday School program will continue throughout the summer months. Our Sunday School teacher, Venita Mallon, is excited to be teaching the children of the congregation. We encourage parents to bring their children to Sunday School during the summer. Adult Bible Class meets during the Sunday School hour, and everyone is encouraged to attend.

### “Casual Class” - Coming Soon!

Kick back, wear your casual clothes, and prepare to delve into various Bible stories, focusing on the Law and Gospel in each story. Class will be meeting a couple times a month and will be a very relaxed atmosphere. Look for more information soon in the Sunday bulletins.

## Daily Devotion

A mother in Florida watched her son swimming in a lake near their home. She was horrified to see an alligator, unseen by her son, heading in his direction. She ran from the house down to the lake, screaming to her son to get out of the water. He swam for shore, but just as he reached it, the gator snatched his leg in its mouth. The mother grabbed her son’s arm and pulled as hard as she possibly could. Both were pulling at the same time—the alligator on his leg, and the mother on his arm. Finally, the gator let go. Later, at a hospital, a friend came to see the wounded boy. “Can I see your leg,” he asked. Pulling back the sheet he saw the marks that the alligator’s teeth had left. But then the boy said, “You need to see my arm.” Pulling back his sleeve he showed his friend horrible and painful bruises on his arm. “These marks were made by my mom,” he said, “because she refused to let go.”

When one of God’s dear children is being pulled away by the devil, Jesus’ hands can squeeze hard out of love. He may allow a severe trouble to come, or a dread illness, or even a death in the family. It hurts when Jesus squeezes His hands tightly around us. But how vital for us that He doesn’t let go. And He won’t. He refused to let go of the cross. The marks in His hands are proof of that. And neither does He let go of His precious sheep. No child of God enters heaven without such bruise marks in their life. None of us is so strong and faithful that we don’t need Jesus squeezing hard to pull us out of Satan’s mouth again and again.

*Lord Jesus, You pulled me out of the jaws of Satan’s mouth in my Baptism. Never let go of me, but keep pulling me back into the safety of Your arms, the church. Amen.*

# June 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Rhonda Ray	2 Mike & Monica Weirich	3	4 Randy & Judy Paul	5	6 Al & Jill Landes Randy Squires
7	8 Dustin Toedebusch  <b>6:00 Elders</b> <b>7:00 Council</b>	9	10 Rose Rakestraw	11	12	13
14  (Missouri District	15  Convention at	16 Elma Beumer  Springfield)	17	18 Peter Menke	19	20 Jill Landes Pastor Bell
21	22 David & Sherry Overschmidt	23 Spencer Coates	24	25	26 Glennon & Ruth Stelzer	27
28	29	30			<b>Office Hours:</b> Monday and Wednesday mornings 9-12	<b>Prayer Service &amp; Bible Study:</b> Wednesday mornings 11-11:30