

# Christ Lutheran Newsletter

Official Newsletter of Christ Lutheran Church, Augusta, MO 63332

<http://www.clcaugustamo.org>

March 2015

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

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*From the Pastor's Desk...*

*"It is finished!" John 19:30*

††Here are some of the most beautiful words ever uttered, and yet we struggle with them. Our sinful flesh hears these words of Christ and simply refuses to believe them. For you and I are born believing that our salvation is not finished. Our sinful flesh tells us, again and again, that we ourselves must finish it. Each day people by the scores go to their graves hoping against hope that they have lived well enough before God to finish it—to cause Him to let them into heaven.

Even among the Baptized, many lay upon their deathbeds wondering if they really are heading to heaven. "Perhaps I have not done enough to finish the task. Perhaps my 'bad' outweighs my 'good.' Perhaps my salvation is still undecided." These thoughts do not just torment the dying—they may be tormenting you right now.

Friend, such thoughts are not of God, but are of Satan. Just as the Tempter convinced Eve in the Garden to doubt what God had truly said, so he tries to convince us that Jesus did not truly finish what He came to do; that our salvation depends on what we do, and not on what Jesus did for us. But it is Satan who is the liar, not our Lord. Jesus speaks the truth when He says, "It is finished!" Through His perfect life, sufferings, and death, eternal life is granted as a gift to all who believe in Him. You and I cannot finish what Christ has already finished. We can only receive what He has finished. And so in Baptism, in the Lord's Supper, in the words of the Gospel, Jesus gives you salvation; the salvation that He finished for you on the cross.

*O perfect life of love! All, all is finished now. All that He left His throne above to do for us below. No work is left undone of all the Father willed; His toil, His sorrows, one by one, the Scriptures have fulfilled. In perfect love He dies; for me He dies, for me. O all-atoning Sacrifice, I cling by faith to Thee. Amen*

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†† 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>



## **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.



## **Inside this Issue:**

- †Welcome Pinedas!
- †Upcoming Fish Fries
- †Holy Week
- †March Calendar

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



## Attendance

February 1 - 75  
February 8 - 47  
February 15 - 52  
February 18 - 31  
February 22 - 71  
February 25 - 28

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

## Welcome to the Pineda Family!

Rodrigo Pineda was born in El Salvador, and grew up in the D.C. area. Samantha Pineda was born in California, and grew up in West Virginia. The two began long distant dating on December 5, 2005, and the young couple's love quickly blossomed. By July 22, 2006 they were united through marriage, and began a life together in Fredericksburg, Virginia.

While in Virginia, they had their first daughter, Isabelle. Then God led the family to West Virginia, where their second daughter, Mia, was born. There they began a photography business together. After 7 years in West Virginia God led the family to Missouri, where they had their third child and first son, Anthony.

Isabelle is now 8 years old, loves learning, and is socially outgoing. Mia is now 4 years old, soon to be 5, and she loves exploring how things work. Anthony is just over a month old right now, and a perfect addition to the family.

The Pineda family now call Missouri and Christ Lutheran their "home" and have set up their business in downtown Washington. Through the love and teachings of Christ Lutheran, the Pineda family have also found salvation through baptism on February 8th, 2015. Rodrigo and Samantha are so grateful for their new family in Christ here, and know, without doubt, that this is where God has led them.



## Fish Fry Information



We will be hosting two fish fries; March 6 and March 20 from 5:00 to 7:30 p.m. Invite your friends and family to join us for a delicious meal! Workers and donations are still needed. Please see the sign-up sheets in the lobby.

### All you can eat!

Catfish Filet  
Deep Fried Potato Chips  
Cole Slaw  
Macaroni & Cheese  
Applesauce  
Hot Rolls/Butter  
Homemade Desserts  
Coffee, Lemonade or Water

**Adults: \$10.00**

**Children 6-12: \$5.00**

**Under 5: Free**

## Looking Ahead— 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

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3 5:00 Catechism	4 7:30 Lent Service	5 Aspen Pieper	6 Fish Fry 5-7:30	7 Ruth Stelzer Set Clocks ahead
8	9 6:00 Elders 7:00 Council	10 5:00 Catechism	11 7:30 Lent Service	12 Michael Baravik	13	14 Leland Nadler
15	16	17 5:00 Catechism	18 Alexis Pieper 7:30 Lent Service	19	20 Fish Fry 5-7:30	21
22 Marcy Menke	23	24 5:00 Catechism	25 Kelly Latham 7:30 Lent Service	26 Mia Pineda	27 Julie Bell Dwayne Sullivan	28
29 Tyler Bean	30	31 5:00 Catechism			Office Hours: Mondays & Wednesdays 9:00 - 12:00	Prayer Service & Bible Study: Wednesdays 11:00 - 11:30 a.m.