

Christ Lutheran Newsletter

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November 2015

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

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From the Pastor...

"In Christianity," writes Wilhelm Loehe, *"the ordinary has become extraordinary, the usual unusual, the common uncommon."* God's people do extraordinary, unusual, uncommon things; yet, what they do is quite ordinary, usual, and common. Take the prophet Daniel for example. In Daniel 6, we see him being tossed into the lion's den. This beloved Bible story truly shows what a hero of faith he was. But looking at this story a little more closely, we see Daniel doing only what was ordinary and common. An edict was passed proclaiming that no one in the kingdom could pray to any god or man for thirty days except to the king. After learning of this edict, Daniel went about his usual custom of praying to the true, living God three times a day. For this, he was tossed to the lions. But God shut the lion's mouths, keeping Daniel safe from harm. The next morning, when the king came near to the den, Daniel, when asked, explained that God sent His angel to protect him. An extraordinary story! Yet, Daniel only does what is ordinary and common - He continues to pray to and worship God.

"...you...Christians, are extraordinary, unusual, and uncommon, not because you do extraordinary, unusual, and uncommon things, but because you continue to be like Daniel."

Let me say here that you, dear fellow Christians, are extraordinary, unusual, and uncommon, not because you do extraordinary, unusual, and uncommon things, but because you continue to be like Daniel. Your *usual* manner is to pray each day to God; to set aside a little time each day for His Word; to set aside Sunday mornings to come to His House to hear the Word and receive the Sacrament. These are common, ordinary things. But in the eyes of God, they are extraordinary, unusual, and uncommon.

In Matthew 25, Jesus tells us that when He returns, He will usher His sheep into heaven not because they did extraordinary things, but because they did ordinary things like welcoming in strangers, clothing the naked, visiting the sick and those in prison. But because these common things were done as the fruits of faith, God declares them to be extraordinary, unusual, and uncommon.

It can seem mundane to us to continue doing those things which are so common. But how uncommon it is to continue doing these things *"even unto death."* How unusual to faithfully persevere in what we usually do as God's people. How extraordinary to make the ordinary our pattern for living.

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

September 27 - 43

October 4 - 60

October 11 - 20

October 18 - 47

October 25 - 50

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

*Come, ye thankful people, come;
Raise the song of harvest home.
All be safely gathered in Ere the
winter storms begin; God, our
maker, doth provide For our
wants to be supplied. Come to
God's own temple, come; Raise
the song of harvest home.*

LSB #892- "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come" vs. 1

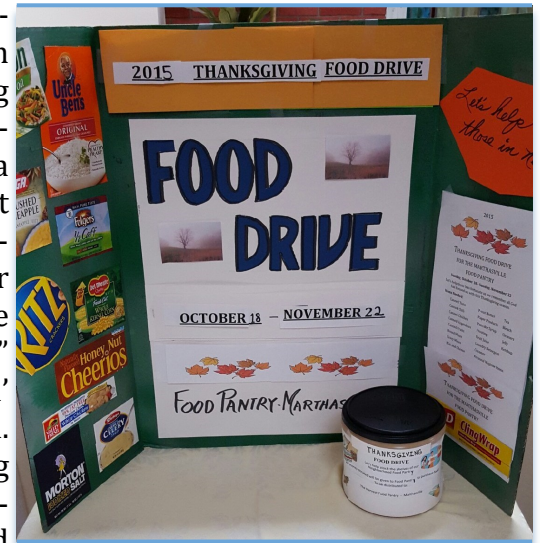
Church Decorating

Church Christmas decorating is scheduled for Sunday, November 29, immediately following the church service. A sign-up sheet is available in the Education Wing for those who would like to volunteer. We welcome any and all who would like to assist in decorating the sanctuary for the joyous Christmas season. Thank you in advance for your help!



Thanksgiving Food Drive

The Thanksgiving Food Drive benefitting the Marthasville Food Pantry is currently underway through Sunday, November 22. A list of items being collected is located on the display table in the Education Wing along with a container for donations. If you wish to make a cash donation, please place it in an envelope with your envelope number listed; for checks please make payable to "Charrette Baptist Church" with 'food pantry donation' written in the memo section. Thanks in advance for helping to make a brighter Thanksgiving for area families in need this holiday season!



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Thanksgiving Eve Service will be Wednesday, November 25 at 6:30 p.m.

Augusta Christmas Walk

Christ Lutheran Church will again be participating in the annual Augusta Christmas Walk on December 4 and 11. More details will be forthcoming in the next few weeks as we look forward to joining this festive outreach to the local community and visitors alike. If you are interested in helping with this event, please contact Marcy Menke at 636-228-4092. Thanks!



September Financial Report

Operating Cash Flow:

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| Receipts (current white envelope, loose plate) | \$5,782.00 |
| Expenses | <u>\$11,658.77</u> |
| September Deficit | (\$5,876.77) |

Debt:

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|---|--------------------|
| Line of Credit at Bank | \$6,800.00 |
| Dedicated Accounts (borrowed for general use) | <u>\$16,635.28</u> |
| | \$25,435.28 |

Checking Accounts:

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|----------------|-------------------|
| General Fund | \$1,042.63 |
| Lay Activities | \$210.94 |
| Trustees | \$25.00 |
| Sausage Supper | <u>\$1,120.00</u> |
| | \$2,398.57 |

Savings Accounts:

| | |
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| Memorials and Gifts | \$10,476.57 |
| Building & Improvements, Special Projects Fund | <u>\$25,127.57</u> |
| | \$35,604.14 |

Casual Class

The next Casual Class will meet on Monday, November 16 at 7:00 p.m. This will be the last class for this year. We will reconvene after the first of the year. In our last class, we discussed Daniel and the Lions' Den.

The class is looking for additional Bible stories and/or topics to delve into that you would be interested in studying. Let Pastor Bell know of any topics or books of the Bible you would like to study.

Please consider joining us!



Daily Devotion

"Thanks be to God for His inexpressible gift!" 2 Cor. 9:15

"It is clear that a sacrifice must consist of praise and thanks, or must at least not be without praise and thanks, if it is to please God. And if it is without praise and thanks, He neither wants nor likes it, as indeed He says (Isaiah 1:11): 'What is your sacrificing to Me? I do not want your offering of incense.'"

We cannot give God anything; for everything is already His, and all we have comes from Him. We can only give Him praise, thanks, and honor." **(Martin Luther)**

Since everything belongs to God, and there is nothing that we ourselves can give to Him, let us show our thankfulness by receiving His gifts and using them. God is not pleased with the miser who stores up all the money with which He blesses him. God gives him his wealth in order for him to use it by benefiting others. And so we who are Christians show our thanks to God by making use of His Word, the Holy Spirit, the Lord's Supper, etc. God gives us these great treasures, not expecting a "thank you" note in return, but expecting us to fully use what He has given. In this way we give God all praise, thanks, and honor.



Sausage Dinner—October 11, 2015



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November 2015

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| 1
Kendra Latham
Larry & Diane
Pieper | 2
Tim Beumer | 3 | 4
Monica Weirich

6:30 Choir/Chimes | 5 | 6
Pastor Bell at
Doxology in
Springfield, IL
(6th through 8th) | 7 |
| 8
Adam Kurtz
John & Julie Kurtz | 9
Michelle Charles
John & Julie Figura

6:00 Elders
7:00 Council | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13
Isabelle Pineda | 14 |
| 15 | 16

7:00 Casual Class | 17 | 18

6:30 Choir/Chimes | 19
Frances Fuhr
Sally Warnecke
Sandy Toedebusch
JB Ueltzen | 20 | 21 |
| 22 | 23 | 24 | 25
(no prayer service)
Dennis & Nancy
Finley
6:30 Thanksgiving
Eve Service | 26
John Freeman

Thanksgiving Day | 27 | 28 |
| 29
Nancy Finley
Decorate Church
after service | 30
Jillynn O'Black
Glennon Stelzer | | | | Office Hours:
Monday and
Wednesday
mornings 9-12 | Prayer Service &
Bible Study:
Wednesday
mornings 11-11:30 |