

# Christ Lutheran Newsletter

Official Newsletter of Christ Lutheran Church, Augusta, MO 63332

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September 2015

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

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## *From the Pastor...*

There were fifteen of us, all Lutheran pastors, gathered together in a remote sanctuary outside of Springfield, Illinois. Our teachers were the Rev. Dr. Harold Senkbeil and Dr. Beverly Yahnke, two of the very best. Rev. Tyler Arnold was our chaplain, and Matthew Machemer, from the Ft. Wayne seminary, was our cantor. We were together for three days, and we entered the church for worship nine times. Worship is central to our life and growth as Christians. We ate well, we had "Lutheran fellowship" at night, but best of all, we gained insights -- insights like I had never gained before. I found myself wishing (as we all did) that this wonderful teaching would have been given to me while at the seminary. This was *Doxology: The Gathering*.

What did I gain? It's impossible to put down in a few words the wisdom that was imparted in these few days, but I will try to summarize it here for you. I learned about the care of souls -- your souls. I learned about self-care. I learned about being a sheepdog (more on that at a later date). I learned about the ways in which the devil attacks the sheep, and how to protect the sheep from such attacks. I learned about the ways in which the devil attacks pastors, attacks your pastor, and how to parry his attacks.

*Doxology: The Gathering* is only the beginning. *Doxology: The Encore* follows, and then comes *Doxology: The Reunion*. *The Reunion* is for pastors and their wives. It will be held in Texas next Summer. *The Encore* is for the pastor and his congregational members. It will be back in Springfield the first weekend of November 2015. **Any member who wants to attend can go.** This is important because it provides a vehicle for God to bring our members together. Our church has already paid for one layperson to go, but more can make the request to attend. Most congregations send multiple laypeople. And it is ongoing. Every year, *The Encore* is open to any laypeople from those congregations who have sent their pastors to *The Gathering*. The more members who attend *The Encore* this year, and in upcoming years, the more blessed we will be as a congregation.\*

To conclude, thank you so very much for allowing me the privilege of attending. I am truly blessed by God to be the pastor, the sheepdog, here at Christ Lutheran Church. Not only do I pray for each and every one of you by name regularly; I thank God for each one of you. I can truly say that I have real joy in my ministry here among you.

*\*If you are interested in learning more about The Encore in November, see the bulletin board in the hallway of the education wing. If you would like to attend, speak to Tom Kluesner or one of the elders by September 16.*

## **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:**

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



## Attendance

August 2 - 51  
August 9 - 51  
August 16 - 44  
August 23 - 74

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

*We deserve but grief and shame,  
Yet his words, rich grace revealing,  
Pardon, peace, and life proclaim;  
Here our ills have perfect healing.  
Firmly in these words believe:  
Jesus sinners doth receive.*

**LSB #609 - "Jesus Sinners Doth Receive" vs. 2**

## Apple Butter Cooking

Our annual apple butter cooking will take place on Saturday, September 12 and lunch will be served. There are different time slots and jobs available - a sign-up sheet will be placed in the Education Wing starting Sunday, August 2. We would appreciate donations of pint jars, as well as five pound bags of sugar. Many thanks to those who have already donated so generously. Please consider helping with this annual tradition as many hands make light work. Hope to see you there!



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## Election of Officers

Elections for Officers will be coming up soon. The following full terms of offices will be voted on: Vice-Chairman, Treasurer, Board of Elders, Board of Christian Education, Board of Lay Activities, and Board of Trustees. There is also vacant spot on the Board of Christian Education to be filled that is due to expire at the end of 2016. If you are interested in serving your church, please contact Kevin Nadler or Tom Kluesner to have your name added to the ballot.

## Work Day

It is that time of year again when the air begins to cool down and another summer has flown by. This also means that our annual sausage dinner is just around the corner. To help prepare the church facilities, a work day has been planned for Saturday September 26. In addition to the usual suspects (clean the fry shed inside and out, touch up the kitchen and other parts of the church, wash some windows) we are planning some work on the play ground. The plan is to spread a load of mulch (Al, if your bobcat is available, it would be much appreciated) and power wash the equipment. We plan on starting at 8:30 am. The more hands the better (10-15 people) to help lessen the load. Thanks in advance to all that are willing to lend a hand.

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## Church Cleaning

As some of you are aware, we have been looking for someone to take over the church and education building cleaning duties. The best scenario is if someone from within the congregation can step up and take on this responsibility. We have been able to get through the past few months with pastor and a potential new member filling in. Many thanks for their help. Bids have been sought bids for services from the outside and we will continue to seek those. The position is paid. If you have any questions and are interested in the position, please contact one of the trustees (Gordon Coates, Bill Warnecke, Mark Warnecke). We will answer any questions the best we can.

## Casual Class

Casual Class participants have been enjoying the discussions on God's Word. We meet in the Adult Sunday School room. Class lasts no more than an hour. Please consider joining us for a fun, casual way to learn more about God's Word as we grow in our faith and fellowship with each other!



## Directory

The Council has decided it is time for an updated church photo directory. Rodrigo and Samantha Pineda have graciously offered to donate their photography services. We are looking at late October and early November for the photo sessions, which will take place both at church and at the Pinedas' studio in Washington. A sign-up sheet will be forthcoming. Nancy and Dave Little will be helping to arrange the schedule. There will be no cost to members unless you would like separate prints made (a great idea for Christmas cards!). It has been six years since our last photo directory, so we are excited about getting an updated version!

## Baptism



John Weirich, son of Mike and Monica Weirich, was brought to Jesus on August 23, 2015. His sponsors are Jake and Teresa Gildehaus.

## Rally Day

***"So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ." Romans 10:17***

Please join us September 13 as we celebrate Rally Day 2015! For those not sure what Rally Day is – it is a time when we rally our congregation to come together and join in Bible study! The Board of Education will offer coffee, juice and cookies during the Sunday school hour. The Children's Class and the Adult Bible Class will meet in the upstairs classroom and library. These classes/Bible studies are for members of all ages. We encourage everyone to join us! We ask our congregation to pray for and encourage each other in the Word. We ask that you pray for our Sunday school children and their families as they begin this new school year. May the Lord guide our parents as they lead their children to Christ.



## From the Elders

Christ Lutheran Church is now offering the Sacrament of Christ's body and blood at every Sunday service. It has been six weeks since we made this change, and we have received many positive comments from our members. We believe, as the Bible teaches, that this will be of great benefit to our congregation. No one should feel obligated to commune every Sunday. Coming to church every Sunday, along with receiving the Sacrament, is not a burden which the Law places upon us, but is by invitation of the Gospel. When our pastor is not here, Holy Communion will not be celebrated, nor will we be offering Communion on the Sunday of the Sausage Dinner. As Elders, we want to remind you that we, along with our pastor, are always available to you at any time. It is a privilege to serve the Lord here together with all of you. We are confident that as His grace is being poured out on us even more abundantly through every-Sunday Communion, we will see Him blessing our congregation as a result.

-The Elders

# September 2015

| Sun  | Mon   | Tue  | Wed  | Thu   | Fri                            | Sat  |
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| <b>Office Hours:</b><br>Monday &<br>Wednesday<br>mornings 9-12 | <b>Prayer Service &amp;<br/>                     Bible Study:</b><br>Wednesday<br>mornings 11-11:30 | 1<br>Neil Warnecke   | 2  | 3<br>Dennis Nadler<br>Nathan & Ramona<br>Hagedorn | 4<br>Patricia Baravik          | 5  |
| 6  | 7   | 8  | 9  | 10  | 11                             | 12<br>Dave & Nancy Little<br><b>Apple Butter</b> |
| 13<br><b>Sunday School<br/>                     Rally Day</b>  | 14<br><b>6:00 Elders<br/>                     7:00 Council</b>                                      | 15   | 16<br><b>6:30 Choir/Chimes</b>               | 17<br>Dennis & Jackie<br>Nadler                   | 18<br>Neil & Sally<br>Warnecke | 19<br>Darrell & Ruth<br>Nadler                   |
| 20<br>Mark Warnecke  | 21<br><b>7:00 Casual Class</b>  | 22   | 23   | 24<br>Christy Hamersen<br>Dan Rinne               | 25<br>Ben O'Black              | 26   |
| 27   | 28<br>John & Jeanne<br>Abbett   | 29<br>Ollie Borgmann<br>Kevin & Teri Nadler<br>Al & Mary Jacob | 30<br>Sarah Bell<br><b>6:30 Choir/Chimes</b> |   |                                |  |