

Christ Lutheran Newsletter

Official Newsletter of Christ Lutheran Church, Augusta, MO 63332

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March 2018

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

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From the Pastor...

"You hate all evildoers." Psalm 5:5

We're okay with saying that God hates sin, but the Bible says that God hates all evildoers. This bothers us. God is love, says the Bible. How can He hate anyone? We must understand that God's love is not an emotion; it's a person. God's love is Jesus. We cannot speak of God's love apart from Christ. This is always how the Bible speaks of God's love. It connects it to Jesus. In Romans 5...*"In this is love...Christ died for us."*

In John 3...*"For God loved the world in this, that He gave His only Son."*

Which God do you have...a God who loves you, or a God who hates you? If God hated you, then why did He bring you to Jesus in your baptism? If God hated you, then why does He draw you to where His Word is delivered, His forgiveness is given, and His Sacrament is placed into your mouth? God loved the world in Christ. A world full of evildoers He loved by sending His Son to the cross for all. No sinner was excluded. No sin was left behind. Christ died for all sinners. The evil of every evildoer was borne by Him on the cross. And in that moment we can truthfully say that God hated His Son. *"My God!"* Jesus cried, *"Why have you forsaken Me!"* God turned His back on Jesus. He punished Him severely. At that moment in time as Jesus hung on the cross, He was the only evildoer in the entire world, and God hated Him, for He was covered with every sin, every act of selfishness, every act of immorality. *"He became sin for us,"* the Bible says.

But then it was finished. Jesus died and rose again. And now when we look at Jesus, we see the love of God for us. And since Jesus is God's love, and since Baptism is Christ, and the Lord's Supper is Christ, and the Word of the Gospel is Christ...God's love is indeed something we can grasp, something we can taste, and handle. God's love was poured out upon your head when you were baptized. God's love is placed into your mouth at the Communion Table. God's love is put into your ears as you sit in the pew. No hate here. Only love, God's love--Jesus, for you.

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Thank You, Lord, for revealing Your love to me in the cross of Jesus. Amen.

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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

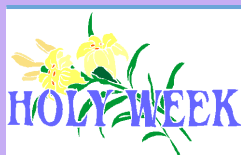
January 28 - 44
February 4 - 44
February 11 - 12
Ash Wednesday -30
February 18 - 46
February 25 - 54

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

Holy Week

Holy Week services:

- ◆ Maundy Thursday with Holy Communion Service, March 29, 7:00 p.m.
- ◆ Good Friday Service, March 30, 7:00 p.m.
- ◆ Easter Service, April 1 at 7:00 a.m. followed by an Easter Breakfast



Church Directory

We are currently awaiting completion of the Altar Guild schedule and as soon as it is finalized, we will have the directory printed and available for distribution. Thanks for your patience and understanding as we complete this project!

Fish Fries

This year's fish fries will be held March 2 and March 16 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Tickets will be \$11.00 for adults, and \$5.00 for children 6-12.

Easter Breakfast

Our annual Easter Breakfast will be held immediately following our 7:00 a.m. Easter worship service on Sunday, April 1. A sign-up sheet for casseroles, fruit, and baked good donations will be available in the Education Wing beginning on Sunday, March 4. We encourage all who are planning to attend to sign-up to provide at least one item, as we usually average over 100 people in attendance. Thanks in advance for your support!

Spring Cleaning Project

A "Declutter" Committee was formed at the Voters Meeting. They will prepare a schedule to review the contents of each room in our facility, along with the kitchen and storage rooms in the basement. We realize there are items that may have been donated years ago that may have special interest or sentimental value. So we plan to put on display in the basement any items we intend to discard. Members will have the opportunity to review them before we deal with their removal. Our plan is to begin this process right after the Easter Breakfast.

-Tom Kluesner

Giving Tree

In an effort to refresh the purpose and use of the Giving Tree, the Board of Lay Activities will be overseeing this project with Glenda Drier serving as coordinator. Glenda will develop a written set of guidelines for utilizing this system as a way to donate towards congregational needs such as candle oil, altar cloths, etc., through gifts from individual members. Please share any ideas or suggestions you have about this project with Glenda - stay tuned for updates as this progresses. Thanks!

Financial Review—January 31, 2018

| | <u>Actual Profit/Loss</u> | <u>Against Budget</u> |
|---------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------|
| Total Contributions | | |
| For January | \$6,314.00 | \$6,314.00 |
| Total Expenses-January | \$8,311.48 | |
| Budgeted Planned Expenses | _____ | <u>\$10,117.58</u> |
| Actual Loss-Over Budget | (\$1,997.48) | (\$3,803.58) |
| Line of Credit | (7,500.00) | |

Medical Mission Trip

Megan Fuhr has been selected by the LCMS to be a medical missionary this summer in Tanzania, Africa. This will be Megan's second medical missionary trip. Please see her letter on the bulletin board for ways you can support Megan in this amazing opportunity!

March 2018

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|---------------------|---|--|--|-------------------|---|------------------------------|
| | Office Hours:
Mondays and
Wednesdays
9:00 - 12:00 | Ladies Quilting
and Needlework:
Tuesdays 9 - 3 | Prayer Service:
Wednesday
mornings 11-11:30 | 1 | 2

5-7:30 Fish Fry | 3 |
| 4 | 5
Aspen Pieper | 6 | 7
7:15 Men's Bible
Breakfast

6:15 Choir
7:00 Lent Service | 8 | 9 | 10

(set clocks ahead) |
| 11 | 12
Michael Baravik | 13 | 14

6:15 Choir
7:00 Lent Service | 15 | 16

5-7:30 Fish Fry | 17 |
| 18
Alexis Pieper | 19 | 20 | 21
7:15 Men's Bible
Breakfast

6:15 Choir
7:00 Lent Service | 22
Marcy Menke | 23 | 24 |
| 25
Kelly Latham | 26 | 27
Julie Bell
Dwayne Sullivan | 28
(no office hours or
prayer service) | 29
Tyler Bean | 30

7:00 Good Friday
Service | 31 |