

# Christ Lutheran Newsletter

Official Newsletter of Christ Lutheran Church, Augusta, MO 63332

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June 2019

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

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## *From the Pastor...*

Thursday, May 30 Christians celebrated the Ascension of our Lord. Celebrated? That may be overstating it a bit. Ascension Day cards weren't sent out. A few churches had an Ascension Day service, but most did not. In fact, perhaps most Christians weren't even aware that it was Ascension Day. It came and went without fanfare. And that's too bad. The words, "He ascended into heaven," are there in our creed for a reason. He didn't just ascend; as with everything He did, He did it for us. He sits at the right hand of the Father which (as Luther correctly taught) is everywhere. Jesus is not limited by the boundaries of time and space. His ascension means that He is with us always even unto the end of the age. Because He ascended, we have a Lord who is present and not absent. When we eat and drink His Sacrament, Jesus is not confined to heaven, but is truly present in this holy meal feeding us with His body and blood.

*"And Jesus' ascension means that because His human flesh is welcome in heaven, so is ours."*

And Jesus' ascension means that because His human flesh is welcome in heaven, so is ours. Heaven truly is our home. Jesus' ascension is a foretaste of what is to come. My high school was a Lutheran boarding school five hours from my home. During Thanksgiving and Christmas breaks, I would travel that distance with other students who lived in the same general area. We were often cramped in an outdated vehicle. Some of us were in need of a shower, so we kept the windows open a crack even in winter. The roads we took were long and sometimes a little rough. But none of us really cared about all that because we were going home! In the same way, life can be a little rough. Sometimes we struggle with those around us. But it doesn't matter. We're going home! Jesus says so. His ascension gives us encouraging hope. Whatever you have to put up with now is worth it because Jesus is leading you home.

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*On Christ's ascension I now build, the hope of my ascension;  
This hope alone has always stilled, all doubt and apprehension;  
For where the Head is, there as well, I know His members are to dwell  
When Christ will come and call them.*

**LSB #492 - "On Christ's Ascension I Now Build" vs. 1**

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

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

## **Prayer Service**

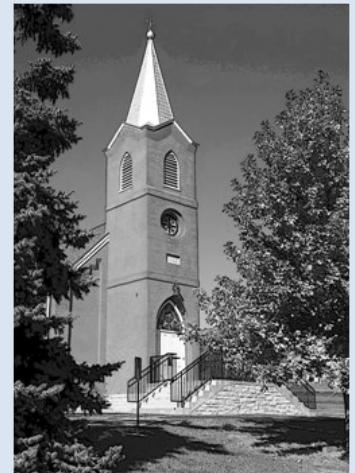
Wednesday morning  
11:00 - 11:30 a.m.



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



## Attendance

April 28 - 42  
May 5 - 56  
May 12 - 45  
May 19 - 36  
May 26 - 28

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

## **Redecorating Committee**

Plans are getting underway to "spruce up" the Education Wing. A committee is being formed to consider colors and ideas for new paint, curtains, wall hangings, etc. If you would like to serve on the committee, please contact Julie Figura. Thank you!

## **Officers Needed**

We are still in need of someone to serve as an Elder and Chairman. Please prayerfully consider assisting in this important work. Thank you!

## **Food Drive**

Our church is again participating in the community food drive through June 9. Let's help stock the shelves of our neighborhood food pantries. Non-perishable items only – no glass items. For monetary donations, make checks payable to : Ebenezer U.C.C. Be sure to include Food Pantry in the memo on the check. Donations will be distributed to St. Vincent de Paul food pantry, New Melle and Southern Warren & St. Charles County food pantry, Marthasville. Drop off box is in the Educational Entrance.

## **Congratulation Graduates!**

- ◆ Lillie Figura - Graduate of Washington High School, will be attending Maryville University to study nursing.
- ◆ Megan Clasen - Granddaughter of Dave & Nancy Little, graduate of Northwest Missouri State University, ranked #1 in the College of Arts and Sciences. Will continue her education at Washington University School of Law.
- ◆ Colleen Clasen - Granddaughter of Dave & Nancy Little, Graduated with honors from Marquette High School. Will attend Rockhurst University in Kansas City, in the doctorate program for a degree in Occupational Therapy.
- ◆ Sarah Bell - Graduated from the University of Kansas with a Ph.D. in History.

## **Large Print Hymnals**

Two large print hymnals have been ordered from Lutheran Braille Workers and should be here by mid-June. Each hymnal consists of three paperback books; the first one contains the liturgy and the last two contain hymns. One hymnal will be kept in the Narthex and one in the Education Wing. There will be a note in the bulletin about their location instructing users to return them to their original location when done. Our hope is that these hymnals will enhance the worship experience for those members and guests who require larger print than what our current hymnal provides.

## **Meditation**

*"Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me." Psalm 51:5*

*"(David) says, 'I was conceived in iniquity.' What could be said more clearly and meaningfully? He does not say, 'I murdered Uriah.' He does not say, 'I committed adultery.' But he wraps up all of human nature as in one bundle and says, 'I was conceived in sin'....So we are not sinners because we commit this or that sin, but we commit them because we are sinners first." Martin Luther*

The world does not believe in this original sin which David speaks of. In the eyes of the world, sin can be measured. If I am aware of many acts of sinfulness, I may go to church on Sunday. If I think that I am avoiding such sinful acts, I may not feel the need for church. But God sets us straight through the Psalmist. Sin is a condition. It's like a disease inherited from birth. "We cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition," we confess in the Divine Service. If I am diseased with sin from birth, then I am a wretched sinner in need of mercy no matter how sinful I may feel. And then I will gladly come to God's house eager to confess my sinful condition and receive the word of pardon. Then I will hunger and thirst for my Lord's body and blood given to me in Holy Communion. By the grace of God we recognize our sinful condition. But even greater, by His grace we see God in mercy dying on a tree for all sinners. In Jesus, forgiveness is ours.

# June 2019

| Sun  | Mon  | Tue  | Wed                                     | Thu                | Fri               | Sat                                 |
|--|--|--|---|--------------------|-------------------|-------------------------------------|
| <b>Office Hours:</b><br>Monday and<br>Wednesday<br>mornings 9-12 | <b>Prayer Service:</b><br>Wednesday<br>mornings 11-11:30 | <b>Ladies Quilting &amp; Needlework:</b><br>Tuesdays 9-3 |   |                    |                   | 1<br>Elizabeth Cook<br>Rhonda Ray   |
| 2<br>Mike & Monica<br>Weirich<br><b>Elders Mtg</b>               | 3  | 4  | 5<br><b>7:30 Men's Bible Breakfast</b>  | 6<br>Randy Squires | 7                 | 8<br>Dustin Toedebusch              |
| 9<br><i>Pentecost</i>  | 10<br>Rose Rakestraw                                     | 11<br><b>7:00 Council</b>                                | 12                                      | 13                 | 14                | 15                                  |
| 16<br>James Ballmann   | 17   | 18<br>Peter Menke  | 19<br><b>7:30 Men's Bible Breakfast</b> | 20<br>Pastor Bell  | 21<br>Timios Cook | 22<br>David & Sherry<br>Overschmidt |
| 23<br>Spencer Coates   | 24   | 25   | 26                                      | 27                 | 28                | 29                                  |
| 30   |  |  |   |                    |                   |                                     |