

Christ Lutheran Newsletter

Official Newsletter of Christ Lutheran Church, Augusta, MO 63332

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March 2019

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

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From the Pastor...

"And the Lord blessed the latter days of Job more than his beginning." Job 42:12

"In times of trial we should learn to judge, not by our feeling but by the Word of God. This Word promises us that every trial is only the eventide upon which the morning of comfort follows. But our flesh does the opposite and, disregarding the Word, directs its attention only to the present feeling of affliction and judges by that feeling. Therefore it cannot conceive of the end of the trial in its heart." (Martin Luther)

I have a friend who, when reading a book, will sometimes take a peek at the last chapter to see how it turns out. He does this especially when the main character faces a crisis, and he wants to make sure that everything turns out well. Job did not have the ability to do this with his life's story. For all he knew, his painful sores would never leave and he would live in misery until he died. Yet this is not how his story turned out. God blessed Job so that his life afterwards was even better than before his trial.

"Jesus triumphed over sin, death, and Satan for us. And so we triumph as we continue to abide in Christ."

You and I have the ability to take a peek at the last chapter in our story. We do this by looking at the life of our Lord. For we who are united through Holy Baptism to Christ, are drawn into His life, death, and resurrection. We should know, therefore, that our life will not be a walk through a garden. We will face one trial after another. We must carry our cross of suffering as Jesus did. But take a good look at the final chapter. Jesus triumphed over sin, death, and Satan for us. And so we triumph as we continue to abide in Christ. No matter where you are in your life's story; no matter how severe your trial now, the last chapter has already been written. In Christ, you are victorious!

Let us suffer here with Jesus and with patience bear our cross. Joy will follow all our sadness; where He is, there is no loss. Though today we sow no laughter, we shall reap celestial joy; all discomforts that annoy shall give way to mirth hereafter. Jesus, here I share Your woe; help me there Your joy to know. Amen.

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**Wednesday evening Lenten services begin on March 6, Ash Wednesday.
All Lenten services are at 7:00 p.m.**

Pastor's Office Hours:

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

Prayer Service

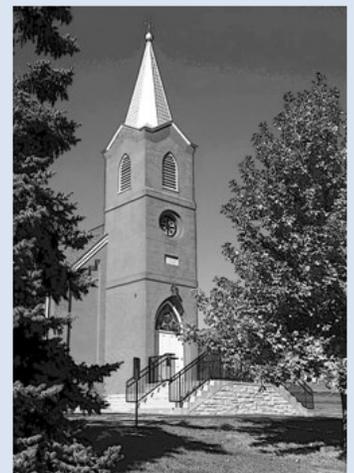
Wednesday morning
11:00 - 11:30 a.m.



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



Attendance

January 27 - 61
February 3 - 58
February 10 - Canceled
February 17 - 40

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

Church Directory

Thanks to everyone who updated their contact information for the 2019 Church Directory. Final changes are being made and the finished product should be printed and our for distribution sometime during the first half of March. Thanks again for your cooperation in completing this project!

Church Organ

Our new organ has been ordered, and funds are in place to cover this purchase. However, if you would like to contribute to this gift, put a donation in the "Organ Fund" envelope or in a plain white envelope with the following; date, name, amount, and envelope number.

Thank you!

Giving Tree

The Giving Tree has been refreshed for the winter season. Please take a look at the opportunities listed. If you have any suggestions or ideas, please contact Glenda Drier at 636-228-4767. Thanks for your consideration.

Fish Fries

This year's fish fries will be held March 22 and April 5 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Tickets will be \$11.00 for adults, and \$5.00 for children 6-12. Committee members include Larry and Diane Pieper, and Al and Mary Jacob. Sign-up sheets for workers and dessert donations will be available early March. Anyone who would like to donate start-up money for the fish fries may do so by putting it in a plain envelope with your number on it (so it will be reflected on your church statement) and giving it to Larry and Diane. If you have any questions, please check with one of the committee members. Thank you!

Easter Breakfast

Looking ahead - Our annual Easter Breakfast will be held immediately following our 7:00 a.m. Easter worship service on Sunday, April 21. A sign-up sheet for casseroles, fruit, and baked good donations will be available in the Education Wing beginning on Sunday, March 24. 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!

Altar Flowers

If you would like to make a donation for altar flowers for a special occasion, such as a birthday or anniversary, please contact Julie Figura at 636-299-2056 at least three weeks in advance of the desired date. Thank you for your help with this process.

Meditation

When He Himself says, "I came not to do mine own will, but the will of Him that sent Me," this is the same kind of saying as, "My doctrine is not mine." For if anyone possesses something, not of himself but from God, he should speak of it as God's rather than his own. But no man has the truth he teaches, or a just will, from himself; these come from God. Christ came, then, not to do His own will, but to do the Father's will, since the just will which He had, came not from His humanity but from His divinity. But to say that God "spared not even His own Son, but delivered Him up for us" simply means that He did not set Him free. Many statements like this are found in Holy Scripture. Again, when He says, "Father, if it be possible, let this chalice pass from Me; nevertheless, not as I will but as thou wilt," and, "if this chalice may not pass away, but I must drink it, Thy will be done," by His own will He means the natural desire for safety, by which His human flesh shrank from the pain of death. It is true that He speaks of the Father's will, but not because the Father preferred the death of His Son to life—rather, because the Father was unwilling for the human race to be restored unless man performed a great act, equal to the Son's death. Since reason did not demand what another could not do, the Son says that the Father wills His death, while He Himself prefers to suffer death rather than leave the human race unsaved.

—Anselm of Canterbury

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4	5 Aspen Pieper	6 7:30 Men's Bible Breakfast 7:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday	7	8	9 (set clocks ahead)
10	11 7:00 Council	12 Michael Baravik	13 7:00 Lent Service	14	15	16
17	18 Alexis Pieper	19	20 7:30 Men's Bible Breakfast 7:00 Lent Service	21	22 Marcy Menke 5-7:30 Fish Fry	23
24	25 Kelly Latham	26	27 Julie Bell Dwayne Sullivan 7:00 Lent Service	28	29 Tyler Bean	30
Rick Gibbs 31			Sunday Worship: 9 a.m. Classes 10 a.m. Divine Service	Office Hours: Mondays and Wednesdays 9-12	Ladies Quilting: Tuesdays 9-3	Prayer Service: Wednesday mornings 11-11:30 (not on Ash Wed.)