



Christ Lutheran Church



March 2015

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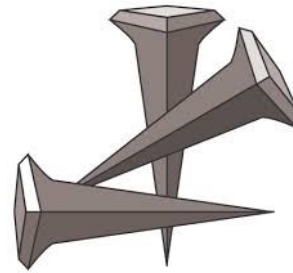
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CALL COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Jessica Brink	Al Squanda
Dale Bremer	Rich Sylvester
Devin Elbers	Julie Torrez
Pat Kuck	Maria Wagner
Diane Osantowski	Kelly Walz

The call committee has completed the 2nd interviews of the selected candidates. Please pray for this committee as they discern the best fit for our congregation. As one call committee member has stated "I have gotten to know you all so well". This committee has been open to each other in heart and mind, have compromised in thoughts but most of all have agreed that GOD is the one who has already chosen our next Pastor, we are only the tools he is using. These members have been a blessing to work with.



Lenten Worship Services "This Love Changes Everything"

Wednesday's at 7 p.m.

March 4

March 11

March 18

March 25



Friday, March 13, 2015

4:30 – 7:00 p.m.

Menu: Pollack/Walleye, Baked Cod,

Au Gratin Potatoes, French Fries,

Cole Slaw, Buttered Corn, Bread,

Dessert & Beverage

\$10.00 All You Can Eat

\$5.00 12 yrs. – 5 yrs.

Free 4 yrs. & under

\$10.00 Take Outs

Greetings in Christ,

Great things are happening at Christ Lutheran Church! The Holy Spirit is active and moving, and it is exciting to watch God in action around us. What a joy to be allowed to be a part of His plan!

We are continuing our sermon series on Sundays entitled, "Experiencing God" and while Rich and I have randomly split up the preaching topics, it is amazing to see God's hand even in that. I know that God is in control of what is happening in our church and I am excited to see what He does next!

During the Wednesday services in Lent, I will be exploring the topic. "This love changes everything." There is a daily prayer journal that accompanies the sermon series. Through the use of the prayer journal and the Wednesday night services, we will come closer still to our Lord and Savior with a new awareness of all that God has done for us and continues to do. As our love relationship with God grows, He will continue to mold and shape us into the tools He will use in His glorious plan for the world. I thank God daily that He has given me this opportunity to work with the body of Christ at Christ Lutheran Church in Reese, MI, to be a part of all the wonderful things He's doing. Our God is truly an Awesome God!

To God be the glory!

Pastor Sue



ADULT CONFIRMATION

Samantha Taylor Bonfiglio and Janet Leigh Milne were received as members by Affirmation of Faith on February 22, 2015.

Dear members of Christ Lutheran Church:

The council met and voted to move forward on the issue of our church lighting and its cost efficiency. Many of you have noticed the lights in the entire church structure are old and failing. There has been a considerable amount of time spent on analyzing our options. With options 2 & 3, we will be applying for a energy credit up to \$3,000 for the updating of our lighting system to be more efficient with LED bulbs. All of the classrooms would be excluded from this update.

Option 1: Do nothing and continue spending roughly \$550 monthly for electricity.

Option 2: Replace and/or repair the current lighting system in phases over a 2-3 year time period. However, the energy credits may not be available at the time of the project's completion.

Option 3: Replace and/or repair the lighting in the entire building as soon as possible. This option will cost approximately \$12,500. Our estimated monthly electric bill would be reduced to \$125.

Estimated project: \$12,500 - (credit) \$3,000 = \$9,500.

Current monthly bill: \$550 - (new monthly bill) \$125 = \$425 (monthly savings).

It is estimated that it will take 22.35 months (\$9,500 divided by \$425) to recover the project cost through our monthly savings. The LED bulbs are projected to last at least 5 years (60 months). So that leaves 37.65 months at a \$425 monthly additional savings totaling \$16,001.35.

A meeting will be held March 8th in the church at 9:15 a.m. between services to vote on this proposal. All the information will be given in more detail at that time and questions that you have will be answered. Your attendance will be much appreciated.

Yours in Christ, Council President

Rick Zimmer

Memorials

For Outreach Emergency Fund in memory of **Richard Watkins** by Peter & Marie Haake.

Funeral

Paul William Hawken, age 54, died at his home on February 5, 2015. His funeral service was on February 11th with Pastor Senge officiating.



Hospitalized

Please keep in your prayers those members who have been hospitalized this past month:

Bill Radka, Les Publitz,

Joyce Spiekerman, Jean Heins

Thank You's

A special thank you to the Sunday School Staff for the gift I received at Christmas, it is truly a blessing to be a part of the children's ministry at Christ Lutheran Church.

James Houghtaling

On behalf of everyone at the Wounded Warrior Project, I would like to extend my sincere gratitude for your \$500 support in 2014. Your generosity is crucial to the many injured service members we assist in countless ways. I am extremely grateful for your kindness. Without your continued support, our work to help meet the needs of our nation's injured servicemen and women simply would not be possible!

With my sincerest gratitude,

Steven Nardizzi

CEO, Wounded Warrior Project

EUCHRE FUN NIGHTS

Saturdays starting 6:30 p.m.

March 14 - April 11 - May 9

Bring your Friends & Family or come by yourself and COME JOIN US FOR AN EVENING OF FUN, FELLOWSHIP & LAUGHTER. Snacks, Pop, & Coffee provided.

COLLECTION FOR MEN & WOMEN IN THE MILITARY

During the months of March and April we are collecting the following items.

Drop off box is located under coat rack in the Narthex.

Dental floss; Toothpaste; Toothbrushes; Stick Deodorant; Shower Powder; Foot Powder; Tylenol; Motrin; Advil; or Aspirin Packets, Combs; Brushes; Lip balm.



SUNDAY SCHOOL CHILDREN

The Pre-K through 3rd Grade will be playing handbells at the 10:30 a.m. Service on Sunday, March 22. Parents, the children are practicing on Sunday mornings during Sunday School. Please try to have your children there on Sunday mornings.



WOMENS MONTHLY BIBLE STUDY

Come join us for the monthly Bible Study - Thursday Marcy 12th, 7:00-8:00 p.m. at Church. We have extra books..."Living Beyond the Ordinary".....This month's chapter is... "Our Heart Attitude".....How is your heart attitude?

What God is really interested in more than anything is our heart. Are you truly willing to pray: Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me"? (Psalm 51:10)

DINNER DATE WITH JESUS

Our second Dinner Date with Jesus event will take place on Sunday, March 8th following the ONE service.

The movie that will be played for adults and teens will be *"The Passion of Christ"*. There will be another movie projected in a separate area with supervision for the children. We will be showing this to help us reflect on the great sacrifice that Jesus made for all of us on the cross and to prepare our hearts for Easter. The ONE Praise band will be providing a dinner immediately following the service. We will serve popcorn during the movie. The movie will begin following dinner.

There will be a group going to the Toby Mac concert on March 29th. The concert is at the Dow Event Center. We will be carpooling together. We will meet for pizza here at the church following the ONE service and then be going to the concert and returning to the church. We are looking for interest level right now to figure out all the final details. If you are interested, please contact Samantha Bonfiglio at (517) 294-9629. She will have all the details and is keeping track of getting everyone together and ordering the tickets. The deadline to order tickets is March 15th.

SPRING HILL FOR YOUTH

All Junior and Senior High youth won't want to miss the annual weekend at Spring Hill - March 13th to 15th. Cost is \$125.00 which includes meals for the weekend and most activities. Please have money to Rich by March 8th.



Family Sledding Party

We are going sledding at Snow Snake on Sunday, March 8th leaving after the late worship service. Cost is \$5 for kids and \$13 for adults. We will stop in Clare for lunch on the way.

Come join us for a special message on March 1st spoken by Blaise Zimmer regarding the relevance of Genesis in today's world. During both services, Blaise will be discussing the current downward trends of church attendance (especially in youth) and how biblical foundations can be a solution to this problem.

Blaise will also be promoting a special FREE event to be hosted at Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Saginaw on March 15th and 16th which will feature a speaker from Answers in Genesis, Bryan Osborne. In these four sessions open to the public, Bryan will be exploring many of the same topics, but in greater depth. Come join us at Holy Cross to learn how to better defend your faith and instill this faith in your children or anyone to whom you may have influence.

Times for the speaking event at Holy Cross are as follows:

Sunday, March 15th at 6:00 and 7:30 PM
Monday, March 16th at 9:00 and 10:00 AM
(for ages K-4 and 5-8 respectively)
Monday, March 16th at 6:30 and 8:00 PM

Once again, these are free to the public with no tickets or reservations needed and each session will feature a unique topic. If you'd like to have your kids join us, please consider having them attend the Monday morning sessions. For more information about any of these sessions, please contact Blaise Zimmer at (989) 274-2186 or by email at zimmerblaise@yahoo.com.



CELEBRATION OF MOTHERS AND DAUGHTERS

Mark your calendars for Noon on Sunday May 3rd.

Join us for fellowship and **"Making Memories With Mom"**.

Tickets will be on sale between services starting in April.

Church Council Minutes February 17, 2015

Present: Rick Zimmer, Jan Histed, Darla Kolomak, Dale Bremer, Rich Marotzke, Ellen Schultz, Kelly Walz, Todd Felske, Robbie Oldenburg, and Sue Trinklein. Excused: Kevin White, Harold Avery, Tom Janson, Maria Wagner.

Rick called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Devotion provided by Harold, but read by Darla. Welcomed new council members Todd Felske, Ellen Schultz, and Kelly Walz.

Monthly Reports:

Secretary's report: Submitted by Robbie Oldenburg.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Sue is inviting the Sunday School teachers up for communion first so that they can be in the class to welcome the children at 9:15 a.m.

2 adult Confirmations for Samantha Bonfiglio and Janet Milne will be on February 22, 2015. Motion to accept by Dale Bremer, 2nd by Todd Felske.

Communion is not being set up on a regular basis. Pastor Sue is going to contact the current people to get a recommitment and set a schedule.

Pastor Sue will be on vacation April 16-21st. Rich Marotzke will be preaching and Pastor Sue will contact Pastor Mark Garish to do the Liturgy.

Worship Report: "Dinner Date with Jesus" was held February 8, 2015. People came for dinner, but the weather was so bad they did not stay for the movie. They are still going to continue with the Dinner with Jesus on the 2nd Sunday of every month. March 8th the movie will be The Passion of Christ.

People would like to have the ONE Service recorded. We are trying to get an adapter that would work to record the services from the camera to the computer to make DVD's.

Pastor Sue is making prayer journals available, to use in conjunction with Lent, for a \$1 donation.

Easter services will be kept at 7:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. There will be no ONE Service on Easter. The Shofar horn will be used at both services.

Installation of Church Council Members will take place on February 22nd at both services.

The Worship committee is recommending that there be a shelf expanded into the closet to the right of the sound room to put the sound board on and to make some more space in the sound room.

Blaise Zimmer is doing the Genesis Series and would like to do this intro as the sermon on March 1st. Council approved.

Mark, Susan, Kalie & Kendra Keyes have requested a transfer to St. Lorenz Lutheran Church, Frankenmuth (LCMS). Motion to accept by Robbie. 2nd by Darla. Council wishes them well.

Ministry Reports:

No new business for Finance, Social Ministry, Congregational Life, Education, Communications and Youth & Family.

Youth Report: Rich provided a report; no new business.

Property Reports:

Faucets in the kitchen have issues. Deva Weber has requested that we buy and replace them. Cost estimated to be \$1,100. Money will come from Building fund. Motion to accept by Robbie, 2nd by Todd.

A congregational meeting to take place March 8th, 2015 between services to ask the congregation to approve getting the lights replaced throughout the church minus the classrooms. Council recommends that the congregation approve the installation of these lights, The quote came in at around \$12,500 with a possible \$3,000 government

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rebate. All lights would be LED and take 2 to 3 Saturdays to replace. New lights could cut electric bill by almost \$400 a month.

New business: There is now a book in the office with the bylaws and trusts. Three trustees are to sign the trust. (Nancy Sylvester, Tim Elbers, Rick Zimmer, Tom Janson, and Ralph Bublitz) Trustees will manage money. Committees are to handle Memorials, Endowment, and Educational Funds.

A reminder once again to everyone: all church doors are to be locked if you are the last person to leave the building for the day. Request was made to put the lights in the parsonage on a timer.

Rich Marotzke to do devotions for the next 3 months. The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m. with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kelly Walz

Trinity-St. James Lutheran Church—Munger
FISH FRY

Friday - March 6 & 27, 2015; 11 a.m. - 7 p.m.

ALL YOU CAN EAT BUFFET

TAKE OUT AVAILABLE

119 E. Munger Road

Adults \$12; Children \$6 (6-12)

Fried Perch, Chicken Strips, French Fries, German Potato Salad, Macaroni & Cheese, Corn, Cole Slaw, Desserts and More!!!!

989-659-2506 for more information.

CHICKEN BARBECUE: Sunday, March 15, 2015

By the Immanuel Lutheran Church Men's Club

Immanuel Lutheran School

8220 Holland Rd., Saginaw

MENU: Chicken, Mashed Potatoes, Dressing, Corn, Cole Slaw, Cupcakes, Beverage

11:15 a.m. Drive-Thru Take-Outs

11:30 a.m. Dining Room

Take-Outs \$9; Adults: \$9; Children: \$5 (6-12)

Under 5: Free

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EASTER FLOWERS

Lilies/Tulips/

Daffodils

Cost is \$11 per plant for Lilies & Tulips; \$12 per plant for Daffodils. The order forms are on the bulletin boards. Please include your money with the order form that can be placed in the offering

plate. Deadline is Wednesday, March 25th.

Attendance	Worship	S.S.
February 1	111	14
February 4 (Wed)	8	
February 8	102	16
February 11 (Wed)	7	
February 15	87	7
February 18 (Ash Wed)	74	
February 22	124	22

CURRENT EXPENSE FUND — JAN. 2015

CHECKING ACCT. Bal. 1/31 \$ 22,441.34

REGULAR SAVINGS Bal. 1/31 \$ 12.39

DONATION SAVINGS Bal. 1/31 \$ 50,005.28

THRIVENT FEDERAL CREDIT UNION: 1/31/15

Business Money Market \$ 425.52

Checking Acct. \$ 251.27

Savings Acct. \$ 1.00

GENERAL FUND BUDGET THRU JANUARY:

Revenue - Year to Date \$ 12,009.49

Revenue - Budget to Date \$ 13,333.33

Expenses - Year to Date \$ 15,361.92

Expenses - Budget to Date \$ 13,333.33

March Birthday's

Best wishes for a Happy Birthday! We are recognizing those persons who have reached the milestone of 80 years old and above. May God bless you.

1	Darlene Mallory Deborah Heinzman Wayne Stockmeyer Julie Redwanz Nicholas White	14	Catherine Merrow
		15	Tyler Rupprecht
		16	Tom Magnus Tina Cole Cecilia Smith
2	Carol Waldorf Michelle Yockey Dave Edwards	17	Christopher Palmreuter
		18	Wayne Heinzman Tom Lynch David Sigelko William Ward
3	Irene Ramsden - over 80 Matthew Launstein		
		19	Bret Lubaczewski Jan Histed
5	Bill Janson Todd Schultz Calvin Morley Kevin Jammer Kelly VanDenBoom Bob Duperon	20	James Garcia, Jr. Cali Chalker
		21	Nicole Rethman Darla Kolomak Faith Thomas
6	Mildred Spiekerman – 99 th Ann Bublitz Christian Spiekerman Matthew Williamson Mitchell Wagner	22	Kevin Thomas
		24	Dean Heartwell Marcus Kuehnemund
7	Greg Davis Scott Marx Ralph Bublitz – over 80 Rob Arlt Roxanne Landress Haylee Kussro	25	Mary Bauer Lorraine Spiekerman Laura Squanda Cassidy Stephens Jacob Garcia
		26	Jim Mueller Marilyn "Jo" Achenbach Kim Stockenauer Faren Walkovich
10	George Zurvalec Emily Rupprecht		
11	Rich Palmreuter	27	Carol Jasman John Belger Kristopher Kolomak
12	Jeffrey Palm, Jr. Nancy Swanton Terry Tack		
13	Jenna Bauer Kathy Belger	31	Kaitlyn Watkins Jeff Trea

March Anniversaries

2	Ted & Denise Felske	1974		18	Jason & Cari Frost	2000
14	Joshua & Ashley Czerkies	2009		23	Jaron & Kristi McCracken	2013
16	Rich & Nancy Sylvester	1974		25	Rob & Kathy Rau	1995
17	Bill & Janet Janson	1979		26	George & Jaye Weiss	1971

Worship Assistants for March 2015

Date	Time	Greeters	Assistant Cantor	Lectors	Communion Set-up	Communion Assistant	Acolytes	Usher Teams	Money Counters
3/1/15	8:00	Diane Osantowski	XXX	Dave Edwards	XXX	XXX	Isabella Thomas & Zach Walz	Teams 3	Team 3
3/1/15	10:30	Darlene Mallory	Kendyl Murphy	Carole Avery	Rich & Joann Marotzke	Deva Weber	Allison & Macey Hawken	Teams 3	Team 3
3/4/15	7:00	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	Blake Johnson & Nathaniel Torrez		Team 4
3/8/15	8:00	Matt & Michele Oldenburg	Todd Felske	Kelly Walz	Darla Kolomak	Denise Felske	Faith Thomas & Sydney Histed	Teams	Team 4
3/8/15	10:30	Tim & Tina Mielens	XXX	Gracie Lefler	XXX	XXX	Shelby Keyes & Emily Rupprecht	1	
3/11/15	7:00	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	Breanna Roche & Madison Gwizdala		
3/15/15	8:00	Lucy Markhart	XXX	Kelly VanDenBoom	XXX	XXX	Grace & Luke Connelly	Teams	Team 1
3/15/15	10:30	Matt & Marla Lefler	Darlene Mallory	Dorothy Art	Steve & Michelle Schmitzer	Carol Jasman	Lacy Torrez & Austin Kuehnemund	2	
3/18/15	7:00	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	Isabella Thomas & Zach Marotzke		
3/22/15	8:00	Al & Bernie Mielens	Diane Osantowski	Dave Edwards	Tom & Jill Lynch	Jim Jasman	Zachary Walz & Blake Johnson	Teams	Team 2
3/22/15	10:30	Gail Metiva	XXX	Renee Zimmer	XXX	XXX	Wyatt Schember & Allison Hawken	3	
3/25/15	7:00	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	Sydney Histed & Libby Redwanz		
3/29/15	8:00	Joyce Simpson & Shirley Mielens	John Trinklein	Kelly Walz	Katie Bauer	Denise Felske	Faith Thomas & Breanna Rocha	Teams	Team 3
3/29/15	10:30	Randy & Mary Morley	XXX	Jennifer Shores	XXX	XXX	Faith Marotzke & Macey Hawken	1	

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