



# Christ Lutheran Church

October 2015

Ed Kloos, Pastor  
Linda Lubaczewski, Office Manager



## HARVEST DINNER

Sunday, November 1, 2015  
Dinner - 12:00 Noon

Come and join other members of the congregation for fellowship and dinner!

Menu: Turkey, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Dressing & Beverages Provided

Free Will Offering (\$5 suggested donation)

Please bring a dish to pass.

Please sign up on the bulletin board, if you will be Dining In OR need a Take-Out, so that we have a count for food preparation.

Thank you teachers for teaching our children, the following is an updated list of Sunday School Teachers for the 2015-2016 Year:

- PreK and kindergarten:  
Denise Felske and Kelly Walz  
1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>:
- Linda Babechenko and Trista Jeske  
3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>:
- Emma & Ellie Schmitzer  
5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>:
- Robbie Oldenburg  
7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade Confirmation:  
Jennifer Shores & Julie Torrez

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### MOVIES WITH PASTOR

Beginning in October Pastor Ed will have "Movies with Pastor." The movies will be shown on the second Tuesday and Friday of the same week. Tuesday's movie will be shown at 1:00 PM and Friday's at 7:00 PM. The Movies will be religious or have a religious overtone. After the movies we will have an open discussion should anyone have any questions. The movie on October 13<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> will be "Paul". Please invite all your family, young and old and all your friends. You never know what you might learn from these movies or that the Holy Spirit might use these movies to bring someone to faith or closer to God.



## Pastor's Letter

Our church is a unique blend of people with many strengths including special gifts, talents, experiences and viewpoints. Our church is also a group of people with many struggles-struggles not so different from any other group of people: we contend with physical and mental illness; we grieve our losses; we search for meaning and purpose; we long for companionship; we have moments of doubt alongside moments of deep certainty; we hunger, we hurt and we cry.

In times of both strength and weakness, we are the body of Christ that gathers – for worship and learning and fellowship and joy because our souls require such things in order to thrive.

As your pastor, I continue to try to respond to the deep hungers I discern among us – with a listening ear, perhaps a word of hope, a little patience, some humor, a measure of stillness, a prayer or two, and an occasional bit of music. Through visits, notes, phone calls, e-mails, and quiet moments of prayer, I offer what I can.

In the weeks and months ahead, I look forward to gathering in small groups and committees, to grow in our understanding of our faith, to come to know one another better, to pray, to reach out to others, and to see the face of Christ in our midst. I encourage everyone to keep their eyes and hearts open for these opportunities when they present themselves. I believe they will be deeply enriching.

I am profoundly indebted to everyone in this Body who serve in Christ's name so steadfastly, so creatively. And I am thankful to be standing beside you all as we seek and celebrate our Lord Jesus Christ, both within us and around us. I continue as your grateful partner in ministry.

Your servant in Christ,  
*Pastor Ed*



## November 1st

Pastor Ed's office hours are:  
Monday, Wednesday and Friday  
9:00 a.m. - Noon



Our second fall Stars Parties will be Thursday, October 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. Mark your calendars!! Everyone is invited to come out and join us, bring your fabric and paper scissors and your patience for stuffing the stars into zip lock bags.

At our September party we cut out 800 stars and stuffed 450. I will have more flags to cut and we will need to get all of the stars stuffed.

Come and join in the fellowship

*Diane Osantowski*

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**"THANK YOU" to Bob Spiekerman who has volunteered to be in charge of lowering the US flag to half mass at the appropriate times.**

**COLLECTION FOR MEN & WOMEN  
IN THE MILITARY**

For the months of October, November, and December we will be collecting the following. (The collection box is located by the coat rack.) Help Support our Troops! Think about if you had to go a week without these items.

- Body Wash
- Liquid Soap
- Bar Soap
- Facial Cleaner
- Shampoo
- Conditioner
- Non-Alcoholic Baby wipes
- Non-Alcoholic Hand Sanitizer



If you have items for decorating the church for fall, please leave them in the Fellowship Hall. If you want them returned, please put your name on them. We will be decorating on October 24th.

Thank you, *Phyllis Felske* 893.2945

*Bible Study*

Come join us for the monthly Bible Study on Thursday, October 8, 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. We have extra books...."Living Beyond the Ordinary". Part 3 – Obstacles to Our Relationship With God.....Me, an Idolater?!? It is so easy for things to creep into our lives and become more important to us than God.

**EUCHRE FUN NIGHT**

The next Euchre Fun Night is Saturday, October 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.

Join us for an evening of fellowship, and be sure to bring your family and friends

THANKOFFERING MONTH IS OCTOBER .

This is an annual special offering planned by the CLCW and is given to the Yellow Ribbon Patriot Guards. Since 2011 nearly \$750.00 has been donated to the Guards. Your donation can be included with your regular Sunday offering envelope, or you can use a spare envelope in the pew holder. The first Sunday for collection is October 4<sup>th</sup>.

*Submitted by Deva Weber*

Attendance	Worship	SS
9/6	81	XX
9/13	210	31
9/20	150	19
9/27	168	27



CURRENT EXPENSE FUND AUG. 31, 2015

CHECKING ACCT.	\$ 35,761.73
REGULAR SAVINGS	\$ 12.39
DONATION SAVINGS	\$ 50,010.16

THRIVENT FEDERAL CREDIT UNION: 8/31/15

Business Money Market	\$ 425.65
Checking Acct.	\$ 251.42
Savings Acct.	\$ 1.00

GENERAL FUND BUDGET THRU AUG:

Revenue - Year to Date	\$ 91,808.78
Revenue - Budget to Date	\$ 106,666.67
Expenses - Year to Date	\$ 82,208.50
Expenses - Budget to Date	\$ 106,733.33

## Memorials

For Memorial Fund in memory of *Rose Marie Nawrock* by Deva Weber, Pat Kuck, Anne Schultz, Al & Bernie Mielens.

For Sunday School in memory of *Jim Prueter* by Nancy & Reed Swanton.

For Memorial Fund in memory of *Jim Prueter* by Rev. Ed Kloos, Pat Kuck, Joyce Simpson, Dave & Donna Radka, Jay & Esther Mallory, Dale Sahr, Tim & Missy Elbers, Jean Felske, Dorothy Watkins, Jean Kabat, Bill Radka, Rick & Renee Zimmer, Stewart & Michelle Yockey, Al & Bernie Mielens, Nancy Gruber, Roy & Dolores Woizeschke, Nancy Light, Dennis & Dawn Prueter, Janice Shinaver, Ray & Sondra Sylvester, Mae Prueter, Keith & Barb Prueter, Don & Rhoda Dietrich, Gene & June Dietrich, Jim Spiekerman, Sue & Mike Humpert, Dale & Onalee Radka, Sally Heinlein, Larry & Virginia Moore, Terri & Gary Lindner, Lorri Prueter, Tom Prueter, Tim Prueter & Mary Coles

For General Fund in memory of *David Hill* by Bill & Janet Janson, Dorothy Watkins, Mark Watkins & Sue Rogner, Penny Dijak, Joanna & Mac Thompson, Eric & Karen Schiesswold.

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## Holy Baptism

*Matthew Brian Spyker*, son of Kevin & Emily (Wascher) Spyker, was baptized September 27, 2015. He was born July 14, 2015 and his sponsors are Elizabeth & Josh Taylor and Wade & Sheena Spyker.



## Hospitalized

*Please keep in your prayers those members who have been hospitalized this last month*

Dorothy Heartwell, Walter Sahr, Sharon DeLong

## Funerals

*Molly Massoll*, age 89, died September 19, 2015 at McLaren Bay Region in Bay City. Her funeral was September 23<sup>rd</sup> with burial in the Floral Gardens Cemetery, Bay City.

*Donna Prueter*, age 83, died September 23, 2015 at her home. Saturday, September 26<sup>th</sup> was her funeral with interment at Denmark Township Cemetery.

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## Thank You's

We wish to express our thanks to the many servers and those who provided desserts for their contributions to Jim Prueter's funeral luncheon.

Sincerely,

*Donna Prueter, Terri Lindner & Lorri Prueter*

I would like to thank Marie Haake for delivering dinner to me. Also thanks to the people that cooked the meal for the Community Church Picnic. It was very tasty!

I would also like to thank Mary Ann Elbers and Pastor Ed for their visits.

*Walter Sahr*

Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church

Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ,

Thank you for your gift of \$511.50 to Lutheran Disaster Assistance Fund. We are grateful for the continuing generous support from your congregation which will help those who otherwise would not have resources available in the event of a disaster.

It is our goal to provide assistance through LCMC churches when a natural disaster occurs. As part of our mission, we are asking that churches who are aware of where disaster assistance is needed to alert us to the need.

May God bless you for your concern for others.

*Karen Barth*, Financial Assistant

Church Council Minutes  
September 15, 2015

**Present:**

Rick Zimmer, Jan Histed, Ellen Schultz, Kelly Walz, Robbie Oldenburg, Tom Janson, Linda Babechenko, Harold Avery, Dale Bremer, Darla Kolomak, Maria Wagner and Kevin White.

Rick called meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. Kelly opened in prayer

**Monthly Reports:**

**Secretary's report:** Submitted by Kelly Walz. Motion to accept by Harold, 2nd by Darla

**Current Expense Fund:** Motion to accept by Darla, 2nd by Robbie

**Check Register Reports:** Checks #28120 thru #28144. Motion to accept by Harold, 2nd by Dale

**Building/Memorial Funds/Other Special Funds:** Waiting to have the funds moved from Berthal Fisher into the Memorial Fund. Jan will remind Linda to move \$1,914.12 from the General Fund into the Memorial Fund. Motion to accept by Linda, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dale.

The discrepancy was found in the audit.

**Ministry of Finance:** Thrivent may have wrong email address for the church. Rick will call them. Anyone who has "Thrivent Choice Dollars" can bring in or send Linda the amount and date of the distribution. Included should be how much of it to delegate to whichever fund they wish. This will need to be put in the monthly newsletter. Linda made motion to accept, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Darla.

**Ministry Of Property:** Lights are now working in the sanctuary, except for a few that are burned out. More information in the unfinished business.

**Ministry Of Worship:** The church council thanks Amanda Beson for all she has done as Worship Coordinator and sends best wishes on her move to Nashville, TN.

Robbie submitted a report.

Pastor has proposed to start doing communion at every service starting in October.

If the communion volunteers do not set up for communion, then we will do communion by Intinction.

A motion was made to hire Sheldon Perrou as our permanent organist as of January 1, 2016. Pastor will write the job description. This is a contracted position and benefits will not be provided. Pastor has also agreed to help mentor Sheldon and work with him on the organ. Motion to accept by Linda, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jan

The worship and music committee would like to have an Ecumenical Thanksgiving service with the Reese community churches. Details are still being worked out.

The Sunday night ONE Service will continue.

Kelly will help do the PowerPoints for upcoming services, but would love to have someone step up and take on this position or maybe tag team with someone.

8:00 and 10:30 service will be the same maybe with one contemporary song switched in for the second service.

Wednesday night services will be abbreviated communion services.

Motion to accept the minutes, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Darla

**Social Ministry and Outreach, Ministry of Youth & Family, Office Reports:** Nothing to report.

**Ministry of Congregational Life:** 8 tables for the first euchre tournament. Linda needs help setting up for the Community Picnic. Isaac Zimmer will be in charge of the Minute To Win It games.

**Ministry of Education:** Deva submitted a report. Kendyl Murphy accepted the position of Sunday School Superintendent. Deva has a job description for the Superintendent that will need to be approved by council and then Linda will keep a copy of this position in the office. There were 31 kids in attendance the first week of Sunday School. We are still in need of a 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade teacher. There are 4 to 5 confirmand students this year. They will meet 1 Saturday per month in addition to attending Sunday School every week. Luther's Small Catechism will be included in the curriculum. The kids will need to understand the Christian faith, theology and their questions.

**Ministry of Communications:** Maria will begin website training with Darla Kolomak and Paula Kloos the beginning of October.

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**Pastoral Report:** Pastor submitted a report. Pastor would like to send birthday and anniversary cards to members of the congregation.

Pastor will be donating 100 CD's for a verbal copy of the worship services. In August Pastor Ed officiated at 8 services, 1 funeral, 10 home visits, one hospital visit, 3 Council and Committee meetings, two counseling meetings, and held fifty three office hours

**Unfinished Business:**

The lights in the sanctuary are working, as are all of the electrical outlets. The three lights outside of the office had the wrong sized ballasts and will be replaced.

The Baptismal Font Committee met on Sept. 14<sup>th</sup>. The estimated cost for a font that is 36" high x 27 inches with a shelf and a dome cover is \$1,470. This will match the altar and the pulpit and be moveable. The current lectern's wood does not match the pulpit or the altar. Joe Felske could make a new one to match everything and the current one could be used in the fellowship hall for meetings and such. Robbie made a motion to have the new font made and to see if we can raise the funds to build a new lectern. If the funds cannot be raised, the cost will come out of the Memorial Fund. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Darla.

The removal of the old font will be tabled until some investigate is made into the cost of several different options.

Renee has found 4 people for the Endowment Fund Committee. The amount of the interest for 2014 still needs to be distributed.

The work on the parsonage is done.

The repairs to the parking lot drain are finished.

The moving company miscalculated moving expenses. Council would like to reimburse Pastor for the miscalculation. The cost to the congregation remains the same.

Kay Bierlein will meet with Maria and Jan to learn Quickbooks Pro.

There will be a new mailbox system in the church office.

Rick would like to look into getting portable air conditioners.

**New Business:** Amanda Beson and Diane Osantowski have turned in their letters of resignation. Council sends much thanks and best wished to

both of them. A thank you reception will take place after the ONE Service on Sunday, September 20. Harold made motion to accept the resignations, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Linda.

It will cost \$2,000 to take care of the landscaping of the trench for the flagpole, the new front sign and the grass along the side of the parsonage. The cost would come from the building fund. Motion to accept by Linda, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Robbie.

Pastor would like to know how to lower and raise the flag. This will be mentioned to Rich Sylvester. A key box was recommended to hold the keys for the flagpole.

Rich Sylvester and the Call Committee are working together with Pastor Ed to put together the Pastor Parish Committee. A Mission Statement will be prepared for the Congregation and will be posted in the newsletter once the people, terms and expectations as determined.

A member asked council to be delegated to go to the Annual LCMC Convention. They asked if Council would pay \$750 per person, which would include registration, airfare and hotel. A motion was made to pay for one person's conference fee only. The motion did not pass. Pastor will not be attending this year, as he feels it is more important to be with the congregation at this time.

Pastor Steve Lien from the LCMC will be coming to install Pastor Ed the 15th of November. The council agreed it was more beneficial to cover the expenses of Pastor Steve and bring information about the LCMC to the entire congregation.

Motion to adjourn at 9:33 p.m. by Harold, and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dale. The meeting was adjourned and closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted by *Kelly Walz*



## October 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	Mike Ruhanen Julie Dinsmoore Kyle Ryan Michael Costello Jr. Ayla Brink	12	Nicholas Lubaczewski Taryn Hill	23	Kristi McCracken Easton Stockmeyer
2	Jason Eigner Alexis Schillinger Mackenzie Ellison	13	Mariann Montgomery Angela Palmreuter	24	Dan Redwanz Justin Dinsmoore Shirley Merrick
3	Tricia Drake	14	Kyle Hull	25	Pat Kuck Becky Endres
4	Tom Smith Chad Smith	15	Sue Schluckbier Kristine Bauer Nicole Zimmer Dameo Jeske	26	Jeff Palm Sr. Kurt Schillinger Brandon Oczepek
5	Ina Navarro - over 80 Mark Dinsmoore	16	Scott Redwanz Todd Felske Kristie Looney	27	Benjamin Taylor
6	Claudia Brown Andee Lefler	17	Bernadine Mielens Lexi Janson	28	Ian Walz
8	Bob Hausbeck Shawn Marx Jill Streeter Keri Hecht Aubrey Mielens Pierce Bilbey	18	Karen Butler Dean Hadaway Lillian Wagner	29	Wyatt Schember
10	Toby Haske	19	Judy Stuart Patricia Baranic Shelly Thomas Scott Schember	30	Jean Senge Fred Zwerk - over 80 Rod Wagner Tiffany Escherich Noelle Babechenko Cassie Hill
11	Ron Hecht Terry Williamson Jeremy Kuhne Alexis Hadaway	20	Dean Schluckbier Christine Palmreuter	31	Wally Bringold – over 80 Jim Barrett
		21	Richard Mossner – 90 <sup>th</sup> Chloe Bremer		
		22	Janet Janson - over 80 Larry Ahrens		



## October Anniversaries

2	Dean & Dorothy Heartwell	1971	17	Adam & Teresa Crawford	2009
5	Bob & Joyce Spiekerman	1963	18	Tom & Kimberly Smith	1997
	Joe & Patty Baranic	1996	19	Paul & Lori Dirker	1991
6	Dean & Marge Schluckbier	1979		David & Jennifer Van Nest	1996
9	Marv & Joann Johnson	1971	20	Ron & Mari Hecht	1979
	Dave & Donna Radka	1982	21	Jim & Dorothy VanOchten	1967
	Matt & Judy Zielke	1993	23	Chad & Erica Palmreuter	2004
10	Kurt & Jackie Schillinger	(na)	24	John & Linda Redwanz	1970
11	Terry & Cheryl Williamson	1972		Kevin & Jody White	2009
13	Todd & Ellen Schultz	1990	30	Les & Jean Bublitz	1948

## Worship Assistants for October 2015

Date	Time	Greeters	Lectors	Communion Set-up	Communion Assistant	Acolytes	Usher Teams	Money Counters
Oct. 4	8:00	Jean Felske & Fred Keyes	Kelly Walz	XX	XX	Breanna Rocha	Teams 3	Team 3
Oct. 4	10:30	Fred Aven	Renee Zimmer	Darla Kolomak	Carol Jasman	Wyatt Schember		
Oct. 11	8:00	Jean Bublitz	Kelly VanDenBoom	Michelle & Steve Schmitzer	Robbie Oldenburg	Lucas Connelly	Teams 1	Team 4
Oct. 11	10:30	Tony & Lora Delong Family	Jennifer Shores	XX	XX	Libby Redwanz		
Oct. 18	8:00	Dennis & Mary Felske	Dave Edwards	XX	XX	Zach Walz	Teams 2	Team 1
Oct. 18	10:30	Joe & Jill VanOchten Family	Phyllis Felske	Tom & Jill Lynch	Debbie Bittrner	Emily Rupprecht		
Oct. 25	8:00	Greg, Luke & Grace Connelly	Kelly Walz	Katie Bauer	Michelle Schmitzer	Grace Connelly	Teams 3	Team 2
Oct. 25	10:30	Lucy Markhart	Gracie Lefler	XX	XX	Shelby Keyes		



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## *2015 Church Staff and Church Council*

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			Ministry of Cong. Life	Linda Babechenko	754.3615
			Property:	Kevin White	252.5036
			Communication:	Darla Kolomak	868.4311
			Social Min./Outreach:	Harold Avery	673.3129
			Education:	Dale Bremer	659.2497

### **SUNDAY SCHOOL**

Superintendent: Kendyl Murphy 989.863.2106  
Treasurer: Ann Bublitz 693.6418

In an effort to conserve on the use of paper and postage, we are offering to send the newsletter out via e-mail. Please e-mail the office with your current email information. If you no longer desire to receive this newsletter please email or call the church office. Thank you.

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