

Christ Lutheran Church

April 2016

Rev. Dr. Ed Kloos, Pastor
Traci Auernhamer Editor



Movie with Pastor

On April 27th we will be showing another movie. Pot Luck Lunch and Dinner will be served at noon and 6:00 p.m. respectfully. The movie will be shown at 1 and 7 p.m. in the Sanctuary. If you would like to help pastor select the movies, please contact Deva Weber. The movie will be announced shortly. Please read the Sunday bulletin or call the church office for more information.

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Spring Fling Dinner Dance

DEADLINE TO PURCHASE TICKETS IS SUNDAY, APRIL 17TH

CONTACT DENISE FELSKA AT 989-659-3190 FOR TICKETS

The Spring Fling Dinner Dance will be held on Saturday, April 23, 2016.

Doors Open at 5:30 p.m. (social time with appetizer served) Dinner at 6:00 p.m.

Music Provided by: Double Take with Bill Stein

\$12 per person

Menu: Appetizers; Tossed Salad; Swiss Steak; Mashed Potatoes & Gravy; California Blend Vegetables;
Dessert; Punch & Coffee

Pastor's Message

Dear Brothers and Sister's in Christ:

Love makes ALL the difference! We've perhaps heard that many times, yet I wanted to take a few moments to share this reminder with you that it truly does make ALL the difference, especially when it's the love of God being referred to! I believe today if we are ever going to share God's love with those around us, we first need to experience it in our own lives.

As I was reading various scriptures having to do with the love God has for us, I came across the following which was actually a prayer the Apostle Paul was offering to God on behalf of the church at Ephesus while he was in prison for preaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Ephesians 3:16-21

16 that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with might through His Spirit in the inner man, 17 that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; that you, being rooted and grounded in love, 18 may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the width and length and depth and height— 19 to know the love of Christ which passes knowledge; that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. 20 Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us, 21 to Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

While we may face persecution and challenge from this world we live in, there is something that will keep us through the storms and trials of life, and it is the unending, unfathomable, unexplainable love that God has for each and every one of us, and yes, even for this World.

The primary purpose of this letter to the Ephesians was to talk about a "mystery", and of course, this mystery was not intended to be kept

that way. Paul's purpose was to explain and reveal it by sharing about this thing called "the church" whose purpose it was to express the fullness of Christ on the Earth.

One of the ways this would be done was by uniting both Jew and Gentile which of course was another aspect to this great mystery. (Eph. 3:5) It had never been done before like this; yet, God was maturing a people who would take the victory Christ won at Calvary and expand it further in reach and scope which would continue through today.

So Paul's heart's desire was that these new believer's would know the love of Christ, and in knowing that love, do their part in sharing it to anyone and everyone who would listen. He wanted to see that love both draw people into the family of God, and also unite the Church for more effective ministry and outreach.

Our lives find completion as we love, and are loved in return. While being loved in return may seem less frequent than we had hoped for, let's continue to reach out to this world with the love of Jesus Christ!

If you have yet to find a place of ministry here at Christ Lutheran Church, then I would encourage you to take a moment to give me a call to see what possibilities may be available.

Your brother in Christ,

Pastor Ed



Words of Thanks

Thank you so much for your prayers and the cards that I received during my hospital stay for my left knee full replacement. I am doing very well with my recovery and walking more every day.

Thank you Pastor Ed for your hospital visit, the good conversations we have had and your prayers. God's blessings to everyone. *Ted Felske*

We would like to extend a big thank you to Deva Weber and Renee Zimmer for the meals and gifts provided to my family after the arrival of our little Molly Mae. They were such a huge blessing in a time of healing and transition.

Tyler and Jessica Brink

We would like to thank everyone for all their prayers during our mothers' illness. It was very much appreciated. Also, thank you to Pastor Kloos for all of his prayers and attending the funeral.

The Family of Florence Elbers

Funeral

Richard C. Zielke, age 80, passed away March 7, 2016 at Covenant Healthcare in Saginaw. His funeral was held March 12 with burial in St. Paul's Cemetery in Paulding, OH.



Hospitalized

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

Ted Felske, Lyle Sylvester, Jessie & Molly Brink, Joyce Dirker, Judy Lycynski, John Schluckbier

Memorials

For Memorial Fund in memory of RICHARD ZIELKE by Robert & Judy White.



In January we said goodbye to our Office Manager, Linda Lubaczewski who worked for Christ Lutheran Church for 31 years. At her resignation she asked that no party be given in her honor. Instead the Church Council presented Linda with a parting gift.



Welcome Traci Auernhamer

As of March 1st Traci has taken over as Christ Lutheran Church's secretary. She comes to us with a vast knowledge of the computer and personal service. If you haven't met her after a Sunday morning service, please stop by and introduce yourself. You'll be received by a smiling face and a warm hello!



2016 EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIPS

Applications for the CLC Education Scholarships will be available April 1, and can be picked up on the counter in the church office, they will not be online this year. Due date is May 1, 2016.

Project Linus

The next meeting of Project Linus will be Wednesday, April 13th from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Please come and help make blankets during our meeting time, or just come out for the fellowship, check us out. The blankets are donated to local hospitals and other organizations.

Thirteen quilts were taken to the Baby Pantry at Old Town Mission in Saginaw in March.

BLOCKHEAD QUILTERS

Time 9:30-11:30 a.m., Wednesday, April 20th. Our quilt is now finished. Tickets can be purchased until November. All proceeds will be given to the Reese American Legion. Tickets will be available a few times per month between services, and at special dinners and activities until fall. Tickets are \$5.00 each.

United Christian Community Service

Donations are always welcome, for the next few months items for collection will be paper products, cleaning supplies and personal items. Food donations cannot be expired, any food donated should have an expiration date after January 1 of 2017. Please check the date before you donate. Thank you for your continued support.

Christ Lutheran Church Women (CLCW) will meet April 18, at 6:30. All women are invited to attend.

Ministry of Education meeting April 4th, 6:30 p.m. If anyone is interested in serving on this committee, please come to the meeting, we meet quarterly.

Bible Study

The Faith Circle will meet on Monday, April 4th, at 10:00 a.m. The Bible study lesson is Psalm 90. All are welcome.

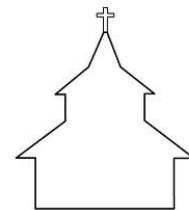


New In Christ

On Sunday, March 6th Charlee Kay Ann Meyer, daughter of Troy & Rachael Meyer was brought into the family of Christ through Holy Baptism.

On Saturday, March 26th Molly Mae Brink and Sage Elizabeth Marn, daughter's of Tyler & Jessica Brink and Kevin & Megan Marn and grandchildren of Harold and Kelly Avery were brought into the family of Christ through Holy Baptism.

Let us keep the children and their families in our prayers as they begin their walk with Christ and His Church. Blessings be upon them all.



Bible Study

Come join us for the monthly Bible Study on Thursday, April 14th, 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. - "Living Beyond the Ordinary" Part 4 – The Practical How-To's of Relationship With God – You've Gotten Away From The Book" The written Word of God is just as life-transforming as a real, personal encounter with Jesus! All too often we spend time in God's Word in order to affirm what we already believe, rather than to actually learn and grow.



CELEBRATION OF MOTHERS & DAUGHTERS

"A Time For Pampering"
 Sunday, May 1st at 12:00 Noon

Program will be presented by Jessie Brink distributor of Poofy Organics...

"We will be taking some time to pamper you using only the most amazing products! Mothers and daughters will indulge in a luxurious chocolate macaroon sugar hand scrub followed by wonderfully moisturizing raspberry soufflé whipped body butter. There will be completely toxin-free nail polish available to finish off your hand pamper session if choose. A table of many other products from lotions, soaps, cosmetics, face masks, and many other personal care products will be available to sample! Poofy Organics is a small family run business that was started in honor of the founder's mother (who survived breast cancer) to educate consumers about toxins in your personal care products. We provide safe, luxurious USDA Certified organic and 100% toxin free products that are made by hand, in small batches in New Jersey."

Menu:

Salads; Spaghetti; Garlic Bread;
 Dessert & Beverage

Tickets are

Girls 13 & Up - \$8,
 Girls 5-12 - \$5,
 Girls 4 & Under FREE

Tickets are available from
 Denise Felske at 89-659-3190

Weekly Attendance	Worship	SS
3/6	193	25
3/13	134	23
3/20	209	X
3/27	394	X



AN EVENING OF CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP
 ONE WORSHIP SERVICE
 SOUP SUPPER
 SING-A-LONG WITH PASTOR ED
 EUCHRE FUN NIGHT

Saturday, April 9, 2016; join us for an evening of fellowship, and be sure to bring your family and friends. Come at 5:00 p.m. and praise God at the ONE Service; then at 5:45 p.m. enjoy a light supper with music and a sing along with Pastor Ed; and Euchre Fun begins at 6:30 p.m. If you would like to bring something, please contact Linda Babechenko.

February 16, 2016 Church Council Minutes

Present: Pastor Ed, Tom Janson, Tim Elbers, Alex Squanda, Jan Histed, Isaac Zimmer, Ellen Schultz, Nancy Sylvester, Harold Avery, Debbie Sigelko, Dale Bremer, Kelly Walz, Deva Weber, and Ralph Bublitz

Dale opened with a devotion at 6:20 p.m.

MONTHLY REPORTS:

Monthly reports are to be submitted week prior to the council meeting, so that I can put the packets together for the council meeting and everyone can review them prior to the meeting.

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Secretary's Minutes: Motion to approve minutes made by Dale, 2nd by Tim.

Current Expense Fund: Motion to approve made by Alex, 2nd by Harold.

Check Register Approval #2871-#28286: Question as to what CM ALMY was. Deva said it was church supplies. Motion to approve check register made by Dale, 2nd by Tim.

Deva Weber's Proposal on Remodeling the Sanctuary for Handicap/Wheel Chairs: Deva submitted a drawing and is proposing to take 3 to 4 pews from the North Wall up front and place those short pews in three to four places throughout the sanctuary. One would be up front, one in the very back and one somewhere in the middle. We talked about letting people in the congregation know and possibly putting it in the newsletter, to get feed back from the congregation. It shouldn't cost anything but some labor to switch around the pews. It shouldn't affect the carpet too noticeably. Tom has requested to move this to unfinished business next month, as to give Tom, Alex and Pastor Ed some time to look at the pews and see if it will work.

Deva Weber's Proposal for Removing Old Baptismal Font and Covering the Cemented Portion with a Tile Mural: Rick and Dale can remove the font and cement it in for around \$150. Deva said she talked to some one who can make the tiles and do a mural on the tiles. She believes the cost will be over \$1,000. Tom advised her to proceed with getting an estimate on the cost.

Pastor's Report: Pastor submitted a report. *Pastor let Alex know that there is a leak in the shed.

*Pastor would like to upgrade the phones and answering machine. There is currently no caller ID. He would like to have a system with a buzzer, so in case of emergency, the secretary could buzz in.

*Pastor also asked if the check had been written to Steve Lein. Jan is to check into it.

*Ministry of Congregational is to help with pulling together the church membership list. A letter will be going out to inactive members. Council will need to look at and approve the letter. We need to figure out a plan of action as to the best way to get people to respond.

Unfinished Business:

Electrical / Lighting – Al S. will work on changing all of the alter lights.

Air Conditioning / Heating – Continue discussing this topic and will gather all quotes. A congregational vote will have to take place when a decision is made since it is over \$5,000.

Parking Lot – Al S. will get a Quote on sealing and repainting lines for the parking lot. He will also get a price on adding another pole by the outer building. Tabled for now.

Windows in Parsonage – tabled for now.

Garbage/Dumpsters – Tim checked with the village – we could get a dumpster with weekly or bi-weekly pickup. A motion was made by Tim and seconded by Harold to approve getting a dumpster with bi-weekly pickup at \$75 per pickup. Tim will also look at canceling the parsonage trash pickup from Blumfield Township – not sure if this can happen.

2016 Mission Support Ministries - local, national and worldwide, will be designated the same as in Calendar year 2015. Motion was made by Deb S. and seconded by Nancy S. – motion carried. Also the **Lenten and Easter Offerings** – will be designated equally to Reese Food Bank, CLC Sunday School and Gideon's. Ash Wednesday will be designated to the General Fund. Motion was made by Al S. and seconded by Deb S. – motion carried.

Office Computers – Pastor Ed has a new computer that was donated from members of our church. The office will be using the computer program "Shepherd's Staff" which it currently uses, but not too its fullest extent. Shepherd's Staff is a Windows-based church management software. We will be upgrading to the newest version and will be using the payroll function along with adding all of our special funds to this reporting instead of moving over to QuickBooks. The office staff will be receiving training and support

from Shepherd's Staff support group. The goal is to bring all of the checkbooks into one area of the church. Tim made a motion to purchase the first year of the software at \$675 and \$200 for training webinars and it was seconded by Nancy S. – motion carried.

Office Secretary – interviewed one applicant before the council meeting and another one is scheduled for tomorrow. Executive Committee along with Pastor Ed are conducting these interviews.

New Business:

Trust Insurance – Isaac Z. was asked to price out insurance to bond our trustees for the Trust Committee. It was quoted as \$2,500 deductible for \$325 per year or \$5,000 deductible for \$317 annually. A motion was made by Tim to approve the quote of \$2,500 deductible for \$325 annually, seconded by Tom J. – motion carried.

Insurance – Church Farm Bureau Policy does not include Auto Coverage for employees when they are driving for church business. This coverage currently costs \$3,784 per year. The new quote from Isaac Zimmer quoted Hasting Insurance at a rate of \$3,721 annually and it will include the Auto Coverage. The motion was made by Tim to approve the quote from Isaac for the new insurance which includes Property/Casualty Insurance at a rate of \$3,721 per year and it was seconded by Deb Sigelko – motion carried. A letter will be sent to Farm Bureau to cancel our insurance policy as of March 1, 2016.

Trust – It was brought to the Council to approve the Trust Committee Trustees, which consist of Rick Zimmer and Chris Bublitz, and Tom Janson. It was also noted that a fourth member needed to be appointed, which should be the Church Council Secretary. A motion was made by Deb and seconded by Robbie O. to approve the Trust Committee Trustees. Motion Carried

Ministry Officers Reports-

Ministry of Property – it was requested of Al Squanda to check the air filter on the air conditioner on the roof of the church. It was also noted that the ant problem in the church was being addressed.

Ministry of Worship & Music – Robbie handed out the Worship & Music minutes from the Feb. 4, 2016 meeting. It was noted that the Advent Can-

dles and the Christ Candle and stand need to be replaced due to discoloring, chipping and the brittleness from old age. The Altar guild has requested this from the Memorial Committee.

Social Ministry & Outreach – Harold noted – no new business

Ministry of Congregational Life – Ellen S. asked that the flyer from the "Living Christ" from St. Michael's be posted on our bulletin board.

Ministry of Education – Dale handed out the minutes from the Feb. 15, 2016 meeting – no action was required.

Ministry of Communications – Deb S. noted that she was able to start moving around on the church's website and noted it was set up in a "Word Pressed" format. She requested that an updated picture of Pastor Ed and his family would be added to the website. It was also discussed and noted that the council would like Pastor Ed to preview the church newsletter before it is distributed. Discussion also took place over the old "Welcome Brochure" from our church. It was noted that Deb will update this brochure and we would start using these brochures to promote the church to new members and the community.

Ministry of Youth & Family – Isaac Z. noted that the Super Bowl Sub Fundraiser raised \$318 dollars. He also discussed starting a high school Breakfast Club. He has also started a "Small Group" (worship group). It was also discussed that youth in 7th grade through high school should contact Isaac if they were interested in attending Spring Hill this year.

The council distributed handouts from Ralph Bublitz regarding the life insurance proceeds that his brother, Lawrence's estate had left to the church. After reviewing the handouts, it was noted that all of the funds are where Lawrence requested them, and after an independent 3 year audit by Chris Bublitz and Peter Haake, that there was no wrong doing. Ralph could not stay for the whole meeting, so this matter was tabled and the council will invite Ralph to the March 2016 meeting if he would like to address the council.

After closing with the Lord's Prayer, the motion to adjourn was made by Dale and seconded by Jan, the meeting adjourned at 9:00pm.

Respectfully Submitted by
Kelly Walz and Jan Histed



COLLECTION FOR THE MILITARY

During the months of April, May, & June we will be collecting some fun things for the men and women in the Military: Playing Cards, Dominoes, Poker Chips, Dice, Nerf Balls; Sudoku Books; Crossword Books; Word Search Books; Frisbees; Whiffle Balls & Bats. Please place them in the box under the coat rack.



ATTENTION PARENTS OF SUNDAY SCHOOL CHILDREN

The Pre-K thru 4th grade Sunday School Children will be singing at the 10:30 a.m. service on Sunday, April 17th; AND ringing bells at the 10:30 a.m. service on Sunday, May 1st. Parents, we are practicing during Sunday School each Sunday, please try to have your children attend, as they love praising God.

Spring Tea

Come see what a real "English Tea" is like Saturday, April 23rd, 2016 at 11 a.m. At Reese Unity District library

Our speaker will be Jan Morris, "The Doll Lady"

A beautiful porcelain doll will be given out at the end of the program.

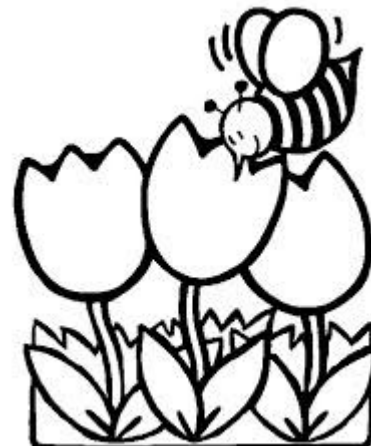
Tickets are just \$8.00 and can be purchased inside.

Children are welcome

BYOC - Bring Your Own Cup



Proceeds will go to the Friends of the Unity District Library of Reese.



April 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	Kendyl Murphy	11	Nancy Walz	21	Ian Houghtaling
2	Amy Radka		Brian Oldenburg	22	Rick Wascher
	Phyllis Felske		Lindsay Beyerlein	23	Nola Liebknecht - over 80
4	Duane Ward		Taylor Fachting		Bryan Histed
	Matthew Johnson	12	Eileen Spiekerman		Dan Cole
	Max Palmreuter		David Kowalski	24	Andria Pelkey
	Michelle Schneider		Nicole Davis		Zachary Hadaway
	Baily Felske	13	Ryan Woolever		Jerzie VanOchten
	Ryan Hull	14	Carol Belger	25	John Redwanz
5	Meg Redwanz	15	Tammy Gillespie		Max Schillinger
6	Jason Mallory		Jessica Hillborg		Owen VanDenBoom
	Trenton Hill	16	Wilmer Oldenburg – 94th	26	Katelyn Humpert
	Ashlyn Szilagyi		Debra Sigelko		Elizabeth Palmreuter
7	Dennis Felske		Walt Zissler		Lincoln Sylvester
	Greg Mossner	17	Jason Kuhne	27	Richard Sylvester
	Janet Milne		Jackie Schillinger		Malisha Boulton
	Jack Bittner	18	Roy Aven - over 80		Betty Spiekerman
8	Blaise Zimmer		Eric Duperon	28	Lewis Kolak
	Nathan Bublitz		Jessica VanOchten		Tara Bernthal
9	Marc Watkins	19	Hank Kuhne		Jennifer Krieger
	Devin Elbers		Debbie Wright	29	Steve Schmitzer
10	Denise Felske	20	Kelly Walz		Aidan Costello
	Don Merrow		Ryan Avery	30	Tom Janson
	Nancy Stockmeyer		Tina Mielens		Shari Hadaway
	Marla Lefler		Glen Nowak		
			Anthony Costello		

April Anniversaries

3	Ted & Sheri Hull	1993	19	Dale & Susan Bremer	1980
5	Chris & Patty Spiekerman	1997	20	Anson & Jennifer Kuehnemund	1991
9	Bill & Mary Palm	1977		Trevor & Shirley Merrick	1968
10	Dan & Julie Palm	2010	21	Randy & Mary Morley	1979
11	Dennis & Mary Felske	1970	22	Ralph & Marcy Bublitz	1950
13	Mark & Jean Chalker	2004	25	Travis & Renee Cragg	1998
16	Dennis & Linda Babechenko	1988	27	Peter & Marie Haake	1980
17	John & Nancy Kosha	1971	28	Jeff & Shannon Osantowski	2012
	Reed & Nancy Swanton	1982	29	Gary & Sharon Haske	1967
	Scott & Dana Schember	1999			
	Tim & Missy Elbers	2000			

Worship Assistants for April 2016

Date	Time	Greeters	Lectors	Communion Set-up	Communion Assistant	Acolytes	Usher Teams
April 3	8:00	Sue Kolak	Kelly Walz	Nancy Walz	Denise Felske	Breanna Rocha	Teams 2
April 3	10:30	Deva Weber	Cooper Shores		Deva Weber	Jerzie VanOchten	
April 10	8:00	Paul & Kelly Walz	Kelly VanDenBoom	Katie Bauer	Robbie Oldenburg	Grace Connelly	Teams 3
April 10	10:30	Dale Bremer	Gracie Lefler		Carol Jasman	Carter DeLong	
April 17	8:00	Nancy Walz	Dave Edwards	Sue Schluckbier	Jim Jasman	Sydney Histed	Teams 1
April 17	10:30	Rick & Renee Zimmer	Shirley Grabowski		Phyllis Felske	Cooper Shores	
April 24	8:00	Tom & Jill Lynch	Kelly Walz	Dale Bremer	Denise Felske	Zach Walz	Teams 2
April 24	10:30	Wally & Verna Bringold	Renee Zimmer		Carol Jasman	Nathaniel Torrez	

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