

Christ Lutheran Church

May 2016

Rev. Dr. Ed Kloos, Pastor
Traci Auernhamer Editor



Movie with Pastor

If you haven't attended a "Movie with Pastor" event, you're missing not only an afternoon or evening of Christian fellowship, but also a time to reflect on where God is in your life today.

By popular demand, Pastor will be showing the last of the Left Behind Trilogy, "Left Behind – World at War" on Wednesday, May 25th, at 1:00 & 7:00 PM.

Please remember to sign up to bring a covered dish for the 12:00 lunch or the 6:00 PM supper.

If you ever wondered what is the reality of the Book of Revelation is, you don't want to miss the conclusion of "LEFT BEHIND!"

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CONFIRMATION CLASS 2016

On Sunday, May 15th the following youth will affirm their Baptism through the public profession of their faith at the 10:30 a.m. service.

Libby Redwanz

Daughter of John and Julie Redwanz

Psalm 104:33-34

³³I will sing to the Lord all my life; I will sing praise to my God as long as I live. ³⁴May my meditation be pleasing to him, as I rejoice in the Lord.



Pastor's Message

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ Jesus,

Here we are in May in which we honor our Mothers in the congregation once again, and I would like to take this opportunity to share the following tribute of appreciation and recognition.

Since we are members of Christ Lutheran Church family, my focus will primarily be on some of the aspects of Godly Motherhood. We recognize that these characteristics may seem too difficult to maintain, yet there should always be examples we all strive for, regardless of what role we may have in our own families, or even the family of God.

Only heaven will reveal the full effects that a praying Mother has on the direction of both her family, as well as society in general, and yes, even the church. When a Mother prays all of Heaven rejoices while the forces of evil tremble at the realization that someone of so much influence in the family unit desires to touch God on the behalf of her family.

James 5:16 says; "The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much." Of course, this scripture is referring to the prayers of both man and woman as accomplishing much in the spirit realm.

Moms, keep on praying!

The tender and compassionate care of a Godly Mother is unmatched, other than the amazing love God has for humanity which required the ultimate sacrifice. However, we also realize so many Mothers would lay their very lives down for their Children if that challenge ever

presented itself.

Yet, most Mothers simply live their lives in sacrifice on a daily basis as their time is invested in the lives of their children and families in a myriad of ways. From waking up in the morning with the needs of her children foremost in her mind, to falling off to sleep at night with thanksgiving for making it through another day with God's help.

We live in a day when the lines are seemingly blurred in what makes a woman be the woman God intended her to be, yet a visit to Proverbs 31 is a powerful reminder of some of the things which define a Godly woman. While there is probably no woman alive now, or ever been that meets each and every one of these characteristics, it is certainly worthy of careful examination. One verse I love in particular in this chapter is: Proverbs 31:30 (NIV) 30 Charm is deceptive, and beauty is fleeting; but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised.

Moms, keep on working for the Lord!

Your brother in Christ,

Pastor Ed



Fundraiser

The Church Council approved a donation fundraiser for needed parking lot repairs. A quote for the cost of these repairs came in around \$19,000. An area along the south side of the church where there are many repairs would be repaired as one large piece and then there are several other smaller areas that would be repaired. Areas of needed repair are outlined with orange lines. The entire parking lot would be resealed and re-striped.

The donation fundraiser will be run for the months of May and June so that the parking lot can still be repaired this summer. Please be very specific when making a donation to this project, indicating on the donation envelope that it should be put towards the parking lot repair project. If you make a donation and put it into the building fund without indicating that it should be put toward the parking lot, then your donation will just be put into the building fund.



eNewsletter

We would like to move in the direction of everyone receiving an eNewsletter. This will help with the cost of the mailings. Please give your email address to the church office so we can include you when we send out the eNewsletter!

CHURCH DIRECTORIES

We are putting together the new Church Directory. Please let the office know if you have any changes to your address, phone number, and e-mail addresses. Please send changes to traciclcreese@outlook.com or write them on a piece of paper and leave them on the office desk for Traci.

Thank you!



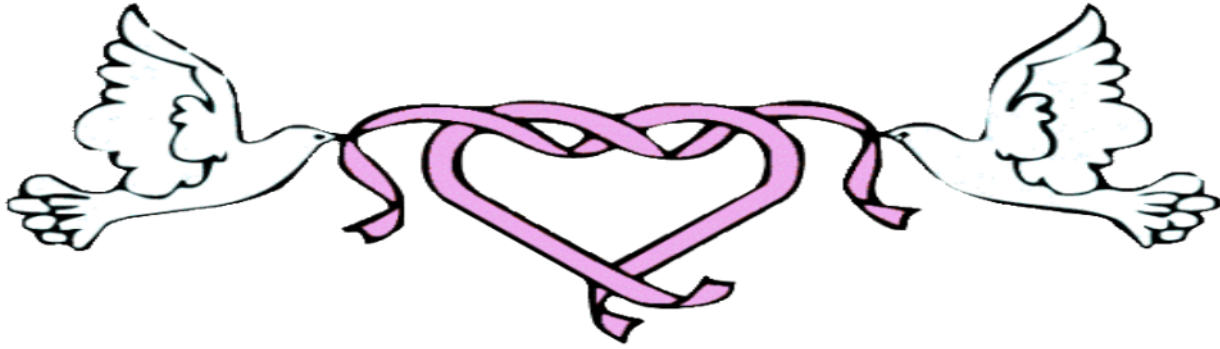
PASTOR PARISH COMMITTEE

Some members of the Church are still not sure of who the members of the Pastor Parish Committee are and their function. While being interviewed, Pastor Ed had asked for and insisted upon a Pastor Parish Committee. He has always liked the idea of open communication between the Pastor and his Flock.

Being a Pastoral Counselor for many years, he is aware that sometimes people feel awkward or uncomfortable going direct to the Pastor with concerns or ideas. Likewise, congregations don't always realize how lonely the pastorate can be. Who does the Pastor confide in when issues need to be clarified?

So, if you have an issue or concern or even if it's a positive statement to make and you desire not to go to speak with the Pastor, please see one of the following members who will bring it up at a monthly meeting with him. Your name will NEVER be revealed to him unless you desire to be.

Rich Sylvester
Deva Weber
Dale Bremer
Kelly Walz
Rick Zimmer



ATTENTION ALL COUPLES
MARRIED FOR
40 YEARS OR MORE

RENEW YOUR VOWS

AT CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH
SATURDAY JUNE 25
AT 4:00 PM

REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED
IMMEDIATELY AFTER
THE CEREMONY

PLEASE RSVP BY PLACING THE BOTTOM HALF IN THE
OFFERING PLATE OR CHURCH OFFICE
BY MAY, 29TH

MR. & MRS. _____ WILL ATTEND

NUMBER OF GUESTS _____



Vacation Bible School

Community Vacation Bible School will take place at St. Elizabeth Catholic School, July 11-14, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:15 p.m. This year's theme is Deep Sea Discovery. Children ages three to 12 years old are invited to the perfect place to lead kids to Christ. Registrations can be found in Narthex, we would love to have your kids join us to discover Jesus' love for them and the world. We are looking for volunteers; group leaders, bible story/skits, music, recreation, snack & crafts. We are also asking for donations for snack, there will be a box labeled at church for donations. We are looking for blue & green jello, cool whip, vanilla frosting, goldfish crackers, fruit cups with clear plastic cover, graham crackers, sprinkles, root-beer, orange pop, paper plates, bowls, cups, straws, and plastic spoons and knives. We will also be collecting empty water bottles for one of our crafts. Any questions please contact Dina Territo at 868.4081 or Kelly Walz at 239.6912.



Graduates

We want to congratulate and recognize all of our recent college graduates, so please contact the church office with your name and details.

2016 High School Graduates

We would like to do a Senior Picture Bulletin Board to honor our graduates. All graduates are being asked to turn in a wallet sized photo to the office.

Thank you



Sunday School

The last day of Sunday School will be May 22nd. A big thank you to our teachers and students for making this year great!

Communion Cards

There are now communion cards in the pews, please fill out a card every Sunday you commune. This is to help us be able to reach out and take communion to those who want to receive the sacrament, but are unable to come to church.

National Day of Prayer

Thursday, May 5th, we will be having a prayer service at 7:00 p.m. Please come and join us to give thanks and seek God's guidance.

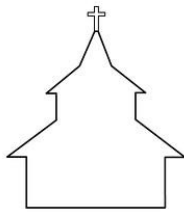
Project Linus

The next meeting of Project Linus will be Wednesday, May 11, 9:30 To 11:30
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.



BLOCKHEAD QUILTERS

Time 9:30-11:30, Wednesday, May 18. 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.



Bible Study

The Faith Circle will meet on Monday, May 2 10:00 the Bible study lesson is Psalm 150. All are welcome.

Come join us for the monthly Bible Study on Thursday, May 12th, 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. - "Living Beyond the Ordinary" Part 5 – 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.



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.

United Christian Community Service

Donations are always welcome, for the next few months items for collection will be paper products, such as toilet paper, tissue, paper towels, and napkins. 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.



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

Saturday, May 14th; 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.

March 15, 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, Robbie Oldenburg, Kelly Walz, Deva Weber, and Dorothy VanOchten, Judy Stuart, Traci Auernhamer and Ralph Bublitz

Excused Absence: Harold Avery

Opened with prayer at 6:15 p.m.

Secretary's Minutes: The following corrections were made to the minutes: Instead of Deva Weber's Proposal on Remodeling the sanctuary for handicap/wheel chairs and Deva Weber's Proposal for removing the old Baptismal font it should say Worship & Music Committee Proposal on remodeling the sanctuary for handicap/wheel chairs and Baptismal Font Committee Proposal for removing old baptismal font.

Also under Trust insurance, the quoted Hasting Insurance rate was \$3,721 annually and should have said \$3,921. Further discussion will be listed under Insurance.

Motion to approve minutes made by Robbie, seconded by Ellen – motion carried.

We will only post the approved minutes in the monthly newsletter.

February minutes will run in April's newsletter.

All reports will now be sent a week before the church council meeting to Traci, our new church secretary.

Current Expense Fund: Motion to approve made by Robbie, seconded by Tim – motion carried.

Check Register Approval #28287-#28322: We received a reimbursement check on insurance and property. Motion to approve check register made by Alex, seconded by Tim – motion carried.

Ministry of Finance: Nancy will type up next time.

Building Fund - \$18,325.00

Memorial Fund - \$23,251.36

Scholarship Fund - \$26,338.19

Education Enrichment - \$550.17

Endowment Fund - \$84,526.70

Motion made to accept finance report made by Debbie, seconded by Robbie – motion carried.

Pastor's Report: Pastor submitted a report.

Pastor wanted Alex to check out the light in the back parking lot being out.

The church council is responsible for Lenten service dinner tomorrow night, March 16.

Pastor passed out a letter to send to the congrega-

tion members about membership. There was common consent on the letter.

Guests: Ralph Bublitz

Ralph wants to know if we can get a better return on our investments. Church Council is looking into this. The Church Council also let Ralph know that all funds are accounted for and that we now have a Trust in place. Also, you can only spend the interest out of the Endowment Fund.

Guests: Memorial Fund Committee

One of the new chairs in the lounge area has a mark on it. The chair is being replaced. Also, the Memorial Fund Committee would like to use the back of the Overflow Room as the area for the brides to get dressed. They would like to move some of the old chairs and a mirror into that area.

Office Report:

Noelle Babechenko has requested us to release her to Mars Hill Bible Church in Grand Rapids. A motion was made to accept this requested by Robbie, seconded by Alex - motion carried. The Church Council wishes Noelle much luck and happiness.

Unfinished Business:

Electrical / Lighting – Al ordered the light.

Air Conditioning / Heating – Continue discussing this topic and still gathering quotes. Tabled for now.

Parking Lot – Al and Tom will look at together. Tabled for now.

Windows in Parsonage – tabled for now.

Pew Rearranging – Tom and Pastor looked at the pews and there are several issues. Amigos would be hard to maneuver in between pews if two short rows we placed in the middle of the church. They would either need to be up front or in the back. The ushers also need to be educated as to where to tell people with amigos and wheelchairs where to sit. Robbie is supposed to take this information back to the Worship & Music Committee. Discussion is tabled for now.

Baptismal Font – Tom has suggested that we just put something temporary for cement and tile. It will eventually be carpeted.

New Business:

Trust – An amendment to the trust was made to have the Special Funds Treasurer added. Motion made to accept by Alex, seconded by Ellen - motion carried.

Phone & Answering Machines – We will need to update the phones and answering machines. Tim will work with Traci on this.

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Trust Insurance – The quote should have workman’s comp added to insurance. Total premium for insurance is a \$304 difference. Workman’s comp is \$836 a year. Quote total is now \$4,025.00 a year Common Consensus to accept the change in amount. Motion to accept new insurance quote made by Nancy, seconded by Robbie – motion carried.

**Ministry Officers Reports-
Ministry of Property**

Al got a quote from Orkin for \$605. Al said he could do it himself cheaper, but the Sunday Teachers need to be told to put all food items in a sealer tote.

The right hot water heater in broken, but the left one works. It will cost \$2,200 to replace the hot water heater. Al is to get a cost to repair the hot water heater.

The leak in the back of the shed is actually not a leak. He water is coming through the front door.

Ministry of Worship & Music – report submitted The lights for the lector may need to be moved back.

The contemporary song during the 10:30 am service will now be done during the collection.

The acolytes are now to sit on the right side of the church

The lighters for the acolytes are being replaced.

Ushers need to make sure the doors are locked and the lights are turned off.

Social Ministry & Outreach – no new business.

Ministry of Congregational Life – report submitted

There were 30 for dinner before euchre and 9 tables. The next Euchre tournament will be April 9th.

Ministry of Education – VBS planning is progressing.

Ministry of Communications – report submitted Debbie is still working on the website and pamphlet.

Ministry of Youth & Family – report submitted 4 boys and 3 girls attended Spring Hill

Church Council would like to hear any comments, concerns and suggestions and would encourage the congregation to put your comments in the suggestion box. They do not need to be signed.

Motion was made be Robbie to end the meeting, seconded by Alex –motion carried.

Closed in prayer at 8:13 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by Kelly Walz



Weekly Attendance	Worship	SS
4/3	184	X
4/10	165	28
4/17	160	21
4/24	134	24

Memorials

For the Scholarship fund in memory of Paula Jasman by Shirley Grabowski.

For the Education fund in memory of Richard Zielke by Matt & Judy Zielke.



Hospitalized

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

MaryAnn Garrison, Betty Spiekerman, George Weiss

May 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	Lyle Sylvester – over 90	13	Kimberly Palm	19	Virginia Stockmeyer–over 80
	Jeff Barrett	14	Matt Dirker		Suzanne Wilkinson
	Darren Wilkinson		Travis Stockmeyer		Barbara Zielke – 80 th
	Madison Gwizdala		Lauren Apo		Matthew Bartolowits
2	Janet Wascher	15	Doug Prell	20	Brianne Torrez
3	Joanne Connelly		Alexis Brown	21	Amanda Behmlander
	Adam Duperon		Laine Yax	22	Kathy Rau
5	Linda Lapak	16	Nancy Hill		Esther Mallory – over 80
	Macey Hawken		JoAnn Johnson		Al Redwanz
	Abigail Powell		Rachel Spiekerman	25	Nikki Wachowicz
6	Matthew Oldenburg		Rich Marotzke	26	Sandra Schafsnitz
	Cheryl Williamson		Tyler Brink		James Krauseneck
	Terry Rupprecht		LeiAnn Milne	27	Jacob Bauer
	Kerri Ratkos	17	Carol Bremer		Deva Weber
	Amanda Duperon		Marisa Willman		Amanda Huey
	Sydney Histed		Brett Brown	28	Levi Bauer
	Logan Hillborg		Dale Bremer		Mark Haske
7	Susan Kolak			29	Joann Campbell
	Colleen LaBeau			30	Arlene Frost – Over 80
	Eion Lange				Brody Kussro
8	Jace VanOchten			31	Kenton Morley
9	Steven Pogoreski				Eric Pogoreski
	Jacob Walz				Joyce Spiekerman
11	Zachary Mossner				Mike Costello
12	John Hill				Jennifer Van Nest
	Chad Kowalski				
	Dorothy Watkins-over 80				
	Kevin White				
	Joe Baranic				
	Jack Smith				



May Anniversaries

1	Gary & Gail Asperger	1965	19	AJ & Becky Endres	2012
2	Randy & Deb Heinzman	1981	22	Ramon & Betty Spiekerman	1982
4	Bernie & Debbie Bittner	1979		Darrell & Erin Andrus	2010
7	Charles & Tricia Drake	1994	23	Brian & Judy Wascher	1981
11	Mike & Sherry Mossner	1974		James & Keri Kenney	2014
12	Tom & Jill Lynch	1984	25	David & Beverly Kowalski	1974
16	Alex & Laura Squanda	1997		Rick & Sandra Mossner	1985
	Lewis & Lauren Kolak	2009	26	Keith & Carol Schluckbier	1973
18	Marcus & Morgan Kuehnemund	2013	27	Ed & Holly Damm	1988
			31	Matt & Jessica Hillborg	2008

Worship Assistants for May 2016

Date	Time	Greeters	Lectors	Communion Set-up	Communion Assistant	Acolytes	Usher Teams
May 1	8:00	Dave & Ina Navarro	Kelly VanDenBoom	Darla Kolomak	Robbie Oldenburg	Breanna Rocha	Teams 3
May 1	10:30	Jim & Dorothy VanOchten	Jennifer Shores		Deva Weber	Beck Shores	
May 8	8:00	Albert & Jackie Redwanz	Dave Edwards	Ellen Schultz/ Kathy Bubnitz	Jim Jasman	Lucas Connelly	Teams 1
May 8	10:30	Tom & Jennifer Rupprecht	Phyllis Felske		Debbie Bittner	Emily Rupprecht	
May 15	8:00	Steve & Michelle Schmitzer & girls	Kelly Walz	Tom & Jill Lynch	Robbie Oldenburg	Zach Walz	Teams 2
May 15	10:30	Robert & Joyce Spiekerman	Gracie Lefler		Phyllis Felske	Wyatt Schember	
May 22	8:00	John & Carol Belger	Kelly VanDenBoom	Nancy Walz	Robbie Oldenburg	Grace Connelly	Teams 3
May 22	10:30	Al, Laura & Alyson Squanda	Shirley Grabowski		Carol Jasman	Shelby Keyes	
May 29	8:00	XXXX	Dave Edwards	Katie Bauer	Jim Jasman	Sydney Histed	Teams
May 29	10:30	XXXX	Renee Zimmer		Deva Weber	Beck Shores	

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