

# Christ Lutheran Church

August 2016

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## Cards for Military Members

We are collecting names, birthdates and mailing addresses for members in the military so other members can send birthday and holiday cards to them. Please, If you know anyone who would like to be on the list, please get the information to Jessica in the church office.



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## **Movie with Pastor**

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

In the summer months we are planning to meet only in the evenings. Potluck style dinner will be at 6:00 p.m. with the movie to follow at 7:00 p.m. Please remember to sign up to bring a covered dish. The movie for August 24th will be **Heaven is for Real** Small-town businessman, pastor and volunteer firefighter, Todd Burpo, and his wife, Sonja, are struggling to make ends meet during a tough year. After their young son, Colton, undergoes emergency surgery, Todd and Sonja are overjoyed at the child's miraculous recovery. However, the Burpos are unprepared for what happens next -- Colton says that he went to heaven and back, and tells his parents things that he couldn't possibly know.



## **New Office Manager**

Many of you are aware, but in case you missed it I am now the new office manager. I am very thankful for this amazing opportunity so serve both you and Christ. God's timing was precise and intentional and I could not be happier. If you have any questions, comments, concerns or needs please feel free to contact me either by phone or email at [jessicacreese@gmail.com](mailto:jessicacreese@gmail.com). I will work to the best of my ability and God given talents to ensure our church operates smoothly and effectively while spreading the word of Christ's love and grace. See you soon.

Many Blessings,

*Jessica Brink*

# Pastor's Message

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,  
Now that July has quickly passed we can look back to the good and not so good parts of the month. First let me say that I am increasingly happy to see so many of you come to worship in between your vacation weeks. It's so good to know that your faith and relationship to God and His church is more than ten months out of the year. I myself love seeing your smiling faces during worship. It just isn't the same without you.

We were so blessed this past month. The parking lot was redone with more handicap/elderly parking spaces now available. The goal was just about met in less than two months. The Sanctuary is now fully air conditioned. (No more excuses about the heat!) VBS was a huge success this year and Jessie returned as the Church Secretary.

These blessings took place because you gave back to God a portion of what He blessed you with. By you giving back to God in faith, we are now all able to share in your blessings. At the same time I do not want to forget the people who gave of their time and talents so that we could glorify God together. Please always remember that God wants us to use and give our time talents and treasures.

To those of you who did these things, I as your Pastor thank you on behalf of all your church family at Christ Lutheran.

Now on the not so pleasant side, on Wednesday July 6<sup>th</sup> after the internment of Laura Heather Cypher I was rushed to Bay City Medical with severe high blood pressure. It was a rough five days. During my time in the hospital and upon my return home, I realized how blessed I was to have received a call to Christ Lutheran Church.

Your phone calls, visits, cards and gifts made me realize that what I had prayed for for so long had been given to me by God in the blessing of being called to be your pastor.

For everything that you have done for our Church and myself I say, "God bless you, and so do I!"

Your loving and grateful pastor,

*Pastor Ed*

## Our First Year of Ministry

I'm writing this letter to wish all of us a Happy First Anniversary. August 16<sup>th</sup> marks our first anniversary of glorifying God and doing ministry together. Being met by Dale at 11:15 at night at the parsonage was the beginning of what I had prayed so long for. Yet it seems like only yesterday I stood before you leading the service and preaching my first sermon as your newly called pastor. Along our journey we have experienced a few "downs" along with the many "ups." Many of us have been able to get to know each other better than we ever dreamed possible. James Dobson once said; "A good church is not one where perfection reigns: it is a relationship where a healthy perspective overlooks a multitude of "unresolvables." I greatly value our relationship. In a day that even the very definition of the Christian Church is under attack, we have chosen to stand up for what is right not only because of your love for each other, but also your commitment to scriptural and Godly values and most especially for the love of I pray that we will feel a greater love in the years to come as you continue to place Him first ministering together. If there is any way I can be of service to you, please do not hesitate to contact me.

In Christ's Love,

*Pastor Ed*

Weekly Attendance	Worship	SS
7/3	139	X
7/10	130	X
7/17	97	X
7/24	X	X
7/31	X	X

## Memorials

For Memorial Fund in Honor of DOLORES SCOTT.

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### Thank You's

Christ Lutheran Church,  
Thank you for the donation of beautiful baby blankets. The showing of your time and talents is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,  
Lori Skrzysinski, McLaren Family Birthplace

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Vacation Bible School was an exciting week of discovery as we learned about how Jesus' love is truly one of a kind with Bible stories/skits, crafts, recreation and snacks. There were 47 children registered over four days with 20 volunteers. A special thank you to those from Christ Lutheran who donated items and those who volunteered and helped make this week a success.

Pastor Ed, Deva Weber, Jill VanOchten, Nancy Walz, Zachary Walz, Paul Walz, Robbie Oldenburg, Kendyl Murphy, Carter Delong, Ian Walz, Abbigail Walz.

God's blessings,

*Kelly Walz* CLC VBS Coordinator

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The parking lot is now completed and looks great. Thank you very much to those of you who have donated towards this cause!

Sincerely,

*Church Council*

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### Funerals

*Leona Willman*, age 86, passed away July 19, 2016 at her residence. Her funeral was held July 24<sup>th</sup> with Rev. Dr. Ed Kloos officiating.

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### Hospitalized

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

Ted Felske, Ed Kloos, Bill Radka,  
Marjorie Spiekerman

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## The Backslider's Calendar

The backslider's calendar is a result of the many [excuses](#) some members give for not attending the worship services of the church. Our Lord had to deal with folks who gave Him some lame excuses as well ([Matthew 8:18-22](#); [Luke 9:57-62](#); [Luke 14:15-20](#)). Sad to say, people haven't changed too much since then.

**January** — I hereby resolve to start attending worship regularly. I've gotta get over the holidays first though.

**February** — Weather is terrible. I'll start when it gets a bit warmer. My blood is too thin this time of year.

**March** — Lots of sickness just now. Got to stay in and keep away from those "bugs."

**April** — Big crowds — Easter. They won't miss me.

**May** — I've been holed up all winter, and now that the weather is getting better, it's time for us to have reunions.

**June** — I'll wait until the baby is older. How on earth do some folks take their babies out when they are just a few weeks old and never miss a service!

**July** — Boy! The heat is terrific! That air conditioning in the church building gives me a chill. Anyway, we've got the cabin and the boat for Sundays.

**August** — Pastor is on vacation. He'll never know that I've missed. I never like those guest preachers anyway. When the pastor gets back .....

**September** — School has started. Vacation threw me behind in my work. I've got to make one last visit to relatives before the snow flies.

**October** — Leaves are beautiful this time of year. I can worship God outdoors anyway. Kids will be cooped up all winter.

**November** — It's getting colder. I can't stand the warm church building with so many people. I'll start back after Thanksgiving.

**December** — Christmas! I don't have time for church now. Roads are dangerous. Anyway, next month is January, and I'll resolve to start back with the New Year.

Friends, if we have any excuses, let's dispose of them, and do what the Lord said do regarding faithful [attendance](#) with the saints ([Hebrews 10:23-26](#); [Acts 20:7](#); [1 Corinthians 16:1-2](#); cf. [Acts 2:42-47](#)).

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Anyone desiring a report or history of church funds, please call the church office.

## Project Linus

The next meeting of Project Linus will be Wednesday, August 10th, 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. 14 baby blankets were donated in April & May and they will be going to Beacon of Hope in Bay City and Positive Alternatives in Caro. We do meet during summer, everyone is welcome. So far in 2016 a total of 51 baby blankets have been donated.

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## BLOCKHEAD QUILTERS

Tickets are available until November for our current raffle, 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. If you would like to purchase a ticket please contact: Dorothy VanOcten, Lucy Markhart, Irene Weiss, Bev Kowalski or Deva Weber. We have already started our next project. Please join us for a few hours of fellowship. We will NOT meet in August.

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## 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.

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## Bible Study

The Faith Circle will meet on Monday, September 12 at 10:00 a.m. A new bible study on the Lord's Prayer will start in September, everyone is welcome.

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**Ministry of Education :** Meeting on August 1st at 6:30 pm . All Sunday School Staff or anyone who is interested in helping with Sunday School is invited and encouraged to attend along with anyone interested in serving on the Education Ministry.



## COLLECTION FOR THE MILITARY

During the months of June & July 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.

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## SAVE THE DATE

### UPCOMING FALL ACTIVITIES

Joy Circle / Bible Study	September 8 <sup>th</sup>
Euchre Night	September 10 <sup>th</sup>
Community Church Picnic	September 18 <sup>th</sup>
Harvest Dinner	November 6 <sup>th</sup>

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## Men of Christ

In efforts for the Men's Club to become more established and meet a little more frequently we are starting a Men's Bible Study beginning in June. Pastor will announce the starting date during future Sunday service announcements. We will meet once a month for an hour session with a possible church maintenance project to follow for those who can stay. The first study will be out of a book called "The Man Who Makes A Difference" which relates to younger men, fathers and seniors all of whom are touched on throughout the study. If you have been at all interested in attending a bible study please consider taking part in this particular event. Please let Pastor know if you plan on attending by June 5<sup>th</sup> as he needs to order the guide books used in the study. There will also be an additional sign-up sheet posted outside the sanctuary. In addition to fellowship we hope this will bring the men of our congregation together for future projects, events and further bible studies along with a better knowledge of what Christ has called us to do.

## June 21, 2016 Church Council Minutes

**Present:** Pastor Ed, Tom Janson, Tim Elbers, Harold Avery, Alex Squanda, Isaac Zimmer, Ellen Schultz, Debbie Sigelko, Dale Bremer, Robbie Oldenburg, Kelly Walz **Absent:** Jan Histed and Nancy Sylvester

Opened with prayer at 6:23 p.m.

**Secretary's Minutes:** Motion to approve minutes made by Ellen Schultz seconded by Dale Bremer – motion carried.

**Current Expense Fund:** Motion to approve made by Tim Elbers, seconded by Dale Bremer – motion carried.

**Check Register Approval #28408-#28448:** Motion to approve made by Alex Squanda, seconded by Tim Elbers – motion carried.

**Old Paint Cans:** Robbie Oldenburg will look at the paint cans and let Dorothy VanOchten know which ones to keep and which to get rid of.

### **Office Report:**

**Release of Member** – Bret Lubaczewski requested to be released from membership since he has not lived in Reese for 16 years. A motion was made to accept this requested by Robbie Oldenburg, seconded by Alex Squanda – motion carried. The Church Council wishes him much luck and God's blessings.

**Membership Letters** – About 25 letters have come back due to incorrect addresses. A note will be made in the newsletter for members to let us know if they have a current address for members that we have wrong addresses for. If we receive no response, we will remove them from the membership roster.

### **Unfinished Business:**

**Air Conditioning** – the air conditioners will be installed Monday morning (June 27<sup>th</sup>) at 9:30 a.m.

**Parking Lot** – So far \$14,000 has been raised. Alex will need to flag off the parking lot where the first repairs have been made.

**Windows in parsonage/porch railing/repairs to parsonage** – Alex has the porch railing, he just needs to install it. Pastor is in need of air conditioning in the parsonage. There is no air down stairs.. Tim Elbers made a motion to spend \$1,500 for air conditioning, and Robbie Oldenburg

seconded the motion. Tim rescinded the motion. Tim Elbers will call around to get quotes on a permanent fix to the air conditioning issue. Pastor and Paula have made a list of some repairs that are needed in the parsonage. Dale Bremer has found a handy man that charges \$18 an hour plus materials to make some of the repair. A member has made an offer to pay for some of the needed repairs.

**Repainting of lounge, narthex and hallway** – Painting still needs to be done by the doors, Debbie Sigelko will get ahold of the painter to have her finishing the painting.

**Proposed bride room vote** – this is still in progress

**Audit** – Audit has been completed.

**Light pole by shed** – Alex Squanda has installed the light pole by the shed for lighting, but still needs to get the electrical wired.

### **New Business:**

**TOPS hall rental** – Marcy Bublitz sponsored Janice Emmendorfer from TOPS. Tom Janson will send her a rental agreement.

**Hall/Wedding Fees** – Debbie Sigelko will create a fee schedule

**Church Secretary vacancy** – Traci has been offered her dream job and handed in her two week notice. Tom Janson conducted the exit interview and there were no issues. Her last day will be July 1<sup>st</sup> and she is willing to help train anyone that we hire.

### **Ministry Officers Reports-**

**Ministry of Youth and Family** – no report

**Ministry of Property** – no report

**Ministry of Worship and Music** – report submitted.

**Social Ministry & Outreach** – no report

**Ministry of Congregational Life** – no report

**Ministry of Education** – Kelly Walz and Dina Territo from St. Elizabeth have been working on Vacation Bible School.

**Ministry of Communications** – report submitted.

Motion was made by Tim Elbers to end the meeting, seconded by Harold Avery – motion carried.

Closed in prayer at 7:27 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by Kelly Walz



## **Volunteers Needed**

Please keep checking our new volunteer board located in the lounge to see if there is something you can help out with! Also, if something needs to be done at the church, you can list the job on the volunteer board!

Pastor is looking for help in serving communion to patients at Heartland Health Care Center in Bay City twice a month. The upcoming dates are August 4th and 18th. Talk to pastor or call the church office if you feel called to help with this amazing ministry.

## **ADDRESSES NEEDED**

In an attempt to reach inactive members a letter was sent out humbly asking if they would consider returning to worship and to meet Pastor Ed. 21 of the letters were returned. If you have a current address for the following could you please inform the church office. Thank you.

Mr. & Mrs. Kevin Hecht  
Kevin Jammer  
Matthew Kolak  
Michell Schneider  
Matthew Williamson  
Kyle Hecht  
Robert Brozovic  
James Palmreuter  
Christy Zwerk  
James Willman  
Lewis Kokak  
Jennifer Davenport  
Mr. & Mrs. William Behmlander  
Scott Hawken  
James Garcia  
Karen Bissell  
Carol Waldorf  
Maurice Schaus  
Mr. & Mrs. Ron Looney  
Teresa Crawford

## **Summer Kindness Bucket List**

### **for Kids (and adults too)**

With only 36 days left of summer it's time to make it count! Here are some fun ideas to finish the summer out while having fun and being kind!

1. Sort through your toys and donate any that you no longer play with to charity or your local church
2. Leave chalk messages around where you live
3. Write a letter to your sibling telling them why you love them
4. Leave a beautiful homemade bookmark in your library book and give one to the Librarian
5. Deliver cookies to your neighbors or local firemen/police/EMT
6. Tidy your bedroom without being asked
7. Make a bird feeder
8. Send a care package to someone in the military
9. Pass on some of your books to friends
10. Give a lottery ticket to a stranger
11. Leave out water for the birds
12. Pick up litter Near your home.
13. Help round the house without being asked to
14. Write a thank you note to the trash/recycle collectors and mail person
15. Wash your parents car
16. Give a homeless person a blanket
17. Help an elderly friend or neighbor with lawn work
18. Invite a new friend for a play date or out to play
19. Walk someone else's dog
20. Give out a compliment
21. Give out free hugs today
22. Hold the door open for people all day
23. Smile all day
24. Call an elderly relative and have a nice chat
25. Donate this week's pocket money to charity
26. Do a chore for someone without them knowing
27. Leave happy notes around town
28. Put a small bin in your car to collect recycling
29. Bake dessert for a neighbor
30. Set the table for dinner
31. Tell someone why they are special to you
32. Read a book to someone
33. Leave heads up pennies on the sidewalk
34. Tell someone how much you love them
35. Say hello to everyone you see
36. Help make dinner

## August 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.

2	Maureen Nancarrow Kathy Bublitz David Van Nest Sarah Janson	12	Jeanette Stuart Logan Histed Adam Smith-Urbany	22	Adam Rupprecht
3	Ramon Spiekerman Mary Morley	13	Dorothy VanOchten	23	Lucy Markhart - over 80 Lisa Haske Dorothy Arlt
5	Cyle Spiekerman John Redwanz Jr. Rebecca Allen	14	Verna Bringold - over 80 Gail Asperger Becky Mellish Elizabeth Gillespie	24	Jackie Redwanz Stacey Wascher Spencer Palmreuter
6	Angela Luth Halie Frost	15	Tim Mielens	25	Don Hayes
8	Joyce Simpson Brandon Dirker Zoie Felske	16	Gerald Spiekerman Jim VanOchten Julie Wachowicz Lisa Wagner Bob Kolomak	26	Mildred Oldenburg - over 80 Lora DeLong Teresa Crawford
9	Shirley Mielens Allen Histed	17	Aaron Hausbeck Justin Morley	27	Laura Smith Scott Watkins
10	Shirley Mossner Alexis Felske Klaire Hecht	18	Sheryl Reinke Christopher Williamson	28	Kelly White Stephen Wagner
11	Anders Murphy Arick Murphy	19	Don Hausbeck Shana Wilkinson	29	Gary Keyes Mari Hecht Kevin Hecht
		20	Brennan Stephens	30	Renee Zimmer Grace Connelly Lucas Connelly
		21	Penny Barrett Ivan Sylvester	31	Jon Blegen

*You have 365 days of brand new story to celebrate the wonders of life, to breath and be thankful, to love and make a difference.*

## August Anniversaries

1	Lynn & Jo Achenbach Dan & Julie Torrez	1959 1998	11	Sean & Leslie Henry	2007
3	Herb & Rose Stedry Matthew & Michele Oldenburg	1968 2007	12	Mike & Joanne Connelly	1972
5	Matthew & Theresa Dirker	2000	14	Martin & Lori Gay	1976
6	Rich & Sadie Pelton Kevin & Emily Spyker	2005 2010	15	Jeff & Klisti Felske	1992
7	Mitchell & Marsha Woolever Jeremy & Whitney Kuhne Ken & Sandy Ellison	1982 2004 2010	16	Scott & Stephanie Magnus James & Alicia Palmreuter	2008 2014
10	Bill & Judy Stuart	1963	18	Matthew & Kendyl Murphy	2007
			19	Roger & Gail Metiva	1983
			22	Kenton & Brittany Morley	2010
			23	Wilmer & Mildred Oldenburg	1952
			25	Terry & Jan Histed	1990
			28	Larry & Marisa Ahrens	2010

## Worship Assistants for June 2016

Date	Time	Greeters	Lectors	Communion Set-Up	Communion Assistant	Acolytes	Usher Teams
Aug. 7	8:00	XXX	Kelly Walz	Dale Bremer	Denise Felske	Grace Connelly	2
Aug. 7	10:30	XXX	Phyllis Felske		Phyllis Felske	Libby Redwanz	
Aug. 14	8:00	XXX	Kelly VanDenBoom	Darla Kolomak	Robbie Oldenburg	Lucas Connelly	3
Aug. 14	10:30	XXX	Renee Zimmer		Carol Jasman	Nathaniel Torrez	
Aug. 21	8:00	XXX	Dave Edwards	Ellen Schultz/ Kathy Bublitz	Jim Jasman	Sydney Histed	1
Aug. 21	10:30	XXX	Gracie Lefler		Deva Weber	Jerzie VanOchten	
Aug. 28	8:00	XXX	Kelly Walz	Tom & Jill Lynch	Denise Felske	Zach Walz	2
Aug. 28	10:30	XXX	Cooper Shores		Debbie Bittner	Cooper Shores	



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