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March 2017

Adult Bible Study

On Wednesday, March 1st Pastor will begin teaching a weekly adult Bible Study immediately following the 7:00 Worship Service. We will start with Matthew the first Gospel of the New Testament. Please call the church office if you are planning to attend. You are encouraged to bring your Bible, a pen and pad along with questions you may like to discuss.



Lenten Service Schedule

Lent is a time to reflect and prepare ourselves for Christ's death and resurrection. As we do so, we should draw nearer to our neighbors in Christ. This Lenten season we will be enjoying ecumenical services from several area congregations. The schedule is as follows with all services starting at 7:00 p.m.:

Ash Wednesday and Holy week services will be held here at Christ Lutheran.

March 8th: Reese United Methodist Church
March 15th: St. Elizabeth Catholic Church
March 22nd: Christ Lutheran Church
March 29th: Reese United Methodist Church
April 5th: St. Elizabeth Catholic Church



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Friday, March 10, 2017
4:30 – 7:00 p.m.

Menu: Pollack/Walleye, Baked Cod,
Au Gratin Potatoes, French Fries,
Cole Slaw, Buttered Corn, Bread,
Dessert & Beverage

COST:
Adult Dine In: \$11
Kids 5-12yrs: \$6
Kids 4 and Under: Free
Take Out \$10

We need many volunteers to make the Fish Fry run smoothly. Please use the sign-up sheets on the bulletin board to let us know where you would best like to serve. We also need cupcake donations. Thank you!

Pastor's Message

Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ,

As you stroll through the local stores, you'll see an abundance of bunnies, baskets, and candy for sale, and those may be the only signs of Easter you'll find outside of church. Unlike its Christmas counterpart, Easter is largely uncommercialized, which is pretty wonderful: the day that we celebrate the glory of Christ's resurrection remains untainted by retailers. However, just because we're not receiving Easter ad upon Easter ad in our newspapers and inboxes doesn't mean we should pigeonhole the holiday as a minor celebration; on the contrary, Easter is perhaps the most crucial holiday on the Christian calendar—even the word crucial has its roots in Christianity, stemming from the term for crucify.

And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him. Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the Good News of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the Good News."— Mark 1:12-15

The season we call Lent, the forty days prior to Easter, represents the forty days Jesus spent in the wilderness, continually tempted by Satan. When He emerged from the wilderness, He knew it was time for the prophesy of His death and resurrection to be fulfilled.

As believers, we remember this. We look to this time of Lent as a way to go into our own 'wilderness' of sorts; we pray, we fast, we meditate, we worship, we focus on God. We ready ourselves for the grief of Christ's death and we take joy in the gospel of His rising again. We are granted eternal life through Christ, the Messiah lifted up. I invite you to join us as we take a closer look at the life of Christ these next few weeks as we recall what this season is all about.

Blessings in Christ,
Pastor Ed

Movie with Pastor

Join us for not only Christian fellowship, but also a time to reflect on where God is in your life today. There will be two showings. Potluck style lunch will be at 12:00 p.m. with the movie to follow at 1:00 p.m. And a dinner at 6:00 p.m. and the movie at 7:00 p.m. The movie for **March 30th** will be *Judas: Close to Jesus*: PILATE and the Roman legate VETURIUS look on worriedly as JESUS is celebrated as the new messiah in Jerusalem. JUDAS is delighted by the reception Jesus is receiving, and quickly wants to win over the influential merchants to the cause which would make Jesus the king and the liberator of the Jews. The next day Jesus drives all the moneylenders out of the temple and incurs the full wrath of the city's merchants and high priests. Judas looks on worriedly as Jesus' rash behavior makes him enemies. Judas's family is arrested when an attempt to assassinate Pilate failed. During the Last Supper Judas thinks of a solution: if he delivers Jesus up to the Romans, his family will be freed and Jesus himself would have to prove that he really has divine power. But Judas' plan doesn't work: Although his family is freed, Judas waits in vain for Jesus to demonstrate his power. Instead he dies on the Cross. In utter despair, Judas commits suicide.



Hospitalized

Please keep in your prayers those members who have been hospitalized this last month . . .
Dean Heartwell, Mary Ann Elbers, Jean Kabat, Pat Grabowski, Ralph Bublitz, Rich Sylvester

Funerals

Betty Spiekerman passed away Sunday morning, February 19, 2017 at the Bay County Medical Care Facility in Essexville and laid to rest by Pastor Ed on Feb. 23rd in Blumfield Twp. Cemetery.

**February 17, 2017 Church Council Minutes
- UNAPPROVED**

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

(Tuesday) February 21st, 2017 6:30pm

Attendance: Robbie, Jim, Chris, Sarah, Tim,
Pastor, Al, Deb, Isaac, Dale, Nancy
Opening Devotion/Prayer – Pastor

Approval of Agenda any additions or corrections: thank you for One Service (Deb), working on pews (Al), hiring of Kelly Walz (Isaac)

Monthly Reports

Secretary / Minutes: motion to approve minutes Al Squanda, seconded by Tim Elbers, motion carried.

Current Expense Fund: motion to approved by Dale Bremer, second by Tim Elbers, motion carried

Check Register Approval Check #28644 to check #28681: motion to approve Nancy Sylvester, seconded by Dale Bremer, motion carried.

Treasurers Report: Deb – last year we did not pay anything out in missions. We paid Lent, Thanksgiving and Advent. We are ready to pay out January through December. There are \$11,000 that will be paid out. Shepherd's Staff is up and running. Payroll Software to be utilized by mid-March (coordinates with Shepherd's Staff). Signature cards are now at the business department. Be it resolved that the following signatures be placed on the following Christ Lutheran Church accounts at Frankenmuth Credit Union. On Christ Lutheran Church General Fund Account #24505 Tim Elbers, new President; replacing Tom Janson outgoing President. Debra Sigelko, new Treasurer; replacing Jan Histed outgoing Treasurer. On ChUrch Lutheran Church Building Fund #24632 AND Memorial Fund #24633 Tim Elbers, new President; replacing Tom Janson outgoing President. Nancy Sylvester, Special Funds Treasurer remains as signa

ture on account. On Christ Lutheran Church Sunday School account Kendyl Murphy, new Superintendent; replacing Lori Dirker old Superintendent. Ann Bublitz, Treasurer remains as signature on account. Motion by Deb Sigelko, seconded by Robbie Oldenburg. Motion carried.

Special Funds Treasurer Report: motion to approve Robbie Oldenburg, seconded by Sarah Janson, motion carried.

Pastors Report: discussing MOPS under new business. Dale Bremer enquiring if we should list the funerals in the minutes (names). Official acts have been part of the Office Report in the past. It is also responsibility for the record keeping for the Pastor.

Guests: Devin Elbers and basketball team, Tom Janson, and Rich Sylvester

Devin: Thank you for your donation and support. 19 kids played church ball this year. We anticipate the program to grow in the future. Qualified for States in Grand Blanc. Nationals the following weekend in St. Louis Missouri. GoFundMe page set up to raise funds for the trip expenses: renting a 15 passenger van for the weekend, hotel rooms, Goal is \$650. Wednesday night before the fish fry we are able to help with set up if you need us to. Buffalo Wild Wings fundraiser is February 28th.

Tom: Boiler Committee researching the replacement of boiler. Rick, Tom, Tim, and Pastor. Meeting since April 2016. Multiple quotes have been retrieved and analyzed. Annual mandatory state inspections occur, and we can call an inspection to get a third party unbiased opinion. Our boiler is not igniting properly and could potentially start a fire. We need to know if we should or shouldn't replace it, and also if we should replace with one boiler or two separate boilers. Quote from Holland Heating & Cooling is the one that the committee has selected as the best. Decision still to be made whether to replace the boiler now or later. The Boiler Committee recommends the boiler at least get looked at/maintenance for the issue with the igniting. Deb motioned to allow committee to go forward with research to decide on replacing the boiler. Committee will have someone from Johnson Controls come to give an opinion on replacing versus continuing maintenance and to ensure the boiler igniting is corrected. Anyone else that would like to join the committee is welcome.

February Minutes Continued

Rich Sylvester: Presenting ideas trying to get more young people into this church. Idea for Sunday "family gathering" (9:20 – 10:00 am) with music, a message from Pastor, and a prayer.

Office Report: Shepherds Staff Progress discussed.

Unfinished Business: Youth Organization Update from Isaac.

Youth Director salary comes from general fund \$2700. The church has no control of the youth fund.

Sound and Video upgrade Grant submitted (\$3,500): working on the upgrade Saturday

New Printer/Copier for Office Delivered:

Thank you to the committee for your effort to get this done.

Endowment Distribution \$4,400.00 Status: Renee Ellen Shultz Jen Shores on committee. Decision next month.

Membership Update roll: report errors, no progress yet.

Fish Fry Help: Thrivent Financial request from Tim for \$250.

Al: end of the pews a piece of wood starting to rip through the fabric. Would like to pull the fabric back, pull out the added wood, and then re-staple the fabric back to make sure it will be functional still. Permission to look into one pew. Permissions granted from council.

New Business

Insurance Bids: Chris presented proposals from Farm Bureau and Hastings. Nancy motioned to stay with Hastings, Dale seconded. Motion carried.

Church Inventory: Isaac will do a church Inventory.

Rubber Roof Status: Dave checking with Buchinger Builders on status

Employee handbook Policies: Handbook: carrying vacation time from one year to the next if not used. There is no handbook or policy in place now. Executive committee will meet and make a recommendation.

Bible Project (funding) committee: see above

Mission Money Designation 2017: We will donate to the same missions from 2015 for the 2016 and 2017 distributions. Lutheran Social Services of Michigan is now called Samarisis. 75% to national LCMC, 25% to local. Motion to use the 2015 report motioned by Nancy, approved by Jim.

Pastor Ed was asked to have our church host the Great Lakes District LCMC event in April (28-29).

Lenten Service Schedule: Ash Wednesday and Holy week each church will have their own services. All services to start at 7PM at respective churches. Each Pastor can do their own service when held at their church. March 8-Reese United Methodist Church, March 15-St. Elizabeth Catholic, **March 22-Christ Lutheran**, March 29-Reese United Methodist Church, April 5-St. Elizabeth Catholic

Renewal of Vows Service Status: Planned to be in March. Responsibility of Ministry of Congregational Life. They will put this in the newsletter.

Ministry checkbooks (CLCW, Men's Club, Youth): discussed.

MOPS program: discussed. Motion by Jim to approve, seconded by Robbie. Outside entity hosted at Christ Lutheran. No charge.

\$712 for Youth Basketball paid from general fund to be reimbursed by Youth Organization.

Ministry Officers Reports/ needs for future council consent or approval

Ministry of Youth & Family – Isaac Zimmer – Report Included: Motion to hire Kelly Walz and to be paid her salary from the budget monthly. Seconded by Al. Motion carried.

Ministry of Property – Al Squanda – Report Included: Addition to report – Currently, the allen wrench can lock the church door. It will remain this way.

Ministry of Worship & Music – Robbie Oldenburg – Report Included

Social Ministry & Outreach – Harold Avery - Report Included

Ministry of Congregational Life – Jim Barret –
No Report

Ministry of Education – Dale Bremer – Report
Included: Motion to approve the updates to
the scholarship fund were approved and se-
conded. Motion carried.

Ministry of Communications – Max
Palmrueter – No Report

CHURCH COUNCIL CLOSING LORDS PRAYER

Motion to adjourn Robbie seconded by Jim. Mo-
tion carried. Meeting adjourned.

Memorials

To: John Schluckbeir (correction from 2016
memorials were not listed in the newsletter)
Outreach Emergency Fund: Jean Kabat
DVD/Video upgrade: Linda Babechenko,
Memorial Fund: Pastor, Paula & Pat Kloos, Mike
& Joanne Connelly, Dave & Debbie Sigelko, Dale
Bremer, Mary Ann Elbers, Dorothy Watkins,
Shirley & Pat Grabowski, Pat Kuck, Janet Janson,
Rich & Nancy Sylvester, Gary & Sharon Haske,
Debbie & Bernie Bittner, Bill and Judy Stuart,
Vicki Bender, Denise Miller, Yvonne Powers, Mark
Watkins, Sue Rogner, Dawn & Jeff Fischer,
Gulliver Family, Kathy Nozher, Florence Bierline,
Lucas & Alicia Hart, Paul Osantowski, Carol
Bruneel, Jay & Linda Trombley, Dale & Marilyn
Metiva, Paul & Susan Landskroner, Pobert &

Thank You's

A HUGE THANK YOU to Christ Lutheran Church
for allowing us to use your pavilion last Sunday
for our chicken barbecue. We sold over 235
dinners and all of the proceeds will be used to
provide academic scholarships to Reese High
School Students. We couldn't have done it with-
out you! Sincerely, *The Reese Academic
Boosters*

Thank you to everyone who donated items for
the Sock-n-Stuff Event. 151 socks ere stuffed
with snacks and personal care items and donat-
ed to Good Samaritan House in Bay City.

Kelly Waz

Dear Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church Mem-
bers, Thank ou so much for the donation of
clothing, toiletries, and snacks to Good Samari-
tan Rescue Mission. We are currently serving
more than 80 men, women and children. It
takes many helpful hand and hearts to do the
good work of the mission. On behalf of all staff
and guests we truly appreciate your efforts.
Blessings , *Jill Bair and GSRM Staff*

Weekly Attendance	Worship	SS
1/29	135	14
2/5	132	14
2/12	119	23
2/19	158	24

Project Linus

The next meeting of Project Linus will be Wednesday, **March 8th**, 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. Total quilts/blankets for 2017: 21 Everyone is welcome.

BLOCKHEAD QUILTERS

The next meeting will be Wednesday, **March 15**, 9:30 to 11:30. Our next quilt is finished and will be donated to Habitat for Humanity's annual auction held in the spring. The auction is held at Our Savior Lutheran Church in Saginaw. This year the auction will be Friday, March 31. Saturday, April 1 and Sunday the 2nd. Times are 9am -6pm Friday & Saturday, Sunday 9am -2pm.

BIBLE STUDY

Come join us for the monthly Bible Study on Thursday, **March 9th**, 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Women's Bible Study: "In Harmony with the Word" This eight-session Bible Study focuses on Jesus' Sermon on the Mount, from Matthew 5-7. Session 3 – God calls us to be faithful in our relationships to one another. Because God is faithful to us, His fidelity gives us the strength to overcome our fears and doubts. He calls us to be honest with one another, trusting that even when others may let us down, our Faith is found in the ONE who will never forsake us.

Joy Circle

The Joy Circle will meet Thursday, **March 9th** at 8:00 p.m. in the church lounge. Women of all ages are welcome to join us. We are planning the Celebration of Mothers/Daughters.

WORSHIP & MUSIC

The next meeting will be Tuesday, **March 14th** at 6:30pm.

Faith Circle Bible Study

The Faith Circle will meet Monday, **March 6th**, at 10:00. Our current Bible study is The Lord's Prayer.

COLLECTION FOR THE MILITARY

During the months of March and April will be collecting bath/hand/wash towels (dark colors) and body wash/bars of soap. Please place donations in the box under the coat rack.



March 11 at 6:30 pm join us for Euchre Fun Night and be sure to bring your family and friends.

SAVE THE DATE

Celebration of Mothers/Daughters will be held on Sunday, May 7, 2017. Mark your calendar and plan to come join us for Real Food, Real Health, with a Real Woman! Mandi Sylvester, an Advanced Director with the Pampered Chef, will be teaching us how to make an entire week's worth of meals that are filling, healthy, and delicious! AND she's giving them away, prepped to pop into your freezer (or to serve that night) to SIX lucky attendees! We'll be sampling the 7th meal that afternoon, along with taste testing other Pampered Chef favorites with Mandi! For more information, recipes, and tips... or to contact Mandi at any time, visit her website at: www.pamperedchef.biz/mandimartin



Ministry of Education

Education Scholarship applications will be available March 1, due back May 1. Applications can be picked up in the church office. Any active member accepted/attending an accredited college or vocational school beyond high school may apply. All guidelines are available with the application.

Next meeting: Monday, May 1, 6:30 pm.

SOLE HOPE

SHOES THAT CHANGE LIVES:

If you are like most Americans, you have a nice home, two cars, and a closet full of shoes. While we are blessed, we are always reminded that there are children beginning their day with barely enough to wear, no clean water, and **NO SHOES**.

Now you have a chance to change a life. You're invited to party with a purpose. Shoe-cutting parties recycle old blue jeans into shoe uppers.

Shipped to Africa, the uppers are sewn and attached to soles made from locally recycled tires. Local tailors and shoemakers very carefully craft the Sole Hope shoes that are given out at medical clinics. The journey to a new life begins with you, a pair of scissors, and friends.

SHOE CUTTING PARTY

WHEN: March 11th @ 2:30 PM
WHERE: Christ Lutheran Church
CONTACT: Kendyl Murphy



March Birthdays

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.

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

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.

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

“So they are no longer two, but one flesh: Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate.” Matthew 19:6

Worship Assistants for March 2017

Date	Time	Greeters	Lectors	Communion Set-Up	Communion Assistant	Acolytes	Usher Teams
March 1	7:00	XXX	Gracie Lefler	XXX	Robbie Oldenburg	Jerzie VanOchten	3
March 5	8:00	Steve & Michelle Schmitzer	Kelly Walz	Tom & Jill Lynch	Denise Felske	Abbigail Walz	1
March 5	10:30	Matt & Marla Lefler	Cooper Shores		Deva Weber	Cooper Shores	
March 12	8:00	Herb & Rose Stedry	Kelly VanDenBoom	Nancy Walz	Robbie Oldenburg	Lucas Connelly	3
March 12	10:30	Tony & Lora Delong Family	Shirley Grabowski		Shirley Grabowski	Emily Rupprecht	
March 19	8:00	John & Carol Belger	Dave Edwards	Sue Schluckbier	Jim Jasman	Sydney Histed	2
March 19	10:30	Tom & Jennifer Rupprecht and Family	Gracie Lefler		Deva Weber	Meg. Redwanz	
March 22	7:00	XXX	Kelly VanDenBoom	XXX	Carol Jasman	Breanna Rocha	3
March 26	8:00	Harold & Kelly Avery	Kelly Walz	Dale Bremer	Denise Felske	Grace Connelly	1
March 26	10:30	Dan & Julie Torrez and Family	Gracie Lefler		Carol Jasman	Beck Shores	

