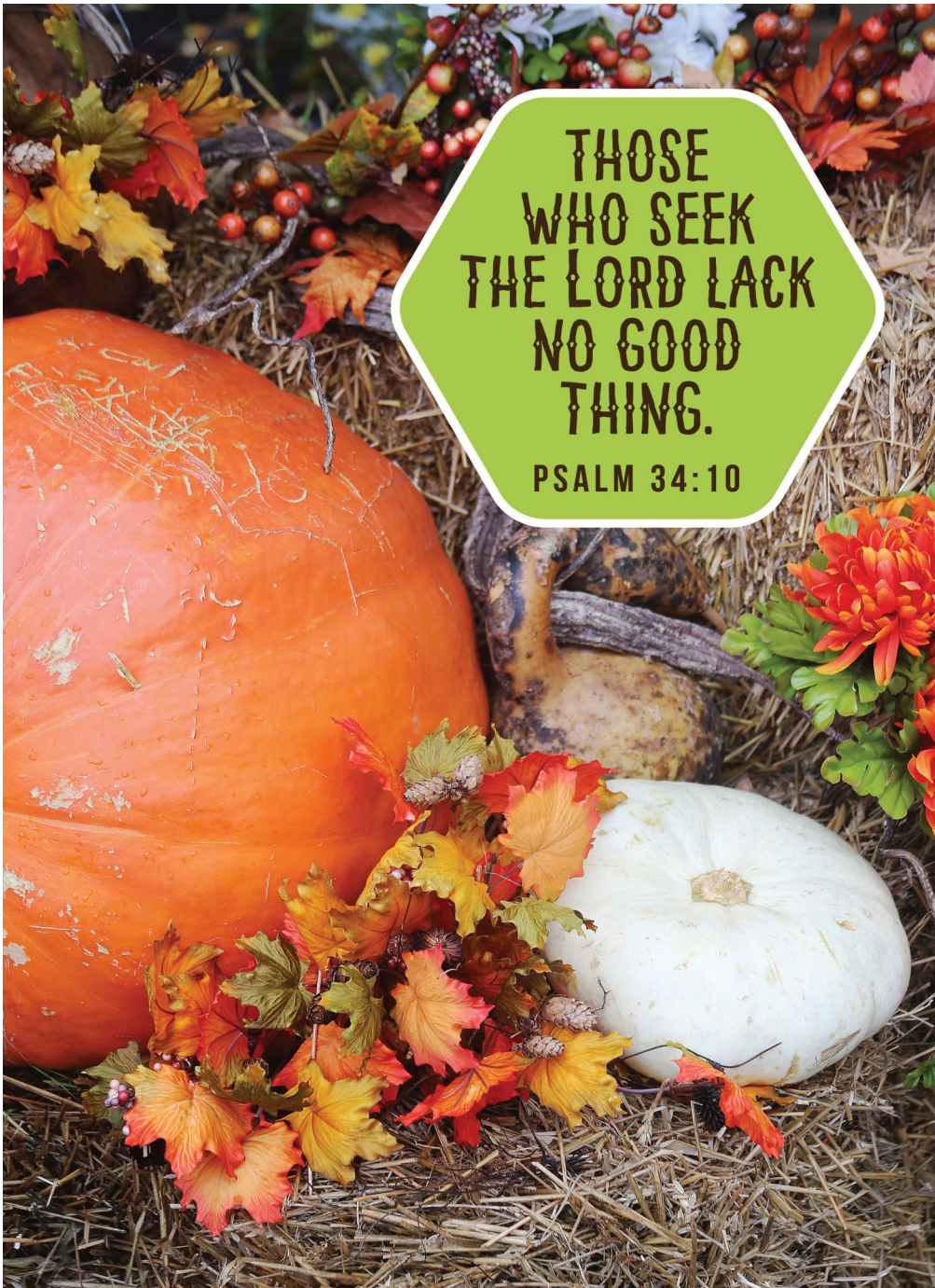


The Messenger

Christ Lutheran Church, LCMC



Sunday, Nov. 5



November 2017

If the Son sets you free, you shall be free indeed!

John 8:36



Martin Luther was beset with the question of “How do I know God has accepted me?” or “How does one please an angry god?” Luther discovered in the scriptures and later confirmed by the events in his life, and the work of the Holy Spirit that God has given to all who will receive it, an alien righteousness. It is a righteousness that comes not from oneself but is a gift, given by God! It is a gift through the work of Christ on the cross. It is received by faith. Faith is not just a hoping or a belief system that works like exchanging cash for goods. But faith is the looking to another for help, support, and acceptance.

Then comes the Good News or Great News, that indeed Jesus can be dependent on 100%. First Jesus had incredible compassion for those who wanted relief from true guilt, or for those tired of playing the religious game of rules to qualify. Jesus did not come to condemn anyone but to invite them into his forgiveness and fellowship with him. Jesus still comes to us that way. We live in the time of grace, but there will be a time when that day is over, and we will have to give an accounting for our lives. Luther tried to teach that it is impossible for us to please God. That we cannot bargain with God nor ever convince our inner self that we are okay with God. Our only path to freedom is to put ourselves completely in God’s hands, to put our trust in God.

Luther was so over joyed in life to put his faith in the cross of Jesus. This was most important, what Christ did, not what we do. To receive it as a gift that we could never accomplished. Luther knew this was real freedom. Martin Ludder was his name, and he changed it to Luther to express the Greek word for freedom, elutherius.

Elutherius was the Greek word from Galatians...“It is for freedom that Christ has set us free!” Christ frees us from the power of sin, of condemnation, or shame, of guilt.

We often think that freedom is do to what one wants to do, but for Luther that would be a sad joke, to belief in that rubbish. For what we truly want to do is part of being in bondage, Luther knew and understood that sin drives and has power over people. Luther teaches us the Son alone makes us free. This Sunday October 29’ we celebrate 500 years since the nailing of the 95 Theses and the sounds of real freedom. The Word of God is needed now more than ever in life.

Guilt and shame are powerful tools that still work on people. People use them to control others and end up destroying lives. People are still bought and sold in all parts of the world as property, as slaves, and worse. Powers of sin still stir up rumor, slander, and anger. As the world has silenced the Good News in the media, darkness and guilt have crept in to take over. Know today that because of the cross of Christ you are forgiven, you are His, and he is faithful. Despite how the devil or someone may accuse you, and they may be partly right, it does not matter, Christ has come and He has said “Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they do.”

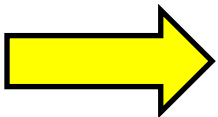
Take time today to thank God for your Savior, Jesus. Trust him with everything. At first it is difficult, but with each step you grow in confidence in Him, and know His freedom!

God’s Peace,

Pastor Ron Boettner

***October* COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS**

- LCMC Annual Gathering for 2017 was attended by Brad Sim, Val Homuth & Molly Sartor.

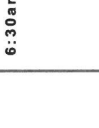


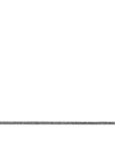




**Please plan on attending
Christ Lutheran's Annual Meeting
to be held Sunday, November 12 at 10:30am.
(Sunday, November 5 at 10:30am is the review
of the proposed 2017 budget)**

CLC's Annual Meeting-Sunday, November 12!

Month	Name	Term	Committee Assignment
January	Danielle Thomas	15-17	Mission & Outreach
February	Karen Pennaz	15-17	Youth
March	Tom Zulkosky	17-20	Property
April	Greg Rietow	16-18	Worship & Music
May	Dale KenKnight	17-20	VP Staff Support Cemetery
June	Val Homuth	16-18	CLW Benevolence Endowment
July	Kayla Dudzinski	16-18	Secretary Furnishings
August	Yvonne Breeschoten	15-17	Anchored in Christ
September	Brad Sim	16-18	President Staff Support
October	Angie Petersen	16-18	Adult Ed
November	Mark Mundahl	17-20	Finance Staff Support
December	Renee Burrows	15-17	Thank You's Benevolence
	Molly Sartor Youth Director		
	Pastor Ron Boettner Pastor		

November

Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>6:30pm - Youth Group 7:30pm - Choir Practice</p>	<p>9:15am - Charis Bible</p>	<p>OFFICE CLOSED</p>	<p>4</p>
<p>5pm - M.A.G. 6:30pm - Youth Group 7:30pm - Choir Practice</p>	<p>9:15am - Charis Bible 6pm - Pre-Council</p>	<p>OFFICE CLOSED Veterans Day observed 6:30am </p>	<p>11 Veterans Day</p>
<p>9am - Quilters</p>	<p>9:15am - Charis Bible 7pm - COUNCIL </p>	<p>OFFICE CLOSED</p>	<p>18</p>
<p>9am - Worship 10am - Coffee Fellowship 10:30am - ANNUAL Mtg. 10:30am - Good Life </p>	<p>6:30pm - Youth Group 7:30pm - Choir Practice</p>	<p>OFFICE CLOSED</p>	<p>25</p>
<p>9am - Quilters</p>	<p>5pm - M.A.G. 7pm - Thanksgiving Eve 7:30pm - Choir Practice </p>	<p>OFFICE CLOSED Thanksgiving Day 6:30am </p>	<p>24</p>
<p>9am - Quilters</p>	<p>9:15am - Charis Bible</p>	<p>OFFICE CLOSED</p>	<p>2</p>
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CLC VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

2017

Date	Time	Greeters	Lector	Coffee
11/5	9am	S. Petersens	Nora Sillerud	V. Homuth/ R. Grandstrands
11/12	9am	M. Carlsons	Karen Pennaz	Olsons
11/19	9am	Weis Family	Hannah Schendel	<i>Will You Serve?</i>
11/26	9am	Pettits	Shelly Anderson	<i>Will You Serve?</i>

Council Representative: Mark Mundahl

Sunshine Caller: Cindy Bergquist

Altar Guild: Mary Couser, Joann Ree, Sharon Michael

Ushers: Rietow Family, Gary Mutchler,
Michael Family, Silleruds, Mark Mundahl





Happy Fall, Friends!

As I look outside I am absolutely blown away by the magnificent colors of the leaves. How absolutely beautiful!

The youth and I had a few moments this month in which we were able to soak up many different aspects of fall, and I'd like to share those moments with you! For our fall party, I had the youth over to my house to carve pumpkins, drink apple cider, and eat yummy treats! The evening was filled with laughter, interesting and creative pumpkin designs, and sweet fellowship. Another fall activity that we took part in was going to Minnetonka Orchards! We ate apple cider donuts, caramel apples, found our way through the corn maze, pet some pretty cute animals, and got the church van stuck in the mud. It was an absolutely beautiful day and we enjoyed the colors and scents of fall. And we were so incredibly grateful for the nice couple that helped us get out of the mud. We all got a good laugh out of it.

I continue to be amazed at the hearts of these kids. They have a genuine curiosity to learn more about God and they ask really great questions. Spending time with them is always an absolute treat. I pray that those who "won" them during the servant auction portion of the auction get to experience the joy that I feel when I get to spend time with them. To those that bid on these wonderful kids: THANK YOU!!! Your dedication and love that you show to us all greatly contribute to the Kingdom, and we wouldn't be able to take part in the things that we do if it wasn't for you. Also, if any of you at any time would like to spend time with us on a Wednesday evening, you are ALWAYS welcome. (:

Feel free to keep on praying for our ministry and for these precious kids. Children are such a joy to our Father.

Live Loved,

Molly

CHRIST LUTHERAN WOMEN – NOVEMBER, 2017

CLW MISSION STATEMENT

We open our hearts to God, by worshiping and hearing His word.

We serve Him and worship in work, by extending our hospitality to others and sharing His word.

ALL THE WOMEN OF CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH ARE MEMBERS OF CLW.

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO JOIN US, YOUR SISTERS IN CHRIST.



In this month of **THANKSGIVING**, we offer special thanks to God for all the wonderful women, men and young people who support our programs. We appreciate you!

Thanks to everyone who participated in our very successful fall **RAFFLE**. The winning tickets were drawn on October 15th by Christine Flatten, Colleen Hanson, Dolores Burke and Norma Drawert, four of our wonderful and very busy CLW ladies.

The lucky winners are:

Hand-crafted quilt: Sandy Griebel

\$75.00 gift certificate to Axel's Tavern in Loretto:
JoEllen Horazuk

\$50.00 gift card to Holiday Station Stores:
Mary Steffl

\$50.00 gift card to UFC Farm Supply:
Yoshi Grenell

Thank you also to all who donated and bid on items during our great **SILENT AUCTION**. Your support enables us to continue our CLW benevolence programs.

CLW held its **Annual Meeting and Election of New Officers** on **Tuesday, October 24th**. We voted to donate to several groups/programs with the funds earned during our rummage sale, raffle and silent auction: New officers were elected to serve from November, 2017, through October, 2018. Please watch for further details next month.

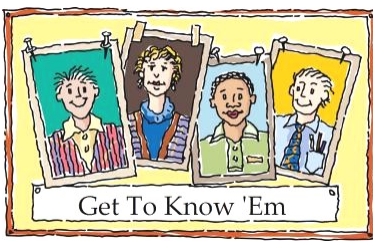
UPCOMING EVENTS:

Lutefisk Lunch for ages 65+: 12:00 noon on **Wednesday December 6**. If you have questions, please see Mary Couser.

Lucia Christmas Tea: 2:00-4:00 p.m., on **Saturday, December 9**. There is no charge to attend this fun event. If you are able, please bring a sweet or savory holiday "goodie" to share. Secret Prayer Partners for 2017 will be revealed and new partners for 2018 will be drawn for those who wish to participate.

Your sisters in Christ,

Val Homuth & Marilyn Rönnkvist, Co-Presidents



Get to Know 'Em! Reese & Kirsten Shanahan



Family- Reese, Kirsten, Maren (4 years old) and Drew (2 years old)

Hometown- Loretto

Occupation- Reese is the chiropractor and owner of Plymouth Spine and Health Center, and Kirsten is a stay-at-home mom after 10 years in public relations and marketing.

How were you introduced to Christ Lutheran? Kirsten's dad, Pastor Ron, became the interim pastor in the spring of 2015.

How long have you been attending Christ Lutheran? We've attended Christ Lutheran a little more than two years.

What is your earliest memory of Christ Lutheran? Our earliest memory of Christ Lutheran was visiting a couple of years ago when Kirsten's dad became the interim pastor.

It takes us 6 minutes to get to church.

What are your hobbies, what do you like to do? Reese enjoys cheering on Minnesota's sports teams (especially the Vikings), hunting and golfing – basically playing all sports! Kirsten loves traveling (especially in England), reading, golfing, playing tennis and being out on the water.

What is something you can share that most people would not know about you?

We have a baby girl coming in March and are so excited to meet this new addition to our family... and the craziness that comes with having three kids four and under!

What is your favorite bible verse?

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. -John 3:16

Why is that your favorite verse? In one sentence this verse sums up how much God truly loves each and every one of us and his unwavering promise to love us and give us eternal life despite our sins and how undeserving we are of it.

How have you used your God given talents here at Christ Lutheran? Kirsten teaches the 3-5 year-old Sunday School class and volunteers for various events, like the Love Out Loud concert and VBS. Reese volunteers to help at numerous events, like Rib Fest and Pancake Breakfast, and often gets recruited by Kirsten to help with the active 3-5 year olds!

Share a great story about Christ Lutheran or something great you have seen here. We've loved how welcoming everyone has been since we began attending Christ Lutheran. Even though we have only attended for a little more than two years, we have gotten to know many wonderful people and look forward to building more relationships with others and raising our children in this church.



*Thanks from all of us!
We appreciate the appreciation!
We are blessed by all of you and
blessed by our God to be on staff
at Christ Lutheran Church!*

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Mollyanna Fortor

Laura Greenwood

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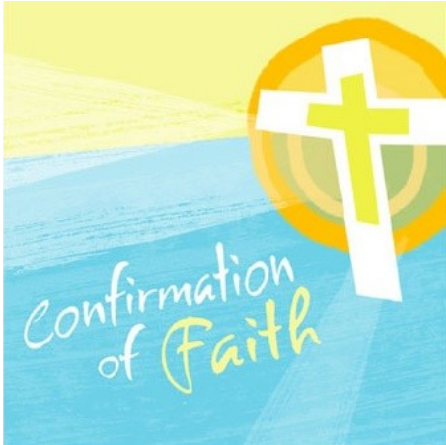


**Pastor Ron and Karleen
model their
AWESOME t-shirts!**



Confirmation Day-October 29

- Elliot Anderson**
- Sam Rietow**
- Taylor Michael**
- Libby Heilman**
- Sydney Stansberry**



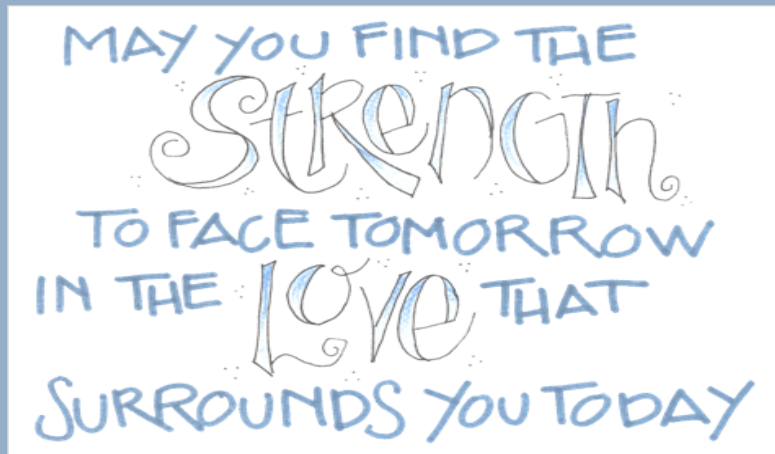
Pastor Ron & Karleen lost their nephew Mark recently. We lift their families up in prayer for comfort at this difficult time. If you'd like to send a cards to Pastor Ron & Karleen and their sister & brother in-law, please call the church office.

Ron & Karleen Boettner

Joe & Sue Gearica

*** If you wish to make a donation, the family requests they be made to*

*PADS Lake County, PO Box 428, N. Chicago, IL 60064 ***



Tami and Bill Greenwood

are performing at

Blackwater Café

in Maple Plain

Friday, Nov. 10

from 7-9pm.

You're all welcome!

CHARIS WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

What is CHARIS? The word is Greek meaning favor or grace. In the Charis Women's Bible Study on Thursday mornings, our goal is to study God's Word and apply to each other the same grace we enjoy from our Heavenly Father. What we have received, we want to give to each other. ALL women are invited to join us at 9:15 in the Fellowship room for coffee, fellowship, Bible Study and CHARIS!

Co-Leaders:

Kathy Oman and Joan Murphy



SAVE THE DATE!
Sunday, December 17

at 3pm

*You are invited to
Christ Lutheran's
Christmas Show!*

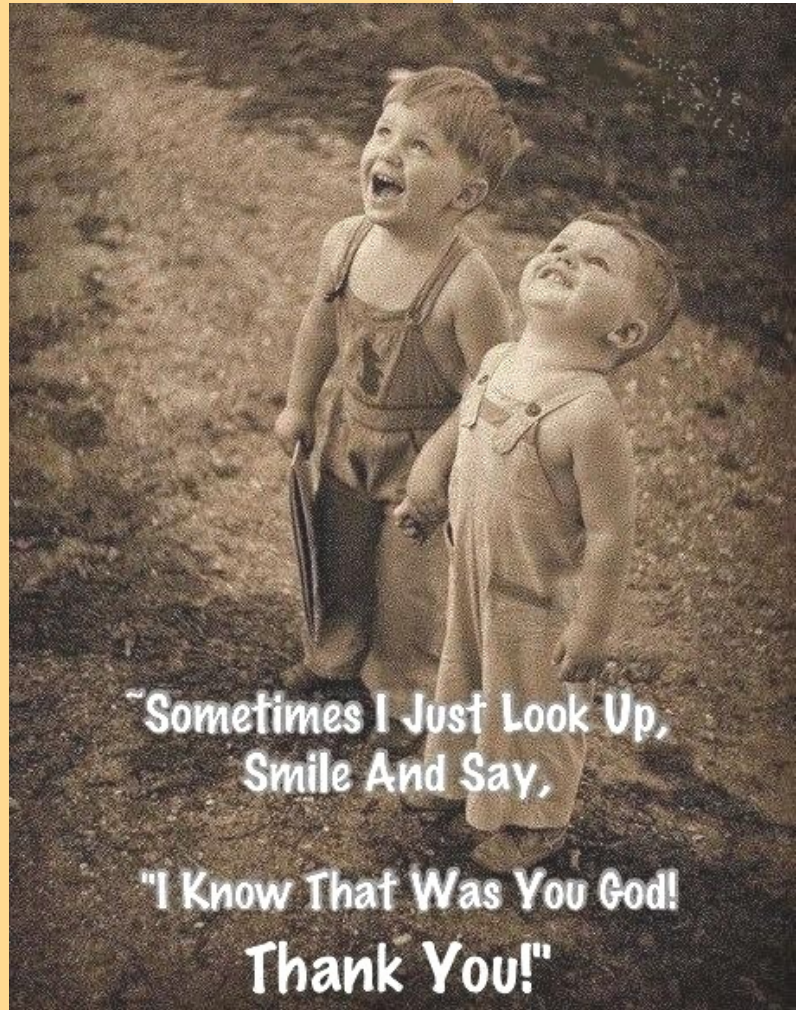
STAY TUNED...

Exercising our gratitude muscles

Expressing gratitude isn't just a good thing to do; it also appears to be good for us! Indiana University researchers found that participants who performed gratitude-focused writing exercises felt uplifted, and were more likely to express gratefulness through generosity, even weeks later.

Furthermore, brain scans revealed increased gratitude-related activity even months down the road (*New York Magazine*).

Though the study was small, we seem to have a "gratitude muscle" that can be strengthened through exercise. If so, there may be more than we thought to the popularity of gratitude journals and Mom's insistence that we write thank-you notes. Not to mention the biblical call to "give thanks to the LORD, for he is good" (1 Chronicles 16:34, for example).



Might God have hardwired us for gratitude — not only at Thanksgiving but year round — because it's good for *us* as well as for those we thank? To that, we respond,

“Thanks be to God!”

Your "Food Shelf" Shopping List

mayonnaise



Boxed pasta



salad dressings



Baking mixes



boxed meals



Kleenex



Instant Oatmeal Packets



cold cereals



ALWAYS NEEDED:
Grocery bags
for clients food!

Coffee Fellowship following worship

Worship: Sunday 9:00am

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