

THE SEED



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CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH NEWSLETTER

IMPORTANCE OF PLANNING AHEAD

Some of us don't do a very good job of planning ahead. Studies show that some of us spend more time planning our vacation than any other aspect of our lives (school, job, business or retirement). I used to fare better, but now I fare even worse. I have the dreaded 3-month disease. Quarterly planning can be advantageous at times. It allows us not to get ahead of ourselves.

When I was a "settled" pastor (called permanent or regular), I tried to take a longer view of many ministries of the congregation. When we wanted to start a Contemporary Worship option, we worked for many months before we had our first trial worship. Then, it took many more months—actually years—before we were able to have a Contemporary Worship on a weekly basis. It took even more years before most of the congregation accepted the contemporary worship as an option rather than a replacement. We continually provided and dedicated most of the congregation resources to the traditional worship.

I would look for sales of the "out of season" resources to get a jump to save money on next year's worship or educational needs. Just like buying your winter coat for next year at the end of this year's winter, I'd buy next Christmas or Easter music. I then made the transition to interim, but I still thought ahead about what I'd like to do to improve or try to make in the next place. Not in the same place, like a settled pastor would.

Now I think only in terms of months—about 3 to be exact.. Expecting an interview to take place one month and for notice for the call to be extended and accepted within in 2 months seems like a long time, but actually is a rushed and hope-everything-goes-right time table. 3 months now means I am planning for Confirmation (instead of filling in or finishing a program already in place). And at the same time, I'm trying not to put in place something that would "require" follow through by the new Pastor to come. 3 months means starting to plan for Stewardship, Book Sale, Ploughman's even Advent and Christmas

This feels so strange, as I love being here and working with you in ministry and mission, but CLC will not be my home. When I first came, 9-12 months seemed like a long time. Now, I'm on the verge of my first anniversary here and have settled into the 3-month disease.

- **CONFIRMATION PLANNING:** I know this is on the "I can hardly wait to start" list of most Confirmation aged students during their summer vacation, so I won't keep you in suspense any longer. Confirmation classes for our students of 7th–9th grades will begin on Sunday, September 12th following the second (late) worship. This session will be for **BOTH students & parents.** As a tentative plan, classes will follow the second worship service, with a common lunch (either planned or brought individually) and a class session (lasting about an hour each week. More details *will be forthcoming.*
- **COMMUNION ASSIST MEETING:** Following both worships on August 8th, I would like to have a brief meeting with all Assisting Ministers. This will be a "progress checkup" to see if there are any needs or issues that we could or should address in our next Worship Assistant training opportunity on 9/1 and/or 9/8. I would also like your input of how we could plan for a successful single time trial use of the Pouring Chalice on September 5th (Labor Day Sunday).... **TGBG—Pastor Paul**



Christ Lutheran Church
Congregational Council Meeting Minutes
July 13, 2010

Council Members present: Tom Holte, Sue McLennan, Jim Bailey, Dick Tabb, Reth Stolberg, Sue Reeder, Joan Kammerlohr, Darrell Kruse, Pam Schuering, and Pastor Balaban
Absent: Bruce Holderbaum, David Tooke, Barbara Wilkerson

President Sue Reeder opened the business meeting at 6:30. Sue McLennan provided the opening devotions. Dick Tabb will do devotions next month.

Minutes of the June 8th meeting were approved as written. There were no announcements.

Reports of the Financial Secretary and the Treasurer:

The financial reports for May and June were discussed. The reports were approved subject to audit.

Interim Pastor's Report:

Pastor reported that he conducted a baptism for Luther Memorial members. A thank you and donation was received from the family. He conducted a wedding at Zion Lutheran in Liberty and a wedding at Luther Memorial.

He discussed the prayer process of the church. He thanked the Prayer Warriors and encouraged more members to pray for our church and our ministries.

The Council gave Pastor the authority to interview and hire a church organist. The applicant has already met with Amy Stollberg.

Pastor will be taking one week of vacation either the first or second week of August.

He encouraged Council Members to give more financially to the church if possible.

He is doing some initial planning for Confirmation.

Motion was passed to accept Pastor's report.

MINISTRY TEAM REPORTS:

Stewardship: Dick Tabb spoke to the congregation about stewardship.

Service: No report

Property: The Fellowship Hall has been painted and looks great. They cleaned off Nona Miller's porch. They will remove a tree from the Shank's yard in the fall. They will also repaint the entry.

Worship: They met to pick out hymns on June 27th.

Witness: No report

Learning: The trivia night will be July 14th and a circus theme night will be in August.

Fellowship: No report

Call Committee: The call committee will need to recommend another name for the committee since Misty Coyle moved away.

Old Business: None

New Business:

Pam Scheuring brought up the subject of world hunger and how we as a church could become more involved. On the first Sunday of the month, children will pass a can around to collect loose change. The money will be sent to Lutheran World Relief. Tom Holte will write a note for the Seed.

We discussed a summary and consideration For Christ Lutheran Church's operating budget written by Bill Wolters.

Mel Tillman will be invited to the next Council meeting to help prepare a Stewardship report.

Pastor reported that ways will be found to work more closely with Luther Memorial and other Lutheran churches.

The meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Joan Kammerlohr, Secretary

Next Council Meeting is August 10, 2010



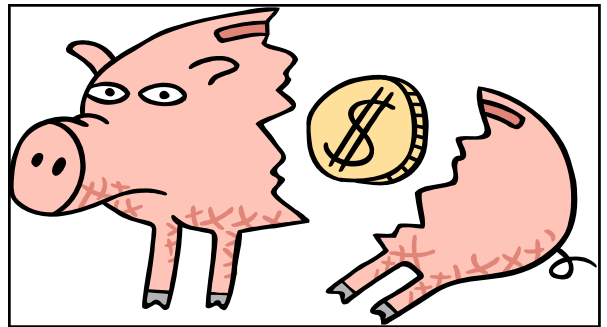
Come Visit One and All
Christ Lutheran Church
August Fellowship Night
Friday, August 13th
6:00 –8:30

The theme for the night is
“Magic or Miracle???”
We will have Circus Food,
Crafts & Games
(dinner will be provided)
EVERYONE IS WELCOME!!!
RSVP Trish 653-3545

**DAVE RAMSEY
FOR TEENS
Sunday, August 8
3:30—8:00**

**FREE OF CHARGE
PIZZA WILL BE
PROVIDED**

**RSVP TRISH
653-3545**



**DO YOU KNOW A TEEN
THAT NEEDS TO LEARN
ABOUT MONEY
(AND HAVE FUN
DOING IT???)**





*AVERAGE SUNDAY
WORSHIP ATTENDANCE*
January through July 18 –83



BOOKS & BREW BOOK SALE

We are having our bi-annual book sale on September 18th from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. We need books of all kinds—cookbooks, novels, children’s, etc. Please bring them to the church and leave them in the back hallway. We will take it from there. Thank you in advance. All proceeds will go towards the fund for calling the new pastor. If you have books to donate and need them picked up, please call Pat Bell at 593-7309.



LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

We will once again be collecting blankets and bar soap to send to LWF this fall. Kindly bring these items to church during the next few weeks and put them into the containers provided in the narthex. Can we beat our records of last year? We collected 21 blankets and 100 pounds of soap. If you have any questions, please contact Bonnie Conover. Thanks for your generosity.

ANOTHER WAY TO HELP WITH WORLD RELIEF

The church council is asking as a congregation to help Lutheran World Relief by giving its spare change the first Sunday of every month during service. This small amount of money will help provide clean water, prevent malnutrition, and give hope to many people in the Third World. Sometimes it is difficult to imagine how much good can come from a few loose coins in our pockets. We are truly blessed in this country, unlike those in developing countries, we can even afford to be poor. That is, in our country there is an abundance of resources permit most everyone a chance to live. In other places on the planet being poor is a matter of life and death. Being poor here usually does not involve such a harsh reality. Lutheran World Relief uses close to 94% of monies gathered to directly assist in its mission of helping the poor. Your donation helps bring Christ’s message closer to fulfillment today & tomorrow.

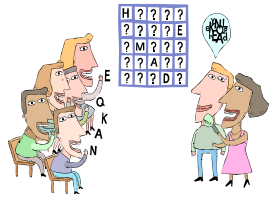


OUR PRAYERS ARE ANSWERED

GOOD NEWS!!! Thanks to the connections of Amy Stollberg, for knowing Lana Anderson was available and following through on those contacts. We have tentatively hired Lana to be our keyboardist. She will hopefully start in August. She is especially happy to know that we have two excellent subs/replacements in the congregation. Thanks to Mary Reeve for coming in and so ably and beautifully helping to lead our worship services on an “as-need basis. Grateful thanks and sincere appreciation to Peggy Bailey, who as a temp has played so wonderfully for over 5 years. Also, when the need arose last month she volunteered to fill all our worship keyboardist needs. She has a true servants heart for our church. The quality, attitude and dedication of all of you make a tremendous difference to our music and worship ministry here at Chirst Lutheran.—Pastor Paul

UPDATE FROM CALL COMMITTEE

Bishop Frieheit reported to us this past week that he and the assistant bishop will be looking over candidates who are interested in coming to our Synod. He hopes to find a good match for us from that list in the near future. This means there are no candidates close to us interested in moving, so we are likely to have more interview and moving expenses than we had originally projected. We ask your support through prayer and stewardship during this transition. Thank You—Call Committee



TRIVIA ANYONE

WE HAD SUCH A GOOD TIME IN JULY, WE ARE FILLING REQUESTS TO SAVE SEPTEMBER 19TH FOR ANOTHER TRIVIA NIGHT. THIS COULD BE A REMATCH, PLUS MORE PEOPLE AND MORE TEAMS. WE WOULD START AT 5:00P.M. WITH A POTLUCK MEAL, THEN OFF TO CHURCH FOR TRIVIA. Come on out and have some fun!!!!!!!!!!



Thanks to Summer Santos for the wonderfully difficult creation of the Trivia game last month. A good time was had by all (except for some grumbling from Pastor Paul's team who were especially discouraged that he got so many of the Bible answers wrong!) Many thanks to the Learning & Fellowship teams for making it all possible providing great food and fellowship.

Thanks to Property Party for finishing the Fellowship Hall, painting and preparing the entry area for painting and the blinds in Pastor's office. They have additionally assisted two members with projects.

Thanks to Darrell Kruse for spraying the shrubs for bugs

Thanks to "Weeding Women" who are gathering bi-weekly to improve our landscaping (even showing up in this hot/muggy weather)!

Thanks to Bill Wolters for helping the Council understand better our financial situation (and historical perspective).



50-YEAR CHURCH ANNIVERSARY

COME JOIN THE CELEBRATION!!! On September 25th, it will be 50 years since the first members of Christ Lutheran signed the charter to become an established church.. On September 26th this year we will have our Golden Anniversary celebration. We need our church members help to make it a success. So, please sign up to be a helper when the sign-up sheet is circulated. It depends on us how simple or elaborate our Golden Anniversary is celebrated. It is a special milestone in our church history. We will have a meeting on Sunday, August 15th at 9:15 to go over some ideas and/or suggestions people have given. Please attend and have a say on what we decide to undertake. We will need lots of volunteers.



From: Mary Hesse

To: Christ Lutheran Congregation

Thanks to all of you for your cards for our 65th anniversary, and for all of your prayers. Many of you didn't even know what the prayers were for, but you continued anyway.

- First, Paul had heart surgery to have a valve replaced, a Cortaid artery and a double bypass
- During cardiac rehab he dislocated his right hip
- He developed Cellulitis in his right foot due to his diabetes
- He dislocated his hip again and is now wearing a hip brace
- He then had gall bladder surgery
- He developed aspiration of vomitus which was caused by nausea from the medications.
- Paul is now in rehab and learning to swallow and walk and speak. He now has a stomach tube. It seems each time he healed of one thing, he ended up in the hospital again
- On July 21st Paul called from the hospital and he can drink water, eat pudding and apple sauce with no choking or vomiting. He has been put on a soft diet. Prayers are being answered. I cried when I heard.
- THANK YOU GOD!!

L U T H E R F E S T

**You are invited to Lutherfest '10
- a family-oriented evening of:**

**Contemporary
praise and worship,
featuring *Living Water***

Potluck Meal

Balloon Animals

Face Painting

GAMES

Puppet Posse

Volleyball Tournament

Klutzy the Clown

**Join us at
WEINBERG KING
STATE PARK
SUNDAY, AUGUST 15
4 PM**

**Sponsored by churches
of the ELCA Northwest Synod**



WORSHIP LEADERS FOR AUGUST

	August 1	August 8	August 15	August 22	August 29
ASSISTING MINISTER 8:00 AM 10:30 AM	Joan Larner Jim Bailey	Bonnie Scranton Jeri Klusmeyer	Sue Reeder Crystal Bernett	Ron Larner Mary Reeve	Bonnie Scranton Jim Bailey
USHER 8:00 AM 10:30 AM	Ron Larner Andrew Maas	Virgene Gilkerson Wendy Maas	Bill Wolters Joe Brinkman	JKerry Shackelford Jim Bailey	Dick Amy Stollberg
READER 8:00 AM 10:30 AM	Virgene Gilkerson Bill Shuler	Jerry Shackelford Kim Glasgow	Phil Conover Trish Santos	Joan Larner Stuart Peters	Kathy Wolters Samantha Stollberg
GREETERS 8:00 AM 10:30 AM	Bonnie Scranton Joan Kammerlohr	Dick & Sue Tabb Keith & Kim Glasgow	Phil & Bonnie Conover David & Char Tooke	Tom & Nora Holte Daune & David McCulloch	Ron & Joan Larner Kay Marshall
DEACON 8:00AM 10:30AM	Bonnie Scranton Barb Rhinberger	Bruce Holderbaum Wayne McLeannan	Bonnie Scranton Cheryl Brinkman	Joan Larner Crystal Bernett	Sue Reeder Reth Stollberg
SOUND SYSTEM 8:00 AM 10:30 AM	Bruce Holderbaum Olin Shuler	Bill Wolters Andrew Maas	Kathy Wolters Stuart Peters	Bruce Holderbaum Bruce Holderbaum	Bill Wolters Olin Shuler
COFFEE HOUR					

If you cannot help on your assigned Sunday, please find a replacement and call the office as soon as possible with any changes. Many Thanks!



If you have a birthday in August and your name does not appear on the following list, we would appreciate it if you would notify us so that we can complete our records

August 1	Nathan Eddy	9	Nona Miller	19	Brennan McEwen
2	Michelle Scott	10	Ryan Ward	22	Bill Allen
	Joy Wahlmann Ott		Reth Stollberg	24	Katelyn Kimber
	Dianne Sill	12	Nancy Wahlmann		Samantha Stollberg
4	Bonnie Clark	13	Chrissi Simpson	28	Samantha Santos
	Lou Krenz	16	Jim Bailey	30	Charlotte Tooke
5	Joe Leenerts	17	George Bueltmann	31	Emily Stollberg
8	Mary Shank		Lynn Willer		Susan Wahlmann



If you have a wedding anniversary in August and it does not appear below, please notify the church office.

August	3	Tony and Amanda Bolte	20	David and Wendy Maas
	5	Joe and Hila Leenerts	21	Pastor Paul and Ann Schwartzkopf
	13	Reth and Jennifer Stollberg		Keith and Kim Glasgow
		Bill and Becky Allen	24	Bruce and Barb Holderbaum

BUILDING CLOSING CHECK LIST—FELLOWSHIP

- Lights turned off in Lounge, Nursery, Blue Room, Church, Narthex and Fellowship Hall
- Outside doors in Nursery and Blue Room locked and shut
- Lights turned off in Men's & Women's washrooms
- Coffee maker turned off
- No water in furnace room
- Back doors locked. Key is needed—Must be locked from outside
- All garbage removed from building and dishes washed or put in dishwasher
- Thermostats set to appropriate temperature
- Cooling Season—Building unoccupied 76 F
- Building occupied 68 F
- Heating Season—Building unoccupied 64 F
- Building occupied 70F
- Church Office locked
- Lights turned off in Kitchen
- Lights turned off in Fellowship Hall & adjoining storeroom
- Lights turned off in Sanctuary & Sacristy
- Outside lights turned off
- Stuff picked up from event and posters removed
- Lights turned off in Narthex.

KITCHEN & FELLOWSHIP HALL CLEANUP

In order to prevent ants and other insects from invading our Fellowship Hall, please remember to

- 1. Wipe off tables ******
- 2. Wipe off chairs if needed ******
- 3. Sweep Fellowship Hall floor. ******
- 5. Empty all wastebaskets in Fellowship Hall ******
- 6. Take all trash to outside pickup area ******

Thanks for all your help



Coffee Fellowship

TEAMS FOR COFFEE FELLOWSHIP

Below are the teams that have been made up from those who signed up to serve. These groups will start in September. It was impossible to keep all the teams the same as all did not sign up. If anyone has a problem, or would like to sign up, please call Char Tooke at 224-4501.

TEAM 1

Barb Holderbaum
Barb Rhinberger
Edda Klinger
Mary Reeve
Judy Spurgeon

TEAM 3

Patty Kruse
Pam Schurering
Joan Kammerlohr
Karn Haubrich
Pat Glore

TEAM 5

Bernice Colgrove
Norma Tofall
Olin Shuler
Sue McLennen

TEAM 2

Vicki Laach
Conny Bakker
Dorothy Beeler
Bonnie Clark
Nona Miller
Anita Wall

TEAM 4

Wendy Maas
Ashley Maas
Bill Shuler
Crystal Bernet
Amy Stollberg

TEAM 6

Jennifer Stollberg
Daune McCulloch
Char Tooke
Marcia Fantz
Mary Shank