

# THE SEED

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH NEWSLETTER



November 2010

## COMING ATTRACTIONS

We have a candidate. The candidate and spouse are coming to interview. By the time you receive this newsletter, they will have come and gone. The Call Committee and candidate, also by the time you get this, will have made their decisions about continuing (or not) the call process. Pray for their decisions. Pray for our candidate. Pray for our congregation.



Speaking of a new pastor, we are also going to need to think about how we are going to pay both the moving costs and next year's salary. The current 2010 budget, as you know, has no money for moving costs. Depending on the details, the next pastor's salary and benefits, will be more than what we paid the previous pastor and/or interim.

Then there is also the need of staffing. If we want to staff for growth then we should anticipate employing at least a ½ time office secretary.

We have been anxious to get into the Call process. Now, are we anxious to pay for it .



### OLD OR NEW

As an intern (student pastor) I was new for a very short while. Everyone knew I'd be there for a year. That was the normal process. Over the years the congregation had many interns. When I was introduced, many would say, "welcome our newest intern."

I was to be the last intern. They would be calling an associate pastor. Once they had decided to start that process, I became the intern who would soon be leaving. I was moved out of my office (it would be remodeled) and given an unused Sunday School room. If I was introduced, they would say, "here is the intern who will soon be leaving."

Now I'm an interim and the pattern is remarkably similar. That's the way it should be. My job is temporary. We all knew that when we started. While it didn't have a timed exit, it did have a definitive one. Being "in process" the language has already changed. Members know I will "soon be leaving". At least, for awhile yet, I get to keep the office!

TGBG – Pastor Paul



**Christ Lutheran Church**  
Congregational Council Meeting Minutes  
October 12, 2010

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

President Sue Reeder opened the business meeting at 6:30. Pastor Balaban led us in opening prayer. Jim Bailey provided the opening devotions and David Tooke will do devotions next month. Pastor told of an offer to do congregational pictures from Olan Mills. This information will be put in a folder for the new pastor.

Minutes of the August 10<sup>th</sup> and September 14<sup>th</sup> minutes were approved as corrected.

**Reports of the Financial Secretary and the Treasurer:**

The financial reports for August and September were discussed and approved subject to audit.

**Interim Pastor's Report:**

He reported that Ashley Maas is working as secretary on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons. General help is needed on Monday, Friday, and especially on Wednesday.

He filed Illinois tax exemption form too early as it is not due till next summer.

The three confirmands enjoyed going to Luther Memorial for "Luther" and joint activities will be held in the future.

Over seventy students used the church for classes on October 1<sup>st</sup> as part of the Home School Association.

Alec Rettenmeier will be confirmed on Reformation Sunday, October 31<sup>st</sup>.

Pastor has sent a letter to the Postmaster regarding the legal address of the church.

\Pastor led a discussion on the possibility of doing an electronic version of the SEED with limited mailing. The possible changes will be announced next month and started in December.

It has worked well just printing about forty bulletins a week with extra inserts.

The outgoing Council Members were encouraged to start looking for their replacements.

We will continue to look for different ways for the congregation to pray.

Pastor will be taking two weeks of vacation around Thanksgiving and Christmas.

The Bishop has requested a delay of Pastor's contract renewal/extension at this time.

The Council approved the membership of the Parke family. Photos of new members may be put in the Seed.

**MINISTRY TEAM REPORTS:**

**Stewardship:** No report

**Service:** No report

**Property:** The men have painted Virgene's house and garage and washed her windows. They cleaned the windows at the homes of Nona Miller and Anita Wall. They will begin some work for the Hesse family soon. They fixed some things at church also.

**Worship:** Hymns have been selected through November 22<sup>nd</sup>. There will be a change in the liturgy this fall. The music people and choir will look at the settings and introduce it to the congregation by the second week of Advent. A meeting will be held later this month.

**Witness:** Linda Dillman and Bonnie Conover have finished packing up items for Lutheran World Relief. They have collected 15 blankets, 100 school kits, six sewing kits, and 107 pounds of soap. They are looking for a volunteer to transport these items to Carthage by October 29<sup>th</sup>. Ploughman's lunch will be held on November 10<sup>th</sup> with proceeds going to Cornerstone Counseling Ministry.

**Learning:** They had a meeting on October 5<sup>th</sup>. "Instant Christmas" will be held on December 19<sup>th</sup> with a pizza dinner at 5:00. The Trivia night is November 7<sup>th</sup> and Luther Memorial will be invited again. The students and others are going to the Pumpkin Patch on October 13<sup>th</sup>. The two Sunday School classes will be combined for November and December. Each week they will do a craft and learn a Christmas carol.

**Fellowship:** They have been helping with the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary party. The next meeting is October 20<sup>th</sup>.

**Call Committee:** Tom reported that the committee did a phone interview with a possible candidate. The first formal face to face interview with the candidate will be held on October 28-30. If the candidate is accepted, he will be invited to come back for a second visit to meet the congregation.

The Council moved to accept the reports.

**Old Business:** The Council accepted with regret the resignation of Dick Tabb.

**New Business:** None

The meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Kammerlohr, Secretary

**NEXT COUNCIL MEETING—Tuesday, November 9, 2010 at 6:30 PM**



**SAVE THE DATES**

Hope to See You there



*Luther Memorial Is making a traveling trivia trophy.*

**Trivia Night  
Mexican Potluck  
Sunday, Nov 7  
5:30**



**Join Together to Make Christmas Cards For our  
Troops and Nativity Scenes for local nursing homes  
Wednesday, Nov 10 @ 6pm  
Sunday, November 21 @ 3pm  
Wednesday, Dec 1 @ 6pm**

**December 19th**

**After Church Join us for Caroling**  
(please contact Trish Santos if you have any  
places you would like to go)



**5:30 Instant Christmas Pageant**  
We had so much fun last year we want to do  
it again! Please contact Trish if your child  
would like to play their favorite song -  
Afterwards Pizza & Cookies



## PLOUGHMAN'S LUNCH

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS  
November 10, 2010**

We will donate proceeds to **Cornerstone Counseling Ministries** this year. We are asking for volunteers to help that day as well as volunteers to donate pies for serving with the lunch. There are sign up sheets for all of this.

The Ploughman's Lunch consists of a soup (chicken noodle, vegetable, or Chili), bread, cheese, pie, and drink. Tickets are \$6.00 and carry outs are available. Proceeds from the event will be donated to **Cornerstone Counseling Ministries**. The public is invited to attend.

Tickets are available at church to sell before the event. See Linda Dillman or Bonnie Conover for tickets. Let's make this a great event for Cornerstone Ministries.



## REVERSE OFFERING - THANKSGIVING BASKETS

We will start our reverse offering for our Thanksgiving baskets on October 31st. We need to have all good items back to the church by Sunday, November 21st. For every slip of paper you take from the reverse offering basket, **please bring 3 of that one item.** We will supply 3 needy families from names received from the Quincy Public School District. If you know of a family that could use a Thanksgiving basket, please let me know. Wendy Maas (224-6794 or 779-679)



## ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL DRIVE

A big **"THANK YOU"** to all of you that helped with the LWR project this year. We were able to reach our goals again. A special thank you to Irma Bertelsen who sewed over 75 school bags. We are also blessed to have someone like Irma so dedicated to this project. Anyone else interested in sewing school bags for LWR, please see me. Our totals were as follows: 100 school kits, 107 pounds of soap, 6 sewing kits and 15 blankets. We also sent a check for \$50.00 to help with the cost of shipping. Linda Dillman will deliver the boxes to Carthage on the 29th of October. **CHRIST CARES. SHARE THE FAITH! Bonnie Conover.**



## CONFIRMATION

Alec Rettenmeier, son of Reth and Jennifer Stollberg was confirmed on Reformation Sunday (10-31-2010). Alec is a talented young man and we look forward to his active participation in our congregation. ..Pastor Paul



*AVERAGE SUNDAY  
WORSHIP ATTENDANCE  
January through October 24*

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# Luther Memorial Church

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October 13, 2010

Pastor Paul Balaban  
Christ Lutheran Church  
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Dear Paul,

On behalf of Luther Memorial Church I would like to invite you and the members of Christ Lutheran to join with us in a joint celebration of Thanksgiving. We are planning a soup supper at 6 pm and worship at 7 pm on SUNDAY, November 21<sup>st</sup>. We hope that this date will accommodate the many folks who either have family events happening or who travel on the holiday weekend.

We look forward to sharing food, fellowship and worship with you.

In Christ,

Pastor Gary Sproat  
Luther Memorial Church



## NEWS FROM LEARNING TEAM

The first Sunday of each month, the Sunday School kids have been collecting money to buy animals to feed the hungry for the ELCA World Hunger Project. So far this year, the project has raised enough money to buy two goats and 20 chickens to help families around the world. Thanks to all of you for your continuing help.

## CHURCH NEWS

New Members: Vicki Laack—already heads up one of the Fellowship teams. John and Donna Parke & boys are already a member of a Fellowship Team, has helped with Dave Ramsey for teens, Trivia night and is a walker.

## ELECTRIC SEED

We are not changing the name, but we will be changing the delivery method. This month (obviously) you will receive the SEED via bulk mail (the way we've been doing it forever). In the next months we will begin a trial of printing and mailing fewer, using our website to "send" the SEED.

Currently we print and mail 200+ copies of the SEED. That is the minimum number for us to mail via the bulk mailing permit. The costs for printing and mailing average about 25 /copy (or \$50/month). Added to this is the time to print, collate, staple, tape, sort, take to the Post Office, and paper work. The SEED is an expensive undertaking.

We are very fortunate to have an editor like Daune who has done this job (and much more!) for us over the past year. Additionally many of you know that Daune also ends up being the reporter and gathers the news (and checks to make sure that we send in what we say we are going to send to her!) In our electronic version, Daune will still be our editor+ (thankfully!)

What will change will be how we receive the SEED. After it is created, most of us will get an email reminder that the newest SEED is available for viewing or printing on our church's website: [christlutheranquincy.org](http://christlutheranquincy.org). A few SEED's will be mailed. A few will be available for pick up at the church. One will also be posted on the bulletin board outside the church office.

if you need to have your SEED mailed, please make a written or emailed request to the church office. These will be sent first class and cost about 50 each. If you'd like to pick up a copy at the church, please let us know. These will cost about 5 .

December's SEED will be our first electronically printed trial. We will have extra copies printed and available for pickup at the church. This change will require time for our adjustment. Aside from the cost and labor savings, it could have additional benefits. Such as, announcements could be made electronically and more timely, once we get used to using the electronic medium.



### TO THE:

Property Team (Stu, Reth, Bill, Wayne, Bruce & Darrell) continues to do much work around the church (caulking/repairing windows, power washing the building, replacing nonfunctioning emergency lights, installing auto exterior night lights, etc.)

They also have helped a number of members prepare/repair their homes for winter.

Women gardeners – beautifying the grounds around and plants inside our church.

Wonderful 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration!

Ashley Maas who volunteers 2 afternoons+ in the office (and Wendy Maas who watches her grandson)

Char Tooke who weekly comes in and prepares the printed worship folders and sorts out and stocks our kitchen.

Daune McCulloch who prepares, prints and collects this SEED. It is much more than a once/month undertaking!

Barb Rhinberger who weekly prepares the flowers for the altar.

Bob Rhinberger (recently donated a weed burner) and who mows and trims our property.

Bruce Holderbaum who weekly proof checks our worship folders and power points.

Barb Holderbaum who leads our Prayer Warriors, maintaining and updating the prayer needs of our congregation and friends.

Well, Paul did go on the "Honor Flight". His hip brace came off on Wednesday. He felt good stationery, so he and his guardian, Jim, were up at 3:00 a.m. and boarded the bus for St. Louis. Breakfast was served in Hannibal. He boarded the plane to Baltimore and was then bused to Washington, D.C. A box lunch was then served. They saw the Korean, Viet Nam and finally the World War II Memorials.. Arlington Cemetary was breathtaking! 1100 acres of crosses.

The plane ride was new to most of us. Crowds met us at St. Louis cheering us on as well as our arrival in Hannibal bus terminal.

And thanks to Pastor Balaban for having communion for us later on Wednesday. Thanks to Christ Lutheran for all their prayers. It was a year in September when all this started. Paul & Mary Hesse



### **CHRISTMAS ANGEL TREE**

We have 10 children's names of parents who are in prison. The names will be available for you to select to shop for the Sunday of the hanging of the greens. Any questions, please contact Wendy Maas.



**1st picture above represent our 4 charter members—Anita Wall, Norma Tofall, Virgene Gilkerson**

**Bottom Picture is Altar Flowers which were donated by Virgene Gilkerson's daughter**

## WORSHIP LEADERS FOR NOVEMBER

	November 7	November 14	November 21	November 28	
<b>ASSISTING MINISTER</b> 8:00 AM 10:30 AM	Tom Holte Sue Reeder	Pat Bell Mary Reeve	Bonnie Scranton Crystal Bernett	Ron Lerner Jerri Klusmeyer	
<b>USHER</b> 8:00 AM 10:30 AM	Bonnie Scranton Andrew Maas	Joan Lerner Joe Brinkman	Virgene Gilkerson Jim Bailey	Jerry Shackelford Nick Kruse	
<b>READER</b> 8:00 AM 10:30 AM	Bonnie Scranton Jerri Klusmeyer	Stu Bell Jim Bailey	Phil Conover Trish Santos	Joan Lerner Stuart Peters	
<b>NURSERY</b>					
<b>ACOLYTE</b> 10:30 AM					
<b>GREETERS</b> 8:00 AM 10:30 AM	Mel & Linda Dillman David & Char Tooke	Jerry & Marilyn Shackelford Keith & Kim Glasgow	Joanne Brubaker Andrew & Ashley Maas	Virgene Gilkerson David & Daune McCulloch	
<b>DEACON</b> 8:00 AM 10:30 AM	Sue Reeder Mary Reeve	Ron Lerner Cheryl Brinkman	Bruck Holderbaum Barb Rhinberger	No Communion No Communion	
<b>SOUND SYSTEM</b> 8:00 AM 10:30 AM	Kathy Wolters Stuart Peters	Bill Wolters Bruce Holderbaum	Kathy Wolters Andrew Maas	Bruce Holderbaum Olin Shuler	
<b>COFFEE HOUR</b>	Group 4	Group 5	Group 6	Group 1	

*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!*

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If you have a birthday in November and your name does not appear on the following list, we would appreciate it if you would notify the church office.

November	5 Kathy Wolters	18 Nick Kruse
	6 Bill Shuler	21 Mark Wolters
	Kolby Glasgow	23 Kurtis McCabe
	13 Kara Mikkelson	25 Norma Tofall



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

November	4 Scott and Anne Alford	24 Jerry and Marilyn Shackelford
	12 Jim and Peggy Bailey	25 Tony and Karn Haubrich
		29 Buford and Beverly Ward