

THE SEED



CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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Continuing the Easter Celebration

Dear friends at Christ:

What I like about the Easter season is that it is longer than Lent. While Lent was a 40 day period of preparation, the Easter season is 50 days long. It covers the time of the resurrection of Jesus through the Day of Pentecost (thus the name for 50 days).

During Easter we focus on the message of the Risen Christ amongst the people of God. Our First Readings each Sunday morning don't come from the Old Testament, but rather The Acts of the Apostles. Many of them are sermons by the apostles just days and weeks following Christ's Resurrection & Ascension (40th Day of Easter). It's **good to sing the Alleluias again** in worship as we continue to share the Good News of the Crucified/Risen Christ amongst the people of God.

We were blessed to have most of our chairs occupied on Easter Day. I hope all of you who were able to attend our Holy Week services were able to witness the amount of time and effort by all those involved in planning, singing, setting up, and accompanying our worship services. Without them it wouldn't have felt like Easter. We are so blessed to have so many talented people here at Christ Lutheran.

Please come back each and every Sunday, as you are able, to worship this Easter season, weeks two through seven. We will learn some new liturgy pieces, sing familiar songs, and who knows, perhaps make some new friends in Christ. People are looking for a church home and we continue to witness drop in visitors, and receive phone calls inquiring about our worship times. Maybe we aren't growing like some of the Quincy mega-churches, but that's OK. I don't think God called Christ Lutheran to be a mega-church.

I do believe that we have **been called to share our Easter faith** through faithful and thoughtful preaching and the reception of the Holy Sacraments. Our Paschal Candle will be lit every week during the Easter season to remind us all of God's love for his people by raising His Son from the dead. Christ is Risen indeed!

Come alive Christ!

Chris Hale, Interim Pastor



Christ Lutheran Church
Congregational Council Meeting Minutes
April 12, 2011

Council Members present: Sue McLennan, Dick Klusmeyer, Joan Kammerlohr, Jim Bailey, Bonnie Scranton, Pastor Hale, Reth Stolberg, Donna Parke, Ashley Maas, Bruce Holderbaum, Sue Reeder and Tom Holte. Absent: Trish Santos

Pastor Hale led us with opening prayer. Bruce Holderbaum provided the opening devotions and Sue Reeder will do devotions in May. President Sue McLennan called the meeting to order. She asked for additions to the meeting agenda.

Council minutes of the March 8th meeting were approved as corrected.

Reports of the Financial Secretary and the Treasurer:

The reports were discussed and approved subject to audit.

Interim Pastor's Report:

The Synod Assembly will be held June 2-4 in Springfield at the Crown Plaza Hotel. They will be electing a new Bishop and reorganizing committee and taskforce reports. Christ Lutheran is allowed to have two voting members, one male and one female representing the congregation. The synod assembly also allows for a youth voting member also. We need to register by May 8th. We need to find two people to attend. The Church will pay for registration, hotel, and gas expenses

Pastor Hale and Ashley Maas attended the Northwest Conference. They heard from Assistant to the Bishop, Jackie Linden-Schade tell of the candidacy process.

Pastor reported that two of the Cottage Meetings have been completed with two more scheduled. One was cancelled due to low signups. These have gone well. He wished there was a way to get more of the membership to take advantage of the opportunity to meet with him in small groups.

We are focusing on the Lutheran magazine as our starting point for discussion. Currently we are studying Lutheranism in the context of other Evangelical groups in the US.

Holy Week Services will be held Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Sunday.

We discussed the use of the church computers and who should have access privileges, passwords, and the use of various programs.

Pastor is in the process of upgrading Windows XP to Windows 7. The church laptop will be the computer for others to use.

Each Ministry team should discuss what files they need on the computer and let Ashley know. Backup files are being done.

Please contact Pastor if anyone needs a home visit. He would like to schedule these before Easter

MINISTRY TEAM REPORTS:

Stewardship: Jim reported that he had put pledge information in the last Seed. The 2012 envelopes are in the office already.

Service: Tom reported that Wendy Maas is busy working on the Easter basket project.

Property: Dick discussed how they are trying to find the water leak in the Sanctuary.

Worship: Bruce reported that we have had good attendance at the Wednesday Lenten services. Hymns have been selected through May 8th. They are having their next meeting on April 27th.

Witness: Sue Reeder said that there will be some changes in the school bags for Lutheran World Relief. They need volunteers to help with the sewing which needs to be done by September. A note will be in the Seed about donating denim or canvas for the bags. The project could maybe be done during Adult Forum time.

Learning: Donna reported that there were only three families at Game Night, but they had a good time. The Lounge/Wedding room will be converted into a youth room. We will decide which furniture to keep and what to sell at the garage sale. There will be a joint meeting with Luther Memorial concerning remembrance of the Holocaust.

Fellowship: Ashley reported that she and Mary Shank will try to take

Char's place while she has surgery. They need a fire pit for the Block Party. Most of the slots have been filled for the Easter Brunch. The extra soda will be used at the church picnic. They will redo the duties of the fellowship team.

Call Committee: Tom reported that the last candidate accepted a call at another church. The Bishop thinks we will have a new Pastor before he leaves. We discussed further ideas for the committee.

Motion was approved to accept all the Ministry Team reports.

Old Business:

Bonnie discussed the limitations of having Lutherfest at one of the city parks. We decided to have it at Christ Lutheran on August 28th. Everything will be outdoors except the worship service with a praise band which will be held indoors. The Property team will look for a canopy to be used outdoors.

The financial task group reported that contributions for Easter lilies etc; will be posted to the Congregational financial records.

Tom and Pastor will look at our Constitution and By laws and bring them up to date with the Synod.

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The May SEED will be mailed to all members with a response form of how each family would like to receive the SEED. A note will be in the SEED for a once a year donation to cover the cost of the Lutheran. We will get a list from Augsburg Press to see who is currently getting that publication.

Bonnie passed out a list of active and home-bound members, attending non-members, deceased members, transferred members, and names we are not sure of their membership. Bonnie, Sue Reeder, Pastor, and Ashley will work on updating membership records.

Time and Talent sheets were distributed. Each Team Leader should look at the list of people willing to help.

New Business:

We approved the motion of appointing Mary Shank as a new money counter.

Ashley reported what she had learned at the District Secretary' meeting.

We will need to set aside a half day for the next Council Retreat. We were given a copy of the Context for Ministry and Mission in the 21st Century (Central/Southern Illinois Synod (CSIS) to look through before the next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Joan Kammerlohr (NEXT COUNCIL MEETING MAY 11, 2011 @ 6:30 P.M.)



The Worship Ministry Team wants to thank everyone who participated in the 2011 Lenten Wednesday world hunger series. We average about 35 people per evening and had good food and great fellowship. In addition to that, we learned a great deal about the pervasiveness of hunger throughout the world as well as here at home. We also learned about what the ELCA is trying to do to help alleviate the problem and empower undernourished people throughout the world to produce more food and clean water in order to improve their own lives.

Those of us participating in this weekly series also realized that there is more Christ Lutheran can do as a congregation to help the ELCA in its efforts, as well as help our neighbors in the Quincy area who are struggling to put sufficient food on their tables each day.

Specifically, we agreed to undertake the following activities/actions:

- Place a bowl in front of the altar every Sunday for World Hunger contributions.
- Encourage members to use the World Hunger envelope and make a monthly contribution to the ELCA.
- Establish a monthly collection of non-perishable food items for local food pantries on a rotating basis.
- Encourage our green thumb folks to add an additional row of veggies to their gardens this year and contribute the fruits of that planting to a local food bank.
- Provide the congregation with a schedule of when our local food banks are open, especially for those contributing fresh produce
- Establish a World Hunger team and coordinator. The good news here is that Wendy Maas has offered to take this project on under her Service Ministry Team! Hopefully, some of you will be willing to join Wendy in this new initiative.

Watch for more information and plan to get involved as we move forward to increase our role in fighting hunger both throughout the world and in our own neighborhoods!

In appreciation for all God's Blessings!

Your Worship Ministry Team: Bruce Holderbaum, Sue McLennan, Sue Reeder, and Bonnie Scranton



*AVERAGE SUNDAY
WORSHIP ATTENDANCE
FOR JANUARY through April 24th*

16 Weeks 2011	71
16 Weeks 2010	105



YOUTH FUN ROOM

Plans are being formulated to provide a Youth Fun Room at the church. We will have air hockey, foosball table, large screen TV, a WII...If any of the youth have any ideas or any of the adults have anything to donate....Talk to Donna Parke.



Wayne & Sue McLennan would like to thank everyone from Christ Lutheran who sent cards, well wishes and also for those who attended our 50th Anniversary Party held at the Village Winery in Camp Point. It is such a blessing to have so many of our friends in our church participating in this joyous occasion.



BOOKS N' BREW

We will be meeting at the church on Tuesday, May 24th at 6:00 P.M. The book we are reading is called "The Wedding" by Dorothy West. In keeping with past years, everyone will try to bring something connected with the theme of the book—should be fun!! Everyone is invited to join us.



DOG SITTER NEEDED

Tom Holte needs occasional boarding for an older Wheaten Scottish Terrier because of travel schedule in May and June. Vigor is housebroken, low key and very friendly once he knows you, which is about 20 minutes after the first meeting. You can call me at (217-257-2728 for more information).



CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH 2011 EASTER LILY LIST



In honor of our family	Stuart & Patricia Bell
In memory of our great-grandson, Ty James Muder	Nelson & Bernice Colgrove
In memory of our parents & Bonnie's sisters	Phil & Bonnie Conover
In honor of our children & grandchildren	Phil & Bonnie Conover
In memory of William G. Gilkerson	By his family
In memory of my parents, Mr. & Mrs. Ward	Virgene Gilkerson
In memory of Pat Biederman	Tom & Debbie Hemmerle
In memory of Frank Kammerlohr & Woodrow Weber	Lee & Joan Kammerlohr
In honor of Bergit Trautz & Delma Weber	Lee & Joan Kammerlohr
In memory of Mary Larner	By her family
In memory of our parents, Guy & Bernice Davis and Harry & Ruby Larner	Ron & Joan Larner
In honor of our family	Floyd & Joyce Leenerts
In honor of our children & grandchildren	Wayne & Sue McLennan
In memory of Jay Alan Wangsness	Daune McCulloch
To the glory of God	Robert & Barbara Rhinberger
In memory of Willard & Georgia Scranton (parents)	Bonnie Scranton
In memory of Tony & Brittany Wyatt (great nephew & niece	Bonnie Scranton
In memory of Gerald & Virginia Stollberg	Jeff & Amy Stollberg
In honor of Bruce & Kathy Bringer	Jeff & Amy Stollberg
In memory of Gerald, Virginia & Cheryl Stollberg	Reth & Jennifer Stollberg & family
In honor of Dave & Daune McCulloch	Reth & Jennifer Stollberg & family
In honor of my family here & in Norway	Rita Tayyab
In memory of Bob Tofall	Norma Tofall
In memory of our parents	Mary Reeve
In memory of our parents	Bill & Kathy Wolters

ATTENTION!! CHRIST LUTHERAN SUPER SALE MAY 14, 2011



Have you done your spring cleaning yet! Do you have some fabulous finds you need to get rid of? Please donate your collectables to your church's garage sale on May 14th. **We will take furniture, toys, blankets, grills, exercise equipment, children's clothes, books, baby equipment, decorator items and sports equipment. (All items must be in good condition and working order)** If you have questions about donating a specific article, talk with the committee. **We do reserve the right to refuse anything we cannot dispose of safely.**

No adult clothes, TV's, personalized items or personal hygiene items or magazines. If you have small electronic devices, please make sure they work and have directions or warranties with them. Baked goods are also needed and will be sold Saturday, along with drinks. The Property Committee will pick up articles on Wednesday morning May 11th. Call Stu Bell to make pick-up arrangements. You may bring your contributions on Thursday and Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. We will need many volunteers on Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Please sign up on Sunday mornings when the sign-up sheets are passed around. Thank You!!!

Bonnie Conover * Wendy Maas * Kathy Wolters

Now is the time to clean out your closets and your garage!

**It's Super-Duper Garage Sale Time!!
Saturday, May 14th - 7:00am to noon**

**CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH
333 South 36th Street**

**We need your stuff !!
You bring it, we sell it, and Christ Lutheran Church's ministry benefits.**

- Please donate clean, workable items only
- No adult clothes, please
- Baked goods also needed (divided into small packages or smaller pies and cakes sell well)

Drop off times:

**Thursday, May 12th
9:00am—6:00 pm**

**Friday, May 13th
9:00am—6:00 pm**

*Date of Sale: Saturday,
May 14th*

*Time of Sale 7:00
until noon*

If you have items to donate and are homebound or your items are too big to transport, contact Stu Bell for pick-up service. Items will be picked up the morning of Wed, May 11th. Arrangements must be made in advance!!

We also need your help with the sale & with clean up and hauling off of non-sold items.

If you can help please sign up during worship or contact one of the following individuals:

**Wendy Maas
Mary Reeve
Bonnie Scranton
Kathy Wolters
Bonnie Conover
Daune McCulloch**

WORSHIP SCHEDULE FOR MAY

	May 1	May 8	May 15	May 22	May 29
ASSISTING MINISTER 8:00 AM 10:30 AM	Bonnie Scranton Jerri Klusmeyer	Sue Reeder Mary Reeve	Pat Bell Crystal Bernett	Ron Lerner Jim Bailey	Tom Holte Jerri Klusmeyer
USHER 8:00 AM 10:30 AM	Joan Lerner David Tooke	Bonnie Scranton Samantha Stollberg	Virgene Gilkerson Cheryl Brinkman	Bob Bolte Joe Brinkman	Dick Tabb Ashley Maas
READER 8:00 AM 10:30 AM	Virgene Gilkerson Bill Shuler	Mel Dillman Amy Stollberg	Stu Bell Daune McCulloch	Sue Reeder Mary Reeve	Phil Conover Sue McLennan
GREETERS 8:00 AM 10:30 AM	Phil & Bonnie Conover Dave & Daune McCulloch	Mel & Linda Dillman Reth & Jennifer Stollberg	Bill & Kathy Wolters Wayne & Sue McLennan	Joanne Brubaker Jim & Peggy Bailey	Dick & Sue Tabb Trish Santos
DEACON 8:00 AM 10:30 AM	Bruce Holderbaum Barb Rhinberger	Joan Lerner Reth Stollberg	Ron Lerner Nick Kruse	Sue Reeder Cheryl Brinkman	Bonnie Scranton Wayne McLennan
SOUND SYSTEM 8:00 AM 10:30 AM	Stuart Peters Andrew Maas	Kathy Wolters Ashley Maas	Bill Wolters Olin Shuler	Stuart Peters Bruce Holderbaum	Stuart Peters Andrew Maas
COFFEE HOUR	Group 4	Group 5	Group 6	Group 1	Group 2

If you cannot help on your assigned Sunday, please find a replacement and make a change on the appropriate sheet on the office bulletin board. Many Thanks!



If you have a birthday in May 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.

May 1 Rita Tayyab Steve Bartle 7 Rebecca Allen 8 Rose Probert 10 Tony Rhinberger Royce McCabe 11 Merrie Colgrove Hannah Christner	11 Judy Darnell 13 Sue Reeder 18 Sunshine Santos 20 Andrew Clark 25 Cameron Kimber 31 Dennis Mathes Stacy White
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If you have a wedding anniversary in May and it does not appear below, please notify the church office.



May	5 Jon and Lielei Wahlman 23 David & Charlotte Tooke
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THE SILENT SERMON
SHARED WITH YOU BY BRUCE HOLDERBAUM

This is very up lifting! It blessed me today, I am sure you too, will be blessed. A member of a certain church, who previously had been attending services regularly, stopped going.

After a few weeks, the pastor decided to visit him. It was a chilly evening. The pastor found the man at home alone, sitting before a blazing fire. Guessing the reason for this pastor's visit, the man welcomed him, led him to a comfortable chair near the fireplace and waited. The pastor made himself at home but said nothing. In the grave silence, he contemplated the dance of the flames around the burning logs. After some minutes, the pastor took the fire tongs, carefully picked up a brightly burning ember and placed it to one side of the hearth all alone then he sat back in his chair, still silent. The host watched all this in quiet contemplation. As the one lone ember's flame flickered and diminished, there was a momentary glow and then its fire was no more. Soon it was cold and dead.

Not a word had been spoken since the initial greeting. The pastor glanced at his watch and realized it was time to leave. He slowly stood up, picked up the cold, dead ember and placed it back in the middle of the fire. Immediately it began to glow, once more with the light and warmth of the burning coals around it.

As the pastor reached the door to leave, his host said with a tear running down his cheek, 'Thank you so much for your visit and especially for the fiery sermon. I will be back in church next Sunday'.

We live in a world today, which tries to say too much with too little. Consequently, few listen. Sometimes the best sermons are the ones left unspoken.

The Lord is my Shepherd ----- that's a Relationship.....I shall not want ----- that's Supply!

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures ----that's Rest.....He leadeth me beside the still waters -----that's Refreshment!

He restoreth my soul ----- that's Healing....He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness -- that's Guidance!

For His name sake ----- that's Purpose....Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death--that's Testing!

I will fear no evil ----- that's Protection...For Thou art with me ----- that's Faithfulness!

Thy rod and Thy staff comfort me -----that's Discipline....Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies-----that's Hope....Thou annointest my head with oil ----- that's Consecration!

My cup runneth over ----- that's Abundance....Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life----that's Blessing....And I will dwell in the house of the Lord -----that's Security!

Forever ----- that's Eternity....Face it, God is crazy about you!

Send this to the people you are crazy about. I thought this was pretty special, just like YOU!

"To mail or not to mail?" That is the question!

A decision was made at the April council meeting to take steps to ensure that **all** Christ Lutheran Church members had access to "The Seed" each month. *In order to control the expense, however, we would like minimize the number that we mail out. Please keep that in mind when filling out the form below.*

You can help us put a new distribution plan in place by completing and returning this form as soon as possible. Please just bring it with you to church or drop it in the mail.

It is important that we hear back from you!

If you have questions please feel free to contact Bonnie Scranton at 223-2062. Thanks!



Christ Lutheran Church "The Seed" Distribution Feedback Form May 2011

Please print your name here: _____

Please mark below how you would like to receive your copy of "The Seed" each month and return this form to church:

_____ Online at <http://www.christlutheranquincy.org/>

_____ Pick it up at church on Sunday morning

_____ Please put a copy in the U.S. mail



TIDBIT FROM DAUNE

Please find below the lyrics to the Lutheran Singing Prayer.

Be present at our table Lord,
Be here and everywhere adored
Your mercies bless & grant that we
May feast in paradise with Thee....Amen



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