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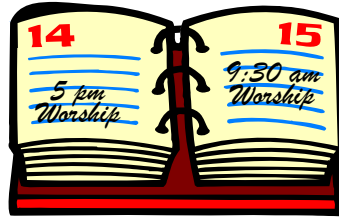
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Weekend Worship Options: Where Is the Spirit Leading?

By Pastor Gayle Pope

Based on conversations at our fall cottage meetings, people are very open to the idea of going from two to one Sunday morning service, with strong feeling that it should be no later than 9:30. There is also fairly strong interest in starting a Saturday evening service with a more relaxed, contemporary format. As with any change, there are pros and cons. Here's a summary of what was shared at the meetings.



- Increases options for members – especially when they have other obligations on Sundays
- Enables us to offer a more contemporary and less formal worship option to appeal to more diverse tastes

Potential advantages for one Sunday service:

- Community building: we would see more members more often and get to know each other better.
- Larger attendance at one service would be more encouraging for members and visitors alike; congregational singing would be more powerful
- Fewer assistants would be needed, so less burden on those who are willing to serve.
- It would eliminate the need for choir members to come and go to practice during worship, and may lead to greater participation in choir.

Potential disadvantages for one Sunday service:

- Current joint attendance has been at 90 to 100 recently. If that many came to one service and we continue to grow, we would soon be looking at adding a second service again.
- Going from two to one service may look like “going backwards” in the eyes of the community.
- People will have to change – either coming later than they are used to or earlier.
- Reduces options for Sunday morning worship, thereby possibly reducing attendance.
- An 8 a.m. service is less common in the community and may thereby fill a “niche.”
- With two services on Sunday, we could consider making them a little different from each other, thereby appealing to more divergent preferences.

Potential advantages of a Saturday Service

- Provides a worship and fellowship option for people who work on Sundays – an outreach opportunity.

Potential Obstacles

- Added workload for pastor, taking time from other priorities
- More work for worship planners and secretary and more people needed for assisting at worship
- Added expense for musicians and possibly additional instruments, sound equipment, utility expense, etc.
- More wear and tear on facility
- Less community cohesiveness with people attending at different times

Where to from here?

Weekend Worship Options will be the subject of discussion at our 9:30 a.m. adult forum on Sunday, Nov. 6. On both the 6th and the 13th, those in attendance will have the opportunity to provide input on the topic by completing a survey. The council will take all this input under consideration and decide whether and when to implement any changes.

What do I think?

The more I have thought about this, the more I am gravitating toward a schedule of an early Saturday evening contemporary worship and one traditional Sunday service. I would like to see an expanded Christian Education program along with this, perhaps with options on both Sunday a.m. and Saturday p.m. That's just me, though. The important question we need to ask is, “Where is the Spirit leading us?” In a congregation, the Spirit works through ALL of us, corporately. When we follow the Spirit's lead, we may experience some “push back” from the enemy, but we will have the energy and resources to overcome any obstacle. It is exciting and life-giving to let the Spirit work through us to reach the world with the Good News of Jesus!



Christ Lutheran Church
Congregational Council Meeting Minutes
October 11, 2011

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

Opening prayer was given by Pastor Gayle and Tom Holte provided devotions. Sue Reeder will give the devotions in November.

Call to order: The meeting was called to order by President Sue McLennan at 6:35. There were three additions to the agenda. The minutes of the September 13th meeting were approved as written.

Treasurer and Financial Secretary Minutes: The treasurer will move the \$6551.48 remaining in the Call Committee account to the Wells Fargo account. Motion was approved to file both reports for audit.

President's Report: The Council Retreat will be November 19th from 9-3. Sue McLennan, Pastor Gayle, and Terry Pope will meet to finalize plans. The Budget Committee will meet in a few weeks to establish the final budget after all the Ministry Team budgets are turned in.

Pastor's Report: A written report of Pastor's activities was filed. She shared her goals for the following month. Some of these goals will be discussed at the Council Retreat.

MINISTRY TEAM REPORTS:

Learning: Donna informed us that the Fall Festival is planned for October 16th. The youth will do a service project by ringing bells for the Salvation Army in December. A Christmas program titled "Scrooge in Bethlehem" will be presented on December 18th. The board approved a motion to allocate \$800 for the Learning Team to use on the Youth Room at their discretion, with \$500 coming from the designated Youth Fund account and \$300 from funds previously budgeted for the nursery. The team will write an article about the use of the room for the Seed.

Stewardship: Jim reported on the progress of the Stewardship drive. All congregation members will receive a letter concerning stewardship. Each learning team will prepare a 5-7 minute presentation for Stewardship Sunday on October 23rd. Jim will speak about the pledge cards and Time/Talent sheets which will be passed out after the service. The Council members will serve the dinner following the service. A free will offering will be taken. Entertainment will be provided after the dinner. Display areas will be set up before that Sunday. A box will be on the table for the pledge cards and time/talent sheets. The Stewardship team was thanked for their hard work on this project.

Service: Tom reported that members of the team will prepare slides for the October 23rd service and will also finalize their budget.

Property: The Property men worked on trimming the shrubs and removing a dead tree. They were helped by the gardening ladies.

Worship: Bruce reported that hymns have been selected through November 6th. Their presentation is complete for the 23rd service. They are compiling a worship assistant's guide. New church directories will be done in 2012.

Witness: Sue Reeder reported that the team is making preparations for the Ploughman's lunch on November 9th. Tickets are ready to be sold. Sign-up sheets are ready to pass out for volunteers to help and to bring pies. Two flyers have also been prepared.

Fellowship: Ashley reported that their team met on September 15th. They are helping with the ELCA Women meeting which will be held on October 22nd. Registration is from 8:30-9:00 with doughnuts and coffee. A salad luncheon will be served at noon. They will serve dessert and coffee/cider following the Matt Dibler concert here on October 28th. They would like an overhead door for the kitchen. We discussed the possibility of a fundraiser for this project. There is already \$722 available for kitchen updates. Their next meeting is October 20th at 6:30.

Mutual Ministry Team: This team will meet with Pastor Gayle on October 13th to discuss the ministry of the pastor and congregation together, and to begin to define goals and operating procedures for the committee.

Motion was approved to accept all reports.

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NEXT COUNCIL MEETING—Tuesday, November 8, 2011 at 6:30 PM

Old Business:

1. A discussion was held on updating membership information. Bonnie will bring up some names to be removed at the November meeting.
2. Motion was approved to accept the transfer of Erica Koehn and Karen Koehn to Christ Lutheran.
3. Bonnie reported that Stuart Peters will be our new web master. Kara Wingerter will design the web site. It will be a few months before it is completed. \$350 has been designated to be used for new software.
4. Pastor Gayle summarized her general observations of the Cottage Meetings. A summary will be put in the Seed. The Adult Forum on November 6th will discuss these findings. A simple survey will be put in the bulletins on November 6 and 13th to get more input. The Council will consider any possible changes at the Council Retreat.

New Business:

1. Motion was approved to decline participation in the Breakfast Optimist Club trash can advertising project.
2. The Council approved the use of the church as a polling place for the elections on March 20th and November 6th in 2012. The polls will be open from 6 AM-7PM.
3. After discussion, the Council approved a motion to keep the Council Meeting time at 6:30.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 and we ended with the Lord's Prayer.



PLOUGHMAN'S LUNCH
November 9, 2011

Wednesday, November 9th is our big day. The beneficiary is Big Brothers/Big Sisters. We would like to get a list of any members who are already participating in this program. They can get in touch with me or Linda Dillman or Pastor Gayle.

We really need everyone to consider helping as much as possible this year. Budgets are extremely tight and we need all the help we can get.. We are always grateful for everyone's help in the past and hope to make this another great Ploughman's. Thanks.....Bonnie Conover



REVERSE OFFERING - THANKSGIVING BASKETS

We will start our reverse offering for our Thanksgiving baskets on October 30th.

We need to have all food items back to the church by Sunday, November 20th. 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. Everyone dug deep to achieve our goals. **CHRIST CARES. SHARE THE FAITH! Bonnie Conover**



*AVERAGE SUNDAY
 WORSHIP ATTENDANCE
 January through October 2011—87
 January through October 2010—84*



BOOKS & BREW

We haven't usually met in November but are trying it at member's request. We will be discussing the works of Edgar Allen Poe on Tuesday, November 22nd at 6 PM at church. We will skip dinner that night and give what we would normally spend to the Service ministry team for their November and December projects. As is the custom feel free to come even if you haven't read much of Poe-maybe after the discussion you'll want to read more..or not! See you there.

- **Adult Fellowship:** After another successful gathering at Spirit Knob in October it was decided we'd like to get together Friday, November 18th at 6 PM at Lakeview restaurant. This is a great time to really get to know one another and to make new friends. So that reservations can be made please call Pat Bell at 217-653-7632 or email her at pabsdb@adams.net before November 15th.

- **We will be observing “All Saints Day” on Sunday, Nov. 6.** During both services, everyone will have the opportunity to light a candle in memory of loved ones who have passed from this world into the “church triumphant.” More information will be forthcoming.
- **There’s this from Mary Reeve:** Contrary to what last Sunday’s bulletin said, we are done weeding for this year. The men will be pulling out the dead evergreens next to the parking lot in the next few weeks, and then the grounds are ready for winter. Be sure to add “gardening” or “weeding” or “yard care” to your time and talent sheets next week.....and plan to resume in the spring. Many thanks for all of your efforts this summer. It’s fun when lots of people work together.
- **Stuart Peters will be starting a new Financial Peace University (FPU) class Thursday, Jan. 6, at 6:30 p.m.** Preview times are set for Thursday, Dec. 29 and Jan. 5 both at 5:45 p.m., and Sunday, Jan. 1, at 12:15 p.m. This information is posted at www.daveramsey.com if someone looks for a class starting in our area. People can register on line.
- **We are looking for a new editor for our monthly church newsletter, the Seed.** Due to health concerns, Daune McCulloch is no longer able to provide this volunteer service. If you are interested, talk to Pastor Gayle and/or visit with Daune about what is involved. We are most grateful to Daune for her service on this important communications vehicle!
- **The Fellowship Team is selling Bergner’s coupon books for \$5** as a fundraiser to help pay for a pull-down door over the counter and a regular door to shut the kitchen off from the rest of the Fellowship Hall during special events. If you’d like to purchase one, talk to Ashley Maas, Charlotte Tooke, Mary Shank, Crystal Bernett, Daune McCulloch, and Virgene Gilkerson. The coupon books include a certificate for \$10.00 off a purchase at Bergner’s, as well as other discounts.
- **Savana Santos won WGEM’s “Future Stars on Stage” competition by getting the most votes on WGEM’s web site.** Trish thanks everyone who voted for Savana before last Friday’s deadline. As the winner, Savana gets to open for the American Idol Tour, a show here in Quincy of some of the former American Idols from previous seasons, on Friday, Nov. 4. Tickets are on sale now at QCT 222-3209. The Santos family will have a VIP table. Trish says that if anyone would like tickets for the table they are \$40. Let her know.

- **Change of Interim Pastor at Luther Memorial**

Pastor Chris Hale will begin serving as interim pastor at Luther Memorial Nov. 1. He is replacing Pastor Gary Sproat, who will be having back surgery again soon followed by a lengthy time for recovery. Pastor Sproat had back surgery earlier this year and one of the rods that was placed in his spine broke, requiring another surgery to fix the problem. Keep Pastor Sproat in your prayers for a smooth recovery.

- **All Saints Service of Remembrance**

On Sunday, Nov. 6, we will observe All Saints Day (which falls on Nov. 1). During both services, we will remember especially our congregation members who have died during the past year, Irma Bertelsen and Patsy Bousner. In addition, everyone will have an opportunity to come forward and light a candle in memory of loved ones who are no longer with us here on earth. We will be blessed by a choir anthem and also by Savana Santos singing, “I Can Only Imagine.” It will be a time to reflect on the blessings that our departed loved ones brought to our lives, and the hope we share of seeing them again in Heaven.

- **Thanksgiving Eve Service with Luther Memorial**

This year we will be having a joint Thanksgiving Eve worship service with Luther Memorial Church, to be held at 7 p.m. Nov. 23 at Luther Memorial. Pastor Chris Hale will be planning the service and Pastor Gayle will share in leading it.

- **Advent Evening Prayer Services**

For the four Wednesdays of Advent, beginning Nov. 30, Advent Evening Prayer services will be held here at Christ Lutheran from 6:30 to 7:15 for our congregation and Luther Memorial. We will use the Holden Evening Prayer liturgy. Each week, a Scripture and brief message will be shared by a lay person – two from Christ Lutheran and two from Luther Memorial. These midweek services will help us to calm our spirits and keep our focus on “the reason for the season” the coming of Christ into our world and into our hearts.

- **Pastor Gayle to Serve at Blessing Hospital**

Pastor Gayle recently completed orientation and training to serve as a volunteer chaplain at Blessing Hospital. Blessing offers 24/7 chaplain service, with two chaplains on staff and many more serving as volunteers. Each volunteer chaplain is expected to serve 10 hours a month – either two evening shifts (5 to 10 p.m.) or one night shift (10 p.m. to 8 a.m.) Pastor Gayle plans to take the night shift, but may also fill in on an evening now and then if they are short.



Christ Lutheran is very excited to announce several new members into our church family along with the baptism of others.

The following were received into membership on September 25, 2011

Linda & Jim Lewis—3811 Evergreen North, Quincy. Linda is office manager at Apple White Dental and Jim is the maintenance man at Quincy Inns and Suites. They have one daughter, Amanda Goessling, and two grandchildren (see next item)! The Lewises have been visitors here for the last few months. They transferred from Luther Memorial.



Goessling Baptism

Amanda, Matt, Caden, 3 & Kali 1

The Goessling family reside at 310 Crystal Brook Court, Lake St. Louis, MO 63367. Amanda is a Kindergarten teacher at Discovery Elementary School in St. Charles, MO and Matt is an accountant at Assurant Health. We were privileged to receive Kali Grace into membership through Holy Baptism. Amanda and Caden transferred from Luther Memorial. Matt was Baptized in the Methodist church. The Goesslings are seeking a church home in the St. Louis area but, for now, we are pleased to have them in our extended Christ Lutheran family.

The following were received into membership on October 16, 2011

Karen Koehn - 319 S. 16th Street, Quincy. Karen works at First Bankers Trust as a loan operations officer for mortgage servicing. She has two grown children, Matt and Erica (see next item). Originally from Nebraska, Karen lived in Quincy from 1990-93, at which time she attended Christ Lutheran. She moved back to Quincy in 1995 and joined Luther Memorial, from where her membership was transferred.

Erica Koehn and Ryli, age 18 months – 4418 N. 84th St., Fowler, IL 62338. A 2006 graduate of Quincy High, Erica works at AmCon Distributing, which supplies merchandise to convenience stores. We received Ryli into membership through Baptism and Erica by transfer from Luther Memorial, where she was confirmed.

As a means to boost awareness among Illinois youth around substance abuse prevention, Illinois Governor Pat Quinn proclaimed October as Operation Snowball Month in Illinois. Operation Snowball, partnered with the Illinois Alcoholism and Drug Dependence Association, has more than 120 chapters totaling 50,000 youth and encourages young people to stay drug-free by providing them with direct experience learning. The Quincy Snowball group meets here at Christ Lutheran under the leadership of Pam Foster, who works at Recovery Resources, located across 36th Street from the church.

WORSHIP LEADERS FOR NOVEMBER

| | November 6 | November 13 | November 20 | November 27 | |
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| ASSISTING MINISTER 8:00 AM 10:30 AM | Tom Holte Jim Bailey | Sue Reeder Mary Reeve | Ron Larner Crystal Bennett | Pat Bell Jerri Klusmeyer | |
| USHER 8:00 AM 10:30 AM | Bonnie Scranton Wayne McLennan | Joan Larner David Maas | Virgene Gilkerson Andrew Maas | Dick Tabb Mary Reeve | |
| READER 8:00 AM 10:30 AM | Marilyn Shackelford Ashley Maas | Phil Conover Trish Santos | Pat Bell Jim Bailey | Joan Larner Nick Kruse | |
| ACOLYTE 10:30 AM | | Sami Santos | Eric Kruse | | |
| GREETERS 8:00 AM 10:30 AM | Jerry & Marilyn Shackelford Joe & Cheryl Brinkman | Bonnie Scranton Reth & Jennifer Stollberg | Joanne Brubaker Jim & Peggy Bailey | Ron & Joan Larner Normal Tofall | |
| DEACON 8:00 AM 10:30 AM | Bruce Holderbaum Crystal Bennett | Ron Larner Nick Kruse | Joan Larner Wayne McLennan | Bonnie Scranton Barb Rhinberger | |
| SOUND SYSTEM 8:00 AM 10:30 AM | Kathy Wolters Stuart Peters | Bill Wolters Savana Santos | Bruce Holderbaum Jacob Parke | Bruce Holderbaum Olin Shuler | |
| COFFEE HOUR | Group 1 | Group 2 | Group 3 | Group 4 | |

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

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| 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.

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| 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 |