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CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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So, what's the draw?

By Pastor Gayle Pope

As I write this, we have had four “cottage meetings,” two more scheduled and another pending. It has been so interesting to hear all the stories in response to the opening question, “What drew you to Christ Lutheran Church?”

For most people, location, denomination and/or a friend or relative connection drew them to Christ Lutheran initially. Once here, the friendliness and hospitality of the people and/or the welcome or visit or sermons of the pastor helped to keep them coming back. That's all good and should encourage us to continue our warm hospitality and excellent care for our buildings, grounds and sign. It certainly encourages me to be diligent in visiting people and conscientious in my sermon preparation!

But here's a challenge. What would it take for us to be a church that draws and retains members because this is a place where we experience God's presence ... where we grow in faith and knowledge of Jesus Christ ... where we are challenged and sent to live out our faith every day ... where we find meaning, comfort, encouragement and support through the ups and downs of life ... where we are motivated to love and serve others ... where we learn how to share the faith?

I'm certain Christ Lutheran Church is and has been such a place for many or most of our church family at least occasionally, if not all the time. But it doesn't seem to be the first thing people talk about.

Why is that? Do those aspects of church life just go without saying? Do we take them for granted? Is it hard to talk about spiritual matters? Probably all those things are true. But we should also ask ourselves, “How well are we doing at ‘making disciples’ as Jesus commanded us to do?”

Does your involvement at Christ Lutheran Church feed your Spirit? Has it helped your relationship with God – Father, Son and Spirit – to grow deeper? Are you a more loving and faithful follower of Christ because of what you learn and experience here? If so, how can we keep it up? If not, what might help that to happen?

At the cottage meetings, we have talked about whether to keep two Sunday services or go to one. We've talked about adding a Saturday evening service – perhaps something less formal with more contemporary music. There seems to be enough interest to merit taking a survey and considering some changes. We've also talked about offering more opportunities for Bible study and small groups.

At one meeting, someone asked me, “Pastor, what do YOU want or expect from US?” I'm not sure what I said then, but in light of this reflection, I would say that I want you to take some responsibility for your own spiritual growth, think about what you need, talk to me about it and, if it's something the church could help provide, be willing to help get it going!

As we go forward, I encourage everyone to think about potential changes or additions to current practices not so much in terms of personal preference, but in terms of how they might impact your own spiritual life, the spiritual lives of your brothers and sisters in the congregation, and the lives of those who are not even here yet, but who God might be sending our way!

I look forward to working with you as we discover what “new things” God has in store for us!
Pastor Gayle



**Christ Lutheran Church
Council Minutes –August 9, 2011**

Members present: Sue McLennan; Pastor Gayle; Sue Reeder; Reth Stollberg; Jim Bailey; Bruce Holderbaum; Bonnie Scranton; Trish Santos. **Absent:** Tom Holte; Joan Kammerlohr; Dick Klusmeyer; Ashley Maas; Donna Parke. **Guests:** Robin Lentz; Andrew Maas

Opening prayer was given by Pastor Gayle and Trish Santos provided devotions. Jim Bailey will provide devotions in September.

Call to order: Meeting was called to order by President Sue McLennan at 6:40pm.

Additions to the Agenda: none

Approval of the Minutes: Minutes of the July 12th meeting were approved.

Treasurer and Financial Secretary Reports: Robin Lentz & Andrew Maas were present to answer any questions council members had about the budget or financial management processes. Significant discussion items included:

1. The mortgage agreement has been renegotiated for a 3-year period. It was previously renewed annually. Prior interest rate was 6.250; new rate is 5.875.
2. It was noted that copies of all council minutes should be provided to Robin & Andrew regularly so that they are kept informed of any council actions that affect their work.
3. Pastor Gayle inquired about the potential for members to use direct deposit for offerings. After some discussion it was agreed that she and Bonnie Scranton would contact their prior congregations for contact information about the company each congregation is using for this service.
4. Question was raised about making a payment on the principal of the mortgage or increasing the monthly payment. This will be discussed again at the end of the fiscal year when we have a better sense of our overall financial picture.

Motion was approved to file both reports for audit.

President's Report: No report

Pastor's Report: Pastor Gayle handed out a copy of her report which detailed her activities, visits, meetings/events, and other administrative actions undertaken from 7/13 – 8/15. Council members were impressed with what she accomplished and extremely pleased with her efforts to visit our homebound and hospitalized members. Pastor also reviewed her goals for next month with the council.

Pastor Gayle handed out the schedule for cottage meetings. We will announce again at church next Sunday as there are members who have not signed up and there is room for them to participate. It was suggested that we call those who haven't signed up and are not in church on 8/14. We do need a recorder at each meeting to ensure all ideas and/or concerns are captured.

Ministry Team and Committee Reports:

Stewardship: Jim Bailey noted that the time for the fall stewardship campaign is rapidly approaching. The stewardship team will have its first meeting on August 23rd at 6:30pm.

Service: Pastor Gayle reported for Tom Holte that she, Tom & Wendy met to talk about this ministry team. Right now Wendy is the only team member, but she does get help as needed for various projects.

Property: Bruce Holderbaum reported for Dick Klusmeyer. AC compressor has been replaced; the electrician has installed the outdoor electrical access needed for Lutherfest; new bookshelves have been installed in the pastor's office (it was noted by others that these were hand crafted by Bruce); Sunday school shelves in the fellowship hall are finished.

Worship: Bruce reported that hymns have been selected through Sept. 25th; next meeting is September 14th at 5:30pm; CROSS pulpit exchange will be this coming Sunday, August 14th. There was some discussion as to why certain hymns are selected for various parts of the worship service and not others.

Witness: Sue Reeder reported that Bonnie Conover is leading our efforts for collecting soap and blankets for Lutheran World Relief. We are about 50% of the way to our goal. Ploughman's Lunch will be Wednesday, November 9th.

Learning: Trish Santos reported that they are making progress in cleaning out the old Sunday school room and converting it to a youth room. It is now ready to be painted. They're considering wood flooring and may change the lighting if possible. Trivia Night is this Friday at 6:00pm; right now Luther Memorial has 14 signed up and we have only 5 or 6, so more CLC team members are needed. Stuart Peters will be leading a Dave Ramsey Financial Peace University class this fall. The next LMT meeting is August 10th.

Fellowship: - no report

Mutual Ministry: - no report

Old Business:

a) Lutherfest – Bonnie reported that arrangements are coming together for Lutherfest. Pastor Gayle has arranged for the Interim Bishop to lead worship and for the praise band from Luther Memorial to provide music. Tents have also been ordered and outdoor electrical access installed.

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NEXT COUNCIL MEETING—Tuesday, September 13, 2011, at 6:30 PM

- b) Updating membership information/statistics – Bonnie provided an update on this project. 40 names were presented to council for removal from our official membership roll. The majority of these individuals/families were contacted by phone and have either transferred to another church or moved out of the area. Sue McLennan called for the motion and it was unanimously approved.
- c) Website update – Bonnie reported that no one else has indicated an interest in helping with this project since the last council meeting. Bruce pointed out that, per the church constitution & by-laws, the web site is the responsibility of the Witness Ministry Team. Bonnie will schedule a meeting of individuals to begin moving this project forward.

New Business:

- a) Update on mortgage inquiry – Sue McLennan reported on this during the financial secretary & treasurer’s report
- b) Council retreat – a date was discussed for a council retreat to be facilitated by a non-member. The tentative date of 9/17 will not work. Sue
- c) McLennan will send out an e-mail to council members seeking workable dates
- c) Accept transfers/remove from membership list – this was taken care of under old business
- d) Approval of Kaye Marshall as money counter – unanimously approved
- e) Possible concert sponsor – Pastor Gayle asked the council to consider hosting a Southern Gospel Concert by Matt Dibler, solo artist. Matt will be performing at Immanuel Golden & Trinity Carthage in late October. Council unanimously approved inviting Matt to perform at Christ Lutheran on Friday, October 28th if possible. Matt does not charge a fee, but is supported entirely by free will offerings

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45pm followed by the Lord’s Prayer

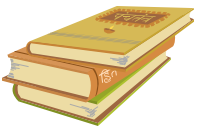
Respectfully submitted by Bonnie Scranton on behalf of Joan Kammerlohr

CHOIR REHEARSALS BEGIN



The new season for our choir begins with rehearsals on Wednesday, September 8th at 7:15 p.m. for an enjoyable musical experience, it doesn’t get much better than singing in the choir under the direction of Amy Stollberg. Come join our happy throng.

BOOKS & BREW



It is time for us to resume our monthly meetings. We will have dinner at Lakeview on September 27th at 6:00 P.M. We’ll be discussing “The House on Malcolm Street” by Leisha Kelly. We have also been invited to join the Big Read 2011 sponsored by the Quincy Public Library. The kickoff celebration will Be October 6th at 11:30—1:30 at the John Wood Mansion. Here the book “Great Tales and Poems of Edgar Allen Poe” by Edgar Allen Poe will be distributed free of charge. If you can’t make it that day, they will be available at the library after that. We look forward to seeing everyone..

STEWARDSHIP: A NEW BEGINNING

Just a note to announce our fall stewardship campaign which will “kick off” in October. This year’s theme is “A New Beginning,” and we are excited to explore with the congregation the many opportunities to serve our Lord at Christ Lutheran through financial gifts, time, and talents.

The month of October will feature temple talks, presentations, and a special Sunday devoted entirely to stewardship. Our campaign will culminate in early November with the collection of financial pledge cards and time and talent sheets. Please begin to plan how you can support the mission of Christ Lutheran Church!

Jim Bailey
Stewardship Ministry Team



CALLING ALL GARDENERS: The flower gardens and shrubbery still need some attention. If you are able, would you come to the church on alternate Wednesday mornings at 8:30-10:00 a.m. to weed and trim and just spruce up our gardens. Bring your gloves, trowels, hoes, etc. & join us on September 7th & 21st. Thank You Mary Reeve.



There is the story of a pastor who got up one Sunday and announced to the congregation: **I have good news and bad news. The good news is, we have enough money to pay for all new program the congregation wants to carry out. The bad news is the money is still out there in your pockets.**



AVERAGE SUNDAY ATTENDANCE
28 Weeks of January-August 2011—79
23 Weeks of January-August 2010—82



HOW TO HANDLE MONEY WOES

Stuart Peters is starting another Financial Peace University (aka Dave Ramsey) class on Thursday evenings, starting on September 1st beginning at 6:30 p.m. The class meets weekly until November 17th. Even if you've missed the first class, it is not too late to join us.

What Does The Bible Say About Money?

Almost everyone agrees that the Bible contains great advice about life, from improving your marriage to getting along with your boss at work. But does the Bible really say much about money? Does it really give us advice that we can apply to our own life in today's world? The Good News is Yes! Absolutely! We believe the Bible is as relevant and helpful today as when it was written, and God has a lot to say about money. Did you know money is mentioned in the Bible over 800 times? God must be pretty serious about this subject to talk about it that much. In fact, Jesus says in Luke 16:11, "So if you have not been trustworthy in handling worldly wealth, who will trust you with true riches?" It appears from this verse that God uses money as a test of our management and stewardship skills before entrusting us with spiritual things.

If money is this important to God, why are there so few Sunday school classes on this topic? Why don't we see lots of small group studies on "Managing Your Finances" or "Getting Out of Debt"? Why aren't there more sermons in this area? There are many reasons, but the top reason is that most people don't realize how much of a problem managing money is for the average family. Look at the statistics below:

Financial Statistics:

- 1. Marital Problems** - 37 percent (the highest rate) of marital problems derive from financial situations.
- 2. Cash Flow** - 70 percent of all consumers live paycheck to paycheck, meaning they run out of money before the end of the month.
- 3. Savings** - The average family would have to use a credit card to pay a \$1,500 unexpected expense (ex: home or car repair).
- 4. Retirement** - Nearly half of all Americans (46%) have less than \$10,000 saved for their retirement..

It is a problem that affects everyone, inside and outside of the church. In fact George Barna says that the fastest growing churches are teaching about marriage, child rearing, finances, and careers. Money is a serious subject, and God is serious about money, which is why Christ Lutheran Church should study closely what he has to tell us.

Finally, there is something to guide us! A study to take God's wisdom about money and help us apply it to our own lives. It is called [Financial Peace University](#). Classes, led by Stu Peters, will begin here at Christ Lutheran the first of September. Some congregations have had 97% of their congregation go through financial peace. Imagine what we as a Church can do if we had NO debt? Imagine not having to pay \$4,000.00 per month for church mortgage, imagine what we could do for our church? Our Community? Our World? Are you starting to see why this is so important to God.... and if it is important to God, then it should also be important to you.



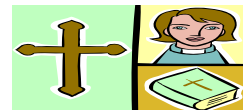
LOCAL HAPPENINGS: Arts/Quincy Riverfest, Sunday, September 18 at Quincy's riverfront, 11 a.m.—6 p.m.. Free entertainment and fun for the whole family.

LABOR DAY CAR SHOW: Monday, September 5th at Liberty Park in Liberty, Illinois. For more information contact Mike at 217-242-8305 or Mandy at 217-617-8305. Also email at labordaycarshow@yahoo.com or check us out on Facebook.

Sunday School Schedule: Let me know if this does not work out for anyone. Also included are the topics. I will print up lessons, but feel free to add anything you would like. Let me know if these days do not work. Trish Santos.

September 4 (Trish) Joseph & his Brothers (1) - September 11 (Trish) Joseph & his Brothers (2)
September 18 (Patti) Dinner on the Ground - September 25 (Joan) What is it? (Exodus 16:15)
October 2 (Trish) Water from a Rock - October 9 (Patti) The Ten Commandments

If anyone is interested and would like to teach a time that isn't scheduled, we would be happy to put you on the schedule.



First Communion Classes Start Sept. 29

Taylor Kruse, Blake Parke and Paige Lannerd will make their First Communion on Reformation Sunday, Oct. 30. In preparation for this special event, they will receive instruction starting Thursday, Sept. 29 from 5:15 to 6:15 p.m. Additional classes are tentatively set for Thursdays, Oct. 6 and Oct. 20, with a final class on Saturday morning, Oct. 29, from 10 a.m. to noon, at which time the kids will bake bread to be used for Holy Communion the next day. We will use the new "Fed and Forgiven" curriculum from Augsburg Fortress. If there are other children who would like to make their First Communion, we would welcome more into the class. Also if any parents would like to have their older children sit in on these classes as a "refresher course" they are welcome! Just contact Pastor Gayle.

Christ Lutheran and Luther Memorial Joint Confirmation

We will again hold Confirmation classes with Luther Memorial this year. We should have four students -- Erica Stollberg, Savana Santos, Dillon Probert and Jacob Parke. We are planning to meet after school on Wednesdays, beginning Sept. 21, at Luther Memorial. This worked out well last year because the kids can walk across the street to the church. The curriculum will focus on the catechism this year -- Apostles Creed, Lord's Prayer, Ten Commandments, Sacraments and living out one's faith. Pastor Gayle will teach the class, along with Pastor Gary Sproat and Kay Warren from Luther Memorial. Kay will be moving to Oklahoma before too long, but will help teach as long as she is here.

Youth Event Oct. 8 in Golden

Our congregation's 3rd through 8th grade youth are invited to participate in "Super Servant Saturday" October 8, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church in Golden. The event enables youth to serve as the hands and feet of Christ within the community, and will be filled with music, service and fun. Youth will be divided into small groups by gender and age and are led by high school and college youth with the assistance of participating adults. All activities will be done in small groups, and will include a variety of projects that appeal to both boys and girls. This is a great way to teach young people of the simple things they can do to share God's love with others. High school, college, and adult volunteers are also needed, and can serve in a variety of ways. Registration is only \$15/student, and is due September 26. Please contact Trish Santos if you would like to participate.

Captive Free Concert in Golden

All members of the community are invited to a free concert of the Youth Encounter band, Captive Free, on Saturday, October 8, 4-5 PM, at Trinity Lutheran Church in Golden. A free will offering will be taken to support Captive Free's ministry. The concert caps off the Super Servant Saturday youth event.

The Twelfth Biennial Churchwide Assembly of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) was held Aug. 15-19, 2011, at the Orlando World Center Marriott.

The theme was "Freed in Christ to Serve." ELCA Malaria Campaign officially launched • "Genetics, Faith and Responsibility" social statement adopted • Review process for social statements adopted • Living into the Future Together implementing resolutions adopted • 2012-2013 Budget proposals adopted • Memorials and constitutional changes adopted For more information on the work of the assembly, including daily legislative updates, videos and a news blog, visit www.elca.org/assembly.

Welcome to God's Family!

We welcomed Reid Grayson Alford into the family of God on Sunday, Aug. 21, through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. Reid's parents are Anne and Scott Alford, of Chicago. Grandparents from our congregation are Anne's mom and dad, Bonnie and Phil Conover. Godparents were Jesse and Angela Diaz, friends of Anne and Scott from California.

Stewardship Drive

If you would like to help with the planning and implementation of this fall's stewardship campaign, please contact Jim Bailey at Jbailley816@yahoo.com or 217-223-3255. It's going to be a good one!

Transition ...

Peggy Tarbell (Patti Kruse's mother) is now living at Good Samaritan Home while her broken ankle heals. She is expected to be there for two to four months. If you'd like to send a card, the address is: Peggy Tarbell, c/o Good Samaritan Home, 2130 Harrison, Quincy, IL 62301. If you'd like to stop and visit, she is in the Eber Garden wing.

Goessling Baptism September 25th

Kali Grace Goessling, age 10 months, will be baptized at Christ Lutheran Church during our 8 a.m. service on Sunday, September 25th. Kali (rhymes with "Sally") is the granddaughter of Linda & Jim Lewis, residents in our neighborhood who have been visitors here in recent months and have decided to transfer their membership from Luther Memorial. Kali's parents are Amanda & Matt Goessling. The Goessling family, which includes Caden, age 3 1/2, live in St. Louis. They will also be transferring their membership to Christ Lutheran while they search for a new church home in Quincy. The Lewises and Goesslings will be received into membership on September 25 as well.

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WORSHIP LEADERS FOR SEPTEMBER

	September 4	September 11	September 18	September 25
ASSISTING MINISTER 8:00 AM 10:30 AM	Bonnie Scranton Jim Bailey	Joan Larner Jerri Klusmeyer	Ron Larner Crystal Bernett	Sue Reeder Jim Bailey
USHER 8:00 AM 10:30 AM	Virgene Gilkerson David Tooke	Bonnie Scranton Darrell Kruse	Dick Tabb Joe Brinkman	Jerry Shackelford Bruce Holderbaum
READERS 8:00 AM 10:30 AM	Kathy Wolters Bruce Holderbaum	Virgene Gilkerson Trish Santos	Sue Tabb Jerri Klusmeyer	Marilyn Shackelford Nick Kruse
GREETERS 8:00 AM 10:30 AM	Ron & Joan Larner Reth & Jennifer Stollberg	Bill & Kathy Wolters Joan Kammerlohr	Bonnie Scranton Norma Tofall	Dick & Sue Tabb Judy Kauffman
DEACON 8:00 AM 10:30 AM	Bruce Holderbaum Barb Rhinberger	Ron Larner Nick Kruse	Joan Larner Cheryl Brinkman	Bonnie Scranton Crystal Bernett
SOUND SYSTEM 8:00 AM 10:30 AM	Bill Wolters Olin Shuler	Kathy Wolters Savana Santos (Ashley Maas)	Stuart Peters Jacob Parke (Andrew Maas)	Bill Wolters Olin Shuler
COFFEE HOUR	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!



If you have a birthday in September 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.

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| September | 1 Matt Clark
Erik Kruse
3 Laura Brinkman
4 Buford Ward
6 David Clark
10 Floyd Leenerts
12 Jon Wahlmann | 18 Bernice Colgrove
Esther Hufendick
20 Jaiden Mathes
27 Joyce Alford
Kolette Alford |
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If you have a wedding anniversary in September and it does not appear below, please notify the church office.

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| September | 1 David and Daune McCulloch
14 Darrell and Patty Kruse
18 Kent and Joyce Alford
28 Bill and Pat Glore |
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COFFEE HOUR GROUPS - August 1, 2011 - August 26, 2012

<p>GROUP 1</p> <p>Holderbaum, Barb 224-6743 Chair Reeve, Mary 223-6925 Spurgeon, Julie 573-288-5909 Pat Glore 222-0730 Scranton, Bonnie (EARLY) 223-2062 Rhinberger, Barb (EARLY) 223-0191</p> <p>Aug 14, Sept 25, Nov 6, Dec 18, Jan 29, Mar 11 Apr 22, June 3, July 15 26-Aug</p>	<p>Group 5</p> <p>Colgrove, Bernice 223-7223 Chair Tofall, Norma 228-0521 Shuler, Olin 223-9288 Leenerts, Joyce 434-8434 McLennen, Sue 224-2892 Conover, Bonnie (EARLY) 257-2853 Gilkerson, Virgene (EARLY) 223-3744</p> <p>Sep 11, Oct 23, Dec 4 Jan 15, Feb 26, Apr 8 May 20, July 1, Aug 12</p>
<p>GROUP 2</p> <p>Clark, Bonnie 242-0698 Bakker, Conny 228-1371 Beeler, Dorothy 228-4158 Santos, Trish 653-8954 Parke, Donna 242-8335 Reeder, Sue (EARLY) 885-3161 Bell, Pat (EARLY) 593-7309</p> <p>Aug 21, Oct 2, Nov 13, Dec 25 Feb 5, Mar 18, Apr 29 June 10, July 22</p>	<p>Group 6</p> <p>Jennifer Stollberg 224-3198 Chair Shank, Mary 228-7903 Tooke, Charlotte 224-4501 McCulloch, Daune 885-3002 Wolters, Kathy (EARLY) 257-1563 Bringer, Kathy (EARLY) 573-769-4738</p> <p>Aug 7, Sep 18, Oct 30, Dec 11 Jan 22, Mar 4, Apr 15, May 27 July 8, Aug 19</p>
<p>GROUP 3</p> <p>Kauffman, Judy 221-9268 Chair Kruse, Patty 223-4339 Kammerlohr, Joan 224-6615 Miller, Nona 222-1287 Wall, Anita 223-8662 Tabb, Sue (EARLY) 224-6509 Larner, Joan (EARLY) 222-0967</p> <p>Aug 28, Oct 9, Nov 20, Jan 1 Feb 12, Mar 25, May 6 June 17, July 29</p>	
<p>Group 4</p> <p>Maas, Wendy 224-6794 Chair Maas, Ashley 653-3310 Bernett, Crystal 228-0905 Shuler, Bill 224-7123 Dillman, Linda (EARLY) 224-4508 Haubrich, Karn 316-3257 Stollberg, Amy (EARLY) 242-8635</p> <p>Sep 4, Oct 16, Nov 27, Jan 8 Feb 19, Apr 1, May 13 June 24, Aug 5</p>	

Everyone is invited to participate in the coffee hour. Please bring something to share on your scheduled Sunday's. The group should set up before coffee hour and clean up afterwards. The group will be responsible for shutting off all lights and making sure all doors are locked.

For other carry in dinners when scheduled, the same will hold true. The Coffee Hour Group will help serve.

Thank You - The Fellowship Committee