

The CHIMES



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October 2017

PASTOR'S PIECE

Observing 500 Years of Renewal

Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

This month, on October 31st, we will be observing the 500th year of the protestant reformation that Martin Luther helped lead, which means we as Lutherans will be observing 500 years as a church, and 500 years of always being made new.

Think about how much the church has changed in 500 years! And we as Lutherans are still here, and are still faithful to the gospel of Jesus Christ and the grace of God which gives us all saving faith. For 500 years the church has continued to be made new by God through the church's people. From the bible being translated into German by Martin Luther and copies being made available for the common person to read because of the printing press, to having to change the language of the liturgy and worship from Latin, German, Swedish, Norwegian, Finnish, Danish, and others to English after coming to the Americas, to having Face book pages and websites, the church has constantly been making necessary changes to continue to reform, renew, and stay a vital church for the sake of God, the neighbor, and the gospel.

Change, reforming, renewing, rethinking, is in our Lutheran DNA and heritage, and the ELCA, which we belong to, has been working hard to equip congregations with tools to continue this proud tradition of renewal and revitalization for the sake of the gospel. Members of the ELCA working in the area of church vitality have made some important recent discoveries. One discovery is what vitality looks like in congregations today:

"Vital congregations exude a certain kind of vibrancy, a friendly welcoming manner, and God's presence is tangible. Those who attend regularly have a sense of purpose. They support each other by nurturing one another's faith and helping each other identify their spiritual gifts and use those gifts in the congregation and in the world. When they disagree they do so in a respectful manner, ultimately strengthening the congregation. The people in these vital congregations understand God's mission goes beyond their walls. They intentionally connect with the wider Christian community and within their local context to share the good news in word and deed by striving to be God's hands in the world." (<http://www.congregationalvitalitysurvey.com/>, accessed September 18, 2017)

Here at Christ Lutheran Church, I know we all want to be a vital church, and we know that some change is always going to be necessary to remain faithful to our vision of "Following Christ, Serving in Love, and Sharing the Journey." And these necessary changes will require of all of us new or changed behavior. As I like to say, "be the change you want to see". However, this "vitality survey" from members of the ELCA has discovered that, "shifts in missional imagination appear to precede shifts in missional behavior." That is we have to imagine things differently, dream differently, think about what the future COULD look like or how we WOULD LIKE the future to look, before we can actually behave like that future. In order to have an even more vibrant and thriving congregation, we have to imagine what that will look like together, which is different from remembering the past. Imagination is about renewing our minds and forming mental images, dreams, goals, of what is not yet present to us.

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Paul in his letter to the Romans talks about this renewal and imagination that the church must be constantly undergoing this way: *"I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect."* (Romans 12:1-2)

This holy imagining together is a part of our life of faith and worship of God. Will you join me this month, either online at pastorryanlc.wordpress.com or write letters or memos and share your imaginations for the church with me, the council, and with one another? For if we can begin to imagine a more vital Christ Lutheran Church together, than we can begin to live into this vitality as well.

God bless you in the renewing and reforming of your minds and imaginations as we observe 500 years of being Lutheran this month!

Pastor Ryan



Following Christ's

EQUIPPING LEADERS FOR MISSION & MINISTRY

Lay Ministry Training Program embraces a new name: Equipping Leaders for Mission & Ministry (ELMM). The program's clear vision, "A community of scripturally-grounded, mission-driven, spirit-led disciples" and concise mission "To equip leaders for mission and ministry" are founded on four guiding principles.

The church needs equipped leaders.

Scripturally-grounded disciples lead with confidence.

Mission-driven disciples energize the church.

Spirit-led disciples encourage and empower others.

Equipping Leaders for Mission and Ministry continues the same curriculum that structured the Lay Ministry Training Program. Participants in the program will communicate with their pastors and congregation councils regularly as they discern areas of ministry to which they feel called. If pastors and councils wish, they may commission individuals who complete the program to serve in a particular ministry.

This will be held here at CLC on October 13th and 14th. Those who wish to attend please sign up on the response card. Also, if anyone wishes, we would like to provide a luncheon. This is not something that is necessary, just seeing if there would be interest in providing this for those attending.

COOKIE BAKERS

For those who like to eat, oh I mean bake cookies, October 15th we would like to send cookies to Chaplain (Captain) Christopher Laughlin 3rd BDE, 95th DIV. He was once told all good chaplains have cookies for their Soldiers. Now that he is going to be a basic training chaplain he is asking for support from the congregations in the North/West Lower Michigan Synod to help support this by baking and sending him cookies to pass out.



COUNCIL

MINI-MINUTES: September 10, 2017

- Confirmation classes have just begun.
- Genesis to Revelation Bible study begins September 19 at 6:30 pm.
- Pastor Dave Sprang from the Synod office contacted Pastor Ryan offering him participation in a grant-funded program on training Pastors in renewal and vitality of their churches. This would require a three year commitment and would be available to Pastors across the state in both Michigan Synods with the goal of utilizing volunteers in their own geographic areas.
- Treasurer's report – total assets slightly less than last month.
- Music on Sundays for kids (4th Sunday). The Merkel family will be having some upbeat music prior to church.
- Kitchen venting needs to be looked at. Terry Wineland suggested creation of a preventative maintenance checklist.
- Washing and cleaning of sanctuary ceiling will be done soon.
- Photographer/Photographs - please put your church pictures on a flash drive and bring them to Pastor Ryan to place on church photo file.
- Creating church calendar of events.
- Creating cards for veterans is upcoming.
- Creating position to come in and close up church after non-member events are hosted here.
- Update by Jane Schultz on KFC schedule and content of lessons.
- Next council meeting will be October 8, 2017.

OUR COUNCIL:

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We wish to thank the following for their contributions to
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Genesis to Revelation Bible Study

Tuesday Nights at 6:30 p.m. at Christ Lutheran Church

It's not too late to come and join our Bible group.

If you miss a week and need to catch up please contact Kerry Pickett.

October 3 rd	"Abraham, Sarah, and the Promise"
October 10 th (After comm. dinner)	"Jacob, Joseph, and Reconciliation"
October 17 th	"Moses and the Drama of the Exodus"
October 24 th	"Freedom and Law at Mount Sinai"
October 31 st (This date may change)	"Israel's Wandering in the Wilderness"
November 14 th (after comm. dinner)	"Violence and Kindness in the Promised Land"



Break for Thanksgiving/Christmas/New Year's

Thank You Note

Dear Friends at Christ Lutheran,

I find it difficult to find the right words to express the comfort and joy I am receiving from my friends and church family during this difficult loss of Fred. So much love has been coming to me, beginning with all of you who put effort into making his memorial service so very special. A special thank you to all who made and sent food, especially to those who gave time to serve it. I truly appreciate the thoughtfully chosen sympathy cards so many of you sent my way. I tearfully read each and everyone. I am so grateful to all of you who have invited me to spend time with you. I know I am being blessed everyday in this new life as a widow and anxiously wait for what God is planning for me next.

May God enrich and bless all of your lives, as he is doing for mine.

Judy Miller

FOOD PANTRY INFO

Christ Lutheran is responsible to supply at least 15 volunteers for the third Saturday of each month at Immanuel Lutheran's Food Pantry.

Thanks to everyone who has taken time out of their day to help others who are in need. Look to the bulletin board for each months sign up.



October 21

is our next day to man the pantry!

Hope you are able to help.



RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

Our next blood drive here at Christ Lutheran will be held on **Monday, October 16th** from Noon until 5:45 p.m.



Volunteers are needed to help make this a successful event. Please sign up on the sheet posted on the bulletin board in the Welcome Center if you are able to help in any way. Please share the date with family and friends so they can plan on donating that day if they are able.

ADDRESS CHANGES

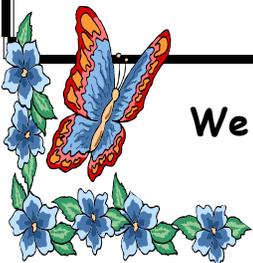
In order to keep your church directory up to date please make the following changes:

Sandy Hathaway
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Ajo, AZ 85321

Patricia Lewis
P. O. Box 14
Pleasant Lake MI 49272

James Rose
3876 Westchester Blvd.
Jackson, MI 49203

SYMPATHIES



We wish to express our heartfelt Christian sympathies to:

The family and friends of **Bondy Dean** who passed away on September 19.
Our thoughts and prayers are with them in this time of loss.

CROP HUNGER WALK 2017

We need **Walkers and Sponsors** for the Jackson CROP Hunger Walk on **October 8**. We will gather with others in our community to fight hunger, both here and around the world! Please see Coralie Dirlam for details and to sign up to be a Walker.

Last year, our church was represented with 25 walkers, and we raised a total of \$3,784!

(This was one of our best years both in walkers and in money raised - CLC is the greatest!)

For the entire Jackson Walk, there were 118 walkers who raised a grand total of \$17,470. This year's goal will be even higher, so let's do our part to help make this event a huge success!

Thanks in advance.

On The Road

I recently had the opportunity to visit the **Creation Museum**.

This is a perfect way to walk through Bible history and explore the six days of Creation and the Garden of Eden. This exhibit is located in the tip of Kentucky. And close by there in Ohio, is the **Ark Encounter**

This opened up last year and is an impressive Biblical replica of Noah's Ark. It is amazing to see the size of this when first getting there! Inside are three decks of exhibits including displays of Noah's family and rows of cages containing animal replicas, and an amazing amount of food and supplies that would've been needed to care for all on board. Both of these are something to see and help to reaffirm our faith in our great and glorious God. A visit to these destinations would be my recommendation - and to do so with a bus load of other Christians - even better!

Coralie Dirlam

Have you been on a trip that you think others might want to go on? Please let me know and as space is available we will print it. Has anyone been on an Alaskan Train ride?

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Two hundred years ago in Persia,
a child was born who grew to champion a noble Cause, for which He was to suffer imprisonment, torture, exile, and destitution. Through it all He laid the foundation for a unified, world-wide community of faith that bears His name, promoted universal love and unity, and set in motion benevolent spiritual forces to heal a divided humanity.
Please join the Bahá'í Community of Falling Waters as we celebrate the 200th anniversary of the Birth of Bahá'u'lláh, Founder of the Bahá'í Faith.

One Light - Many Lamps
GOD
Krishna
Moses
Buddha
Jesus
Muhammad
Bahá'u'lláh
The essence of all the Prophets of God is one and the same.

Serving in Love

October 2017

	October 1	October 8	October 15	October 22	October 29
Greeter 9:45	Bob & Nancy Schlundt	Tim Belcher	Mike & Jen Crouch	Dawn Davis	Mary Wilkie
Acolyte 9:45	Jaymason Filter	Cameron Pickett	Ryan Olson	Jordan Wineland	
Assisting Ministers	James Woody Rodney Simons	Dan Burmeister Mary Wilkie	Linda Wineland Terry Wineland	Barb Merkel Kerry Pickett	Don Day Diana Day
Kids For Christ Leaders	Jane Schultz Linda Wineland Katie Merkel	Jane Schultz Linda Wineland Katie Merkel	Jane Schultz Linda Wineland Katie Merkel	Jane Schultz Linda Wineland Katie Merkel	Jane Schultz Linda Wineland Katie Merkel
Ushers	Soren Anderson Nancy Spink Phil Elliott Mimi Elliott Team #5	Joe Mount Bob Schlundt Dan Burmeister Rodney Simons Team #6	Jim Woody Carol Woody Chris McDermott Dawn Davis Team #7	David Dirlam Coralie Dirlam Rick Wyllis Team #8	Frank Lovejoy Judy Lovejoy Mike Crouch Jennifer Crouch Team #1
Counting Teams	Bob Schlundt Bill Anderson Soren Anderson	Frank Lovejoy Judy Lovejoy Phil Elliott	Doug Prather Chris McDermott	Dan Burmeister Dawn Burmeister Joe Mount	Don Day Terry Wineland
Altar Guild	Sandy Pierce	Sandy Pierce	Sandy Pierce	Sandy Pierce	Sandy Pierce

YOUTH BREAKFAST

Are you hungry? Well how about staying after service on the 1st Sunday of each month to enjoy a free will offering breakfast. **The proceeds will go to helping the youth** with future events like "The Gathering". Money well spent for enriching the minds of our very own youth here at CLC. So stay after church enjoy something to eat, and share in some fellowship all while donating to a great cause.



Breakfasts coming up are:

October 1st to be sponsored and cooked by Judy Wollet

November 5th to be sponsored by Bob & Nancy Schlundt and cooked by Nancy Spink



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9:45a Worship 11:15a Yth. Bkft. 	2 1:00p W. B. S.	3 6:30p Bible Study	4 4:30p Cardio Drumming	5	6 10:00a W.W.	7
8 9:45a Worship 11:15a Coun. Mtg. Crop Walk 1p Reg. 2p Walk begins	9 Columbus Day 1:00p W. B. S.	10 5p Comm. Dinner 6p Photoshop ★ Bible Study	11 4:30p Cardio Drumming	12	13 8-6p E.L.M.M C.C. in use 10:00a W.W.	14 8:00a E.L.M.M. C.C. in use
15 Chimes Deadline 9:45a Worship 3:30p Conf. @ St. James Cookie shipping 	16 12:00p Blood Drive 1:00p W. B. S. 	17 6:30p Bible Study	18 12:45p Greenleaf 4:30p Cardio Drumming	19	20 10:00a W.W.	21 8:45a CLC @ Imm.'s Pantry 1:00p C.C. in use (Wright)
22 9:45a Worship	23 1:00p W. B. S.	24 6:30p Bible Study	25 4:30p Cardio Drumming 6:00p L.D.F.A.	26	27 10:00a W.W.	28
29 Noisy Offering 9:45a Worship 3:30p Conf. @ St. James	30 1:00p W. B. S.	31 Halloween 6:30p Bible Study	Notes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • C.C. = Community Center • W.W. = Weight Watchers • L.D.A.F. = Little Dresses for Africa • W.B.S. = Women's Bible Study ★ Bible Study will begin when the dinner is cleaned up 7:15ish			

CELEBRATIONS

Happy Birthday to:

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|----|--------------------|----|--------------------|
| 1 | Larry Terrill | 18 | Jordan Wineland |
| 3 | Deb Cunningham | 19 | Sandy Hathaway |
| 4 | Ryan Olson | 20 | Mark Ottmer |
| | Chelsea Dunham | | Samantha O'Dowd |
| 10 | Savanah Juckett | 22 | Heather Richey |
| 11 | Gary Soltis | | Heather Oerther |
| | Charlee LeCrone | 24 | Melanie Pietroytys |
| 13 | Linda Crouch | 26 | Joshua Wollet |
| 14 | Lynette Oerther | 27 | Bill Anderson |
| 15 | Joyce Richey | | Jack Hunter |
| | Robert Hudson | 31 | Natalie Olson |
| | Stephanie Peterson | | |

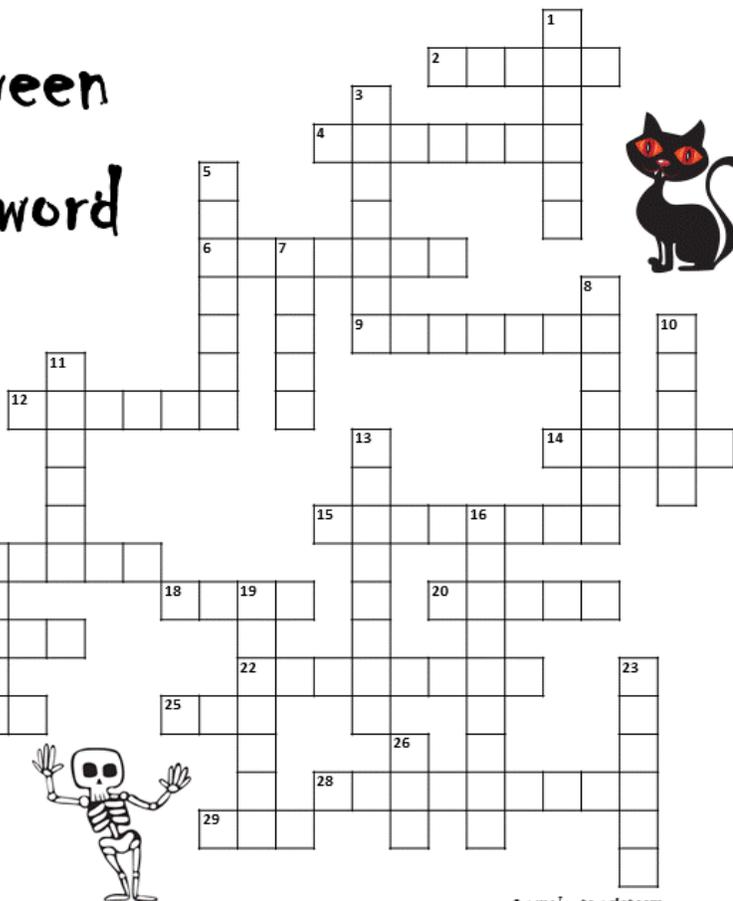
Happy Anniversary

- 7th Kevin & Susie Sell 11 yrs
 15th Liz Archer & Richard Johnson 4 yrs
 18th Zeth & Taylor Soltis 3 yrs
 19th Doug & Darlene Prather 15 yrs



KIDS CORNER

Halloween Crossword



Across

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|-----------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|
| 2. Frightening | 20. What the pot might call the kettle |
| 4. He hates garlic | 21. ___ stories |
| 6. Frankenstein had one | 22. A boney sort of fellow |
| 9. The Count | 24. Found in Egypt |
| 12. Where a vampire sleeps | 25. Lives in the belfry |
| 14. ___ or treat | 27. Whoo? Whoo? |
| 15. Scare | 28. Playground for ghosts |
| 17. A skeleton is just a bunch of these | 29. What a spider spins |
| 18. Mr. O'Lantern | |

Down

- | | |
|---------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 1. When something makes our skin crawl, it's this | 13. Comes out on full moon nights |
| 3. ___ house | 16. October 31st |
| 5. Makes a popular pie | 17. Witch transportation |
| 7. When ghosts come out to play | 19. Disguise |
| 8. Fire burn, and ___ bubble | 23. Incey wincey is one of these |
| 10. Samantha for example | 24. Might be full, half, or new |
| 11. Evil or mischevous creature | 26. He swallowed the canary |



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WORSHIP SCHEDULE

9:45 am—Sunday Worship Service
9:45 am—Kids for Christ (Sunday School)

Holy Communion Celebrated each Sunday

Pastor Ryan Prondzinski