



CHIMES NEWSLETTER



May
2019

PASTOR'S PIECE

We Are an Easter People

"Everyone should therefore look upon [their] Baptism as [their] everyday wear, to be worn constantly. [They] should at all times be found in faith and surrounded by its fruits. [They] should every day suppress the old [self] and grow towards maturity in the new [self]. For if we want to be Christians, we must carry on the work that makes us Christians."

(Luther's Large Catechism, *On the Sacrament of Baptism*)

Friends in Christ, as we enter May and the season of Easter, did you know that the season of Easter is a season where we both remember and celebrate our baptism? It is!

Yes, on Easter we celebrate Jesus death and resurrection, which graces us with forgiveness of sins, victory over death and the devil, and the gift of new life. But do you remember that these gifts are given to us in the gift and sacrament of baptism? They are!

Luther reminds us of these gifts of baptism in our small catechism where he quotes the Apostle Paul from the book of Romans in chapter 6 which reads,

"We were buried with Christ by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life."

In the first paragraph above, Luther reminds us that our baptism is our daily identity. In this way, we are an Easter people; dying and rising with Christ anew each day.

Often times though, I think we can let this daily gift and reality of baptism slip our mind. We see the gift of baptism and new life as something that we will only get after our life on earth has ended, but this is not so. New life in Christ happens every day.

Every day we receive Christ and all his blessings as gift anew. As we receive Christ as gift anew each day we are then [hopefully] inspired and called by Christ, every day, to be Christ as gift, for our neighbor and for the world. We are the body of Christ in the world through our baptism. In baptism, Christ empowers us to be his presence as gift in the world.

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In the gospels, Christ shows us how to be his presence in the world. Yes, every day we are blessed to receive and be Christ anew through our baptism. We are an Easter people.

With the blessing of being an Easter people in mind, and with the hope of empowering you in your baptismal identity as your pastor, I invite you to live into your baptismal identity in two specific ways with me in the coming months:

Study of the gospels

1 on 1 conversations about what shape your faith takes in your daily lives.

Study of the gospels—As the weather gets warmer, I want to take an hour or so a week, out in the community (I'm thinking at the park on 5th street) and read through the gospels together. I haven't determined the exact day, date, or time yet, because I am hoping you all will **give me some suggestions for times you might be able to come and join me** from time to time. This will be an informal reading of the gospels, where you can come as often or as little as you are able. We will simply read a couple chapters of the gospel and have some conversation around what we have read. The hope is that as we continue to learn Christ, we will learn to love Christ more and be Christ better in our lives today, living out our baptismal identity.

1 on 1 conversations—In the coming months I plan to visit with you (the people of CLC) one on one (or with couples together possibly) and reconnect with you. If you are still working, I would love to come and see what you do and have you show me around. If you are retired, we can meet anywhere you would like, home, restaurant, park, wherever. My goal is to get to know you better and see how your faith takes shape in your day-to-day lives. So if you get a call from me in the coming months asking when I might be able to come and spend some time with you, it's in order to spend this type of time together. In the Spirit of Easter, my hope is to help you consider more deeply what your baptismal identity and life of faith looks like during the week, and for me to get to know you better.

So please, let me know when you would have time to read through the gospels during the week, and either seek to set up a time for me to come and meet with you 1 on 1, or just be open to setting something up with me when I call. Thanks!

Happy Easter!

Pastor Ryan

"Sometimes the strength of motherhood is greater than natural laws."

Barbara Kingsolver

"When your mother asks, 'Do you want a piece of advice?' It is a mere formality. It doesn't matter if you answer yes or no. You're going to get it anyway."

Erma Bombeck

FOLLOWING CHRIST?

COUNCIL

MINI-MINUTES: April 14, 2019

- The Semi-Annual congregational meeting is scheduled for Sunday, May 5th.
- 3 kids from the local Cub Scout troop has registered for camp the cost to attend is \$450 to \$500.
- Mobile Food Pantry – Dan Burmeister discussed the issue with Gary and felt like CLC needs to pick up this ministry since the MC Food Pantry is closing. We just need to come up with the resources. Pastor Ryan suggested maybe people who attend the free dinner will volunteer to help. Maybe volunteers from the MC Pantry will help. We need to keep asking congregation members for feedback
- The Synod Assembly will be held on May 16 – 18 in Mt. Pleasant.
- Continuing Conversations – Pastor Ryan spoke with Jeff Day from Arthur-Day Funeral Home Pastor Ryan will also contact a representative from the VA and Steve Stone. Gary will contact Jason Chalfant from MI Center Masons. Judy will contact the teachers from East Jackson schools. Continue to focus on how the church can help and If not, why? The deadline is June 1st.
- Teen Center – Continuing to go very well. Please lift up the volunteers in your prayers.
- Gospel Discovery – what would be a good time and place to meet to go through reading the Gospels. Maybe MI Center Park or Los Tres Amigos? Ask people and provide feedback.
- Pastor Ryan Performance Feedback – Pastor Ryan has been on staff for 3 years, the Synod asked if there had been any concerns or critiques of his performance. One concern mentioned was starting service promptly at 9:45am. A Joy mentioned was Pastor Ryan's was the content, depth and delivery of his Sermons. Pastor Ryan was asked why he is no longer recording his sermons and he responded that he is simply focusing his efforts elsewhere.
- Car Show –The proceeds will go toward the Teen Center.
- Treasurer's Report –YTD we are still down about \$4700 in cash, this is primarily due to paying the mortgage which is about \$2100 per month. The Treasurer will continue to monitor our financial situation.
- Property Report –Saber Soft Wash has been scheduled to wash the siding Terry will speak to the owner about possibly donating the \$500 to support the Cub Scouts going to camp. Great Lakes Window Cleaning will clean the inside windows after Saber Soft Wash is done. Rental Unit – No additional contact from Dr. Rosenberg, Terry will contact his lawyer at some point. Terry is working with a professional plumber to get plumbing to code.
- ELMM Equipping Leaders for Mission and Ministry – Anne Lee has been attending ELMM training, which focuses on 4 main ministry topics. Anne did receive a scholarship to cover tuition costs. She has been asked to promote ELMM and Immanuel and St. James churches.

OUR COUNCIL:

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SEMI-ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING SUNDAY, MAY 5TH

Our Semi-annual Congregational meeting will be held on **Sunday, May 5th** following our worship service. We will be voting to elect new church council members, selecting next year's nominating committee members, honoring our outgoing council members for their dedicated service, and receiving other news and reports. We will enjoy a potluck dinner following, so please bring a dish to share.

Please mark your calendars and plan to attend.

MEMORIALS

We wish to thank the following who have made contributions to our church in memory of:



Mark Bamm:

Ruth Guynn

Mr. & Mrs. Phillip Fracker

Judy Stanke

Liz Maurer

ANNOUNCEMENTS

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

Our next blood drive here at Christ Lutheran will be held on **Monday, June 10th** 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.

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.



May 18th



is our next day to man the pantry!
Hope you are able to help.

SYMPATHIES

We wish to express our heartfelt Christian sympathies to the families of:

Dorothy Thorson who passed away on April 8th.

(Mrs. Thorson is Linda Thoman's mother.)

Carole Miller (former member) on March 17th,

Marge Boulton (former member) on March 25th,

Mark Bamm (former member) on March 30th.

Our thoughts and prayers are with them in this time of loss.



Serving in Love

MAY 2019

 Church Potluck	May 5 Semi-Annual Mtg. & Potluck	May 12	May 19	May 26	June 2
Greeter 9:45	David & Coralie Dirlam	Dawn Davis	Linda Smith	Rodney Simons	
Acolyte 9:45	Jaymason Filter	Jordan Wineland	Jaymason Filter	Jordan Wineland	Jaymason Filter
Assisting Ministers	Terry Wineland Mary Wilkie 5	Rodney Simons Bonnie Hanson 6	Barb Merkel Kerry Pickett 1	Coralie Dirlam Judy Miller 3	Audrey Varland Mimi Elliott 4
Kids For Christ Leaders	Linda Wineland Jane Schultz Katie Merkel	Linda Wineland Jane Schultz Katie Merkel	Linda Wineland Jane Schultz Katie Merkel	Linda Wineland Jane Schultz Katie Merkel	Linda Wineland Jane Schultz Katie Merkel
Ushers	David Dirlam Coralie Dirlam Rick Wyllis Team #8	Frank Lovejoy Judy Lovejoy Mike Crouch Jennifer Crouch Team #1	Dean Merkel Katie Merkel Jim Austin Jack Hunter Team #2	Terry Wineland Mark Lee Beth McCune John McCune Team #3	Richard Mikkelsen Gary Soltis Collin Soltis Ethan Soltis Team #4
Counting Teams	Doug Prather Chris McDermott	Don Day Terry Wineland	Dan Burmeister Dawn Burmeister Joe Mount	Bob Schlundt Bill Anderson Soren Anderson	Frank Lovejoy Judy Lovejoy Phil Elliott
Altar Guild	Coralie Dirlam David Dirlam May	Coralie Dirlam David Dirlam May	Coralie Dirlam David Dirlam May	Coralie Dirlam David Dirlam May	Coralie Dirlam David Dirlam May

THANK YOU

Dear Members of Christ Lutheran Church,

Thank you for making my mother so comfortable while she was with me in Michigan Center.

It was much appreciated!

Eldonna Ruddock

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

Mark Your Calendars!

DONATE BLOOD



MONDAY, JUNE 10TH,

12:00 - 5:45 P.M

MAY 2019

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<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 			1	2	3 10:00a W.W.	4 C.C. in use Owen
5 Semi Annual Mtg. 9:45a Worship 11:00a Meeting 11:20a Potluck	6 1:00p W.B.S.	7	8	9 6:30p Teen Ctr.	10 10:00a W.W.	11
12 Mother's Day 9:45a Worship 11:15a Council	13 1:00p W.B.S.	14 5:00p Free Community Dinner	15 C.C. in use 7:30a-12p 12:45p Care Home visit	16 Synod Assembly → 6:30p Teen Ctr.	17 10:00a W.W. C.C. in use Prather	18 8:45a CLC @ Imm. Pantry C.C. in use Prather
19 Chimes Deadline 9:45a Worship 3:30p Conf. @ Imm.	20 1:00p W.B.S.	21	22	23 6:30p Teen Ctr.	24 10:00a W.W.	25 C.C. in use Riggins
26 Noisy Offering 9:45a Worship	27 Memorial Day Office Closed	28	29	30 6:30p Teen Ctr.	31 10:00a W.W.	

CELEBRATIONS



Happy Anniversary

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|------------------------|-------------------------|
| 5-2 Jenny Soltis | 5-13 Terry Wineland |
| 5-3 Carolyn Cashdollar | 5-17 Chase Smith |
| 5-3 Jennifer Crouch | 5-21 Lena Kay Wright |
| 5-4 Deb Donaldson | 5-22 Cooper Crouch |
| 5-4 Keith Luoma | 5-26 Teresa Karoub |
| 5-5 Dave Urbaniak | 5-26 Alisia Chmielewski |
| 5-7 Judy Miller | 5-27 Tegan Cameron |
| 5-8 Kevin Sell | 5-28 Diane Chalfant |
| 5-10 Rick Wyllis | |

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| 1 st | David & Brenda Freese | 43 yrs. |
| 7 th | Steve & Lynette Oerther | 31 yrs. |
| 22 nd | George & Heidi McKenzie | 20 yrs. |



ACTIVITY CORNER

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The resurrection of Jesus Christ
from the Books of Matthew and Mark

Bible Crossword No.3

Across

- 1 where they laid Jesus after He died (Matt.27:60)
- 4 the place where Jesus died (Matt.27:33)
- 5 Jesus and two thieves were _____ together (Matt.27:38)
- 8 mother of Jesus
- 9 The angel said "He is _____ He is not here" (Mark 16:6)
- 10 They made Jesus wear a scarlet _____ (Matt.27:28)
- 12 Jesus was betrayed for _____ pieces of silver (Matt.27:3)
- 14 Jesus was _____ of any crime (Matt.27:4)
- 15 The 12 companions of Jesus

Down

- 2 Jesus shed His _____ for our sins
- 3 Judas Iscariot _____ Jesus (Matt.27:4)
- 5 Roman commander of a hundred men (Matt.27:54)
- 6 Jesus said " My God, My God why hast thou _____ me" (Matt.27:46)
- 7 a title of Jesus (it means anointed one) (Matt.27:17)
- 11 They laid the _____ of Jesus in a tomb (Matt.27:59)
- 12 Jesus wore a "crown of _____"
- 13 our Lord and Saviour



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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

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