



The CHIMES

Semi-Annual Mtg.
&
Potluck

4250 Page Ave
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January 2017

PASTOR'S PIECE NEW YEAR'S CLARITY

1Cor. 15:58 "So then, dear brothers and sisters, be firm [read steadfast/resolute]. Do not be moved! Always be outstanding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord."

"Resolution". When I hear the word resolution, my first thought, honestly, is of image clarity, as with a camera, T.V., or computer. A high resolution makes for a much better, more beautiful, and more exciting picture or image.

I know that when we are "resolute", in who we are and what we do for our God, we do our work and make lives better, bring more beauty, and bring more excitement to those around us. We make God come alive in our lives and for others.

Now when you hear the phrase, "New Year's Resolution", your first thought is probably not of clarity, energy, or beauty, but rather of half-baked hopes that fall apart a few weeks after the first of the month. I hope to get you to think differently about the idea of "resolution" so that you can make resolution a more meaningful part of your life, faith, and New Year looking ahead, instead of something to dread or avoid entirely.

So I say again, "resolution" is about clarity, beauty, and excitement and it is also about being determined. I think the word determination is the turning point for understanding "resolution" in our spiritual lives this January, and I think determination helps to tie clarity, beauty, and excitement to resolution.

When we are determined we have clarity, we see beauty, and we are full of excitement. But determinations, and things we are determined about, are not generally things that we decide to start doing, rather they are things we are already doing. I believe that this is true of resolutions as well. Even Paul sees this sense of ongoing activity in resolutions when he says in our text, "do not be moved!", that is stay the course, keep doing what you are doing, and be resolute.

So I ask you, what kind of resolution are you living into these days? What are you determined to be and do for God, your family, and yourself? What are the gifts that you possess and are already using in your life that God might be calling you to do with a greater sense of clarity, beauty, and excitement; with greater resolution? What is God's New Year's resolution for you?

Remember, you are a blessing simply by being who you are to the fullest for God and for others, and for yourself. By living a life fully as who you are in God through Christ by the Spirit, and living this life for others, you are living in a state of resolution, a state of clarity, beauty, and excitement.

So then dear sisters and brothers, be resolute this New Year. Do not be moved! Stay the course that God has set before you by continuing to be who God has called you to be with greater clarity, beauty, creativity, energy, and excitement. Continue to do outstanding work with resolution for the Lord, for our work is not in vain in the Lord.

Happy New Year and God's blessings!
Pastor Ryan

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MEETING

COUNCIL

MINI-MINUTES: December 11, 2016

- The Capital fund was discussed. We need a new sign out front, new sound system and an emergency fund for things that aren't a choice.
- Todd Pickett shared concerns about focusing on maintenance of our church. Going to take a look at budgetary costs and ideas to help with deferring costs.
- Working to start a Fellowship Committee to get goals of our mission statement more active.
- Music Committee - Discussion of what is required to get people involved musically.
- Plans for a visual display of our blessings at work in this congregation.
- January 22 is the next semi-annual meeting.
- Stewardship Drive was discussed
- Bishop Satterlee is coming to our church to preach Sunday, February 12.
- Asking someone to create a vision purpose statement for the Community Center.
- Filling out the Mission Support Form (our tithe to the synod) annual form.
- Discussion of putting up safety /security lighting for the rental building.
- Our income is on budget. Budget proposed for next year.

OUR COUNCIL:

Ryan Prondzinski
Pastor

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Jim Woody
Vice President

John Kolewski
Treasurer

Cathy Filter
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Kerry Pickett
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THANK YOU

Thank you for all your prayers and concern while I was having my operation and during my lengthy recuperation. We have been so very welcome since joining the church that we feel like family.

God bless all of you,
Larry & Joanne Terrill

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE



Our next blood drive here at Christ Lutheran will be held on **Monday, December 12th** 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.

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Serving in Love

JANUARY 2017

	January 8	January 15	January 22 Semi-Annual Mtg. & Potluck	January 29	February 5
Greeter 9:45	Linda Smith	John & Judy Kolewski	David & Coralie Dirlam	Audrey Varland	Dawn Davis
Acolyte 9:45	Jaymason Filter	Cameron Pickett	Ryan Olson	Jordan Wineland	Samantha O'Dowd
Assisting Ministers	James Woody Rodney Simons	Don Day Diana Day	Barb Merkel Kerry Pickett	Dan Burmeister Mary Wilkie	Audrey Varland Mimi Elliott
Kids For Christ Leaders	Linda Wineland Katie Merkel	Linda Wineland Katie Merkel	Linda Wineland Katie Merkel	Linda Wineland Katie Merkel	Linda Wineland Katie Merkel
Ushers	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	Dean Merkel Katie Merkel Adam LaRoe Jim Austin Jack Hunter Team #2	Terry Wineland Mark Lee Todd Pickett Kerry Pickett Team #3
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	Jenny Soltis Tracey Pierce	Jenny Soltis Tracey Pierce	Jenny Soltis Tracey Pierce	Jenny Soltis Tracey Pierce	Nancy Spink Judy Wollet

BIRTH

We are pleased to inform you that Pastor Erick & Delia Johnson are the proud grandparents of their first grandchild. Their daughter Kirsten and her husband Joaõ had a son, Ardin Luiz Rezende Lopes on December 10th. Congratulations and best wishes to the happy family.

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 month's sign up.



January 21st



is our next day to man the pantry! Hope you are able to help. There is a white container in the Community Center for any donations you would like to make.



JANUARY 2017

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 New Year's Day 9:45a Worship	2 Church Office Closed 1:00p WBS	3 6:30p WBS	4 10:00a Drumming	5	6 Epiphany 10a W. W. 7p Cub Scout Mtg.	7
8 9:45a Worship 11:15a Council mtg. 3:30p Conf. @ Imm.	9 1:00p WBS	10 5:00p Comm. Dinner 6:00p Photoshop 6:30p WBS	11 10:00a Drumming	12	13 10a W. W. 7p Cub Scout Mtg.	14
15 Chimes Deadline 9:45a Worship	16 Martin Luther King Church Office Closed 1:00p WBS	17 6:30p WBS	18 10:00a Drumming	19	20 Inauguration Day 10a W. W. 7p Cub Scout Mtg.	21 8:45a CLC @ Immanuel's Pantry
22 Semi-Annual Meeting & Potluck 9:45a Worship 3:30p Conf. @ Imm.	23 1:00p WBS	24 6:30p WBS	25 10:00a Drumming 11:00a Care Team 12:45p Greenleaf	26	27 10a W. W. 7p Cub Scout Mtg.	28
29 Noisy Offering 9:45a Worship	30 1:00p WBS	31 6:30p WBS	Notes: <div style="text-align: center;"> <h2>Semi-Annual Meeting January 22nd Potluck to follow</h2> </div>			

- Chimes Article Deadline the third Sunday of each month.
- C.C. = Community Center

Noisy Offering the last Sunday of the month

Q: What do you call fifty penguins in the Arctic?

A: Lost! REALLY lost! (Penguins live in Antarctica.)

Q: What's another name for ice?

A: Skid stuff!

Q: How do you keep from getting cold feet?

A: Don't go around BRRfooted!

Q: Why is the slippery ice like music?

A: If you don't C sharp - you'll B flat!

Q: What's an ig?

A: A snow house without a loo!

Q: Where do seals go to see movies?

A: The dive-in!

Q: How do you know if there's a snowman in your bed?

A: You wake up wet!

CELEBRATIONS



Happy Birthday to:



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|----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 2 Joan Budd
Dawn Richey | 18 Dawn Davis
Barb Merkel |
| 5 Sandy Pierce
Sonja Wright | Orrin Wright |
| 7 Ivah-Marie Hurst | 20 Nicholas Kozlowski |
| 8 David Dirlam | 21 Bondy Dean |
| 10 Melanie Humphrey | 24 Linda Wineland
Keitha Russell |
| 12 Bob Schlundt
Steve Oerther | 26 Katie Merkel |
| 13 Ruth Guynn
Gary Filter | 28 Pierson Gable |
| 14 Daniel Wright | 29 Joene Chenery
Stephanie Warblow |
| 15 Shirley Ottmer | Samantha York |
| | 30 Mavis Anderson |

Happy Anniversary



This January



9th Don & Diana Day 52yrs
20th Mark & Anne Lee 49 yrs

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Life After High School for Katie Merkel

Hey, Linda Smith here--It's been great hearing from our CLC graduates that have gone away to college. But we have many young people that are already in the workforce. One of them is Katie Merkel, and I had asked her to share with us what she is doing these days. Even though we see her at church every Sunday, I think you will be very interested and pleased to learn how her travels on her spiritual journey are evolving. Katie's Letter---Enjoy!

So most of you know, I didn't go to college after graduation. Instead, I entered the world of employment.

I have a job at Heartland Care in Jackson. I work in the kitchen as a Dietary Aide. As part of my job, I deliver the trays on a cart to the floors for the CNA's and Nurse's to pass out to the residents. When I'm done doing that I wash all of the dishes. At the end of my day, I feel so happy because I've fed people who can't feed themselves.

Also, I always have a smile on my face because I see some of the residents and have a conversation with them because they are lonely. I really enjoy my co-workers and my boss.

Looking into the future, I am going to start taking online classes for Stable Management (caring for horses, of course.) I'm still very involved here at Christ Lutheran. I help with KFC, I love singing, and I am also going to be a part of the Fellowship Committee. I'm excited for my future. I feel like I am always growing in my relationship with God!

Thank you so much for letting me share with all of you!

In God's Love,
Katie Merkel



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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