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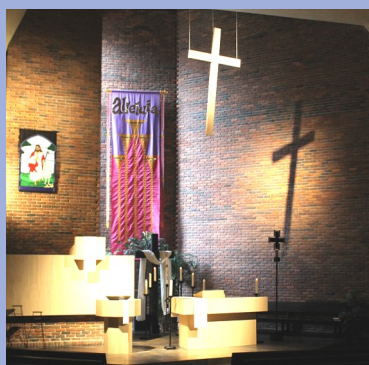
“Be Strong and Courageous ...”

by Pastor Yeager



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Sunday Services:
8:00 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.
Sunday School and
Bible Class: - 9:30 a.m..
Thursday Evening Service
at 7:00 p.m.
Christian Day School:
Preschool through 8th grade

After the death of Moses, Joshua took up the mantle of leading the people of Israel into the promise land. Certainly, the loss of Moses was a troubling thing to both Joshua and the people of Israel. And there was probably a lot of concern of how they might be able to move forward without someone who would lead them: Lead them into the land promised by God, and lead them in the ways of God as Moses did throughout their time in the wilderness. Moses was a great prophet called by God who did tremendous signs for the people. Moses was a central figure whom God appointed as an instrument for the people. Through Moses and his works, the people would be comforted to know that God was with them. But what happens now that Moses has died? How will the people of Israel find comfort in knowing that God is still with them?

Well there are two occasions in the first chapter of Joshua where our LORD brings comfort. First, directly from the LORD himself; and Second, by the people of Israel. In both occasions the LORD says this: **Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened and do not be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you.** These words are meant for comfort as Joshua prepares to take on the role of being God's instrument for his people; and today, I would also like to present these words as comfort for you.

Many of you might be dealing with a lot of things during these past few months. Some of you are still in quarantine away from family and friends. Some of you have been dealing with the death of a loved one or terminal sickness. Most of us have been

watching the news and horrified at the violence happening in our nation. Some of us have lost jobs. Our families and churches have been divided due to political unrest and prideful virtue. The devil is at work. And as a lion, his roar seems loud and boisterous.

Yet, amidst all the calamity and tribulation that you bear in your life, God gives you these words: **Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened and do not be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you.** God is with you. God has placed his name on you in the waters of Holy Baptism. God has marked you as one of his own. God shows his love for you in the giving up of his only son Jesus Christ. In Christ, God has bore the weight of your shame, your sorrows, and your abandonment. Through Christ, God has given you the promise of forgiveness. This world is not your home, the chaos is not your future. God has promised to bring you into a land where you will rejoice in the marriage feast of the lamb that has no end.

So, be strong and courageous because our God is for you. He has not abandoned you. He will not abandon you. And when your life seems to be turning upside down, God will bring comfort to you through his word. A word that is proclaimed here at church or when you read your bible. A word that strengthens your faith in the sacraments of Holy Baptism and Holy communion. God's word strengthens your faith so that when you face tribulations in the future you are made strong in knowing that God is still with you and will be with you forever.

In the name of Jesus+
Amen.



Members and Friends of Christ Lutheran Church and School,

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT:

Christ Lutheran Church now has a BLOG, this is a way to see activities and information about the church and to provide links to video links and bulletins.

<https://christ-luth.blogspot.com/>
or
CLCBlog

Please share this blog with your friends and family.

Christ Stevensville Worship / Devotion / Bible Class Links

Information being put on the blog is as follows:

- ♦ Links to recorded Worship Services and Bulletins
- ♦ Links to recorded Bible Studies
- ♦ Links to recorded Devotions
- ♦ Links to the Christ Times
- ♦ Special Announcements

Across the top of the blog are labels/subjects that can be filtered on and how many.

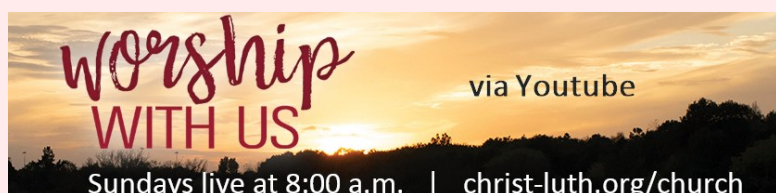
By using these filters you focus on what you are looking for and the latest entry is always at the top.

You can also request that an email be sent when new posts are added so that you will always know when things are happening.

Use the "Follow Email" box in the upper right corner of the blog page.

Be sure to bookmark this web site to make it easier to get to.

Any questions contact Steve Matheny or Gerry Kabelman.



NEWS & EVENTS



BOARD MEETING

Monday, July 13 - 7:00 p.m.

Communion Services

Sunday, July 12
Sunday, July 26

Outdoor Contemporary Worship Service

Sunday, July 19
10:45 a.m.



Outdoor Worship Service

Folding chairs are available, but
feel free to bring along your
own lawn chair or a blanket.

RUMMAGE SALE CANCELLED

After much deliberation the rummage committee has decided to cancel the church rummage. If anyone has any other fundraising ideas for the purchase of new tables for the all-purpose room, please see Jennie Steffens or Amy Cole.



YOUTH AND FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

July 24th @ 7:30pm -

The Youth Board is hosting a movie night on Friday July 24th. If you're tired of being stuck at home, come and bring your family to our church parking lot. And, come enjoy this drive-in style movie of *Indiana Jones Raiders of the Lost Ark*. This will all be outdoors so you are more than welcome to stay in your car or bring a blanket and join in outside. The movie will be transmitted on an fm station. We will continue to follow all health precautions. Even our concession stand will have pre-packed items that will satisfy your movie going needs. Please join us for a fun-filled celebration!

ROCKET CAMP!

A fun, fellowship, educational get together. We'll meet at school Monday July 27, 1:00 - 4:00 (Tuesday July 28 is the rain date). Cost is \$10, and you'll build a rocket and fire it twice (and keep the rocket). Open to 3rd grade thru adults (yes adults can come too!). Please call the church / school office, or put your name on the sign-up sheet, so that we order enough rockets (we will have a few extra for last minute attendees).



TO INFINITY AND BEYOND!

THANK YOU!



To Our Friends at Christ,

We would like to thank this wonderful congregation for all of the support and kind words. It was a difficult time dealing with the unexpected death of my brother/son, Doug Beezley, but your kind words and thoughtfulness in sending cards and making phone calls was a wonderful support. Thank you so much for sharing God's peace. It meant so much to us.

With Grace, Doris Beezley & Karen & Scott Dine



Monday - Thursday
Friday

9:00 - 3:00
9:00 - 12:00

Due to vacations and summer construction projects we advise everyone to call ahead to be sure someone is here to help you! (269) 429-7222



HEALING

Addie Scheffler
Amanda Clark
Amee Mantei
Arlene Dinges
Bea Rudlaff
Connie Schmidt
Dave Knuth
Deleigh McClintock
Denice McClintock
Ferny Rantz
Harry Jaeger
Jim Walters
Laura Leshar
Laura Schornhorst
Leni Weisser
Mary Panzica
Miro Virsik
Nancy Duke
Richard Wandel
Ron Sortland
Ron Szoke
Sally Knuth

♥Servicemen in our Prayers

Alex Root
Allison Blake
James Vieregge
Joseph Schaffer

Anniversaries

John & Pat Dorn—25 years
Adam & Stephanie Karnick—6 years

Deaths

Ruth Pursley, sister of Laura Schornhorst.

Aubrey Hamby—nephew of Dee Payovich
Austin Arndt—grandson of Linda Steinke
Bill Bunte—cousin of Mary Spaulding
Bruce Wurdeman—brother of Diane Strohacker
Chris Dunn—nephew of Thelma Szoke
Gertrude Keen—mother of Debbie Tietz
Jim Russell—brother of Mark Russell
Marian Gerken—mother of Andrew Gerken
Marilyn Barz—mother of Dan Barz
Paula Hicks—niece of Dee Payovich
Phil Oberhaus—brother of Susan Jackemeyer
Rose Koepke—sister of Cindy White
Taryn Schrader—sister of Tamara Paulun
William Maul—brother of Charles Maul



The July radio broadcast is being sponsored by:

♦ **Ellen Machemer, in loving memory of Mel Machemer.**



Altar Flowers

July 12- In Honor of Adam & Stephanie Karnik on the occasion of their 6th wedding anniversary

July 26 - In loving memory of Sue Ellen & Mel Machemer, given by Ellen Machemer.

CHRIST LUTHERAN SCHOOL LOOKING FOR DONATIONS

The school will have some needs looking forward to the opening in the fall. We need donations of the following: Bottled Water, Masks, & Clorox wipes. Donations may be dropped off near the nursery.

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

*Church Parking lot Drive-in
style*



Friday, July 24th

Starts at 7:30pm

269-429-7111

4333 cleveland ave. Stevensville.

More Information on Page 3.



Kaitlyn Damron	7/1	Olivia Webb	7/16
Kristie Koehn	7/3	Phillip Cooper	7/17
Kristin McLaughlin	7/3	Steven Mach	7/17
Jasmine Garrison	7/4	John Dorn	7/19
Ava Sandmann	7/4	Christine Andrews	7/19
Courtney Rooker	7/5	Annette Garrison	7/19
Joanne Ciboch	7/6	Timothy Garrison	7/19
Laura Leshner	7/6	Sue Batson	7/20
Michael Smith	7/6	Leonard Timm	7/21
Jessica Kinney	7/7	Jill Bonner	7/22
Dottie Belke	7/8	Mikaela Lies	7/22
Lyvia Butzow	7/8	Joshua Terry	7/22
Denise McClintock	7/8	Robert Kish	7/23
Zachary Weisser	7/8	Andrew Lies	7/23
Randall Coder	7/9	Mackenzie Siemans	7/24
Paul Cornwell	7/9	Robert Brueck	7/25
Erin Winger	7/9	Kirsten Drews	7/25
Karen Rooker	7/10	Virginia Drews	7/25
Amber Smith	7/10	Abby Harris	7/26
Patricia Terry	7/11	Ryan Leshner	7/26
David Sellke	7/11	Sharon Virsik	7/26
Judith Stelter	7/12	Hailey Sue Germain	7/28
Michael Freehling	7/13	Deborah Nixdorf	7/28
Kylie Brunke	7/14	Andrew Copi	7/29
Ida Gaul	7/14	Jeffrey Harris	7/29
Pat Hutter	7/14	Sadie Brown	7/30
Amanda Allred	7/16	Jeff Oeseburg	7/30
Tim Garrison	7/16	Doris Beezley	7/31
Alex Yeager	7/16	Barbara Maul	7/31
Nathan Necas	7/16		

If you find that your name is left off the birthday and anniversary list, please contact the church office so that our records can be updated.



Angela & Shane Lies	7/1/2000	20
Wayne & Cora Herrman	7/3/1977	43
Nichole & Seth Ray	7/5/2008	12
Thomas & Julie Moneta	7/7/1990	30
Charlotte & Kevin Witt	7/7/1990	30
Scott & Karen Dine	7/9/1983	37
Michael & Jeri Essig	7/9/1994	26
Stephen & Elizabeth Ross	7/10/1982	38
John & Cindy Allen	7/11/1981	39
Phil & Amy Cole	7/11/1992	28
Adam & Stephanie Karnik	7/12/2014	6
Donald & Cecilia Pinne	7/15/1967	53
Michael & Terrie Smith	7/15/1978	42
John & Patricia Dorn	7/16/1995	25
Andrew & LeAnne Cooper	7/22/2017	3
Dennis & Joan Kern	7/31/1976	44
John & Kathleen Sandmann	7/29/1967	53



Wedding Announcement

Thomas Lee Patrick & Robyn Lee Priebe were united in holy matrimony on June 20, 2020 at Christ Lutheran Church Pastor Measel was the officiant.

Financial Update- May, 2020

The church and school remained closed during May due to health concerns. Services and bible studies continued to be offered online. Instruction for grades K through 8th also continued online.

For the month of May we ran a surplus of \$9 thousand, leaving us with an eleven month surplus of \$15 thousand. This compares to a \$28 thousand deficit we ran in May 2019, which left us with an \$11 thousand surplus for the first eleven months of last year. May this year benefited from a 5 Sunday collection month, a significant general fund gift and lower overall spending, much driven by the shutdown.

Total receipts for the first eleven months were \$8 thousand higher than the same period last year. Faith promise receipts over this eleven month period were \$21 thousand higher than the previous year. Tuition receipts are \$24 thousand lower than last year through eleven months. General fund memorials are \$15 thousand ahead of last year through eleven months, while Thrivent receipts continue to run behind last year's eleven month amount by \$3 thousand.

Spending for the first eleven months was \$4 thousand higher than the previous year. Administrative spending is \$22 thousand higher than last year, with almost the entire increase related to higher compensation and benefits costs. Properties spending is down \$15 thousand from the previous year. We benefited from a milder winter with lower heating costs and less snow removal.

In early May, our loan application for the Federal Government's Payroll Protection Program (PPP) forgivable loan program was approved and we received a loan of \$144 thousand. During May approximately \$60 thousand of this loan was used to offset the costs of payroll, benefits and utility costs. With these costs being covered by the PPP loan, we were able to use regular offering receipts to pay off the \$20 thousand balance we had on our line of credit with Church Extension Fund.

Our general checking account, which does not include PPP funds, had a \$62 thousand balance at the end of May. At the end of May 2019 our checking account balance was \$9 thousand.

Join Immanuel Lutheran Church in Bridgman
for their annual

“FREE FOR ALL”

Friday, July 31 and Saturday, August 1
8 a.m. — 3 p.m.
9650 N. Church St., Bridgman

New and gently used items such as clothing (adults and children), shoes, outerwear, books, DVDs, hardware, toys, kitchenware, electronics, decorations, linens, furniture and more are **FREE** for the taking!!!

Please wear a mask and practice social distancing.
Questions? Call 269-465-6031

CHRIST EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH AND SCHOOL
Scholarship Fund Activity
Fiscal Year 2019-2020

<u>Activity</u>	<u>College Scholar- ship Program</u>	<u>CLS Tuition Program</u>	<u>Michigan Lutheran Program</u>
Balances, July 1, 2019	5,560	30,580	3,478
Receipts			
Gifts	2,500	1,769	3,000
Interest	17	4	1
Disbursements			
Scholarship Payments	(4,000)	(13,469)	0
Other Payments	0	0	0
	<u>4,077</u>	<u>18,884</u>	<u>6,479</u>
Balances, May 31, 2020			

CHRIST EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH AND SCHOOL

Youth Fund Activ-
Fiscal Year 2019-2020

<u>Activity</u>	<u>Amounts</u>
Balance, July 1, 2019	3,973
Activities	
Holiday Food Baskets, Net	353
Balance, May 31, 2020	<u>4,326</u>

School News



PRESCHOOL AIDE POSITION OPEN

Christ Lutheran School is looking for a
 Preschool Aide
 for the 2020-2021 school year.
 Contact Principal Neil Webb
 at nwebb@christstevensville.com
 or 429-7111

CLS LOOKING FOR HELPFUL ANGELS

We have been working very hard to prepare for face to face instruction in the fall. As things become clear regarding the requirements of the state, we find ourselves in need of some special volunteers. Our "Back to School" committee is seeking some Angels in our midst to help out in the fall as we return to face to face instruction. These "CLS Angels" would be trained in the proper use of Personal Protection Equipment (PPE) and help with the following: cleaning surfaces during the lunch hour, delivering meals to the classrooms & other various similar duties. If you or someone you know would like to help out in this way, please contact:

Mr. Webb at nwebb@christstevensville.com or
 Mrs. Cole at acole@christstevensville.com

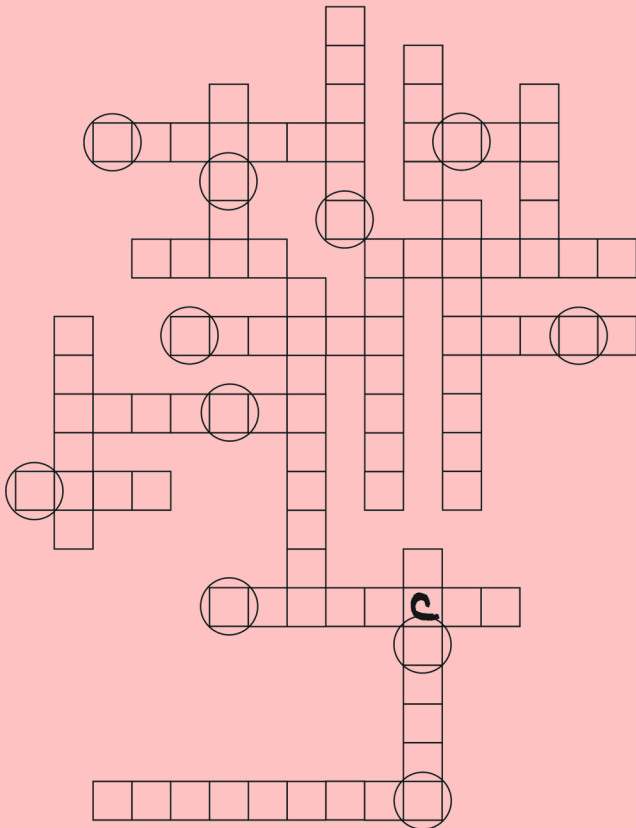
Puzzles!

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Cana	Berea	Sychar	Corinth	Bethlehem
Rome	Lycia	Galilee	Iconium	Jerusalem
Gaza	Athens	Ephraim	Damascus	



PUZZLE

WATER WORKS!

The gospels record Jesus' miracles, many of which involve water.

Directions: Using the illustrated equations, fill in the blanks to describe each miracle. Use the Bible references for help.

+ e

Water changes to _____

JOHN 2:1-11

- k + d

Heals a man born _____

JOHN 9

- op + - w

Calms a _____

MATTHEW 8:23-27

f + - d

Catch of _____

LUKE 5:1-11

- ch + er

Walks on _____

MATTHEW 14:22-33

Answers: wine, blind, storm, fish, water

E-mail Christine at cquardokus@gmail.com for the answer key.