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## Message Delivered.

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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 8<sup>th</sup> grade

There's a prisoner in the county jail. He's committed some horrendous atrocities, and he's sitting there, waiting for trial. The evidence against him is iron clad, DNA and other physical evidence that leaves no doubt, so it's expected by all parties that he will be quickly convicted on his judgment day, and then transferred to a maximum security penitentiary for the rest of his eternity.

While waiting in the county jail, his attorney goes before the judge. And his attorney pleads his case before that judge, and he makes a deal. The attorney offers to pay all fines and judgments against the prisoner, and in addition to serve his sentence in jail, all in exchange for your freedom.

The judge agrees, and the attorney is immediately remanded into custody to serve the sentence in jail. The judge then dispatches the bailiff to go and release the prisoner from jail. Because now, he will not have to stand trial, and he will not have to serve his sentence into eternity.

What if the bailiff never arrives at the jail? What if the guard watching over you never gets the command to set you free? What if you never hear the good news? And there you sit, serving a sentence needlessly.

In this little homespun parable, obviously you are the prisoner, God is the judge, Jesus is your advocate your attorney, and the Holy Spirit is the bailiff who's

come to set you free by delivering the good news. If the Holy Spirit didn't deliver to you the gift of faith and deliver to you the gift of forgiveness, then you would sit forever condemned in your own sins.

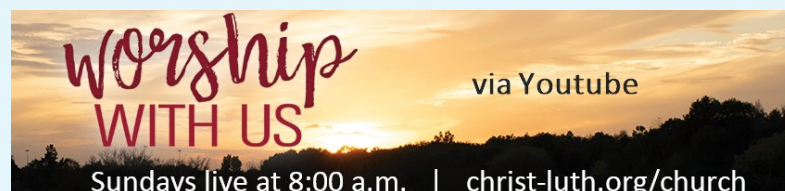
The Holy Spirit delivers the word of God to you, through preaching about Jesus Christ. He delivers faith and forgiveness to you through baptism and absolution. He empowers you and strengthens you through the holy supper.

Are you anxious during this time of pandemic? Are you frustrated by circumstances? Are you upset with the conflicts in society? Are you weary or nervous because of the unknown future? The Holy Spirit brings you strength and brings you peace through the good news of great joy for all people.

He comes to you, to give you the good news that Jesus has conquered your sins. He comes to give you the good news that Jesus is in control. He comes to give you confidence that Jesus knows the future, and Jesus knows you, and he will guide and direct everything that happens.

Any time you are nervous, anxious, upset: remember that the Holy Spirit is with you even now, strengthening you in faith and pointing you to Jesus, who is and will remain in control.

God's Blessings to you -  
Pastor Measel  
(excerpt from Pentecost sermon 5/31/20)



Christ Lutheran Church and School  
Christ's People Proclaiming Christ's Love

We will be opening up for services on Sunday June 14.

Safety precautions for at least a month, (perhaps longer as conditions require):

- ◆ Please maintain social distancing (6 feet apart front and back, and side to side), only use every other pew and maintain 6' between family units.
- ◆ Please use hand sanitizer upon entering and exiting.
- ◆ We will not pass the plate or attendance books. Offering plates located by the entrance.
- ◆ Everything will be in the bulletin, no need for the hymnal. Keep the bulletin or recycle it.
- ◆ Face masks encouraged (but not required).
- ◆ Communion will be continuous style, so that people can maintain 6' between family units. This would be explained in an opening announcement.
- ◆ People will be dismissed by the ushers a couple of pews at a time, to prevent congestion. Please wait to be dismissed.
- ◆ We request that people not congregate in the narthex (take a donut to-go and head home). If you'd like to talk please talk outside in the parking lot while still maintaining 6' separation.
- ◆ Bible study will continue online only through mid-July.
- ◆ The pews / door handles / bathrooms will be cleaned in-between services.
- ◆ If you are sick or have any symptoms of any illness, please stay home.
- ◆ If you are vulnerable, or feel uncomfortable coming back, feel free to remain home as long as necessary until you're comfortable. We will continue to post the video of our Sunday service, and offer private communion on Thursdays at 10:30, 1:30, and 8pm.

Thank you for being considerate of your neighbor.

Pastor Measel, Pastor Yeager, Board of Elders



By Pastor Measel

**Q:** As a Lutheran, while on vacation or otherwise out of town, and wanting to worship on Sunday, what is proper/acceptable when worshipping at a Christian but non-Lutheran church? This can happen while on vacation in an area where a Lutheran church is not nearby, and internet access is not readily available to access our online service (such as areas in northern Michigan).

**A:** The 2 best options as mentioned in the question would be going to another LCMS church or watching our own service online. A WELS church would be a decent alternative as well. Or you could download one of our previous video services from a few weeks ago and re-watch it.

Also, I think a good option might be to hold your own devotional service. There are good one-page outlines, called *Daily Prayer*, on pages 294-298 of the hymnal. These include reading a scripture lesson, singing a hymn of your choice, and prayers. If you don't have a hymnal and would like one, talk to Christine in the office.

I think it might be possible to find a theologically conservative non-Lutheran church to attend (in which case listening to a sermon, singing and praying are okay, but not participating in communion). The problem is it's hard to discern whether a church is at least somewhat conservative theologically, so I don't recommend this.



# Principal's Newsletter

6/1/2020

## Principal Newsletter

### Upcoming Key Dates and Times:

June 1- 9AM-10AM & 6PM-7PM Student Items Drop off & Pick up/ Service Day

June 2- 9AM-10AM & 6PM-7PM Student Items Drop off & Pick up/ Service Day

June 3- 10AM Chapel Online with Classroom Online Meetings to follow

June 5- Awards Presentation broadcast online



### Christ Lutheran School Service Days May 28–June 2

Historically, the last few days of school students of CLS take part in "Proclaiming Christ's Love" through work in the community. Often times, we clean our local beaches in preparation for the summer. Since we can not do this activity together this year, we thought of a way to encourage our students to give to their families and community through work under the supervision of their parents.

Teachers will be helping with coming up with ideas for this, but Mr. Webb will help to give some encouragement. Over the course of this lockdown, Mr. Webb has not shaved his beard. If you have seen any of his principal devotions, you can see that his beard is getting quite scruffy. To help encourage our students, Mr. Webb has agreed to shave his beard if half the students of CLS participate in service in some way May 28-June 2



Micah & Jonathan Necas

2. If 75% of our students participate in service, Mr. Webb has agreed to not only shave his beard, but also his head (which has grown out quite a bit during this time).

Students will report with photo/video evidence of their service to their teachers. We hope that this will be a fun way to wrap up the year.



Tia helped by putting out water for those walking their dogs in her neighborhood.



Melanie and Madalyn helped to plant and beautify their neighborhood.



Jaxson helped to clean up the nature preserve in his neighborhood.



Isaac made masks for anyone that may need one. They will be available on the credenza near the church entrance.

# In Our Thoughts & Prayers

## HEALING

**Addie Scheffler**  
**Addison Dunn**  
**Amanda Clark**  
**Amee Mantei**  
**Bea Rudlaff**  
**Connie Schmidt**  
**Connie Schwanger**  
**Dave Knuth**  
**Dave White**  
**Deleigh McClintock**  
**Denice McClintock**  
**Faith Timm**  
**Ferny Rantz**  
**Jim Walters**  
**John Dorn**  
**Laura Leshar**  
**Laura Schornhorst**  
**Leni Weisser**  
**Mary Panzica**  
**Miro Virsik**  
**Michael Ostrander**  
**Nancy Duke**  
**Richard Wandel**  
**Ron Szoke**  
**Sally Knuth**

**Aubrey Hamby**—nephew of Dee Payovich  
**Austin Arndt**—grandson of Linda Steinke  
**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

## Anniversaries

**Don & Sharon Jeschke**—  
54 years

## Deaths

**Sharon Lenich**—mother of Tamara Paulun

Continued prayers for government leaders, health care workers, other essential workers, and those who are facing isolation, illness, or experiencing unemployment during the COVID-19 pandemic ... For those who are working on medication solutions and a vaccine for COVID-19.

Remember your  
Father on  
Sunday,  
June 21



## Fathers

Jesus taught us to call God "Father" (Matt. 6:7). So God is the one who defines for us what is true fatherhood. Below are the names of some fathers (left-hand column) and sons (right-hand column). Can you match them?

- |              |                           |
|--------------|---------------------------|
| 1. Zechariah | a. Rehoboam               |
| 2. David     | b. Cain                   |
| 3. Abraham   | c. Lot                    |
| 4. Adam      | d. Solomon                |
| 5. Jesse     | e. David                  |
| 6. Elkanah   | f. John (the Baptist)     |
| 7. Joash     | g. Gideon                 |
| 8. Solomon   | h. Isaac                  |
| 9. Noah      | i. Samuel                 |
| 10. Haran    | j. Shem, Ham, and Japheth |

Answers on page 10

## 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](mailto:nwebb@christstevensville.com) or Amy Cole

at [acole@christstevensville.com](mailto:acole@christstevensville.com) for more details.



**All high school & college graduates are invited to take part in our graduation service on Sunday, June 21, at 10:45 a.m. Contact or e-mail the church office with your name and the high school or college from which you are graduating. (College graduates, please include your degree.) Please meet prior to the service in the 8th gr. classroom with your cap & gowns. Church office: 429-7222/e-mail [cquardokus@gmail.com](mailto:cquardokus@gmail.com)**



Confirmation Sunday will be held on June 14 in the 10:45 a.m. service.

### Special Dates in June

#### ALL BOARDS & PARISH PLANNING MEETING

Monday, June 8  
7:00 p.m. & 8:15 p.m.

#### VOTER'S MEETING

Monday June 15  
7:00 p.m.

#### Communion Services

Sunday, June 14  
Sunday, June 28

### Photo of the Week



#### **Covid Rained on Our Blossomtime Parade**

Disappointed students at Christ Lutheran School were encouraged by their teacher to make floats and post them online.

Photo Submitted by Laurie Ulmer, Teacher



**In Loving Memory of Erika Steffen**

Ron & Carol Bonczkowski  
 Darlene Hein  
 Don & Sharon Jeschke  
 Ken & Barbara Mach  
 Charles & Barbara Maul  
 Tim & Christine Quardokus  
 Jerly & Laura Schornhorst  
 Linda Steinke  
 Leon Miller  
 David & Anne Fege  
 Donna Mach  
 Mary Spaulding  
 Gerry & Jane Kabelman  
 Loren & Margaret Gerber

**In Honor of Harry & Pat Jaeger's Anniversary**

Harriet Gotsch

**In Honor of Ralph Dinges' Birthday**

Devona Dinges

**In Loving Memory of Linda Hollen, mother of Jeff Wallace**

Joan Shembarger

**In Honor of Jeryl & Laura Schornhorst**



**MANY DATES ARE AVAILABLE FOR THE MONTHS OF 2020**

Please consider honoring or remembering a loved one by sponsoring a Radio Broadcast or Altar Flowers. The charts for 2020 are on the bulletin board in the Commons Area by the back door. The Radio Broadcast is \$150.00 (consider sharing it with a friend or family member) and is a wonderful opportunity to share our service with those that are shut-in. The Altar Flowers are \$15.00. After the services, they are delivered to a shut-in or someone that is sick or hospitalized. These are all wonderful programs and they are made possible because of *YOU!* Thank you.

**The June Radio Broadcasts have been sponsored by:**

- ◆ Don & Sharon Jeschke on the occasion of their 54th wedding anniversary
- ◆ Joan Shembarger in loving memory of husband, Don Shembarger.



**June 14**

*In loving memory of Don Shembarger, given by Joan Shembarger*

*In honor of their 54th wedding anniversary, given by Don & Sharon Jeschke*

**June 21**

*In honor of their 32nd wedding anniversary, given by Andrew & Terri Gerken*

*In loving memory of Judy Vieregge, given by Ken Vieregge*

**June 28**

*In honor of their 52nd wedding anniversary, given by Pastor & Lorelle Moritz*

*In honor of Nate & Roxanne Gerken on the occasion of their 3rd wedding anniversary*



**Joining the Church Triumphant.  
 Members recently called home to heaven:**

**Erika Steffen  
 September 18, 1928 ~  
 May 14, 2020**

**Mary Walters  
 January 19, 1944 ~  
 May 22, 2020**

**Doug Beezley  
 March 20, 1965 ~  
 May 23, 2020**



Chris Alles	6/1	Nathan Ross	6/18
Clayton Drews	6/1	Payton Virsik	6/18
Leni Weisser	6/2	Michelle Ziebart	6/19
Sandra Dixon	6/4	Kathy Ross	6/20
Reneigh Sandmann	6/4	Stephen Ross	6/20
Lucille Grau	6/5	Laura Schornhorst	6/20
Leslie Priebe	6/7	Michael Jackemeyer	6/21
Kathleen Stone	6/7	Micah Necas	6/21
Rachel Matheny	6/8	Karen Ziebart	6/21
Jeryl Schornhorst	6/8	Paul Rooker	6/22
Mary Spaulding	6/8	Olive Davis	6/23
Rachel Rantz	6/9	Eldon Keehn	6/23
Glenn Scowcroft	6/10	Grace Webb	6/23
Sharon Lowmaster	6/11	Joseph Judkins	6/26
Carol Wall	6/11	Lynn Lange	6/26
Erika Priebe	6/12	Bradley Oeseburg	6/26
Lucas Dunn	6/15	Tim Rantz	6/26
Elijah Damron	6/15	Blake Ross	6/26
Anna Silcox	6/15	Brennan Koehn	6/29
Roger Seely	6/17	Peter Ross	6/29
		Elle Yeager	6/30

Fred & Karen Pieplow	6/2/1973	47
Mike & Julie Medo	6/5/2004	16
Don & Arlene Frobel	6/6/1964	56
Paul & Karla Pankratz	6/6/1992	28
Don & Sharon Jeschke	6/11/1966	54
Andrea & Ryan Dunn	6/14/2014	6
Charles & Diane Strohacker	6/15/1974	46
Bob & Dolly Brown	6/16/1962	58
Zachary & Rachel Bernard	6/17/2006	14
Ronald & Virginia Sortland	6/17/2001	19
Ronald & Karen Vandermeer	6/19/1965	55
Paul & Karen Rooker	6/22/1996	24
Rolland & Patricia LaBaumbard	6/23/1984	36
James & Heather Winter	6/23/1990	30
Charles & Connie Schwanger	6/24/1972	48
Andrew & Terri Gerken	6/25/1988	32
Jack & Teresa Siemans	6/26/1982	38
Dean & Debra Tietz	6/27/1976	44
Judy & Lyle Coder Lebsack	6/28/2014	6
Fred & Jeanne Huff	6/28/1980	40
Steven & Dianna Huycke	6/28/1969	51
Neil & Angela Webb	6/28/1997	23
Wayne & Dottie Belke	6/29/2012	8
Gerald & Linda Drews	6/29/1968	52
Ron & Lorelle Moritz	6/29/1968	52

## HARRIET GOTSCH TURNS 102!!



**Harriet Gotsch celebrated her 102nd birthday on May 21. Although this year she was not able to celebrate in her normal fashion, she still was able to enjoy her birthday with family. And, a driveby was given to her by the Lincoln Township Fire Department. Harriet said it was the best birthday she has ever had!**



## FINANCIAL UPDATE - April, 2020

The church and school remained closed during April due to health concerns. Services and bible studies continued to be offered online. Instruction for grades K through 8<sup>th</sup> also continued online. The Board of Education determined in April that trying to continue to run the preschool and transitional kindergarten programs online was not feasible. As such, these programs were considered closed as of mid-March and families that had paid full March tuition and tuition for future months had their tuition refunded.

For the month of April we ran a deficit of \$10 thousand, leaving us with a ten month surplus of \$7 thousand. This compares to a \$40 thousand surplus we ran for the first ten months of last year.

Total receipts for the first ten months were \$20 thousand lower than the same period last year. Faith promise receipts over this ten month period were \$4 thousand higher than the previous year. Tuition receipts are \$26 thousand lower than last year through ten months. Refunds to preschool/transitional families in April were higher than receipts for K thru 8, resulting in a negative tuition figure for the month. General fund memorials are \$5 thousand ahead of last year through ten months, while Thrivent receipts continue to run behind last year's ten month amount by \$3 thousand.

Spending for the first ten months was \$13 thousand higher than the previous year. Administrative spending is \$26 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 have benefited from a milder winter with lower heating costs and less snow removal.

Our general checking account had a \$14 thousand balance at the end of April. We had borrowed \$20 thousand off our line of credit with Church Extension Fund in March. At the end of April 2019 our checking account balance was \$36 thousand, with no funds borrowed from Church Extension.

In early May, we were advised that our loan application for the Federal Government's Payroll Protection Program forgivable loan program was approved. This loan will allow us to maintain working capital while the country starts to work its way out of current economic and health problems.

### **CHRIST EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH AND SCHOOL** **Listing of Memorial Funds and Emergency Needs**

FUND	Balance April 30, 2020	Last Activity/ Status
Bell Tower - Repair Old Tower	150	Jan-20
Capital Projects	20,913	Apr-20
Enhance Ministries (youth, young adults and families)	91,771	Apr-20
Floor Coverings for Entire Facility	19,422	Jan-20
Fricke Memorial for Organ Concerts	2,755	Aug-18
Radio Broadcast Funding	1,050	Mar-19
Roof Repairs	10,714	Feb-20
Unallocated	11,310	NA
Total Memorial Funds	158,085	
Emergency Needs Fund	2,758	
Total Account Balance	160,843	

#### Financial Comments -

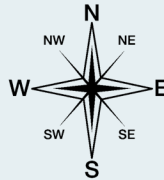
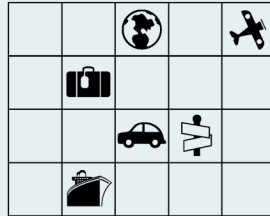
During the month of April the memorial fund received a contribution for capital projects. A small payment was made out of the fund to support enhanced ministries activities.

# PUZZLE

## Wherever we go

No matter where we journey, God always protects us.

*Directions: Use the map and compass to answer the clues. Then write the boxed letters in order in the spaces below to complete Psalm 121:8, NIV.*



**Start at the SHIP.**

Move 1 space N, 3 spaces E, and 2 spaces N  \_ \_ \_ \_

**Start at the WORLD.**

Move 1 space W, 1 space S, and 1 space SE  \_ \_ \_

**Start at the SUITCASE.**

Move 1 space NE, 2 spaces S, and 1 space E  \_ \_ \_

**Start at the PLANE.**

Move 2 spaces SW, 1 space S, and 1 space W  \_ \_ \_

**Start at the CAR.**

Move 1 space E, 1 space N, and 1 space NW  \_ \_ \_ \_

**Start at the SIGN.**

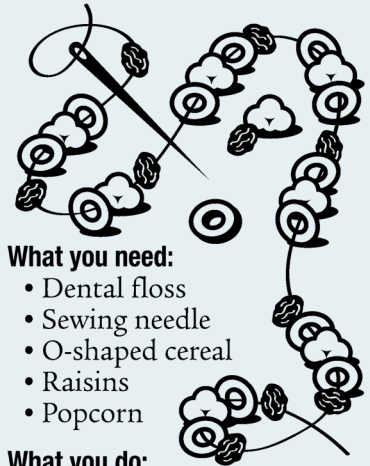
Move 1 space SE, 1 space W, and 2 spaces NW  \_ \_ \_ \_ \_

The \_ ORD will watch ove\_ your comi\_g and go\_n\_g  
both no\_ and for\_ verm ore. Psalm 121:8, NIV

Answer: plane, car, sign, ship, world, suitcase. The LORD will watch over your coming and going both now and forevermore. Psalm 121:8, NIV

# ROAD TRIP TREAT

Make this snack necklace to enjoy during summer travels.



**What you need:**

- Dental floss
- Sewing needle
- O-shaped cereal
- Raisins
- Popcorn

**What you do:**

1. Carefully thread a yard of floss through the needle.
2. String a pattern of cereal, raisins and popcorn on the floss until only 4 inches remain on either end. Tie the two ends together.
3. Repeat to make necklaces for your whole family.
4. When you're ready to eat, simply bite off each "bead." Experiment with other non-perishable foods.

**Answers from "Fathers" puzzle on page 5**

- |                         |                      |
|-------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. f, Luke 1:57-63      | 6. i, 1 Samuel 1:1   |
| 2. d, 1 Kings 2:12      | 7. g, Judges 6:29    |
| 3. h, Genesis 21:2-5    | 8. a, 1 Kings 14:21  |
| 4. b, Genesis 4:1       | 9. j, Genesis 6:10   |
| 5. e, 1 Samuel 17:12-14 | 10. c, Genesis 11:27 |

# June 2020 Christ Lutheran Church Calendar of Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7 8:00 am Worship Service 9:30 am Zoom Bible Class 10:45 am Worship Service	8 7:00 pm ALL BOARDS MEETING & PARISH PLANNING	9	10 7:00 p.m. Confirmation Examination	11 Private Communion: 10:30 a.m. 1:30 p.m. 7:00 pm	12	13
14 <u>Church Opening</u> 8:00 am Communion Worship Service 9:30 am Zoom Bible Class 10:45 am Confirmation with Communion Worship Service	15 7:00 pm VOTER'S MEETING	16	17	18 Private Communion: 10:30 a.m. 1:30 p.m. 7:00 pm Worship Service 8:00 p.m. Private Communion	19 6:00 p.m. Wedding Rehearsal	20 3:00 p.m. Priebe/Patrick Wedding
21 <u>Father's Day</u> 8:00 am Worship Service 9:30 am Zoom Bible Class 10:45 am Graduation Sunday	22	23	24	25 Private Communion: 10:30 a.m. 1:30 p.m. 7:00 pm Worship Service 8:00 p.m. Private Communion	26	27
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