

# The Christ Times

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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

## Vote.

By Pastor Measel

As Lutherans, we have a teaching called 'The Two Kingdoms'. God rules the world thru two kingdoms in two ways: the kingdom of the left (civil authority / earthly government) for the purpose of maintaining earthly law & order and promoting the public good (temporal matters); and the kingdom of the right (spiritual authority / church) for delivering spiritual needs, forgiveness and faith (eternal matters). We recognize that the church should not tell the government how to govern, nor should the government put any restrictions on the church.

Which kingdom is more important? Clearly eternal matters are way more important. As a church body we stay above the fray of dirty politics. God belongs to neither party, and we remain a-political. Our church does not advocate nor endorse any political party nor candidate: after all there are moral and ethical issues on all sides. That being said, there are some issues that the church does engage in, based on scripture (such as religious liberty and freedom (Acts 5:29, Dan 6:7-10), and God being a God of life (Ps 139:13-14, Ps 51:5)).

Yes, earthly temporal matters are also important. After all, we desire to live in a society of peace and order; we desire justice for those who have been wronged; we wish to have the freedom and ability to worship God unimpeded. The Rev. Joel Biermann wrote an excellent article in the August Lutheran Witness titled 'Beyond the Booth'. (<https://witness.lcms.org/2020/beyond-the-booth>) Within the article he said this: "God most certainly goes with you into the voting booth and has something to say about the ballot you cast... God wants you to vote for the people, principles and platforms that will uphold and advance his justice in the world. In other words, you should

vote in ways that will best serve your neighbor and his needs." He then goes on to explain that upholding the needs of our neighbor, protecting human life, and respecting the dignity of all humans are more important than animals, or stuff, or 'rights'.

Yes, as Christians, we have the opportunity and the responsibility to vote. Remember that God is a God of order not chaos, a God of life not death, and a God of dignity and respect not contempt. But then after you vote, remember what is most important. Paul said: "For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that He was buried, that He was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures." (1 Cor 15:3-4) Of first importance: the gospel message about Jesus!

Being a child of God, recognizing our sin (all of us), and living in the forgiveness and love of Christ, is WAY MORE IMPORTANT than an election. Jesus came to reconcile you with God. He loves each of you very much. He also loves those you disagree with as well. We all need to live in the grace and mercy of Jesus Christ and rise above the sinful disputes of this world.

Pastor Measel



## Christ Lutheran Youth Updates

### From Pastor Yeager



- ◆ *Taco Talk*—Youth Bible Study & Fellowship—Sunday, September 27, 4:00—7:00 p.m. Bring your own drink and Bible.
- ◆ Pastor Yeager would also like to invite the Youth to come to our Sunday Bible Class in between services. In this Bible class we will discuss the book of Joshua.
- ◆ Pastor Yeager would invite anyone who has a college child or any children post high school age, to give him a mailing address. He would like to send an uplifting letter and devotional for edification and a way to strengthen faith during tough times. You could send an address through email or personally. His email is Chryeager@gmail.com, and you can reach him on his cellphone at 260-580-4078. Thank you.

### **STORYTIME SUNDAY SCHOOL SERIES . . .**

#### ***The Chronicles of Narnia by C.S. Lewis***

***Starts Sunday, September 27***

***Begins with Book I: The Magician's Nephew***

***Each Sunday will include:***

- ◆ ***Chronological reading of the book***
- ◆ ***Talk about how it relates to Jesus & faith***
- ◆ ***Fun and fellowship with friends***

***Led by Kat Robinson & Kayla Matheny***

### **LWML OCTOBER GRANT**

#### **Touching the Living Word—Lutheran Braille Workers**



The mission of Lutheran Braille Workers (LBW) is to passionately reach out to people who are blind and visually impaired with the Good News of Jesus Christ as their Savior. In the United States, there are nearly 11 million people who are blind or visually impaired and over 36 million people worldwide. Of this number, it is estimated that more than 94 percent are unchurched. The Braille Bible has 37 volumes; each volume has 90 pages. A zinc plate is produced via a plate embossing device (PED) which enables pages to be printed. Multiple plates are needed to print one Bible. The mites raised for this grant will help LBW to purchase a new PED to produce the zinc plates. With the new equipment and new technology, LBW will be able to better meet worldwide demand for Bibles in multiple languages. For more information, go to [www.lwml.org/2019-2021-mission-grant-11](http://www.lwml.org/2019-2021-mission-grant-11).



# REFORMATION Sunday

October 25

8:00 & 10:45 a.m.

Communion Services



We welcome Stacey Skorupa to our church as a new member. Stacey was a former member of Immanuel Lutheran, Bridgman.



## Coming Events in October & November

### LWML SUNDAY

October 4

### Contemporary Worship Services

Sunday, October 4, 10:45 am  
Sunday, October 18, 8:00 am

### ALL BOARDS MEETING

Monday, October 12,  
7:00 p.m.

### Pastor Appreciation Sunday

Sunday, October 18  
Breakfast between services

### Reformation Day

Sunday, October 25

### Voter's Meeting

Sunday, November 15  
9:30 am



On Sunday, October 18 we will join in Christian fellowship to recognize Pastor Measel and Pastor Yeager. A continental breakfast will be served between services. Sign-up sheets are located in the commons area. Please be sure to sign up so that we have a count for the table settings.

(A freewill offering will be taken.) Be sure to mark your calendars for this special event!

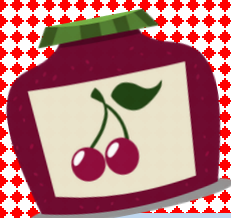
COVID protocols will be followed—bring a mask too!



### Back by popular demand!

Orders will be taken for pumpkin, Dutch apple and cherry streusel. New this year as a limited edition, will be blueberry crumble. All pies are made from scratch and assembled here in our own Christ Lutheran kitchen.

Watch for more information and order forms coming soon in your church service bulletins.




## Christ Lutheran Radtke Jam Sale

Jams are homemade in the Radtke kitchens with fresh ingredients. A large assortment of flavors are available including Apricot, Cherry, Strawberry, Red Raspberry & Blueberry. \$5.00 per jar.

Sugar free jams are also available for order.

The jams make great gift items!

Look for the display coming soon in the commons area.



# TRUNK OR TREAT

## 6th ANNUAL TRUNK OR TREAT at CHRIST LUTHERAN SCHOOL

Join Christ Lutheran School's PTL for a community outreach event in our parking lot. Let's work together to return things to some kind of normal this Halloween for families in our community.

We are working with the Berrien County Health Department to ensure the safety of all volunteers and visitors to our campus. There will be more information to come. Stay tuned to the school newsletter for up-to-date information. If you don't already receive the school newsletter, you can sign up by emailing Mr. Webb at [nwebb@christstevensville.com](mailto:nwebb@christstevensville.com).

We will be accepting donations of candy. All candy must be individually wrapped and nothing homemade will be accepted.

Thank you!

**Saturday, October 31**  
**1:00—4:00 pm**

**CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL**

4333 Cleveland Ave

[www.Christ-Luth.org](http://www.Christ-Luth.org)



## ♥ MEMBERS HEALING

**Addie Scheffler**

**Amanda Clark**

**Amee Mantei**

**Barbara Maul**

**Bea Rudlaff**

**Connie Schmidt**

**Dave Knuth**

**Deleigh McClintock**

**Denice McClintock**

**Ferny Rantz**

**Jim Walters**

**Laura Lesher**

**Laura Schornhorst**

**Laurie Ulmer**

**Leni Weisser**

**Mary Panzica**

**Miro Virsik**

**Nancy Duke**

**Pat Jeager**

**Rev. Adolph Pankratz**

**Ron Szoke**

**Prayer of thanksgiving for  
a safe return home for  
Sally Knuth from Caretel.**

### ♥ Servicemen

**Alex Root**

**Allison Blake**

**James Vieregge**

**Joseph Schaffer**

**Mitchell Carter**

**Aubrey Hamby**—nephew of  
Dee Payovich

**Austin Arndt**—grandson of  
Linda Steinke

**Bill Bunte**—cousin of Mary  
Spaulding

**Bruce Wurdeman**—brother  
of Diane Strohacker

**Catie Reed**—granddaughter  
of Doris Beezley

**Chris Dunn**—nephew of  
Thelma Szoke

**Christine Lowmaster**—  
niece of Sharon Lowmaster

**Gertrude Kuehn**—mother  
of Debbie Tietz

**Grace Gerken**—niece of An-  
drew & Terri Gerken

**Jerry & Carole Kelly** –  
friends of Phil & Dorie Medo  
& Loren & Margaret Gerber

**Jim Russell**—brother of  
Mark Russell

**Paula Hicks**—niece of Dee  
Payovich

**Phil Oberhaus** – brother of  
Susan Jackemeyer

**Rebecca Wroblesky** – fian-  
cé of Kevin Dixon

**Taryn Schrader**—sister of  
Tamara Paulun

**William Maul** – brother of  
Charles Maul

## Birthdays

**Bob Wolfanger-52**

## Anniversaries

**Pastor & Jill Measel—22  
Years**

**Al & Leni Weisser—62  
Years**

**Bob & Sybil Kish—40 Years**

## Births

Ann Lenora Tietz, granddaughter of  
Dean & Debbie Tietz

## Deaths

Darrell Miller, brother-in-law of Fred  
Pieplow.

Josh Kline, husband of Ron Vander-  
meer's niece.



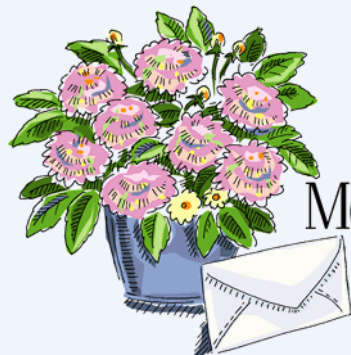
**Joining the Church  
Triumphant**

**Recently called home  
to Heaven:**

**Lois Esther Huff**

**March 24, 1927 ~**

**September 9, 2020**



## Memorial Gifts

### In Loving Memory of Lois Huff

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Mrs. Naomi Hettig  
 Mr. and Mrs. Harry Jaeger  
 Mr. and Mrs. Don Jeschke  
 Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Kern  
 Mr. and Mrs. Craig Klein  
 Mr. and Mrs. Fred Knuth  
 Rev. and Mrs. Philip Quardokus  
 Mr. and Mrs. Charles Schwanger  
 Mr. and Mrs. Roger Seely  
 Mrs. Mary Spaulding  
 Mr. and Mrs. Martin Strefling  
 Mr. Ken Vieregge  
 Mr. and Mrs. Miro Virsik  
 Mr. and Mrs. Donald Yeske  
 Mr. and Mrs. Keith Yeske  
 Joan Shembarger  
 Mr. & Mrs. Robert Dixon  
 Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Drews  
 Virginia Jennings

Mrs. Virginia Drews  
 Mr. and Mrs. Don Frobel  
 Mr. and Mrs. Loren Gerber  
 Celeste Grau  
 Mrs. Lucille Grau  
 Mr. and Mrs. Bob Hartman  
 Mr. and Mrs. Al Kasewurm  
 Mr. Joseph Klupp  
 Mrs. Ellen Machemer  
 Mr. and Mrs. Arne Nystuen  
 Mr. and Mrs. Mark Steffens  
 Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Ulmer  
 Janet Zielke  
 Mrs. Florence Ziemer  
 Joanne Ciboch  
 Nancy & Gordon Duke  
 Harriet Gotsch  
 Darlene Hein

Jeryl & Laura Schornhorst  
 Linda Steinke  
 Ron & Karen Vendermeer  
 Bob & Dolly Brown  
 Jean Mort  
 John & Celeste Bellin  
 Julie Sellers  
 Ruth & Bill Kudera  
 Bob & Jeannette Ziebart  
 Anita Schultz  
 Don & Carolyn Schmaltz  
 Craig & Susan Anderson  
 David & Gyl Kasewurm  
 Kathleen Nichols  
 James & Denise Gerber  
 Philip & Mary Albrecht  
 John & Celeste Craemer



### CLS BAND PROGRAM NEEDS YOUR HELP!

At the Voter’s Meeting on Monday, Sept. 21, members were informed of the suspension of the band program until the end of December. Approximately \$3,500.00 is needed to fund this program during that time.

A family has issued an above and beyond challenge to fund our band program. All donations made by Oct. 5 will be matched up to \$2,000.00. Donations should be given to Christine or Amy in the office.

## Financial Update – August, 2020

For the month of August we ran a deficit of \$6 thousand, leaving us with a two month deficit of \$16 thousand. This compares to a \$33 thousand deficit we ran for the first two months of last year. There has been one more Sunday collection in the current year.

Total receipts for the first two months were \$9 thousand higher than the first two months of last year, with faith promises accounting for most of the increase. General fund memorials, which had significant gifts in both years, are higher this year. Thrivent receipts are off to a slower start than last year.

Spending for the first two months was \$8 thousand lower than the previous year. Administrative spending was \$10 thousand lower than the previous year, with compensation and benefits costs \$7 thousand lower. We did not have the transition expenses related to bringing in a new middle school teacher that we incurred last year. Properties spending was \$1 thousand higher over the first two months due to various repair and maintenance items. Youth expenses had a nearly \$2 thousand credit due to the refund of funds paid for the Higher Things summer conference, which was cancelled over pandemic concerns.

Our general checking account had a \$64 thousand balance at the end of August. At the end of August 2020 our checking account balance was \$5 thousand. \$50 thousand had been borrowed off our line of credit with Church Extension as of the end of last August.

Funds received under the Federal government’s PPP forgivable loan program were exhausted in July. It is expected that we will file for loan forgiveness in early September. It is taking the government and participating financial institutions longer to get ready for the stampede of companies filing for forgiveness.

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

FUND	Balance August 31,	Last Activity/ Status
Bell Tower - Repair Old Tower	150	Jan-20
Capital Projects	1,424	Aug-20
Enhance Ministries (youth, young adults and families)	88,425	Aug-20
Floor Coverings for Entire Facility	0	Aug-20
Fricke Memorial for Organ Concerts	2,755	Aug-18
Radio Broadcast Funding	1,840	Aug-20
Rainy Day Funds	55,750	Jun-20
Roof Repairs	10,669	Aug-20
Technology - Church and School	13,446	Aug-20
Unallocated	13,172	NA
Total Memorial Funds	187,631	
Emergency Needs Fund	2,858	
Total Account Balance	190,489	

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#### Financial Comments -

During the month of August the memorial fund received contributions for capital projects, technology, roof repairs, and radio broadcasts.

A large payment was made out of the floor coverings fund to Country Carpet in August. This payment marks the completion of the floor coverings program.

Payments were also made out of the fund for roof repairs, technology, and the enhanced ministries program.



Dolly Brown	10/1	Hudson Bonner	10/14	Al & Kathy Kasewurm	10/2/1965	55
Alyssa Judkins	10/2	Maria Kish	10/15	Scott & Anna Silcox	10/5/2007	13
Jean Mort	10/2	Ken Schadler	10/16	Ronald & Thelma Szoke	10/6/1973	47
Morgan Virsik	10/2	Alois Weisser	10/16	Lance & Vicki Rausch	10/13/1995	25
Patricia Allred	10/3	Joyce Bennett	10/18	Glenn & Nancy Scowcroft	10/16/1982	38
Nancy Duke	10/3	Lora Freehling	10/18	Andrew & Megan Duke	10/17/2015	5
Richard Wandel	10/3	Sharon Gatz	10/18	Ralph & Devona Dinges	10/18/1958	62
Darren Priebe	10/4	Dorothy Pankratz	10/18	Dennis & Lyla Metz	10/18/1996	24
Beverly Ross	10/4	Lorraine Ziebart	10/18	Mark & Kathleen Stone	10/19/1974	46
Loretta Olmstead	10/5	Joan Kern	10/19	Ben & Tiffany Graves	10/21/2000	20
Kristy Sandmann	10/5	Jackie Mast	10/20	Eldon & Phyllis Keehn	10/26/1956	64
Deleigh McClintock	10/6	Diane Satkoski	10/20	John & Tamara Paulun	10/28/2006	14
Ronald Vandermeer	10/7	Terrie Smith	10/20	Thomas & Laurie Ulmer	10/31/1992	28
AnnaLise Beck	10/8	Christopher Judkins	10/21			
Mark Whitwam	10/8	Jonathan Radtke	10/21			
Michael Essig	10/9	Christine Quardokus	10/24			
Virginia Jennings	10/9	Robert Ross	10/27			
Mallory Mensinger	10/9	Tom Scheffler	10/27			
Phillip Cole Jr.	10/10	Heather Bhatti	10/28			
Steven Matheny	10/10	Sarah Gambill	10/28			
Paula Benner	10/11	Robyn Priebe	10/28			
Stephanie Karnik	10/11	Lillieanna Andrews	10/29			
Seth Dine	10/12	Dennis Kern	10/29			
Abbey Herrman	10/12	Shannon Bauer	10/29			
Alex Conrad	10/13	Allie Leshar	10/29			
Scott Dine	10/15	Barb Harris	10/31			
		Jane Kabelman	10/31			



Dear members of Christ Lutheran,

I would like to thank you for your prayers, the lovely flowers, visits & cards I received during my stay at Caretel. It is so good to be back worshipping with you again. May God continue to bless you.

Sincerely,  
Sally Knuth



## Altar Flowers

### October 4

In loving memory of  
**Karen Dixon, given by Bob  
& Sandy Dixon**

### October 11

In honor of their **25th wedding anniversary,**  
given by **Lance & Vicki Rausch**

### October 18

In Loving Memory of **Jon Shembarger,**  
given by **Joan Shembarger**

### October 25

In honor of the **64th wedding anniversary,**  
given by **Eldon & Jean Keehn**



**The October radio broadcasts are sponsored  
by the following people:**

- ◆ In loving memory of **Earl Quardokus,**  
given by **Helen Quardokus.**
- ◆ In loving memory of **Barbara Whitwam,**  
given by **David Whitwam.**





**Christ Lutheran Church & School**

**Accepting donations of gently used or new shoes**

**October 5 – December 4**

**Look for boxes located throughout the building. CLS is reimbursed per pound of shoes collected.**

**For more information contact:**

**Amy Cole 429-7111 or**

**Tabatha Winter 269-326-2526**

**Shoes will be distributed to micro-entrepreneurs in developing countries**

# October 2020

## Christ Lutheran Church Calendar of Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>A MIGHTY FORTRESS</b> A mighty fortress is our God A trusty shield and weapon; He helps us free from every need That hath us now o'er taken. The old evil foe Now means deadly woe; Deep guile and great might Are his dread arms in fight; On earth is not his equal. LSB 656				<b>1</b> 10:00 am Bible Class Private Communion: 10:30 a.m. & 1:30 p.m. <b>7:00 pm Worship Service</b> 8:00 p.m. Private Comm	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>4</b> LWML SUNDAY 8:00 am Worship Service 9:30 am Bible Class 9:30 am Peace Univ. BC 9:30 am Sunday School 10:45 am <b>Contemporary</b> <b>Worship Service</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 7:00 pm Peace University Bible Class	<b>7</b> 9:30 am Peace University Bible Class	<b>8</b> 10:00 am Bible Class Private Communion: 10:30 a.m. & 1:30 p.m. <b>7:00 pm Worship Service</b> 8:00 p.m. Private Comm	<b>9</b> ½ Day School	<b>10</b> Gym/Kitchen in use
<b>11</b> 8:00 am Communion Worship Service 9:30 am Bible Class 9:30 am Peace Univ. BC 9:30 am Sunday School 10:45 am <b>Communion WS</b>	<b>12</b> 7:00 pm <b>ALL BOARDS</b> <b>MEETING</b>	<b>13</b> 7:00 pm Peace University Bible Class	<b>14</b> 9:30 am Peace University Bible Class	<b>15</b> No School 10:00 am Bible Class Private Communion: 10:30 a.m. & 1:30 p.m. <b>7:00 pm Worship Service</b> 8:00 p.m. Private Comm	<b>16</b> No School	<b>17</b>
<b>18</b> 8:00 am Contemporary <b>Worship Service</b> <b>9:30 am Pastor Appreciation</b> <b>Reception</b> 9:30 am Bible Class 9:30 am Peace Univ. BC 9:30 am Sunday School 10:45 am <b>Worship Service</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> 7:00 pm Peace University Bible Class	<b>21</b> 9:30 am Peace University Bible Class	<b>22</b> 10:00 am Bible Class Private Communion: 10:30 a.m. & 1:30 p.m. <b>7:00 pm Worship Service</b> 8:00 p.m. Private Comm	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>
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