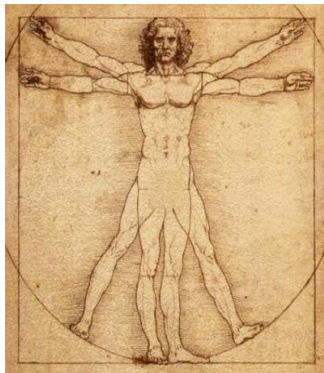


GRACE 2016



CHURCH NEWS



For the body does not consist of one member but of many. (1 Corinthians 12:14)

The human body is an amazing thing. At full capacity, it can run, jump, swim, learn, love, serve and grow. This is the way it was designed by God.

It is no wonder that St. Paul would use this creation to exemplify how God's people are to work together. The way the Bible refers to the believers in Christ is $\sigma\omega\mu\alpha$ $\chi\rho\iota\sigma\tau\omicron\upsilon$, "soma Christou" or "The Body of (or from) Christ". This is a wonderful message for friends, families and for the Church! You see, no matter which groups you belong to, you will notice that each has a special dynamic. The groups that seem to be the most successful, easy running and even the most fun, are groups where everybody serves in a unique but collaborative way.

Think of your friends! You'll often have "The smart one", "The funny one", "The generous one", "The crabby one", "The extrovert", "The introvert", etc... When you think about your group of friends, you might find that even though you are a "group", you are made up of very special pieces.

In a family, we find that each member brings something very special to the family. Each one in both unique, yet entirely fully a part of the family.

How about your family? Mom, dad, brother, sister, cousins, aunts, uncles, grandparents. Each plays a special roll. EACH IS DIFFERENT AND SPECIAL, YET IT IS ONE FAMILY. It would be very hard to imagine losing a family member and not having it interrupt how the family operates.

The Church is also a wonderful example of this. How does a Missouri Synod congregation operate? On the most fundamental level, a congregation exists where *the Word of God is purely preached and the Sacraments are rightly administered.* (Article VII – The Augsburg Confession). Of course, anybody that has gone to Church for any length of time knows that from Monday all the way to Sunday morning, there is a lot of preparation that must be made in order for the Church service to happen smoothly. Consider the following areas:

Church Governance:

We were blessed to welcome several new people to the council and welcome several faithful people BACK to positions on the council and elders. It is a wonderful sign of faith to see people who want to be a part of the comfort and care of those in the Church and in the world. Thank you all so much!

In the fellowship Hall we hold Sunday School EVERY Sunday at 9:15 am for both adults and children. Not only does the pastor prepare a Bible study, the Sunday School director selects a curriculum for the children, teaches and helps identify and train people to share in the Sunday school lessons and crafts.

In the Narthex, before the service, you will enter the Church and find a clean, orderly Narthex with greeters welcoming you, helping visitors sign in, passing out bulletins and answering questions before Church begins.

In the Sanctuary, we have altar cloths, pairments (altar, pulpit, lectern and banners). The altar book has to be set, the Lord's Supper prepared, The Baptismal font prepared, the carpets vacuumed and the pews cleaned. Acolytes, ushers and Communion assistants must be trained and ready to go.



*I am the Church
You are the Church
We are the Church
Together*

How do I get involved?

As a member of this congregation, there are so many ways you can serve in the ministry here that don't require being on the council. To name a few:

- **Prayer:** This ministry only exists by the grace of God. Each day we are reminded *"This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it!"* (Psalm 118:24) Because of this, we keep the Church and School in our prayers. This is a way that all of us can serve.
- **Sunday School teacher:** Even if you have never done it, consider observing a class for a while. If you think it's for you, feel free to sign up for a turn.
- **Altar Guild (Altar Care):** Whenever you see the beautiful sanctuary all set up and prepared for worship, that is the work of the people on altar guild. Please talk to one of the guild members or to Pastor Hoffman if you are interested in learning more about this wonderful service to the Church.
- **Greeters:** When people come to Church, they love to be greeted and welcomed. This is a wonderful way for you to meet the new people coming in the doors.
- **Ushers:** These people help keep the service running smoothly.
- **Christ Lutheran School:** Our school is always looking for people who are interested in assisting the school with everything from classrooms to recess, all the way to ensuring a safe drop off and pick up of the children. If this interests you, come to the office to learn more.

You see, in the body of Christ, we learn that no matter which part of the body you are, there is no part that is unimportant. The fact that God has placed you here in this fellowship of believers is a wonderful incentive to find out which part of the body you are. I pray God blesses you in the special way He has called you as a member of the Body of Christ!

In His service and in yours,

Pastor Hoffman

Easter Breakfast 

On March 27, 2016, Easter Breakfast will be served starting at 9am (no Sunday School) pancakes, eggs, sausage....lots of yummy things! Men! if you can help contact Mark Juelke!

Love Baskets:

On Thursday, Feb 11, Love Baskets filled with goodies were delivered by the Esther Bible Study group to our neighbors, the 5 residents of the group home next door....Brenda, Dana, Eddie, Mike and Dan. Thank you to the LWML ladies that provided homemade cookies to fill the baskets.

Thank You!

CHRIST LUTHERAN SCHOOL NEWS



March is here! This month will be full of activities, opportunities to worship, lots of learning, and add in Spring Break for our families, teachers, and staff to recharge for the rest of the school year.

Please check out the important dates listed and make sure you have them in your plans for the month.

Swimming lessons for Kindergarten – 7th grades



will start on March 7. We will need volunteers to help transport the students to and from Mingus Park Pool. Remember that all volunteers and drivers need to have a current background check, driver's license, and proof of insurance on file at the office.



Looking ahead to the 2016-17 school year!



Pay close attention to this!

If you preregister by March 14, 2016, you get to use our current tuition schedule. That means you are guaranteed this year's prices for the next school year, even if the prices increase! The preregistration form and registration fee are required to secure your child's enrollment and to lock-in the tuition rate. **The deadline for preregistration is March 14, 2016.**

Remember, if you are planning on applying for any financial aid for the 2016-17 school year, you need to fill out a new request every year.



This summer we are excited to introduce Christ Lutheran's **"Summer Learning Program"**. This program

will be available for ages 3 and up and will have a strong educational emphasis with plenty of enrichment activities to keep the students active, learning, and having fun! The schedule, prices, and other details will be sent home soon. Please feel free to share this information with others that might be interested. There is no better way to get the word out than our own families!

This year **Christ Lutheran's Annual Spring Concert** will include a Talent Show! We will be conducting try-outs at planned breaks during the school days next week, March 7-11, to ensure that the talent performances are well thought out and planned. Our Spring Concert is a little earlier this year than usual, April 24, 2016, and we wanted to give everyone the opportunity to practice and prepare for the talent they want to share.



We have shared with the students that a talent can be singing, playing an instrument, reading a poem, art, skits, sports skills, telling jokes, magic tricks, etc. Although not all individual students will showcase a talent all students will be performing along with the talent acts that the students have prepared for the concert.

Important Dates in March:

Mar. 2	6pm Soup Supper
Mar. 2	7pm Lenten Service
Mar. 7	3:30pm Faculty/Staff Meeting
Mar. 7-11	Swimming Lessons 9-9:30am Kindergarten 9:30-10:30am 1 st - 7 th Grades
Mar. 8	3:15pm PTL
Mar. 9	6pm Soup Supper
Mar. 9	7pm Lenten Service
Mar. 14	School Preregistration Deadline
Mar. 14-18	Swimming Lessons 9:30-10:30am 1 st - 7 th Grades
Mar. 16	6pm Soup Supper
Mar. 16	7pm Lenten Service
Mar. 20	10:30am Palm Sunday Service
Mar. 21-25	Spring Break - No School
Mar. 24	7pm Maundy Thursday Service
Mar. 25	7pm Good Friday Service
Mar. 27	9am Easter Breakfast
Mar. 27	10:30am Easter Service





Christ Lutheran Parent Teacher League (PTL) meets the second Tuesday of the month. The next meeting will be Tuesday, March 8, 2016

at 3:15pm. Child care is provided by Preschool Plus and After Care Club.



MARCH 2016



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
March Birthdays Marcia Zeebuyth - 5 th Kaia Mahaffy - 12 th Peter Trott - 19 th		5:45pm Choir 1	8:30am Chapel 2 10am Ladies Bible Class 11:30am Bible Class at NB Senior Center 3:15pm First Communion 6pm Soup Supper 7pm Lent Service	9:30am Esther Bible Class 3	4	5
	March Anniversaries Gary & Betty Hinrichs - 3 rd Mark & Beth Steenbock - 4 th					
9:15am Sunday School 6 10:30am Divine Service 5pm Elders	3:30pm Faculty/Staff Meeting 7	3:15pm PTL 8 5:45pm Choir	8:30am Chapel 9 10am Ladies Bible Class 11:30am Bible Class at NB Senior Center 3:15pm First Communion 6pm Soup Supper 7pm Lent Service	9:30am Esther Bible Class 10	11	12
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	SPRING BREAK NO SCHOOL MARCH 21-25					
EASTER SUNDAY 27 9am Easter Breakfast 10:30am Divine Service	5pm Council 28	5:45pm Choir 29	30 8:30am Chapel 10am Ladies Bible Class 11:30am Bible Class at NB Senior Center 3:15pm First Communion	9:30am Esther Bible Class 31		
