

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH IN TOUCH

OCTOBER 2019

FROM THE PASTOR

I'm not sure why it is. Maybe it's the culmination of the worship service, the music, the singing, the readings, the preaching, and the prayers. Maybe it's because I'm a worshiper and not the presider. I'm not sure why it is, but I get caught up in the moment of watching people come forward to receive the bread and wine of Holy Communion. Yes, I know, it sounds a little creepy. I shouldn't be gawking, but I find myself with tears in my eyes as I ponder the overwhelming peace of God's grace as people come forward. In all of that, the words of Psalm 122:1 speak to me, "I was glad when they said to me, 'Let us go to the house of the LORD!'"

This is what I experienced during the Monday night worship service of this year's Tri-Synodical Fall Convocation at Faith Lutheran Church, Clive, Iowa. This is the gathering of pastors, deacons, and youth leaders from all three Iowa synods for learning, worship, and fellowship. As far as Synod gatherings and worship services go, this was one of the best I've attended. But this doesn't always happen at grand, festival worship services. I find myself drawn into this same feeling during small and informal worship services too.

As I watch the people come forward, I see they are in deep prayer, and hands are held out to receive the bread. I can't hear the minister, but I know the words "Given for you" are spoken. The wine is offered, and I know the words "Shed for you" are spoken as well. I experience an overwhelming feeling of "how cool is that!" And I think that it can only be explained as the *very presence of God*. And that's why I watch. Here all are welcome to the table. Christ gives of himself as the host and the meal. People come forward, hear the words, taste the bread and wine, and they are changed, I am changed.

The same is true at Christ Lutheran Church. God is present for you in the meal and we are changed. As I preside, I see you. I watch and notice how you may be feeling that day. Sometimes I am overwhelmed by the power of God's word of forgiveness for you, not because of some sentimentality, but because of the very presence of God, for you. In the midst of the action of Holy Communion, the words of the Apostle Paul become self-evident, "For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes." -1 Corinthians 11:26

Pastor Craig

PASTOR'S OFFICE HOURS

Christ Lutheran: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 9am to Noon

Washington Lutheran: Tuesday, 2:30 pm to 4:30pm, Friday, 9am to Noon

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

Due to the help we received from the CLC congregation, **Biking for the Beacon 2019** was a great success! We doubled the number of riders we had from the year before, and we had 47 people at one time on our law enjoying some lunch and listening to some great music. We raised \$900 for the Beacon of Hope, which is somewhat less than last year, but this is just from the people who showed up September 7th. We had very few companies helping out.

It is outstanding that we can help the folks at the Beacon, as well as give our community a look into the heart of the congregation here at Christ Lutheran. I know some of you have been thinking of some outreach opportunities in large or small ways in our community and beyond. Lets get involved!

Love you all. See you on Sunday.
Mick McBride

IN ADDITION . . .

The planning committee is grateful for the volunteer help of the congregation and others who got involved. We are especially grateful to Missy Ewing (Mick McBride's niece) who was instrumental in acquiring many of the great door prizes. Thank you also to Christ Lutheran Church women who provided some wonderful "church lady food." It's always good! We also thank O'Halloran International, Casey's General Store, Boone Valley Scenic Railway, Iowa State University, and Thrivent Action Team for donations of food, door prizes, and financial support. Thank you to Rob Jones at KVFD 1400 AM Radio Fort Dodge for inviting us on his show "Dodger Daily" for an interview and promotion of Biking for the Beacon. Plans for the 2nd Annual Biking for the Beacon Adventure Ride will begin after the first of the year.

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH WOMEN

QUILTING continues every Tuesday afternoon at 1:00PM here at the church. Anyone is welcome to join in. Come check it out!

LADIES NIGHT OUT is held the 4th Wednesday of every month at 5:30PM at Village Inn.

AND SPEAKING OF QUILTS . . . The Quilting Ladies of CLC are offering the chance to win a beautiful quilt. The lucky winner will have the choice between two quilts and will be announced at the auction October 20th. Chances are \$5 for one for \$10 for three. Chances will be on sale the first three Sundays in October before and after worship. Get 'em while they're hot!

ANNUAL AUCTION AND POTLUCK

The Annual Potluck and Auction will be held October 20. The evening begins at 5:00PM with a potluck. Everybody bring something tasty to share. After the potluck items will be auctioned off. Remember - Donations are needed. If you have any questions, contact Pastor Miller or Mick McBride.

CLC LAY MINISTRY COUNCIL MINUTES

Christ Lutheran Church Lay Ministry Council met on September , 2019.

Those present were: President Mick McBride, Brenda Savery, Sue Kraft, Liz Lombard and Pastor Miller

Pastor's Report

- Pastoral Care Visitations
- Baptism of Chevelle Dreesman, September 22
- Gospel Song Sunday, September 15
- Installation of new Bishop, Lorna Halaas, August 17
- 2019 Vacation - 2 Sundays and 15 days remaining
- 2020 Vacation - Florida January 23-30
- Healing Liturgy - September 29

MOTION carried to approve the Financial Secretary/Treasurer Reports for July and August (Mick and Brenda)

Other Reports

- Ice Cream Social
- Biking for the Beacon - September 7
- Rummage and Bake Sale
- Church Insurance Policy automatically renewed

Ongoing Business

- Office Secretary - Carmin helping
- Life Line Screening October 17 - Vouchers available
- Church Auction - October 20

New Business

- Christ Lutheran Annual Meeting - December 8
- Christ Lutheran Annual Report Meeting - January 26
- Outreach Opportunities - Meals on Wheels, Lord's Cupboard . . .
- Veterans Day - Bring photo of your veteran! November 10

Next meeting will be October 14, 2019, at 7:00 p.m.

The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Brenda Savery
LMC Secretary

CHURCH DIRECTORY UPDATES

Please update the following information in your Church Directories:

Bonnie Byro
728 14th Ave, N, #312
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728 14th Ave, N, #308
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Justin & Stacy Tilton, Amy & Mia
1632 220th St
Humboldt, IA 50548

Joyce Hanson
1486 20th Ave, N, #D-7
Fort Dodge, IA 50501

FOOD BASKET CHALLENGE 2019

Last year Christ Lutheran Church and Washington Lutheran Church participated in a friendly competition called the "Food Basket Challenge." This was a fun way to collect food and non-food items for The Lord's Cupboard, The Salvation Army, and The Beacon of Hope. Once again the members of Christ Lutheran Church have an opportunity to participate in the Food Basket Challenge during the weeks of October 6th through November 10th. Baskets will be available to fill with nonperishable grocery items and paper products. One household or a combination of households may join together in filling a basket. The baskets will be available starting Sunday, October 6, 2019. Won't you take up the challenge?



SIGN UP SHEETS - are in the hallway. Please consider volunteering to Read, Usher, or supply Flowers.

CHRIST IN OUR HOME - The Oct/Nov/Dec issue is available in the fellowship hall.

MAILBOXES & BULLETIN BOARDS - Please remember to check these for information.

DIRECTORY UPDATES - If you have a change of information, let us know so that it may be updated.

LORD'S CUPBOARD - The Lord's Cupboard is always in need of pantry items. Please give generously.

October 2019

<p>READERS 10/6 Mick McBride 10/13 OPEN 10/20 Evelyn Johnson 10/27 OPEN</p>	<p>ALTAR GUILD Jan Bowers and Liz Lombard</p> <p>USHERS Needed All Month</p>	<p>1 10:30am Clergy Text Study 1:00pm Quilting</p>	<p>2 6:30pm Confirmation at WLC</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p>	
<p>6 9:00am Worship w/ Holy Communion</p> <p>Coffee: Church Council</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8 10:30am Clergy Text Study 1:00pm Quilting</p>	<p>9 6:30pm Confirmation at WLC</p>	<p>10 Pastor at Fort Dodge Forum</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12</p>	
<p>13 9:00am Worship Benevolence Sunday</p> <p>Coffee: Women's Circle</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15 10:30am Clergy Text Study 1:00pm Quilting</p>	<p>16 6:30pm Confirmation at WLC</p>	<p>17 LIFE LINE SCREENING</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19</p>	
<p>20 9:00am Worship w/ Holy Communion Gospel Song Sunday Coffee: Altar Guild</p> <p>Annual Potluck and Auction 5:00PM</p>	<p>21 IN TOUCH Articles need to be turned in. Thanks!</p>	<p>22 10:30am Clergy Text Study 1:00pm Quilting</p>	<p>23 5:30pm Ladies Night Out at Village Inn</p> <p>6:30pm Confirmation at WLC</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p>	
<p>27 9:00am Worship</p> <p>Coffee: OPEN</p> <p>Reformation Sunday</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29 10:30am Clergy Text Study 1:00pm Quilting</p>	<p>30 6:30pm Confirmation at WLC</p>	<p>31 All Hallows' Eve</p>	<table border="1"> <tr> <td> <p>FLOWERS 10/6 Bruce Hill for Marolyn's Birthday 10/13 Bruce & Marolyn Hill for their Anniversary 10/20 Arlene Opheim for Mike's Birthday 10/27 Martin Luther for the Reformation</p> </td> </tr> </table>		<p>FLOWERS 10/6 Bruce Hill for Marolyn's Birthday 10/13 Bruce & Marolyn Hill for their Anniversary 10/20 Arlene Opheim for Mike's Birthday 10/27 Martin Luther for the Reformation</p>
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Kate McBride (home)
Heidi Janssen (home)
Bonnie Byro (FD Health & Rehab)
Luella Jensen (home)
Alan Johnson (home)
Alvin Dencklau (home)
Eleanor Kullberg (Villa Care)
Jeff Johnson (son of Russ & Evelyn)
Shirley Tatum (FD Heath & Rehab)
Lydia Becker (home)
Eileen Samuelson (home)

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the love of Jesus to all."*

Occasions to Celebrate

October Birthdays

10/1 Hanna Marie Langholz
10/2 Marolyn Hill
10/5 Kierstin Bloom
10/7 Alan Johnson
10/9 Jerry Kraft
10/12 Kevin Conrad
10/23 Kellie Guderian
10/23 Diandra McCubbin
10/24 Christine Bloom
10/24 Steve Conrad
10/24 Mike Opheim

October Anniversaries

10/9 Clifford & Colleen Dencklau (1982)
10/18 Bruce & Marolyn Hill (1996)
10/24 Garrett & Brenda Savery (1987)