

The Messenger

Christ Lutheran
Church
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May 2020 Newsletter

Contact us at office@Christ-Lutheran.org

COVID-19 UPDATES

I am so proud of our church council and the leadership that we have here at Christ Lutheran. We have been actively praying, researching and discussing how we should be handling the current situation as a church and we have some important updates to share.

WORSHIP

All in-person worship has been suspended through the month of May. We will continue to gather virtually on my personal Facebook page at our normal worship times of 9:00 & 11:00am. The earliest we could potentially have in-person worship is May 31, but we have a council meeting prior to that and we will make a decision about May 31 (Pentecost) at that time. Whenever we do “re-open” for worship, there will be some important changes for how we do things so that we are worshipping as safely as possible. The Worship Committee, with guidance from the Synod, our council, and medical professionals, will be working on the details. The new procedures will be publicized prior to any in-person worship gathering. For now, we will continue to gather & worship online.

ELECTRONIC GIVING

Giving in the month of April was good. We really appreciate the generosity and faithfulness of our congregation during this time so that we can continue to pay our bills. We are currently working on a couple additional ways to give electronically. There will soon be a way to give securely online through our website and also a way to give through texting. These options should make it easier to give during this time and also after the quarantine times ends. (Even after we get together again, we will not be passing the plate in worship, at least initially). As soon as these new ways to give are up and running, we will be publicizing how you can utilize them.

GROUPS & MEETINGS

Any groups & meetings throughout May will need to happen electronically. The one exception this month will be Sandwich Saturday (see later in newsletter for info on that ministry). As a reminder, we now have a Zoom account and if you would like to set up a Zoom meeting through our account, just let me know and I'll pass along the necessary information. Do not be intimidated by this. Almost everyone has found Zoom fairly easy to use.

SPRING CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The council has decided to cancel our spring Congregational Meeting. The only item of business was to view & approve the 2019 Year End financial reports. We have included those in this newsletter. Given the circumstances, we felt this was the best option. If you have any questions or concerns, please let one of our council members know.

FURTHER UPDATES

Continue to check your email or the Christ Lutheran Facebook page for more updates.

In Christ,
Pastor Chad

Morgan's Office Hours

Monday-Friday:
8:00am - 12:00pm



Spring Virtual Worship Schedule

9:00 AM - Contemporary Worship
11:00 AM -Traditional Worship

Men's Breakfast

Men's breakfast for May is cancelled.

Quilt Day

Quilt day for April is cancelled.

2020 Bookkeepers Report



	March	YTD	Rolling 12 Months YTD
Receipts	\$13,251.56	\$39,949.79	\$238,434.61
Expenses	<u>\$15,280.42</u>	<u>\$37,593.34</u>	<u>\$215,574.18</u>
Variance	-\$2,028.86	\$2,356.45	\$22,860.43

Respectfully Submitted, **Alan Wondra**



Building Fund Update

November Giving: \$3,215

Fund VIII Total: \$113,710

Year 2019 Total: \$8,138



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For any medical questions or concerns please contact **Mary Garrelts** at mbgarrelts@cox.net

Women's Bible Study

The Women's Bible study will not meet until further notice. Please keep the March issue of the Gather magazine for when we meet again. For questions contact **Rosie Harder** 200-3233 or ma28rr77@cox.net. Take care!



Thrivent Update

"Make a big difference! Give generously to help others affected by COVID-19. Whether that's through illness, job loss, school closures and more, Thrivent is supporting those who want to [#LiveGenerously](#). We're offering a match of \$1 for every \$2 donated for the first \$1 million! Learn more at www.livegenerously.com."

Men's Fishing Trip

The Men's Fishing Trip has been rescheduled for **May 6-8**.

Thank You

From **Jean Mertins**: "Thank you for all the prayers, cards & food following my surgery. I'm doing very well, thank you!"



Life Line Screening

Life Line Screening, a leading provider of community-based preventive health screenings, will offer their affordable, non-invasive and painless health screenings at Christ Lutheran Church on June 26, 2020.

Five screenings will be offered that scan for potential health problems related to:

- blocked arteries which is a leading cause of stroke
- abdominal aortic aneurysms which can lead to a ruptured aorta
- hardening of the arteries in the legs which is a strong predictor of heart disease
- atrial fibrillation or irregular heart beat which is closely tied to stroke risk
- bone density screening, for men and women, used to assess the risk of osteoporosis

Register for a Wellness Package which includes 4 vascular tests and osteoporosis screening from \$149 (\$139 with our member discount). All five screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete. In order to register for this event and to receive a \$10 discount off any package priced above \$129, please call 1-888-653-6441, visit www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle or text the word circle to 797979.

Special Recognition

Twelve area high school seniors from nine area schools were named 2020 Governor's Scholars by the Kansas State Department of Education. According to a release from the KDHE, "These students represent the top 1% of high school seniors."

Our very own **Noah Becker**, CLC's lone 2020 high school senior was among those twelve.

The Kansas State Department of Education recognized the 2020 Governor's Scholars with more than 500 students being honored statewide.

Unlike in past years, where the selected would meet with **Governor Laura Kelly**, there is not expected to be a ceremony this year.

Let's help to send all the congratulations to **Noah** for his excellent academic achievements!

Noah will be graduating from Sedgwick High School this year and his older brother, **Nathaniel** will be graduating from KSU. Congrats to these two wonderful gentlemen!



VIRTUAL GRADUATION

2020!

May 9th at 2:00 p.m.

Noah Becker's graduation is going to be online. Noah is one of the Valedictorians and will be giving a speech. You can view it at:

usd439.com

**Facebook pages: Sedgwick JH/HS
Sedgwick Public Schools**

It will be available to view on the usd439.com website after the event also. If you are unable to view let us know and we can send the link afterwards. We plan to have a celebration for Noah at another time in the near future hopefully.

You are welcome to send him cards for now to celebrate this achievement.

"Let's Go For A Walk"

Tell me a story or stories where God has caused you to sit-up and listen. Where God has come into your life, stories where you believed you received a blessing from God?

Several years ago I was fortunate to have met and studied with Dr. Robert Jensen. The most important thing he said to me was to tell stories. During our 11 weeks of studies, he would begin our class with "let me tell you a story." On our 11th meeting, I asked Dr. Jensen if I could tell him a story. Afterward, he said, "John, our lessons are over, go and tell stories. When you teach, tell stories, when you preach, tell stories."

So, send me stories! You can email them to **Morgan** (office@christ-lutheran.org), email them to **Pastor Chad** (pastor@christ-lutheran.org), or put them in my box at church. These stories will be printed in our monthly newsletter (unless otherwise noted).

Thanks,
John Snow

"And Enoch walked in fellowship with God; and he was not, for God took him home with Him."

Genesis 5:24

"I the Lord have spoken. And I will make them and the places round about My hill a blessing, and I will cause showers to come down in their season: there shall be showers of blessing of good insured by God's favor."

Ezekiel 34:26

Lightning Bugs or Fireflies, What Do You Call Them?

I fish a lot during the evening & nighttime hours. Mid to late summertime lightning bugs are usually flying around over the water & around in the trees. They are almost impossible to count because they fly all over the place. Sometimes I see up to 15-30 in the air at one time, one might land on my sweatshirt or even on my hand.

They have a spiritual meaning to me. Every time I see one it reminds me to pray to God for all the blessings He bestows on us & to give Him thanks. In Ezekiel 34:26, God says I will make them and all places all around My hill a blessing; and I will cause showers to come down in their season; there shall be a shower of blessings.

It's not hard to imagine that when God pours out His blessing to us on Earth, they are carried by lightning bugs.

John Snow

WHO AM I?

Here are some clues to help you!

1. I am a Pharisee, brought up in the school of Hillel, and a teacher of the law.
2. I taught Saul and educated him strictly according to our ancestral law.
3. Peter and John, the apostles, had been speaking to the people, priest, and captain of the temple, and the Sadducees came to them annoyed because they were teaching the people and proclaiming that in Jesus there is the resurrection of the dead. The Sadducees had them arrested. They released them with a warning not to speak or teach at all in the name of Jesus.
4. After being released, Peter and John continued healing and performing many signs and wonders and converting thousands of people.
5. Then the High Priest took action, he arrested the apostles and put them in public prison. But during the night an angel set them free. The next morning the spotless were teaching again in the temple.
6. The High Priest called together the council and the whole body of elders and had the apostles brought before them he was enraged and wanted to kill them. But I spoke up. "Fellow Israelites, consider carefully what you propose to do to these men. Keep away from them and let them alone; because if this plan or this undertaking is of human origin, it will fail; but if it is of God, you will not be able to overthrow them." I convinced the council, but they did have the apostles flogged (40 lashes less one). The council ordered them again not to speak in the name of Jesus and let them go.
7. Every day in the temple and from house to house they did not cease to teach, heal, and proclaim Jesus as the Messiah.
8. Plays 5:17-42, 22:3-5.

Submitted by **John Snow**

Last Month's Answer

Nathanael

John 1 & 21

May
Birthdays (b.), Anniversaries (w.), and Baptisms (bap.)

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
					1 Janet Balzer (b.) Dave Basart (b.) Jan Cross (bap.)	2
3 Beth Wenner (bap.)	4 Ruby Garrelds (b.) Clay Zecha (b.)	5 Chad Langdon (b.) Paula Rader (b.) Joe Raleigh (bap.)	6	7 Jenn Axman (b.) Janet Miller (b.)	8	9 Matt Helmick (b.)
10	11 Eileen Dietz (b.) Kinley Thompson (bap.)	12 Nora & Spenser Callison (w.)	13 Alleigh Stucky (b.)	14 Jack Bastow (bap.) Kathy White (b.)	15 Julie Evans (b.)	16 Nate Becker (b.) Jacob Freed (b.) Twila Medlock (b.)
17	18 Morgan & Melanie Barnhill (w.) Carol McDaniel (b.)	19 Mallory Fowler (b.) Ben Gibbs (b.)	20 Heather Mason (b.) Darla Steinert (b.)	21 Shawn Meier (b.)	22 Korina Lechner (b.) Brian Miller (bap.) Alan & Sylvia Schmidt (w.)	23 Heather Boyce (bap.)
24 Alex & Stephanie Haile (w.) Maynard Peterson (b.)	25 Forrest & Cathy Ehmke (w.) Larry Zabel (b.)	26	27	28 Jan & Mike Clark (w.) Rich & Rosie Harder (w.) Ken Knappenberger (b.)	29 Charlie Hentzen (b.) Chad & Lynde Langdon (w.) Lynde Langdon (b.) Steven Slipsager (b.) Laura Storrie (b.)	30 Michael & Kari Clouse (w.) Alex Schul (b.) Kevin Smith (bap.)
31 Janet Balzer (bap.)						

SANDWICH SATURDAY

We are still scheduled to serve Sandwich Saturday on **Saturday, May 23**. We will be gathering on Friday evening, **May 22**, to put together the sack lunches in the cleanest, safest way possible...which means it will probably take a bit longer than usual. We will need help with this. If you are interested in helping, please let us know in the office so that we can be properly prepared.

Annual Meeting & Youth Mission Trip

Unfortunately, the Annual Meeting and the Youth Mission Trip have been cancelled.



Virtual Worship

Here is a list of links for Pastor Chad's virtual worship videos:

Pastor Chad Langdon's Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/chad.langdon.92>

Christ Lutheran Church Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/CLCwichita>

Christ Lutheran Church Website:

www.christ-lutheran.org

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		Spring Virtual Worship Schedule:				
		9:00 AM—Contemporary Worship	Pastor Chad's Day off: Every Friday		1	2
		11:00 AM—Traditional Worship	Daily Prayer Pause Every Day at 1:00pm		 May Day	
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Facebook Worship: 9:00am & 11:00am			Facebook Live Bible Study: 7:00pm	 National Day of Prayer	Men's Fishing Trip	
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
 Facebook Worship: 9:00am & 11:00am			Facebook Live Bible Study: 7:00pm			 ARMED FORCES DAY
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
Facebook Worship: 9:00am & 11:00am			Facebook Live Bible Study: 7:00pm			Sandwich Saturday 
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
Facebook Worship: 9:00am & 11:00am	 Council Meeting 6:00 PM		Facebook Live Bible Study: 7:00pm			
31						
 Pentecost						