



Faith is the Bottom Line

By Bonnie Scranton,
Parish Administrator

As many of you know, I am a bit of a number's person. My dad was a metallurgical engineer and I was fascinated with his analytical mind and how easily he used numbers

and math to help analyze a problem and find a solution. I have no doubt that his love for numbers rubbed off on me. And that love of numbers has served me well throughout my adult life.

So it is that I found myself this week looking at Christ Lutheran Church numbers to try to get a sense of how well our church family is holding together. To be perfectly honest, I do worry about the impact on our church family of having no fulltime pastor in the midst of a pandemic. I'm constantly asking myself if we are doing all we can, and all we should, as congregational leaders to help make sure each and every one of you is being spiritually fed and staying strong in your relationship with Christ Jesus during this time.

So, what did the numbers tell me? 73 members attended in-person worship at least once in June and we've been so thankful to be able to "welcome you home!" ***Our prayer is that the rest of you who are physically able will join us in July for the sharing of His holy Word and Sacrament.*** In-person worship during this challenging time is a wonderful way to support each other and share our faith in Christ as a church family.

Looking at another set of numbers tells us that our pledged offerings were down in May, as noted in the financial update later in this SEED. However, the vast majority of you have stayed current, or are actually

ahead, in fulfilling your financial commitment to the Lord's work through our church. Thank you for that!

Numbers have even spoken to me in the past two weeks about how much you love and care for one another. When some of you were asked to help provide restaurant gift cards for Kensey McGartland following her back surgery, you didn't hesitate to step up and give. And the number of you that have responded to the request for the same for Joyce & Kent Alford following her cancer surgery has been remarkable. These are just two measurable examples of how you all continually demonstrate Christ's love for those in need, both in our congregation and within our community. There are way too many others to list them all here.

After all is said and done, my reflection on our "numbers" reminds me of how blessed we are, and how strong you all are in living out your faith, in spite of your personal challenges and our shared challenges. One of my very favorite hymns, "It is Well with My Soul", also reminds me that while life is certainly unpredictable, our faith and trust in God can help us to overcome every challenge, hardship and tragedy we face. And so it is with our church family. As long as we keep the faith and continue to trust in God and one another, we will be fine as we wait on the Lord to bring us a new spiritual leader, regardless of how long that takes!

Memorial Garden News

By Judy Wegehenkel, Chairman

Looks like the shrubs, flowers, and trees are doing well at this time. We will be getting our new memorial pavers and new boulder soon. The pavers will be placed in the pathway to the circle. More bricks and pavers may be purchased during the month of September. Volunteers to help with watering over the next few months (through October) would be appreciated. Please contact Judy Wegehenkel. Thanks again to those who have contributed to this project in any way.

Christ Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes – June 12, 2020

Members Present: Matt Futhey, Katie Rupp, Bonnie Scranton, Judy Bach, Jeff Clauss, Tom Jett, Diane Jones, Bill Wolters, Dave Tooke. **Members absent:** Dick Tabb, Connie Hornsey, Andrew Maas.

At 5:28 p.m. Vice-President Matt Futhey opened the meeting with prayer; Katie Rup led devotions. Matt called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m. No additions to agenda.

Approval of Minutes: After review of the minutes of the May 12, 2020, council meeting, motion the minutes be approved was carried.

President's Report: No report. Matt Futhey commented on how well the June 7, 2020 service went. This was the first restricted in-person service; all COVID-19 guidelines were in place and were followed by those present.

Parish Administrator's Report: Bonnie Scranton presented a written report of activities for review and discussion. In addition to the usual meetings and tasks, Bonnie made arrangement with Garris Brown from John Wood Community College to assist with up-dating the production of the on-line worship service. With a one-week notice, we were able to successfully prepare for in-person worship, implementing the guidelines of the CDC, Illinois Health Department, Adams County Health Department, and those of the insurance carrier, Church Mutual. Motion that the Parish Administrator's report be approved carried.

Treasurer's/Financial Secretary's Report: Printed reports for May were distributed by Bonnie Scranton for council review and discussion. CLC is in very good financial standing and continues to make necessary and appropriate updates to the facility and property. Motion to accept reports and to place the financial report on file pending audit carried.

Ministry Team and Committee Reports:

- **Communications:** Bill Wolters reported on the June 2, team meeting. Items discussed were updating Facebook postings, new equipment needed for recording future services, and the need for updated COVID-19 signage with the continued phases of returning to normal.
- **Fellowship:** No report
- **Learning:** Matt Futhey reported on an e-mail meeting of the team. Team discussions included the following: VBS will not be held this year. CLC will request that VBS for 2021 be held at Christ Lutheran even though it is Luther Memorial's year to host VBS. Kid's Night Out will be cancelled for the remainder of 2020. Members of the Blessing Buddies program are encouraged to remain in touch with their buddies. Due to COVID-19 guidelines, the Nursery and Youth rooms are closed until further notice.
- **Mutual Ministry:** Judy Bach reported that the Shepherd Circle groups need new leaders and that the leaders will meet later in June to reorganize the groups.

- **Property - Building:** No report
- **Property - Grounds:** Bonnie Scranton reported for Katie Rupp on updates since the last team meeting.
- **Service:** The appeal for Lutheran Social Services Illinois raised \$1,150 toward the \$5,000 CSIS Synod total needed to meet the matching grant.
- **Stewardship:** Matt Futhey reported that he is beginning the process of organizing the 2020 Stewardship committee.
- **Worship:** Jeff Clauss reported on the May 30th Worship team meeting which was devoted to the organization of the June 3rd restricted in-person service and to the arrangement for audio service to those truly homebound and without internet service.
- **Risk Management:** No report

Motion that Ministry and Committee Reports be accepted carried.

Old Business:

- Bonnie explained to the council that in addition to following CDC, state and local reopening guidelines there are other guidelines from Church Mutual Insurance which must be followed. She presented council members with a two-page CM document, "Recommendations for a Safe Return to Worship". After review, discussion, and completion of the accompanying checklist, Bonnie stated that an e-mail copy of the CMI recommendation would be sent to anyone who requested a copy. Motion that the Council accept the completed Church Mutual checklist as proof that the CMI recommendations have been implemented at CLC carried.

New Business:

- Bonnie Scranton is requesting that we pay Karn Haubrich an additional \$25/week to sanitize the narthex and bathrooms after Sunday services. The regular weekly cleaning before services will continue. Judy Bach moved that the Council approve this increase. Dave Tooke seconded. Motion carried.
- The discussion of "Second Sunday, Second Basket" was tabled for the July meeting.
- Since the garage sale was cancelled this year, the committee is requesting Council's approval to explore other fund-raising options. Motion that Council approve the Garage Sale committee's request to explore other fund-raising options for the stained-glass windows carried.

Adjournment: Diane Jones moved to adjourn at 8:11 PM. Judy Bach seconded. The motion carried. Meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Katie Rupp, Secretary

NOTE: These minutes are slightly condensed. Full version is posted on the bulletin board outside the church office. Also, with the current stay at home order, all meetings and gatherings are cancelled until further notice.



President's Message

By Dick Tabb, President

Dear friends in Christ, how great to finally have the ability to return to our sanctuary for worship! While it's not "normal", I'm confident the Almighty is there with us each Sunday. On behalf of everyone, I want to thank each member for their assistance in making our return possible – those setting up the sanctuary and those who continue to video the service for folks not able to attend a live worship service.

Just when we were thinking about relaxing a few things, we find our county experiencing an uptick in new cases. As we have continued to do, we will be following health guidelines as recommended by IDPH and the Adams County Health Department. Our council meets on July 14th and as always, will discuss plans and processes to provide a safe environment for all members wishing to worship live, and, providing the video service many find to be of great value. Please remain patient as we work through these challenging days and weeks.

In the spirit of openness, I spoke with Pastor Sandlin – our Synod contact for a permanent Pastor – regarding the status and movement on our need for a Pastor. He indicated there were 15 churches in the Synod with openings, and he has seen some activity as individuals are beginning to research churches with openings. We must remain positive and remember God is in charge, and understands our desires and needs.

Again, thank you to everyone for their patience and understanding during these times. We continue to be an active vibrant church, meeting the challenges presented to us. We continue to pull together each day to support each other, and, we continue to pray for each other. If you should have any questions or concerns, contact me, Bonnie Scranton, or any council member. We are demonstrating that we have a strong church family, we just need to keep moving on and supporting each other.

SERVICE TEAM NEWS



Luther Memorial to Get July Donations

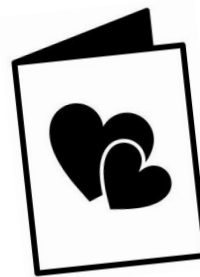
By Sue Hobbins

We have had some interesting experiences these past months, filling food boxes and observing how our

community has been coping with the pandemic. We have met some new, very polite young and old people in our journey around Quincy. One thread that ran through it all was how great is the need here at home. We observed not only what people were taking from boxes to eat, but how they were living. Some housing in the community is substandard, some neat with yards trimmed and flowers growing. Children were playing together well, with adults supervising, males and females alike.

Food not only brings us together, but also sets us apart. Please continue to keep others in mind as you do your grocery shopping this month. **We will be delivering to Luther Memorial Food Pantry in July.** Several things I observed in food boxes were garbanzo beans and some tomato sauce from the Midwest Food Bank. They did not tend to be popular. Rice and dried beans did not disappear fast, either.

COMING EVENTS



July 20 & 21: Create-A-Card Class

By Bonnie Cox

The July card class is scheduled for July 20th and 21st. We had such a great time getting back to card creating last month. However, we will keep to the 4 people per class, so sign up is required. We have two sessions 9 a.m. until noon and 1 p.m. until 4 p.m. Usually we finish earlier. This card class is using designer paper and you will get 6 cards for \$8. If you were thinking of joining Create-A-Card class this is very basic class. If you are interested in having a good time and having 6 greeting cards call, text, or email Bonnie Cox.

Words from the Worship Team

By Bonnie Scranton, Chairperson

Welcome Home! As I am writing this article, we have just finished our fourth in-person worship service since regathering as a church family. The worship team is extremely appreciative of the trust so many of you have placed in us to offer worship in a safe environment, given the ongoing presence of the coronavirus.

We realize that the restrictions in place change the "feel" of being in church. But it doesn't change the fact that we can once again come together to be

spiritually fed – to hear God’s word, receive a meaningful interpretation of that word from our presiding ministers, raise our voices softly in song, and share in His holy meal. What a blessing! We expect that we will be worshipping under constraints for some time to come, to include limited capacity and having to use a reservation system. It is our hope that this will not deter anyone in our church family from coming back to church for in-person worship.

Pulpit supply for July will be shared between Pastor Jim Trutwin (5th and 19th) and Pastor Jeff Rasche (12th and 26th). Dan Wilson is committed in July to his church and to assisting their new three-point parish.

We hope all of you have a great 4th of July holiday. We look forward to seeing as many of you who are able at church this month. Please be sure to contact Conny or Keith Gerhardt for reservations!



Learning Team Boxes Are Ready to Go!

By Trish Santos

Our activity boxes are ready to go! Each container has enough activities to last for the

summer. There are lessons, coloring sheets, and word searches. If your child runs out just let me know! Once you use one, please make sure your child labels it so they will have their own to use each Sunday. Once we resume Sunday School (most likely in the fall) I will add more supplies so that they have their boxes to use each Sunday. I miss the kids so much! I hope you have a safe and fun summer.

Grounds Committee Update

Summer is upon us. This can be seen all about Christ Lutheran as the new plantings thrive under the care of the grounds committee. As the days become warmer, additional

volunteers are needed to be ensure the care of all areas. Contact Conny Gerhardt to adopt a plot. There are three plots available. To become a watering volunteer, call Judy or Roger Wegehenkel.

Bergman's Nursery will be working on the west parking lot landscaping this fall. Keith Klusmeyer will also provide the grounds committee with a

recommendation about the best material to use in the playground area. A sub-committee has been formed to research options for appropriate equipment to purchase. If you are interested, here is another volunteer opportunity.

Thursday, July 23, at 6:00 PM in Fellowship Hall will be the next Grounds Committee meeting.

Endowment Team is Thankful for Your Support

“Did You Know” is a regularly published SEED column by our Endowment Fund Committee describing various aspects of the Fund and how members may contribute.



By Charlie Bach

The Endowment Committee would like to thank the congregation for their support of the Endowment Fund. On

December 31, 2019, the fund exceeded the amount needed to award a grant/grants for 2020. The Committee was working on an application process when the COVID-19 virus interrupted the meetings. We plan to get together soon and finalize the application process. These grant funds should be used for the good of the church. The only limitation is the amount of the grant. For 2020 the amount is \$2000. The Council must approve any recommendation from the committee.

If you would like to have someone speak about the endowment fund or other financial matters, please talk to a member of the Endowment Committee. Members are: Charlie Bach, chair; Conny Bakker Gerhardt; Jim Dunn; Ron Larner; and Roger Wegehenkel. Ex-officio members are Amy Lannerd, Bill Wolters, and Bonnie Scranton.

2021 Stewardship Campaign

By Matt Futhey, Chair

I can’t believe that this year is half over! Due to the challenges of Covid-19, the stewardship team is planning on meeting soon. Watch for more information in News and Announcements and the August SEED. If you’re interested in serving on the stewardship team, please let me know. Thank you!

BRIEFLY . . .

- ❑ **Pastoral Support is Available!** CLC Members, just a reminder that pastoral support is available should you need it in the event of an emergency. A number of pastors in the area have offered to help. Just contact Bonnie Scranton and she will get in touch with one of them for you. Bonnie's cell number is 217-577-9086.
- ❑ **Prayer Shawl group decided to remain working at home during the summer months.** We will reassess on meeting at church in September. Please remember prayer shawls can be given for a fun occasion too, weddings, baptism, graduations, births etc. Thanks.
- ❑ **We will be getting out new Shephard lists and letters in the next week.** If you're in a Shephard Circle, be on the look for updates.



Missionary Corner

Following are excerpts from Pastor Christies' newsletter.

Hello all and Happy Summer! Christie here writing to you! Steve and I are currently living in Minneapolis at my sister's home. Our two nieces are here and my brother in law as well as our youngest daughter and so we are all one big happy family. Although being with family has been a gift, our hearts are still in Egypt and so we are patiently (most days, some days it's anxiously) still awaiting our return to Cairo.

In the meantime, we are still working away. We meet with ELCA staff each week for mutual support and updates. Each day I communicate with my congregation via newsletter and every Friday we share a weekly worship video that we create as well as a zoom coffee hour. To that end, this week's worship service at St. Andrews is in the form of a prayer service in commemoration of both Juneteenth in the USA and World Refugee Day.

A few updates from Egypt: StARS continues to do the important frontline work that they have always done albeit modified. They have strict COVID guidelines (COVID cases are continuing to go up in Egypt, doubling now almost daily) and so only emergency cases are allowed on the church grounds. Everyone else is able to call and speak with someone and figure out what the needs are. Currently StARS is

distributing emergency food and hygiene boxes, giving emergency medical care, cash grants for food and utilities as well as emotional and psychosocial support to clients. Most of the team works remotely which has been incredibly difficult for many of the young staff who are facing boredom and depression and so a phone and zoom support group has been started. Education has officially ended in Egypt for the summer but when it was up and running the teachers were working with students over the phone and online.

With regard to the churches we are not meeting per the direction of the Egyptian government (and in line with what is the right thing to do to keep others safe during these pandemic days). This is incredibly difficult for congregation members as it is in all places, but especially in Cairo because St. Andrews is a home and a safe space for so many. I meet with the pastors via zoom every other week now for updates and to share concerns and prayers together. They are working with their congregations to meet needs as well and we do our best to refer anyone who needs support to StARS. Our congregation has now collected a small emergency fund which we can also use to assist individuals who come forward. The situation in Egypt, especially for refugees is incredibly dire. Job loss, evictions and illness are currently on the rise. Refugees are not able to have access to much of the medical services which are currently in a state of overwhelm. They also do not have access to COVID testing. It is incredibly hard and we give thanks especially for the frontline staff at StARS who are courageously working to assist as many people as possible in these days.

Despite this feeling like a time of waiting, we feel led by the Holy Spirit in these days to find new and creative ways to support our community. I was at a clergy gathering a couple weeks ago in response to the killing of George Floyd here in Minneapolis, and a man had a t-shirt on that said "the church has left the building." I could not echo that sentiment more. Despite not being able to meet in person it is so clear we people of faith have been sent in these days to literally be God's hands wherever we are and we feel so incredibly grateful. Peace to you all and know that we are praying for you! Your friend in Christ, Pastor Christie.

AVERAGE ATTENDANCE

Month	2019	2020
January	82	77
February	91	71
March	88	80
April	122	N/A
May	97	N/A
June	85	52*
Year to Date	946	76

*Attendance limited due to COVID-19 restrictions

DIRECTORY UPDATES

Remember to let the office know if you have a change of address, phone number or email!

Operating Budget Highlights through May 31, 2020

By Bonnie Scranton, Treasurer

While we are still well in the black for 2020 when taking pre-paid pledges into consideration, our paid pledges were down considerably in May. Although we anticipated some decline in giving due to the economic impact of the pandemic on individuals, we did not expect to see such a significant monthly drop in pledged receipts.

As we all know, this is a strong and giving church family. The

vast majority of you are current in your pledged offerings or have already paid your entire 2020 pledge. We appreciate that and are confident that those few who are a bit behind will catch up with their financial commitment to God's work as soon as possible.

Category	Actual Through 5/31/20	Budgeted Through 5/31/20	Actual as % of Budget
Year-to-Date Budgeted Receipts			
Pledged Offerings*	\$75,868.00	\$73,953.31	102.6%
Non-Pledged Offerings	\$8,290.00	\$5,360.54	154.6%
Other Budgeted Offerings	\$1,528.48	\$1,595.88	95.8%
Total YTD Budgeted Receipts	\$85,686.48	\$80,909.73	105.9%
YTD Budgeted Expenses	\$54,394.18	\$80,909.73	67.2%
YTD Budgeted Income (Deficit)	\$31,292.30	\$0.00	
Total Balance of Available Funds*	\$219,941.33		
Checking	\$49,118.18		
Savings	\$170,823.15		

**Endowment Funds NOT included in the above total \$82,338.51*



JULY 2020



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
5 9:30 am Worship with Pr. Trutwin presiding	6	7	8	9	10	11
12 9:30 am Worship with Pr. Rasche presiding	13	14 6:30 Church Council	15	16 1 pm Worship Team	17	18
19 9:30 am Worship with Pr. Jim Trutwin presiding	20 9 am or 1 pm Create-A-Card class	21 9 am or 1 pm Create-A-Card class	22	23 6pm Grounds Committee	24	25
26 9:30 am Worship with Pr. Rasche presiding	27	28	29	30	31	1

Christ Lutheran

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	July 5	July 12	July 19	July 26
Presiding	Pr. Jim Trutwin	Pr. Jeff Rasche	Pr. Jim Trutwin	Pr. Jeff Rasche
Assisting	Diane Jones	Crystal Bliven	Sue Reeder	Roger Schaefer
Production	Jim Dunn	Amy Stollberg	Amy Stollberg	Amy Stollberg
Reader	Ruth Dunn	Judy Wegehenkel	Bill Shuler	TBD
Deacon	Judy Bach	TBD	TBD	TBD
Usher	Dave Tooke	Roger Wegehenkel	TBD	TBD
Greeter	Diane Sill	TBD	TBD	TBD
Check-in (2)	Char & Darlene	Judy Heilmann	TBD	TBD
Altar Guild	Bonnie Scranton	TBD	TBD	TBD
Sound	Conny & Keith Gerhardt	Matt Futhey	Connie Hornsey	Matt Futhey