



## Looking Ahead

By Bonnie Scranton, Parish Administrator

At two recent meetings ideas were discussed for some of the upcoming months. Shepherd Leaders suggested a special viewing of Rick Steves' video, "Luther and the Reformation." In this one-hour special - filmed on location in Europe - Rick Steves tells the story of a humble monk who lived a dramatic life. Rick visits key sites relating to the Reformation (including Erfurt, Wittenberg, and Rome) and explores the complicated political world of 16th-century Europe...from indulgences to iconoclasts, and from the printing press to the Counter-Reformation. It's a story of power, rebellion, and faith that is well worth watching. We will show it in the sanctuary Reformation Sunday, October 25<sup>th</sup> at 2pm. Contact me for reservations. Masks & social distancing will be the order of the day. The other discussion item, from the Worship team, was about Advent Wednesday mid-week services and whether or not we should have them. The final decision is being left up to you. If there is sufficient interest to warrant asking three members to give of themselves in regard to the message each Wednesday night, then we will plan accordingly, with COVID precautions in place. Please e-mail me, text me, or call me to let me know whether or not you plan to attend at this point. On a related note, we will be publishing our traditional Advent Devotional Booklet, so please sharpen your pencils and get ready to write! The theme this year is "Prepare the Royal Highway." Highways, pathways, gates, and journeys figure prominently in the imagery of Advent and in our lives as Christians. Do you have a related story to tell?

## President's Message

By Dick Tabb, President

Dear Friends in Christ,  
From the early church continuing through today's world, the church has been identified as a community-

or, sometimes as a family of believers. In fact, roots in the early church centered around hospitality; while today's church has developed this trait along with many other traits Christians have come to expect from their church communities. One question churches deal with is how members can form a strong community with our brothers and sisters in Christ, creating a vibrant church. Such a church community recognizes the importance of fellowship in developing shared interests and the feeling of fellowship from shared attitudes.



So, why do people attend church today? A study with Millennials indicated they attend to: 1) experience community relationships 2) learn about God 3) the Bible says people should go to church 4) churches help the needy. Generation Z folks have expressed that "church" should help them deal with every day issues and be a "force" in making society a better place. According to some studies, attending church every Sunday is down the list on what many of the GenZ folks view as absolutely necessary things a Christian should be concerned with- what matters, is action, being involved and making a difference. So, what's my point? I believe we must continue to emphasize the importance of going to church and establishing a vibrant church community, while keeping in mind the world around us is constantly changing. Even during this pandemic, when our time directly together is limited, we can still be that church community continuing to reach out to each other while reaching out to the communities which are desperately seeking answers to many of life's struggles. We don't need to be in church to do that, in fact, many folks expect the churches to be that daily presence in people they meet and interact with. Let all of us recognize we represent Christ every day in our actions and words.

## Christ Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes – September 8, 2020

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

Dick Tabb opened the meeting with prayer at 6:31 pm. Matthew Futhey agreed to serve as secretary in Katie Rupp's absence. Diane Jones led the devotions.

**Additions to Agenda:** None

**Approval of Minutes:** After review of the minutes of Aug. 11, 2020 council min, motion the min be approved carried.

**President's Report:** President Tabb reviewed what we learned from the Synod as to the availability of the MSP for prospective pastoral candidates.

**Parish Administrator's Report:** Bonnie Scranton presented a written report for review/discussion. Motion that the Parish Administrator's report be approved carried.

**Treasurer's/Financial Secretary Report:** Reports for Aug. were distributed for review and discussion. Motion to accept reports and place on file pending audit carried.

### Ministry Team and Committee Reports:

- **Communications** – Bill Wolters – No report; Meeting September 9<sup>th</sup>
- **Fellowship** – Diane Jones – No report.
- **Learning** – Matt Futhey – No report.
- **Mutual Ministry Team** – Bonnie Scranton reported Shepherd Leaders would meet September 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6 p.m.
- **Property – Building** – Dave Tooke reported that Church Mutual is offering free sensors designed to determine flooding or overheating within the building. They have been ordered. Bonnie Scranton is the contact person for Church Mutual and would be the person alerted if a sensor was activated.
- **Grounds** – Katie Rupp: Bonnie Scranton gave a report on how successful the Sat. work day went.
- **Service** – Connie Hornsey reported that "God's Work. Our Hands." will be held September 13<sup>th</sup>. There will be four projects available to work on but there will not be a lunch this year due to COVID. Crop walk will still be going on, but in a different format due to Covid-19. The walkers will choose any route and walk anytime between October 4-11. Wendy Maas will be placing envelopes at church for people to donate for CROP walk. 20 % of the proceeds will go towards Salvation Army. Connie also mentioned that since church is back that we should start the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> basket program again.
- **Stewardship** – Matt Futhey reported the committee met Aug. 19<sup>th</sup> and Sept. 9<sup>th</sup>. and finalized the Temple talk speakers and dates. Campaign mailing will go out to congregation Oct. 5<sup>th</sup>. Matt also mentioned that we are putting postcards in the mail each week as a campaign reminder and to keep people involved despite Covid-19. The next meeting will be September 30<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m.

- **Worship** – Jeff Clauss reported they met August 13<sup>th</sup>. The pulpit supply is covered for the month of September and they picked out hymns. There will be no Christmas Cantata this year. The next meeting is September 17<sup>th</sup> at 1 p.m.

- **Risk Management** – Andrew Maas – No report.

Motion that the Ministry and Committee Reports be accepted carried.

### Old Business:

- **Fire Alarm Connectivity** – Bonnie Scranton reported that the new system is installed, and she received the final A.S.I. invoice on September 8<sup>th</sup>. She will contact the fire department next week to verify that we are in compliance with the fire department.
- **COVID-19 Related Issues** – No issues.
- **Interim Pastor Survey Results** – 94 surveys were sent out to the congregation of possibly having a non-ELCA pastor become our interim. We have received completed surveys to date, and all were in the affirmative. Bonnie Scranton will start contacting churches in the area to see if they can suggest anyone to serve as an interim, even if it's on a part time basis.
- **Sanctuary Window Replacements** – Council agreed to go with Glass one to replace windows in the sanctuary since the seals are broken on all four windows. Glass One is working with Zumwalt Studio to make sure there are no complications between the new windows and the eventual installation of stained-glass windows.

### New Business:

- **Transferring savings back to Mission Investment Fund** – Bonnie Scranton reminded council as to why we had moved savings from MIF to Town & Country when the pandemic first broke out. She requested permission to move those funds back to MIF to gain better interest now that things have stabilized. Motion that we move all of our savings back to Mission Investment Fund carried.
- **Confirmation and 1<sup>st</sup> Communion** – Bonnie Scranton mentioned to council that she is working with Pr Tony to approve confirmation for those who finished this past spring and get a new confirmation class started this fall. Both are affected by COVID-19 restrictions.
- **Lifeline Screening Request** – The church is unavailable to all outside groups and any other non-essential meetings and activities until further notice.
- **Website update:** We are in the process of updating our website to add a tab for prospective pastors & members. We are also planning a fresh, new church website as ours has been the same for too long.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Motion to adjourn at 7:44 p.m. carried. The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted, Matthew Futhey

*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.*

## SERVICE TEAM NEWS



**FEED THE HUNGRY**

### St. John's to Get October Donations

*By Sue Hobbins*

We are giving our food gifts to St. John's Food Pantry in October. The message from each pantry is the same as we deliver food. They tell us they are

continuing to see new people as well as serving the same people that have been coming to the pantry. When we think that this will never end, imagine how the food insecure must feel!

Those of us who have plenty and are able to share with others are so blessed! Let us do the most we can to help our neighbors during this very difficult time. Please remember our neighbors each time you shop. The cart is overflowing as we near the end of September. Thank you for all you do to help others. May God bless each of you!

#### Suggested food gifts

- Peanut butter
- Chili w/ beans
- Pork and beans
- Tuna
- Chicken
- Ham
- 100% Fruit Juice
- Beef Stew
- Pet Food
- Dishwashing Detergent
- Spam
- Spaghetti Sauce w/meat
- Toilet Tissue
- Hand Sanitizer
- Spaghetti
- Macaroni and cheese
- Baby Food
- Fresh apples
- Fresh oranges
- Evaporated milk
- Individually packaged fruits, juices, puddings
- Energy bars

**God's Work. Our Hands** took place on Sunday, September 13. We had a group of volunteers work at the Illinois Veteran's Home gardens replacing

mulch. We had a small group of volunteers work at CLC putting together personal hygiene kits to be distributed to our partner food banks and the local food boxes. It is our hope that those who wanted to volunteer but were unable to, will be able to create or purchase cards for the veterans at the IVH to be distributed on Veteran's Day. These cards can be dropped off at the church.

### Second Sunday-Second Basket

will start up again in the month of October on the 4th with the recipient being ELCA Lutheran Disaster Response. In light of all the fires out west, there is a huge need. A collection basket will be placed in the back of the sanctuary for those who wish to donate. If you are unable to attend church that Sunday, either mail or drop off your donation to the church.

### Harvest for The Future

*By Teresa Clauss, Stewardship Co-Chair*

October is officially here, which means it is time to kick-off our annual stewardship campaign. This year's committee has been hard at work for the past couple of months trying to figure out what a campaign looks like during a pandemic. You will notice some changes along the way, but our overall goal is still the same.

This year's theme is Harvest for the Future. We will



kick off the campaign with our annual letter, pledge card, time & talent survey, and this year's token being mailed out on October

5<sup>th</sup>. Our first Temple Talk will be on Sunday, October 11<sup>th</sup> to briefly discuss the campaign. For each of the following four weeks, there will be a Temple Talk that focuses on each of the seasons – winter, spring, summer and fall. The reason we will be focusing on each of the four seasons is because it takes work all year round to produce a bountiful harvest.

Stewardship here at church is no different. While our campaign runs over a five-week period each fall, stewardship does not begin and end there. It requires each of us to plan, pray, perform and give of our time, talent and treasures throughout the entire year.

Since we all cannot worship together in person at this time, one of the changes you will note this year is you will receive a postcard each week to remind you about the upcoming Temple Talk. If you are not going to be

in church, we encourage you to watch the weekly service online and hear what our speakers have to say. The other big change you will note is we will not be able to celebrate the end of our stewardship campaign on November 8<sup>th</sup> with a catered lunch like has been done in prior years. Due to social distancing and limitations on the number of individuals we can have in church, this was just not feasible this year. Changes aside, we are still hopeful for a successful stewardship campaign.

We are truly blessed to have a congregation that is so generous with their time, talent and treasures. I encourage you to prayerfully consider over the coming weeks how you can be a good steward of all that God has blessed you with. Ask yourself the following – what are you planting today to harvest tomorrow?

## **Grounds Committee Update**

*By Conny Gerhardt*

The grounds committee members have been busy this summer beautifying the CLC curb appeal. We would like to thank the many volunteers for taking the time to water the Memorial Garden and the new plants and bushes on the south side of the sanctuary. Kudos to Roger and Judy Wegehenkel. They took care of the watering schedule and filled up any of the scheduling gaps.

On September 5, several members of the committee (plus Kathy & Bill Wolters and pastor Jim!) got together to do some heavy yard work. Kudos to Jeff and Teresa Clauss for organizing this. Thanks to the heavy farm equipment brought in by Terry and Tammy Smith we were able to get rid of many of the overgrown bushes surrounding the west side parking lot and even the huge tree stumps on the north side of the building. Thank you, Terry! We also trimmed all the bushes near the west entrance. There were numerous loads of yard waste to take to the city compost area: thank you Jeff Clauss and Andrew Maas for taking care of this.

Bergman's Nursery took care of the finishing touches and replaced all the creeper shrubs with new bushes and put grass seed in the north and south corners of the west parking lot. Check it out, if you have a chance because it looks amazing.

## **COMING EVENTS**

### **Oct. 6 & 20: Prayer Shawl Group**

*By Bonnie Cox*

Prayer Shawl ladies will resume meeting the first and third Tuesday of each month, meeting in the Fellowship Hall, (where we can practice social distancing,) starting in October. The dates are October 6<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> from 10 a.m. until about 11:30 a.m. Looking forward to reconnecting with everyone.

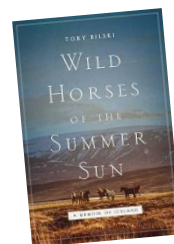


### **Create-A-Card Class Still on Hold**

*By Bonnie Cox*

I am unfortunately still cancelling Create-A-Card class until a vaccine or numbers are down in Quincy. I miss all my card ladies immensely, but to keep us and my friends safe we must make choices we don't always like. Miss you all and hope to see you all safe healthy soon.

### **Oct. 27: Books N' Brew**



*By Pat Bell*

We're going to Iceland! In our next book that is. Join us to discuss "Wild Horses of the Summer Sun" by Tory Bilski. If this wonderful weather lasts, we'll meet at Clat Adams Park gazebo on October 27<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. Bring your dinner. If it's rainy and cold – see you at church.

### **Words from the Worship Team**

*By Bonnie Scranton, Chairperson*

The worship team is gearing up for one of our "busy seasons" of the church year. The last Sunday of this month will be Reformation Sunday, followed immediately by All Saints Sunday, and then Advent will be upon us before we know it!

As a special event for Reformation Sunday this year we will be hosting a viewing of the Rick Steves video, "Luther and the Reformation" at 2:00pm in the sanctuary. Reservations will be required and COVID-19 safety protocols will be in place.

On Nov. 1, we will be lighting special candles for our five CLC saints who passed since the beginning of November 2019. As is our tradition on All Saints Sunday, you will be invited to submit names of your



loved ones who have passed. We will display those names as each of you come forward to light a candle in their memory. This is a very moving service and we hope you'll note it on your calendars and make a special effort to be here.

Pulpit supply this month will be Pr. Jeff Rasche; Pr. Jim Trutwin; Josh Ditmer; & Pastor Jeff Rtasche.

## Missionary Corner

*By Pastor Christie and Steve*

Hello friends. It is so good to be writing to you. It has been too long. So much has happened since our last correspondence with you. As you know, we have been living in Minneapolis since May. In July, despite rising numbers, the airport in Cairo opened again to everyone including US citizens (with a PCR test within 72 hours of traveling – it is one of the few airports currently open to US citizens due to, as you know, our high numbers of COVID-19 cases).

In August the Egyptian government opened churches and mosques once again (with limited numbers, lots of guidelines and social distancing requirements). Our international congregation decided to remain meeting online but our partner congregations, after much discussion and planning, made the decision to begin meeting with limited numbers and a very reduced schedule once again.

With all this happening, it is clear that it might make more sense for our work which includes support for the frontline staff and all the moving pieces to be in person in Cairo. The ELCA currently has a travel ban in place for all staff. Their commitment to the safety and security of staff is first and foremost and second to none and we are grateful for their guidance and care. However, we were told that since the borders had reopened, we could, if we felt safe doing so, submit a request for an exception to travel. Provided the proper safety protocols were in place we were told it would be considered. So, we requested the exception and were soon informed that we were cleared to return. Following that it felt like things moved quite quickly.

I am thrilled to tell you that I am writing this to you from our apartment in Cairo. We arrived here on Saturday and are currently working through some pretty massive jetlag. We will be inside our apartment, in quarantine through September 25<sup>th</sup> (14 days) and then working in person some when needed (with major COVID safety protocols at church and StARS)

but working remotely as well. To say that we are thrilled to be back is an understatement.

We also recognize the dire situation here and around the world with everything that so many are facing due to COVID, racial injustice, fires and more. Our prayer in this time is to discern anew our role and work in this accompaniment ministry. To stand with others at the foot of the cross and hold this moment doing what we can to be of service.

Friends, things are not the same that much is certain and yet God is still good and we are glad to be here in Egypt to honor our commitment to our partners in ministry and to walk in God's good grace.

You will once again be hearing from us monthly. We are thankful to all of you for your continued support and care. Please reach out to us and let us know how we can pray for you or support your ministry. We are happy to zoom with your congregation, preach or anything else needed. Thanks to all who have invited us to do so already. In peace, Pastor Christie and Steve, currently back in Cairo.

## Memorial Garden Notes

*By Judy Wegehenkel, Chairperson*

Hello, everyone. Fall seems to be here, at least this week! The garden is looking very nice. Roses and shrubs have flourished thanks to our volunteers who faithfully took turns watering. We have been fortunate to have a relatively mild summer and no Japanese beetles.

We have five orders for new bricks and pavers. Hopefully, they will be placed before winter. The next opportunity to order will be April 2021.

Some trimming and/or pruning may be done over the winter and early spring. Lots of opportunity for new folks to join us!

## 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.

## AVERAGE ATTENDANCE

Month	2019	2020
<b>January</b>	82	77
<b>February</b>	91	71
<b>March</b>	88	80
<b>April</b>	122	N/A
<b>May</b>	97	N/A
<b>June</b>	85	52*
<b>July</b>	125	50*
<b>August</b>	85	50*
<b>September</b>	79	53*
<b>Year to Date</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>62</b>

\*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!**

*Hope you enjoy this word search puzzle from your Stewardship Team!*

## Church Stewardship

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 MALACHI        TREASURE  
 CORINTHIANS   WORSHIP  
 FALL  
 SUMMER  
 WINTER  
 SPRING  
 HARVEST  
 FUTURE  
 STEWARDSHIP  
 CAMPAIGN  
 CHRIST  
 LUTHERAN  
 CHURCH



# OCTOBER 2020



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>27</b> 9:30 am Worship Pr. Rasche presiding	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> 7:15 pm Choir Ensemble	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>4</b> 9:30 am Worship Pr. Rasche presiding	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 10 am Prayer Shawl Group 6:30pm Web Site Task Force	<b>7</b> 7:15 pm Choir Ensemble	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>11</b> 9:30 am Worship Pr. Trutwin presiding	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> 6:30 pm Church Council	<b>14</b> 7:15 pm Choir Ensemble	<b>15</b> 1:30pm Worship Team	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>18</b> 9:30 am Worship Josh Ditmer presiding	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> 10 am Prayer Shawl Group	<b>21</b> 7:15 pm Choir Ensemble	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>25</b> 9:30 am Worship Pr. Rasche presiding	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> 5:30 Books 'n Brew Clat Adams Park	<b>28</b> 7:15 pm Choir Ensemble	<b>29</b> 6 pm Grounds Committee	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>

# Christ Lutheran

Christ Cares: Share the Faith

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**Evangelical Lutheran  
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God's work. Our hands.

	October 4	October 11	October 18	October 25
<b>Presiding</b>	Pr. Jeff Rasche	Pr. Jim Trutwin	Josh Ditmer	Pr. Jeff Rasche
<b>Asst. Min.</b>	Diane Jones	Roger Schaefer		Sue Reeder
<b>Deacon</b>	Judy Bach			
<b>Reader</b>	Bill Shuler	Amy Stollberg	Sue Reeder	
<b>Sound</b>	Matt Futhey			Connie Hornsey
<b>Head Usher</b>	Dave Tooke			
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Bonnie Scranton			
<b>Verger</b>	Judy Wegehenkel			
<b>Video</b>	Amy Stollberg		Amy Stollberg	
<b>Check-In (2)</b>	Diane Jones Char Tooke			