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Knocking on the Door of Mormons Cathy Kosobayashi

I was privileged to go to Provo/Orem, Utah, on a mission trip to the Mormons with Truth in Love Ministry. I was blessed to spend a week with like-minded Christians who shared “golden moments”, frustrations and prayer requests. I took comfort in Paul’s words found in 1 Corinthians 2:1-5. *“When I came to you, brothers, I did not come with eloquence or superior wisdom as I proclaimed to you the testimony about God. For I resolved to know nothing while I was with you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. I came to you in weakness and fear, and with much trembling. My message and my preaching were not with wise and persuasive words, but with a demonstration of the Spirit’s power, so that your faith might not rest on men’s wisdom, but on God’s power.”* (NIV)

I knew the Holy Spirit would use me if my focus remained on the gift of salvation freely given through Jesus Christ crucified.

Pastor Mark Cares and Dave Malnes kept 30 of us motivated and organized. Prince of Peace Lutheran Church (WELS) hosted us in Salt Lake City, providing us with a place to meet and learn many meals, and cars for transportation. St.

Mark’s Lutheran Church, a 30 member church in Provo, the only Lutheran church in Utah County, provided us with lunches and a place to share stories. These were beautiful gifts of hospitality, and our hearts went out to these churches surrounded by so many unbelievers.

We started each day with devotion and prayer and an opportunity for questions. We received our maps and with four people in a car we left for Provo, about 45 minutes away, found our location, divided up our territory and for two hours in the morning and again in the afternoon went out two by two, knocking on doors, taking a survey about the Provo/Orem advertising.

“Hi, my name is Cathy and this is Cliss. We are with Beyeperfect.org. Did you see our bus shelter ads about living righteously [show them a picture]. How about our ads on TV for Beyeperfect.org. Have you seen the ads for Beyeperfect.org on the Internet? How about this tri-fold about family, directing you to our website Beyeperfect.org?”

Often they hadn’t seen any of the ads, but they are probably noticing them now. Almost everyone had seen the tri-fold that had been mailed out. It often

elicited a negative response. We could then begin a discussion, asking what it means to them to be perfect. There were a number of directions the conversation would go. Frequently we were told that Jesus was an example. “Yes he was an example and from that example we can see how impossible it is for us to be perfect. Not only was he an example, but he was our substitute.” We would talk about the word “be” and how it doesn’t mean become. Almost everyone insisted that they needed to do something and that they have a lot of work to do. We told them the truth of what Jesus did for us and where we will be when judgment day comes, because “we are already perfect through Jesus.” We would ask if there was anything we could pray about for them. Many wanted us to pray for them. We would end by leaving them with a flyer and encouraging them to go to our website, Beyeperfect.org, and give us feedback, positive or negative.

Tuesday morning we went to Temple Square in Salt Lake City. We split up and did not give any indication we knew one another. We


 BEYEPERFECT.ORG

beyep perfect.org has more information on the Provo mission as well as testimonials.



tilm.org is an outreach ministry formed by Messiah Lutheran Church in Nampa, Idaho in an effort to reach

expected a couple of sister missionaries to offer us a tour. We would have an opportunity to learn more about the Mormon faith, share our faith, and of course direct them to Beyep perfect.org. I walked through the gates and asked a gentleman where I should start. He asked two sister missionaries to take me to the visitor center and connect me with two sister missionaries who could give me a tour. I was with Sister LaPorta from California and another Sister from Spain. One carried the KJV Holy Bible, the other The Book of Mormon. We started near a cutaway of the Temple. I listened to them and they listened as I shared my faith about what Jesus did for us. We ended the tour at the huge statue of Jesus.

Generally, the Mormons were very respectful. Many stated they appreciated what we were doing. We were touched by the gentleman who told us he

was a Jack Mormon (a Mormon in name only.) He seemed troubled and had health problems. We tried to comfort him with the good news of all that Jesus had done for him. We were touched by the women who were busy doing their genealogy work because time was short. We were touched by the BYU alum who immediately realized that *"Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect" Matthew 5:48* (KJV) was present tense. I ached for the older gentleman who spent quite a bit of time "arguing" with us until after a quick silent prayer I said that when Jesus died on the cross he said "It is finished." That means salvation was won for us. Jesus has done everything his father wanted him to do. There is nothing further that needs to be done. He paused. Just then the home nurse came walking up the sidewalk and he told us his wife was

seriously ill and the nurse was here to help him. We asked if we could add her to our prayer list and he appreciated that. We pray for him, too.

We were invited in to Mormon homes to get out of the heat and were offered water. I encourage every one of you to do the same when Mormons come to your door. The key lesson I learned was how easy it is to witness when you don't argue their faith, but you talk about your faith.

We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. 2 Corinthians 5:20 (NIV) I pray you take this passage to heart and reach out to those you meet with the good news of Jesus' death and resurrection for each of us. Maybe next year you'll decide to go to Salt Lake City with Truth in Love Ministry. I'd love to talk more about this special trip; please call me if you have any questions.

Let Us Worship Him

TIME: "My Time Is in Your Hands"

Worship Words Series
By Steven Lange

Articles on key worship concepts are valuable for analysis and discussion. As WELS parishes work with these concepts, our worship will be enriched for the sake of both

members and guests. It will be faithful to Scripture, to our Lutheran heritage, and to our challenges and opportunities as 21st century followers of Jesus. Pastor Steven Lange has served Hope in Louisville, KY, since 1998. He was a member the rites subcommittee for Christian Worship

Supplement. He is a member of WELS Commission on Inter-Church Relations. The following article is an expanded version of his original.

When does "the year" begin for you? If you're like most people, you probably think of "the year" as starting on

January 1, the first day of the calendar year. If you work in a school or have children in school, your “year” may begin somewhere between the middle of August and the beginning of September. For me, however, “the year” begins on the Sunday closest to St. Andrew’s Day (November 30). That day is the First Sunday in Advent, the first day of the church year.

Now, don’t get me wrong. I celebrate secular New Year’s Day just like anyone else. Since I both work in a school and have three children in school, the school year also figures prominently in my concept of time. But by far the most prominent calendar in my awareness of time is the church year. Its Sundays are the hooks on which I hang all other dates. Its seasons mark the flow of the year for me much more than winter, spring, summer, and fall do. It’s not that I’m oblivious to the passage of secular holidays and the meteorological seasons. It’s just that the sacred year has become so much a part of my life that I tend to perceive time according to its framework.

It wasn’t always this way. When I graduated from the seminary thirteen years ago, I viewed the

church year as little more than a handy tool that made worship planning easier. At the time, I didn’t realize that was how I viewed the church year. But looking back on it now, I can see that was exactly how I saw it. I understood and agreed with all the advantages of following the church year that my professors had taught me. Following the church year meant that every year, during the festival half of the church year, God’s people were able to review what Christ did for their salvation. It meant that every year, during the non-festival half of the church year, God’s people were able to see the effect Christ’s life and work had on their own lives. It meant that I did not have to come up with three Scripture lessons for each service on my own. It meant that a safeguard was in place to make sure that God’s people heard the full counsel of his Word and not just those portions that I felt like preaching on. I liked the church year; it worked for me. But was it something that truly touched my life? Something that provided an order to my life? I can’t say that it was. At that time, the church year was for me just a tool. A handy and welcome tool, yes. But still just a tool. So, what’s wrong with

that? In most areas of our lives, a calendar is little more than a tool that we use to mark the passage of time. It’s not as if we spend a lot of time meditating on or taking to heart the passage of September to October or the transition from autumn to winter. And besides, nowhere in his Word does God mandate that we must follow the Christian church year in our worship. (It is interesting to note, however, that God handed down a sacred calendar to the Israelites as part of the Old Covenant.) As New Testament Christians, we are free to worship our Savior according to any appropriate calendar – or lack thereof. So, if we choose to use the Christian church year in our worship, why not treat it in the same way as we treat every other calendar that affects our lives?

Perhaps we can answer that question by considering this: When a great quarterback looks at his football, what does he see? Does he see merely a tool that he uses to play a game? Or does he see more than that? Two quarterbacks may have identical skill in throwing a football, but the one that sees his football only as a tool will never become great. Only the quarterback who truly



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It’s [the church year’s] seasons mark the flow of the year ... more than winter, spring, summer, and fall do.



Only the quarterback who truly understands how the football interacts with his body will have a chance at becoming great...

Only the pianist who truly gets to know the piano's sound will have a chance at becoming great.



gets to know the football, who understands how it interacts with his body and how it flies through the air, who even considers it an extension of himself will have a chance at becoming great.

The same can be said about a great pianist. When a great pianist looks at her piano, what does she see? Does she see merely a tool whose keys she pushes in order to make sounds? Or does she see more than that? Two pianists may display equal dexterity in depressing the keys of a piano. But the one who sees the piano merely as a tool will never become great. Only the pianist who truly gets to know the piano, who understands how different touches affect the piano's sound, who considers the piano to be an extension of herself will have a chance at becoming great.

So it was in my relationship with the church year. As long as I viewed the church year merely as a tool, my worship (and the worship in which I led God's people) may have been good. But it was not as good as it could have been. I was giving God's people the superficial benefits of following the church year. But something still was missing. I was encouraging God's people to make their entire lives a spiritual act of worship throughout the week. Yet I failed to take

full advantage of a supremely rich treasure – the church year – that can be used to accomplish that biblical goal. The goal of all Christian worship is to focus people's attention on Christ as he serves them with his Word and Sacraments. The Divine Service in all its parts accomplishes this goal beautifully. Week after week, Christ comes to us in the Divine Service, leading us back to our baptisms, absolving our sins, speaking to us through his Word, feeding us with his body and blood, and sending us forth with his blessing. Through all of this, we are reminded that worship is not about us and what we can do for God. It's all about Christ and what he has done for us.

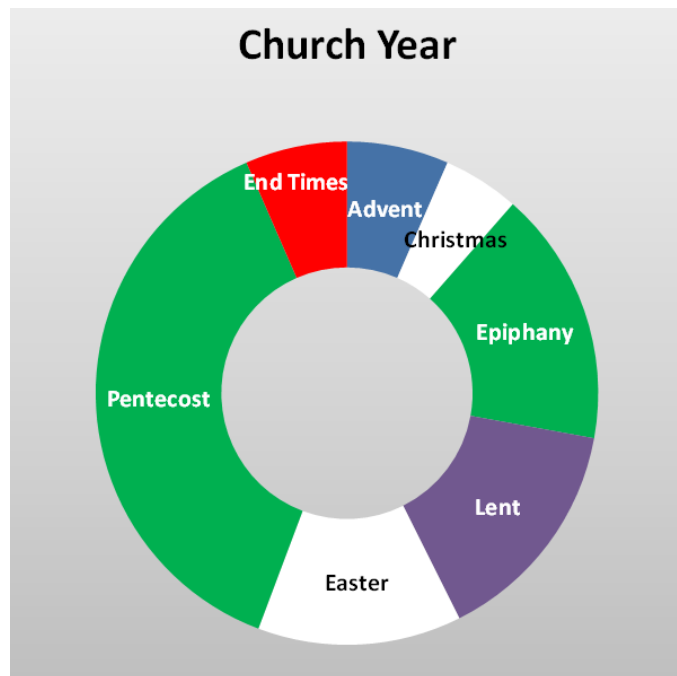
What the Divine Service does from week to week, the Christian church year does from year to year. As we enter the church year, the season of Advent focuses our attention on Christ's coming, both his first coming at Christmas and his second coming on the Last Day. Then our focus moves to one of the greatest miracles ever to take place on this earth: the Son of God became flesh and lived for a while among us. Throughout the Epiphany season, our eyes are riveted on Christ as he reveals himself as the promised Savior. We see him change water into

wine. We witness him calling his disciples. We hear him teaching about his kingdom. And finally we are dazzled by his brilliance as he briefly lifts the veil of his humility on the Mount of Transfiguration and allows his divine glory to shine forth. From these heights, Christ accompanies us through the solemnity of Lent, exposing our desperate need for his salvation and accomplishing that salvation through both his active and his passive obedience. Then, with the image of Christ on the cross still fresh in our minds, we move into the climax of the Christian church year. For seven straight weeks, we fix our eyes on the risen Christ, rejoicing in the certainty of his resurrection as we witness his repeated appearances to his disciples. We watch with Jesus' disciples as he ascends into heaven. We marvel as on Pentecost he fulfills his promise and sends his Holy Spirit on his infant church. Even in the non-festival half of the church year, the so-called "Time of the Church," our eyes never leave Christ. His words and his works remain the focus as we consider the effect those words and works have on the life of his Church. Everything about the Christian church year reminds us that our worship is not about us and

what we can do for God. It is all about Christ and what he has done for us.

Since the Christian church year is so thoroughly Christ-centered, so very Christological, aren't we missing out on something when we treat it merely as a tool? We have seen in many previous articles in this series that the liturgy is not merely a tool for putting the elements of the Divine Service in order. The liturgy itself is a proclamation of Christ.

Imagine how much richer our worship becomes when we realize that the same is true of the church year! This "calendar" that we follow is so much more than just a means of marking the passage of ecclesiastical time. It is in itself a proclamation of Christ. As such, it is worthy of more than just our cursory consideration. It is a devotional treasure that can only enrich our lives the more we meditate on it and take it to heart.



Christ, the Rock of Salvation

Ralph F. Norden Illustration and summary adapted from *Symbols and their Meanings*

Many hymns refer to Christ as the Rock of Salvation, the best known being August M. Toplady's "Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me." There are others, known to us by familiar lines: "On Christ the solid Rock I stand; All other ground is sinking sand," or "Built on the Rock the Church doth Stand, Even when steeples are falling."

Christ is the Rock of Salvation from several points of view. For one thing, he is the Source and Fountainhead of the water of life, as St. Paul writes: "They [the Israelites] drank from the supernatural Rock which followed them, and the Rock was Christ" (1 Corinthians 10:4).

The symbol of Christ the Rock suggests solidity and security, as expressed in Psalm 18:2, "The Lord is my Rock, and my Fortress, and my Deliverer." Again: "Let us make a joyful noise to the Rock of our salvation" (Psalm 95:1). The cross atop the rock recalls for Christians that Christ became the sure basis of their faith by dying on Calvary's cross for their sins and thus gaining their peace with God.

Christ is the Rock of salvation also from the viewpoint that his teachings are the truth, and all who believe in him and obey him have a sure foundation for daily Christian living. Our Lord himself compared

such people to a man who built his house on a rock. That house, despite the inclement elements, did not fall "because it had been founded on the rock" (Matthew 7:25). The rock on which Christ builds his church is the word of the Gospel, as Peter confessed it in brief: "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God" (Matthew 16:16). God's Zion is secure, for it is founded on the Rock of Ages.

This symbol is especially poignant as we celebrate our congregation's 125th anniversary. By God's grace, we have been firmly and squarely founded on the message of salvation. Thanks be to God!



125th Anniversary Celebration

On October 28th, Christ Lutheran will celebrate 125 years of God's gracious blessings upon our congregation's ministry. Congregational worship and festive dinner are planned for the day. More information can be found in the invitation to the right. Additional information can be found in the FAQ's below. Come join the celebration!

FAQ's

Can we attend just the service or just the dinner?

Yes! There will be some time for visiting between the service and the dinner to allow time for people to come and go.

Who is preaching?

Minnesota District President Pastor Charles Degner will share a message from God's Word.

Will there be special music?

Yes! Christ Lutheran's Senior Choir and brass ensemble will be joined by Reformation Brass, Christ Lutheran School students, and individual instrumentalists.

What will the program include?

Historical Reminiscences, present thanksgivings, and future ministry plans.

How long is the event?

The plan is to wrap up the program by around 2:00 pm with additional visiting time until



You are invited to celebrate the

125th Anniversary of

Christ Lutheran Church

of

North St. Paul and Hugo, Minnesota

Sunday, October 28, 2012 at

The Prom Center

484 Inwood Ave N

Oakdale, MN 55128

Worship 11:00 a.m.

Dinner 12:30 p.m.

A Short Program to Follow

RSVP for Dinner by October 14, 2012

\$18.00 per Person or

\$45.00 per Family

Questions to

church@christlutheran-wels.org

or 651-777-5771.

Please feel free to spread the word to anyone interested.

Christ Be My Leader Cindy Christianson

“**Follow the Leader**” is a popular playground game that most people have played at some point in their lives. The object is to follow an appointed leader on a course that he/she has set, and to try to mimic the actions of the leader as closely as possible.

With this concept in mind, Romans 15:5-6 has been chosen as the theme for the 2012-2013 school year, not only for Christ Lutheran School, but for most elementary schools in the St. Croix Lutheran High School Association.

“May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you a spirit of unity among yourselves as you **follow Christ Jesus**, so that with one heart and mouth you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.” You will notice T-shirts, posters, banners and bulletin boards displaying this year’s theme: “**Christ be my Leader**”. Our purpose is as the apostle Paul encourages: to glorify the God and Father

of our Lord Jesus Christ.

How will this be accomplished at CLS? Christ Lutheran School has the unique privilege of sharing the word of Christ daily through devotion, prayer, and Bible lessons. In addition, each subject is taught in the light of God’s Word. We are here to support parents in their most important task of life: to bring up their children to **follow the Leader**.

In math, reading, science, social studies, history, language arts, Spanish, and the other subjects, students will be encouraged to **follow the Leader** by doing their very best. Not to get an “A” or a smiley sticker, but as a way to show gratitude for the gifts they have been given—especially the gift of salvation.

Whether it is at recess, in the gym, on the field or court, God-pleasing sportsmanship, along with God-pleasing effort will be reinforced. Our goal is not to gain glory for our accomplishments, but to **follow the Leader** and bring glory to Jesus’

name.

Children in the leader position often strive to make their followers struggle to follow their moves exactly. Thankfully, in the game of life, our Leader did it all, and now wants as many as possible to follow Him - right into heaven. Believe in that Leader - Jesus Christ, be thankful for His loving sacrifice, and with His help, follow Him. This is the message that the children of Christ Lutheran School will hear each school day. If you would like your children to learn more about our perfect Leader, please contact Mr. Mark Dobberstein, our school’s principal. He can be reached by calling school, or visiting our web-site.

If you would like to help in a volunteer capacity at CLS, please visit our web-site and click on the link labeled “Volunteers”. Regardless of age or interest, you will find many opportunities to serve. May God bless our efforts this school year to grow in Christ and to “**Follow the Leader**”.



Grief Group at Christ Lutheran

We have all had that someone or something in our life that we loved or cared for deeply. Whether it is a friend or family member or a job we are passionate about, when we lose those people or things we can be left with a feeling of sadness and loss. Grief is a process experienced as one adjusts to the loss and that process is different for every individual.

To grieve is human, but as Christians we have hope found in Jesus Christ. Christ Lutheran is offering an open-ended group, people may join as they need, to share and receive comfort from other Christians in a confidential and supportive setting. The group is co-facilitated by Keith Kleinke and Jennifer Keppers.

If you are someone that finds yourself struggling to understand what you are experiencing, join us to strengthen your Hope. The Grief Group will meet every other Tuesday evening in North St. Paul starting at 7:00pm. Upcoming dates are Sept. 18 & Oct. 2nd. For more information regarding topics covered, questions, or support, please contact Keith at 651-263-5519 or Jennifer at 651-470-2501.

For more on grief through a Christian per-

spective read the article included below.

The following article is from the September issue of Forward In Christ. 'Blessed lessons out of grief' is a four-part series by Pastor Kurt P. Ebert of Calvary Lutheran, Theinsville, WI.

Blessed lessons out of grief

Kurt P. Ebert

Albert Einstein penned, "I want to know God's thoughts."

He speaks for every human being - especially those who are grieving. We desperately want to understand God's thinking when he allows us to hurt. "If I could only understand

God's plan in this, then I could accept it and move on."

But is it all right if I don't need to understand him and his ways?

Grief has taught me that I don't need to understand God to trust him. In fact, I can be glad to have a God so big, so complex, so other-worldly that I don't understand him or his ways. If I could really comprehend his essence, his reasoning, his plans, and his actions - well, then, wouldn't he be a lot like me? I don't need another

me when my heart is being torn to pieces. I'm glad to have One I can't fathom. That kind of God I can trust.

JOB'S GRIEF

That was a "blesson" - a blessed lesson, or a lesson with blessings - Job came to learn too. You remember Job, don't you? He was a fabulously wealthy and blessed man, highly respected in his day. Then God permitted something unfathomable to happen. He allowed Satan to put Job to the test, first by destroying his outer life - his wealth, his family, his fame - then by afflicting him with horrific physical pain in a skin disease. It was all he

could do to sit miserably among the ashes of his fire and scrape his festering sores with a piece of broken pottery.

Have you sat in the ashes with Job, grieving?

Grief comes with every kind of loss we face. It can be the loss of our husband or wife or parent or child or brother or sister. It can be the loss of the job we had for 30 years, the marriage we had dreamed of, the sight we once enjoyed when we looked in the mirror, our youthful athletic abili-

ties, the dog or cat we shared a house with, our purpose in life, the affection of a friend or lover, the possessions we got attached to, the health we valued. Every blessing from God becomes a source of excruciating pain when it vanishes.

ACCEPTING OUR IGNORANCE

Job's account records the inner struggles he felt as he tried, in a discussion with four friends, to figure out why all this should be happening to him. Nothing made sense. God had all power; Job loved him and sought to serve him with all his heart. God must be unfair to let these events unfold. "If I've done wrong to God or man, I should have this coming. But that's not the case. I sign my defense - let the almighty answer me; let my accuser put his indictment in writing." Just put me in a courtroom with my God, and I'll show him he was wrong!

It's fascinating to see how God spoke with his man Job. He never really answers Job's question, "Why, Lord?" He simply calls this man to see how small he is and how big God is.

Here we find words out of Job's mouth that we can hang on to when we anguish in our own grief:

"I know that you can do all things...Surely I spoke of things I did not understand, things too wonderful for me to know." (Job 4:2,3).

Isn't that a marvelous and comforting truth?

Sometime after my son Nathan took the unthinkable action of ending his own life, my wife, Connie, said, "God could have prevented him from dying. He could have kept the gun from firing, he could have kept the wound from ending his life. But he chose not to do that." Those are awesome words for a grieving mother to speak. She wasn't blaming God. She was just acknowledging that the God she worships has shown himself capable of anything and everything. So if he let it happen, he must have some purpose in mind that he hasn't shared with us, his children.

God can do all things. What a glorious thought! That means that God could have prevented your loved one from dying...or your health from flagging...or your job from ending...or your child from rebelling...or your depression from setting in...or your spouse from leaving...or your income from diminishing. If he permits some sorrow to follow your life, then comfort your heart

with this knowledge that your Lord knows more than you do, and in his knowledge he chose to use his power in a way that fits into his plan even if it doesn't seem right to you.

LIKE A CHILD

I confess I too wanted to know the "why" of our sorrows. "Why, Lord, did you let this happen? Show me that this makes sense. It shouldn't have turned out this way. Can you somehow make it clear to my way of thinking that any good could come out of this tragedy?"

How important to realize that divine happiness is not found in dragging God down to our own level of thinking. Instead, we find it in allowing him to draw us to a place of trust in his ways.

Think of a little baby in his mother's arms. He doesn't begin to fathom this immense, lovely creature that is holding him. She is 12 or 15 times his size; her brain weighs more than his whole leg; and she has a lifetime of 25 or 30 years of experience she brings to her mothering. Do you know where he finds his happiness and security? Not in understanding her unfathomable ways, but in her familiar smell, in the reassuring voice he has

been listening to during the nine months of his formation, in the warmth of her flesh next to his and the cuddling of her arms. He just wants to be close to her, and then he can stop crying.

God compares you to a little child. That's not an insult but a comforting encouragement in your life of faith. The psalmist said, "My heart is not proud, O Lord, my eyes are not haughty; I do not concern myself with great matters or things too wonderful for me. But I have stilled and quieted my soul; like a weaned child with its mother, like a weaned child is my soul within me" (Psalm 131:1,2).

You don't need to be in

charge, you don't have to be in the know. It's all right not to see the whole picture or be in charge of the events of your life. It's enough that you can smell the smell of God, hear his reassuring voice in his Word, feel the warmth of his love in his Son Jesus. I take great comfort in knowing that my Father in heaven knows exactly the pain I'm feeling. He knows what it's like to lose his own son - not to some adolescent misjudgment but to an intentional act of sacrifice for the sake of a planet full of sinners. That immense love frees us up to simply cuddle close to him in his words of promise, "Be still, and know that I am God" (Psalm 46:10).



	July 2012			July To-Date			% of Budget	% Chg vs. Last Yr.
	% of			<u>Actual</u> <u>Budget</u>				
	Actual	Budget	Budget	Last Yr.	This Yr.	This Yr.		
INCOME								
All Envelopes	\$71,216	\$74,846	95%	\$467,459	\$452,327	\$508,945	89%	-3.2%
Tuition/ Cougar Corner	\$22,283	\$17,450	128%	\$190,901	\$193,858	\$204,022	95%	1.5%
Matched Offering	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
All Other	\$1,401	\$3,762	37%	\$24,494	\$18,608	\$26,337	71%	-24.0%
Total	\$94,900	\$96,058	99%	\$682,854	\$664,793	\$739,304	90%	-2.6%
EXPENSES								
Salaries/Benefits	\$67,039	\$76,291	88%	\$537,984	\$561,186	\$575,886	97%	4.3%
General Operating Costs	\$5,762	\$16,523	35%	\$99,141	\$73,100	\$113,427	64%	-26.3%
Mission Beyond the Parish	\$10,096	\$10,096	100%	\$94,226	\$70,669	\$70,669	100%	-25.0%
Total	\$82,897	\$102,910	81%	\$731,351	\$704,955	\$759,983	93%	-3.6%
Gain or (Loss)	\$12,003	-\$6,852		-\$48,497	-\$40,162	-\$20,679		
Over or (Short) Covering Current Liabilities		Actual 2011	(\$125,600)	Actual 2012 (\$115,700)				



Mission Partners Zambia Goal \$10,000 - Received to date - \$9,235

Reason for Hope Goal \$2,000 - Received to date - \$2,605

Time of Grace Goal \$5,000 - Received to date - \$2,675

Camp Croix Goal \$2,000—Received to date—\$550

Keeping Informed Got Easier!

New! Click to 
Join our Email List

Find this link on our website to join our email list!

Christ Lutheran Church has started working with *Constant Contact*, an email distribution service, to allow us to send out large group emails. At this time our intention is to send out monthly updates and this quarterly newsletter. If you are interested in joining this email list please visit the church website and click the green email notice above

the calendar. You will be guided through the quick and easy sign-up process. You can choose to unsubscribe at any time through a link on the emails and your email will be available only to Christ Lutheran Church.

We are doing this in hopes that we can keep you better informed as announcements or inserts can be easy to overlook.

This will also help cut down the printing and mailing costs of distributing the monthly newsletter via mail.

Please contact Tracy in the church office at 651-777-5771 with questions or assistance signing up!

Thank you!

MISSION STATEMENT

As a spiritual family united in faith in Christ, we exist to:

- Strengthen believers in faith through the life-long study of God's Word
- Live a life of thanks to the Lord
- Win the lost for Christ by sharing his love and forgiveness

Church Record and Statistics (June - August 2012)

Total Baptized Members 1473

Total Communicant Members 1179

Averages Totals

Weekly Worship Avg. 454

NSP 373

HUGO 81

NSP Sunday Summer Bible Study 41

Hugo Sunday Summer Bible Study 17

Teen Bible Class Avg. 16

Women's Bible Study Avg 11

Mom's Bible Study Avg 5

PCU Study Avg. 8

Men's Thurs Breakfast Study Avg. 9

OFFICIAL MEMBER MOVEMENT

June - August

Baptism Non-Mbr - 4
Ingrid Grace Knipping 06-24-2012
Leighton Rose Knipping 06-24-2012
Bristol Ella Langer 07-01-2012
Blake Edward Langer 07-01-2012

Baptism - 2
Malachi Matthew Hennig 05-13-2012
Allie Elizabeth Sundblad 06-03-2012

Adult Confirmation - 0

Affirmation of Faith - 2 Max/Rita Schneider 08-12-12

Youth Confirmation - 1 Briana Momchilovich - Salem Stillwater

Transfer In - 6 Jon/Missy Martens + Isaiah, Diego, Greta, Daschel from Eastside Luth., Madison-WI

Transfer Out - 8 Chris DeWuske to St. John in Baytown MN
Troy/Elizabeth Rich + Jude, Zachary, Brittany Staab to Crown of Life - W.St.Paul [WELS]
Phyllis Palmer - to Christ Lutheran in Baxter-MN [WELS]

Released - 5 Roger/Nancy Livingston + Andrew, Colleen released to own spiritual care
Linda Hillsheimer, released to heterodox church

Death - 0