

Life In Christ

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welcome!

Grow in the Grace and Knowledge of ... Jesus - 2 Peter 3:18

Parents of young children are always anticipating and celebrating developmental milestones in the life of their children. A mom may watch for that first smile, a dad tries to encourage that first cautious step and both celebrate their child's first recitation of the ABCs.

God celebrates spiritual growth in the life of his children. In His Holy Word he encourages us in our faith development when he says, *"Grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ" (2 Peter 3:18). The more time we spend in God's Word, the more he strengthens our faith, assures us of his forgiveness and energizes us for a life of joyful service.*

In order to increase opportunities for spiritual development our congregation has now established Growth Groups. These groups of 6-12 like-minded believers dig into the truths of God's Word, encourage one another, share each other's joys and burdens, confess, study, forgive and pray together. Most groups meet in the home of a host family. This relaxing environment helps avoid a "classroom" feel and enables everyone to feel comfortable contributing to the conversation.

Over 60 people participated in the initial kick-off of Growth Groups. There are currently groups meeting as far south as Woodbury and as far north as Forest Lake. These groups include a wide-variety of people. There are single-people, newlyweds, couples who have been married over 50 years, long-time Christians, and a few people who are new to the Christian faith. The broad-spectrum of backgrounds and life-experiences enrich the conversations. Nevertheless, the diversity fades to the background when the unifying power of the Gospel is front and center. What unites all participants is one Lord, one Savior, one baptism, one Holy Spirit who powerfully works through the same message of the Bible.

Just as a parent celebrates a child's first step, so also our congregation celebrates this first step on a journey towards widespread congregational participation in Growth Groups. But just as a child's first couple of steps are cautious, so also, there may be some people who are cautious about joining a Growth Group. "What will I be asked to do?" "I don't know the Bible as well as others." "I would die of embarrassment if asked to pray in front of others." "I don't want to be asked personal questions." These are just a few questions and hesitations that people may have. In the coming weeks there will be a short video featuring some candid feedback from Growth Group participants. Their stories and feedback may help alleviate apprehensions. If you would like to learn more, please take the time to talk with someone who joined a Growth Group. Or talk with one of the host families or facilitators. They'd be happy to share honest feedback and personal perspectives on what it's like to be in one of these groups. Go ahead, take that first step. You won't be disappointed!



School News!

Spring is such a hopeful season! Everywhere we look, flowers are beginning to awaken, apple trees are showing off their finery, and lilacs freshen the air with their rich fragrance. New life in the form of baby bunnies and tiny ducklings remind us that life is full of possibilities and of new beginnings.



New Janie's Playground at Casey Lake Park.

The end of our school year will also signal new beginnings for our 8th graders, who will embark on the next chapter of their lives. May God continue to bless and watch over them. We sadly say good-bye to two of our teachers, Dave Noack, and Kaitlyn Bain, both of whom dedicated immense amounts of talent and energy toward serving our church and school. We wish them well as they start anew with the knowledge God has plans that will be "immeasurably more than all we can ask or imagine, according to His power that is at work within us." (Eph. 3:20)

Kindergarten Round-up has begun some restructuring of its own. Rather than the traditional evening visit with all of the upcoming kindergartners, children were invited to attend "Kindergarten for a (Half) Day". By doing so, they were able to be part of an actual classroom and experience a morning of classes. If your child was unable to attend, please feel free to contact Mrs. Christianson and set up a date to meet and visit the room. Play-dates for all upcoming Kindergartners and their parents are scheduled for 1pm on the second Sunday of each summer month at Casey Lake Park.

If you have not yet done so, please consider a new beginning which includes family devotions and Bible Study. There are many resources available today both on-line, and through our church library, as well as small Bible study groups. Much more information is available through our web-site. In addition, our annual Vacation Bible School will be held June 15-19 and is entitled "Road Trip—a trip of a lifetime".



Beginning this summer, our teachers will be learning how to best use Chromebooks in the classrooms. The Chromebooks will be purchased this summer, as we work toward the goal of implementing a curriculum that integrates Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM). Although our students have always scored well above the national average on standardized tests, we recognize the importance of staying current with the most up to date trends in education.

If you have been thinking about the blessings of full-time Christian education for your child, please contact either the church or our principal, Mr. Dobberstein. (Contact information can be found at the end of this newsletter.) We would be happy to answer your questions, give you a tour, and explain how all of the subjects are taught through the lens of God's Word.

We look forward to beginning another new school year with the confidence and knowledge that God will bless our efforts to prepare His lambs for this life and for eternity.

Summer Highlights, see page 3 & 4 for more details.

- * May 27 Faculty Inservice Meetings
- * June 15-19 Vacation Bible School
- * July 10 Annual Golf Tournament
- * August 12-13 Open House

Parent Teacher Network

We are excited to announce the formation of a new group at Christ Lutheran School called the Parent Teacher Network (PTN). The purpose of this group is to facilitate networking and collaboration between parents, teachers and school supporters to promote the welfare of the students of CLS in their home, church, school and community. This organization will evolve over time, but the initial objective includes, but is not limited to:

- Building a sense of community among parents, teachers, & students of Christ Lutheran School
- Supporting the educational programs and extracurricular activities of the school
- Encouraging / funding the increased exposure of students to technology
- Organizing fundraising efforts to support some additional programs, equipment, and services not covered in the school budget
- Coordinating parent and student volunteer efforts to staff school and community events and assisting with school programs
- Building a virtual communication infrastructure and community to facilitate collaboration 24/7

More details on the PTN are coming this summer!

How Can I Get Involved?

We are still in the planning stages but if you have questions, ideas, resources to support PTN objectives, or are looking for how you can play a part supporting the school in 2015-2016 please contact Eva Wells at eva.wells@turck.com or 612-702-1223. We are also looking for people who would be interested in helping plan and coordinate the 40th anniversary luncheon and auction. Many things can be done from your home. Contact Eva if you would like to be on the planning committee (virtually).

Life at Christ

June 15-19 Road Trip on Route 3:16 - It's a trip of a life time!

Join us in NSP, 9-11:30am each day for "Road Trip 2015." Children ages 4 yrs -7th grade will enjoy a fun-filled week with exciting stories from the Bible, games, crafts, music, and more! Also, something special for little ones ages 2 & 3 years old: "Jesus Loves Me" VBS. This age group must be accompanied by a parent or caregiver. Registration begins in May!

June 6 Hugo Good Neighbor Days Parade

The Evangelism Committee is seeking enthusiastic people to walk and greet the community along the parade route; men, women, and strollers welcome! Line-up starts at 9 am, parade starts at 11 am. Contact Brent Peterson at peterson.brent88@gmail.com or Pastor Hennig 651-444-1170 for more information.

July 10 8 am 16th Annual CLS Golf Tournament/CLS 40th Anniversary Kickoff!

Our First Annual Golf Tournament was in the summer of 2000 and was part of our school's 25th Anniversary celebration. Now, this summer our Sixteenth Annual Golf Tournament will be held at Applewood Hills Golf Course in Stillwater on Friday, July 10, 2015, celebrating the upcoming 40th year of our school. Everyone is able to participate in this event at one level or another. Registration forms and additional information are available online, in the school office, in Hugo, and in the narthex at NSP. If you are not a golfer you can participate by volunteering your time, sponsoring a hole or event, or donating prizes by completing the sponsorship section on the registration form. Families may join together in a hole sponsorship and get your family names on a tee box. Each of the last five years we raised over \$5,000. If you have any questions please feel free to contact Mr. Dobberstein. Thank You!

August 4 National Night Out

This year's activities will begin at 6 pm. There will be food, games, and prizes. Watch for an opportunity to sign up as a volunteer in the coming weeks. Also, this year Christ Lutheran will have a booth at the Hugo Community National Night Out. These community events are designed to develop stronger communities that prevent crime and drug use. Christ Lutheran Church has participated in this event for over 10 years and has used this event to share the love of Jesus with words and actions.

August 3 Wild Mountain Canoe and Water Park Youth Outing, 8:30am - 5pm

Join us for a day of fun! Visit wildmountain.com for more information and access to release forms. More information will be available on our Facebook page and Sunday announcements closer to the date of the event. This event may be canceled in the event of inclement weather, please stay tuned!

August 5 & 6 Christ Lutheran School Open House

Christ Lutheran School will open it's doors Wednesday, August 5th, 6:30-8:30 pm and Thursday, August 6th, 9am -12pm and 6:30-8:30pm. Families can complete the registration process, meet with the teachers and visit the classrooms. For more information on registration please call Mark Dobberstein at 651-777-1450.

August 15 Round the Corner 5k Race in Hugo

Join us for our 2nd Annual Round the Corner 5k and kids 1k Saturday, August 15, 8:30 am. The timed course will run from our new facility to Hwy. 61 and back. Whether you are a jogger or walker, there will be fun for everyone. Visit cornerstonehugo.org/roundthecorner for information and registration.

August 30 Family Forum

Join us for our 3rd quarterly family forum held at the North St. Paul Campus. More details to come. More details on this forum's agenda will be available early August.

Mission Wearhouse Thrift Store

We are part of the whole, the part that does the sorting and pricing of all the incoming donations. And it's fun! We never know what we might find buried in all the "stuff." It might be an original signed picture, a wonderful cut glass bowl, or a pair of gold earrings. You could even end up with a whole new wardrobe. The Thrift Store accepts donations of clothing, furniture, household items, jewelry, etc. All proceeds help fund the New Day Pregnancy Care Center. Mission Wearhouse is located just off 35E at Little Canada Road, Lakeshore Ave and County Road C, you can reach us at 651-917-4149. Come and Volunteer!



The Menorah: The Seven Gifts of the Spirit

The seven-branched candlestick in the temple was called the menorah. It burned uninterruptedly as worship was made to the continually present God. In the opening chapter of Revelation St. John speaks of the "seven golden lampstands."

Fire is associated with the Holy Spirit. On Pentecost Day the Spirit appeared as with fiery tongues, and Jesus referred to the baptism with the Holy Spirit and with fire. The seven flames of the candlestick were considered emblematic of the seven gifts of the Spirit mentioned in the Scriptures. Isaiah writes (11:2) "The Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord." The Book of Revelation (4:5) mentions "the seven torches of fire" that burn before God's throne. It speaks in the next chapter of these seven gifts given to the Lamb: power, wealth, wisdom, might, honor, glory, and blessing.

It is not only to Christ that the seven gifts of the Spirit were given. Believers, too, receive them to various degrees. Basic for every Christian is the Holy Spirit's gift of faith in the Savior, Jesus Christ. The seven gifts of the Spirit can also be represented by seven tongues of flame often pictured with the dove, a symbol of the Holy Spirit. These symbols can be seen on Christ Lutheran's red festival banners used for ordinations/installations, Pentecost Sunday (May 24th), and Reformation Sunday (October 25th).



ROAD TRIP

Vacation Bible School
June 15-19 | 9-11:30am
N. St. Paul Campus

***Come along for the
trip of a lifetime!***

HOW TO SUPPORT CLCS IN 2015!

In addition to your Envelope or eGiving offerings there are many other ways to support CLCS at no extra cost to you. All the programs listed below earn reward dollars through your regular shopping.

We thank you for your support! We have been so blessed to have the group of supporters we do. While some of these programs do seem as though their contributions are small, with many people participating, dollars can add up quickly. Good participation can make a big impact on providing relief to our budget. If you have not yet participated in one or more of these programs please consider doing so in 2015 and beyond!

Product Sponsored Programs Campbell's Soup, Coke Rewards (cans & boxes), Box Tops for Education, Milk Moola & Donuts to Dough (Kwik Trip), Loaves 4 Learning (Country Hearth Proof of Purchase). All these products or organizations have product UPCs or lids that can be redeemed for dollars. The church and school offices will accept these "clippings" at any time.



Aluminum Can Collection Drop off your empty aluminum cans by the NSP garage for a recycling rebate.

Scrip This program allows you to purchase Gift Cards and ScripNow at face value and CLCS will earn a rebate based on your purchase. This program is perfect for your everyday or special shopping needs or as gifts. There are varying levels of participation, from quick orders to a full smart phone app to use while on the go. Visit shopwithscrip.com for more information on how this program works. A step by step guide is available at both campuses, or call the church office for assistance, we are here to help!



Shoparoo This program is a smart phone based app allowing you to submit photos of grocery receipts to earn points, the accumulated points translate to dollars for CLCS. Email or FB sign-up is not required. Visit your app store or shoparoo.com for more information.



GoodSearch/Shop If you browse the internet or shop online this search engine raises .01 cents for every search. The GoodShop tab offers a variety of vendors that will give CLCS rebate dollars based on your online purchase. This site also offers online coupons for these stores. You can save dollars while you raise dollars! Visit Goodsearch.com to sign-up and search for *Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church and School - WELS*.



Target Take Charge of Education When you use your Target Red you can designate a 5% rebate to be awarded to CLS. Please speak to Target customer service to register CLS as *your* school.

Thrivent Choice Dollars If you have a Thrivent account you may be eligible for Thrivent Choice Dollars. These dollars are rewarded to you through Thrivent and can be designated to a participating non-profit of your choice. Log-in to your Thrivent account or contact your Thrivent representative to see if you qualify for this program. These dollars are allotted every few months and do expire if they are not used.



Office Depot 5% Back to Schools When you shop at Office Depot online or call in an order via phone, you can give our school code 70054628 at the completion of your order and CLS will be awarded a 5% rebate.



If you have questions on any of these programs and would like more information without contacting the vendors listed, please contact Tracy in the church office at 651-777-5771.

	April 2014			Year - To-Date					2015 Annual Budget
	Budget	Actual	% of Budget	Last Yr	Budget	Actual	% of Last Yr	% of Budget	
INCOME									
All Envelopes	\$80,671	\$96,465	119.6%	\$272,689	\$305,369	\$314,945	115.5	103.1%	\$896,492
Tuition/Cougar Corner	\$30,023	\$21,440	71.4%	\$114,742	\$120,092	\$110,652	96.4%	92.1%	\$355,944
Cornerstone	\$9,418	\$22,051	234.4%	\$300	\$40,027	\$66,760	22253.4%	166.8%	\$146,930
Gen. Fund /All Other	\$7,664	\$8,205	107.1%	\$7,684	\$30,656	\$39,520	514.3%	128.9%	\$80,332
Total	\$127,776	\$148,161	116.0%	\$395,415	\$496,144	\$513,878	134.5%	107.2%	\$1,479,698
EXPENSES									
Salaries/Benefits	\$127,087	\$131,354	103.4%	\$345,002	\$411,897	\$418,444	121.3%	101.6%	\$1,140,846
Gen. Operating Costs	\$18,643	\$14,818	79.5%	\$75,636	\$79,137	\$70,588	93.3%	89.2%	\$200,291
Mission Beyond Parish	\$8,982	\$9,185	102.3%		\$22,057	\$21,849		99.1%	\$88,000
Debt Service	\$17,220	\$17,220	100.0%		\$68,880	\$68,880		100.0%	\$210,820
Total	\$171,932	\$172,577	100.4%	\$420,639	\$581,971	\$579,762	137.8%	99.6%	\$1,639,957
Gain or (Loss)	\$-44,156	\$-24,417		\$-25,224	\$-85,827	\$-47,884			-160,259

Church Record and Statistics (Averages) March - May 2015

Total Baptized Members	1533	OFFICIAL MEMBER MOVEMENT			
Total Communicant Members	1258	Baptism Non-Mbr - 3	Miles Patrick Kogler	3-14-2015	
			Norah Kate Kogler	3-14-2015	
			Mila El Jensen	4-26-2015	
Averages Totals		Baptism - 3	Isabel Rusert	3-8-2015	
Weekly Worship	512		Brynlie Jean Pogalz	3-22-2015	
			Cosetta Fern Garrity	5-3-2015	
NSP	343	Adult Confirmation - 5	Andrew Pongratz		
HUGO	169		Brenda Wassman		
			Jerry & Judy Bergsrud, Tom		
Monday Night	28	Youth Confirmation - 24	Zachary Claassen, Alec Cleveland, Josh Dehling, Joey Erickson, Isaac Gast, Madison Hogan, Leah Jackson, Sarah Jarosiewicz, Taylor Lemke, Reed Marquardt, Grant Marquardt, Ali McClarnon, James McLachlan, Madison Nelson, Daniel Olson, Elsa Ponath, Kaitlyn Robischon, Kaycee Ryan, Rebekah Schultz, Grace Sveum, Emma Sveum, Sam Sperry, Alexander Wells, Emily Wolfram		
KIX					
NSP	35				
HUGO	10	Affirmation of Faith - 6	Jamae Pongratz, Aidan, Ella, Brennan		
Women's Bible Study	14		Rob & Tanya Feidt, Samantha, Ethan		
			Roger Amundson		
Mom's Bible Study	9		Tim Robischon		
Hugo Study Avg.	21	Transfer In - 7	Jared Wales, St. Andrews, St. Paul Park (WELS)		
			Rich and Kristin Berg, Grace Lutheran, S. St. Paul (WELS)		
			Jonathan & Kari Krueger, Brennan, Darin, Abiding Savior, Elk River (WELS)		
Men's Thursday Breakfast Study Avg.	7	Transfer Out - 0			
			Released - 7	John & Cindy Priebe, Traci	
				Matt Arnal, Sam	
			Steve & Amanda Rose, John, Elizabeth		
		Death - 2	Ken Carpenter	3-6-2015	
			Marvin Wolf	3-10-2015	

Need to contact us?

Go to **christlutheran-wels.org** and click on *meet the staff* on the church website or *staff directory* on the school website to find the contact information for individual staff.

Have an address change?

Please contact the church office if you have recently moved or changed your contact phone number(s).



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*Labor Day - Memorial Day
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Sunday School 10:30 am

at Oneka Elementary School

Sunday Worship 9:30 am

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Sunday Adult Bible Study 9:30 am

*Labor Day - Memorial Day
(2 yrs - 8th Grade)*

Sunday School 9:25 am

Monday Worship 7 pm

Sunday Worship 8 & 10:30 am

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**Worship & Bible
Study Times**

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