

September

See You at the Pole



Jr. High See You At The Pole Over 75 kids attended this morning. We had just enough donuts! Photo: Heidi Welsch

Sunday School



Sunday School started on September 11. Top L-R: Sr. high, Jr. high. Bottom: 4th & 5th

Baptism



Aiden Palmer gave his testimony and was baptized on September 11th.

Sunday Worship Services

Morning Worship 9 am-10 am

Nursery for infant-3 yrs

J.A.M. (ages 3 - PreK) every Sunday

K-3 Children's Church 1st & 3rd Sunday

4-5th grades 1st & 3rd Sunday

Sunday School 10:30-11:15 am

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Youth Groups

Wednesdays

Jr. High 6:00 pm Jordan McKinsey

Sr. High 7:30 pm Danny Kaupp

Pastoral Staff

Andy Huetten, Sr. Pastor

Grant Stauter, Assoc. Pastor

Kyle Romine, Assoc. Pastor

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Dear Church Family,

The hammer hitting the wall a few rooms away from my office is right on cue. Just as I sit down to write about how magnificent it is when the body of Christ works together in unison, a member of our congregation serves gladly by hanging a whiteboard on the wall. I love it. We all have unique roles to fulfill in the life of the church and together we are like 300 pistons churning for the common purpose of the glory of God.

Paul describes the glory of the Body of Christ in Romans 12, where he writes, *"For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching; the one who exhorts, in his exhortations; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness."*



Deacons L-R: Denny Foor, Bev Nelson, Keri Hany, Jennifer Morrison, Becky Roth, Stacy Ludy, Derek Meiss

The beauty of the many members functioning together has been especially apparent to me recently through the work of our deacons. Deacons (which comes from the biblical word meaning "to serve") are those who serve the church by leading ministry teams. We have seven deacons who help facilitate numerous volunteers and ministries in the church. This structure gives organization to the many activities of the church and also helps people serve where they are most gifted to do so. Additionally, the first deacons in Acts 6 were set up in the church so that the apostles could continue to devote themselves to the ministry of the Word and prayer.

The necessity and value of faithful deacons is regularly evident in the life of the church. Last week, for instance, the elders were able to discuss a well-researched and thoroughly prepared proposal from the Missions team about a 2017 mission trip proposal. Planning a mission trip is no small task and planning a trip that aligns with our core values is even a greater challenge. After that, we discussed another well-planned proposal from the finance team about replacing the church roof. I appreciated how the proposal demonstrated the wise foresight of finance team members in past years who created a "capital expense depreciation account." Over the years, money had been slowly saved to pay for big capital

expenses like a roof so that when such expenses occur, we do not need to scramble to come up with a large chunk of cash. This sort of planning by deacons and ministry team keeps the roof project from hijacking other ministry funds. Also last week, someone told me how thankful they were for the meals that were provided during a time of need in their family—more fruit from the work of a deacon and the body of Christ. Many other stories could be told from the four additional deacon-led ministry team (Children's

Ministry, Technology, Hospitality, and Local Outreach & Benevolence), but it is clear that ministry is a work of the whole body of Christ.

In His wisdom, God has given His church different gifts, callings, and opportunities to serve. When we cheerfully serve as we are able, His glory is evidenced, needs are met, and our joy is made full. I encourage you to remain faithful in the service the Lord has entrusted to you, knowing that many small acts of service contribute to the much greater glory of God's will being done on earth. If

you are unsure of where you may be led to serve, consider contacting one of the deacons to see if there is a need you can meet. But be reminded, that most of the service of the Body of Christ is accomplished outside of the church walls in the places where we work, play, and live. May the Lord give us eyes to see how we can invest in his kingdom through the opportunities in front of us each and every day.

Grace and Peace, Andy

Contact our deacons with questions or to help.

Technology	Denny Foor	dennyfoor@gmail.com	309-747-3329
Hospitality	Bev Nelson	bnelson@gridcom.net	309-747-3230
Missions	Keri Hany	khany@gridcom.net	309-747-2130
Meals	Jennifer Morrison	sohappy@gridcom.net	309-747-3881
Children's Ministry	Becky Roth	beckyknight26@msn.com	309-747-2362
Local Outreach	Stacy Ludy	stacyludy@yahoo.com	309-747-2778
Finance	Derek Meiss	dmeiss@gmail.com	309-747-2159

Harvest Party!

Sunday, October 30

5-7:00 pm

Costumes

Adults and children are invited to dress up in friendly costumes!

Food

5-6:30 Light dinner for the whole family

Fun Activities

Games, hayrack rides, giant inflatables!

Treats & Volunteers Needed!

We need cookies, cakes, **LOTS** of candy!

Please bring candy any time in October.

Sign Up

In October to volunteer and to bring cookies and cake.

Questions? See Jonna Strauch.



Christ Community's Youth Groups

Our Jr. and Sr. High Youth Groups are led by part-time Youth Directors and supported by volunteer adult leaders. Jordan McKinsey leads Jr. High and Danny Kaupp leads Sr. High.

Sr. High This fall semester we will be taking a journey through the book of 1 Peter. Our series is entitled "Against the Current". First Peter teaches us that the Christian life is one to be lived humbly against the current flow of an anti-Christian culture. We will look at Peter's letter and studying the life changing implications of our faith in Jesus Christ. We will learn how to follow the example Christ gave us as he shined as God's light, submitted to sinful men, suffered to the point of death, and shepherded his children. Throughout the year we will be reminded of the

cross, the empty tomb, and the love that our Father has for us. First Peter is a great book with very important implications for the modern day high school student. We look forward to having your child attend Sr. high youth group this semester! —Dan Kaupp



Jr. High Jr High Youth Group has begun! This past summer we took a trip to Mattheissen State Park, reserved the Gridley pool, and traveled up to Sky-Zone Aurora's trampoline gymnasium! We officially began the semester with the "Annual Messy Kick-Off" on August 24th. Our youth group is held on Wednesday nights from 5:30-7:30pm at Christ Community Church. Every week our kids enjoy a meal provided by the community! We will be traveling through the gospel of Matthew. In Matthew, we learn of a promised King that has come into the world to

teach us about his kingdom and his kingship. We will spend our time learning about what this Promised King was truly like. Stay updated on Facebook (Christ Community Church JHYG). —Jordan McKinsey



Jr. High Lock-in Over 50 Jr. High students attended the 2015 Lock-in! The night was filled with games, food and four Gospel presentations.



Jr. High Lock-in Eternity Changes everything!

Doors Open: Friday, October 21st @ 7pm
Pickup: Saturday, October 22nd @ 10am

What to Bring

Bible, sleeping bag, pillow, change of clothes and toiletries. No electronic devices or cell phones. The leaders will have their phones in case of emergency.

Chaperones

Jordan & Alissa McKinsey, Seth Foor,
Dave Ihlenfeldt, Tiffney Palmer.

Food will be provided throughout the night along with breakfast in the morning. Please eat dinner before attending on Friday night.

Christ Community's Church Adoption Fund

In 2011, we began an adoption fund for Christ Community families who wanted to adopt but found the financial cost to be a barrier. We partnered with Lifesong for Orphans who administers adoption plans for other churches too.

The Church Adoption Fund can be used to help with the costs of adoption, for post-adoption counseling and other orphan care.



Lifesong administers the adoption fund for Christ Community. You can learn more about Lifesong at: lifesongfororphans.org

Lifesong is not an adoption agency. Rather, they assist families in funding adoptions through matching-grants and interest-free

loans. Because the demand for adoption assistance has been so great in recent years, Lifesong began setting up Church Funds to ensure that more financial assistance is available. In a Church Fund, Lifesong does all screening of interested families and makes a recommendation for how the Church can best financially assist the family.

The concept of adoption began with our Heavenly Father who adopts believers by faith in the work of His Son. Therefore, the physical adoption of orphans is a reflection of the spiritual adoption that believers receive from God. With over 147 million orphaned children worldwide, the need is great for children to not only have a family, but also receive the blessing of growing up in a Christian home. The Bible gives a clear mandate to care for orphans.

The Church Adoption Fund is the product of our "Beautiful Feet" core value which emphasizes making disciples of all nations. Partnering with Lifesong offers the added value of working with a local like-minded ministry.

The funds currently available for Christ Community families is \$3,584.36. Our Local Outreach team serves as Christ Community's adoption advocates.

~Guatemala 2017~

Christ Community is planning a short-term mission trip to Guatemala next June 17-23, 2017. We are partnering with Orphan Outreach and will work closely with the community of Santiago through Good Shepherd Academy and its surrounding rural village of Cerro de Oro



There will be an informational meeting on October 23 after Sunday School with more details.

Christ Community supports Dan and Christi Ucherek, Orphan Outreach workers in Guatemala. They, along with Rey Diaz, Executive Director of OO will visit us on November 6.



Come to the informational meeting on October 23 after Sunday School to learn more about the trip.

Join Our Holiday Choir

Everyone is welcome to join our choir. The choir will sing in our Thanksgiving and Christmas worship services. There will be five rehearsals and three performances with rehearsals before them. The schedule is below. Please see Tammy Sanders with questions.

Nov Rehearsals

Wed, 11/2 6-7:30 p.m.
Wed, 11/9 7-8:30 p.m.
Wed 11/16 6:30-8 p.m.

Nov Performance

Sun 11/20 10:30 a.m.
Thanksgiving service

No Wed rehearsal the week of Thanksgiving or 11/30.

Dec Rehearsals

Thur 12/1 7-8:30 p.m.
Wed 12/7 6:30-8 p.m.
Wed 12/14 6:30-8 p.m.
Wed 12/21 6:30-8 p.m.

Dec Performances

Sun 12/11 9:00 a.m.
Sun 12/18 9:00 a.m.
Christmas Eve service

*... in the midst of the congregation,
I will praise you. Psalm 22:22*

October Birthdays

- 1 Kris Bridgers
- 2 Seth Zeller
- 5 Kenny Kuerth
- 7 Eli Meiss
- 7 Kelly Mool
- 7 Guy Schultz
- 8 Daniel Erwin
- 8 Justin Palmer
- 8 Alan Schoppet
- 10 Steve Carls
- 10 Heather Gentes
- 10 Mercy Huette
- 10 Jordan Krone
- 10 Heidi Welsch
- 11 Marge Todd
- 12 Eden Stauter
- 13 Joan Smith
- 14 Ron Mool
- 15 Sarah Meiss
- 16 Becky Roth
- 22 Todd Morrison
- 23 Shelby Finck
- 23 Dyllan Palmer
- 23 Carolyn Raber
- 24 Erin Kaupp
- 25 Betty J. Hardman
- 26 Dennis Sherrill
- 30 Amanda Krone
- 31 Denise Benedict

Anniversaries

- 5 Guy & Cari Schultz
- 7 David & Chris Zeller
- 14 Chris & Heather Gentes
- 19 Tony & Tiffney Palmer
- 21 Jimmy & Kris Bridgers

Attendance & Offering

9/4	369	\$10,031
9/11	430	\$ 9,085
9/18	392	\$ 8,193
9/25	367	\$ 7,388

One Another Meals In Homes

Sunday, November 6 @ 5-7 pm
Denise Benedict, coordinator
Ph: 309-747-3299
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Can't Come? Never Signed up?
Please contact Denise

