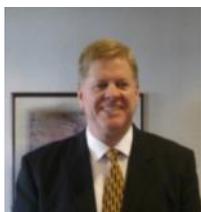


August 31, 2018



Pastor Mark Degner

**Sunday
Worship
Sept. 2
8:30 AM**

Sunday's Focus



What happens in the church when we fail to keep the main thing the main thing? It will lead to stale religion. We need fresh faith in the Living One, Jesus Christ. He is "the main thing," the reason we exist, and the One we worship and serve. It's all about Jesus, not about us.



Readings for Sunday.

9.2.18

James 1:17-27;
Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

9.2.18 Worship

Greeter:
Reader: Mike Davis
Ushers: Duke Clifton,
Mike Davis & Sons

9.2.18 Hostesses



Prayer this Saturday for Sunday

Do you want God to move in a powerful way when we gather on Sunday morning to worship Him? Do you want His Word to change our hearts? Then, pray. Please attend on Saturday evenings, at 5:00 p.m., at Hillside church, as we offer prayers for our Sunday worship. This time of informal, personal, and corporate prayer will seek God's anointing on Pastor and worship leaders. We will pray for open hearts and minds so that the Holy Spirit will move mightily. You won't be put on the spot. Pray silently, pray aloud; pray standing, sitting, kneeling, or walking. Stay as short or as long as you'd like. Each Saturday at 5:00 p.m., at HCC. "Fervent prayers produce phenomenal results." - W. Kroll.



Arise

The Arise spiritual growth and stewardship renewal emphasis has begun. We will study the Word of God, worship, prayer, fellowship, and sacrifice as we strive to occupy our first ministry center. Everyone will be invited to participate in a number of ways. O Christ, arise!

This Week at Christ Lutheran

Saturday, Sept. 1

5:00 pm Prayer for Sunday worship (HCC)

Sunday, Sept. 2

8:30 am Sunday Worship (HCC)
10:15 am Education hour

Tuesday, Sept. 4

6:00 pm House of Prayer
7:00 pm Bible Study (HCC)

Wednesday, Sept. 5

6:30 pm Fellowship Comm. (HCC)
7:00 pm Christian Ed. Comm. (HCC)

Thursday, Sept. 6

6:30 pm Finance & Stewardship Comm. (HCC)

Saturday, Sept. 8

8:00 am Volunteer at Washington Co. Recycle Center
10:00 am Cleansing Stream (HCC)
5:00 pm Prayer for Sunday worship (HCC)

Sunday, Sept. 9

8:30 am Sunday Worship
10:15 am Education hour (HCC)



Do You Need Personal Prayer?

If you would like someone to pray with you privately and confidentially, you may approach the front of the sanctuary after our worship.

Father, bless each one present at worship on August 26 =



Prayer on Transformation Hill

This Tuesday, September 4th, 6:00 p.m., we will gather on Transformation Hill (previously the Dana Campus) to pray for the safety and protection of those who are working there. In addition, we will pray for the new thing that God is doing there and how it will bring Jesus glory and honor. Members of the community are also invited to attend.



Church Meeting & Potluck - September 16th

Plan now to attend our potluck and church meeting, on Sunday, September 16th, beginning at 11:30 a.m. You will receive an update on our discussions with Angels Share regarding our future ministry center. This is important. Be there.



Kingdom Builder?

Do you know of someone not affiliated with our church that might be willing to support our Arise campaign? A Kingdom Builder is willing to pour a blessing into the work of the kingdom of God through the Christian ministry of a ministry that is impacting people. If you have anyone that we can contact, please advise Bob Ehmen or Bob Coffey.



Administrative Assistant

We are very sad to announce that Jody Ptacnik is moving to Gretna this month. She has been such a huge blessing to us! She will no longer be able to fulfill all the duties of administrative assistant. We are looking for someone to fill this part-time role. We're developing a job description. If you are interested, please speak to Diane Fischer or Pastor Mark.



Financial Peace University

Beginning on Tuesday, September 11, at 7:00 p.m., our FPU class will begin. This 9-week DVD-based program will provide practical help, based on God's principles for your financial management. It will bless you. The cost is \$100 per couple. Some scholarships are available for those who need them. Contact Curt Hougen, 402.426.4577 or 402.278.0130.



Rally Sunday is around the corner! We will be registering children and starting the Sunday School season on **September 9th**, during the regular Sunday School hour. We will have a lesson, games, and fun to kick off our year. Please be ready to complete the registration form for all your children who will be attending. Hope to see you all then!!! Matthew 19:14 Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."



Our Future Ministry Center

Our church is negotiating with Angels Share in order to occupy the Trinity Chapel and Durham Classroom Building at the *Krejci Learning and Life Community*. Pray for God's wisdom to abound in us as we align ourselves with God's vision and seek His best for our mission and ministry.



Church Safety & Security Team

Our safety and security team meets on Monday, September 17th, 6:30 pm. The team is working on a handbook that will help all of us to be focused on the safety and security of our people. Contact Chris Anunson, Curt Barr, or Bob Ehmen if you are interested in serving on this team. This is a ministry that focuses on the Word and prayer, as well as our safety and security.



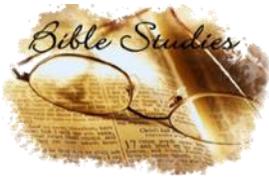
Food Pantry Volunteers

Please volunteer at Joseph's Coat and the Washington County Food Pantry. Our church serves two Tuesdays per month. The next CLC date is Tuesday, September 11th, 10:00 a.m., but you can help anytime. Thanks to those who have volunteered at this great mission. Get involved.



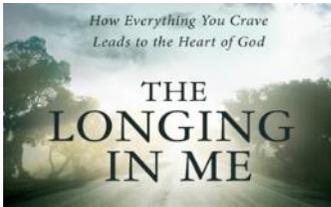
Grief Study

"Grief only exists where love lived first." Beginning on Monday, September 10th, at 6:30 p.m., we will offer a study on grief. The study guide is "Grief, God's Help in Time of Sorrow." The group will meet every other week, ninety minutes per session. Need help in your grief? Join us.



Sunday Bible Studies

You have choices for adult Bible study on Sunday morning. Commit to be in the Word at CLC!



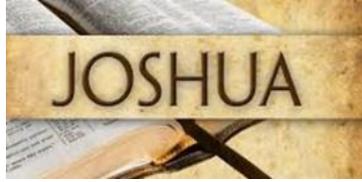
New Women's Study

"The Longing in Me," a DVD-based study by Sheila Walsh, our new Sunday women's Bible study, has begun. This series will lead you deeper into the heart of God, who is the One you truly crave. All women invited. For more information, contact Linda Degner at 402.670.5145.



New Men's Study

A new men's study will begin on Sunday, September 9, during the education hour. The topic will be Heaven. Do you wonder about life after death? What does the Bible have to say? Is heaven real? What promises can you rely on? Will there really be a resurrection from the dead? Join this study to discover more about Heaven.



New Joshua Study

Beginning on Sunday, September 9, during the education hour, a study of the Book of Joshua will begin. This is a very relevant study at this point in our church's history. So much to learn!



House of Prayer

House of Prayer will meet at Transformation Hill, Tuesday, at 6:00 p.m. Be there!



The Sexual Abuse Crisis - Tuesday 7:00 p.m.

This Tuesday, we will share the third and final part of our study titled, "How to Respond to the Sexual Abuse Crisis in the Christian Church." This is timely and important. Did you know that every two minutes someone in this country is sexually abused? Attend Bible study, Tuesday, 7:00 p.m., HCC.



Recycling Center

Plan now to volunteer at the Washington County Recycling Center on Saturday, September 8th, 8:00-noon. Be a steward of the earth. Be a blessing to our county. Volunteer.



Prayer Requests

For divine wisdom, total clarity, and godly unity in our church.

For forgiveness, reconciliation, and the perfect unity of the Spirit among our members.

For God's wisdom, courage, and generosity to infiltrate our church as we look to our future.

For the Arise Campaign.

For wisdom and courage regarding the lease agreement with Angels Share.

For our people to serve generously in the ministry of our church.

For our church to worship and serve Christ alone.

For a powerful, breakout, abundant year in the mission of Christ Lutheran Church.

For the Spirit to transform the hearts and lives and bring salvation in Jesus.

For spiritual revival in our communities and country.

For protection over Katie Wulf, medical missionary to Dominican Republic and our missionaries in the Middle East.

For Stan & Twila Sass, Jackie Dodd, Jeanette Hanen, Grace Branson, Sue Wulf, Verlan Hanson, Helga Hanson, the mother of Jill Barr, Rick Stinson, Laurie Berggren, Steve Degner, Lindsey Rand, Tom Miller (Barb), Bill Hall (Shelly), Penny Anderson, Owen Picton, Woody Woodring (Linda), Mary Davey, Tony Villotta, Lisa Madsen, Kate Christiansen, Eldon & LaDonna Bucy, Connor, and all who need healing.

For Gail Wiles, Owen Deaver, and Gary Kline (cancer patients) and their families.

For protection over those at the Open Door Mission and Siena Francis House.

For marriages and families in crisis. For the all victims of abuse (sexual, emotional, verbal, physical, psychological, spiritual).

For children and youth to be protected from suicidal ideation, bullying and substance abuse.

For those with chemical addictions and eating disorders.

For those who are in recovery and practicing sobriety.



Church Choir Practice

Come, let us sing for joy to the LORD; let us shout to the Rock of our Salvation. Psalm 95:1

You are cordially invited to join Adult Choir which will begin on Wednesday, Sept 12 at 6:30 pm and will meet each Wednesday for an hour rehearsal.

God created us to be instruments with the ability to sing and make music. Music is an important part of worship and praise to God.

Reasons to join Adult Choir

1. We love to sing!
2. We laugh a lot and have fun!
3. We care about each other!
4. We pray together!
5. We share our *faith through song!*

Even if you are rusty or have been away from singing for a long time, you are welcome! Please contact Diane Fischer at 402.699.5287 or ebonyandivory@abbnebraska.com for questions.



Being Missional

We are called by God to be on mission every day. The Christian life is 24/7/365 and worldwide in its scope. Being missional is not a program. It's not an activity, it's an identity. It's living daily life with a Christ-like mind toward others, reflecting the love of Jesus toward them. It doesn't require that you go anywhere special. Just be God's woman, man, or child in the moment as the Lord gives you opportunity. Live like Jesus.



Missional Idea

Invite someone to help at the Recycling Center: Our next volunteer day will be Saturday, September 8th. Ask them to join us. Tell them why you serve. Explain how Jesus served us.



Jesus Follower Quotes

"We like to control the map of our lives and know everything well in advance. But faith is content just knowing that God's promises will not fail."

"When real faith in God arises, a certainty comes that when we call, He will answer...that when we ask, we will receive...that when we knock, the door will be opened."



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- Sept. 22 Julie Smith
- Sept. 22 Katelyn Smith
- Sept. 23 Duke Clifton
- Sept. 29 Martina Becerra

If you know of anyone omitted or incorrect in this list, please email Jody at jptacnik@christlutheranblair.org to update the church records.



SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

- Sept. 1 Jay & Gail Smith
- Sept. 3 Bruce & Karen Camenzind
- Sept. 10 Dwight & Holli Cox
- Sept. 29 Stan & Twila Sass

Please email Jody of revisions or updates!

CHRIST LUTHERAN Benevolence DOLLARS July 2018 \$2,300.00 + \$150.00

- Cru-Jake Loftis (monthly) . . \$ 150.00
- Lutheran World Relief \$ 500.00
- Open Door Mission \$ 500.00
- Stephen's Center \$ 500.00
- Lutheran Bible Translators . \$ 500.00
- Ingham Okoboji Bible Camp.\$ 300.00

TOTAL \$ 2,450.00



Open Door Mission

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Thank you to all those who attended the Open Door Mission on Thursday evening. We are blessed to be a blessing.

DROP EVERYTHING AND GO READ YOUR BIBLE

Bibles Available

If one of our guests needs a Bible, copies are available at our table in the foyer of the church. The Word has power! Share it with a guest to our church or a friend.



Pocket Crosses!

Share Jesus and His saving love through our cross ministry. Pick up a few at the CLC table in the **foyer**. Give them to others.



Answered Prayers

Thank the Lord for the following: For God's favor on Christ Lutheran Church to be the spiritual core of Transformation Hill! For Jody Ptacnik who has served so faithfully as our administrative assistant.