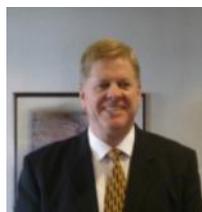


September 7, 2018



Pastor Mark Degner

**Sunday  
Worship  
Sept. 9  
8:30 AM**

**Sunday's Focus**



*How's your hearing? The Lord wants your spiritual ears to be open to His voice. Jesus spoke a word of power to a man who was a deafmute. "Ephphata!" Be opened! Jesus opens our ears, our hearts, and our lives to a life that is abundant. He has given us His Spirit who leads us into truth. "Can You Hear Me Now?"*



**Readings for Sunday.  
9.9.18**

Isaiah 35:4-7; James 2:1-17;  
Mark 7:24-37

**9.9.18 Worship**

Greeter: Eloise Hiemke  
Reader: Laurids Pedersen  
Ushers: Laurids Pedersen &  
Duke Clifton

**9.9.18 Hostesses**

Ashley Comstock

**9.9.18 Prayer**

Shelly Hall



**Our Future Ministry Center**

You will be given a confidential copy of the proposed lease for occupying the Trinity Chapel and Durham Classroom Building at Transformation Hill. Read it carefully. Write out your questions and comments. We will discuss this on Sunday, September 16, at our congregational meeting. Pray for divine wisdom as we align ourselves with God's vision and seek His best for our mission and ministry. Pray for complete unity.



**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. 8**

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

**Sunday, Sept. 9**

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

**Monday, Sept. 10**

- 6:30 pm Grief Bible Study (HCC)

**Tuesday, Sept. 11**

- 10:00 am Volunteer at Joseph's Coat
- 6:00 pm House of Prayer (HCC)
- 7:00 pm Financial Peace University (HCC)

**Wednesday, Sept. 12**

- 6:30 pm Adult Choir (HCC)
- 7:30 pm Worship & Music Comm. (HCC)

**Thursday, Sept. 13**

- 6:30 pm Executive Comm. (HCC)

**Saturday, Sept. 15**

- 10:00 am Cleansing Stream (HCC)
- 5:00 pm Prayer for Sunday worship (HCC)

**Sunday, Sept. 16**

- 8:30 am Sunday Worship
- 10:15 am Education hour (HCC)
- 11:30 am Congregational Mtg. & Potluck



**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 September 2 = 53**



**Prayer this Saturday for Sunday**

Do you want God to move in a powerful way when we gather on Sunday morning to worship? Do you want His Word to change our hearts? Then, pray. Please come 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 long as you'd like. Each Saturday at 5:00 p.m., at HCC. "Fervent prayers produce phenomenal results." - W. Kroll.



**Sunday School Rally Day**

This Sunday is the beginning of a new year of education at Christ Lutheran. We thank the Lord for His Word and for the freedom to "grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ." Pray for our children, youth, and adults, that the ears of all will be opened to the living Word of God. Sunday School for children, confirmation classes, and adult education classes are being offered. Join in.



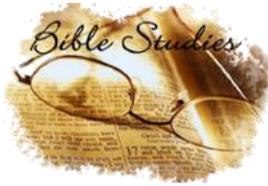
**New Joshua Study**

Beginning this Sunday, September 9, during the education hour, a study of the *Book of Joshua* will begin. Bill and Shelly Hall will facilitate this study. This is a very relevant for our church right now. So much to learn!



**Sunday Text of the Day Study**

During our education hour, we will also offer adults our weekly study of the Sunday morning bible texts. Examine one or more the readings from our Sunday morning worship.



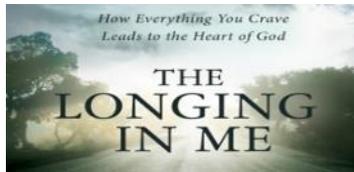
**Sunday Bible Studies**

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



**Church Meeting & Potluck - September 16<sup>th</sup>**

Plan now to attend our potluck and church meeting, on Sunday, September 16<sup>th</sup>, 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.



**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.



**Grief Study**

"Grief only exists where love lived first." Beginning on Monday, September 10<sup>th</sup>, 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.



**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.



**Vision Bible Study - September 30<sup>th</sup>**

On Sunday, September 30<sup>th</sup>, at 3:00 p.m., Pastor Mark will share a 90-minute Bible study sharing the vision God has given us. Where are we going? How will we know when we get there? What will it require of us? If you want to know more about the mission and ministry that the Lord is giving us, you will not want to miss this study.



**New Men's Study**

A new men's study will begin this Sunday, September 9, during the education hour. *Heaven, Hell, and Life After Death* is the title of the study. Ever wonder about life after death? What does the Bible say about it? Is heaven real? Will there really be a resurrection from the dead? What promises can you bet your life on? Join this study to discover more about Heaven.



### 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 financial blessing into the work of God's kingdom through our church. If you know anyone that we can contact, please advise Bob Ehmen or Bob Coffey.



### Thank You, Jody!

We are very sad to share that Jody Ptacnik is moving to Gretna this week. She has been such a huge blessing to us! She is so much a part of our faith family. Thank you, Jody, for your heart and your faithful service. God bless you!



### 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.*

*For the Arise Campaign.*

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

*For our people to serve generously in our church's ministry.*

*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 hearts and lives and bring salvation in Jesus.*

*For spiritual revival in our communities and country.*

*For the Camenzind family at the death of Karen's mother, Elsie Nielsen.*

*For protection over Katie Wulf, medical missionary to Dominican Republic, and David & Jen, serving Christ in the Middle East.*

*For Marc Nielsen, Stan & Twila Sass, Dani Dodd, Jeanette Hanen, Grace Branson, Sue Wulf, Verlan Hanson, Helga Hanson, Pat Widner, 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 Madson, 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 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.*



### Recycling Center

Volunteer at the Washington County Recycling Center this Saturday, September 8<sup>th</sup>, 8:00-noon. Be a steward of the earth. Be a blessing to our county. Volunteer.



### Administrative Assistant

Jody Ptacnik 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.



### A Movie and A Meal - September 23<sup>rd</sup>

We will show the hit film, "I Can Only Imagine" on Sunday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>, at 3:00 p.m. A free meal will follow. The community is invited. This is a wonderful film based on a true story. Come!



### Church Safety & Security Team

Our safety and security team meets on Monday, September 17<sup>th</sup>, 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.



### Arise Prayer Vigil - September 28<sup>th</sup>

Can you spare some time to pray for our church and its future? Join us on Friday, September 28<sup>th</sup>, from 5:00-8:00 p.m. for a prayer vigil. Come when you can. Stay as long as you wish. Pray for CLC.



### House of Prayer

"Prayer is exhaling the spirit of our humanity and inhaling the Spirit of God." Breathe, my friends! Tuesday, at 6:00 p.m. Be there!



**Church Choir Practice**

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. *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](mailto: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.



**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](mailto:jptacnik@christlutheranblair.org) to update the church records.



**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 11<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 a.m., but you can help any-time they are open. Thanks to those who have volunteered at this great mission. Get involved.



**Missional Idea**

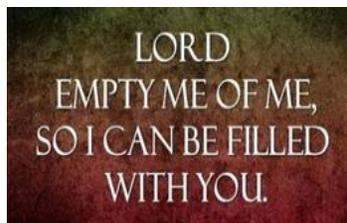
**Feed others:** Cook an extra dinner casserole and give it to a neighbor. Tell them why you chose to do this. Share Jesus as your motivation.



**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!



**Jesus Follower Quotes**

*"God seeks us. The basic nature of God is one of loving community."*  
*"One word from Jesus can change everything."*



**Sharing is Caring!**

*"Share"* with your friends and family our church's posts and invitations from the **CLC Facebook page** [www.facebook.com/CLCBlair/](http://www.facebook.com/CLCBlair/). Simply click on the *"Share"* arrow for each post and send an invitation to all your FB friends to *"Like"* our church's page.

**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
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 2,450.00</b>



**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.



**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 those who attended our prayer service on the Hill on Tuesday.*



**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.