



# GLORY OF CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

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## Newsletter

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## Pastor's Letter

Rev. Kyle Krueger

### Suffering: The Thorn in Our Side

*“So, to keep me from being too elated by the surpassing greatness of the revelations, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to harass me, to keep me from being too elated. Three times I pleaded with the Lord about this, that it should leave me. But he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me. For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities. For when I am weak, then I am strong. 2 Cor. 12:7–10*

To Paul’s prayer for THORN REMOVAL SURGERY, Jesus answers, *“my grace is sufficient for you. My power is made known in weakness.”* We so often want Jesus to fix one more thing for us so that we can finally get on with the business of trusting in Him. “Just this one thing, Lord.” Fix this, change that, give me this, take that away ...” “Then I’ll be ready to trust you. Then I’ll be ready to truly embrace this life of faith.”

All of this has a certain Serpant’s hiss to it. In the desert, the devil promised Jesus that if He just did this one little thing for him, a little miracle, a little demonstration of his power, the slightest little bow of the knee, then he would give Jesus his undying devotion.

Paul has a problem. He calls it his “thorn in the flesh.” We don’t know what it was, the scriptures don’t say. Which means, what it is, is not the point, so don’t waste your time on that. But Paul did what we all do. He prayed that the Lord would remove it. Paul was surrounded by a lot of ‘SUPER-CHRISTIANS’ who seemed to have it all together (sarcasm). And they were saying that Paul may be a great guy and have a lot of good things to say, but just look at him. He’s not handsome. He’s not very successful. And just look at all those scars he’s got on his back from all those floggings he’s received. It’s obvious that God hasn’t blessed him.

So, what’s your ‘thorn in the flesh’ that you pray that the Lord would remove? Is it your fear? Is it your past? Or your situation? Or is it a person? Is it your addiction? Is it the physical pain or the disease that you pray the Lord would take away from you? And really, who doesn’t pray for all this – for ourselves and for others? So, let’s be clear. It’s not that these prayers for “thorn extraction surgery” are wrong. Even our Lord Himself prayed three times in the Garden of Gethsemane for God to remove His “thorn in the flesh” – that cup that was given Him to drink – filled with the most horrible physical and spiritual suffering the world has ever known.



So, as we pray, with our Lord, with Paul, that God would remove our ‘thorns in the flesh’, we must always also be willing to pray, “*not my will, but yours be done.*” Which is what Paul does – eventually – it took him some time to learn this – because this is a hard lesson to learn. It’s important to notice that Paul knows where these ‘thorns’ come from. “A thorn was given me in the flesh – **a messenger of Satan.**” And the truth is, Satan’s got an endless supply of these thorns. And he loves to keep sticking them to us.

And being the fallen, turned in on ourselves creatures that we are, there’s a way in which we’re thankful for them. We often like to use these ‘harassing thorns’ as ways for keeping the Lord at a safe distance from us. There’s always one more ‘thorn’ to remove before we’re willing to trust. And we’ve got enough of these “thorns” to use as excuses for not trusting. In answer to Paul’s prayer, Jesus replies with a hard answer, “*My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made known in weakness.*”

So much for the ‘if you pray hard enough, God will give you what you ask for’ lie that the ‘super-Christians’ keep pumping into the air that we breathe. Not even Jesus’ prayers were answered. God didn’t “take the cup away” from Him as He asked. Rather, His Father gave His Son angels to help Him drink it. “My grace is sufficient (ENOUGH) for you” means, you have everything you need in the death and resurrection and ascension of Jesus Christ. You don’t need sometime else or something more.

For all his pleading, the answer Paul gets from his Lord is, “My grace is sufficient for you.” This is a hard for us to swallow. We’ve been taught all our life to be self-sufficient, independent. But Jesus says, “my grace is enough.” That means that our sufficiency is **not in ourselves but in our Lord**, and we are not independent but entirely dependent on Him. No one likes the idea of being cared for because we can’t care for ourselves. I’ve never met anyone who was ready to go to a nursing home. We resist acknowledging the truth about our ‘weak’ and ‘helpless’ condition as long and as hard as we can. And as long as we resist, we never know what it means to be cared for by the Lord and how wonderfully all sufficient His grace for us is.

“My power is made perfect in weakness,” that is, in “your” weakness. How strange and scary this sounds to our ‘might makes right,’ and ‘only the strong survive,’ way of thinking. We say, “Power is made perfect in strength.” But Jesus turns everything around. It is only as we come to grips with our weakness and inability to save ourselves that we are ready to surrender all of our reasons and excuses and ‘thorns’ and confess, “your grace is sufficient for me.” **‘It’s all I need.’** Come hell or high water, its ALL I NEED!

And that’s why the answer to our prayer that those thorns might be removed is so often “**no.**” These ‘thorns’ show us just how weak and helpless we really are. They shatter our pride. They humble us. They “keep us from becoming conceited.” So, the best thing that can happen that those thorns in the flesh might do their job. Not the job that Satan put them there for – but the job that the Lord uses them for.

Just look to the cross. In the weakness and foolishness of Christ crucified, is the power of God to save the whole world. Just look to your baptism. In the weakness of plain water, is the power of God to wash away all your sins and raise you to new life. Just look to the preaching of His Word. In the weakness of an absurd proclamation – “Christ Jesus died for you. All your sins are forgiven” is the power of God to convert our boasting in ourselves to boasting in our weaknesses. Just look to His Supper. In the weakness of ordinary bread and wine, is the power of God to forgive your sins and strengthen you in this one true faith to life everlasting.

If God’s power is so great in these weak things, how much more can we boast in His power to work in my weakness? Paul’s response to God’s ‘no’ to his prayer is to jump with both feet into this life of faith. “*Therefore, I will boast all the more gladly in my weaknesses, that the power of Christ may rest upon me. For the sake of Christ then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions and calamities. For when I am weak then I am strong.*”

The paradoxical nature of the Christian faith is this – every thorn in the flesh is one more reason for us to boast in all-sufficiency of God’s grace for me. Every thorn in the flesh becomes my instructor in the one of the most important lessons I can learn in this life – the lesson of being “content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions and calamities” – contentment that is built on the sure foundation that “God’s power is made perfect in weakness.”



You don't have to have all your problems solved before you can get on with trusting that the Lord will take care of you. You don't have to have your life all together before you can start living by faith. You don't have to have GREAT FAITH before the Lord can give you GREAT LIFE. Our Lord has born all of our "thorns" in His flesh, and on the 3rd day, rose again. And we have already died with Him and been raised with Him and we await the day when we are '**thorn free.**' But until then, we will "boast in our weaknesses." 'Let Satan pierce me with as many thorns as were in that crown that pierced my Lord's head, and that pierced His hands and feet and side on the cross. "***His grace is sufficient EVEN FOR YOU.***"

*Pastor Krueger*



## Worship this Month

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### **The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost**

**August 5, 2018**

**Ephesians 4:1-16**

"United in Christ"

This passage from Ephesians has been famously used to teach "everyone a minister." A book by the same name was published in the mid 1970s, promoting the idea that every believer has the same office in the church, that is, every believer has the role of minister. Behind this theology is the thinking that unity is achieved by personal equality. In other words, we can only be one when we're all the same.

But that's not what Paul is saying.

Yes, Paul does indeed commend unity within the body of Christ, but it is not achieved by kind of fabricated equality between believers. Our unity is grounded in the unity of the Godhead, "one body and one *Spirit* ... one *Lord*, one faith, one baptism, one *God and Father* of all..." The gift of unity is a gift of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, who has unity in Himself.

Furthermore, our Lord gave the gift of apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors, and teachers to His church. They are God's delivery-men who have taught and delivered God's unifying Word in every age. We are not unified by our equality, but by our Lord who holds us together in His Word one generation after another.

### **The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost**

**August 12, 2018**

**Ephesians 4:17-5;2**

"The third day He rose again from the dead"

In our Epistle, Paul uses very specific Baptismal language. In our baptism, our 'old self' that was "*corrupt through deceitful desires,*" was PUT OFF of us by drowning. And at the same time, a 'new self' "*created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness*" was a PUT ON us. So when Paul 'begs' his congregation to "...PUT OFF your old self, ... and PUT ON the new self..." he is simply telling us to walk in our baptism. He's not telling us what we need to do so much as what God has done for us. He has PUT OFF of 'filthy rags' and PUT ON the righteousness of Jesus Christ. Now, just be who you are in your baptism-Forgiven.

## **The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

**August 19, 2018**

**John 6:51-69**

Therefore, in order that we may become of His Body, not in desire only, but also in fact, let us become commingled with that Body. This, in truth, takes place by means of the food which he has given us as a gift, because he desired to prove the love which He has for us. ... And to show the love He has for us He has made it possible for those who desire, not merely to look upon Him, but even to touch Him and consume Him and to fix their teeth in His Flesh and to be commingled with Him; in short, to fulfill all their love. Let us, then, come back from that table like lions breathing out fire, thus becoming terrifying to the Devil, and remaining mindful of our Head and of the love which He has shown for us.

John Chrysostom

*Commentary on St. John the Evangelist*

## **The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

**August 26, 2018**

**Mark 7:1-13**

“Tradition... It really does matter!”

The true tradition of the Church is the Gospel, which is the preaching and administration of Christ Jesus. Other traditions, although not commanded by God, may serve and support that sacred tradition of the Gospel. But the Church dare not “[reject] the commandment of God” in order to establish or hold to “the tradition of men” (Mark 7:8–9). Sinful people attempt to draw near to the Lord “with their mouth” and to honor Him “with their lips,” while their hearts are far removed from Him (Is. 29:13). Yet, He is “the Holy One of Israel,” who brings about salvation by His cross. Therefore, “the wisdom of their wise men shall perish,” but “the deaf shall hear” and “the eyes of the blind shall see” (Is. 29:14–19). This mystery of Christ is profound, for He is the husband of the Church, and He is her Savior. Not because of any works that she has done, but solely for the sake of His great love, He “gave himself up for her, that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word” (Eph. 5:25–26).



# General News & Updates

**Altar Flower Chart:** The cost of the Altar flowers is \$40 per Sunday and you will be able to take your flowers home with you after the service in a box located *now in the kitchen on the shelf above the triple sink*. To have your payment for flowers applied correctly, please use one of the *Designated Offering* envelopes found in your box of envelopes or label the outside of one of your regular envelopes with the words 'Altar flowers'. *If you take the black liners home, please be sure to bring them back to church by the following Wednesday*. Janice Hartness is our flower coordinator. If you have any special requests, please contact her at 763-355-5427 by the Wednesday prior. Please see the schedule below through August:

August 12<sup>th</sup> – Jeremy & Jill Eickhoff  
August 19<sup>th</sup> – David & Louise Werts  
August 26<sup>th</sup> – Rev John and Carol Fehrmann

**Ryan and Cadie Koosman** are giving Altar flowers on Sunday in celebration of their wedding on August 4<sup>th</sup>. May God Bless them on this special occasion!

**Sunday Schedule: Divine Service 9:00 AM;** followed by Bible Class at 10:30.

**Monday Evening Divine Service 7:00 PM**

**Wednesday morning Prayer Service and Bible Study** – Morning Prayer service begins at 9:15 am, followed by Bible Study at 10:00 am.

**In Need of a Walker?** – Please see Chuck Scharlau if you need a walker as he has an extra one! Thank You,

**Northwest Suburban Circuit Congregation Prayers** – Each week we will be praying for a congregation in the circuit and for others who have or have had a connection with them. This month, we are asking for prayers for St. Paul Lutheran, Osseo, and Pastor Daniel Burns, Shepherd of the Grove Lutheran & Childcare Center, Maple Grove, and Pastor Tim Lamkin, Sr., Rev. Matthew Harrison, our Synod President, and all of our elected officers and board members in the LCMS, and for Rev. Dr. Lucas Woodford, our District President, and all of our elected officers and board members in the MN South District

**Everyone Welcome!** Pastor Johnson and Pastor Krueger are doing **monthly Chapel Services** at Cherrywood Pointe in Plymouth (Where Arta Walter now lives) 18405 Old Rockford Rd, Plymouth, MN 55446. The next one will be on **Monday August 6<sup>th</sup>** at 11:30 am. Please feel free to attend this service.

**ONLY TWO WEEKS LEFT** and you don't want to miss out! The Glory of Christ Golf Event is Saturday, August 18 at Shamrock Golf Course. Sign-up sheet in the Narthex. Everyone welcome. If you have signed up, please make your check for greens fees payable to Glory of Christ and write "golf" in the memo. Green fees are \$23 per golfer for 9 holes. You may pay at the course for a cart (\$8/person). Questions? See Mike Miller or Naomi Teske.

**GoC Red Cross Blood drive:** Glory of Christ is once again hosting a Red Cross Blood drive on Monday August 13<sup>th</sup> from 1:00-7:00 pm. Sign up information is on the table in the Narthex. Thank You!

**Thank You:** Our little 12-year-old friend, Zack, went home to be with Jesus last Sunday morning. He suffered with massive brain tumors. We would like to thank Pastor Johnson & Pastor Krueger and everyone for all the prayers sent up for him. Russ & Eunice McBroom.

**Mom's Group Playgroups in the Park are back for the summer!** Every Wednesday (weather permitting), beginning at 10 am, we'll rotate to different parks to bring our kids to play and have some much-needed mom social time. Please remember that these events are "nut-free" to keep them safe for several who have nut allergies.

Here's where we'll meet:

August 8- Gleason Lake Playfields/Playground

August 15- Baker Park

August 22nd-Greenwood Elementary

Questions--Please ask Susan Johnson-- [sjhoelz@gmail.com](mailto:sjhoelz@gmail.com), 816-517-0155

**Women of Glory of Christ**--looking for your own "night away?" Didn't get the Mother's Day gift you were hoping for?! Look no more! Paint and Pinot is back at Glory of Christ on **Thursday, August 23rd** beginning at 6:30 pm. This is a fun event where we serve appetizers, drink wine, and learn how to paint from our very own Vicki Garding. This time, she'll be leading us in painting fall scenes. We still have 21 slots left for this event. Tickets are \$65 and include all food/drinks and supplies. ALL ticket sales go directly towards MissionsFest and the great missions we support. Please sign up in the office with Brenda if you'd like a ticket. If you have further questions, see Vicki Garding, Shannon Lindh, or Susan Johnson

**Dean and Susie Nadasdy cordially invite you** to attend a Service of Farewell and Thanksgiving as Dean retires from fulltime pastoral ministry. **The service will be held on Sunday, August 19, 4:00PM**, at Woodbury Lutheran Church, Valley Creek Campus, 7380 Afton Road, Woodbury, MN 55125. Light refreshments will follow the service. Please send letters and cards to Debra Connolly at [debra.connolly@mnsdistrict.org](mailto:debra.connolly@mnsdistrict.org) or at Debra Connolly, Minnesota South District, 14301 Grand Avenue South, Burnsville, MN 55306.

**Summer Sunday School Teacher Help** - Hi! We're still in need of a few teachers/helpers for the end of summer sunday school. Please sign up if you are able!

**Here's how it works in 3 easy steps:**

1. **Click this link** to go to our invitation page on [SignUp.com](http://signup.com/login/entry/5269859050473860125): <http://signup.com/login/entry/5269859050473860125>
2. **Enter your email address:** (You will NOT need to register an account on [SignUp.com](http://SignUp.com))
3. **Sign up!** Choose your spots - [SignUp.com](http://SignUp.com) will send you an automated confirmation and reminders. Easy!

Note: [SignUp.com](http://SignUp.com) does not share your email address with anyone. If you prefer not to use your email address, please contact me and I can sign you up manually.

**Prayer List:** As a reminder, if you have a friend or loved one that you ask to be on the prayer list, their name will remain for one month and then removed, unless otherwise notified. Thank You!

**Remember in our Prayers:** Sean Breininger, Arta Walter, Lee Hart, Velva Kosel, CLEF, Lutheran Synod of Mexico, Allen Yount, Aaron Klein (Nephew of Cheryl McCreary), Connie Klein (Sister of Cheryl McCreary), Erik Bunger (nephew of Carla Claussen), Pauline Hemingway, Janel Koosman, Zeldia Malo, Jack Hammang (Friend of Becky and Kelly Lane), John Mundt (Friend of Becky & Kelly Lane), Lisa Condon (Friends of Jen & Ben Schaumburg) and the Family of Zachary Hoffman (friend of Russ and Eunice McBroom).

**Your 6th Grader - High Schooler is INVITED**

**"Summer Splash and S'more Spectacular" Youth Group Event.**



Here are the details:

Where/when: Friday August 10th from 5-9pm @ Pastor Johnson's house 9706 Lily Pond Lane Corcoran, MN

Activities: Swimming, games, dinner (will be provided- hamburgers/hotdogs), bonfire (S'MORES!!!), devotions.

What to bring:

Bathing suit

towel

Sunscreen

dry clothes [private changing room available]

a favorite snack to share (Chips, desert, etc.)

AND A BIBLE!!!! (Yes, that thing!)

We are welcoming our new 6th Graders to join the Youth Group and have fun with us!

Please RSVP to Julie Anderson by Wednesday, August 8th for planning purposes via email: [julesanders@live.com](mailto:julesanders@live.com)

Hope to see you there!

Julie Anderson

612.791.0163

Youth Group Coordinator

Glory of Christ Lutheran Church



**2018 Glory of Christ Men's Retreat:** The Men's Retreat has been set for September 14<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup>. It will be at the same location on the Whitefish Chain of Lakes in Crosslake, MN. The retreat last year was a big success and we are continuing the tradition. Please sign up on the signup sheet in the Narthex. When you sign up, please indicate the day and time you plan to arrive. If you have any questions about the event please ask one of the Elders If you attended last year, recruit others who missed out on this great fellowship event!

**Perspectives: Mental Health** – This is a FREE presentation to be held here, at Glory of Christ, on Sunday, September 30<sup>th</sup> from 12:30-3:30. The presenter is Dr. Stephen Saunders, a professor of Psychology at Marquette University in Milwaukee WI and author of the two-volume book, “A Christian Understanding of Mental Illness”. All materials provided and light refreshments will be served. To register, you will find forms in the Narthex, or you can register on the church's website: [Gloryofchrist.org/events](http://Gloryofchrist.org/events). Please see the insert on the next page for more information as well, or ask Pastor Krueger.

# perspectives:

## Mental Health

### Understanding and Caring for Persons Affected by Depression, Anxiety and other Mental Health Problems

Join us for a **FREE Presentation**  
**Sunday, September 30, 2018, 12:30 - 3:30 PM**

**This Seminar is especially suited for:**

- Those with loved ones experiencing mental illness
- Those in professions involved with persons experiencing mental illness

**What you will learn:**

- Basic skills and strategies to help and support individuals affected by mental illness
- Finding competent mental health professions
- Private, individual skills as well as public, corporate strategies

All materials provided -  
light refreshments served

**DID YOU KNOW?**

Each year 1 in 5 people  
will experience a  
mental illness



► To learn more and to register, visit: [GloryofChrist.org/events](http://GloryofChrist.org/events)

The Perspectives Series is designed to take up topics where the Christian Worldview comes to bear on our life struggles and complex issues. These presentations are intended for the community at large and the church.



# Treasurer's Report

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## Glory of Christ Lutheran Church June 2018 YTD Income Statement June 30, 2018

	Jun-18			YTD 2018		
	Actual	Budget	Fav (Unfav) to Budget	Actual	Budget	Fav (Unfav) to Budget
<b>Income</b>						
Designated Funds Applied	-	-	-	3,356.56	-	3,356.56
General Offerings	35,454.50	41,708.00	(6,254.50)	277,110.48	299,799.00	(22,688.52)
Interest Income	73.51	83.33	(9.82)	438.08	499.98	(61.90)
Other Income	671.51	916.66	(245.15)	15,023.79	5,499.96	9,523.83
Silent Auction Receipts	1,350.00	-	1,350.00	36,853.92	40,000.00	(3,146.08)
Sunday School Offerings	5.00	-	5.00	314.62	555.55	(240.93)
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 37,554.52</b>	<b>\$ 42,708.99</b>	<b>\$ (5,154.47)</b>	<b>\$ 333,097.45</b>	<b>\$ 346,354.49</b>	<b>\$ (13,257.04)</b>
<b>Expenses</b>						
Designated Expenses	-	-	-	3,356.56	-	(3,356.56)
Education	3,511.85	3,000.00	(511.85)	28,989.80	25,825.36	(3,164.48)
General and Administration	6,037.39	4,631.48	(1,405.91)	35,237.09	31,738.88	(3,498.21)
Missions	2,459.64	5,000.00	2,540.36	34,420.22	27,000.00	(7,420.22)
Music	2,644.94	2,024.73	(620.21)	21,105.21	22,220.63	1,115.42
Occupancy	17,646.40	25,868.09	8,221.69	66,409.08	73,791.44	7,382.36
Pastoral Support	28,079.26	29,361.31	1,283.05	144,559.81	152,222.86	7,663.05
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 60,378.48</b>	<b>\$ 69,885.61</b>	<b>\$ 9,507.13</b>	<b>\$ 334,077.83</b>	<b>\$ 332,799.19</b>	<b>\$ (1,278.64)</b>
<b>Net Income - Accrual Basis</b>	<b>\$ (22,823.96)</b>	<b>\$ (27,176.62)</b>	<b>\$ 4,352.66</b>	<b>\$ (980.38)</b>	<b>\$ 13,555.30</b>	<b>\$ (14,535.68)</b>
Depreciation expense (add back)	4,289.08	9,568.09	(5,279.01)	22,516.84	25,991.44	(4,474.60)
<b>Net Income - Cash Basis</b>	<b>\$ (18,534.88)</b>	<b>\$ (17,608.53)</b>	<b>\$ (926.35)</b>	<b>\$ 21,536.46</b>	<b>\$ 40,546.74</b>	<b>\$ (19,010.28)</b>

### Summary of Results:

- General offerings are \$6.3k unfavorable to budget for the month and are \$22.7k unfavorable YTD 2018.
- Other Income is \$9.5k favorable YTD driven by B. Oehlke memorial donations of \$6.5k in May and \$3.5k in April.
- Silent Auction Receipts (MissionFest) are \$3.2k unfavorable driven by timing of remaining total pledged receipts.
- G&A expenses are trending slightly unfavorable due to supply expense and the timing of MissionFest Expenses.
- Mission expenses are favorable for the month due to timing of CTSFW mission payment and unfavorable YTD due to the timing of the Mexico Mission expenses.
- Occupancy expense is favorable for the month and YTD due to the budget including mortgage payment and depreciation expense on the new building. Currently projecting mortgage and depreciation to commence in September.
- Pastoral expenses are trending favorable due to favorable health reimbursements and timing of incurred health claims.
- Non-cash depreciation expense is included in the "Occupancy" expense line item above. Total YTD Depreciation expense was \$22.5k. See cash basis net income presented above, as well as overall cash position in the statement of cash flows.

**Glory of Christ Lutheran Church**  
**Balance Sheet**  
6/30/2018

	Total		
	6/30/2018	5/31/2018	Change
<b>ASSETS</b>			
<b>Current Assets</b>			
<b>Cash</b>			
Checking - Hamel	36,232.52	47,959.27	(11,726.75)
Construction Account	35,218.56	39,257.78	(4,039.22)
LCEF Endowment Fund	25,578.00	25,443.20	134.80
LCEF Stewardship Account	120,508.85	120,435.08	71.77
Savings - Hamel	6,001.74	6,000.00	1.74
<b>Total Cash</b>	<b>\$ 223,537.67</b>	<b>\$ 239,095.33</b>	<b>\$ (15,557.66)</b>
<b>Other Current Assets</b>			
Due from CLEF	7,254.71	(422.25)	7,676.96
Prepaid Expenses	2,020.03	5,537.31	(3,517.28)
<b>Total Other Current Assets</b>	<b>9,274.74</b>	<b>5,115.06</b>	<b>4,159.68</b>
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>\$ 232,812.41</b>	<b>\$ 244,210.39</b>	<b>\$ (11,397.98)</b>
<b>Fixed Assets</b>			
Church Building (net)	1,381,223.62	1,384,467.54	(3,243.92)
Equipment (net)	73,062.04	73,302.79	(240.75)
Furniture & Fixtures (net)	73,473.18	74,277.59	(804.41)
Land	70,000.00	70,000.00	-
Signage	35,000.00	35,000.00	-
Construction In Progress	2,457,098.56	2,453,059.34	4,039.22
<b>Total Fixed Assets</b>	<b>\$ 4,089,857.40</b>	<b>\$ 4,090,107.26</b>	<b>\$ (249.86)</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ 4,322,669.81</b>	<b>\$ 4,334,317.65</b>	<b>\$ (11,647.84)</b>
<b>LIABILITIES AND EQUITY</b>			
<b>Liabilities</b>			
Payroll Liabilities (current)	(1,040.00)	(1,400.00)	360.00
Construction Loan (long-term)	1,258,978.62	1,258,978.62	-
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>\$ 1,257,938.62</b>	<b>\$ 1,267,578.62</b>	<b>\$ 360.00</b>
<b>Equity</b>			
<b>Designated Fund Balances</b>			
Capital Campaign Fund	30,379.33	20,043.00	10,336.33
Capital Improvement Fund	19,401.78	19,401.78	-
Endowment Fund	25,483.85	25,349.05	134.80
Missions	1,081.19	831.19	250.00
Youth	641.70	545.70	95.00
<b>Total Designated Fund Balances</b>	<b>76,987.85</b>	<b>66,171.72</b>	<b>10,816.13</b>
Opening Bal Equity	148,131.40	148,131.40	-
Paid-in Capital or Surplus	1,598,593.90	1,598,593.90	-
Retained Earnings	1,241,998.40	1,241,998.41	(0.01)
Net Income	(980.38)	21,843.60	(22,823.98)
<b>Total Equity</b>	<b>\$ 3,064,731.19</b>	<b>\$ 3,076,739.03</b>	<b>\$ (12,007.84)</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY</b>	<b>4,322,669.81</b>	<b>4,334,317.65</b>	<b>(11,647.84)</b>

# Glory of Christ Lutheran Church

## Statement of Cash Flows

Jun-18

	Jun-18	YTD 2018
<b>OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>		
Net Income	\$ (22,823.96)	\$ (980.38)
Adjustments to reconcile Net Income to Net Cash provided by operations:		
Due from CLEF	(7,676.96)	(12,768.07)
Prepaid Expenses:Prepaid Expenses - Day School Expenses	-	20,868.88
Prepaid Expenses:Prepaid Expenses - Insurance	873.33	4,039.98
Prepaid Expenses:Prepaid Expenses - VBS	2,643.95	-
Church Building:Accumulated Depreciation - Building	3,243.92	19,463.52
Equipment:Accumulated Depreciation - Equipment	240.75	1,444.50
Furniture & Fixtures:Accumulated Depreciation - Furniture & Fixtures	804.41	1,608.82
403(b) Liabilities:403(b) - Krueger	160.00	160.00
SelectCare Liabilities:FSA - Johnson	100.00	(600.00)
SelectCare Liabilities:FSA - Krueger	100.00	(600.00)
Total Adjustments to reconcile Net Income to Net Cash provided by operations:	<b>\$ 489.40</b>	<b>\$ 33,617.63</b>
Net cash provided by operating activities	<b>\$ (22,334.56)</b>	<b>\$ 32,637.27</b>
<b>INVESTING ACTIVITIES</b>		
Construction In Progress	(4,039.22)	(755,633.16)
Signage	-	(35,000.00)
Furniture & Fixtures	-	(41,471.90)
Net cash provided by investing activities	<b>\$ (4,039.22)</b>	<b>\$ (832,105.06)</b>
<b>FINANCING ACTIVITIES</b>		
Construction Loan - Hamel	-	620,675.52
Designated Fund Balances - Equity:Capital Campaign Fund:Member Contributions	10,336.33	(34,261.36)
Designated Fund Balances - Equity:Capital Improvement Fund	-	(57,092.22)
Designated Fund Balances - Equity:Endowment Fund	134.80	257.47
Designated Fund Balances - Equity:Missions	250.00	900.00
Designated Fund Balances - Equity:Youth	95.00	(3,351.88)
Retained Earnings	(0.01)	117,739.34
Net cash provided by financing activities	<b>\$ 10,816.12</b>	<b>\$ 644,866.87</b>
Net cash increase for period	<b>\$ (15,557.66)</b>	<b>\$ (154,600.92)</b>
Cash at beginning of period	239,095.33	378,138.59
Cash at end of period	<b>\$ 223,537.67</b>	<b>\$ 223,537.67</b>



# President's Letter

Bob Strom, 952-237-8420  
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Dear Glory of Christ Member,

**Great news!** The landscaping is close to being completed. We have been waiting patiently for the rain to stop and finally have trees and shrubs in place of weeds. A patio area is being added to our landscape design using the pavers from our former entrance walk and the driveway is in. The finish line is in sight!

The Council did not meet in July as some members planned to be on vacation and it is difficult to reach a quorum for official action. The Elders also took the month of July off. Elders will be meet on August 7<sup>th</sup>.

Our Treasurer, Jesse Huber, provided me with the General Fund report ending in June. It still shows a slight downward trend but is manageable because some money in our budget forecast has not been spent.

We need to remember our stewardship in the summer. I receive a newsletter from a church in California. They had a stewardship message titled "**Summer-Thin Months**." It seems to parallel our needs. We recognize that during the summer months you may be away. It's important for your refreshment to take time away from work and the normal home routine but please consider giving your offerings in advance before you leave. Most of our church's expenses are constant but our offerings take a noticeable dip during the summer. Giving in advance is practicing "First Fruits Giving" and ensures that the church can continue to function in a healthy manner through the summer."

A Red Cross Blood Drive is scheduled for Monday, August 13<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 to 7:00 PM. Please mark this on your calendar and consider the "Gift of Life" for someone.

The church will be in use again on August 14<sup>th</sup> as a Precinct 6 Primary Election location.

The next Council Meeting will also be on Tuesday, August 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM.

Yours in Christ,

Bob Strom

Council President





# Birthdays & Anniversaries

August 1 <sup>st</sup>	Lily Qualle Gary Newhouse	Birthday Birthday
August 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Adam Karius	Birthday
August 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Janice Hartness	Birthday
August 4 <sup>th</sup>	Molly Johnson Isabel Schaumburg	Birthday Birthday
August 6 <sup>th</sup>	Cassie DeRosier Barbie Gruenhagen	Birthday Birthday
August 7 <sup>th</sup>	Julia Knea Jackson Kruger	Birthday Birthday
August 8 <sup>th</sup>	Kim Krueger Linda Corey	Birthday Birthday
August 9 <sup>th</sup>	Jack Teske	Birthday
August 10 <sup>th</sup>	Pastor Krueger Travis Dorweiler	Birthday Birthday
August 12 <sup>th</sup>	Solomon Marshall	Birthday
August 13 <sup>th</sup>	Peter Preus	Birthday
August 14 <sup>th</sup>	Jeremy & Jill Eickhoff	Anniversary
August 15 <sup>th</sup>	Carla Claussen	Birthday
August 19 <sup>th</sup>	Gary & Rose Newhouse	Anniversary
August 20 <sup>th</sup>	Patton & Kodi Hoffarth Zachary Albers Russ McBroom Arlys & John Edson	Anniversary Birthday Birthday Anniversary
August 24 <sup>th</sup>	Pastor & Carol Fehrmann	Anniversary
August 25 <sup>th</sup>	Dan Corey	Birthday



# Calendar

~ August 2018 ~						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			<b>1</b> 9:15a-9:45a Morning Prayer Service 10a-11a Bible Study	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 5p-8p Koosman/Meyer Wedding Rehearsal & Dinner	<b>4</b> 3p-4p Wedding for Ryan Koosman & Cadie Meyer
<b>5</b> 9a-10a Divine Service 10:30a-11:30a Bible Class	<b>6</b> 11:30a-12p Cherrywood Service 6p-7p Sunday school meeting 7p-8p Evening Divine Service	<b>7</b> 7p-8p Elders	<b>8</b> 9:15a-9:45a Morning Prayer Service 10a-11a Bible Study	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> 5p-9p Youth Group	<b>11</b>
<b>12</b> 9a-10a Divine Service 10:30a-11:30a Bible Class 2p-8p Young Adults' cookout	<b>13</b> 1p-7p American Red Cross Blood Drive (Glory of Christ Lutheran Church), 4040 MN-101, Minneapolis, MN 5) 7p-8p Evening Divine Service	<b>14</b> Primary Election Facility Use 6:30p-7:30p Council	<b>15</b> 9:15a-9:45a Morning Prayer Service 10a-11a Bible Study	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> GoC Golf Event
<b>19</b> 9a-10a Divine Service 10:30a-11:30a Bible Class	<b>20</b> 7p-8p Evening Divine Service	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> 9:15a-9:45a Morning Prayer Service 10a-11a Bible Study	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b> Summer Sunday School ends 9a-10a Divine Service 10:30a-11:30a Bible Class	<b>27</b> 7p-8p Evening Divine Service	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> 9:15a-9:45a Morning Prayer Service 10a-11a Bible Study 6p-9p Sunday School teachers' training	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> 6p-7p Hargreaves wedding rehearsal	<b>Notes:</b>