



# GLORY OF CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

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## Newsletter

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## Pastor's Letter

Rev. Kyle Krueger

### Advent: The Preparer and the Prepared

The church has set aside four weeks in its calendar every year to focus our attention on the importance of preparation for what it calls, "*That Day*." It's the season called Advent. Since the first advent of our Lord has already happened in the little town of Bethlehem, our present preparation is for "that day" when Jesus comes again. That is why in two of these four weeks in Advent, our attention is directed to John the Baptist whose message is, "*Prepare the way of the Lord*." He is called John the Baptist, but he could have also been called John the Preparer.

John was well prepared to be a preparer. 1,200 years before he was born, Isaiah the prophet was preparing us for John. "*A voice of one calling in the desert, 'Prepare the way for the Lord.'*" (Is.40:3) 600 years later it was the prophet Malachi who prepared the way of the Preparer saying, "*I will send my messenger before me, who will prepare the way before me.*" (Mal.3:1).

Just a few months before his birth, the angel of the Lord had said to John's father Zechariah, "*he will go on before the Lord, in the spirit and power of Elijah—to make ready a people prepared for the Lord.*" (Luke 1:17). John was prepared to prepare the people of God for the coming of Christ. Now with all that preparation for John the Preparer you'd think that people would have been a more prepared for him than they were. The religious leaders came out to interview John and their question was, "*Who are you?*" "*Are you Elijah?*" "*Are you a prophet?*" "*Tell us who you are?*" And John replied, "*You should be better prepared for me than that! I'm the one that Isaiah wrote about 1,200 years ago when he said, 'A voice of one calling in the desert, make straight the way for the Lord.'*" (John 1:19-23)

Maybe it was John's way of preparing people for the Christ's coming that they were unprepared for. It was the custom of the day that when an important dignitary was to visit a city or village, everyone would prepare for his visit by getting everything in tip-top shape so it looked pristine. In John's day, when Caesar would visit his kingdom, he demanded that the roads be made nice and smooth because his carriage didn't have the kind of shock absorbers that we have in our carriages today. Before he came, the valleys had to be filled in and made level. The rough places smoothed out and the high places graded down. But when John prepares people for Christ's coming, he says that Christ will be the one who, when he comes, will raise up every valley, make low every mountain, and make the rough ground and rugged places a smooth plain. (Luke 3:5 & Isaiah 40:3).

To be prepared for Christ's second coming is **not** about what we must do. It's about what we must be prepared for Him to do to us. And so, John directs us to be prepared by hauling out all of the valleys, hills, mountains, and rough places in our lives for Christ to make level and smooth (That's the heart of repentance and confession). You and I don't need to get our lives together, so Christ will come. Christ comes to get our lives together. Therefore, the appropriate preparation for His coming is repentance. John's call from the desert is as relevant today as it was 2,000 years ago. "*Repent for the forgiveness of sins.*" To be prepared through repentance is to be prepared for forgiveness. And to be prepared for forgiveness is to be prepared for **exactly** what Christ comes to give. So, we find that the voice of one crying in the wilderness to be a thrilling voice, because John is proclaiming that the One so long expected, comes down from heaven with pardon and peace.

Merry Advent,

*Pastor Krueger*



## Worship this Month

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**First Sunday in Advent**  
**December 2, 2018**  
**Luke 19:28-40**

**“Our Coming King”**

Jesus doesn't just come as a baby. He comes as heir to the throne.

Being so far removed from the days of royal courts and dynasties, it can be difficult for us to grasp the brilliant joy of Jesus coming as our *king*. Kings are an embodiment of the people. They are the living hope of a nation. Everything hinges on the king. He is ruler and defender and savior. This is all the more true with Jesus.

So today, we see him riding into Jerusalem as our long-awaited king. We have not been left to ourselves; our king is coming to save us. The days of darkness and chaos are coming to an end. The light of the world is dawning.

**Second Sunday in Advent**  
**December 9, 2018**  
**Luke 3:1-14**

**“Prepare to Meet your Maker”**

We do not like change. We confess that we are 'sinful and unclean' and therefore not 'holy' as 'God is holy.' But that doesn't mean we want to be changed. We've learned to adapt to our environment and survive in sub-standard world. So, when we hear that our maker is coming into this world to change us and change this world, we wonder, 'where's the good news in that?' We think it would be a whole lot better and a whole lot easier if the Lord would change and lower His expectations and accept reality.

The God of unchangeable justice is also the God of unchangeable grace. By confessing our sin and trusting in His grace, we not only "*endure the day of His coming, and stand when He appears*" but we eagerly look forward to it and pray.

### **Third Sunday in Advent**

**December 16, 2018**

**Luke 7:18-28**

#### **“Don’t be Offended”**

The truth is God does not make you any promises of worry-free living or miraculous healings of cancer or disease. This life will bring disappointment and death. It did for John, who was one of the most dedicated and faithful followers of Jesus. And this is, in part, why Jesus says, *“And blessed is the one who is not offended by me”*. So often we wish for a miracle worker messiah who will cure what ails us. And this is where the scandal of Jesus is pressed into our minds by Satan. He wants us to think Jesus can’t really help you.

But Jesus has a refreshing word for you this day! Jesus comes not just to give extended or healthy or worry-free worldly life that will end, but He comes to grant an everlasting life that will put this life to shame. Don’t be offended. Don’t look for another! Jesus is the real deal.

### **Fourth Sunday in Advent**

**December 23, 2018**

**Luke 1:39-56**

#### **"The Magnificat"**

Mary has been favored by God, for she will give birth to a son, One who will save His people, One who will reign over the house of Jacob forever, One whose kingdom shall never end. In the first part of the Magnificat, Mary praises God as Savior, as One who will bless generation upon generation with His salvation. In the second part, God remembers His holy covenant to Abraham and his descendants. He scatters the proud and lifts up the humble. He fulfills all He has promised in His Word.

### **Christmas Day**

**December 25, 2018**

Our dearly beloved Savior was born today. Let us be glad! For there isn’t a proper place for sadness when we celebrate the birthday of the Life. For this Life destroys our fear of death and brings us the joy of promised eternity. Everyone can share in this happiness. There is the same amount of joy for everyone. For our Lord destroys sin and death and finds everyone guilty, but has come to free us all. Let saints rejoice at their nearness to victory.

Let sinners be glad that they are invited to be pardoned. . . . Let us, then, dearly beloved, give thanks to God the Father, through His Son, in the Holy Spirit.

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### **First Sunday after Christmas**

**December 30, 2018**

**Luke 2:22-40**

#### **"Simeon Preaches"**

*“My eyes have seen your salvation,”* Simeon says. That’s the work of the Holy Spirit. Simeon saw Jesus as He is. Simeon saw all of God’s promises fulfilled in one brilliant moment of revelation. He held in his arms the offspring of the woman promised to Eve in the garden of Eden who had come into the world to crush the head of the serpent. He held in his arms, the child who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary who would suffer under Pontius Pilate to atone for the sin that blinds our eyes from seeing and stops our ears from hearing and corrupts our minds from understanding.

Simeon saw and understood that this baby was not just his personal savior. He was the revealer of God to the Gentiles and the glory that Israel had long been waiting for. This baby was the salvation that God had prepared *“in the presence of all peoples.”*



# 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 *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. The 2019 Flower chart is now available for you to sign up for Flowers.

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

**Saturday Evening Divine Service 5:00 PM –** *NO Saturday Evening Divine Service on December 22<sup>nd</sup>.*

**Wednesday morning Prayer Service and Bible Study –** Morning Prayer service begins at 9:15 am, followed by Bible Study at 10:00 am. *NO Prayer services during Advent.*

**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 & Chikcare Center, Maple Grove, and Pastor Tim Lamkin, Sr., Rev. Matthew Harrison, our Synod President and all our elected officers and board members in the LCMS, Rev. Lucas Woodford, our District President, and all of our elected officials and board members in the MN South District and for Rev. John Fehrmann and his work with Confessional Lutheran Educational Foundation (CLEF) in other nations.

**Everyone Welcome!** Pastor Johnson and Pastor Krueger are doing **monthly Chapel Services** at Cherrywood Pointe in Plymouth - 18405 Old Rockford Rd, Plymouth, MN 55446. The next one will be on **Monday December 10<sup>th</sup>** at 11:00 am. Please feel free to attend this service.

**St. John's Calendar Sale:** St. John's Lutheran School is having a calendar sale fundraiser to send the 8<sup>th</sup> grade class on a field trip to Washington DC. The church council supports the placing of this announcement in this and upcoming bulletins and newsletters. Please see either William or Henry Rolf to purchase a calendar. Thank You!

**St. John's Lutheran School in Corcoran** is in the process of calling a new administrator/principal for the Pre K-8th grade school. If you know of any qualified candidates that the call committee should consider, please contact the chairman of the call committee, Brian Callahan, at [brian.callahan@centurylink.com](mailto:brian.callahan@centurylink.com) or contact the school at 763-420-2426. Two Glory of Christ members also serve on this committee, so you can contact Josh Christian [joshua.d.christian@gmail.com](mailto:joshua.d.christian@gmail.com) or Dawn Rolf [dawnrolf@gmail.com](mailto:dawnrolf@gmail.com) with candidate names. Please keep this committee and the school in your prayers as they move forward to find the next administrator for the school.

**Assistance Needed for Poinsettias!** The poinsettias will be delivered on Friday afternoon, December 7<sup>th</sup> sometime between 1:00 and 5:30. Travis will be here to accept the delivery, but we need some volunteers to assist with the placement of them in the Sanctuary on that day. Also, if you can help with the watering of them in the following weeks that would be very much appreciated! Please talk to Brenda or Travis if you can assist with either of these requests. Thank You!

**Christmas Decorating! CHANGE OF DATE!** Please join us on **Saturday, December 1<sup>st</sup>** to help decorate the church for Christmas. We will meet **at 9:00** and go until approximately 11:00 or 11:30.

**Annual Voters Meeting:** Our 2018 voters' meeting will be *next* Sunday, December 9<sup>th</sup>, beginning at noon. A light lunch will be served. Because council was unable to reach quorum at its last meeting, the motions are not yet available. We will be compiling all the pertinent information and sending it out via email prior to the meeting. In addition to voting on 2019 Elders, Council members and Church President, it will include information regarding the following:

- 2019 budget
- Nominations for synodical offices
- Nomination for president of Concordia, St. Paul
- Motion to create a part-time maintenance position (per informational meeting on 9/23/2018)

**Please review this information so that you can come to the meeting well-informed.**

**Concordia University St. Paul 2018 Fine & Performing Arts Christmas Concert:**

Friday, December 7<sup>th</sup> – 7:30 pm, Saturday December 8<sup>th</sup> – 4:30 pm and Sunday, December 9<sup>th</sup> – 3:00 pm.  
Buetow Music Center Auditorium 300 Hamline Ave N, St. Paul.

**Remember in our Prayers:** Sean Breininger, Arta Walter, Lee Hart, Velva Kosel, Jack Jakupciak, CLEF, Lutheran Synod of Mexico, Aaron Klein (Nephew of Cheryl McCreary), Connie Klein (Sister of Cheryl McCreary, Arlene Finke (Janice Hartness's mother), Jennifer Thiesse (Cousin of Jerry Malo), Marietta Sylvester (Mother of Joy O'Bresky), a young friend of the Merkle Family, and The Family of Leo Esget (former member of Glory of Christ).



**Advent Services:** Begin on Wednesday December 5<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 am and at 7:00 pm and will follow weekly on December 12<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>.



**Christmas Services:** *NO Saturday Evening Divine Service on December 22<sup>nd</sup>*, 9:00 am Divine Service on Sunday December 23<sup>rd</sup>, 5:00 pm Christmas Eve Service on December 24<sup>th</sup> and 9:00 am Christmas Day Service on December 25<sup>th</sup>. There will be a normal 5:00 pm Divine service on Saturday, December 29<sup>th</sup> and a normal 9:00 am Divine Service on Sunday, December 30<sup>th</sup>.



## Youth

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**Youth Group:** Save the date for our next Youth Group Event, look ahead at events on the horizon and reply to your availability and preferences!! We are off to a terrific start! January - Youth Lock-In Date TBD ~ Julie Anderson [julesanders@live.com](mailto:julesanders@live.com) 612.791.0163.



**Youth Bake Sale:** Jr. High/Sr. High Youth Group Bake Sale After Divine Service on Sunday, December 16th! Bake, buy or both to support our Youth Group. [Nut free recipes only please]. Questions, contact Julie Anderson 612-791-0163. [julesanders@live.com](mailto:julesanders@live.com).



## Sunday School

**Hi Sunday School Families!** The Christmas Program will be Sunday, December 16th during the education hour. There will be 2 practices prior to that - Saturday, December 8th from 9-11, and a SHORTENED practice on Saturday, December 15th from 10-11. There are sign-up sheets outside of your children's classrooms. They will be up through November 11th. Please mark if your child(ren) will be in the program, if they would like a speaking part, or if they are unable to attend. We are looking forward to another wonderful Christmas program this year! Thank you! Elizabeth, Kelly and Kodi.

**Assistance Needed for Christmas Program Costumes!** We need a person or persons to assist with the washing and mending of the costumes for the Sunday School Christmas Program. If you can help with this, please talk to Elizabeth Madson. Thank You!



## Compassion Circle

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**COMPASSION CIRCLE:** We meet the second Monday of the month at 1:00 for dessert, devotion, and fellowship. **Our next meeting will be December 10<sup>th</sup>.** We always welcome new members and ideas for ways in which we can show compassion to our brothers and sisters in Christ. Hope to see you there!

**QUILTING:** Monica from the Dwelling Place (Christian women's Safe Place) came and picked up 15 beautiful quilts for Christmas. She was thrilled! Our next quilting date will be Dec. 4<sup>th</sup> starting at 9:00am. We will resume after the Holidays. Thanks to our quilting team for a job well done!

**FABRIC** ---- Please do not drop off any fabric or sheets for the quilters until further notice!!!! We have enough supply for now and thank you to all who have donated so far! We will let you know in the future when additional supplies are needed! Thanks, from the quilters.



Sarah Brailey, *soprano*  
Clara Osowski, *mezzo-soprano*  
Nicholas Chalmers, *tenor*  
Jonathan Ten Brink, *baritone*

Parts I, II, IV, and VI  
of Bach's beloved  
story of Christmas.

TICKETS AND INFO  
[lyrabaroque.org](http://lyrabaroque.org)  
[bachsocietymn.org](http://bachsocietymn.org)



This activity is made possible by the voters of Minnesota through a Minnesota State Arts Board Operating Support Grant, thanks to a legislative appropriation from the arts and cultural heritage fund.

**DECEMBER 7-9, 2018**

**Friday, December 7 | 7:30 PM**

Mount Olive Lutheran Church, Rochester

**Saturday, December 8 | 7:30 PM**

St. Mary's Chapel, University of St. Thomas,  
St. Paul

**Sunday, December 9 | 3:00 PM**

St. John's Lutheran Church, Corcoran

Pre-concert talk begins 30 minutes  
before each performance.

**SATURDAY DECEMBER 8<sup>TH</sup> PERFORMANCE IS SOLD OUT!**

For more information and for purchasing tickets, please see the links below:

<http://bachsocietymn.org>

<https://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/3555512>



# Treasurer's Report

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## Glory of Christ Lutheran Church October 2018 YTD Income Statement October 31, 2018

	Oct-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	51,191.12	46,703.00	4,488.12	487,959.25	491,469.00	(3,509.75)
Interest Income	63.96	83.33	(19.37)	741.74	833.30	(91.56)
Other Income	1,182.50	916.66	265.84	20,624.00	9,166.60	11,457.40
Silent Auction Receipts	250.00	-	250.00	40,909.92	40,000.00	909.92
Sunday School Offerings	39.50	111.11	(71.61)	598.08	777.77	(179.69)
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 52,727.08</b>	<b>\$ 47,814.10</b>	<b>\$ 4,912.98</b>	<b>\$ 554,189.55</b>	<b>\$ 542,246.67</b>	<b>\$ 11,942.88</b>
<b>Expenses</b>						
Designated Expenses	-	-	-	3,356.56	-	(3,356.56)
Education	4,950.54	4,793.65	(156.89)	43,089.50	37,412.70	(5,676.80)
General and Administration	9,609.39	6,781.46	(2,827.91)	59,770.30	52,164.80	(7,605.50)
Missions	-	4,000.00	4,000.00	75,428.89	71,000.00	(4,428.89)
Music	3,601.73	4,039.18	237.45	32,713.42	34,348.45	1,635.03
Occupancy	23,813.98	25,968.09	2,154.11	130,755.91	177,663.80	46,907.89
Pastoral Support	21,779.66	23,375.06	1,595.40	239,054.50	251,709.35	12,654.85
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 63,955.30</b>	<b>\$ 68,957.46</b>	<b>\$ 5,002.16</b>	<b>\$ 584,169.08</b>	<b>\$ 624,299.10</b>	<b>\$ 40,130.02</b>
<b>Net Income - Accrual Basis</b>	<b>\$ (11,228.22)</b>	<b>\$ (21,143.36)</b>	<b>\$ 9,915.14</b>	<b>\$ (29,979.53)</b>	<b>\$ (82,052.43)</b>	<b>\$ 52,072.90</b>
Depreciation expense (add back)	11,785.07	9,668.09	2,116.98	47,169.15	65,663.80	(18,494.65)
<b>Net Income - Cash Basis</b>	<b>\$ 556.85</b>	<b>\$ (11,475.27)</b>	<b>\$ 12,032.12</b>	<b>\$ 17,189.62</b>	<b>\$ (16,388.63)</b>	<b>\$ 33,578.25</b>

### Summary of Results:

- General offerings are \$4.5k favorable to budget for the month and are \$(3.5)k unfavorable YTD 2018.
- Other Income is \$11.5k favorable YTD driven by memorial donations of \$6.5k in May and \$3.5k in April.
- Silent Auction Receipts (MissionFest) are \$1.0k favorable YTD as additional pledges were received in the current month.
- Education YTD results are unfavorable to budget due to VBS expenses and slightly higher day school tuition.
- G&A expenses are unfavorable in the current month and YTD due to additional supply.
- Mission expenses are unfavorable YTD due to the timing of the Mexico Mission trip travel expenses.
- Occupancy expense is favorable YTD due to the budget including mortgage payment and depreciation expense on the new building. Building depreciation and mortgage interest expense commenced in the month of October.
- 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 \$47.2k. 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**  
 October 31, 2018

	<b>Total</b>		
	<b>Oct-18</b>	<b>Sep-18</b>	<b>Change</b>
<b>ASSETS</b>			
<b>Current Assets</b>			
<b>Cash</b>			
Checking - Hamel	31,915.12	28,042.50	3,872.62
Construction Account	57,092.78	55,588.38	1,504.42
LCEF Endowment Fund	25,731.12	25,731.12	-
LCEF Stewardship Account	70,808.19	70,744.33	63.86
Savings - Hamel	6,004.06	6,004.06	-
<b>Total Cash</b>	<b>\$ 191,551.27</b>	<b>\$ 186,110.27</b>	<b>\$ 5,441.00</b>
<b>Other Current Assets</b>			
Due from CLEF	(844.50)	7,001.36	(7,845.86)
Marketable Securities	327,718.84	327,582.84	136.00
Prepaid Expenses	50,146.39	42,810.80	7,335.59
<b>Total Other Current Assets</b>	<b>377,020.73</b>	<b>377,395.00</b>	<b>(374.27)</b>
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>\$ 568,572.00</b>	<b>\$ 563,505.27</b>	<b>\$ 5,066.73</b>
<b>Fixed Assets</b>			
Church Building (net)	4,058,306.78	1,371,491.86	2,687,814.92
Equipment (net)	72,099.04	72,339.79	(240.75)
Furniture & Fixtures (net)	70,255.54	71,059.95	(804.41)
Land	70,000.00	70,000.00	-
Signage	35,000.00	35,000.00	-
Construction in Progress	-	2,694,277.20	(2,694,277.20)
<b>Total Fixed Assets</b>	<b>\$ 4,306,661.36</b>	<b>\$ 4,314,168.80</b>	<b>\$ (7,507.44)</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ 4,875,233.36</b>	<b>\$ 4,877,674.07</b>	<b>\$ (2,440.71)</b>
<b>LIABILITIES AND EQUITY</b>			
<b>Liabilities</b>			
Payroll Liabilities (current)	(400.00)	(440.00)	40.00
Building Loan (long-term)	1,483,287.83	-	1,483,287.83
Construction Loan (long-term)	-	1,484,896.40	(1,484,896.40)
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>\$ 1,482,887.83</b>	<b>\$ 1,484,456.40</b>	<b>\$ (1,568.57)</b>
<b>Equity</b>			
<b>Designated Fund Balances</b>			
Capital Campaign Fund	78,372.52	87,906.47	10,466.05
Endowment Fund	25,731.12	25,636.97	94.15
Estate Donations	328,297.21	328,078.98	218.23
Missions	1,194.69	1,061.19	113.50
Youth	100.00	541.70	(441.70)
<b>Total Designated Fund Balances</b>	<b>433,695.54</b>	<b>423,245.31</b>	<b>10,450.23</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	1,241,904.22	1,241,998.37	(94.15)
Net Income	(29,979.53)	(18,751.31)	(11,228.22)
<b>Total Equity</b>	<b>\$ 3,392,345.53</b>	<b>\$ 3,393,217.67</b>	<b>\$ (872.14)</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY</b>	<b>4,875,233.36</b>	<b>4,877,674.07</b>	<b>(2,440.71)</b>

**Glory of Christ Lutheran Church**  
**Statement of Cash Flows**  
October 31, 2018

	<b>Oct-18</b>	<b>YTD 2018</b>
<b>OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>		
Net Income	\$ (11,228.22)	\$ (29,979.53)
Adjustments to reconcile Net Income to Net Cash provided by operations:		
Due from CLEF	7,845.86	(4,688.86)
Prepaid Expenses	-	-
Prepaid Expenses:Prepaid Expenses - Day School Expenses	5,331.22	(16,449.68)
Prepaid Expenses:Prepaid Expenses - Insurance	(12,827.83)	(6,767.82)
Prepaid Expenses:Prepaid Expenses - VBS	161.02	-
Church Building:Accumulated Depreciation - Building	10,739.91	39,935.19
Equipment:Accumulated Depreciation - Equipment	240.75	2,407.50
Furniture & Fixtures:Accumulated Depreciation - Furniture & Fixtures	804.41	4,826.46
403(b) Liabilities:403(b) - Krueger	(160.00)	-
SelectCare Liabilities:FSA - Johnson	100.00	(200.00)
SelectCare Liabilities:FSA - Krueger	100.00	(200.00)
Total Adjustments to reconcile Net Income to Net Cash provided by operations:	<b>\$ 12,335.34</b>	<b>\$ 18,882.79</b>
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	<b>\$ 1,107.12</b>	<b>\$ (11,096.74)</b>
<b>INVESTING ACTIVITIES</b>		
Marketable Securities:Estate Donations	(136.00)	(327,718.84)
Construction In Progress	2,694,277.20	1,701,465.40
Church Building	(2,698,554.83)	(2,698,554.83)
Signage	-	(35,000.00)
Furniture & Fixtures	-	(41,471.90)
Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities	<b>\$ (4,413.63)</b>	<b>\$ (1,401,280.17)</b>
<b>FINANCING ACTIVITIES</b>		
Construction Loan - Hamel	(1,484,896.40)	(638,303.10)
Building Loan - Hamel	1,483,287.83	1,483,287.83
Designated Fund Balances - Equity:Capital Campaign Fund:Member Contributions	10,466.05	(1,669.95)
Designated Fund Balances - Equity:Capital Campaign Fund:Capital Improvement Fund	-	(61,092.22)
Designated Fund Balances - Equity:Endowment Fund	94.15	504.74
Designated Fund Balances - Equity:Estate Donations	218.23	328,297.21
Designated Fund Balances - Equity:Missions	113.50	1,013.50
Designated Fund Balances - Equity:Youth	(441.70)	(3,893.58)
Retained Earnings	(94.15)	117,645.18
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities	<b>\$ 8,747.51</b>	<b>\$ 1,225,789.59</b>
Net cash increase for period	<b>\$ 5,441.00</b>	<b>\$ (186,587.32)</b>
Cash at beginning of period	186,110.27	378,138.59
Cash at end of period	<b>\$ 191,551.27</b>	<b>\$ 191,551.27</b>



# President's Letter

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

We did not have a quorum at our Council meeting November 20<sup>th</sup> so we could not officially vote but the members present voted to call a special Council Meeting on December 4<sup>th</sup> to approve items normally presented and our 2019 budget recommendation in time for the Annual Voter's Meeting.

Committee reports were given at the meeting even though our minutes will not show council approval.

The treasurer's report was the highlight. Jesse said the end of October numbers were pointing to a successful conclusion of our 2018 forecast.

The Council members also discussed the creation of a part time Building and Grounds Position for light maintenance, event set up, obtaining quotations, supervising hired maintenance, making changes on our web site and generally taking some of the load off of Brenda who has been juggling buildings and grounds issues, in addition to managing the office and providing pastoral support. The creation of this position will be presented for a vote at our annual meeting.

The Annual Voters meeting will be at 11:45 AM, Sunday, December 9<sup>th</sup> after Adult Bible Study. A light lunch will be provided. Please mark it on your calendar.

As we begin the Christmas season, I always think about a sign that says: **“Wise men still seek Him”**. Attend one of our Advent services each Wednesday at 11:30 AM or 7:00 PM, starting December 5<sup>th</sup> through the 19<sup>th</sup>.

The Lord's blessings as we celebrate the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

Bob Strom,  
Council President







# Birthdays & Anniversaries

December 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Allison Breininger	Birthday
December 12 <sup>th</sup>	Marv & Linda Bimberg	Anniversary
December 13 <sup>th</sup>	Nathan Rudeen	Birthday
December 16 <sup>th</sup>	Chuck McGriff William Rolf Kaylene Hautamaki	Birthday Birthday Birthday
December 17 <sup>th</sup>	Kurt Merkle	Birthday
December 18 <sup>th</sup>	Marilyn Scharlau	Birthday
December 21 <sup>st</sup>	Dennis & Janet Karius	Anniversary
December 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Chris Houck Naomi Lindh	Birthday Birthday
December 24 <sup>th</sup>	Tim Beach	Birthday
December 30 <sup>th</sup>	Logan Fahnhorst Grant Fahnhorst	Birthday Birthday
December 31 <sup>st</sup>	Anthony & Cora Miller	Anniversary



# Calendar

~ December 2018 ~						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						<b>1</b> 5p-6p Divine Service
<b>2</b> 9a-10a Divine Service 10:30a-11:30a Bible Class 9p-9p Advent by Candlelight (Glory of Christ Lutheran Church, 4040 MN-101, Minneapolis, MN 5)	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 9a-2:30p Quilting 7p-8p Elders 7:30p-8:30p Council	<b>5</b> 10a-11a Bible Study 11:30a-12p Mid-Week Advent Service 4:45p-5:30p Children's Chrmas Rehearsal 5:30p-6:30p Confirmation 5:30p-6:30p Moms' Group 6:15p-6:45p Gloria Christi Choir Rehearsal 6:15p-6:45p Handbell Choir Rehearsal 7p-7:45p Mid-Week Advent Service 7:45p-8:30p Adult Choir Rehearsal	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> 9a-11a Christmas Program Practice 5p-6p Divine Service
<b>9</b> 9a-10a Divine Service 10:30a-11:30a Bible Class 12p-1p Annual Voters Meeting	<b>10</b> 11a-11:30a Cherrywood Service 1p-2:30p Compassion Circle (Glory of Christ Lutheran Church), 4040 MN-101, Minneapolis, MN 5)	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> 10a-11a Bible Study 11:30a-12p Mid-Week Advent Service 4:45p-5:30p Children's Chrmas Rehearsal 5:30p-6:30p Confirmation 5:30p-6:30p Mom's Group 6:15p-6:45p Gloria Christi Choir Rehearsal 6:15p-6:45p Handbell Choir Rehearsal 7p-7:45p Mid-Week Advent Service 7:45p-8:30p Adult Choir Rehearsal	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> 10a-11a Christmas Program Practice 5p-6p Divine Service
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<b>23</b> 9a-10a Divine Service 10:30a-11:30a Bible Class	<b>24</b> 5p-6p Christmas Eve Service	<b>25</b> 9a-10a Christmas Divine Service	<b>26</b> 9:15a-9:45a Morning Prayer Service 10a-11a Bible Study	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> 5p-6p Divine Service



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- December 2018 -						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>30</b> 9a-10a Divine Service 10:30a-11:30a Bible Class	<b>31</b>	<b>Notes:</b>				