

## **GLORY OF CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH**

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# Newsletter

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# Pastor's Letter

Rev. Jeremiah Johnson

Creation ... so what's the alternative?

In just a little more than a week, we'll be hosting our modified rendition of VBS this year: "Creation Stations: A Hands-On Journey." In this one-day, interactive VBS, children and adults will travel through the seven days of creation, playing with light, studying birds, planting seeds and doing a variety of other activities linked to each day. So when people step foot into our church that day, we will be sending a not-so-subtle message: God said that he made the world in seven days (if you count the rest day) and we believe it.

When we behold the vast universe around us and ask, "how did all this get here?", our answer is simple: "I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth." That's what most of us were taught from our very childhood. But as you know, there is a very different story about how we came to be being told in classrooms and journals and conferences. Typically that story does not involve a Heavenly Father designing and shaping his creation. Instead, it involves the mechanisms of accident, probability, and time. Perhaps you're very familiar with this story, or perhaps you've never given it a second thought. But as Christians, it's important for us to be able to talk intelligently with other people who don't believe the same way that we do, so we would do well to pause for a minute and think about the alternative stories that seek to answer the question, "how did we get here?"

Now the creation vs. evolution debate is complicated, and there are a lot of nuances to it, so there's no way I'm going to be able to cover such a big topic in such a short newsletter article. We'll have to be selective. So what I want to do is focus on two big ideas that are key to many of the alternative stories about how we came to be.

The first idea is *naturalism*: the belief that there is nothing outside of the natural world (so there is nothing supernatural). Naturalism argues that *everything* can be explained by natural, mechanistic means. This includes not only photosynthesis and the orbit of the sun but also love, beauty, and the experience of the divine. By definition, naturalism says that miracles can't happen, because miracles are, by definition, supernatural.

The second idea is evolution, or if we want to be more technical, neo-Darwinian evolution. The *neo-Darwinian* part is important because we all recognize that evolution happens on *some* scale or another.

The genetic traits of worms and ferns and horses and all sorts of animals have changed and adapted over the years, and we can rightly call that evolution. But even after that process, worms are still worms, ferns are still ferns, and horses are still horses. What is unique about Darwin is that he proposed that one species could evolve *into a new one*. (which we have never witnessed) The neo- part of neo-Darwinism is because even evolutionists don't accept a number of Darwin's original ideas. So this is Darwinian evolution version 2.0 (or later).

Naturalism and neo-Darwinian evolution (which I'm just going to call "evolution" from this point on) create quite a few challenges, and we would do well to be familiar with them. We'll discuss three: origin vs. creation, morality, and a closed system, morality.

#### Origin vs. creation

Let's start with an easy one. Simply put, evolution doesn't answer the question of where the universe ultimately came from. To be precise, the theory of evolution attempts to explain how everything living came to be the way that it is, but it doesn't really say where all the building blocks of life came from. The big bang theory (which is almost always the partner to the theory of evolution) attempts to explain how the universe came to be ordered the way it is, from atomic structure to the organization of the galaxies. But where did all that stuff that the universe is made of *ultimately* come from? Ask any scientist and they'll tell you that neither the big bang theory nor the theory of evolution attempt to answer that question. They simply can't answer the question, "why is there something rather than nothing?" Both of these theories assume that *something* is already there in the universe.

This is one way that our doctrine of creation is different. Ours is not just an explanation of why things are ordered in the universe the way they are, but it tells us where all that stuff comes from. So we could say that the theory of evolution is a theory of origins, but Genesis teaches us about creation.

#### A closed system

Naturalism claims that the natural world is all there is (or at least all that we can experience). So by definition, divine intervention is automatically ruled out. So naturalism is often used to argue that all those miracles in the Bible couldn't have happened or had to have some natural explanation. The sun never stood still, the Red Sea was pushed back by a stiff breeze, and water into wine was just and old wives' tale. Likewise, naturalism argues that God didn't really create the world just by talking at it. Naturalism assumes that life came about by purely natural mechanisms—no hand of God there.

But one of the great challenges is that it's logic is self-defeating. Naturalism claims that the only things that are real are the things we can detect, and the only things we can detect are in the natural world. Let me use an analogy to show why naturalism can't really say that nothing exists outside of the natural world.

Suppose someone took you and a few other people and put you in a house with no doors, no windows, and completely isolated from the outside world. Also suppose that there's a smart guy there who's got a whole host of electronic equipment: shortwave radio, sonar, infrared camera, x-ray machine, and a dozen more instruments. Now for weeks and months on end, he painstakingly uses each one of these instruments to try and detect something beyond the walls of the house, and every time he finds nothing.

So at the end of a year, he authoritatively declares, "I've proved that there's nothing out there. This is all there is to the universe." The problem is, how would he know? If the house's walls were completely shielded from all of his instruments, he would never really know if there was anything outside of it or not.

Naturalism suffers from the same problem. Naturalism is like the guy in the house that says, "I've proved that there's nothing else out there." But the only thing he proved is that his instruments couldn't detect anything outside of the house. It neither confirms or denies the existence of anything outside of the house.

#### Morality

Evolution may offer an explanation of the origin of life (dubious as it may be), but it has a very difficult time accounting for morality. If we are all the products of millions of chance mutations, sorted out by natural selection over billions of years, then we have no obligations to a creator nor are we beholden to any larger design. If evolutionary theory is right, what is to prevent me from going next door, tying up my neighbor, and taking all his stuff? "That's wrong!" you say. But why? If I'm ultimately the product of chance, chance has no morality. Genetic mutations cannot tell me what is right and what is wrong. Natural selection cannot tell me what is good and what is evil. If I am merely a product of chance and time, there is no reason why your moral judgment has any more authority than mine. In order to say "that's wrong", I would need someone with authority to tell me. I would need some ultimate basis on which our actions could be judged. I would need something like ... God.

Of course, this question has been kicked around more than once, and plenty of people have offered their suggestions. One such suggestion is that morality is sort of woven into the fabric of our existence. But that still requires some kind of great designer pushing the buttons and pulling the levers behind the universe. Another suggestion has been to define morality as "whatever creates the greatest good for the greatest number of people." Of course, the problem with that is: who determines what is good to begin with? Finally, one of the more disturbing (albeit consistent) suggestions is to make "survival of the fittest" a moral principle unto itself. The idea would be that we should always favor the strong and the intelligent and the healthy over the weak and the dumb and the frail. Unfortunately, this is exactly the line of thinking that has encouraged the neglect or even the murder of the handicapped, the mentally disabled, and the other marginalized of society.

Every civilization has a sense of right and wrong. The very fact that we can point to genocide and rape and oppression and say, "that's immoral" assumes that we have some sort of objective, shared morality. So even if you believe that evolution provides the best explanation for how we got here, you still have to find an answer to the question: "where did morality come from?"

Have I done justice to this topic? Not by a long shot. But I hope that you'll talk winsomely with friends and neighbors about what they believe about how we all got here. And I hope that you can use some of these challenges to the evolutionary worldview to gently probe some of their assumptions. Ultimately, I pray that you would be able to share the good news of God's work of creation and his ultimate act of re-creation through Jesus Christ.

Pastor Johnson

First Week in Lent March 5, 2017 – Matthew 4:1-11

#### "The Lord's Victory of Temptation"

Beloved in the Lord, **rejoice** in your Lord's temptation! Rejoice that Satan assaults the word made flesh in the wilderness! This is preciously why Jesus was born in Bethlehem's stable! This is why Jesus was baptized! It was to enter into battle with the devil and win! For your sake and for your crown of life! Satan's goal is always to drive us away from the word of God, and to think about anything else **but** our Lord's words of life. By virtue of your baptism you have a huge target on you and Satan is always aiming for you. Satan certainly goes after God's own. He already has the unbelieving, undead masses of the world. There's little work for Him to do there! Satan is frustrated that despite your stumbling's, despite your sometimes-closed ears to God's word, despite your sins- you have something bigger and better marked on you, the cross and work of the Crucified Christ given in the waters of your Holy Baptism. The battle, in an eternal sense is already won, "It is finished!"

#### Second Week in Lent March 12, 2017 - John 3:1-17

Jesus reveals a profound mystery to Nicodemus: "unless one is born from above he cannot see the kingdom of God." Now there's a debate about whether this should be translated "one is born again" or "one is born from above." Both are legitimate translations—the word could mean either in the Greek. Nicodemus understands Jesus to be saying that he should be born *again*, because he asks how a man can be born a *second* time. But Jesus reveals that he's talking about being born of water and the Spirit, that is, to be born *from above*.

And that's the only way we can enter into God's Kingdom. We need to start all over and be born, not like Nicodemus thought, returning to our mother's womb, but to be born of God. That's what happens in baptism—we are born, we come alive by water and the Spirit. Baptism is the womb of the church, and whether we are young or old, we are all newborns at the baptismal font. The Father is the name on the birth certificate, and we are born into a family that will never die.

Third Week in Lent March 19, 2017 - John 4:5-26

#### "Water, water, everywhere"

Our Old Testament and our Gospel lessons both feature water prominently. In Exodus 17, as the Israelites are trudging through the wilderness, they grumble that they can't find anything to drink. With *some* sympathy for the Israelites, we should remember that the Sinai Peninsula (where they're wandering) is an arid region with very few sources of fresh water. And wandering around in the desert for a few days with no drinking fountains in sight is bound to make any of us a little panicky. But with laser precision, Moses diagnosed their problem. It's not just that they were thirsty. They were doubting whether or not God was really with them.

But the Lord had mercy on them, told Moses to go hit a rock, and it gushed enough water for thousands upon thousands (millions perhaps) of Israelites to drink.

In John 4, Jesus bumps into a Samaritan woman at Jacob's well and asks her for a drink. But even though he's asked *her* for a drink, Jesus says reveals that he is able to give her *living* water. Still thinking about the stuff in the well, the woman basically says, "but you don't have a bucket." But Jesus isn't talking about the kind of water that came from the well or the rock, but the water of eternal life.

As we thirst in the wilderness of our world, we may be tempted to ask the very same question as the Israelites: is God among us or not? The Lord may have provided water for the Israelites from the rock, but Jesus offers us water that will well up to eternal life. Is God really among us? Yes. The waters of baptism affirm it.

#### Fourth Week in Lent March 26, 2017 - John 9:1-41

Blindness and sight, darkness and light: these themes dominate our readings today. Isaiah rebukes the people of God for their blindness—their lack of faith and trust in God. But the Lord will restore their sight. In the Gospel lesson, Jesus restores the sight of a man born blind. But the greater miracle is not when the man can physically see, but when he comes to believe in Jesus. (v35-38) In Ephesians, Paul reminds us that all of us were in the darkness of sin and death. But our Lord has brought us into his light, and now we walk as children of light (v8). This is just as Isaiah prophesied, "I will turn the darkness before them into light..." (v16)

God is seen by those who are capable of seeing him, once they have the eyes of the soul opened. All men have eyes, but some have eyes which are hooded by cataracts and do not see the light of the sun. But the light of the sun does not fail to shine just because the blind do not see; the blind must blame themselves and their eyes. So, you also have cataracts over the eyes of your soul because of your sins and wicked deeds... But if you will you can be cured. Deliver yourself to the physician, and he will cure the eyes of your soul and heart. Who is the physician? He is God, who heals and gives life through the Word and wisdom.

Theophilus of Antioch



Lenten Services: 11:30 AM & 7:00 PM March 1 – April 5. Because of this, the Wednesday 9:15 am Prayer Services will not take place again until after Easter. Wednesday morning Bible Class will still continue.

Saturday Evening Divine Service: 5:00 PM

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

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 Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church, Plymouth, and Pastor Tom Stoebig and Pastor Joe Behnke, Eternal Hope Lutheran, Brooklyn Park, and Pastor Roger Dramstad, Glory of Christ Lutheran Church, Plymouth and Pastor Jeremiah Johnson and Pastor Kyle Krueger and for Grace International Lutheran, worshiping at Peace Lutheran, Robbinsdale and Pastor Isaac Williams.

**VBS 2017:** You have received an email about **Creation Stations: A Hands-On Journey.** You have read about it in the newsletter. You have seen the table in Narthex. Is Creation Stations on your calendar? **March 11<sup>th</sup>! NEXT WEEK!** 12:30-5pm (the event runs from 1-4). We need families to participate and volunteers to run the stations! Please plan to attend!

**Thank you** to all who have signed up for the **Blood Drive** on Monday. All times have been filled!!!

**Congregation Informational Meeting:** There is a congregation informational meeting regarding our building project **THIS SUNDAY March 5**<sup>th</sup> right after Bible Study. We will bring everyone up to date on the latest construction plans and costs. Please plan to attend.

Congregational Voters Meeting: There is a congregation voters meeting on Sunday March 19<sup>th</sup> after Bible Study, regarding the building project and costs. Please plan to attend this important meeting!

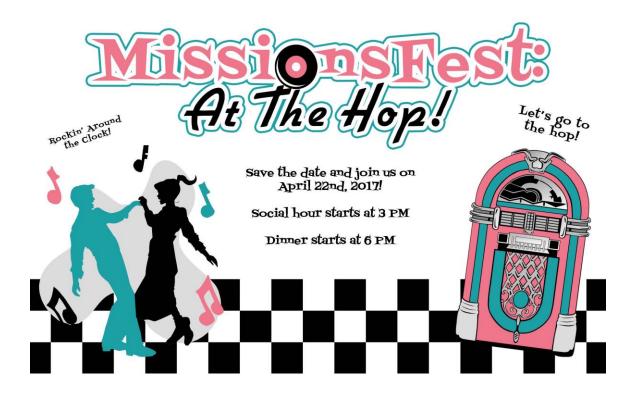
**Lenten Services:** We will once again have Mid-Week Lenten Services at 11:30 am, with a soup lunch following and a 7:00 pm evening Lenten service every Wednesday through April 5<sup>th</sup>. Dinners will be provided by various groups from our congregation each Wednesday evening beginning at 6:00 pm. Maundy Thursday and Good Friday services will be on April 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm with two Easter services at 8:00 am and 10:30 am on Sunday, April 16<sup>th</sup>. Elders will once again serve a wonderful Easter breakfast between the services that morning. Please plan to join us!

#### **Groups Serving Dinners during the Lenten Season:**

March 8<sup>th</sup> – Young Adults – Homemade Soups March 15<sup>th</sup> – Church Council – BBQ Pulled Pork Sandwiches March 22<sup>nd</sup> – Choir/Bells – Lasagna, Salad and bread March 29<sup>th</sup> – Sunday School Teachers & Families – Bake Potatoes/Fixins April 5<sup>th</sup> – Altar Guild – Hot dishes, Salads

**POBLO International:** The NW Suburban Circuit of the Twin Cities is exploring opportunities for mission work in the inner ring suburbs. POBLO International, a Mission society of the LCMS, will be assisting our circuit churches in the possibility of establishing an International Friendship Center in the Western Suburbs. Please see the flyers in the Narthex regarding an informational event on **March 25**th **at 9:00 am to be held here at Glory of Christ Lutheran Church.** There is a sign up sheet on the table in the Narthex. Questions? Please ask Pastor Krueger.

Remember in our Prayers: Idena Hagen, Sean Breininger, Lisa Brackmann, Arta Walter, Paul Johnson, Ann Olson, Lee Hart, CLEF, Lutheran Synod of Mexico, Shelby Klapprich (Friend of Jen & Ben Schaumburg), Terrie Barnhardt (Daughter of Arta Walter), Sarah Miller, Isaiah Homrighausen, (Grandson of Mike and Sarah Miller), Gen Dykhoff, Leo Esget and Mandy Ewig (Daughter of Mike & Lea Connealy).



MissionsFest – April 22<sup>nd</sup> "At the Hop"! Update: We do our best to incorporate feedback into our planning each year for MissionsFest. We would like to briefly update you on two items from last year, as we prepare for another great event! There have been requests to have babysitting provided in the past. After much consideration and research, we will not be providing any babysitting services during the event. Please plan to make other arrangements as you consider attending MissionsFest.

Also, we have received a great deal of feedback about the Lightening Rounds from the last two years. We will be modifying them to allow for the events of the evening to flow more smoothly. Rather than interrupt the live auction items, we will start MissionsFest with all the silent auction items displayed and open for sealed bids. We will stagger the closing of the tables to allow for those who do not win an item to bid on other items. Thank you for your continued support of missions at Glory of Christ. We look forward to seeing you again this year, "At the Hop"!

#### +Mission of the Month+

In the coming months, we will give information and updates on the mission work and projects we are involved in as a congregation. For February, we are focusing on:



Glory of Christ has supported Tyler Mcmiller for the last three years. Our congregation has given \$10,000 to Tyler's work each year, for a total of \$30,000 in mission support. He has worked in the Lutheran Synod of mexico the last couple of years, but is curretly deployed to the Dominican Republic.

Tyler McMiller is an LCMS missionary in the Dominican Republic, Santo Domingo. Tyler partners with local church leaders and other LCMS missionaries to strengthen the existing Dominican Republic Lutheran church in Santo Domingo. He assists with the publication of a new Lutheran hymnal for the Spanish-speaking world. He also helps coordinate translation projects of theological material used in developing Hispanic pastors. In addition, Tyler presents workshops with a Christian focus in public and private schools, allowing him to build relationships and invite the students to Church and youth activities.



Tyler is a competent musician and leads



the music at several mission locations, offering music classes as a way to evangelize and build contacts. His work in Santo Domingo is also, in conjunction with the new seminary construction in Santiago, DR to meet with the youth and motivate talented young men to consider being Pastors. He currently meets with two young men, Jerry (16 years old) and Miguel (15 years old) for the expressed purpose of preparing them for future seminary studies.

Tyler's wife, Yanela, joins him on the missionary field in the Dominican Republic. She is a teacher and has worked several years at the Lutheran school in Licey, Dominican Republic. Upon finishing his time in the DR he plans to study at Concordia Fort Wayne for the Pastoral Ministry.

Tyler thanks you for your prayers and your generous offering to his mission work.

#### **The Importance of Attending Mid-Week Lenten Services:**

Throughout the history of the Christian Church, the faithful have gathered for worship, not only on Sundays, but also throughout the week to receive God's gifts. Even today, it is not uncommon to find churches that offer daily opportunities to come to church for a service of prayer and God's word.

Our congregation has appointed a few times throughout the course of the year for 'mid-week' worship. During the season of Lent, we are called to come to the church for worship on Wednesdays for six

consecutive weeks. During Holy Week, we are called to come to church on Maundy Thursday and Good Friday.

Why is it important to respond to the call to come these 'mid-week' services? For one, they mark the most significant events in the life of our Lord, Jesus Christ. As followers of Christ, we want to be with Him and celebrate His life as He gives us His very life! Compare this to the birthday or anniversary of a child or parent or dear friend. We surely would not miss attending the occasion unless it was impossible to be present.

Secondly, it is important to *allow* these times to interrupt our daily routine. When the church calls its people to come to God's house during the mid-week, it is an interruption to our regular routine, and we all like our routines. When the call to set aside the time and rearrange our routine comes, it is a refreshing opportunity to see the presence of Jesus in the midst of our day to day life. It also presents the opportunity

for the strengthening of self-discipline to set aside *what can be set aside* for the sake of hearing the Word, prayer and the precious sacrament.



#### +2017 Lenten Worship Schedule+

Wednesday Midweek Services- Morning Prayer- 11:30am. Prayer and Preaching- 7pm.

Maundy/Holy Thursday, April 13<sup>th</sup> - 7:00pm Divine Service w/ stripping of the Altar

Good Friday, April 14<sup>th</sup> - 7:00pm Tenebrae Vespers



Easter Sunday, April 16<sup>th</sup>- 8:00am Divine Service 9:30am Easter Breakfast 10:30am Divine Service





For our February meeting the Compassion Circle made 153 Valentine bags for the students and 23 gift cards for the staff at Trinity First Luther School in Minneapolis. For our meeting on **March 13**, we will be making Easter cards to be sent to shut-ins and others. **We will begin making cards at 10:00 and have our regular meeting starting at 1:00.** Bring your own lunch and enjoy fellowship while making cards. See you then.

**March Quilting Dates:** Tuesdays March 7<sup>th</sup> and March 21<sup>st</sup> at 9:00 am. Please bring your own lunch. Thank you to all who have donated material to the quilters! We have enough now to last until after the remodel project.



Dawn Rolf, 612-296-9479 dawnrolf@gmail.com



This year our VBS is taking on a new twist, while reviewing last year's theme, and we'd love for you and your entire family to be a part of it!

Please join us for *Creation Stations: A Hands on Journey* Saturday, March 11 from 1-4

Please bring *your family* to experience God's creation through a number of hands on activities. Children and parents will rotate through stations such as raptor demonstrations, pony rides, crafts, activities, and MORE!

Please plan to attend! Invite your friends and neighbors to join us as well!

We look forward to seeing you and your children for our special VBS event and look forward to seeing you in our newly remodeled building during VBS 2018: Faithfulness through the Flood.



Dear Members of Glory of Christ,

With our snow having melted and temperatures beginning to warm-up, we are getting closer to a groundbreaking on our facility expansion project. With that said, much has been done by the Building Committee but there is still plenty of work to be completed before the frost is out of the ground and work can begin.

Since the building project is probably top-of-mind for most of us at this point, I would like to remind you of a couple of very important meetings on the calendar. First, there will be an informational meeting this Sunday, March 5<sup>th</sup>, following Bible study to bring everyone up to speed on the status of the facility design effort, scope and cost. Please plan to attend this meeting as it will serve as important context for the Voter's meeting that will occur 2 weeks later. Following the informational meeting, any required resolutions to be considered at the Voter's meeting will be drafted and distributed electronically and/or published in the bulletin. In so doing, we aim to allow everyone to consider what will be discussed at the Voter's meeting and have ample opportunity to consider any questions they may have.

Thank you for your continued support and I wish you all a very blessed Lententide.

In Christ,

David Teske Council President

#### **Glory of Christ Lutheran Church** January 2017 YTD Income Statement January 31, 2017

			Jan 2017					YTD 2017		
		Actual	Budget	0	ver (Under) Budget	-	Actual	Budget	0	ver (Under) Budget
Income	-	710101			Buuget	-	7.01.01			Buuget
Designated Funds Applied		21,088.57			21,088.57		21,088.57	(4)		21,088.57
General Offerings		58,562.17	53,062.81		5,499.36		58,562.17	53,062.81		5,499.36
Interest Income		647.91	416.67		231.24		647.91	416.67		231.24
Other Income		1,352.11	666.66		685.45		1,352.11	666.66		685.45
Silent Auction Receipts			(i=)				+7	(*)		
Sunday School Offerings		30.05	166.67		(136.62)		30.05	166.67		(136.62)
Total Income	\$	81,680.81	\$ 54,312.81	\$	27,368.00	\$	81,680.81	\$ 54,312.81	\$	27,368.00
Expenses										
Designated Expenses		21,088.57			21,088.57		21,088.57	*		21,088.57
Education		3,060.12	3,546.61		(486.49)		3,060.12	3,546.61		(486.49)
General and Administration		4,934.76	3,588.34		1,346.42		4,934.76	3,588.34		1,346.42
Missions		7,500.00	7,500.00		ā		7,500.00	7,500.00		5
Music		4,223.16	4,138.33		84.83		4,223.16	4,138.33		84.83
Occupancy		15,035.94	9,036.76		5,999.18		15,035.94	9,036.76		5,999.18
Pastoral Support		20,105.81	21,940.29		(1,834.48)		20,105.81	21,940.29		(1,834.48)
Total Expenses	\$	75,948.36	\$ 49,750.33	\$	26,198.03	\$	75,948.36	\$ 49,750.33	\$	26,198.03
Net Income - Accrual Basis	\$	5,732.45	\$ 4,562.48	\$	1,169.97	\$	5,732.45	\$ 4,562.48	\$	1,169.97
Depreciation expense (add back)		3,484.67	3,484.67		-	70.7	3,484.67	3,484.67		20
Net Income - Cash Basis	\$	9,217.12	\$ 8,047.15	\$	1,169.97	\$	9,217.12	\$ 8,047.15	\$	1,169.97

- <u>Summary of Results:</u>
   General offerings are \$95.5k favorable to plan for the month of January and YTD 2017.
- G&A expenses are unfavorable YTD due to increased office supply expense and payment of advertisements.
- Pastoral Support YTD is trending favorable to budget due to the timing of healthcare claim payments.
- Occupancy expenses are unfavorable to budget in January due to repairs made to the sprinkler system and furnace.
- Non-cash depreciation expense is included in the "Occupancy" expense line item above. Total YTD Depreciation expense was \$3.5k. See cash basis net income presented above.

#### Glory of Christ Lutheran Church Balance Sheet

As of January 31, 2017

		1/31/2017	12/31/2016	Change
ASSETS	8			
Current Assets				
Bank Accounts				
Checking		52,317.69	68,573.26	(16,255.57)
LCEF Stewardship Account		909,590.99	858,943.08	50,647.91
Savings		6,118.91	6,118.91	1.00
Total Bank Accounts	\$	968,027.59	\$ 933,635.25	\$ 34,392.34
Accounts Receivable				
Accounts Receivable	70 <u>-</u>	1941	33,099.29	(33,099.29)
Total Accounts Receivable	\$	=	\$ 33,099.29	\$ (33,099.29)
Other Current Assets				
Due from CLEF		7,676.96	1,720.09	5,956.87
Prepaid Expenses				-
Prepaid Expenses - Day School Expenses		12,186.43	15,233.04	(3,046.61)
Prepaid Expenses - Insurance		5,083.29	5,718.71	(635.42)
Total Prepaid Expenses	·	17,269.72	20,951.75	(3,682.03)
Total Other Current Assets	(A	24,946.68	22,671.84	2,274.84
Total Current Assets	ψ.	992,974.27	989,406.38	3,567.89
Fixed Assets				
Church Building		1,867,811.83	1,867,811.83	-
Accumulated Depreciation - Building		(431,441.57)	(428, 197.65)	(3,243.92)
Total Church Building	100	1,436,370.26	1,439,614.18	(3,243.92)
Equipment		116,813.49	116,813.49	2
Accumulated Depreciation - Equipment	·	(39,658.70)	(39,417.95)	(240.75)
Total Equipment	8 <del></del>	77,154.79	77,395.54	(240.75)
Land		70,000.00	70,000.00	550
Total Fixed Assets	12	1,583,525.05	1,587,009.72	(3,484.67)
TOTAL ASSETS	1	2,576,499.32	2,576,416.10	83.22

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As of January 31, 2017

	1/31/2017	12/31/2016	Change
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	0		22.
Liabilities			
Current Liabilities			
Accounts Payable	5,000.00	5,000.00	7 <u>2</u> 7
Total Accounts Payable	5,000.00	5,000.00	1740
Other Current Liabilities			
403(b) - Krueger		160.00	(160.00)
Total 403(b) Liabilities	9	160.00	(160.00)
Total SelectCare Liabilities	302.91	274.45	28.46
Total Other Current Liabilities	302.91	434.45	(131.54)
Total Current Liabilities	5,302.91	5,434.45	(131.54)
Total Liabilities	5,302.91	5,434.45	(131.54)
Equity			
Designated Fund Balances - Equity			-
Capital Campaign Fund		<u> </u>	-
Gift From Thalia	347,621.47	368,710.04	(21,088.57)
Member Contributions	344,293.54	328,878.66	15,414.88
Total Capital Campaign Fund	691,915.01	697,588.70	(5,673.69)
Capital Improvement Fund	103,746.79	103,746.79	170
Endowment Fund	25,000.00	25,000.00	-
Missions	144.34	138.34	6.00
Youth	8,191.74	8,041.74	150.00
Total Designated Fund Balances - Equity	828,997.88	834,515.57	(5,517.69)
Opening Bal Equity	148,131.40	148,131.40	\$ <b>7</b> \$
Paid-In Capital or Surplus	1,598,593.90	1,598,593.90	020
Retained Earnings	(10,259.22)	(9,925.43)	(333.79)
Net Income	5,732.45	(333.79)	6,066.24
Total Equity	2,571,196.41	2,570,981.65	214.76
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	2,576,499.32	2,576,416.10	83.22

### Glory of Christ Lutheran Church Statement of Cash Flows

January 2017

		Total
OPERATING ACTIVITIES	\(\frac{1}{2}\)	150
Net Income	\$	5,732.45
Adjustments to reconcile Net Income to Net Cash provided by operations:		
Accounts Receivable		33,099.29
Due from CLEF		(5,956.87)
Prepaid Expenses:Prepaid Expenses - Day School Expenses		3,046.61
Prepaid Expenses:Prepaid Expenses - Insurance		635.42
Church Building: Accumulated Depreciation - Building		3,243.92
Equipment:Accumulated Depreciation - Equipment		240.75
403(b) Liabilities:403(b) - Krueger		(160.00)
Payroll Liabilities:Federal Income Tax W/h		1.50
Payroll Liabilities:FICA Payable		1579
Payroll Liabilities: Minnesota Withholding		(FE)
SelectCare Liabilities:FSA - Johnson		100.00
SelectCare Liabilities:FSA - Krueger		97.64
SelectCare Liabilities:HRA - Fehrmann		(79.28)
SelectCare Liabilities:HRA - Johnson		(50.50)
SelectCare Liabilities:HRA - Krueger	185	(39.40)
Total Adjustments to reconcile Net Income to Net Cash provided by operations:	\$	34,177.58
Net cash provided by operating activities	\$	39,910.03
FINANCING ACTIVITIES		
Designated Fund Balances - Capital Campaign Fund: Gift From Thalia		(21,088.57)
Designated Fund Balances - Capital Campaign Fund: Member Contributions		15,414.88
Designated Fund Balances - Missions		6.00
Designated Fund Balances - Youth		150.00
Net cash provided by financing activities	\$	(5,517.69)
Net cash increase for period	\$	34,392.34
Cash at beginning of period		933,635.25
Cash at end of period	\$	968,027.59

<u>Serving Sunday</u> :	(March 5, 2017)
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Coffee Servers: Mark & Karen Swenson

Acolyte: Cailin Argent

Elders: Ben Rolf & Paul Koosman

Ushers: David Barnaby & Ben Schaumburg

Tech Duty: Ryan Marshall

Altar Guild: Brenda Richards & Gloria Doehling

Offering Counters:
Bread Baker:
Bread Deliverer:
Bob & Arlene Strom
Charlotte Smith
Sharla Woolfolk

#### Serving Wednesday: (March 8, 2017)

Acolyte: Maddie Nelson
Ushers: David Werts & ??

#### Serving Sunday: (March 12, 2017)

Coffee Servers: Ryan & Maddie Marshall

Acolyte: Bryce Wikman

Elders: Ben Rolf & Paul Koosman Ushers: Jim Fahnhorst & Chris Houck

Tech Duty: Travis Dorweiler

Altar Guild: Jill Larson & Gayle McGriff

Offering Counters: Kent Rudeen & Janelle Franzmeier

Bread Baker: Charlotte Smith Bread Deliverer: Beth Schoolman

#### **Serving Wednesday:** (March 15, 2017)

Acolyte: Cailin Argent

#### **Serving Sunday:** (March 19, 2017)

Coffee Servers: Mike & Stephanie Johnson

Acolyte: Bri Dorweiler

Elders: Ben Rolf & Paul Koosman Ushers: Patton Hoffarth & Jesse Huber

Tech Duty: Josh Christian

Altar Guild: Jan Diemand & Julie Anderson

Offering Counters: Jeremy & Jill Eickhoff

Bread Baker: Gayle Barnaby
Bread Deliverer: Lori Beck

Serving Wednesday: (March 22, 2017)

Acolyte: ??

Ushers: Steve Rains & Bruce Larson

**Serving Sunday:** (March 26, 2017)

Coffee Servers: Heath & Danielle Brolsma

Acolyte: ??

Processional: Bill Anderson III

Elders: Ben Rolf & Paul Koosman

Ushers: Travis Dorweiler & Paul Koosman

Tech Duty: Ryan Marshall

Altar Guild: Barb Rains & Brenda Richards
Offering Counters: Craig & Charlotte Smith

Bread Baker: Cheryl McCreary
Bread Deliverer: Carl Hartness

**Serving Wednesday:** (March 29, 2017)

Acolyte: ?



# Birthdays & Anniversaries

March 1st	Laura Thurk	Birthday
March 6 <sup>th</sup>	David & Naomi Teske	Anniversary
March 7 <sup>th</sup>	Ann Olson Kelly Dorweiler Caleb DeBlois	Birthday Birthday Birthday
March 9 <sup>th</sup>	Josh Olson	Birthday
March 10 <sup>th</sup>	Carl Hartness	Birthday
March 12 <sup>th</sup>	Andrea Bergan	Birthday
March 13 <sup>th</sup>	Alex Houck	Birthday
March 15 <sup>th</sup>	Ben Schaumburg David Thurk	Birthday Birthday
March 17 <sup>th</sup>	Rebecca Neumann	Birthday
March 19 <sup>th</sup>	Todd & Christine Zitzlsperger	Anniversary
March 21 <sup>st</sup> March 26 <sup>th</sup>	Alex Lindh Chelsie Ofsthun Danny Corey	Birthday Birthday Birthday



~ March 2017 ~								
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat		
			1	2	3	4		
			Ash Wednesday			5p-6p Saturday Evening		
			10a-11a Bible Study			Divine Service		
			11:30a-12:30p Ash					
			Wednesday Divine Service					
			4p-5:30p Mom's Group 4:30p-5p Children's Choir					
			5p-5:30p Children's Chimes					
			5:30p-6:30p Confirmation					
			6:15p-6:45p Hand Bells					
			7p-8p Ash Wednesday Divine					
			Service					
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5	6	7	8	9	10	11		
9a-10a Divine Service		9a-2p Quilting	10a-11a Bible Study			1p-4p Creation Stations (VBS Event)		
10:30a-11:30a Bible Class/Sunday School		7p-8p Elders	11:30a-12p Mid-Week Lenten Service			5p-6p Saturday Evening		
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			4:30p-5p Children's Choir					
			5p-5:30p Children's Chimes					
			5:30p-6:30p Confirmation					
			6p-7p Lenten Dinner					
			6:15p-6:45p Hand Bells					
			7p-8p Mid-Week Lenten Service					
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12	13	14	15	16	17	18		
9a-10a Divine Service	10a-2:30p Compassion Circle		10a-11a Bible Study			5p-6p Saturday Evening		
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			Service					
			7:45p-8:45p Adult Choir					
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26	27	28	29	30	31	Notes:	
9a-10a Divine Service			10a-11a Bible Study				
10:30a-11:30a Bible Class/Sunday School			11:30a-12p Mid-Week Lenten Service				
			12p-1p Lenten Soup Lunch				
			4p-5:30p Mom's Group				
			4:30p-5p Children's Choir				
			5p-5:30p Children's Chimes				
			6p-7p Lenten Dinner				
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