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Newsletter

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Pastor's Letter

Rev. Kyle Krueger

Hymns: Singing Good Theology!

For our next Sunday Bible study series, we will consider and explore various hymns in Lutheran Service Book. This study will be mainly theological, but background information on the author and the context in which it was written will also be looked at.

With that in mind, I would like to unpack one of the most widely sung hymns of praise to God in the history of the Christian Church, *The Te Deum*. The most historic form can be found in our hymnal on page 223 in the Prayer Office of Matins. Toward that back of the hymnal you will find a few other versions of *The Te Deum* (939-941). Perhaps go look page 223 over before reading onward.

One of the many gifts that God has given to His people is the invitation to pray. It's pretty incredible when you think about it. As hard as you may try to speak with the President of the U.S. or the Governor or to a real person on Verizon's customer service line, you're chances of actually getting their individual attention is pretty small. But almighty God, the ruler of the Universe, who Created it all and holds it all together – we can always get right through to Him, with no 'wait time', and He always hears us and always answers us.

That's what we're doing when we sing the *Te Deum*. We are not just speaking to each other or to ourselves. Nor are we simply speaking 'about God.' We are speaking directly to God – "*We praise you, O God; we acknowledge You to be the Lord....*" We're speaking to the Triune God as though He were right here among us – which He is, OR as if we were present before His heavenly throne, which we are.

Writing to the Romans, Paul says, "*We do not know how to pray as we ought...*" We're not sure what to say or how to say it. So, some of the best praying that we do is when we use words that have been carefully worked out over time. That's what the "*Te Deum*" is. It's words that are given to us to speak to God, and it says it all so, so well. We begin with pure praise of God, which is always a good way to begin any prayer. We are not complaining or asking for anything. Simply praising and thanking Him for who He is and what He has done for us.

So, what usually happens when we praise God is, our prayer sounds a whole lot like a confession of faith. Almost like a Creed. We praise God simply by saying back to Him what He has first said to us. He says, "*I am the Lord your God.*" And we confess back to Him, "*we acknowledge you to be the Lord.*" The "*Te Deum*" merges together our prayer of praise and confession of faith into one glorious song.

Luther said that the “*Te Deum*” actually deserved to be ranked right alongside of the Apostles, Nicene and Athanasian Creeds as one of the ‘ecumenical’ confessions of the Christian faith. In other words, we are simply singing good theology!

There are a couple of things about the “*Te Deum*” that make it particularly special. First, we should be aware of the incredibly broad of this prayer. “*All the earth now worships You...*” Which means the whole creation, the ‘created things,’ from the farthest star in the sky to the deepest clam in the sea to the trees and flowers and all the animals, praise and confess God to be the Lord.

From “*all the earth*” it expands to “*the heavens and all the pow’rs therein.*” As we are used to praying, “*the whole company of heaven*” prays with us. “*The noble army of martyrs,*” “*the glorious company of the apostles,*” “*the goodly fellowship of the prophets*” “*the holy church throughout all the world,*” in one, cosmic choir.

So, as we sing the “*Te Deum*” we’re reminded that we’re not alone. Elijah thought he was the only person of faith left in the world. But here, we’re reminded that “*we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses...*” (Heb.12:1). And we add our voice to theirs and they add their voice to ours and heaven and earth and past and present and future are joined together – “*We praise You, O God, we acknowledge you to be the Lord...*” The second thing to be aware of is that our praise and confession is solidly centered in the mystery of the Trinity. “*The Father of an infinite majesty; Your adorable, true and only Son; also the Holy Ghost the Comforter.*” Father, Son and Holy Ghost, three persons, yet one God. Each ‘person’ is fully God, distinct from the others. And yet there are not three God but one God. The ‘mystery’ here is so profound that we can never get to the bottom of it. There is always more God to praise and always more wonder to ‘acknowledge’, and the song never grows old and we never grow weary of singing it.

Up until this point, all of our attention has been directed UPWARD. But now our attention is directed DOWNWARD. Even though the cross is not directly mentioned, we know why God came down. So here, our praise and confession are more solemn and humble, and the music sinks lower.

The *Te Deum* leads us to praise God for the wonder of the INCARNATION – God entered His own creation, not as almighty God, but as weak and helpless infant. And all for one purpose – to restore His creation to its intended goodness again and to redeem fallen and sinful man. The “*true, adorable and only Son,*” the “*king of glory,*” the “*everlasting Son of the Father*” atoned for the sin of the world by His DEATH, even death on a cross.

This is the love of God for you and for me and for “*all the earth.*” Here we proclaim the DEATH and the RESURRECTION and the ASCENSION of the Son of God who, by His love has “*opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers.*” When we sing the *Te Deum* we are singing the pure theology of the gospel! The good news of life and salvation that we could not win for ourselves, but that God has won for us in His Son, Jesus Christ – while we were still sinners. Sounds like good biblical theology to me!

Having voiced our praise to God and acknowledged Him to be the Lord, even as our attention is ultimately focused on the cross of Christ, the direction of the “*Te Deum*” takes a turn. Up to this point, our voices have been joined with “*all the earth,*” and the “*heavens and all the powers therein.*” But now, we separate ourselves from the church triumphant and huddle up in the church militant. From pure praise of God with “*the heavens and all the powers therein,*” we, who are still in this world, this fallen and sinful world and who still daily struggle with the sin that is in us, ask God to “*help your servants*” so that we may “*never be confounded.*”

We are surrounded by evil and constantly faced with temptation to compromise what we know to be true and right for the sake of acceptance or material gain or to keep from losing something. We pray that the Lord would keep us in this *'one true faith'* until we breathe our final breath and our heart beats its final beat, and He *"makes us to be numbered with Your saints, in glory everlasting."*

So, the Te Deum is rooted in both the orthodox Christian faith based on God's word. It also captures our realistic human experience as God's people. We both acknowledge God to be the Lord and acknowledge our own weakness and frailty in this fallen and dangerous world.

It covers the whole gamut of things from the creation in the beginning to the consummation of the world on the last day when Jesus comes again. It brings us to the foot of the cross of Christ and takes us into the Kingdom of Heaven in the Spirit. It brings together the people of God in heaven and on earth and unites our voices together as *'One, holy Christian Church.'* Now, that's good theology that we can sing again and again!

In Christ,

Pastor Krueger



Worship this Month

The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

October 7, 2018

Genesis 2:18-25 & Mark 10:2-16

“Rend Asunder”

God did not create marriage as a temporary partnership to be dissolved by the will of man. This was the question of the Pharisees as they tested Jesus. *“Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?”* There were two views of divorce debated among the rabbis in Jesus day. One view was that divorce could take place for reasons of immorality or suspicions of immorality. The other view was that one's wife could be set aside for almost any reason of dissatisfaction. Jesus' answer cut through the legal haggling and returned to the original gift of God. His answer even brushed aside their convenient hiding place in Moses. What Moses had commanded, the writing of a certificate of divorce, was not commanded to condone divorce. It was done to protect the wife and give her some standing after the husband had cast her aside. As Jesus said, it was because of their hardness of heart that Moses gave this commandment. What they thought would justify their actions, Jesus used to condemn their thoughts and actions.

The Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost

October 14, 2018

Mark 10:17-22

“The Good”

“Good teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?” But Jesus responds, “why do you call me good? No one is good except God alone.” Therein lies the man's dilemma: he wanted to achieve what was good without reference to the one who is good.

When Jesus lists the commandments, it is noteworthy that he omits the first table—the ones about God. So when the rich man affirms that he's kept all the commandments about his neighbor, Jesus confronts him with the first commandment by asking him to give up what has apparently already become his god—his wealth. Sadly, when the man cannot part with this idol, he only affirms what Jesus told him from the beginning. There is only one who is good, only one who can fill the role of being god, and that is God alone.

The Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost

October 21, 2018

Mark 10:23-31

“Impossible with Man”

Last week, a wealthy man came to Jesus asking what he needed to do to inherit eternal life. To us, this seems like a brazen question, but probably not to the disciples. In Jesus' day, wealth was a sign of divine favor. So if there were someone voted “most likely to be in heaven,” it would probably be someone rich.

So when the rich man was rebuffed by Jesus, the disciples were amazed. “Who then can be saved?” they asked. “If the rich can't get in, then what hope do we have?” But the disciples were thinking in the same mode as the rich man. They thought that eternal life was something *they* were going to achieve. But Jesus puts this faulty thinking to rest once and for all. “With man it is impossible...” It is impossible for man to keep the commandments without fail, impossible to live the life that God requires, impossible to achieve eternal life.

But hope is not lost. For what is impossible with man is possible with God.

Reformation

October 28, 2018

Remember, Lord, your church, to save it from all evil and to make it perfect by your love. Make it holy, and gather it together from the four winds into your kingdom which you have made ready for it. For yours is the power and the glory forever.

--Didache



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 October:

October 7th – Ben & Jen Schaumburg

October 14th – Josh & Alicia Christian

October 21st – Garry & Cheryl McCreary

October 28th – Bill & Julie Anderson

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

Saturday Evening Divine Service 5:00 PM

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

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 Beautiful Savior Lutheran, Plymouth, and Pastor Tom Stoebig and Pastor Joe Behnke, Eternal Hope Lutheran, Brooklyn Park, and Vacancy Pastor Bill Hillyer, Glory of Christ Lutheran Church, Plymouth and Pastor Jeremiah Johnson and Pastor Kyle Krueger and Grace International Lutheran, worshipping at Peace Lutheran, Robbinsdale and pastor Isaac Williams.

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 November 5th** at 11:30 am. Please feel free to attend this service.

THE THIRTY-FIRST ANNUAL MINNESOTA LUTHERAN FREE CONFERENCE will be held Saturday, Oct. 27th at Redeemer Lutheran Church, 2719 – 3rd St. N St. Cloud, from 9:30 to 3:30. Registration opens at 8:30. The theme is: **“Wisdom & Folly in Fatherhood & Science”**. The speakers will be Dr. Gary Locklair from CUW, Mequon, WI, and Rev. Paul Harris, pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church, Austin, TX. Registration is \$25, which includes coffee, rolls, and lunch (\$10 for high school and college students). Though this fee is not due until you register at the door, the cooks at Redeemer would like to know if you're planning to attend & have lunch. So, on or before Monday, Oct, 22nd, please contact Redeemer at 320-252-8171, or email: office@redeemerstcloud.org to let them know you're planning to attend.

LADIES' NIGHT! Come for conversation, laughter and Christian fellowship. Bring a favorite beverage or snack and join us on Friday, November 2nd at 6:30 pm in the Fireside Room. ALL women in the congregation are invited.

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, Jack Hammang (Friend of Becky and Kelly Lane), John Mundt (Friend of Becky & Kelly Lane), Marcia Richards (Sister-in-law of Tom & Brenda Richards), Mark Desch (Father of Heather Brashear), Lavonne Coda (Mike Krause's Aunt), Arlene Finke (Janice Hartness's mother), Luke (Nephew of Laura Thurk) and Eric Lavanger (Tim Lavanger's brother).



Compassion Circle

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Compassion Circle meets the second Monday of the month at **1:00** for dessert, devotion, and fellowship. **Our next meeting will be October 8th.** We will be making cards for sending to members. Bring your lunch and ideas for making cards. We enjoy lots of fellowship while we work. See you then.

Quilting: Machines have been bussing, women chatting, laughing and hands are busy tying. Rena is making coffee! OH, it is already break time! Come & join the fun with our busy quilters. Next dates: Oct. 9, Oct. 23, Nov. 13, & Nov. 27th. Come anytime between 9:00am. & 3:00pm. Any questions; call Eunice at 763-493-5333.

Sewing for LWML Service Project - October 27th at St. John's Lutheran Church. Your congregation is invited to join our next Sewing Saturday. This time as an LWML Service Project. All are welcome to come and sew or tie blankets. Bring sewing machines & scissors. Fleece in 1.5 yards is also needed. We deliver finished sewing projects to pregnancy centers: City Life Center, Minneapolis and WomenSource, Anoka. Come anytime 9am - 3pm. Lunch is provided. Please RSVP for planning purposes to LeAnn Cummins 763-420-2317 or Gretchen Kliche 763-477-6163. St. John's Lutheran Church
9141 County Road 101 Corcoran, MN 55340



Youth

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Youth Group: Save the dates 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! Sunday October 28th 12-3pm. Lunch, devotion and shut-in visits. Sunday November 11th 12-? Lunch, devotion and FUN EVENT (Paintball, bowling, whirly-ball, etc.) - Send me your vote and I will look into possibilities! Sunday December TBD; January - Youth Lock-In Date TBD ~ Julie Anderson julesanders@live.com 612.791.0163. Thank You!

Listen to
Rev. Jeremiah Johnson
and Host
Pastor Jonathan Fisk

on



Tue., Oct. 9, at 8:00 a.m. CT
for
Sharper Iron
Lectionary study on
Hebrews 11:32d
“Heroes of the Faith Alone” Series



Glory of Christ Annual Chili Cook-Off!
Sunday, October 28th 5:00 pm

GoC Chili Cookoff Sunday, October 28th – Begins at 5:00 pm. Signup sheets are available in the Narthex. Make your best (and/or hottest) chili, most delicious pie or cornbread. Awesome prizes will be given for hottest chili, best tasting chili, pie and cornbread and best presentation for chili, pie and cornbread. Please join us for great food and fellowship!



Women of Glory of Christ
Save the date!
Advent by Candlelight Is Back!

Mark your calendars for Sunday December 2, 2018. The Women of Glory of Christ are celebrating Advent with an evening of dessert and entertainment in the Fellowship Hall.

Help is needed to make this happen --

We need 8 Table Hostesses. Duties include: Decorating and setting a table for six. Tables are the ones that we use in the Fellowship Hall.

This includes your own dishes, table cloth, and glassware, as well as decorating your table, and providing dessert for the table (beverages are provided). If you'd like to decorate a table but don't like to make a dessert or like to make a dessert but not set a table, we can still use your help! Please contact Beth Schoolman 612-518-9744 or beth.schoolman@gmail.com



Treasurer's Report

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Glory of Christ Lutheran Church August 2018 YTD Income Statement August 31, 2018

	Aug-18			YTD 2018		
	Actual	Budget	Fav (Unfav) to Budget	Actual	Budget	Fav (Unfav) to Budget
Income						
Designated Funds Applied	-	-	-	3,356.56	-	3,356.56
General Offerings	43,881.75	48,006.00	(4,124.25)	378,337.12	394,765.00	(16,427.88)
Interest Income	79.15	83.33	(4.18)	621.23	666.64	(45.41)
Other Income	588.90	916.66	(327.76)	16,494.59	7,333.28	9,161.31
Silent Auction Receipts	2,506.00	-	2,506.00	40,344.92	40,000.00	344.92
Sunday School Offerings	123.11	-	123.11	455.73	555.55	(99.82)
Total Income	\$ 47,178.91	\$ 49,005.99	\$ (1,827.08)	\$ 439,610.15	\$ 443,320.47	\$ (3,710.32)
Expenses						
Designated Expenses	-	-	-	3,356.56	-	(3,356.56)
Education	793.48	-	(793.48)	30,194.74	27,825.38	(2,369.36)
General and Administration	3,689.17	4,381.48	692.31	44,057.90	40,501.84	(3,556.06)
Missions	10,000.00	10,000.00	-	65,428.89	52,000.00	(13,428.89)
Music	1,954.35	2,024.73	70.38	24,656.54	26,270.09	1,613.55
Occupancy	13,118.01	25,968.09	12,850.08	93,619.74	125,727.62	32,107.88
Pastoral Support	27,578.16	27,797.56	219.40	194,949.05	203,395.48	8,446.43
Total Expenses	\$ 57,133.17	\$ 70,171.86	\$ 13,038.69	\$ 456,263.42	\$ 475,720.41	\$ 19,456.99
Net Income - Accrual Basis	\$ (9,954.26)	\$ (21,165.87)	\$ 11,211.61	\$ (16,653.27)	\$ (32,399.94)	\$ 15,746.67
Depreciation expense (add back)	4,289.08	9,668.09	(5,379.01)	31,095.00	48,327.62	(16,232.62)
Net Income - Cash Basis	\$ (5,665.18)	\$ (11,497.78)	\$ 5,832.60	\$ 14,441.73	\$ 13,927.68	\$ 514.05

Summary of Results:

- General offerings are \$4.0k unfavorable to budget for the month and are \$16.4k unfavorable YTD 2018.
- Other Income is \$9.1k favorable YTD driven by memorial donations of \$6.5k in May and \$3.5k in April.
- Silent Auction Receipts (MissionFest) are \$2.5k favorable for the month, and in-line with the budgeted \$40k overall receipts.
- G&A expenses are trending slightly unfavorable due to supply expenses.
- Mission expenses are unfavorable YTD due to the timing of the Mexico Mission trip travel 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 \$31.1k. 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
August 31, 2018

	Total		
	8/31/2018	7/31/2018	Change
ASSETS			
Current Assets			
Cash			
Checking - Hamel	25,308.13	33,351.29	(8,043.16)
Construction Account	50,803.41	46,353.89	4,249.52
LCEF Endowment Fund	25,578.00	25,578.00	-
LCEF Stewardship Account	70,690.00	120,610.85	(48,920.85)
Savings - Hamel	6,001.74	6,001.74	-
Total Cash	\$ 178,181.28	\$ 231,895.77	\$ (53,714.49)
Other Current Assets			
Due from CLEF	7,085.81	(591.15)	7,676.96
Marketable Securities	341,915.45	333,313.99	8,601.46
Prepaid Expenses	53,215.39	1,207.72	52,007.67
Total Other Current Assets	402,216.65	333,930.56	68,286.09
Total Current Assets	\$ 580,397.93	\$ 565,826.33	\$ 14,571.60
Fixed Assets			
Church Building (net)	1,374,735.78	1,377,979.70	(3,243.92)
Equipment (net)	72,580.54	72,821.29	(240.75)
Furniture & Fixtures (net)	71,864.36	72,668.77	(804.41)
Land	70,000.00	70,000.00	-
Signage	35,000.00	35,000.00	-
Construction In Progress	2,464,320.20	2,460,525.78	3,794.42
Total Fixed Assets	\$ 4,088,500.88	\$ 4,088,995.54	\$ (494.66)
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 4,668,898.81	\$ 4,654,821.87	\$ 14,076.94
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY			
Liabilities			
Payroll Liabilities (current)	(800.00)	(1,000.00)	200.00
Construction Loan (long-term)	1,258,978.62	1,258,978.62	-
Total Liabilities	\$ 1,258,178.62	\$ 1,257,978.62	\$ 200.00
Equity			
Designated Fund Balances			
Capital Campaign Fund	69,827.58	54,397.83	15,229.75
Endowment Fund	25,483.85	25,483.85	-
Estate Donations	341,915.45	333,313.99	8,601.46
Missions	1,081.19	1,081.19	-
Youth	541.70	541.70	-
Total Designated Fund Balances	438,649.77	414,818.56	23,831.21
Opening Bal Equity	148,131.40	148,131.40	-
Paid-In Capital or Surplus	1,598,593.90	1,598,593.90	-
Retained Earnings	1,241,998.37	1,241,998.38	(0.01)
Net Income	(16,853.25)	(6,698.99)	(9,954.26)
Total Equity	\$ 3,410,720.19	\$ 3,396,843.25	\$ 13,876.94
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	4,668,898.81	4,654,821.87	14,076.94

Glory of Christ Lutheran Church
Statement of Cash Flows
August 31, 2018

	Aug-18	YTD 2018
OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Net Income	\$ (9,954.26)	\$ (16,653.25)
Adjustments to reconcile Net Income to Net Cash provided by operations:		
Due from CLEF	(7,876.96)	(12,599.17)
Prepaid Expenses	(10,000.00)	(10,000.00)
Prepaid Expenses:Prepaid Expenses - Day School Expenses	(42,681.00)	(21,512.12)
Prepaid Expenses:Prepaid Expenses - Insurance	673.33	5,386.64
Prepaid Expenses:Prepaid Expenses - VBS	-	(161.02)
Church Building:Accumulated Depreciation - Building	3,243.92	25,951.36
Equipment:Accumulated Depreciation - Equipment	240.75	1,926.00
Furniture & Fixtures:Accumulated Depreciation - Furniture & Fixtures	804.41	3,217.64
SelectCare Liabilities:FSA - Johnson	100.00	(400.00)
SelectCare Liabilities:FSA - Krueger	100.00	(400.00)
Total Adjustments to reconcile Net Income to Net Cash provided by operations:	<u>\$ (55,195.55)</u>	<u>\$ (8,590.67)</u>
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	<u>\$ (65,149.81)</u>	<u>\$ (25,243.92)</u>
INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
Marketable Securities:Estate Donations	(8,601.46)	(341,915.45)
Construction In Progress	(3,794.42)	(762,854.80)
Signage	-	(35,000.00)
Furniture & Fixtures	-	(41,471.90)
Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities	<u>\$ (12,395.88)</u>	<u>\$ (1,181,242.15)</u>
FINANCING ACTIVITIES		
Construction Loan - Hamel	-	620,675.52
Designated Fund Balances - Equity:Capital Campaign Fund:Member Contributions	19,229.75	(10,414.89)
Designated Fund Balances - Equity:Capital Campaign Fund:Capital Improvement Fund	(4,000.00)	(61,092.22)
Designated Fund Balances - Equity:Endowment Fund	-	257.47
Designated Fund Balances - Equity:Estate Donations	8,601.46	341,915.45
Designated Fund Balances - Equity:Missions	-	900.00
Designated Fund Balances - Equity:Youth	-	(3,451.88)
Retained Earnings	(0.01)	117,739.31
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities	<u>\$ 23,831.20</u>	<u>\$ 1,006,528.76</u>
Net cash increase for period	<u>\$ (53,714.49)</u>	<u>\$ (199,957.31)</u>
Cash at beginning of period	231,895.77	378,138.59
Cash at end of period	<u>\$ 178,181.28</u>	<u>\$ 178,181.28</u>



President's Letter

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Dear Glory of Christ Member,

The Council met September 11th. We spent considerable time discussing our church direction now that our building expansion has been completed. We talked about forming a committee to focus on ideas for Glory of Christ to help plan our part of the "Great Commission."

The Council has identified one growth problem in the near future. Glory of Christ helps families, who enroll their children in a LCMS day school, with tuition. We are now helping about twenty five children. With all our young families and expected growth, we may soon find ourselves challenged financially to continue this support in its current form. We need to look at our future budgeting and other issues we might face.

At the congregation's informational meeting held after Sunday School on September 23rd, we discussed the need of a part time employee who would supervise hired contractors, janitorial and grounds keeping personnel and do light maintenance items such as changing filters, room set-up and technology. The employee would report monthly to the council and present needed work and expenditures.

The Council will continue to gather data and will make a decision on recommending a possible vote on this proposal at our annual meeting.

The Council will soon be recruiting candidates for President and the Elders will be recruiting candidates for Council Members. Please prayerfully consider letting your name be added to the ballot if asked. All the officers will be chosen by lot at our **Annual Meeting** after Bible Study on Sunday, **December 9th at 11:45**. A light lunch will be provided. **Circle your calendar!**

The Council is working on the 2019 budget. Contact the church office or our treasure, Jesse Huber, to up-date the needs of your ministry area.

Just a reminder, our Monday evening worship service was changed to the fall schedule on September 29th. Services will now be on Saturday evening. Mark your calendar so the church will be open when you arrive!

Yours in Christ,

Bob Strom

Council President



Birthdays & Anniversaries

October 1 st	Ashley Larson Ocie Olson	Birthday Birthday
October 3 rd	Dave Nelson	Birthday
October 5 th	Olivia Schaumburg Dan Gruenhagen Pastor Fehrmann	Birthday Birthday Birthday
October 6 th	Lewis Krueger	Birthday
October 11 th	Ben & Jen Schaumburg Dan & Barbie Gruenhagen	Anniversary Anniversary
October 13 th	Garry & Cheryl McCreary John Edson	Anniversary Birthday
October 17 th	Mark Nygren	Birthday
October 18 th	Maya Breininger	Birthday
October 19 th	Levi DeBlois Lisa Brackmann	Birthday Birthday
October 20 th	Leonard Albers	Birthday
October 21 st	Will Brolsma Cheryl McCreary	Birthday Birthday
October 24 th	Elsie Gruenhagen Jesse Huber	Birthday Birthday
October 25 th	Craig Smith	Birthday
October 28 th	Rachel Brolsma	Birthday
October 29 th	Anthony Miller	Birthday
October 31 st	Mike Connealy	Birthday



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 11:30a-12p Cherrywood Service 7p-9p Young Adults	2 7p-8p Elders	3 9:15a-9:45a Morning Prayer Service 10a-11a Bible Study 5:30p-6:30p Confirmation	4	5	6 5p-6p Divine Service
7 9a-10a Divine Service 10:30a-11:30a Bible Class 11:45a-12:15p Men's Group rehearsal	8 Pastor's Conference (Mankato, MN, USA) 1p-2:30p Compassion Circle (Glory of Christ Lutheran Church, 4040 MN-101, Minneapolis, MN 55)	9 Pastor's Conference (Mankato, MN, USA) 8a-8:30a Pastor Johnson on KPUC 9a-3p Cutting (Glory of Christ Lutheran Church, 4040 MN-101, Minneapolis, MN 55) 5:30p-7:30p Council	10 9:15a-9:45a Morning Prayer Service 10a-11a Bible Study 4:45p-5:30p Children's Chimes Rehearsal 5:30p-6:30p Confirmation 5:30p-6:30p Moms' Group 6:30p-7:30p Gloria Christi Choir Rehearsal 6:30p-7:30p Handbell Choir Rehearsal 7:30p-8:30p Adult Choir Rehearsal	11	12	13 5p-6p Divine Service
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28 9a-10a Divine Service 10:30a-11:30a Bible Class 12p-1p Youth Group 5p-8p Chili Cook-Off (Glory of Christ Lutheran Church, 4040 MN-101, Minneapolis, MN 55)	29	30	31 9:15a-9:45a Morning Prayer Service 10a-11a Bible Study 4:45p-5:30p Children's Chimes Rehearsal 5:30p-6:30p Confirmation 6:30p-7:30p Gloria Christi Choir Rehearsal 6:30p-7:30p Handbell Choir Rehearsal 7:30p-8:30p Adult Choir Rehearsal	Notes:		