

# The Crusader

Christ Lutheran Church  
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8:30 am Praise Worship  
9:45 am Sunday School  
11:00 am Traditional Worship



# OCTOBER 2020

**Pastor's Portion**  
**October 2020**

As the weather begins to turn cooler and even to cold; we keep our eyes on the thermometer. The dictionary defines a thermometer as an instrument for measuring temperature, the amount of heat or cold. One thing that we don't want to have happen is for our faith in Jesus Christ to grow cold. October is the month during which we celebrate the Reformation. Martin Luther began to notice that the faith of the church had gotten pretty frosty. Priests weren't teaching the faith as they should've been and most families did not know the basic teachings of the Bible—the 10 commandments, the Apostle's Creed, the Lord's Prayer etc. Faith in Jesus Christ had gotten cold and was almost frozen to death.

We have a similar situation in the world today. Jesus predicted that this would be the case as the end drew near He said to His Disciples:

*Many will fall away and betray one another and hate one another. And many false prophets will arise and lead many astray. And because lawlessness will be increased, the love of many will grow cold. (Matthew 24:10-12).*

When the temperature drops we seek ways to get warm—put on more clothing, grab a blanket, turn on the heat, start a fire in the fireplace, wood or pellet stove. We know what to do to get and keep warm. But do you know how to warm up your faith when it grows cold? Like fuel for your fire, stack up more of the Bible to fuel your heart, stay connected with Christian friends, who will encourage your faith with their stories of how God works in their lives, as the Apostle Paul suggests: *Speak to one another with psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs. Sing and make music in your hearts to the ... (Ephesians 5:19).*, stir each other up. Help others and share the Good News of the Kingdom of God to others who are frozen and need to warm up. These are the things that will keep our faith hot. We need to stay “on fire” for our Lord. Jesus also explained to his disciples after describing how the love of many will grow cold; that proclaiming the Good News of the kingdom would be important:

*And this gospel of the kingdom will be proclaimed throughout the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come. (Matthew 24: 14).*

So let's turn up the heat on our faith and let it radiate to others.  
Let's keep the world from freezing to death! There is a song  
that describes this action by Kurt Kaizer: *It only takes a spark to  
get a fire going, And soon all those around can warm up in its  
glowing;*  
*That's how it is with God's Love, Once you've experienced it, You  
spread the love to everyone.*  
*You want to pass it on.*

Would you like to warm up this world's faith? Then PASS IT  
ON!

Pastor Dave

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### **Evangelism at Work!**

I want to thank all of those who came up with the door knob  
hangers. As Christians, we are called to spread the Word and  
welcome others to worship with us. Members have gone door to  
door reaching out to our neighbors and invite them to join us in  
online worship.

And - it's working! GoDaddy (who hosts our website) reports that  
we had 46 visitors to our website during the last week of August!  
In the month of August, we had 176 visits. Previously, we were  
lucky to get 10 in a month. GoDaddy also reports that our  
"InSight Score" is 96 - "top-performing"! According to  
GoDaddy, "InSight measures your online performance, compared  
to online businesses like yours. A high score means you're  
engaging visitors well, while a low score means there's room to  
improve."

On a personal note, I passed out our fliers in Blades. I have  
enjoyed walking our town (about 5 hours). There are lovely  
homes with beautiful back yards two doors away from a  
dilapidated house. As I was walking by a home that I was sure  
was abandoned, I saw a little child's head peak out around a  
ripped curtain. Broke my heart. I left a door knob hanger and said  
a short prayer.

Dave Rose



## MYTHS ABOUT EVANGELISM (5 PART SERIES)

MYTH #1: Spiritual conversions take place in special places, during special moments, by special people. For most Christians, this is the normal way of thinking. The Bible is very clear on the fact that each of us is to be a witness. The overwhelming statistic (9 out of 10) reveals that spiritual conversions happen in everyday situations. At the top of the list for converts was a spiritual conversation with a close friend. Developing a trusting relationship may take some time, but it begins with a kind word. It evolves with caring about that person's journey through life. We trust that the Holy Spirit will make the conversion. We pray that we will take any opportunity to plant the "seed".

Don Miller

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### BSSP October News Article

Saturday classes resumed on September 12<sup>th</sup> and students and staff were very excited to be back as we had not seen each other in six months. Seven students have been able to return. We are hearing Old Testament Bible stories (CPH "Growing in Christ Series" God Works through Prophets and Kings) in our lessons this quarter.

#### Lesson Schedule for October

October 3 Bible Story – Elijah is taken to Heaven

October 10 Bible Story – Naaman and Elisha

October 17 Bible Story – Jonah

October 24 Bible Story – Hezekiah Prays

October 31 Bible Story – Jeremiah and God's New Covenant



## Caring Center

*In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us through wordless groans. And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for God's people in accordance with the will of God. - [Romans 8:26-27](#)*

When I was a young child, my Mother heard me singing the wrong words during the church service. I sang, "Praise father, son, and whole wheat toast". I obviously did not have a concept of The Holy Ghost, but I did eat whole wheat toast! When our mind has no words for the pain that we are experiencing, it is comforting to know that the Spirit understands our groans and intercedes for us in accordance with God's will.

When we struggle with fear and doubt, the Holy Spirit invites us to pray for comfort and hope. The Spirit—our Helper—does not give us over to discouragement, but strengthens us in our faith. He reminds us that Christ holds us firmly in His grip, and helps us hold firmly to Him. The Spirit does not give us over to uncertainty, but consoles us, confirming in us the belief that God's Word is true and His promises sure. The Spirit gives us joy in the midst of grief, peace in the face of fear.

**If you or someone you know is struggling maybe they could benefit from a relationship with a caring Christian. Please consider a Stephen Minister.**

**You can contact: Aileen Watkins 302-930-7070, Kathryn Lamberton 302-841-9622, or Call Pastor Dave at 302-629-9755.**

# Happy Birthday

# Happy Anniversary

## October Birthdays

03 Joan Kresefsky  
 05 Pastor David Nuss  
 09 Shirley Smith  
 11 Keith Lohmeyer  
 12 Roy Lamberton  
 14 Micah Idler  
 18 Charlotte Kimlel  
 22 Ruth Williams  
 24 Doug Miller  
 26 Bradley Mackler  
 26 Bonnie Rose  
 26 David Cordrey  
 28 Jim Cooper  
 29 Ron Byrd  
 29 Jean Lohmeyer

## October Anniversaries

18 Russell & Carol Taylor  
 20 Dan & Carol Schreffler  
 21 Bob & Roxanna Wingate  
 22 Dave & Cathy Asche  
 24 Stephen & Stephanie Scotton  
 27 David & Carol Cordrey

## October 2020



October 4th	Donna Hassman
October 11th	Janet Moore
October 18th	Dave & Cathy Asche
October 25th	Carol & Russ Taylor

## LWML Mission Highlight

### **National Grant – Training for Local Church Workers – Mission Training Center, Africa - \$62,650**

In villages across Ghana, Kenya, Malawi, Rwanda, Tanzania, Uganda, and Zambia, most local congregations are led by helpers, evangelists or seminary trained, and ordained pastors. Both the pre-seminary and post-seminary men are eager for opportunities to study theology in a community which will enable them to better serve their congregations. To enable those whom the church has called into service as lay leaders of these congregations, The Lutheran Church Missouri Synod Africa Mission Training Center provides continuing education opportunities for local pastors and their wives. The course may be taught by a church leader, a local seminary professor, or a missionary engaged in the work God has given him. This grant will provide basic theological training for lay leaders of congregations who serve under a pastor responsible for between five and 15 congregations. The training material allows the local pastor to work through a total of 22 workbooks (over two years) with his lay leaders. Lay leaders gather with their pastor for 5 days once a month. The program provides limited financial assistance to offset the costs of food and transportation. Paid Mission Grants – No NEW grants paid.

### **Chesapeake District Grant –**

**No New Grants to Highlight – ALL GRANTS HAVE BEEN PAID!!!**

### **August Mite Box Collection – \$279.17**

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### **MOVING YARD SALE**

Betty Myers is having a yard sale on October 1st, 2nd, and 3rd from 8 am to 2 pm. She will have lots of tools for sale. Her address is 16050 Willow Way, Laurel, DE 19956. She can be reached at 302-875-9318.



**This is a note from  
"The Flower Girl!"**

Our good friend and florist, Dennis Russell has retired from the flower business and has closed the doors to "Act II" flower shop. We will certainly miss him! So, we are changing florists. Christ Lutheran will now be using **"Posey Palace"** for our altar flower needs.

Here's the update for all to read:

We will still be using our sign-up sheet on the bulletin board outside Luther Hall. Payment must accompany your signing up on the chart.

- The cost of an arrangement is now **\$25.00.**
- The checks need to be made out to:  
"Posey Palace."
- You can also pay with cash.
- Your payment needs to be in the church office, in the flower girl mailbox by the **third Sunday of each month.**
- Your payment needs to be inside an envelope and your name needs to be written on the envelope.
- Remember to take your arrangement after the late service on the Sunday that you signed up for. Leave the brass holder on the altar, and leave the liner in the old kitchen. Transport your flowers home in a recycled, plastic milk jug. (Look in kitchen cabinet.) If anyone has any clean one gallon plastic milk jugs, feel free to leave them in kitchen cabinet. (old kitchen)
- The new florist will begin providing flowers in October. So, if you signed up for altar flowers after September, please follow the above guidelines.

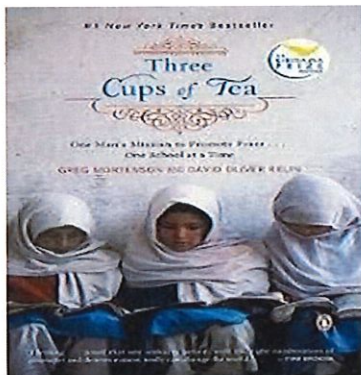


Thanks to all congregation members who sign up for altar flowers. It is such a pop of color, and such a gracious way of honoring friends and family. If you have a question, please contact Melissa Cooper. 542-6424. Thanks again for your help with this endeavor.

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will meet Tuesday, October 6th @7 pm in Luther Hall  
to discuss:



Hope to see you there as we share our thoughts on the book selection for the month and build relationships. Please note social distancing & facemasks are required. For those wanting to join but are not comfortable in meeting at church we can Zoom you in to the meeting. See Michelle Nuss if you have any questions.

# Food Shelf Monthly Report

## STATUS OF FOOD SHELF CHECKING ACCOUNT

7/18/2020 thru 9/10/2020

"Christ Lutheran Church/Thrivent Financial  
Food Shelf Needy People Fund"

<u>Beginning Balance</u>	\$2341.93
<u>Income</u>	\$1180.00
<u>Disbursements</u>	\$969.00
<u>Ending Balance</u>	\$2552.43

<u>Income Detail</u>	
Contribution 7/30	\$695.00
Contribution 8/18	\$485.00

<u>Total Income</u>	<u>\$1180.00</u>
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<u>Disbursement Detail</u>	
Assist w/rent	\$100.00
Assist w/ gasoline*	\$29.42
Assist w/ gasoline*	\$34.99
Assist w/ elect	\$70.00
Assist w/ rent	\$300.00
Assist w/ gasoline	\$50.00
Assist w/ gasoline	\$34.20
Assist w/ gasoline	\$33.35
Assist w/ rent	\$167.54
Assist w/ rent	\$150.00

<u>Total Expense</u>	<u>\$969.43</u>
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\* Request for assistance with gasoline is still the top request. Please let me know if you have concerns with my direction. You can respond to 302-858-7588.

Food items needed: Pasta and canned meats

# Upcoming Events



Grief Support Group - Monday@ 11 am

October 4th - Holy Communion during services

October 5th@ 7 pm - Council Meeting

October 5th and 19th@ 6:30 pm - Weight Loss Support

October 6th@7 pm - Book Club

October 11th - Food Shelf Sunday

October 12th@3 pm - Lay Ministry Meeting

October 15th@ 7 pm - LWML Meeting

October 18th - Mite Box Sunday

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Weight Loss Support Group  
will meet on Monday  
October 5th and 19th  
from 6:30 to 7:00 pm





### **Christ Lutheran LWML Highlights:**

On August 26<sup>th</sup> our LWML Delegates (Patrice & Jean) took part in the 2020 Chesapeake District VIRTUAL Convention. They will be voting for the Proposed Mission Goal, Proposed Mission Grants, Bylaw changes, and Board Positions. The Proposed Mission Goals are \$90,000, \$95,000, or \$100,000. There are 16 Proposed Mission Goals of which only 8 will be picked. Starting next month, we will once again highlight one of the chosen Mission Grants and those that are paid.

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### **News from the Hoech Family, our Missionaries son in Central Asia:**

While the number of soy farmers and acres planted in Kyrgyzstan continues to grow year by year, our soybean site was reaching capacity. Seminary prepared me well for cross-cultural gospel proclamation, but I must have missed the class on seed processing plant construction! Feeling a bit overwhelmed, what could I do but trust God?

Soybeans are a tool for us to bless farmers in a practical way and to bring them Good News as we interact at our worksite, in their fields and homes. The expansion of our processing facility has taken more time than I thought. But God has been teaching me to take one step at a time as far as I can and trust Him for what's next.

Engaging the Dungan with the Gospel and starting the first churches of Dungan people is in some ways like this construction project. I know the result will come, but how long will it take? I feel inadequate, sometimes overwhelmed, without enough resources. Yet, God provides all that is needed, including YOU! Thank you for your prayers and financial support!

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**Upcoming: LWML Meeting October 15<sup>th</sup> @ 7pm**

October 2020						
◀ September						November ▶
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 7:00 pm Bible Study via Zoom	2	3 10 am BSSP
4 8:30 am Praise Service w/Communion 9:45 am Sunday School via Zoom 11:00 Traditional Service w/Communion	5 6:30 pm Weight Loss Support 7 pm Council Meeting	6 7 pm Book Club	7	8 7 pm Bible Study via Zoom	9	10 10 am BSSP
11 8:30 am Praise Service 9:45 am Sunday School via Zoom 11:00 am Traditional Service Food Shelf Sunday	12 3 pm Lay Ministry Meeting	13	14	15 7 pm LWML Meeting 7 pm Bible Study via Zoom	16	17 10 am BSSP
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25 8:30 am Praise Service 9:45 am Sunday School via Zoom 11:00 am Traditional Service	26	27	28	29 7 pm Bible Study via Zoom	30	31 10 am BSSP

DATE	USHER 8:30 AM SERVICE	USHER 11:00 AM SERVICE	READER 11:00 AM SERVICE
10/4/2020	Dale Odenwelder	Dan Schreffler	Vall Klettke
10/11/2020	Peg Farmer	Maurice Bassler	Gilda Miller
10/18/2020	Don Miller	Cal Brundick	Leona Tull
10/25/2020	Donna Hassman	Daryl Calhoun	Madeline Dunn
11/1/2020	Michelle Nuss	Betty Myers	Aileen Watkins
11/8/2020	Dale Odenwelder	Dennis Stordahl	Carol Byrd
11/15/2020	Peg Farmer	Russ Taylor	Jane Drace
11/22/2020	Don Miller	Lee Scriba	Madeline Dunn
11/29/2020	Donna Hassman	Henry Tift	Donna Hassman

If you are unable to serve, please switch with someone in your list. Thank you for serving.