

The Watchman

JULY

2023



The Third Commandment teaches us about the Sabbath:

“Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.” The Law of Moses then lays out all the ways in which this is to occur: most of it about not working on the Sabbath. It was, first and foremost, a day of rest. The first Sabbath command to the Israelites was that they were not to collect manna from the ground in the wilderness on that day, the miraculous food God was giving to them. Every other day, they had to go out and collect it; it would spoil by the next day, so every morning that had to get up and trust God to provide. Only on the day before Sabbath could they collect double, and only that day would it remain unspoiled. Mirroring the seven days of Creation, God lays out for them a rhythm of work and rest, and always trusting Him through it all.

But from the beginning, the Sabbath was not about merely refraining from work for one day a week, as necessary as it is to rest our bodies. It was always about worship too: “You shall remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt, and the LORD your God brought you out from there with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm. Therefore, the LORD your God commanded you to keep the Sabbath day,” Deuteronomy 5:15. The command to keep the Sabbath is bound up together with remember the salvation of God. And so, the catechism explains it, “We should fear and love God so that we do not despise preaching and His Word, but hold it sacred and gladly hear and learn it.”

What kind of rest do you need? Jesus says, “Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your

souls.” God is immensely concerned for our well-being. He tells us to rest one day a week, to trust Him to provide for us instead of frantically working on our own. He tells us to come to Him, and let Him bear our spiritual burdens because there is no hope for us to bear them on our own. When we are yoked together with Christ, we find true rest, true relief, true peace.

When we make work or money or possessions into an idol, we trust our hands and our effort to provide for our needs. God calls us to trust Him instead as the source of all good and necessary things, even as He teaches us to pray “give us this day our daily bread.” He calls us back to Himself, so He can give to us both our daily bread here and now, and the Bread of Life in Jesus for life everlasting. So, rest easy in the care of God in Christ, and come to receive His gifts of faith.

June Anniversary & Birthdays 2023

Lionel & Ruby Dale, Jordan
Dunlap, Kyndel Torries, Rita &
Jerold Shepherd



Elders & Lay Readers

- 2 Shawn Robbins & Bobby Trehern (Crystal R.)
- 9 Dave Griffin & Kevin Rademacher (John T.)
- 16 Jay Torries & Roger Cox (Kevin R.)
- 23 Bobby Trehern & Shawn Robbins (Eve W.)
- 30 Kevin Rademacher & Dave Griffin & (Elder)



HAPPY
Anniversary!

- 3 Eddie & Angie Howard
- 14 Jordan & Hanna Dunlap
- 16 Mark & Debbie Schulte
- 21 Kevin & Susan Rademacher

- 4 Betty Andrews
- 8 Eddie Howard
- 8 Melonee Crews
- 17 Anna Claire Howard
- 17 Katlyn Pardue
- 23 Rocky Southern
- 24 Marlene Bontly
- 31 David Hamilton Jr.
- 31 Tyti Kooienga



- 2 Aletha Schollian
- 9 Debbie Schulte
- 16 Marilyn Trehern
- 23 Eve Waffel
- 30 Cathy Groff

Mary Martha News

Mary Martha is on a break for the summer and will meet again in August. Don't forget to continue collecting your Mites!



OTHER NEWS

- **PRAYER CHAIN REQUEST:** As a reminder to all members, a chain phone call prayer request is available for all members. To either make a chain call prayer request or to start receiving chain prayer calls, please contact either your Elder or Pastor.
- **NURSERY:** Nursery is provided for children during worship service.
- **NEW CHURCH EMAIL:** The new office email is CLC1888@outlook.com
- **VBS:** Vacation Bible School is July 11-13. Hope to see you there.
- **SUGGESTION CARDS:** Suggestion cards are available in the Sanctuary for recommendations and/or complaints.
- **JULY BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES:** We will celebrate July's birthdays and anniversaries on July 2 after the service. Please join us for fellowship and cake.

July Scripture Readings

	July 2 (Prop. 8)	Fifth S. a. Pentecost	Jer. 28:5-9	Psalm 119:153-160	Rom. 7:1-13	Matt. 10:34-42
	July 9 (Prop. 9)	Sixth S. a. Pentecost	Zech. 9:9-12	Psalm 145:1-14	Rom. 7:14-25a	Matt. 11:25-30
	July 16 (Prop. 10)	Seventh S. a. Pentecost	Isaiah 55:10-13	Psalm 65:(1-8) 9-13	Rom. 8:12-17	Matt. 13:1-9, 18-23
	July 23 (Prop. 11)	Eighth S. a. Pentecost	Isaiah 44:6-8	Psalm 119:57-64	Rom. 8:18-27	Matt. 13:24-30, 36-43
	July 30 (Prop. 12)	Ninth S. a. Pentecost	Deut. 7:6-9	Psalm 125	Rom. 8:28-39	Matt. 13:44-52

LAST MONTH'S EVENTS

**Welcome to the Church family James & Danielle!
Congratulations to Graduate Kevin Rosamond!**



A welcome reception for James and Danielle Saylor as well as a graduation reception for Kevin Rosamond was held on June 25th.

When there is a church member in need, the Christ Lutheran Church family never fails. We had two tornado clean-up/work days at Carl's house.





Minutes 6/19/2023

Meeting was cancelled due to severe thunderstorms and a tornado in our area. Some of the chair persons were able to submit a written report.

Pastor: See the Pastor's report.

President: Kevin Rademacher

- We are still looking for a church secretary. Contact me or Pastor if you are interested.
- The church directory has been completed and distributed electronically. Hard copies are located on the back pew of the Sanctuary if needed.

Vice President: Roger Cox No new report

Elders: Jay Torries no report

Financial Secretary: Carl Erichsen no report

Treasurer: Lin Jacobson no report

Trustees: Dave Griffin

- Kitchen door latch has been repaired and the door closer has been installed.
- Installed a cord cover/protector by the Sanctuary robe room for the organ iPad cable.
- A shim has been added to the latch area to fill in an opening between the two sanctuary front doors.
- Still need to paint and add weather stripping to the sanctuary doors.
- The Bradford pears and Indian hawthorn bushes have been removed, and the trees in the playground area have been trimmed thanks to a generous donation.
- Lin Jacobson and James Saylor have volunteered to pressure wash the south side sanctuary wall.
- Still need volunteers for the landscaping committee.

Safety: Kevin Rademacher

- Shawn Robbins gave a presentation at the June Men's Prayer Breakfast on active shooter situations in churches. This prompted discussions on other aspects of responding to violent events such as verbal de-escalation, first aid response, and evacuation of the facilities. As a result of these discussions, we have identified folks who are willing to respond as needed. We have someone who will try to verbally deescalate an event, stop violence, and provide first aid until EMS arrives. Pastor, Kyndel, and Jay will assist in evacuation of the Sanctuary through the vestry. Kyndel and the nursery attendant will be the primary 911 callers. If anyone else is interested in helping, please notify me, Pastor, or Shawn.
- Kevin is actively researching AEDs and Mass Trauma Casualty kits.

Evangelism: John Tetreau- Donna made signs for VBS. Dates/times will need to be posted on Facebook as well. Encourage friends / acquaintances to attend VBS and mid-week Bible study. Perhaps a note in the newsletter?

New business: Has CLC ever set up or attended the October Jackson Co. fair before? I know I have seen the Baptists there handing out cold water and Bibles. Not that we are competing or anything, but there are a lot of folks that need to hear the truth, and are distracted by the world.

Education: VBS July 11-13

Social Ministry: Kathleen Cox:

- Two birthday cards were sent out to our retired members. Kathleen received a Thrivent grant for \$250 and has purchased 4 cards and a roll of 100 stamps.
- There were no services required for the Marion Brown funeral.

Respectfully,

Susan Rademacher

Pastor's Report to the Board of Elders and Church Council June 2023



Membership, Worship, and Christian Education

- Membership changes: James and Danielle Saylor are joining on June 25
- The Sunday adult Bible study is continuing "Gods of Our Age."
- Weekday Bible is meeting Wednesdays at noon, about 6-8 people attending. We are using "Provoking Proverbs," a CPH study.
- I am also continuing a midweek video Bible study each week.

Mission, Witness, and Outreach

- VBS dates are July 11 – 13. I have created an online registration page especially for any children who are attending <https://www.vbsmate.com/clc1888>
- Looking ahead: game night in September

Circuit, District, and Synod

- Circuit meetings: summer break until September
- As circuit visitor, I am still helping the congregation in Hattiesburg fill their vacancy.
- Good Shepherd – Biloxi is receiving a new graduate from the Fort Wayne seminary.
- That synodical election is on June 17; our congregation's voters are Pastor Waffel and Kevin Rademacher.

Travel

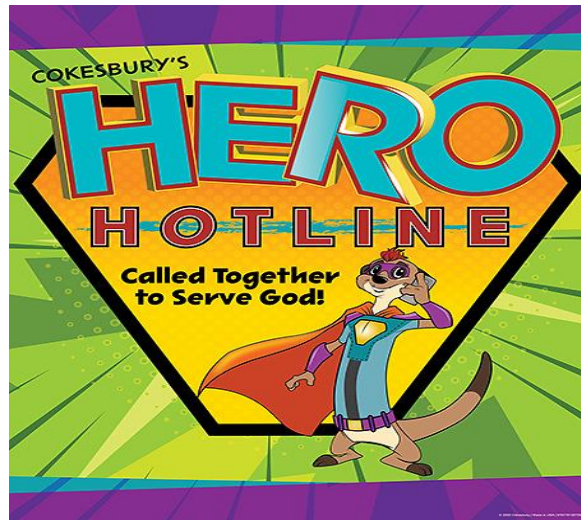
- Vacation time for 2023: 10 days out of 21 (2 Sundays out of 3) - Planned travel for June: none.
Planned travel for July: we are going to Washington DC for the baptism of our newest niece, July 1-5. Pastor Martin Gilliland will be here on Sunday, July 2.

JULY 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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Adult Bible class 9:00 Sunday School 9:00 Holy Communion 10:00		happy 4th JULY!				Men of Christ Breakfast 8:00
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23/30	24/31	25	26	27	28	29
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In our typical family fashion, Vacation Bible School will be held Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, July 11th, 12th, and 13th, from 5:30 to 7:30 pm. Dinner will be served each evening before Adult Bible Study. There will be classes and activities for children. Come one, come all! And bring a friend.



COMING TO A VBS NEAR YOU!

July 11-13, 2023

5:30 to 7:30

Fun for all ages!

