



The Watchman



September
2022

Christ Lutheran Church, Pascagoula, MS



“Rain, rain, go away,
come again another
day.” The children’s
rhyme we all know –

yet, as I look out the window and consider here looking forward into September, all I see is rain. I don’t know what the official total is for August yet, but it’s well over a foot, and it’s certainly felt like a very rainy month. Of course, some rain is necessary, but enough is enough!

In Matthew 7, Jesus says, “Everyone then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock. And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on the rock. And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not do them will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand. And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell, and great was the fall of it.”

Real rain that seems like it never stops is a difficulty itself in some ways, but Jesus also uses rain here as an illustration for the troubles this world can throw at us. And just like the rain, we often think “Of course life isn’t perfect, of course there will be some bumps in the road, but enough is enough!”

The house built on sand will stand as long as it’s not under pressure, but the house built on the rock of Christ can take whatever punishment the storm can bring. If we take this as a spiritual understanding, there are plenty of storms and torrential downpours around us. A life built on anything or anyone else will crumble away, sooner or later. There is only one secure place to find an anchor, one thing to base your life on, one unshakeable worldview: “Everyone then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock.”

This gives us a reassurance and a challenge at the same time. We are reassured that in Christ we are truly safe and secure and cared for. We are challenged by his own words, “Everyone then who hears these words of mine and does...” I want to reassure you that as long as you are with Christ, nothing else can shake you, and challenge you to continually return to his words and be formed by them. This passage is Jesus’ conclusion to the Sermon on the Mount, Matthew chapters five through seven; there are few portions of Scripture that are more challenging yet more reassuring than those. If we continue to sit at home on rainy days like this, then consider reading through the Sermon on the Mount all in one sitting. Christ is the foundation we’re built on, but he is also the builder; may he build up each of us to stand against all possible storms that come.



- 4 Kevin Rademacher & Dave Griffin (Donna K)
- 11 Jay Torries & Dave Hamilton (Ruby D)
- 18 Shawn Robbins & Bobby Trehern (Shawn R)
- 25 Dave Griffin & Kevin Rademacher (Carl E)



- 3 Audrey Anderson
- 6 Dee Kelley
- 7 Travis Cook
- 7 Hanna Dunlap
- 19 Lee Shepherd
- 19 Dave Griffin
- 22 Harrel Paul
- 28 Maria Pike
- 29 Johnny Schollian
- 29 Deborah Schulte
- 30 Roger Cox

HAPPY Anniversary!

7 Shawn & Crystal Robbins



- 4 Marilyn Trehern
- 11 Eve Waffel
- 18 Cathy Groff
- 25 Donna/Anna Krebs



Kyndel Torries & Crystal Robbins

Mary Martha News

Mary Martha will be collecting school size canned items to donate to Our Daily Bread through the month of September. We will also be collecting money for a donation as well on LWML Sunday, October 2nd.



Mary Martha will also meet on September 10th @ 9:00 a.m. to put together thank you boxes for the first responders. Ladies are asked to bring a pan of brownies and snacks items.

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
- **MEMBER INFO UPDATE:** Please complete the member form and turn it in to an elder, usher, or send it in an email to help update our records. Also please send a family picture for the directory to Janet or Pastor.
- **RALLY DAY:** September 18 is Rally Day. Please join us for a congregational pot luck after the service. Pastor will also share his time in Wittenberg.
- **SUGGESTION CARDS:** Suggestion cards are available in the Sanctuary for recommendations and/or complaints.

Would you like to join fellow Lutherans in a journey to the Holy Land? To learn about the Bible at the locations where it happened, and to follow in the footsteps of Abraham, King David, Jesus, and Paul? The dates are June 25 to July 7, 2024. More information will available soon, but please tell Pastor if you are interested.



September Scripture Readings

	Sept. 4 (Prop. 18)	Thirteenth S. a. Pentecost	Deut. 30:15–20	Psalm 1	Philemon 1–21	Luke 14:25–35
	Sept. 11 (Prop. 19)	Fourteenth S. a. Pentecost	Ezek. 34:11–24	Psalm 119:169– 176	1 Tim. 1:(5–11) 12–17	Luke 15:1–10
	Sept. 18 (Prop. 20)	Fifteenth S. a. Pentecost	Amos 8:4–7	Psalm 113	1 Tim. 2:1–15	Luke 16:1–15
	Sept. 25 (Prop. 21)	Sixteenth S. a. Pentecost	Amos 6:1–7	Palm 146	1 Tim. 3:1–13 or 1 Tim. 6:6–19	Luke 16:19–31



Christ Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes 8.15.2022

Dave Griffin called the meeting to order

Pastor opened w prayer

Waived to read the minutes of the previous meeting.

Pastor's report

Rally day potluck September 1

Janet is working on a church directory –send pics and information to her or Pastor

Dave Griffin: Discussed voters meeting –We will vote on the proposed updates and changes to the bylaws and council duties

Safety committee has been drafted. Congregation will vote on this proposition at the Voters Meeting

Oktoberfest – Donna will post sign up list. 10/30

Christmas Party—President will coordinate

Alarm company—change the response list: Who should be the first person called to respond to an alarm?

VP Dave Griffin no additional report

Elders Report Jay Torries: Steak night planned for 10/7

Financial Secretary: Carl Erichsen

Total deposits July \$11,400 +\$950 self-insurance

August total \$ 5,036

Ytd \$72,611.77

Treasurer no report

Trustees Louis Bontly no report

Evangelism: no report

Mary Martha: Kyndel Torries: planned fundraisers:

First responders 9/10 will pack baskets

Collected puzzle books and pencils for nursing homes

LWML Sunday 10/2 will be collecting large #10 cans of veg and \$\$\$ for Our Daily Bread for Thanksgiving dinner.

November Bingo night + dinner

Youth: no report

Education: There will be no Sunday school Sept 4 or 11

Social ministry no report

Stewardship no report

Safety –will nominate chairperson

Endowment fund no report

Old business: memorial garden-no discussion

New business: We need a nominating committee for 2023 elections

Singing River Little Theater will use the Fellowship Hall for rehearsals

Meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer

Respectfully,

Susan Rademacher

VOTERS ASSEMBLY

Christ Lutheran Church Voter's Assembly 8/21/2022

30 members present

Jay Torries Called the meeting to order

Pastor Waffel opened with prayer.

Reading of the previous meeting minutes was waived

Pastor's Report:

Sept 18 Rally Day Pastor will make a presentation on his Germany trip during the Congregation potluck.

Friday, August 19th was Movie Night. The Chronicles of Narnia: Lion, Witch and The Wardrobe was shown in the Fellowship Hall.

Christ Lutheran members attended the Shuckers game in June

Pastor Waffel was installed as the Circuit Visitor and is assisting Hattiesburg and Biloxi call committees in their search for a new pastor.

Israel trip proposed in summer 2024—watch for details and let Pastor know if you are interested.

Jay Torries opened the floor for comments on the proposed changes to the Bylaws. There were no comments, and the Bylaws changes were approved by vote.

Discussion on the Ad Hoc Safety Committee was opened. There were no comments. The Ad Hoc Safety Committee was approved by vote. Shawn Robbins will head the Safety Committee.

Discussion on the duties of the council members was opened for comment. There was no comment or discussion. The congregation voted to accept the proposed changes for the council member duties.

Vice President: no report

Elders-Jay Torries- October 7 steak night proposed bring your own meat to grill, we will provide baked potatoes.

Financial secretary Carl Erichsen: Total Deposits: \$82,880.12

Breakdown of funds:

General Fund: \$74,616.04

Building Fund: \$1496

Memorials: \$25

Self-Insurance Fund: \$2990

Church Endowment Fund: \$9700

Church Cleaning Fund: \$1175

Trustees: no report

Treasurer: no report

Evangelism: no report, but open to suggestions

Mary Martha: Kyndel Torries: Collected crossword puzzle books and pencils to distribute to area nursing homes
9/10 will pack first responder boxes and give to the police and fire stations in Pascagoula, Moss Point and Gautier.

LWML Sunday 10/2: We will be collecting large (#10) canned foods and money for Our Daily Bread

Planning a Bingo night in November

Education: Donna Krebs: VBS was a success. Donna and Kyndel are also doing a great job on SS

Social ministry: Kathleen Cox and Marilyn Trehern are sending cards to retirees.

Stewardship: no report

New Business: We are seeking volunteers for the nominating committee for 2023 church officers. Let Jay Torries know if you would like to assist.

Oktoberfest potluck is planned for Sunday, October 30th after worship. Pastor will give a presentation on his trip to Germany.

Alarms: We need to change the call list for alarm notifications. Shawn Robbins proposed looking into a security camera system

Membership directory: Please send your info and picture to Janet or Pastor. Pastor can assist if you need a picture taken or scanned.

Adjourn with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully,

Susan Rademacher, Secretary

SEPTEMBER

2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
No Sunday School Holy Communion 10:00 Fellowship: 11:00	LABOR DAY Office Closed					Men of Christ Breakfast 8:00
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
No Sunday School Holy Communion 10:00 Fellowship: 11:00						
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Adult Bible class 9:00 Holy Communion 10:00 Fellowship: 11:00 Elders 11:00 Rally Day	Council 6:00			<i>Autumn Begins</i>		
25	26	27	28	29	30	
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