

THE CLARION

Christ Lutheran Church Newsletter



Mission Statement

Christ Lutheran Church exists to share the Good News of Jesus Christ with members, community and the world."

UPCOMING *Events*

Elder's Meeting
Tuesday, August 8th at 6:30pm

Church Council Meeting
Tuesday, August 22nd at 6:00pm

Congregational Meeting and Potluck
Sunday, August 27th
Potluck immediately following divine service
and then the meeting.



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This change goes into effect Tuesday, August 1st.



Pastor's Corner

By Rev. Daniel A. Hinton

On the synodical convention

For better or for worse, our beloved synod is ruled by, among other structures, a triennial (i.e., meets every three years) convention in which delegates from each circuit meet to elect certain officers of the synod and debate resolutions to steer the governance of the synod. The 2023 convention opens on Saturday, July 29 and closes on Thursday, August 3.

The LCMS as an institution is 176 years old, and as every institution does she suffers from the problem of mission creep -- the institution exists less and less to serve its mission and more and more to serve itself. This is a problem endemic to any institution: congregations, youth groups, even governments and community groups. For this reason, much of the convention will be resolutions about how great and faithful this particular servant or school has been.

But there will be some issues of tremendous importance that will establish what kind of church body we are going to be, and these should be watched closely. The two most pressing issues, at least in my thinking, involve the governance of Concordia University in Austin (and broader questions of the role of our universities in our life together) and the publication earlier this year of *Luther's Large Catechism with Annotations and Contemporary Applications* (hereafter abbreviated LCACA because that's a lot of typing).

To summarize, the majority of the Board of Regents of Concordia University Texas (CTX) voted last year to pursue governance independent of the LCMS, while seeking to maintain an informal relationship to the synod. The problem is that CTX is a creation of and part of the synod

and did not have the authority to remove itself from the governance of the synod. A recently-released report from the Texas District President, the Rev. Mike Newman, indicated that there was fault to be found with each party to the dispute. In my opinion this is not helpful, because regardless of the conduct of the concerned parties, it is a very clear case that the Board of Regents did not have the power to remove CTX from the synod.

The publication of LCACA was shocking to many faithful Lutherans. The synod in convention had requested an annotated version of the Large Catechism. What was published was a thousand-page tome of various essays, some of which were excellent, and many of which contained overt Marxist framing and one of which, it pains me to say, even downplayed the problem of pedophilia (I cannot imagine a worse thing for a church body to be publishing right now). I and many other pastors wrote to the president of the synod pleading with him to stop the publication of the book. Not only did he press forward with its publication but he used those letters broadly to accuse those who objected of harboring "disturbing ideologies."

Exactly how these two problems get resolved is a matter of wisdom for the delegates in attendance. I have shared my opinion with many delegates in the hope that they can help address the problems faithfully. More important than specifically how they get resolved politically, though, is the very real issue of whether they will be dealt with in a Christian manner at all. Almost eighty years ago false teachers within the LCMS published a letter encouraging the LCMS to join in their false teaching. They were permitted to withdraw that letter without consequence. That is not Christian repentance and that is not how the Church deals with problems.

St. Paul writes, by inspiration of the Holy Spirit, in Galatians 2:11 -- "But when Cephas came to Antioch, I opposed him to his face, because he stood condemned." I guarantee it was awkward for the least of the Apostles, the one "untimely born," to rebuke the first of the Apostles. But he was right to do it, and by God's grace Paul's rebuke brought Peter to repentance and benefited the Church in Galatia as well, who were in danger of falling in with the Judaizing Party.

Whether this or that bylaw or parliamentary procedure gets used is a matter for the delegates. Pray for them, that God would make them bold and faithful, giving them the words to speak (Mark 13:11). The most important thing is that this gets dealt with openly and publicly, in a Christian manner. That doesn't mean that all parties will like everything that's said or even the outcomes, but those who have sinned (taking a university without authority violates the Fourth, Seventh, and Ninth Commandments, and false teaching violates the Second Commandment) must be told so publicly and brought to repentance. There would likely need to be punishment as well, but again, that's a matter for the delegates. This is necessary because this is how Christians deal with sin. It is more important to our life together as a church body that we deal with serious issues as Christians than we get the exact right technical answer. We can always correct political and procedural blunders, but we must never allow desire for a certain outcome -- or worse, our desire to make it look as though we have no serious problems -- to make us stop acting like Christians. May God help us all as we live out our faith, that we never lose hope in Christ Jesus.

Your servant in Christ,
Pastor Hinton

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Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Many families are beginning to prepare for the upcoming school year. Likewise, some families may have already started with marching band or football practice. As Christians, we should always be preparing our children, our youth, members new to the faith, and even ourselves, for the second coming of our Lord. I urge our membership to attend Sunday School, Bible Class, and the Midweek Christian Education nights for fellowship and to grow.

Council meetings will resume in August. Along with standard business, we will work to plan routine fellowship opportunities for youth and the congregation.

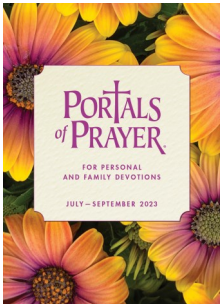
Your Servant in Christ,
John Keinath



Council Notes

By: **John Keinath, President
Christ Lutheran Church**

The Bulletin Board



Portals of Prayer for July through September are now available in the Fellowship Hall. Please take as many as you need for your use and to share with friends who might wish to use them for daily devotions.. We are now receiving more of the medium-print booklets for easier reading.



Our annual school supply drive is underway. With funds from Thrivent and donations from our congregation, we will be able to provide school supplies to Waters Elementary to benefit children in struggling families.

A list of the needed supplies may be found on a table in the Parish Hall. Please bring your donations to the church by Sunday, August 13th.



Our Director of Education, Susan Rowe will be hosting a night hike at Lubbock Lake Landmark Saturday, August 19th for our Youth and anyone else interested. *Weather permitting*

We will meet at the Landmark at 7:00pm for ice cream and then begin our hike at 8:00pm. It is a 3 mile hike.

Please contact Susan at 806-239-7095 with any questions or to RSVP by Sunday August 13th.

PLANNING AHEAD

It's that time again! The choir is returning after a restful summer off. We will have practices on Saturdays at 10:30am starting **September 9th**. We love our regulars, but would also love to see some new faces! Don't be shy. Come sing praises to the Lord with us and help us add to our worship service. See you there.



Musically yours,
Farrah Freeman (432) 816-1060

We will have a Congregational meeting Sunday, August 27th.

The potluck will be immediately after the divine service with the meeting to follow.



Christian
Education
Wednesday

Christian Education Wednesday will resume **September 6th**.

- + Adult Study Group will take place at 11:00am and 6:30pm
- + Catechism class will begin at 5:10pm
- + Youth Bible History will begin at 5:30pm

MEMBER CORNER

New Members

On Sunday, July 2, Clifford and Judy Sanders were welcomed into our Christ family. You may expect a photo and more information about them in next month's newsletter. In the meantime, please search for them and introduce yourself if you haven't already done so.

New Hymnals

Thanks to the family of Peggy Lorenz for designating memorials in her honor for the purchase of the new large-print hymnals. They were dedicated to the glory of God on July 2nd and they're kept on the tables in the narthex on both sides of the entry to the sanctuary. If you find the print in the pew hymnals to be getting smaller and smaller (or at least it seems that way), try one of the large-print ones next week. They are identical to the pew hymnals in having the music with the hymns and liturgy, same page-numbering system, and everything except the size of the print which is about 50% larger than the pew hymnals.

Former Members now in Heaven



Patricia Erhart Robinson (July 20, 1938 - July 7, 2023) member of Christ Lutheran church from 2008 until 2021 and mother of Kim Jarett was called home to glory last week. A memorial service was held at Hope Lutheran Church, Wednesday, July 26th, at 10:30 am with Pastor Eric Hiner officiating. Her obituary may be viewed at <https://www.sandersfuneralhome.com/obituaries/?filter=Patricia+Robinson>

Chaplain (Ret.) Ronald Roy Rodeck (March 23, 1935 - July 26, 2023), a member of Christ Lutheran Church from 2011 to 2022, received his Crown of Life on July 26, 2023. Visitation will be held Sunday, July 30, 2023, beginning at 6:00 PM at Lakeridge Memorial Designers, 6025 82nd Street, Lubbock TX. The funeral is scheduled for 10:00 AM, Monday, July 31, 2023, at Hope Lutheran Church, 5700 98th Street, Lubbock TX, with Pastor Eric Hiner officiating.



Recognizing God's Gifts of Musical & Theatrical Talents Given to Christ Lutheran



Patrons were blessed to see the talent for musical theater given to Elizabeth Hinton when they watched her perform as the lead character, Mary Poppins, in Mary Poppins Jr. from June 2-4. We thank God for the splendid and enjoyable performance. We also thank God for Isabelle Hinton for her gift and talents by supporting the production and her sister backstage.



Patrons were blessed to see the talent for singing given to Donnetta Lippe when they watched her perform for the Sounds of West Texas concert on June 3rd. It was a great concert for a great cause. The night also featured a flag folding ceremony. We also thank God for Darryl Lippe for his gift and talents by supporting the other singers, musicians, and his wife by acting as a stagehand.



GOD SHED HIS GRACE ON THEE:

An American Festival

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 First United Methodist Church Chancel Choir
 and the Lubbock Concert Band
 present this annual favorite concert to honor
 America and to salute its military veterans.

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH LUBBOCK

SUNDAY JULY 2
 6:30 P.M.

Vesper
 CONCERT SERIES



Patrons were blessed to see the talent for music given to John Keinath when they watched him play his clarinet along with other members of the Lubbock Concert Band on July 2nd as part of an annual patriotic concert honoring our veterans.



AUGUST 2023



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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6 9:00am-Sunday School 10:15am-Divine Service w/Holy Communion	7	8 6:30pm - Elder's Meeting	9	10	11	12
13 9:00am-Sunday School 10:15am-Divine Service w/Holy Communion	14	15	16 	17	18	19
20 9:00am-Sunday School 10:15am-Divine Service w/Holy Communion	21	22 6:30pm - Church Council Meeting	23	24	25	26
27 9:00am-Sunday School 10:15am-Divine Service w/Holy Communion Congregational Meeting with Potluck	28	29	30	31		