

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."



Pastor's Corner

By Rev. Daniel A. Hinton

"Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised, and His greatness is unsearchable. On Your wondrous works, I will meditate, and I will declare Your greatness" (Ps. 145:3, 5b, 6b).

We have now come to the wonderful days of late Spring and early Summer, where the glory of God's Creation is on full display. The brown and, at times, dreary landscape of Winter has been refreshed with green: leaves adorn the trees, and yards are carpeted with thick blankets of grass waiting for the lawnmower. In summer green even re-appears in church, as green vestments and paraments are taken out of storage for the Time of the Church, the longest liturgical season. With the coming of warmer weather, many people choose to spend more of their time outdoors. Backyard cookouts, camping trips, and other outdoor activities fill our calendars as we take advantage of pleasant weather. These activities give us opportunities to marvel at the beauty of God's Creation and enjoy what our Lord has given us.

As wonderful and beautiful as Creation is, there are still more wondrous works that God has done. God not only cares for the physical Creation; He cares for His people as well. From the beginning God has shown a special concern for the people whom He has created. Indeed, God's works are recorded throughout the Holy Scriptures. He promised a Messiah that would bring peace and salvation to His people; He gathered the nation of Israel to Himself, appointing priests that would intercede on their behalf; He appointed David as king, a leader and shepherd of Israel. God's mightiest work came in the person of Jesus Christ, who fulfilled all of God's

promises made in the Old Testament and was the true Messiah that came to defeat death. God Himself took on our human flesh and became man, to bring us back to Him and give us eternal life.

These are the great and wondrous works that the Psalmist praises, the works that show God's care for us, His beloved children. By His works, we know that God cares for us. We know that He will listen to our prayers and that He will give an answer, even if it isn't the answer we want. Throughout the changes and chances of life, the griefs and sorrows that are hard to bear, we can look to Christ as our rock and redeemer, our only sure hope. He will always stay faithful to His promises. As we celebrate the coming of warmer weather, let us never forget all that God has done for us.

In Christ,

Pastor Hinton



The Braille Teams meet on the following dates this month:

Team #1 will not meet during the summer months. Enjoy your vacation!

Team #2

Wednesday, June 14 - 4:00 pm

Wednesday, June 28 - 4:00 pm



Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As the summer approaches and schedules are filled with travel and events, let us not forget to prioritize Christ in all things. If travelling, find a church to visit on a Sunday. Take time to read the Bible or the Catechism. Meet up with your fellow brothers and sisters to spend time in Christ and fellowship. If the opportunity arises, share the Gospel with those who are strangers to it. Do not let the world take you away from these things by jam packing your life so much that you are “too busy” for Christ.

The council will continue to address issues as they arise throughout the summer. We have discussed having youth events planned for the fall, as well as scheduling a trip opportunity for members. The council will continue to progress with previously reported items still in development and will update the congregation when available.

Your Servant in Christ,

John Keinath



Council Notes

By: John Keinath, President
Christ Lutheran Church

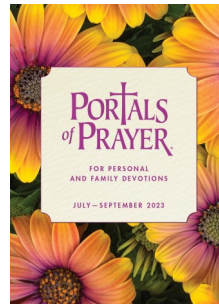
Christina and family will be on vacation the first two weeks in July (3-14). The Christ Lutheran Church family has benefitted and enjoyed having the church office open and wants to keep it that way while she is gone.

The office is open Tuesday – Friday, 9am – 4pm. Do you have time to volunteer for any of those days? Please give Christina a call to get more information and see how and when you can help.

Church office 806-799-0612.



You are invited to come and see Elizabeth Hinton perform in Lubbock Community Theatre’s production of *Mary Poppin’s Jr.* Performance dates are
Friday, June 2 @ 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, June 3 @ 7:30 p.m.
and Sunday, June 4 @ 2:30 p.m.
Tickets are available from <https://www.lubbockcommunitytheatre.org/current-productions>.
Come support your fellow sister in Christ.



Portals of Prayer for July through September are already in the church office. If you would like to grab a copy early before your summer travels, please let us know.



Lubbock Concert Band -
Patriotic Concert

You are invited to come and listen to the Lubbock Concert Band perform along with the combined choirs of the First United Methodist Church in their annual Patriotic Festival on July 2nd @ 6:30 p.m. This is the first time the Lubbock Concert Band has been invited to perform for this annual concert. The performance is free for all patrons and will have hot dogs and ice cream following the concert.



MEMBER CORNER

CONFIRMATION DAY

We rejoice with, and give thanks for, our three new Communicant members.

TRAESYN ANDREW FOSTER
HANNAH REESE FREEMAN
JOSEPH ROBERT TAFF

Traesyn, Hannah, and Joseph confirmed their Baptismal vows during the worship service on May 21, 2023. Traesyn is the son of Matt and Sarah Foster; Hannah is the daughter of Adam and Farrah Freeman, and Joseph is the son of Gaylon and Jana Taff. Please pray for them to remain faithful and grow in their relationship with God.



THANK YOU to the families of Peggy Lorenz and Alvin Matak for designating special funds donated in memory of their loved ones to the purchase of our new paschal candle which now stands immediately behind the baptismal font. It was dedicated during the worship service on April 30, 2023.

I'm a life-long LCMS Lutheran and also attended Lutheran elementary schools, but I had never heard of a paschal candle. Perhaps some of our readers don't know either, so I'll share what I learned from the LCMS.org web site: **"Paschal Candle.** Large sanctuary candle first lit in a service in the evening before Easter; a symbol of the risen Christ, it is used at liturgical functions throughout the Easter season and extinguished for the last time after the Gospel on Ascension Day."

Enjoy!

-Joyce Kuhl

Sunday, June 4th we welcome new member, Max Fisher who comes to us from Spring, Texas. Due to scheduling conflicts we've not been able to get a photo and blurb to introduce him to our congregation but we will get one for the July newsletter.



JUNE 2023



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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4 9:00am-Sunday School 10:15am-Divine Service w/Holy	5	6	7	8	9	10
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