

CHURCH BULLETIN BOARD

1. **Ultimate Frisbee** – Wednesdays starting at 7pm at West Park in Howell.
2. ***Annual Michiana CREC Picnic** – This Saturday, August 16th, at Grand Woods Park in Lansing (4500 Willow Hwy. Lansing, MI). **Arrive at 11:30am and bring 2 dishes to pass: 1 side dish and 1 dessert.** Two main dishes will be provided.
3. **Family Fellowship** – Each month we meet for fellowship meals across the street from All Saints Chapel at the Howell Opera House. Each household is asked to bring a side dish to share. Sandwiches are provided.

Upcoming fellowship meals:

August 16*	September 14	October 12
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4. **Le Concours de Livingston** – Love INC fundraiser, Saturday, August 23 from 3-7pm. Tickets \$75, contact Pastor DeWinkle or purchase online at www.Leconcours.org
5. **Sarah's Shower** - Katie is hosting a shower for Sarah on **Sunday, September 7**, right after church, at Laura's home. More information will follow. Please rsvp to Katie.
6. **Pregnancy Helpline "Run for Their Lives 5C run/walk" – September 13.** Helen has organized a team for our church, "Psalm 139".
7. **Men's Forum** – Thursday, September 18th, 7:30pm, at the Popovczak's.
8. **Leadership Training Course** – Planning to start in September. If interested, please contact Pastor DeWinkle.

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Christ Church of Livingston County

The Lord's Day August 10, 2014 A.D. (9th Sunday of Trinity)
A Service of Worship and Covenant Renewal

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP *God Summons His People*

* **SCRIPTURE READING** _____ *Isaiah 33:5*

* **LITANY** _____ *Psalm 85*

Leader: ¹ **Lord, You have been favorable to Your land; You have brought back the captivity of Jacob.**

All: ² **You have forgiven the iniquity of Your people; You have covered all their sin. Selah**

Leader: ⁸ **I will hear what God the LORD will speak, For He will speak peace To His people and to His saints; But let them not turn back to folly.**

All: ⁹ **Surely His salvation is near to those who fear Him, That glory may dwell in our land.**

Leader: ¹⁰ **Mercy and truth have met together; Righteousness and peace have kissed.**

All: ¹¹ **Truth shall spring out of the earth, And righteousness shall look down from heaven.**

Leader: ¹² **Yes, the LORD will give what is good; And our land will yield its increase.**

All: ¹³ **Righteousness will go before Him, And shall make His footsteps our pathway.**

* PRAYER OF PRAISE

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Great God of Wonders! _____ 302 (310)

* **The congregation stands**

CLEANSING God Forgives His People

CALL TO CONFESSION _____ Deuteronomy 5:20

The 9th Commandment – You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

† **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON _____ Colossians 1:21-22

Minister: Your sins are forgiven through Christ.

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

WESTMINSTER SHORTER CATECHISM _____ 1647

103. What do we pray for in the third petition?

In the third petition, which is, Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven, we pray that God, by his grace, would make us able and willing to know, obey and submit to his will in all things, as the angels do in heaven.

104. What do we pray for in the fourth petition?

In the fourth petition, which is, Give us this day our daily bread, we pray that of God's free gift we may receive a competent portion of the good things of this life, and enjoy his blessing with them.

105. What do we pray for in the fifth petition?

In the fifth petition, which is, And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors, we pray that God, for Christ's sake, would freely pardon all our sins; which we are the rather encouraged to ask, because by his grace we are enabled from the heart to forgive others.

* **HYMN OF PRAISE**

And Can It Be That I Should Gain _____ 286 (31)

* **PSALM OF PRAISE**

O LORD, I Love You, God, My Strength (Psalm 18) _____ 22 (269)

CONSECRATION God Equips and Prepares His People

BAPTISM _____ **JESSE SHALOM TATE IRISH**

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

Opening: _____ Hosea 1:10

"Yet the number of the children of Israel Shall be as the sand of the sea, Which cannot be measured or numbered. And it shall come to pass In the place where it was said to them, 'You are not My people,' There it shall be said to them, 'You are sons of the living God.'"

Thanksgiving: _____ Hosea 14:5-7

I will be like the dew to Israel; He shall grow like the lily, And lengthen his roots like Lebanon. His branches shall spread; His beauty shall be like an olive tree, And his fragrance like Lebanon. Those who dwell under his shadow shall return; They shall be revived like grain, And grow like a vine. Their scent shall be like the wine of Lebanon.

* The congregation stands
† The congregation is invited to kneel

Petitions: _____ Hosea 14:1-2

O Israel, return to the LORD your God, For you have stumbled because of your iniquity; Take words with you, And return to the LORD. Say to Him, "Take away all iniquity; Receive us graciously, For we will offer the sacrifices of our lips."

* **PSALM OF PRAISE**

He Who in Evil Does Rejoice (Psalm 36) _____ 66 (76)

* **SCRIPTURE READING**

Old Testament: _____ Job 38:4-18

New Testament: _____ Matthew 14:22-33; Romans 10:5-17

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

* THE NICENE CREED

PREACHING OF THE WORD

"Mammon II: Worry" _____ Matthew 6:25-34

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

The Lord's Prayer _____ 411

Congregational AMEN!

THE OFFERING OF GIFTS

Sanctus-Schubert _____ 407 (437)

COMMUNION God Nourishes His People

THE LORD'S SUPPER

Bread: O Food of Men Wayfaring _____ 213 (254)

Wine: How Lovely Shines the Morning Star _____ 220 (264)

COMMISSIONING God Blesses & Sends His People

* **GOD'S COMMISSION TO US** _____ Matthew 6:33-34

³³ But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you. ³⁴ Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about its own things. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.

† **GLORIA PATRI** _____ 436

* **BENEDICTION** _____ 2 Peter 1:2

* **CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE --- AMEN!**

* The congregation stands
† The congregation is invited to stand with hands raised

Christian, what do you believe?

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of Heaven and Earth, of all things visible and invisible.

*And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made;
Who for us and for our salvation, came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary, and was made man;
And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;
He suffered and was buried;
And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and is seated on the right hand of the Father;
And he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead;
Whose kingdom shall have no end.*

*And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son;
Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; Who spoke by the prophets;
And we believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church;
We acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins;
And we look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen!*

BAPTISM

CONGREGATIONAL VOW

Do you, as baptized members of Christ, undertake the responsibility of a covenant community in assisting these parents in the Christian nurture of this child?

CONGREGATIONAL CHARGE –

“Little child, for you Jesus Christ came to this earth, struggled and suffered; for your sake He crossed Gethsemane and went through the darkness of Calvary; for your sake He cried: ‘It is finished’; for your sake He died and for your sake He overcame death; indeed for your sake, little child, and you—still— know nothing of it. And thus the word of the apostle is confirmed: ‘We love God, for He loved us first.’”

THANKSGIVING

1. For the baptism of Jesse Shalom Tate Irish this morning.

NEW REQUESTS

2. For Christians being massacred by Muslims in northern Iraq.
3. For health and healing for Ethan Foucachon.

STANDING REQUESTS

4. Expectant Mothers – Molly DeWinkle (August), Laura Mouro (October), Sarah Popovczak (October), Katie El Jarra (November).
5. Christian Ministry and Mission – For Love INC of the Greater Livingston Area.
6. Churches in the CREC - For Christ Covenant Reformed Church in Billings, MT, Pastor Curtis Schrock and Trinity Covenant Church in Wichita, KS, elder Derek Hale.
7. Civil Authorities – Our Local County and City Government.
8. The Healing of the Sick – Patricia Schemanske; Anna Mouro; John Marshall; Raphael’s father; Arie DeWinkle; Claudia Swanson; Dawn Nugent.
9. For full-time work, and for wisdom and direction for Bill Landis in considering his career options.
10. For the closing of the VanDerhoof’s house in Midland.
11. For the sale of the Mouro’s house in Hillsborough, NC.
12. Salvation of All Men – Repentance and faith for all nations, especially those in Central America.
13. Sanctification of the Saints – Sanctification of our families and church; repentance and faith as a way of life.

Sermon Notes for: August 10, 2014
"Mammon II: Worry" - Matthew 6:25-34
-- Pastor Dirk DeWinkle --

I. Introduction

II. The Text

A. Don't Worry About Your Life (Food, Drink, or Clothing)

²⁵ *"Therefore I say to you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink; nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing?"*

B. Two Arguments From the Lesser to the Greater

1. Birds of the Air

²⁶ *Look at the birds of the air, for they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they?"*

2. Lilies of the Field

²⁷ *Which of you by worrying can add one cubit to his stature?* ²⁸ *"So why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin; ²⁹ and yet I say to you that even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. ³⁰ Now if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is, and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will He not much more clothe you, O you of little faith?"*

C. Worry is a Pagan Trait

³¹ *"Therefore do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?'"* ³² *For after all these things the Gentiles seek. For your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. ³³ But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.*

D. Don't Worry About Tomorrow

³⁴ *Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about its own things. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.*

III. Worry

A. Definitions –

B. What kinds of things do we worry about?

C. Antidote – Seek After the Kingdom of God, and His Righteousness...

D. Clarifications

E. Goal / Purpose –

We warmly invite to the Lord's Supper all those who are baptized disciples of Jesus Christ, under the authority of Christ and His body, the Church. By eating the bread and drinking the wine with us, you acknowledge that you are a sinner, without hope except in the sovereign mercy of God, and that you are trusting in Jesus Christ alone for salvation. You also acknowledge to the elders of this congregation that you are in covenant with God, being active in a congregation which is covenantally bound to the triune God through Word and sacrament. If you have any doubt about your participation, please speak to an elder before or after the service.