The Bridge

May 2017

Christ the Lord Lutheran Church (CTL)

A Reconciling in Christ Congregation 🚬 🚶

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CTL Office Hours
Monday: Office closed
Tuesday through Friday: 9:00 A.M.–1:00 P.M.
These are the regularly scheduled hours for Peggy.

For Pastoral care, members are welcome to call Pr. Michael Rothaar at 630-865-5246

June Bridge deadline – May 19, 2017
Send items to Karin K at bridge@ctlelgin.org or leave in mailbox on the top of the mail slots outside the church office.

We are centered in Christ and reach out to care.

We proclaim Jesus as Lord and Savior.
We equip and teach for spiritual growth.
We worship passionately.
We minister to the physical and spiritual needs of others.
We discern and use the gifts of the Holy Spirit.
We invite and involve others with a welcoming heart.
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Annual Meeting Announcement

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of

Christ the Lord Lutheran Church
May 21, 2017

In the sanctuary after church

The meeting is called to elect new members to Church Council. Select voting delegates to the 2018 Synod Assembly. Qualified voting members are urged to attend.
Fox River Valley Initiative
Leaders Retreat
All member organizing teams and prospective member institutions are encouraged to attend.

When & Where
♦ Saturday, June 24, 2017
♦ 9:00 am - 12:00 pm
♦ Christ the Lord Lutheran Church, 12N462 Tina Trail, Elgin, IL 60124
   (1/4 mile west of Randall Road on Highland Avenue)

Who Should Come
♦ Teams of two or more people from member institutions and prospective member institutions
♦ Key lay leaders, clergy, volunteers, and/or directors wanting to organize

Purpose
♦ Relate: build relationships across institutions
♦ Learn
   ♦ What is happening now in our body politic? Why? What are the traps we can fall into?
   ♦ How to build power with a broad range of institutions.
   ♦ How to do a power analysis of our institutions and region that help us act on the issues impacting our institutions and beyond.
♦ Act
♦ Issue Updates
♦ Timeline & Goals

Please RSVP at frvbbo@yahoo.com

Contact Adrienne McCauley
(mccauley.adrienne@gmail.com)
or Rachel Brooks
(rachel@dupageunited.org)
for questions.
*COME ONE COME ALL*

For future events, be sure the **church office** and **Bridge editor** receive date and time information so calendars and space needs are all correct! Please click on blue hyperlinks for more information.

Click here for the **(Full Calendar )**

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*WORSHIP NEWS*

**Sunday Morning Schedule**
9:30 a.m. Worship/Communion
11:00 a.m. Education Hour

**Scripture Lessons for May**

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*FROM OUR LEADERSHIP*

From the Pastor

Spring is definitely here! Trees and shrubs and perennial flowers and grassy lawns remind us of the great wonder that after a season of rest, living things are born again to life!

Churches are like that in some ways. Plans are underway for Christ the Lord to rise from its season of renewal, ready to blossom and flourish. People are responding generously to the Appeal for Immediate Maintenance. Some building improvements have already been accomplished and others are in the design or estimating phase. The Call Committee is working with the Metropolitan Chicago Synod, and actively seeking a good match between CTL’s identity, mission and purpose, and a capable, faithful pastoral leader. Preparations for the new pastor include organizing files and upgrading administrative systems. Program plans for the Fall are already underway: God’s Work Our Hands Sunday is Sept. 10, and the council just decided to expand the “All Are Welcome” theme with an observance of Disability Sunday on Oct. 1. The congregation’s deep involvements in special projects like ELCA World Hunger and Kid’s Hope USA are continuing. Leaders are looking forward to welcoming people from throughout the Fox Valley to CTL for a community organizing training event on June 24.

All of these are signs of rebirth, renaissance, renewal – and all of them reflect in their own way the miracle of Easter, which we celebrate every Sunday through the end of May. It is the core story of the Christian church.

Many people enjoyed the short video I used during the children’s sermon on Easter Sunday, and have asked how they can see it again. Here’s where to find it online: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FYdP7nozxUQ8

The title is “A Very Special Sunday,” and the only identification of its origin are two little girls named Eliana and Elysia Anderson. I wish I had been able to find out more about it, but there are no production credits and no copyright information. It sort of showed up on YouTube five years ago or so. Copies and an ancillary product line are marketed by a Tulsa business called
Steelehouse Media Group, but they seem to me to have just picked up someone else’s creative work – it doesn’t resemble their other creative. I wish I did know who’s responsible for it, because it’s a delightful telling of the story of Jesus’ sacrifice of his life to save us from our sin, God’s powerful word that overcame his death and the grave, and our call to tell the Good News: Christ has died. Christ is Risen. Christ will come again.

It’s so important for Christian congregations to center themselves on telling the authentic Christian gospel. We live in an age where there is considerable secularization, and hostility to people of faith. I’m a regular reader of www.getreligion.org, in which Terry Mattingly and other writers document how media distorts and misrepresents the experience of being religious, mostly because journalists are uninterested and uninvolved.

But the other phenomenon we confront as Christians is a system of misbelief that’s being called “the new American religion.” It’s not so much that people aren’t “religious” (although they usually assert their arrogance by claiming to be “spiritual” instead), but that they just believe stuff that they make up for themselves.

Christian Smith, and his fellow researchers with the National Study of Youth and Religion at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, conducted in-depth interviews with more than 3000 American young people, and also built on survey data that has shown the “Rise of the Nones” – people who claim no affiliation with a faith tradition. In 2005 they published Soul Searching, in which they coined the term Moralistic Therapeutic Deism.


For large numbers of people, there’s no understanding of what the one God has done for us in Jesus Christ, and who God is calling us to be, and what future our loving God has promised us. Instead, they are content with a messy hodgepodge of ideas like these: “There’s probably a god who watches over the world, but
doesn’t matter much unless you need help in resolving a problem in getting what you want.” "God wants people to be good, nice, and fair to each other, as taught in the Bible and by most world religions. Everybody, if they’re pretty good, goes to heaven when they die." "The central goal of life is to be happy and to feel good about oneself."

As Christians, we are called to be witnesses to Jesus Christ, both to a secularized society and to a culture of misbelief. May God always help us find the ways to speak the words of comfort and hope.

The Rev. Dr. Michael R. Rothaar
Interim Pastor

Call Committee

The Call Committee decided to begin interviews late April or May because there was only one candidate available in the ‘pool’ when we started this a couple months ago. It didn’t seem to make sense to interview one candidate and then wait 3 months before we could interview anyone else. Holly received an email from Cynthia Hileman April 18 saying that she had 3 possibly 4 candidates for us to interview and she would send me their information.

Holly V
Call Committee Chair
*GET INVOLVED*

**Our AIM is Opening Doors to Our Future**

As this time there is no final report on this Appeal since it wraps up **May 7**. However, the early commitments by our Council and AIM Team show the Holy Spirit is guiding members to commit generously! **If the rest of the congregation gives at the level of the early commitments, we could be at $100,000!** That means we would not have to delay other facility repairs needed. **Glory be to God!**

**Great Sunday of Giving May 14**

Let’s all consider amazing gifts to kick off our AIM Building Fund. What a statement this will make to our future Pastor who will see what we can do when moved by the Spirit! You will note the new offering envelopes now have a line that reads, **AIM Building Fund**. In case you wonder, the commitments made to this appeal officially begin **May 1**.

**Bridge Walk**

The LivingWell Cancer Resource Center in Geneva is sponsoring a fundraiser called the Bridge walk. The walk is on **Sat., May 13**, at 8 am. Its purpose is to "raise funds to help those who have been touched by cancer." The walk starts at the Fabyan Forest Preserve. Registration is at [https://livingwellcrc.org/bridgewalk](https://livingwellcrc.org/bridgewalk) CTL's team is **CTLWALKERS**. The cost to register is $30 and includes a free t-shirt. Cancer survivors can register at no cost. For more information and carpooling, see **Susan T, Debbie McG, or Barb B.**
**Early Synod Assembly Registration Available**

Any member is welcome to attend our Metropolitan Chicago Synod Assembly. Early registration for this year’s synod assembly, **June 9-10, 2017**, at the Tinley Park Convention Center, 18451 Convention Center Dr., Tinley Park, IL 60477, is available at www.mcselca.org/assembly. Early registration ends **May 8, 2017**. Hotel reservation assembly rates end on May 19. Our congregation council would also like to hear from anyone who would like to be a voting member on behalf of the congregation.

One of the featured speakers at the assembly will be **Cardinal Blase J. Cupich** of the Archdiocese of Chicago, who will address the assembly on Friday, June 9. The keynote speaker (and churchwide representative) will be the **Rev. Kathryn M. Lohre**, executive for Ecumenical and Inter-Religious Relations in the Office of the Presiding Bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

**Financial Report**

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Gifts $45,698 Expenses $37,483 +$8,216

Praise God as we continue to respond with faithfulness in our gifts for mission and ministry.

**We are an Offering**

On April 2nd I was Supply Pastor at St. Barnabas in Cary. The Offertory that day was ELW #692, which really struck me.

*We lift our voices, we lift our hands,*

*we lift our lives up to you; we are an offering.*

*Lord, use our voices, Lord, use our hands,*

*Lord, use our lives, they are yours; we are an offering.*
All that we have, all that we are,  
all that we hope to be, we give to you, we give to you.  
We lift our voices, we lift our hands,  
we lift our lives up to you; we are an offering, we are an offering.

On April 4th I received an email that quoted Professor Rolf Jacobson of Luther Seminary. “God cares as much about the money you don’t give away to charity as God does about the money that you do. By emphasizing the tithe and giving off the top -- which are noble ideas -- we’ve accidentally taught people that God only cares about what we give away. You know, 10% belongs to God; the rest belongs to you. Give that 10% to the church, which will use it for God’s purposes. The other 90%? Do whatever you want with it.

We should be telling people something like this: Because we belong to God, everything about us belongs to God: ourselves, our bodies, our families, our time, and our relationships -- even our possessions. In light of that, the question we ought to be asking ourselves is: "How do people who belong to God regard their belongings?" And all God’s people said, “AMEN!”

Arlyn T

**Confirmation**

The following is the schedule for confirmation classes for the remainder of this academic year:

Sunday, April 30 - 11:00 - 12:15  
Wednesday, May 3 - 6:45 - 8:00  
Wednesday, May 24 - 6:45 - 8:00  
Wednesday, May 31 - 6:45 - 8:00

The Rite of Confirmation will be celebrated on **Sun., June 4** at 9:30 am
Visually-Impaired Children Experience Egg Hunt with Eggs That Beep

ATF creates beeping eggs so vision impaired children can experience an Easter egg hunt

[Read more...]

**Kids Hope USA**

Unbelievable! We're almost at the end of another school year! CTL mentors are completing the fifth year of KHUSA at Hillcrest Elementary. The principal, staff, and teachers are glad we're there - we can tell by the looks on their faces when we walk in the door. The kids are glad we're there - some of them almost beam when they leave their classrooms to go with their mentors. So many other children wish that there were more of us; they want mentors, too. We're ending the year with seven mentor/kid relationships. Some of mentors will be assigned to new children next fall because their kids are aging out of the elementary program. We're very excited because we'll be welcoming two NEW mentors to our group. CTL has made it possible for some very special children to have undivided adult attention they so desperately need.

Consider being a mentor. You don't have to have special skills; you just have to be willing to take the training, be fingerprinted, have a background check and, most important of all, be willing to spend an hour a week with an at-risk child. Ask the CTL mentors about their experiences. I'm sure they'll be happy to share!

A very big, heartfelt thank you to KH Mentors and Prayer Partners for another very successful year! Mentors are: Tom J, Henrietta N, Patty H, Ann K, Jacki B, Arlyn T and Jeanne T.

Please pray for the KH kids over the summer and for the program as we begin again in September.
**Intergenerational Events**

This has been a great year for the fledgling Intergeneration Event group. We may not have had a traditional Sunday School but the CTL children, their parents and other adults as well learned a lot and experienced the joy of serving others. At this time there are no specific plans for summer events. Stay tuned for notification of dates and themes. Want to be involved? Have some great ideas? Talk to Diane B, Justin R, Holly V or Jeanne T. ALL ARE WELCOME!

**Focus on Fellowship**

Although this group is very new at CTL, there are lots of good ideas and possibilities so watch for upcoming activities. If you're interested in helping plan events or outings for seniors, families, mixed age groups, speak to one of the Fellowship Team members. They are: Carol E, Bob and Karen E, Judi F and Jeanne T.

**Needles and Pins Circle –**

Remember when your mom had “Circle” at church or the neighborhood ladies got together to “Coffee Klatch”. I do, and I remember my Mom forming the best bonds of friendship with those ladies. They were like sisters to her and second Moms to us. Well, CTL has that group. We meet on Tuesdays from 9 -12 and we sew, knit, crochet, make cards, visit and just kibitz. Sometimes someone even brings a special treat or new recipe that we all have to sample. You are all welcome to join us. Even if you don’t do any of these crafty things we would love to have you there just to visit. Or come and LEARN how to do something new.

If we are having lots of fun (which is often) we eat our sack lunches and just keep going into the afternoon. What a great way to spend a Tuesday Morning.
**Bound and Ungagged**

Bound and Ungagged is reading "My Name is Lucy Barton" for our May 6th meeting. We will be reading "Sing You Home" by Jodi Picoult for June 3rd and for July 1st we will be reading "Commonwealth" by Ann Patchett. Bound and Ungagged meets at Colonial Cafe on McLean Blvd at 8:00am. If you love to read and would enjoy some wonderful fellowship come join us for a delicious breakfast, fellowship and some lively discussion about the books that we read. If you have any questions or would like to suggest a book you think the book club would enjoy reading and discussing please contact Carol H.

**Bound & Ungagged Books For 2017**

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**Vineyard Breakfast**

CTL is providing breakfast for the needy at the Vineyard Church in downtown Elgin on the third Thursday of each month. Breakfasts start at 7:00 a.m. We provide a hot meal during the colder months or cooler edibles when it is warm. Anyone who would like to help by donating food, preparing, or serving, please contact Barb B.

**Prayerful Humor**

*The Bible, Through the Eyes of a Child*

**Creation**

In the beginning, which was close to the start, there wasn't anything except God, darkness and some gas. The Bible says, "The Lord, thy God, is one," but I think He has to be much older than that.
Anyway, God made the world and then He said, "Give me some light," and somebody gave it to Him. He split an atom and made Eve. Adam and Eve didn't wear any clothes, but they weren't embarrassed because God hadn't invented mirrors, yet.

Adam and Eve sinned by eating one bad apple and they were driven out of the Garden of Eden. I'm not sure what God drove them in because He hadn't invented cars, either.

Adam and Eve's son, Cain, hated his brother as long as he was Abel. After a while, all of the first people died, except Methuselah, who lived to be, like, a million years old.
*LEARNING*

**Adult Study Groups**
You’re welcome to participate in our adult learning opportunities:

**Sunday Forum** is on hold

**Bible & Brew** is a lay-led spontaneous discussion group that meets each Tuesday at 7:00 a.m. at Village Squire in Dundee.

**Wednesday Morning Bible Study** is taught by Pastor Rothaar every week at 10:00 a.m. in the library. This study is a careful look at the lectionary -- the three Scripture readings and psalm that will be used in church the following Sunday. A study guide is distributed each week. You can either bring your own Bible (any translation) or use one of the NRSV Bibles we have on hand.

**Next Sessions:**
Wed May 3, 2017  10:00am – 11:00am
Wed May 10, 2017  NO MEETING
Wed May 17, 2017  10:00am – 11:00am
Wed May 24, 2017  10:00am – 11:00am
*THANK YOU*

Holy Holes — Eric & Sharon L, Barb L, Patsy B

Altar Flowers — Eric & Sharon L in memory of Mary B

CTL hosted Soup Kettle on March 30th. It was a wonderful dinner of smoked turkey breast, mashed potatoes and gravy, corn, salad, fruit cups, homemade bread, and ice cream with toppings. The guests were presented their dinners on china plates and they were given metal tableware with which to eat. There was live dinner music and prizes, picnic mats made from plastic bags were presented to the guests by a drawing of numbers. Solveig N lent a hand with the drawings. Patty Harrer planned and prepared the meal. She was assisted by a large number of helpers: Jeanne and Arlyn T, Jan E, Vicki S, Corrine A, Barb B, Carol and Rick E, John M, John C, and Susan and Steve T. The musicians, under Henrietta N's direction, were Sarah C, Augie N, Nicklas N and Holly V. Thanks to everyone who made this event possible and to Sharon L for baking and providing the homemade bread. The next time CTL hosts Soup Kettle will be on June 30.
Prayer Requests

April 30, 2017

Please pray for those who are part of the life of CTL who struggle with illness and other concerns, especially: Linda B, Patsy B, Dale B, Teri C, Debbie D, Jan E, Rick & Carol E, Karen E, Jan G, Barb L, and Larry M.

Please pray for those in care facilities or at home, especially:
   Al D, Ursula H

Please pray for those in military service, especially:
   Matt and John Y

Please pray for our family and friends, especially:
   Brown Family........................ friends of Cheri Lee Lewis
   Beau J.............................. son-in-law of Cheri Lee Lewis
   Juanita............................. friend of Barb Lawrence
   George & Joan L...brother & sister-in-law of Cheri Lee Lewis
   Joan W ............................mother of Pam Willey

Names in the above prayer lists are kept active for 6 weeks.
Please call our office if you want to request additional time.
*SPECIAL DATES TO REMEMBER*
If you have a May event and it does not appear on the lists, please let us know so we can update our records. bridge@ctlelgin.org

**May Birthdates**
1 - Warren B  
1 - Jessica Z  
3 - Heather B  
4 - Jill B  
7 - Christina A  
7 - Thomas McG  
8 - Jeanne T  
9 - Tim E  
9 - Marcy W  
14 - Robert F  
15 - Norbert R  
17 - Ofelia B  
17 - Luann L  
18 - Michael C  
18 - Howard E  
21 - Jessica B  
21 - Andrea D  
21 - John M  
21 - August N  
21 - Susan T  
22 - Eric L  
22 - Shelley M  
23 - Jeffrey M  
23 - Holly V  
24 - Justin R  
25 - Mary B  
28 - Dave S

**May Baptisms**
1 - Beth L  
1 - Erich S  
1 - Cullen M  
1 - Catherine F  
7 - Sarah C  
17 - Rick E  
17 - Taylor L  
22 - Jennifer M  
22 - Solveig N  
23 - Arlyn T  
23 - Allen B  
25 - Dana P  
26 - Christina A  
29 - Amber H  
31 - Karin K  
31 - Lizzie D

**May Anniversaries**
3 - Julia & Brian Hensley C  
10 - Carol & Russ H  
23 - Tami & Justin P  
30 - Jeneane & Dale Z
*CHRIST THE LORD LUTHERAN CHURCH*

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Eric L  2016-2019  Vice President
Ann O  2015-2018  Secretary & Archivist
Jacki B  2014-2017  Corresponding Secretary
Karin K  2012-2018
Vacancy  2018
Jeanne T  2016-2019

**CTL FINANCIAL TEAM**
Beth U  Treasurer
Carol C  Financial Secretary

CTL council minutes are now available on the entryway white board!

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