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Newsletter

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Pastor's Letter

Rev. Jeremiah Johnson

Order and Freedom

We're winding down our Sunday morning Bible Class on human sexuality, and I've noticed that two related issues keep emerging in our conversation: order and freedom. I don't think that we've ever addressed these two topics directly in Bible Class, but whether talking about marriage, transgender claims, sexual ethics, or tolerance, these two subjects have always been near the surface. So, if you'll indulge me, I'd like to make two points about order and freedom. First, order is a gift from God, and hence it's good for us. Second, that our quest for freedom can actually be debilitating.

Order is a gift

When God created the heavens and the earth, He didn't just make something out of nothing, but He brought order out of chaos. He arranged the heavens in their intricate, celestial order. He arranged the land and the sea, the plants and the animals all in a carefully orchestrated order. Everything was arranged “according to its kind,” which means that every created thing has a niche, a thing that it does because that's what it is. Worms enrich the soil, birds know where to nest, and ferns are, well, ferny. Monkeys don't lay eggs, radishes don't give milk, and mountains don't frolic. That's just not what God created them to be.

Of course, order goes beyond simple biology. When God created mankind, He gave them a particular order too. He created them male and female. He also gave them the role of being creation's caretakers. And He ordered the structure of the family: husband, wife, kids. And when it comes to their sexuality, it's a pretty straightforward arrangement: male and female fit together. They're designed to be counterparts, physically, emotionally, and vocationally. These two complementary sexes become one in marriage. And what did the Lord say about this order? It was *very* good.

Now if God establishes an order and calls it good, then acting outside that order is *not* good. That's what all those commandments about sexuality are all about. “Don't commit adultery”, “don't unite yourself to a prostitute”, “you shall not lie with a male as with a woman”: all of these commandments simply protect the good order that God first established in the garden. It really is this simple: things go better for us when our lives are aligned with the way God ordered things.

Freedom can be debilitating

So if order is a gift from God, where does that leave freedom? Born and raised in America, we're practically hardwired to champion every kind of personal freedom, freedom to vote and own a gun and live where we want and say what we think. Hey, if I want to paint my garage pink, I should be able to do that, right? Certainly, some freedoms are good (although the pink garage is debatable), but is every kind of freedom always good for us?

R. R. Reno, editor of *First Things*, tells a story illustrating just how disorienting and even destructive boundless freedom can be. He was discussing with his son who recently entered the workforce about the shape of his life. For Reno and those of his generation life is like a train ride where the stops are the major milestones in life: school, marriage, career, children, retirement, etc. Although not everyone makes all these stops at exactly the same time, or perhaps they skip one or two, nevertheless, most people do eventually make most of these stops in a predictable fashion. Reno's son, however, said, "Dad, things aren't like that anymore." Sociologists estimate that the average Millennial (born between 1982 and 2004) will change *careers* (not just jobs) seven times during their lifetime. Seven times! Furthermore, Reno's son noted that many of his friends have achieved life's milestones out of order or not at all. Many Millennials are forgoing home ownership and following a non-traditional path of education and wonder whether or not retirement will ever be in their future (for better or for worse). In other words, if life in Reno's generation was like a train ride, life in his son's generation is like a sailing expedition, constantly tacking back and forth, back and forth, hoping that the wind holds out all the way through.

Some will acclaim this new life-as-a-sailboat paradigm as a remarkable victory for freedom. One could argue that we have more choices than ever. We don't have to be tied down to a particular career path. The nuclear family has given way to a variety of different family structures. The internet has allowed us to form communities that are not bound geographically. And even the "traditional" categories of male and female no longer need bind us. A whole new world of possibilities are open to us.

But is this sort of "freedom" truly good for us?

From a purely social perspective, this sense of unlimited possibility has created profound anxiety and uncertainty in our culture. The freedom of a globalized economy has increased the anxiety of the working class, as they've watched dependable jobs get shipped overseas. The freedom from geographic or ethnic communities has left many feeling adrift and alone in our vast, anonymous populations. Surrounded by people, we have never been so alone. And perhaps most destructive of all has been the "freedom" ushered in by the sexual revolution. Total "freedom" of our sexuality has left a long trail of collateral damage in its wake. This "freedom" has produced broken families, teenage pregnancy, exploitation of women, sexting, heartache, selfishness, the re-definition of marriage, and confusion about the sexes. In this case, freedom to choose is really the freedom to choose poorly.

Let me be clear. I'm not trying to make a political point, but a theological one. Under the banner of freedom, we have been sold a bill of goods that has utterly failed to deliver on its promises. Unbounded freedom is simply not good for us; the evidence is present everywhere in the anxiety and decay of our culture.

But this isn't new. We're still following in the deluded footsteps of our first parents. Taking the fruit did not represent freedom, but bondage. Eden represents a great paradox that we must understand. Freedom for mankind did not come from having all choices available, but from choosing within the boundaries God had established. In other words, *true* freedom is living in the order that God created.

Every good parent establishes rules for their children's good. Your parents told you: "Bedtime is at eight." "Don't stick paperclips in the light socket." "Eat your vegetables." "Don't wander out in the street." Why? Because kids need sleep, cars go fast, your body needs vitamin A, and electrocution is not the best way to learn about electricity. Likewise our heavenly Father orders our life *for our good*. Marriage, church, community, family, work—the Lord has a particular order for all these institutions. But doing things our own way will never turn out well for us.

When parents establish rules, it calls their children to trust them. "Yes, Mom and Dad, I trust that you want the best for me, so I won't put this paperclip in the light socket." The same thing could be said for the Lord. "Yes, Lord, I trust that you want the best for me, so I will live according to your order." That's what faith does—it trusts God.

I can think of no better example of this kind of Fatherly love than the parable of the prodigal son. The parable begins with the younger son still living at home, under his father's order. But the son wants to be free to go his own way, so he takes half of the bank account and splits. But it isn't long before this son's "freedom" lands him far from home, feeding hogs and jealous of their lunch. So he goes back to his dad, who miraculously takes him in, no questions asked. He is welcomed back into his Father's household again, living within the order of being his son. And the parable gives us no inkling that the prodigal ever yearned again for the boundless "freedom" of his reckless debauchery. True freedom is the freedom found within the order of father's household.



Worship this Month

All Saints' Day

November 6, 2016 – Revelation 7:9-17

In many country churches, you can walk out back and you will find a graveyard. To many, this may seem morbid, but to Christians, it is an important lesson to us about the nature of the Church. Those Christians who sit in the pews on Sunday morning are the saints because of what Christ has done for them. And those Christians who are buried out back are *still* saints because of what Christ has done for them. So, on All Saints' Day, we especially remember those saints who have died and are in the hands of Christ. We give thanks to God for close friends or parents who died in the faith. But we also remember saints who died long before we were even born. Some of their names we know, but most to them we do not. Yet they are no less part of the Church than we are, for they too have been made holy by His blood. And when Christ comes again, we will stand together with all the saints, rejoicing in His advent.

We give Thanks for the Saints among us who are in Christ's hands since November 2015: Myron Lundberg, Shirley Lavanger and Marshall Handberg.

Second-last Sunday of the Church Year

November 13, 2016 – Luke 21:5-28

It should be a pleasant sight to us when these signs appear, for thereby God comforts us and indicates that He is about to punish the world and finally redeem us from all misfortune and misery. In view of this, we should not only expect this blessed Day with joy but also really long, sigh, and cry for it to our Lord Christ and say, “Thou hast promised this Day as our redemption from all evil; let it come now, this very hour, if it is so to be, and put an end to this misery.”

Martin Luther

Sermon on Luke 21:25-33, 1532

Last Sunday of the Church Year

November 20, 2016 - Luke 23:27-43

In the old lectionary system, the last Sunday of the church year used to be “Christ the King Sunday,” where we celebrated the glorious return of Jesus, our triumphant king who will return to judge on the last day. But now we see Jesus beaten and bloodied on the cross, who tells the women to weep for themselves instead of him. It's a far cry from Christ the King Sunday.

Or is it?

In reality, we have not strayed very far from Christ the King Sunday. Here, on the cross, we *do* see Jesus reigning as a king. Even if sarcastically, the passers-by proclaim that He is the king of the Jews. Even the accusation above His head testify to His royalty: “Jesus of Nazareth, King of the Jews.” He is indeed the king. Here is Jesus, the king, crowned with thorns and a cross for his throne.

And whereas Christ the King Sunday would always recount Jesus' return on the last day to judge the living and the dead, here we see the last day come early on the cross. He issues judgment from his cross-throne, but it is a royal *pardon* to those who mocked him. “Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.” And even with the thief on the cross Jesus says, “Truly I say to you, today you will be with me in paradise.”

Yes, the cross is a judgment day, but here's the twist: it's the king who is punished, and we, the criminals, go free.

Thanksgiving Eve

November 23, 2016 – Deuteronomy 8:1-10

“Remember....”

Martin Luther said that Christianity is a “religion of gratitude”. Everything we have and need has been given to us by the pure mercy and grace of God. God creates, redeems and sanctifies. All that remains is too joyfully thank God and **remember** in faith the full measure He has provided for us.

On this national day of Thanksgiving and on all our days, God enlivens our grateful remembering by His own remembering of us and His promises. When God **remembered** His loving kindness, Christ took on flesh in the womb of a virgin to redeem us. When God **remembered** His compassion, Christ had compassion for us and healed us from the leprosy of our sin. On Calvary the healing medicine was poured out by the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.

First Sunday in Advent
November 27, 2016 – Matthew 21:1-11

“Behold, your King comes to you!”

The church has been observing the season of Advent for many centuries. And it has **never been more important** for the Church to observe this season carefully than in this time, when the competition for our attention is so fierce. There are so many voices that draw us away from the true reason for the season, Jesus Christ, who comes into the world to save us, His people, from our very real sin and death. While this time of year we often fix our eyes on evergreen trees, the greatest gadgets, get-togethers and good food-- *Let us fix our eyes and hearts on Jesus*, as He rides into Jerusalem on a donkey. Here is the object of our faith, our Savior who comes to save us. Not with power and might or even a 50 percent off sale, but with weakness and suffering and death. Behold, your king comes to you, righteous and having salvation, humble and mounted on a donkey.



Saturday Evening Divine Service: 5:00 PM

NO Saturday Evening service on November 26th.

Sunday Schedule: Divine Service 9:00 AM; followed by Bible Class and Sunday school at 10:30.

Thanksgiving Eve Service: Wednesday, November 23rd 7:00 pm

Northwest Suburban Circuit Congregation Prayers – Each week we will be praying for a congregation in the circuit and for others who have or have had a connection with them. This month, we are asking for prayers for Grace Lutheran Church, Brooklyn Park, and Pastor Vance Milbrath, Lutheran Church of the Triune God, Brooklyn Center, and Pastor Peter Preus, Beautiful Savior Lutheran, Plymouth, and Pastor Tom Stoebig and Pastor Joe Behnke, and for Eternal Hope Lutheran, Brooklyn Park, and Pastor Roger Dramstad.

Additional Time to Worship - Every Wednesday morning beginning at 9:15 am, Pastor Johnson and Pastor Krueger will have a Prayer Office (Matins or Morning Prayer). This happens right before Wednesday morning Bible Study. Please join us if you are able!

Annual GoC Chili Cook-Off! And the Winners Were: CHILI: Hottest: Jeremy & Jill Eickhoff, Best Tasting: Gary Peterson, Best Presentation: Jack Teske, CORN BREAD: Best Tasting: Josh & Alisha Christian, Best Presentation: Pastor & Susan Johnson, PIE/DESSERT: Best Tasting: Kim Krueger, Best Presentation: Cheryl McCreary. **Thanks to everyone for another fun and successful year!!!**

New Member Sunday is THIS SUNDAY – November 6th! Please be sure to introduce yourself and welcome all our new members!!! Gladys Romansky, Velva Kosel, Nate, Alyssa and Henry Burdick, Alisha Christian, Kurt Merkle, Justin, Laura, Jonathan, Elizabeth and David Thurk, Kristine Wild-Eversman, Ryan Mette, Stephanie Weeks, Cailyn Argent and Mason Hillman. Welcome Everyone!!!!!!

Men's Reading Group meets Saturday, November 12th at 6:30 am. Maple Grove Perkins. If you haven't joined this group yet, let Pastor Johnson know you are interested and please feel free to come!

New Sunday Morning Bible Study on Colossians Beginning Mid-November: Paul's letter to the church at Colossae has some of the richest Christology (the nature and work of Christ as both God and man) in all of scripture. Christ as the head of the Church is the center of Paul's proclamation. The false teachings in the Colossian church were obscuring the sufficiency of Jesus. These errors were extremely dangerous because they weren't being offered to replace Christ. Rather, they were being offered to supplement Christ as if He wasn't enough. These errors came from within the organized church, not from outside it.

Still today, the greatest threats against Christ and His Word come from within the church, when other man-made spirituality or human imagination try to supplement Christ. In our post-modern age, there is great pressure to acknowledge that everyone has some claim on truth and that there is no such thing as truth from all people of all times and places. There is also great pressure to acknowledge the idols of many religions as having a place alongside Jesus Christ.

The center of this letter is well confessed by you as you gather in the Divine Service and say, *I believe...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 men 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.*

Christmas Decorating! Please join us on Saturday, November 26th to help decorate the church for Christmas. We will meet at 3:30 and go until approximately 5:00. Come join the fun!

Update to the Prayer List: We will keep the current prayer list until Thanksgiving. Then, if you want to have your name, or the name of your friend, loved one, to remain on the list, please let Brenda know. Once a name is added, it will be removed after 4 weeks unless we are notified to have it remain. Thank You!

Remember in our Prayers: Camryn Handberg (niece of Becky Johnson-Lane), Idena Hagen, Sean Breininger, Kathy Chadwick (friend of Janet Preus), Kelly Cargill (friend of Becky Johnson-Lane), Hazel Schweiger (mother of Becky Johnson-Lane), Evalynn Cerdenola, Donna Preus (mother of Christian Preus), Ann Olson, Lisa Brackmann, Sam Miller (friend of Mari and Chris Houck), Don Barclay (Uncle of Mari Houck), Marcia Bell (daughter of Ann Olson), Arta Walter, Ed Brunken, Rev. Bob Yount, Sarah Miller, Paul Johnson, Drew Johnson, Linda Lohmeyer (Friend of Carla Claussen), Debbie Diehl (Daughter-in-law of Fred & Lois Parduhn), Ron Quittem (Father of Jill Larson), Jack Jakupciak, Meta Nelson (Sister of Lisa Paradis), Bill Johnson (father of Michelle Nelson), DaniJo Johnson (niece of Roger & Jana Hargreaves), Lee Hart, Paul Paulson (grandfather of Jesse Huber), Charles Beck (Grandfather of Liz Huber), Mike Kohlhof, (Brother in Law of Barb Rains), Blake Iverson (Friend of Carla Claussen), Michelle Oasley (niece of Ellie Leimer), Norm Theiste, Carol Walden (Grandmother of Barbie Gruenhagen), Al Lavanger, Marissa Pankonin (Niece of Tague and Debbie Damberg), Sandra Ostapovich (Daughter of Jim & Jean Small), Onna Ostendorf (Friend of Jack Teske), John Algen (Friend of Mike Krause), Bill Anderson, Terrie Barnhardt (Daughter of Arta Walter), Brecken Garding and Kathy Handberg (Step-mother of Becky Johnson-Lane).



Sunday School

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Hello Sunday School Families and Teachers!

It's that time again to prepare for the Glory of Christ Children's Christmas Program! Children in grades pre-K through 8th grade, are welcome to participate. **The program will be taking place on Sunday, December 18**, during the Sunday School/Bible Study hour. We will have **two Saturday practices** scheduled on **December 10 and 17, from 9-11 am**.

Parents:

We are asking that you **let your Sunday School teacher** know if your children will be able to attend both practices and the program **by Sunday, November 6 at the latest**. It is very important for children who have speaking parts in the program to be at both practices to make sure they are comfortable and ready to perform. Even though we will be working with your children on their speaking and singing parts, we ask that when they have their lines you work with them to help them memorize their parts.

Also, parents, we are in need of people willing to assist our coordinators on tasks. Please see any of them if you can help:

Carla Claussen - music coordinator
Dawn Rolf - costume coordinator
Shannon Lindh - snack coordinator
Travis Dorweiler - set and A/V coordinator

We are also looking for an usher to reserve seating for the children/teachers and hand out programs.

Sunday School Teachers:

To make the Program a great learning experience for the children and teach them about the Christmas Story, we are asking that you participate in both Saturday practices. Your presence will help the children have a positive and productive learning experience during the practices.

We will also be taking the first half hour of Sunday School lesson time on November 27 to go over a brief first run through of the program (where/when to stand and sit down) and December 4 and 17 to work on music for the program. If you are on a rotation with another teacher, you do not need to change your schedule.

Thank you everyone for supporting Glory of Christ youth in learning and sharing with the congregation God's most precious gift to us - Jesus!

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Madson
Kodi Hoffarth
Kelly Dorweiler



Compassion Circle will be meeting on Monday, November 14th, starting at 1:00. Join us for a devotion and fellowship at our meetings. Hope to see you there!

Quilting news: On the 18th we had 11 quilters diligently working with fabric and sheets that so many of you have donated. We want to thank you all for your contributions.

A big thanks to all our quilters, who put in many hours of work. Our next work days will be: November 15th, and 29th. We start at 9:00am and work until 3:00pm. You can come and go as the time works for you. You may bring a bag lunch, if you plan on working through the lunch hour. Thanks so much for all your hard work.

**St. John's Lutheran
Church and School
Annual German Dinner**
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6TH, 2016
4PM-7PM

TICKETS AT THE DOOR
OR PRE SALE

\$12.00 ADULT
\$10.00 SR.55+
\$5.00 CHILD 5-12
UNDER 4 FREE



**Willkommen
Menu**

Roast Pork
German Potato Salad
Sauerkraut
Mashed Potatoes and Gravy
Dinner Roll
Apple Kuchen
German Chocolate Cake
Milk and Coffee



Bake Sale! Crafts!
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Women of Glory of Christ Advent by Candlelight

December 4, 2016 6:30 to 8 pm, Women of Glory of Christ are celebrating Advent with an evening of dessert and entertainment in the Fellowship Hall. Harpist Cathy Victorsen will be performing for us again.

Who does this include? Women who are in high school on up!

For planning purposes, we need you to sign up.

We have some volunteers to help drive those who don't feel comfortable driving. Please indicate on the sign up if you need transportation.

If you have any questions, please contact Beth Schoolman 612-518-9744 or beth.schoolman@gmail.com or you can call Brenda at the church office.

Help Wanted/Needed for Advent by Candlelight December 4, 2016: *We need 7 Table Hostesses. Duties include: Decorating and setting a table for six people. (Tables are the ones that we currently use in the Fellowship Hall). This includes your own dishes, table cloth, and glassware, as well as decorating your table, and providing dessert for the table (beverages are provided). If you'd like to decorate a table but don't like to make a dessert, or like to bake but not set a table, we can still use your help! Please contact Beth Schoolman 612-518-9744 or beth.schoolman@gmail.com or let Brenda know.*



President's Letter

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Dear Members of Glory of Christ,

Thank you to everyone who attended the special voter's meeting to review the results of the 2016 Capital Campaign and to formally approve moving forward with the building program. I am so grateful for the hard work that the Capital Campaign Committee has put in over the last several months to build a successful campaign where we, as a congregation, have achieved nearly \$1.3 million in pledges to date. Their decision to run the campaign in house, the Glory of Christ way, was, in my opinion, the correct call and saved us thousands of dollars in the process. Please take a moment to thank the members of the Capital Campaign Committee when you have a chance.

Now that the building program has been formally approved, we have multiple work streams continuing to push forward so we can get to ground breaking in the spring. As a start, the General Contractor Selection Committee has met recently to review the submitted proposals and will begin interviewing the contractors in the very near future. Glory of Christ is blessed to have members who are knowledgeable industry professionals who have volunteered to participate on this committee. I have great confidence that this group will determine the right contractor for the job and we will be certain to share the ultimate selection with the congregation once it is known.

Next, securing the financing for our project is well underway. We have been approved for loans by both Thrivent and LCEF and I also met with Farmers State Bank of Hamel this past week to explore their options, as well. Having multiple loan options from three lenders will provide the Council with plenty of choices from which to select the most appropriate financing package for our congregation. I will share with you the details of the final loan package once that has been determined by the Council. Finally, please be sure to attend the annual voter's assembly in December where we will approve the budget for 2017 and, I suspect, will be in a position to share more information with you concerning the status of the building program. Brenda will be publishing the date and time in the Sunday bulletin and the weekly e-mails so stay tuned.

Thank you for your continued support, effort and fellowship. It truly makes Glory of Christ a great place to call home.

In Christ,
David Teske
Council President



Treasurer's Report

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Glory of Christ Lutheran Church September 2016 YTD Income Statement Sep-16

	September			Year to date		
	Actual	Budget	Over (Under) Budget	Actual	Budget	Over (Under) Budget
Income						
Designated Funds Applied	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,706.96	0.00	2,706.96
General Offerings	66,807.69	39,294.00	26,513.69	301,702.12	366,077.00	(6,314.88)
Interest Income	417.51	107.00	250.51	3,274.38	1,803.00	1,771.38
Other Income	2,167.41	1,230.00	937.41	8,546.31	6,540.00	1,006.31
Silent Auction Receipts	200.00	0.00	200.00	31,771.36	30,000.00	1,771.36
Sunday School Offerings	47.10	164.00	(116.90)	646.36	990.00	(662.54)
Total Income	61,639.61	40,895.00	20,744.61	438,477.48	437,110.00	1,368.48
Gross Profit	\$ 61,639.61	\$ 40,895.00	\$ 20,744.61	\$ 438,477.48	\$ 437,110.00	\$ 1,368.48
Expenses						
Designated Expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,706.96	0.00	2,706.96
Education	3,314.03	6,820.00	(3,506.07)	22,497.64	19,795.00	2,612.64
General and Administration	7,526.04	4,316.00	3,210.04	44,776.52	31,540.00	13,236.52
Missions	3,000.00	3,000.00	0.00	58,000.00	55,000.00	3,000.00
Music	2,909.66	3,716.42	(1,106.77)	26,793.66	26,264.78	528.88
Occupancy	10,870.38	6,362.33	4,508.05	66,763.77	60,719.97	6,043.80
Pastoral Support	20,212.28	27,712.00	(7,499.72)	187,174.98	202,062.00	(14,887.02)
Total Expenses	47,832.36	53,926.75	(6,094.39)	437,945.44	431,337.75	6,607.69
Net Income	\$ 14,107.25	\$ (13,070.75)	\$ 27,178.00	\$ 332.64	\$ 6,741.25	\$ (4,909.21)

Summary of Results:

- General offerings are \$15.5k favorable to plan for the month of September and \$9k unfavorable YTD.
- G&A expenses are unfavorable YTD due to the payment of the Capital Campaign expenses and installation expenses.
- Pastoral Support YTD is trending favorable due to the timing of Assistant Pastor coming on payroll, and HRA reimbursements coming in under budget.

Glory of Christ Lutheran Church

Balance Sheet

As of September 30, 2016

	<u>Total</u>
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Bank Accounts	
Checking	\$47,054.04
Deferred Annuity Proceeds	\$0.00
LCEF Stewardship Account	\$581,188.80
Savings	\$6,118.59
Total Bank Accounts	<u>\$634,361.43</u>
Accounts Receivable	
Accounts Receivable	\$0.00
Total Accounts Receivable	<u>\$0.00</u>
Other current assets	
Due from CLEF	\$7,761.41
Marketable Securities	
Merrill Lynch	\$34,671.00
Total Marketable Securities	<u>\$34,671.00</u>
Prepaid Expenses	
Prepaid Expenses - Day School Expenses	\$24,372.87
Prepaid Expenses - Insurance	\$7,624.97
Total Prepaid Expenses	<u>\$31,997.84</u>
Total Other current assets	<u>\$74,430.25</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>\$708,791.68</u>
Fixed Assets	
Church Building	\$1,867,811.83
Accumulated Depreciation - Building	(\$418,465.89)
Total Church Building	<u>\$1,449,345.94</u>
Equipment	\$116,813.49
Accumulated Depreciation - Equipment	(\$38,695.70)
Total Equipment	<u>\$78,117.79</u>
Land	\$70,000.00
Total Fixed Assets	<u>\$1,597,463.73</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$2,306,255.41</u>

Glory of Christ Lutheran Church

Balance Sheet

As of September 30, 2016

LIABILITIES AND EQUITY

Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	\$0.00
Total Accounts Payable	\$0.00
Other Current Liabilities	
Designated Fund Balances	
Building & Grounds	\$0.00
Capital Campaign Fund	\$0.00
Gift From Thalia	\$388,294.88
Member Contributions	\$44,422.65
Total Capital Campaign Fund	\$432,717.53
Capital Improvement Fund	\$97,496.80
Endowment Fund	\$25,000.00
Missions	\$100.84
Youth	\$6,789.87
Total Designated Fund Balances	\$562,105.04
Total Payroll Liabilities	(\$0.04)
Total Other Current Liabilities	\$562,105.00
Total Current Liabilities	\$562,105.00
Total Long-Term Liabilities	\$0.00
Total Liabilities	\$562,105.00
Equity	
Opening Bal Equity	\$148,131.40
Retained Capital or Surplus	\$1,604,843.08
Retained Earnings	(\$9,657.01)
Net Income	\$832.04
Total Equity	\$1,744,150.41
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	\$2,306,255.41



Sharla Woolfolk



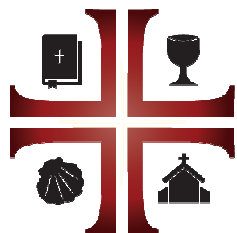
Birthdays & Anniversaries

November 1 st	Kalie Theiste	Birthday
November 2 nd	Danny Richards	Birthday
November 3 rd	Jesse & Liz Huber	Anniversary
November 5 th	Kim Diemand	Birthday
November 6 th	Tyler Dorweiler	Birthday
November 7 th	Michael Smith Christine Zitzlsperger	Birthday Birthday
November 11 th	Maddie Nelson	Birthday
November 12 th	Sean Brieninger Bri Dorweiler	Birthday Birthday
November 18 th	Dan & Linda Corey	Anniversary
November 21 st	Chuck Scharlau	Birthday
November 22 nd	Rachel Theiste	Birthday
November 23 rd	Carl & Janice Hartness	Anniversary
November 24 th	Kristiana Preus Jean Small	Birthday Birthday
November 25 th	Sandi Edenborg	Birthday
November 30 th	Caleb McCreary Jonathan Thurk	Birthday Birthday



Calendar

~ November 2016 ~						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 7p-8p Elders	2 10a-11a Bible Study 4p-5:30p Mom's Group 4:30p-5p Children's Choir 5p-5:30p Children's Chimes 5:30p-6:30p Confirmation 5:30p-6:30p Sunday School teachers' meeting 6:30p-7:30p Hand Bells 7:30p-8:30p Adult Choir	3	4	5 5p-6p Saturday Evening Divine Service
6 8a-10a Divine Service 10:30a-11:30a Bible Class/Sunday School	7	8 6:30p-7:30p Council	9 10a-11a Bible Study 4p-5:30p Mom's Group 4:30p-5p Children's Choir 5p-5:30p Children's Chimes 5:30p-6:30p Confirmation 6:30p-7:30p Hand Bells 7:30p-8:30p Adult Choir	10	11	12 6:30a-7:30a Men's Reading Group (Maple Grove Perkins) 5p-6p Saturday Evening Divine Service
13 8a-10a Divine Service 10:30a-11:30a Bible Class/Sunday School	14 1p-2p Compassion Circle Meeting (Glory of Christ Lutheran Church), County Road 101, Plymouth, MN	15	16 10a-11a Bible Study 4p-5:30p Mom's Group 4:30p-5p Children's Choir 5p-5:30p Children's Chimes 5:30p-6:30p Confirmation 5:30p-6:30p VBS meeting 6:30p-7:30p Hand Bells 7:30p-8:30p Adult Choir	17	18	19 5p-6p Saturday Evening Divine Service
20 8a-10a Divine Service 10:30a-11:30a Bible Class/Sunday School	21	22	23 10a-11a Bible Study 7p-8p Thanksgiving Eve Service	24	25	26 3:30p-5p Christmas Decorating
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Pastor's Letter

Rev. Jeremiah Johnson

Order and Freedom

We're winding down our Sunday morning Bible Class on human sexuality, and I've noticed that two related issues keep emerging in our conversation: order and freedom. I don't think that we've ever addressed these two topics directly in Bible Class, but whether talking about marriage, transgender claims, sexual ethics, or tolerance, these two subjects have always been near the surface. So, if you'll indulge me, I'd like to make two points about order and freedom. First, order is a gift from God, and hence it's good for us. Second, that our quest for freedom can actually be debilitating.

Order is a gift

When God created the heavens and the earth, He didn't just make something out of nothing, but He brought order out of chaos. He arranged the heavens in their intricate, celestial order. He arranged the land and the sea, the plants and the animals all in a carefully orchestrated order. Everything was arranged "according to its kind," which means that every created thing has a niche, a thing that it does because that's what it is. Worms enrich the soil, birds know where to nest, and ferns are, well, ferny. Monkeys don't lay eggs, radishes don't give milk, and mountains don't frolic. That's just not what God created them to be.

Of course, order goes beyond simple biology. When God created mankind, He gave them a particular order too. He created them male and female. He also gave them the role of being creation's caretakers. And He ordered the structure of the family: husband, wife, kids. And when it comes to their sexuality, it's a pretty straightforward arrangement: male and female fit together. They're designed to be counterparts, physically, emotionally, and vocationally. These two complementary sexes become one in marriage. And what did the Lord say about this order? It was *very* good.

Now if God establishes an order and calls it good, then acting outside that order is *not* good. That's what all those commandments about sexuality are all about. "Don't commit adultery", "don't unite yourself to a prostitute", "you shall not lie with a male as with a woman": all of these commandments simply protect the good order that God first established in the garden. It really is this simple: things go better for us when our lives are aligned with the way God ordered things.

Freedom can be debilitating

So if order is a gift from God, where does that leave freedom? Born and raised in America, we're practically hardwired to champion every kind of personal freedom, freedom to vote and own a gun and live where we want and say what we think. Hey, if I want to paint my garage pink, I should be able to do that, right? Certainly, some freedoms are good (although the pink garage is debatable), but is every kind of freedom always good for us?

R. R. Reno, editor of *First Things*, tells a story illustrating just how disorienting and even destructive boundless freedom can be. He was discussing with his son who recently entered the workforce about the shape of his life. For Reno and those of his generation life is like a train ride where the stops are the major milestones in life: school, marriage, career, children, retirement, etc. Although not everyone makes all these stops at exactly the same time, or perhaps they skip one or two, nevertheless, most people do eventually make most of these stops in a predictable fashion. Reno's son, however, said, "Dad, things aren't like that anymore." Sociologists estimate that the average Millennial (born between 1982 and 2004) will change *careers* (not just jobs) seven times during their lifetime. Seven times! Furthermore, Reno's son noted that many of his friends have achieved life's milestones out of order or not at all. Many Millennials are forgoing home ownership and following a non-traditional path of education and wonder whether or not retirement will ever be in their future (for better or for worse). In other words, if life in Reno's generation was like a train ride, life in his son's generation is like a sailing expedition, constantly tacking back and forth, back and forth, hoping that the wind holds out all the way through.

Some will acclaim this new life-as-a-sailboat paradigm as a remarkable victory for freedom. One could argue that we have more choices than ever. We don't have to be tied down to a particular career path. The nuclear family has given way to a variety of different family structures. The internet has allowed us to form communities that are not bound geographically. And even the "traditional" categories of male and female no longer need bind us. A whole new world of possibilities are open to us.

But is this sort of "freedom" truly good for us?

From a purely social perspective, this sense of unlimited possibility has created profound anxiety and uncertainty in our culture. The freedom of a globalized economy has increased the anxiety of the working class, as they've watched dependable jobs get shipped overseas. The freedom from geographic or ethnic communities has left many feeling adrift and alone in our vast, anonymous populations. Surrounded by people, we have never been so alone. And perhaps most destructive of all has been the "freedom" ushered in by the sexual revolution. Total "freedom" of our sexuality has left a long trail of collateral damage in its wake. This "freedom" has produced broken families, teenage pregnancy, exploitation of women, sexting, heartache, selfishness, the re-definition of marriage, and confusion about the sexes. In this case, freedom to choose is really the freedom to choose poorly.

Let me be clear. I'm not trying to make a political point, but a theological one. Under the banner of freedom, we have been sold a bill of goods that has utterly failed to deliver on its promises. Unbounded freedom is simply not good for us; the evidence is present everywhere in the anxiety and decay of our culture.

But this isn't new. We're still following in the deluded footsteps of our first parents. Taking the fruit did not represent freedom, but bondage. Eden represents a great paradox that we must understand. Freedom for mankind did not come from having all choices available, but from choosing within the boundaries God had established. In other words, *true* freedom is living in the order that God created.

Every good parent establishes rules for their children's good. Your parents told you: “Bedtime is at eight.” “Don't stick paperclips in the light socket.” “Eat your vegetables.” “Don't wander out in the street.” Why? Because kids need sleep, cars go fast, your body needs vitamin A, and electrocution is not the best way to learn about electricity. Likewise our heavenly Father orders our life *for our good*. Marriage, church, community, family, work—the Lord has a particular order for all these institutions. But doing things our own way will never turn out well for us.

When parents establish rules, it calls their children to trust them. “Yes, Mom and Dad, I trust that you want the best for me, so I won't put this paperclip in the light socket.” The same thing could be said for the Lord. “Yes, Lord, I trust that you want the best for me, so I will live according to your order.” That's what faith does—it trusts God.

I can think of no better example of this kind of Fatherly love than the parable of the prodigal son. The parable begins with the younger son still living at home, under his father's order. But the son wants to be free to go his own way, so he takes half of the bank account and splits. But it isn't long before this son's “freedom” lands him far from home, feeding hogs and jealous of their lunch. So he goes back to his dad, who miraculously takes him in, no questions asked. He is welcomed back into his Father's household again, living within the order of being his son. And the parable gives us no inkling that the prodigal ever yearned again for the boundless “freedom” of his reckless debauchery. True freedom is the freedom found within the order of father's household.



Worship this Month

All Saints' Day

November 6, 2016 – Revelation 7:9-17

In many country churches, you can walk out back and you will find a graveyard. To many, this may seem morbid, but to Christians, it is an important lesson to us about the nature of the Church. Those Christians who sit in the pews on Sunday morning are the saints because of what Christ has done for them. And those Christians who are buried out back are *still* saints because of what Christ has done for them. So, on All Saints' Day, we especially remember those saints who have died and are in the hands of Christ. We give thanks to God for close friends or parents who died in the faith. But we also remember saints who died long before we were even born. Some of their names we know, but most to them we do not. Yet they are no less part of the Church than we are, for they too have been made holy by His blood. And when Christ comes again, we will stand together with all the saints, rejoicing in His advent.

We give Thanks for the Saints among us who are in Christ's hands since November 2015: Myron Lundberg, Shirley Lavanger and Marshall Handberg.

Second-last Sunday of the Church Year **November 13, 2016 – Luke 21:5-28**

It should be a pleasant sight to us when these signs appear, for thereby God comforts us and indicates that He is about to punish the world and finally redeem us from all misfortune and misery. In view of this, we should not only expect this blessed Day with joy but also really long, sigh, and cry for it to our Lord Christ and say, “Thou hast promised this Day as our redemption from all evil; let it come now, this very hour, if it is so to be, and put an end to this misery.”

Martin Luther
Sermon on Luke 21:25-33, 1532

Last Sunday of the Church Year **November 20, 2016 - Luke 23:27-43**

In the old lectionary system, the last Sunday of the church year used to be “Christ the King Sunday,” where we celebrated the glorious return of Jesus, our triumphant king who will return to judge on the last day. But now we see Jesus beaten and bloodied on the cross, who tells the women to weep for themselves instead of him. It's a far cry from Christ the King Sunday.

Or is it?

In reality, we have not strayed very far from Christ the King Sunday. Here, on the cross, we *do* see Jesus reigning as a king. Even if sarcastically, the passers-by proclaim that He is the king of the Jews. Even the accusation above His head testify to His royalty: “Jesus of Nazareth, King of the Jews.” He is indeed the king. Here is Jesus, the king, crowned with thorns and a cross for his throne.

And whereas Christ the King Sunday would always recount Jesus' return on the last day to judge the living and the dead, here we see the last day come early on the cross. He issues judgment from his cross-throne, but it is a royal *pardon* to those who mocked him. “Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.” And even with the thief on the cross Jesus says, “Truly I say to you, today you will be with me in paradise.”

Yes, the cross is a judgment day, but here's the twist: it's the king who is punished, and we, the criminals, go free.

Thanksgiving Eve **November 23, 2016 – Deuteronomy 8:1-10**

“Remember....”

Martin Luther said that Christianity is a “religion of gratitude”. Everything we have and need has been given to us by the pure mercy and grace of God. God creates, redeems and sanctifies. All that remains is too joyfully thank God and **remember** in faith the full measure He has provided for us.

On this national day of Thanksgiving and on all our days, God enlivens our grateful remembering by His own remembering of us and His promises. When God **remembered** His loving kindness, Christ took on flesh in the womb of a virgin to redeem us. When God **remembered** His compassion, Christ had compassion for us and healed us from the leprosy of our sin. On Calvary the healing medicine was poured out by the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.

First Sunday in Advent
November 27, 2016 – Matthew 21:1-11

“Behold, your King comes to you!”

The church has been observing the season of Advent for many centuries. And it has **never been more important** for the Church to observe this season carefully than in this time, when the competition for our attention is so fierce. There are so many voices that draw us away from the true reason for the season, Jesus Christ, who comes into the world to save us, His people, from our very real sin and death.

While this time of year we often fix our eyes on evergreen trees, the greatest gadgets, get-togethers and good food-- *Let us fix our eyes and hearts on Jesus*, as He rides into Jerusalem on a donkey. Here is the object of our faith, our Savior who comes to save us. Not with power and might or even a 50 percent off sale, but with weakness and suffering and death. Behold, your king comes to you, righteous and having salvation, humble and mounted on a donkey.



General News & Updates

Saturday Evening Divine Service: 5:00 PM

NO Saturday Evening service on November 26th.

Sunday Schedule: Divine Service 9:00 AM; followed by Bible Class and Sunday school at 10:30.

Thanksgiving Eve Service: Wednesday, November 23rd 7:00 pm

Northwest Suburban Circuit Congregation Prayers – Each week we will be praying for a congregation in the circuit and for others who have or have had a connection with them. This month, we are asking for prayers for Grace Lutheran Church, Brooklyn Park, and Pastor Vance Milbrath, Lutheran Church of the Triune God, Brooklyn Center, and Pastor Peter Preus, Beautiful Savior Lutheran, Plymouth, and Pastor Tom Stoebig and Pastor Joe Behnke, and for Eternal Hope Lutheran, Brooklyn Park, and Pastor Roger Dramstad.

Additional Time to Worship - Every Wednesday morning beginning at 9:15 am, Pastor Johnson and Pastor Krueger will have a Prayer Office (Matins or Morning Prayer). This happens right before Wednesday morning Bible Study. Please join us if you are able!

Annual GoC Chili Cook-Off! And the Winners Were: CHILI: Hottest: Jeremy & Jill Eickhoff, Best Tasting: Gary Peterson, Best Presentation: Jack Teske, CORN BREAD: Best Tasting: Josh & Alisha Christian, Best Presentation: Pastor & Susan Johnson, PIE/DESSERT: Best Tasting: Kim Krueger, Best Presentation: Cheryl McCreary. **Thanks to everyone for another fun and successful year!!!**

New Member Sunday is THIS SUNDAY – November 6th! Please be sure to introduce yourself and welcome all our new members!!! Gladys Romansky, Velva Kosel, Nate, Alyssa and Henry Burdick, Alisha Christian, Kurt Merkle, Justin, Laura, Jonathan, Elizabeth and David Thurk, Kristine Wild-Eversman, Ryan Mette, Stephanie Weeks, Cailyn Argent and Mason Hillman. Welcome Everyone!!!!!!

Men's Reading Group meets Saturday, November 12th at 6:30 am. Maple Grove Perkins. If you haven't joined this group yet, let Pastor Johnson know you are interested and please feel free to come!

New Sunday Morning Bible Study on Colossians Beginning Mid-November: Paul's letter to the church at Colossae has some of the richest Christology (the nature and work of Christ as both God and man) in all of scripture. Christ as the head of the Church is the center of Paul's proclamation. The false teachings in the Colossian church were obscuring the sufficiency of Jesus. These errors were extremely dangerous because they weren't being offered to replace Christ. Rather, they were being offered to supplement Christ as if He wasn't enough. These errors came from within the organized church, not from outside it.

Still today, the greatest threats against Christ and His Word come from within the church, when other man-made spirituality or human imagination try to supplement Christ. In our post-modern age, there is great pressure to acknowledge that everyone has some claim on truth and that there is no such thing as truth from all people of all times and places. There is also great pressure to acknowledge the idols of many religions as having a place alongside Jesus Christ.

The center of this letter is well confessed by you as you gather in the Divine Service and say, *I believe...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 men 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.*

Christmas Decorating! Please join us on Saturday, November 26th to help decorate the church for Christmas. We will meet at 3:30 and go until approximately 5:00. Come join the fun!

Update to the Prayer List: We will keep the current prayer list until Thanksgiving. Then, if you want to have your name, or the name of your friend, loved one, to remain on the list, please let Brenda know. Once a name is added, it will be removed after 4 weeks unless we are notified to have it remain. Thank You!

Remember in our Prayers: Camryn Handberg (niece of Becky Johnson-Lane), Idena Hagen, Sean Breininger, Kathy Chadwick (friend of Janet Preus), Kelly Cargill (friend of Becky Johnson-Lane), Hazel Schweiger (mother of Becky Johnson-Lane), Evalynn Cerdenola, Donna Preus (mother of Christian Preus), Ann Olson, Lisa Brackmann, Sam Miller (friend of Mari and Chris Houck), Don Barclay (Uncle of Mari Houck), Marcia Bell (daughter of Ann Olson), Arta Walter, Ed Brunken, Rev. Bob Yount, Sarah Miller, Paul Johnson, Drew Johnson, Linda Lohmeyer (Friend of Carla Claussen), Debbie Diehl (Daughter-in-law of Fred & Lois Parduhn), Ron Quittem (Father of Jill Larson), Jack Jakupciak, Meta Nelson (Sister of Lisa Paradis), Bill Johnson (father of Michelle Nelson), DaniJo Johnson (niece of Roger & Jana Hargreaves), Lee Hart, Paul Paulson (grandfather of Jesse Huber), Charles Beck (Grandfather of Liz Huber), Mike Kohlhof, (Brother in Law of Barb Rains), Blake Iverson (Friend of Carla Claussen), Michelle Oasley (niece of Ellie Leimer), Norm Theiste, Carol Walden (Grandmother of Barbie Gruenhagen), Al Lavanger, Marissa Pankonin (Niece of Tague and Debbie Damberg), Sandra Ostapovich (Daughter of Jim & Jean Small), Onna Ostendorf (Friend of Jack Teske), John Algen (Friend of Mike Krause), Bill Anderson, Terrie Barnhardt (Daughter of Arta Walter), Brecken Garding and Kathy Handberg (Step-mother of Becky Johnson-Lane).



Sunday School

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Hello Sunday School Families and Teachers!

It's that time again to prepare for the Glory of Christ Children's Christmas Program! Children in grades pre-K through 8th grade, are welcome to participate. **The program will be taking place on Sunday, December 18**, during the Sunday School/Bible Study hour. We will have **two Saturday practices** scheduled on **December 10 and 17, from 9-11 am**.

Parents:

We are asking that you **let your Sunday School teacher** know if your children will be able to attend both practices and the program **by Sunday, November 6 at the latest**. It is very important for children who have speaking parts in the program to be at both practices to make sure they are comfortable and ready to perform. Even though we will be working with your children on their speaking and singing parts, we ask that when they have their lines you work with them to help them memorize their parts.

Also, parents, we are in need of people willing to assist our coordinators on tasks. Please see any of them if you can help:

Carla Claussen - music coordinator
Dawn Rolf - costume coordinator
Shannon Lindh - snack coordinator
Travis Dorweiler - set and A/V coordinator

We are also looking for an usher to reserve seating for the children/teachers and hand out programs.

Sunday School Teachers:

To make the Program a great learning experience for the children and teach them about the Christmas Story, we are asking that you participate in both Saturday practices. Your presence will help the children have a positive and productive learning experience during the practices.

We will also be taking the first half hour of Sunday School lesson time on November 27 to go over a brief first run through of the program (where/when to stand and sit down) and December 4 and 17 to work on music for the program. If you are on a rotation with another teacher, you do not need to change your schedule.

Thank you everyone for supporting Glory of Christ youth in learning and sharing with the congregation God's most precious gift to us - Jesus!

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Madson
Kodi Hoffarth
Kelly Dorweiler



Compassion Circle

Louise Werts
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Compassion Circle will be meeting on Monday, November 14th, starting at 1:00. Join us for a devotion and fellowship at our meetings. Hope to see you there!

Quilting news: On the 18th we had 11 quilters diligently working with fabric and sheets that so many of you have donated. We want to thank you all for your contributions.

A big thanks to all our quilters, who put in many hours of work. Our next work days will be: November 15th, and 29th. We start at 9:00am and work until 3:00pm. You can come and go as the time works for you. You may bring a bag lunch, if you plan on working through the lunch hour. Thanks so much for all your hard work.

**St. John's Lutheran
Church and School
Annual German Dinner**
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6TH, 2016
4PM-7PM

TICKETS AT THE DOOR
OR PRE SALE

\$12.00 ADULT
\$10.00 SR.55+
\$5.00 CHILD 5-12
UNDER 4 FREE



**Willkommen
Menu**

Roast Pork
German Potato Salad
Sauerkraut
Mashed Potatoes and Gravy
Dinner Roll
Apple Kuchen
German Chocolate Cake
Milk and Coffee



Bake Sale! Crafts!
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Women of Glory of Christ Advent by Candlelight

December 4, 2016 6:30 to 8 pm, Women of Glory of Christ are celebrating Advent with an evening of dessert and entertainment in the Fellowship Hall. Harpist Cathy Victorsen will be performing for us again.

Who does this include? Women who are in high school on up!

For planning purposes, we need you to sign up.

We have some volunteers to help drive those who don't feel comfortable driving. Please indicate on the sign up if you need transportation.

If you have any questions, please contact Beth Schoolman 612-518-9744 or beth.schoolman@gmail.com or you can call Brenda at the church office.

Help Wanted/Needed for Advent by Candlelight December 4, 2016: *We need 7 Table Hostesses. Duties include: Decorating and setting a table for six people. (Tables are the ones that we currently use in the Fellowship Hall). This includes your own dishes, table cloth, and glassware, as well as decorating your table, and providing dessert for the table (beverages are provided). If you'd like to decorate a table but don't like to make a dessert, or like to bake but not set a table, we can still use your help! Please contact Beth Schoolman 612-518-9744 or beth.schoolman@gmail.com or let Brenda know.*



President's Letter

David Teske, 612-207-1355
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Dear Members of Glory of Christ,

Thank you to everyone who attended the special voter's meeting to review the results of the 2016 Capital Campaign and to formally approve moving forward with the building program. I am so grateful for the hard work that the Capital Campaign Committee has put in over the last several months to build a successful campaign where we, as a congregation, have achieved nearly \$1.3 million in pledges to date. Their decision to run the campaign in house, the Glory of Christ way, was, in my opinion, the correct call and saved us thousands of dollars in the process. Please take a moment to thank the members of the Capital Campaign Committee when you have a chance.

Now that the building program has been formally approved, we have multiple work streams continuing to push forward so we can get to ground breaking in the spring. As a start, the General Contractor Selection Committee has met recently to review the submitted proposals and will begin interviewing the contractors in the very near future. Glory of Christ is blessed to have members who are knowledgeable industry professionals who have volunteered to participate on this committee. I have great confidence that this group will determine the right contractor for the job and we will be certain to share the ultimate selection with the congregation once it is known.

Next, securing the financing for our project is well underway. We have been approved for loans by both Thrivent and LCEF and I also met with Farmers State Bank of Hamel this past week to explore their options, as well. Having multiple loan options from three lenders will provide the Council with plenty of choices from which to select the most appropriate financing package for our congregation. I will share with you the details of the final loan package once that has been determined by the Council. Finally, please be sure to attend the annual voter's assembly in December where we will approve the budget for 2017 and, I suspect, will be in a position to share more information with you concerning the status of the building program. Brenda will be publishing the date and time in the Sunday bulletin and the weekly e-mails so stay tuned.

Thank you for your continued support, effort and fellowship. It truly makes Glory of Christ a great place to call home.

In Christ,
David Teske
Council President



Treasurer's Report

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Glory of Christ Lutheran Church
September 2016 YTD Income Statement
Sep-16

	September			Year to date		
	Actual	Budget	Over (Under) Budget	Actual	Budget	Over (Under) Budget
Income						
Designated Funds Applied	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,706.95	0.00	2,706.95
General Offerings	58,807.59	39,294.00	19,513.59	391,762.12	398,077.00	(6,314.88)
Interest Income	417.51	167.00	250.51	3,274.38	1,503.00	1,771.38
Other Income	2,167.41	1,230.00	937.41	8,516.31	6,540.00	1,976.31
Silent Auction Receipts	200.00	0.00	200.00	31,771.36	30,000.00	1,771.36
Sunday School Offerings	47.10	164.00	(116.90)	446.36	999.00	(552.64)
Total Income	61,639.61	40,855.00	20,784.61	438,477.48	437,119.00	1,358.48
Gross Profit	\$ 61,639.61	\$ 40,855.00	\$ 20,784.61	\$ 438,477.48	\$ 437,119.00	\$ 1,358.48
Expenses						
Designated Expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,706.95	0.00	2,706.95
Education	3,314.03	6,820.00	(3,505.97)	22,467.64	19,795.00	2,672.64
General and Administration	7,526.04	4,316.00	3,210.04	44,778.52	31,546.00	13,232.52
Missions	3,000.00	3,000.00	0.00	55,000.00	55,000.00	0.00
Music	2,609.65	3,715.42	(1,105.77)	26,763.66	29,264.78	(2,501.12)
Occupancy	10,870.38	8,362.33	2,508.05	98,753.77	93,719.97	5,033.80
Pastoral Support	20,212.26	27,712.00	(7,499.74)	187,174.90	202,052.00	(14,877.10)
Total Expenses	47,532.36	53,925.75	(6,393.39)	437,645.44	431,377.75	6,267.69
Net Income	\$ 14,107.25	\$ (13,070.75)	\$ 27,178.00	\$ 832.04	\$ 5,741.25	\$ (4,909.21)

Summary of Results:

- General offerings are \$19.5k favorable to plan for the month of September and \$6k unfavorable YTD.
- G&A expenses are unfavorable YTD due to the payment of the Capital Campaign expenses and Installation expenses
- Pastoral Support YTD is trending favorable due to the timing of Assistant Pastor coming on payroll, and HRA reimbursements coming in under budget.

Glory of Christ Lutheran Church

Balance Sheet

As of September 30, 2016

	<u>Total</u>
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Bank Accounts	
Checking	\$47,054.04
Deferred Annuity Proceeds	\$0.00
LCEF Stewardship Account	\$581,188.80
Savings	\$6,118.59
Total Bank Accounts	<u>\$634,361.43</u>
Accounts Receivable	
Accounts Receivable	\$0.00
Total Accounts Receivable	<u>\$0.00</u>
Other current assets	
Due from CLEF	\$7,761.41
Marketable Securities	
Merrill Lynch	\$34,671.00
Total Marketable Securities	<u>\$34,671.00</u>
Prepaid Expenses	
Prepaid Expenses - Day School Expenses	\$24,372.87
Prepaid Expenses - Insurance	\$7,624.97
Total Prepaid Expenses	<u>\$31,997.84</u>
Total Other current assets	<u>\$74,430.25</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>\$708,791.68</u>
Fixed Assets	
Church Building	\$1,867,811.83
Accumulated Depreciation - Building	(\$418,465.89)
Total Church Building	<u>\$1,449,345.94</u>
Equipment	\$116,813.49
Accumulated Depreciation - Equipment	(\$38,695.70)
Total Equipment	<u>\$78,117.79</u>
Land	\$70,000.00
Total Fixed Assets	<u>\$1,597,463.73</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$2,306,255.41</u>

Glory of Christ Lutheran Church

Balance Sheet

As of September 30, 2016

LIABILITIES AND EQUITY

Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	\$0.00
Total Accounts Payable	\$0.00
Other Current Liabilities	
Designated Fund Balances	
Building & Grounds	\$0.00
Capital Campaign Fund	\$0.00
Gift From Thalia	\$388,294.88
Member Contributions	\$44,422.65
Total Capital Campaign Fund	\$432,717.53
Capital Improvement Fund	\$97,496.80
Endowment Fund	\$25,000.00
Missions	\$100.84
Youth	\$6,789.87
Total Designated Fund Balances	\$562,105.04
Total Payroll Liabilities	(\$0.04)
Total Other Current Liabilities	\$562,105.00
Total Current Liabilities	\$562,105.00
Total Long-Term Liabilities	\$0.00
Total Liabilities	\$562,105.00
Equity	
Opening Bal Equity	\$148,131.40
Paid-In Capital or Surplus	\$1,604,843.98
Retained Earnings	(\$9,657.01)
Net Income	\$832.04
Total Equity	\$1,744,150.41
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	\$2,306,255.41



Craig Smith

Janet Preus

Janis Kimmel

Sharla Woolfolk



Birthdays & Anniversaries

November 1 st	Kalie Theiste	Birthday
November 2 nd	Danny Richards	Birthday
November 3 rd	Jesse & Liz Huber	Anniversary
November 5 th	Kim Diemand	Birthday
November 6 th	Tyler Dorweiler	Birthday
November 7 th	Michael Smith Christine Zitzlsperger	Birthday Birthday
November 11 th	Maddie Nelson	Birthday
November 12 th	Sean Brieninger Bri Dorweiler	Birthday Birthday
November 18 th	Dan & Linda Corey	Anniversary
November 21 st	Chuck Scharlau	Birthday
November 22 nd	Rachel Theiste	Birthday
November 23 rd	Carl & Janice Hartness	Anniversary
November 24 th	Kristiana Preus Jean Small	Birthday Birthday
November 25 th	Sandi Edenborg	Birthday
November 30 th	Caleb McCreary Jonathan Thurk	Birthday Birthday



Calendar

~ November 2016 ~						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 7p-8p Elders	2 10a-11a Bible Study 4p-5:30p Mom's Group 4:30p-5p Children's Choir 5p-5:30p Children's Chimes 5:30p-6:30p Confirmation 5:30p-6:30p Sunday School teachers' meeting 6:30p-7:30p Hand Bells 7:30p-8:30p Adult Choir	3	4	5 5p-6p Saturday Evening Divine Service
6 9a-10a Divine Service 10:30a-11:30a Bible Class/Sunday School	7	8 6:30p-7:30p Council	9 10a-11a Bible Study 4p-5:30p Mom's Group 4:30p-5p Children's Choir 5p-5:30p Children's Chimes 5:30p-6:30p Confirmation 6:30p-7:30p Hand Bells 7:30p-8:30p Adult Choir	10	11	12 6:30a-7:30a Men's Reading Group (Maple Grove Perkins) 5p-6p Saturday Evening Divine Service
13 9a-10a Divine Service 10:30a-11:30a Bible Class/Sunday School	14 1p-2p Compassion Circle Meeting (Glory of Christ Lutheran Church), County Road 101, Plymouth, MN)	15	16 10a-11a Bible Study 4p-5:30p Mom's Group 4:30p-5p Children's Choir 5p-5:30p Children's Chimes 5:30p-6:30p Confirmation 5:30p-6:30p VBS meeting 6:30p-7:30p Hand Bells 7:30p-8:30p Adult Choir	17	18	19 5p-6p Saturday Evening Divine Service
20 9a-10a Divine Service 10:30a-11:30a Bible Class/Sunday School	21	22	23 10a-11a Bible Study 7p-8p Thanksgiving Eve Service	24	25	26 3:30p-5p Christmas Decorating
27 9a-10a Divine Service 10:30a-11:30a Bible Class/Sunday School	28	29	30 10a-11a Bible Study 4p-5:30p Mom's Group 4:30p-5p Children's Choir 5p-5:30p Children's Chimes 5:30p-6:30p Confirmation 6:30p-7:30p Hand Bells 7:30p-8:30p Adult Choir	Notes:		