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# The Good News

of Christ Lutheran Church

## Promises of Baptism

In July I baptized Colton Eichaker and it was a delightful celebration. Only a few tears and many smiles as I carried him down the aisle for the welcome from our congregation. I love baptisms: the prayers, the gestures and the promises made.

Usually we think about the promises parents make.

As you bring your child to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

To live with them among God's faithful people,  
Bring them to the word of God and the holy supper,  
Teach them the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,  
Place in their hands the Holy Scriptures,  
And nurture them in faith and prayer,  
So that your children may learn to trust God,  
Proclaim Christ through word and deed,  
Care for others and the world God made,  
And work for justice and peace.

Do you promise to help your children grow in the Christian faith and life?

But what about the promise the congregation makes at every baptism? "People of God, do you promise to support Colton and pray for him in his new life in Christ?" Baptism is not a private event; it is a communal celebration that involves all of us. And parents too need the support of the congregation to fulfill the promises they make at baptism.

This September as we begin Religious Education something new will be happening. Classes will take place at 9:30 instead of 10:30 AM. I think it is important for children to be in the Worship Service, so I asked our Religious Education director to make this change. I realize this does not guarantee families will bring their children to the service, but I believe it is important to encourage worship attendance for the whole family.

We want to involve children more fully in the worship service too. We want them to understand they are welcome to share their gifts and talents with the congregation. Also, I will have the opportunity to be with the children during their religious education time more often.

I ask you as a congregation to encourage parents to bring their children to worship. Please understand that the service might be a little different from time to time. And enjoy the delightful sounds and voices of our little ones praising God.

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## Learning at CLC!

### VBS

Many thanks to our fabulous Vacation Bible School directors, Michelle Minasola and Theresa Greinig for their work these past months planning and organizing an amazing VBS experience for over 100 children! Helping them along the way were many members of our congregation, from our youth on up, who donated items, painted sets, and helped decorate.

As I write this, VBS is in full swing and the rooms and hallways of Christ Lutheran Church are filled with song and laughter and praise!

Thanks also to the many youth and adults who are serving as crew leaders and helpers in a variety of ways during our VBS experience! Check out CLC's Facebook and our website for exciting pictures of this year's VBS!

Melanie Andres



**Looking ahead... 2017 marks the 500th anniversary of Martin Luther's posting of the 95 Theses!**

Can you think of ways CLC might celebrate?! Write those thoughts down! Talk to friends at church! We will be looking for your thoughts, your ideas...your help!!

### Spirited Women

ALL CLC WOMEN! Mark your calendars for the following fellowship events!

**Monday, August 15<sup>th</sup>:** Brunch at Egg Harbor in SCHAUMBURG. Sign-up for this event in the Holy Grounds coffee shop.

**Monday, August 29<sup>th</sup>:** Bring A Friend Night! Meet at Culvers on RAND ROAD for fellowship and fries...or ice cream...or a coke...or whatever you're in the mood for!

## ♪ Notes from Music Ministry

It hardly seems possible that summer is flying by so quickly. Thank you for allowing me to take a bit of time off in mid-July to visit with our son in Montana.

With the end of summer, comes time to register for the Fall Session of Music Ministry. Registration for the following Music Ministry opportunities will begin on Sunday, August 14<sup>th</sup> and continue until Sunday, September 4<sup>th</sup>. The registration sheets will be on the Information Table in the Narthex or e-mail Vera at [music.clcpalatine@gmail.com](mailto:music.clcpalatine@gmail.com). Even if you have participated with any of these groups in the past, it's important to register again so I that I will be able to plan music and arrangements appropriately.

**Fall Chancel Choir:** is open to any singers interested in participating on an ongoing basis in Music Ministry. Rehearsals will begin on Thursday, September 8<sup>th</sup> and will continue weekly through the end of the calendar year. We rehearse from 7:45 until 8:45 PM. in the Sanctuary and lead worship Sundays at the 8:30 AM. service and at special holiday services.

**Fall Handbell Ensemble:** is open to all who are interested in ringing Handbells and Hand Chimes. Rehearsals will begin on Monday, September 12<sup>th</sup> and will continue weekly through the end of the calendar year. We rehearse from 4:30 to 5:30 PM. in the Sanctuary and lead worship

Vera Wisniewski

at both the 8:30 and 10:30 services at various times throughout the year.

**Praise Band:** is open to any singers and/or musicians interested in leading the contemporary worship services at 10:30 AM. each Sunday. We rehearse each Thursday from 6:30 until 7:30 PM. in the Sanctuary.

Enjoy the remaining days of summer and I'm looking forward to making music with you throughout the Fall Session!



## Outreach

Thank you to everyone that participated in the Relay for Life in June. Our CLC team raised \$935 to help fight cancer.

Thank you to everyone that volunteered at the 4th of July expo booth. Many kids and adults had fun with the games at our booth.

We will be collecting school supplies for the Palatine Township Apple Tree program. Collection dates are July 17 - August 3rd. Items can be placed in the containers in the Narthex.

We are also collecting non-perishable food items for the Palatine High School Pirates Chest. These items will benefit Palatine students and

their families. More information will be announced about the collection. See the list to the right for items that are needed.

Save the date - September 11th will be "God's Work Our Hands" Sunday. If you are interested in helping organize this event, please contact Bridget Witt Schuardt or email [outreach.clcpalatine@gmail.com](mailto:outreach.clcpalatine@gmail.com)

*1 Thessalonians 5:15  
Make sure that nobody pays back wrong for wrong, but always strive to do what is good for each other and for everyone else.*

Bridget Witt-Schuardt

### Pirate's Chest Needs

Cereal  
Granola bars  
Fruit cups  
Juice boxes/bottles (sm)  
100% juice preferred  
Peanut butter  
Jelly  
Mac & cheese  
Spaghettios  
Soup (chicken noodle preferred)  
Pudding cups  
Individual sized trail mix, cookies and chips



### The Christ Lutheran Bicycle Club

meets every **Tuesday at 10:00 AM** in the back church parking lot. These morning rides are through local neighborhoods.

#### Special Rides:

**Sat, Aug 6**—Ride the Des Plaines River Trail North. Leave from the back church parking lot at 9:00 AM. Bring a lunch.

**Tue-Wed, Aug 9 & 10**—Ride the Sugar River Trail in New Glarus WI. Reservation required.

**Tue, Aug 16**—Ride to Wheeling Super Dawg for lunch. Leave from church at 10:00 AM.

**Sat, Aug 27**—Ride the Long Prairie Trail in the Rockford area. Leave from church at 9:00 AM. Bring a lunch.

Questions? Contact Dick & Marlene Aumuller or the church office.

*Helmets are required for all riders. Don't forget your full water bottles!*

## This and That...



**Thank You** to those who baked communion bread March through August: Judy Rycombel, Debbie Petersen, Pat Trecka, Melanie Andres, Marcy Boudreaux, Judy Baker, Diane Winters, Mavis Storry, Katy Stoffel, Marcia Rogers, Sandy Kramlich and Lindsey Perone.

Questions? Talk to Sandy Kramlich or call the church office.



### Senior's Group Potluck

Change of plans!

On Wednesday, August 10th, the Seniors will hold a Potluck luncheon in the Holy Grounds coffee shop at 11:30 AM.

This luncheon is to honor Jackie Fortuna as she retires.

All seniors are welcome!

There will soon be a sign-up sheet available—so we don't get too many of one dish.

Questions? Contact Vicki Drennon.