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The Good News

of Christ Lutheran Church

Outdoor Worship

The Village of Palatine has once again approved our request to hold occasional outdoor worship, during the 10:30 AM hour, on the south lawn during the summer.

The remaining outdoor-dates are July 24th and August 14th.

Please remember, that we will be outside on these days **WEATHER PERMITTING**. Bring chairs or a blanket to sit on.



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He Smiled at Me

Luther's Small Catechism says, concerning baptism, "Water by itself is only water, but with the word of God it is life-giving water which by grace gives the new birth through the Holy Spirit." In a previous church something special happened that brought those scholarly words to life.

I had scheduled a baptism for two boys, aged 11 years and 22 months. They arrived with their mother, grandparents, and sponsors on time, and we walked into the sanctuary. I explained to them what we would be doing and asked if they had any questions. I shared John 3:16 with them and briefly explained what it meant to live the Christian life.

First I baptized the older boy. While I was baptizing him, the younger brother felt free to run around and explore the sanctuary. He was a healthy and normal toddler – he didn't like to sit still. Then it came time to baptize him. His mother picked him up and carried him to the font. He was squirming and yelling, and it was evident that he wanted to be set down. But his mother had a firm grip on him. He wiggled and fussed as I asked his mother, "do you promise to instruct this child in the Word of God, and to nurture him in the chastening and admonition of the Lord?" He continued to struggle as I prayed, "receive the sign of the cross upon your brow and upon your breast as a token that you shall believe in the crucified and risen Lord Jesus Christ." I wasn't sure we were going to make it!

Then it came time to baptize. His mother finally held him over the water in the font with his face pointed down instead of up towards me. "Tevin Overland, I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen." As the water touched his head, he stopped squirming. I laid my hand on his head and prayed, "Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has made you his child in Holy Baptism, and has received you into his believing church, strengthen you with his grace unto everlasting life. Amen." While I was praying, Tevin reached down with one hand and stirred the water, and then it happened. He lifted his head, water dripping from his nose and chin, and he smiled at me. He was a new child, born of Spirit and water, and God let me see it take place.

Pastor Joel Lohafer



Youth Religious Education

Do you hear God calling? Can you see the children smile?

The mystery of God's creation unfolds along our way. Never fully revealed to us, just pieces every day. The earth, the sky, the oceans hold their secrets, but show to man-
How beautiful and mighty are God's works and plan. The greatest gift He gave us -to share as here we dwell, are people just like you who know love so well.

While this poem was written by author Sandy Cavinee, the message applies to CLC. Youth Religious Education is in real need of two additional teachers for next year! One teacher is needed for the Kindergarten – 2nd grade classroom (to team up with Marcy Boudreaux) and another for the 3rd – 6th grade classroom (teaming up with Susan Vevang).

There are three main questions I am asked when it comes to teaching Youth Religious Education:

Do I have to teach every week? We have two teachers at each level so that teachers can switch off in their classroom. No one is in the classroom each and every week – we take turns!

Do I have to write lessons? Nope. I have a wonderful curriculum that comes with supplies. It is written for you. You simply choose your favorite activities from the manual to complete each week!

What is the time commitment? YRE is from 10:30-11:30 each week. I ask teachers to arrive at whatever

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time they need to be ready for the week. Usually, that means arriving at CLC around 10:00. Cleanup is quick and teachers usually leave about 11:45. Reading to prepare lessons ahead of time can be done whenever you choose.

The rewards for teaching our youth truly outweigh the sacrifice of the few hours of time. The influence you would have on their faith, as well as their love for and understanding of God is indescribable. Please open your heart to our children, don't wait for someone else to step forward. If you feel God's call, please answer!

If you have questions about the program, or would like to find out more information, please don't hesitate to ask! I'd be happy to talk with you.

May God fill your hearts!

Spirited Women

The July schedule for the Spirited Women is as follows:

Monday, July 11th:
Tour the Chicago Botanic Gardens and hear a carillon concert. We will carpool from church at 6:30PM. Following the tour and concert, we will stop at Baker's Square for pie.

Monday, July 25th:
We go to Twin Lakes for a special activity. Time and activity to be announced.

Seniors Group Summer Schedule

All seniors are invited to go out to lunch with the Seniors Group! Remaining summer dates are as follows:

Wed, Jul 13th:
11:30, Meet at Twin Lakes for Lunch

Wed, Aug 10th:
11:30, Meet at Makray's in Barrington

There is no need to sign-up, just show up. Hope to see you there!



♪ Notes from Music Ministry

Vera Wisniewski

I hope you all enjoyed the organ concert on June 12th as much as I did. Katie said she'd never felt as welcome playing a concert anywhere else as she did here at Christ Lutheran! Our next concert will be Wayne Faust in November – more to come about that as the time draws nearer.

I'd like to share some poetry with you that was written by one of our members, Jason Whiston. Thank you, Jason, for sharing your gift with us.

Riddles—Inspiration Without Form

I can be shallow, or I can be deep
You might get lost in me,
but when I'm found you're brilliant
Unless they forget me, then they're found
I am heavy, yet I weigh nothing
I am peaceful, yet I cause war
I can be born, but I cannot die
I have many faces, but only one name
I have many structures, but I have no form
I am no doctor, but I can heal
I am faith

I can be spiritual, but I am no prophet
I can be sharp, but I do not cut
I am shy, so I have others sing for me
My time is measured, but without ounces nor inches
You can be filled with me, but I consume you
I am static, but I have movements
I am not electric, but I can have a conductor
I cannot speak, but I can have words
I am music



When Heaven Can't Wait

Some time ago Christ Lutheran Church was bequeathed a double plot at Memory Gardens Cemetery.

Located in the Highly Desirable Sold Out "SANCTUARY OF DEVOTION" Section. If they were still available and purchased from Memory Gardens this double crypt would cost \$17,000. CLC is offering both plots for \$5,500 and CLC will pay all transfer fees.

Please contact the Church office if you or a friend are interested.

Outreach

Bridget Witt-Schuardt



On Saturday, July 2nd, we will be participating in the Jaycee's Hometown Fest. The fest is located in Community Park in Palatine.

We will have an expo booth from noon - 6 PM. The booth will give us an opportunity to show the community what OUR church has to offer. To invite families over with kids to our table,

we will have a game for kids to play.

Volunteers will be needed to set up and take down the tent/booth. We will also need volunteers to sit at the table for 1 hour shifts. If you are willing to help please email

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John 15:5 I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.

This scripture makes me ask myself, what type of fruit am I bearing? Am I sharing what God has given me? Am I sharing the Holy Spirit that

lives in me with others? I am glad for the wonderful blessings that God has given me. We all are part of the body of Christ even though we might have different talents. I pray that the outreach activities that we continue to participate in awakens God's spirit that dwells within you.

Thank you



FYI: Chair Yoga has been cancelled for the summer months. Classes will resume in September with the date to be determined.