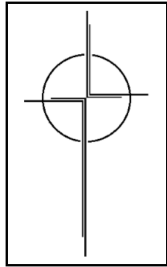


May 2023—  
July 2023

Christ the Life  
Quarterly Newsletter

Christ the Life Ev. Lutheran Church & School



**Inside this issue:**

<i>A Message From Pastor</i>	1-3
<i>Mesmerized</i>	3
<i>Calendar</i>	4
<i>LCMS Stewardship - Follow Him In Generosity</i>	5
<i>Don't Feel Sorry For...</i>	6
<i>Now Enrolling</i>	7
<i>Pictures</i>	8
<i>Contact Information</i>	8

## *A Message From Pastor Bushre*

Ah, May! Spring is here again, and summer is coming soon! As I've said before, this is the season when I get reacquainted with my grilling tools (though, I really didn't take the winter off from grilling), and I can wear my shorts and not get weird looks, because it's actually warm enough for shorts now. I really enjoy watching the trees bud in spring, too. Yes, spring is about rebirth. The waters the earth receives in the form of snow in the winter and rain in early spring, lead to new life in late spring and summer. Actually, spring reminds me of Baptism.

In the book of Colossians, the apostle Paul drills home the importance of Baptism. He writes in 2:12, that we've "been buried with Him in Baptism, in which you were also raised with Him." Paul uses the themes of life and death in speaking about Baptism and the Christian life.

He begins with death. As the earth seems dead during the winter months when the trees are bare, the sky is gray, and many animals hibernate or go south, we begin our lives in spiritual death. In our liturgy, during the confession of sins, we admit, "Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean." Genesis 6:5 says, "The Lord saw how great man's wickedness on the earth had become and that every inclination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil all the time." Paul says in Ephesians 2:1, 3, "As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins...Like the rest, we were by nature objects of wrath." Though we're physically alive when we're born, we're spiritually dead, capable of nothing spiritual-



*(Continued on page 2)*

## *A Message From Pastor Bushre... Continued*



*(Continued from page 1)*

ly good. This lost person we're born as is referred to as the "Old Adam." Your Old Adam is unredeemable, unchangeable, and unable to be rehabilitated, because he's hopelessly devoted to his own desires, as trapped in his desire to serve himself as a man encased in solid rock. He is God's enemy, hating all things good and holy, rejecting grace, and doing whatever he can think of contrary to God's will. In short, it's useless trying to please God by curbing individual sins because our entire nature is corrupt. Old Adam is a lost cause. He needs to die.

That's exactly what Baptism does. Paul says many times in Colossians (2:20, 3:3), in reference to Baptism, "You died." Your Old Adam was incapable of anything good, so God killed him. This occurred at your Baptism. At the same time, the Lord raised up a new person, a New Adam. In Colossians 2:12 and 3:1, Paul says, again in reference to Baptism, "You have been raised up." As the waters of snow and rain bring new life in spring, so the waters of baptism bring new life to the baptized. You once dwelt in winter, but now you're in the springtime of life.

You're now a new person. You're redeemed, forgiven, alive. Baptism kills the old condemned person, and puts in its place a new, clean saint wearing Christ.

In Colossians chapters 3 and 4, Paul encourages his readers to live a life pleasing to God. He does this on the basis of Baptism. You're not the same person you used to be. You're not Old Adam anymore. He's dead. You're New Adam, and New Adam wants to do God's will because the Lord has redeemed and forgiven him. To pursue sin and the desires of the flesh is to deny who you are now, to push away the Lord's gift of new life. Yes, you're still tempted and sinful sometimes because that sinful flesh still clings to you, but you're no longer controlled by sin and an enemy of God. In essence, Paul says, "You're different now. Live like it."

So, in Baptism, we're killed and then resurrected. Sound like anyone else we know? Absolutely: Jesus! Colossians 2:12 says we have "been buried with HIM in Baptism, in which you were also raised with HIM." "Him," of course, is Jesus. Only through the death and resurrection of Christ, which we undergo in Baptism, are we saved. Baptism connects us with Christ. We undergo

*(Continued on page 3)*

*(Continued from page 2)*

His death, and are raised up a new person, just as He was raised up.

Baptism also looks forward. Since we're connected to Jesus through Baptism, we also will be resurrected bodily as He was, when He returns again on the last day. We died and were buried with Christ, and will be raised to new life as He was raised. We are saved, forgiven, and given life through this connection with Jesus. The forgiveness and life He won for us on the cross is delivered to us in Baptism.

In 1 Peter 3:21, Peter says, "Baptism now saves you," not because of the outward act of being baptized, but because Baptism connects us to our Savior, Jesus. If someone ever asks you how you know you're saved, you can say with complete confidence, "Because I am baptized." In baptism, you were connected to your Savior, you were killed, and you were made alive again. Happy spring!

In Christ,

*Pastor Bushre*



## MESMERIZED

Our preschool and STEAM Lab students love watching the big machines work on the cell tower!

“When the devil sees you carrying a BIBLE, he gets a severe headache. When you open it, he feels faint. And he passes out when you read it. But when he discovers you living what you have read, he will leave you alone...temporarily.” -Roger Miller

\*May\*      \*June\*      \*July\*

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 10am Ladies' Bible Study	3 10am Chapel	4 10am Chapel 1pm Summit Woods 7pm Elders Meeting	5	6 9-3 Spring Bazaar
7 - <i>Confirmation</i> 9am Worship	8	9 10am Ladies' Bible Study	10 10am Chapel	11 10am Chapel 1pm Summit Woods 7pm Planning Council	12	13
14 - <i>Mother's Day</i> 9am Worship	15	16 10am Ladies' Bible Study	17 9am Breakfast Club	18 1pm Summit Woods	19	20
21 9am Worship 10:15am Voters' Mtg.	22	23	24 10am Chapel	25 10am Chapel 1pm Summit Woods	26	27
28 9am Worship	29 OFFICES & EC CLOSED	30 10am Ladies' Bible Study	31 10am Chapel	1 10am Chapel 1pm Summit Woods 7pm Elders Meeting	2 - <i>Last Day of School</i> 5:30pm Family Picnic	3
4 9am Worship	5 EC CLOSED	6 10am Ladies' Bible Study	7	8 1pm Summit Woods	9	10
11 9am Worship	12	13 10am Ladies' Bible Study	14	15 1pm Summit Woods 7pm Planning Council	16	17
18 - <i>Father's Day</i> 9am Worship	19	20 10am Ladies' Bible Study	21 9am Breakfast Club	22 1pm Summit Woods	23	24
25 9am Worship	26	27 10am Ladies' Bible Study	28	29 1pm Summit Woods	30	1
2 9am Worship	3	4 - <i>Independence Day</i> OFFICES & EC CLOSED	5	6 1pm Summit Woods	7	8
9 9am Worship	10	11 10am Ladies' Bible Study	12	13 1pm Summit Woods	14	15
16 9am Worship	17	18 10am Ladies' Bible Study	19 9am Breakfast Club	20 1pm Summit Woods	21	22
23 9am Worship	24	25 10am Ladies' Bible Study	26	27 1pm Summit Woods	28	29
30 9am Worship	31					

# *Follow Him in Generosity*

## *LCMS Stewardship Ministry - May 2023*

Our Savior calls us to follow Him in generosity. “For I have given you an example, that you also should do just as I have done to you” (John 13:15). We cannot give our lives for the salvation of the world, of course. Praise God, that job’s already done! But with hearts full of thanksgiving for what Jesus has given us, we can follow His example of generous giving. And Jesus’ generosity is not merely an example. Our Lord also commands us to act according to our gifts: “The one who contributes, [let him give] in generosity” (Rom. 12:8).

So, when we bring offerings to the Lord, we should strive to heed His command and follow the pattern He has established for us. Jesus did not give us leftovers. He gave His best. We should not give leftovers, either, but the first and best of what He has given us. Jesus did not give as an afterthought — He gave according to the plan of salvation God established from the foundation of the world. So, when it comes to our own offerings, we should make a thoughtful plan to give generously, in proportion to the way He has blessed us. Like the Macedonian Christians, who gave according to their ability, and even beyond their ability (2 Cor. 8:3), we should honor the Lord by giving a generous portion of the income that God provides us.

We should also give freely, just as Jesus gave freely for us. There is no compulsion involved in our works of love and our offerings to the Lord. We do not give grudgingly, but willingly and cheerfully, each “as he has decided in his heart”, as the Lord says (2 Cor. 9:7). There is no New Testament ceremonial law involved here. Rather, we are free to give as generously as our Savior

has given for us!

In the same way, our Lord teaches us to give generously out of our love for Him and for our neighbor. Jesus shows us that genuine love is always love “in deed” (1 John 3:18). It is love that sees our neighbor in need and gives generously to help him. It is love that hears the Word of the Lord and does what it says. If we truly love, we give generously. If we give without love, our giving is not truly following Jesus.

Finally, we follow Jesus in generosity when we support His Gospel ministry and other works of mercy. The people of Israel gave generously to construct and support the operation of the tabernacle, for that was the place where the Lord received the Old Testament sacrifices, through which He bestowed the forgiveness of sins on His people. So, they gave abundantly, so abundantly they had to be told to stop giving! (Ex. 36:5–6). In the same way, we should bring generous offerings to support the Lord’s work. We support our congregations in the preaching of His Word, Baptism and the Lord’s Supper, which bestow His gifts of forgiveness, life and salvation, and we take care of those who are poor and needy.

Our Savior calls us to follow His example in generous giving. Let us then, with thankful hearts, rededicate ourselves to following Him in generosity.



Don't feel sorry for or fear for your kids because the world they are going to grow up in is not what it used to be.

God created them and called them for the exact moment in time that they're in. Their life wasn't a coincidence or an accident.

Raise them up to know the power they walk in as children of God.

Train them up in the authority of His Word.

Teach them to walk in faith knowing that God is in control.

Empower them to know they can change the world.

Don't teach them to be fearful and disheartened by the state of the world but hopeful that they can do something about it.

Every person in all of history has been placed in the time that they were in because of God's sovereign plan.

He knew Daniel could handle the lion's den.

He knew David could handle Goliath.

He knew Esther could handle Haman.

He knew Peter could handle persecution.

He knows that your child can handle whatever challenge they face in their life. He created them specifically for it!

Don't be scared for your children, but be honored that God chose YOU to parent the generation that is facing the biggest challenges of our lifetime.

Rise up to the challenge.

Raise Daniels, Davids, Esthers and Peters!

God isn't scratching His head wondering what He's going to do with this mess of a world.

He has an army He's raising up to drive back the darkness and make Him known all over the earth.

Don't let your fear steal the greatness God placed in them. I know it's hard to imagine them as anything besides our sweet little babies, and we just want to protect them from anything that could ever be hard on them, but they were born for such a time as this.



By: Alex Cravens

# Now Enrolling!



3031 Summit Ave.  
Waukesha, WI 53188  
(262) 547-7315  
ECoffice@ChristTheLife.com

## STEAM Laboratory

Rates Effective June 6, 2023

Scheduled Hours: \$7.25/hour

40+ hours: \$280/week

Drop-In Rate: \$9.80/hour

## 2023/2024 Tuition Rates



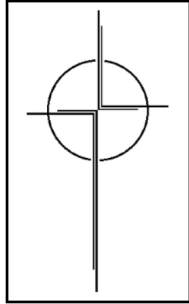
At Christ the Life Preschool we offer a variety of Preschool class options including both morning and afternoon sessions. All of our classes are mixed age groups of up to eighteen 3-5 year olds. To supplement your child's learning, we also offer flexible, reasonably priced childcare in our STEAM Laboratory if needed.

Classes Offered	Annual Tuition
<b>Monday – Friday Mornings</b> 8:40-11:40 am	\$4,712
<b>Monday / Wednesday / Friday Mornings</b> 8:40-11:40 am	\$2,952
<b>Tuesday / Thursday Mornings</b> 8:40-11:40 am	\$1,968
<b>Monday / Wednesday Afternoons</b> 12:15-3:15 pm (minimum of 6 students required)	\$1,584
Please Note: Any class schedule requested, other than those listed above, will be permitted if space allows. An additional \$250 fee will be added to the tuition.	

## Christ the Life Ev. Lutheran Church

3031 Summit Ave  
Waukesha, WI 53188

Church: 262-547-1817  
Early Childhood: 262-547-7315  
Email: [Office@christthelife.com](mailto:Office@christthelife.com)



Visit us online:

[ChristTheLife.com](http://ChristTheLife.com)

### Rev. Christopher Bushre

- [PastorBushre@christthelife.com](mailto:PastorBushre@christthelife.com)

### Mrs. Julie Bushre, Early Childhood Administrator

- [JulieBushre@christthelife.com](mailto:JulieBushre@christthelife.com)

### Mrs. Becki Van Allen, Office Manager

- [BeckiV@christthelife.com](mailto:BeckiV@christthelife.com)



WELCOME TO THE FAMILY

God's blessings to Benjamin (a CTL graduate) and Luciana (a current CTL preschooler) who were baptized by Pastor Bushre on April 30, 2023!

Look who's  
running  
late on a  
Sunday  
morning!

