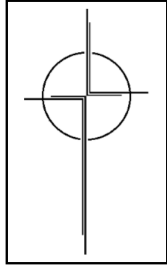


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Christ the Life
Quarterly Newsletter

Christ the Life Ev. Lutheran Church & School



A Message From Pastor Bushre

Well, here we are at the beginning of August. Whether we want to admit it or not, summer is beginning to wind down. Our new Preschool year here at CtL begins the last week of August. We're heading into a new school year! This is a time of separation for parents and children as the kids leave summer vacation behind and head back to the classroom (though some parents might not be too upset about that). I was thinking about that, and separation in general, and it reminded me of those times back before Julie and I were married. During my first year of seminary, we had to do a long distance relationship. That year, she was in her senior year back in Michigan at Concordia, Ann Arbor, while I was in St. Louis. It was a long, hard year, with 500 miles separating the two of us. We talked on the phone a lot and took comfort in the fact that this separation would only last a year and then we'd be together. One of the Bible verses that comforted us during this time was Genesis 31:49b. That verse says, "May the Lord keep watch between you and me when we are away from each other" (NIV). It was the Lord's promise to keep watch over the other person that helped us make it through those tough times. It's very comforting to me to know that the Lord is in control of everything, watching over both my life, and the lives of all my loved ones.

A verse that reminds me that God is in complete control of everything, is James 4:13-15: "Now listen, you who say, 'Today or tomorrow we will go to this or that city, spend a year there, carry on business and make money.' Why, you do not even know what will happen tomorrow. Instead, you ought to say, 'If it is the Lord's will, we will live and do this or that.'" Our lives are not our own. It's not in our power to direct our own lives. If it were, we sinners would mess everything up and no one would have a decent life. It's God who directs everything. He provides what we need and steers us along the path that He has for us in this life. It's comforting to me to know that I don't have to worry about tomorrow. God is in control, and that is a great thing because He's shown us that He loves us and takes care of us. He's

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proven this to us by sending His Son to die on the cross in our place. The One who is in control of our lives is One who loves us and wants nothing but the best for us, and will take care of us, even to the point of sacrificing Himself so we might live. What a wonderful comfort this is!

So, as the kids head back to school, and any time you're going to be away from someone you love, take comfort as you say to them, "May the Lord keep watch between you and me when we are away from each other." This puts us in mind of the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, the great-



est comfort there is. God's blessings to you all.

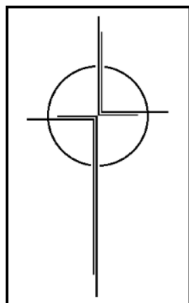
In Christ,
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Upcoming Events

Church Picnic / Pastor's 20th Anniversary

Sunday, August 6 - 10:15 am

Planning Council Meeting

Thursday, August 10 - 7:00 pm

Breakfast Club - Denny's

Wednesday, August 16 - 9:00 am

EC Closed – Staff Development

Friday, August 25 & Monday, August 28

EC Welcome to School Night

Monday, August 28 – 6:00 pm

First Day of Preschool

Tuesday, August 29

EC Weekly Chapel Begins

Wednesday, August 30 - 10:00 am

Closed Labor Day

Monday, September 4

Confirmation Classes Starts

Tuesday, September 5 - 3:30 pm

Elders Meeting

Thursday, September 7 - 7:00 pm

Adult Bible Class Resumes

Sunday, September 10 - 10:15 am

Planning Council Meeting

Thursday, September 14 - 7:00 pm

Breakfast Club - Denny's

Wednesday, September 20 - 9:00 am

Elders Meeting

Thursday, October 5 - 7:00 pm

Planning Council Meeting

Thursday, October 12 - 7:00 pm

Breakfast Club - Denny's

Wednesday, October 18 - 9:00 am

EC Sings in Church & Trunk or Treat

Sunday, October 29 - 9:00 am