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GOOD NEWSletter

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A Letter From Pastor Tim

Greetings,

When May comes every year, it almost feels like we are starting a new year. This is different than our true New Year because we do not have a change in the calendar year. Still, we do have a lot of change around us. Here are a few I see:

The farmers and gardeners are in the fields and gardens, starting to plant the crops

- The trees and flowers are continuing to blossom and bud
- Summer sports and camps are starting up
- Seniors from high school or college are graduating, beginning a new stage of life
- Christ is Risen and we have new life in this Easter Season!

Paul gives us an anthem for spring when he writes in his second letter to the Corinthians,

So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

In this season of new life, let the turned-over earth remind you that God gives us the opportunity to turn over a new leaf with him every day in confessing our sins and receiving his forgiveness.

Let the blossoming and budding trees remind you that even though parts of our lives seem dead from sin or pain, there is always new life waiting to spring forth when God

enters the picture.

In this season as we start our own new beginnings, let us keep in mind that we are not bound to the ways of old but instead are made new daily, by the grace and forgiveness of God.

God's Peace,

Pastor Tim

Greetings!

Thanks so much to everyone who participated in our Lenten and Holy Week services! We saw significantly higher participation than in past years, and lots of enthusiasm for the services. We continue to be blessed with a growing congregation, new opportunities for ministry in our community, and exciting additional opportunities for fellowship amongst our members.

As we inch closer to the Summer months, between well-deserved vacations and busy schedules I hope you will stay active in our church. From our Vacation Bible School in June to our Low Country Boil in July where we will welcome back our missionary members Julia and Vincent, there is a very active summer ahead.

I also hope that you will join us during our Semi-Annual Congregation Meeting on May 21st at noon. Active engagement of our members ensures we continue to serve you spiritually and live up to our mission. As always, your comments, ideas, and feedback are greatly appreciated.

God Bless,

Mike Mahler

2017 Congregation President

VP & Mutual Ministry

So, how would you run a church? When I think of church, I visualize a place where our family is spiritually fed and where we can thank God for His infinite grace. We usually don't consider how the place actually operates. When the air conditioning fails in August, it only takes a call to Roger Ridings to quickly cure the situation. The cures for other situations can be more difficult to find. It is in these situations where the best tools can be a clear set of rules.

One of our first objectives for the Mutual Ministry Committee is to develop a staff personnel policy with the Congregational Council. You may ask, "why do we need formal policies when we are such a small church?" Written policies can accomplish many things, such as:

- Providing clarity to staff on their responsibilities and benefits
- Protecting the church by demonstrating our best efforts to protect our congregation
- Defining protocols for sensitive situations

We have made good progress over the past few months, and will be presenting our work to Council shortly. Please reach out to any member of the MMC with any questions or suggestions. P.S. – We still have 1 more open seat on the MMC!

Peace,

Tom Mabry

Stewardship

Can't Stop the Feeling!

PLANTING SEEDS – As we entered the season of Lent Pastor Tim announced we had devotionals out in the Narthex and we should take one and use it during this very

important season of Lent. I must admit I have never been one to habitually read devotionals. I did start to use "taking faith home" from our weekly bulletin and it made an impact on my life. I knew this devotional "free indeed" would be part of my daily reading during Lent. As Pastor was finishing his announcement he said and maybe take one for someone you feel may need it. I did take an extra and wasn't sure who I would share it with.

My youngest son and his wife married eighteen months ago by Pastor Ted. They currently live in Atlanta and at this point had not found a church to attend and as I had learned stopped looking. During conversations with them I found out my daughter in-law was getting confused and mixed messages from various generations in her family. She was about ready to accept as fact that she might not be saved and nothing more she could do about it. She was struggling with her faith more than I could have imagined.

Taking Pastor Tim's lead, I gave the second devotional to my daughter in-law. I asked her to give it a week and we would talk when the week was up. At the end of the week we talked and she shared some deeper insight to her dilemma and to my surprise they found a church and she has a renewed faith in God. A seed had been planted and God sent the necessary sunshine and rain into her life to help faith grow.

When Jesus had risen from the tomb and Mary Magdalene was instructed to "Go and tell" the disciples what she saw (John 20:17). As good stewards, it is now our responsibility to spread the word. You will be surprised as I was to learn who is waiting to hear and don't feel comfortable enough to ask.

Do you have a story of Seeds being Planted? Maybe your life was impacted by someone or you have impacted someone in your life. I would love to hear from you and if you are willing to share with the congregation we can put it in the next newsletter. You can send it to me at akappel@gmail.com and put in the subject line "planting seeds".

God's Blessing to all,

Artie Kappel

Social Ministry Committee:

The next meeting of the Social Ministry Committee is on Tuesday, May 9 at 7PM. (There was no April meeting.) The pink piggy campaign was successful. Close to \$1300 was collected for ELCA World Hunger. I am so proud of our congregation. Along with the Lutheran Chicks we advocated for the Shoebox campaign for United Way. Thanks to Rita Buehner and Kathy Dickens and all their volunteers, both our work with MUST Ministries and Cobb Street Ministries continues. Speaking of MUST, members of the Wednesday Bible Study decorated more than 70 brown paper lunch bags for their summer lunch program. MUST uses the bags to supply more than 20,000 summer lunches for children in need. So thank you, Christ Lutheran for caring and sharing. "A giving church is a living church."

Fellowship Committee:

Greetings,

Not too much to report this month. I plan on having another committee meeting when Pastor Tim returns from Turkey. We have a few things we are working on and Elaine Steib has volunteered to 'host' a Trivia Night.

I hope to have more information on Trivia Night soon. There will be a trip to the Rome Braves game sometime in August and our Low Country Boil in July!

God's blessings,

Lois Minta

Witness/Evangelism Committee

In June we will have our next New Member Pizza with the Pastor and Congregational Potluck Reception. The Pizza with the Pastor will be on Saturday, June 3rd, and the

Congregational Potluck Reception will be on Sunday, June 4th following the 11 o'clock service.

Please help me thank Denny Buehner for taking command of the "Cookie Ministry" and delivering cookies and information about our church to our visitors!

Unleashing Salt and Light,

Tiffany (with Joe, Braden, and Evan's help!) Sorrentino

Romans 15:7 – Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.

May is Marriage Checkup Month

Calling all Husbands and Wives!

As a way of tending to your marriage, it is encouraged that you do a marriage "physical" each year. Some people pick a certain month, others do it during the month of their anniversary—but when you do it is not as important as just *doing* it.

Here is what I encourage you to do:

1. Look deeply in each oth... (No don't do that)
2. There is a tool called <https://www.couplecheckup.com/> – take the time to sign up and fill it out individually.

Property Committee:

Thanks to all who helped with work day (4/8). We did some cleaning, painting, ceiling tiles and maintenance. The old organ is off the property and now in its final resting place. Special thanks to Mr. Englehart for having to wait in line to deliver it (to the final resting place).

The 18 faded window panels in the Sanctuary have been replaced.

Thanks to everyone who helped set up and cleaned up all the events that happened during Lent and Easter.

In his service,

Roger

Church Announcements

New Pictorial Directory!

Sign up for your family portrait today! Everyone who participates will receive a complimentary 8x10 professional family portrait, one printed directory, smartphone app, and online directory. All appointments are on a first-come, first serve basis, so make your appointment today. We need everyone to participate in helping make this directory complete. Additional quality family portraits will be offered at competitive prices. Thank you for your participation! Quick Tip for your photos: Please avoid wearing green, as we will be using Green Screen Technology to photograph! (Like what they use in action and superhero movies) Please click the following link to make an appointment:

Sunday, May 14th - 12:30 pm - 6:00 pm

Monday, May 15th - 1:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Tuesday, May 16th - 1:00 pm - 8:00 pm

<http://www.appointmentquest.com/scheduler/2230093342?schedule=christlutheranchurch>



Sunday, May 21st, is Music & Arts Sunday. This year we would like to celebrate not only our wonderful music programs, but all arts. If you are artistic in any way, shape, or form, we would like for you to display it. Contact Sandi Barrett or anyone on the Worship Committee.



Christ Lutheran Church VBS 2017:

“Maker Fun Factory – Created by God, Built for a Purpose”

Save the Date!!

Sunday, June 4th - Thursday, June 8th

Dinner: 5:00 pm

VBS: 5:30 pm - 8:30 pm

This amazing adventure will help to ground children and adults in the solid foundation of Jesus’ love, a love that gives our lives incredible purpose.

Imagine a world where curious kids become hands-on inventors who discover they’re lovingly crafted by God.

Please, Join Us!!

To register your kids or to sign up as a volunteer leader or helper, please visit our website at christlutheranchurchmarietta.org

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