



# CHRIST CHRONICLE

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and somewhat rehearsed speeches in an attempt to somehow bring more people into their congregation. And while these efforts are sometimes effective, they can draw us away from the true mission of the Gospel.

Again, evangelism is not simply about bringing in new members for the congregation, though that may happen. Evangelism is also not about helping people find a deeper meaning to life, though that will happen. Rather, EVANGELISM is: "Intrusion by a gracious God into a sinner's life." This evangelism of the Gospel of Salvation takes place every time the Word of God is taught and proclaimed! When the Law exposes the horrible effects of our sinfulness and drives us to the Cross of Jesus, and when the Good News of forgiveness brings us into the arms of a loving God, then and only then has "evangelism" been done. We who are already in the church need to continually hear the Good News. We need to continually be evangelized. When this happens in the church we call it "Spiritual Renewal." When the church reaches out, we call it "Building the Kingdom."

Renewal happens in our lives when each one of us is individually confronted by God. Ask yourself: "How is God confronting me in my life?", and "How am I reacting to the confrontation?" We usually recognize the confrontations. We have this gut wrenching reaction and an uneasy feeling when the Law of God pokes at us and reminds us of our sinful and selfish behavior. Our reactions to the confrontation are varied. Sometimes we make excuses, sometimes we turn around and walk away, sometimes we blame others or God, and sometimes we simply slam the door in His face and hope that He'll go away. Seldom do we listen attentively and ask Him to continue. Fortunately, we have a loving, persistent God who continues to intrude into our lives. He never gives up! He continues to confront us until our stubborn spirits are broken and contrite and we cry out, "Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me!"

Renewal happens in a congregation when all the people are collectively confronted by God. As a congregation we ask: "How is God confronting us?" and "How are we reacting to the confrontation?" The whole direction of our mission and ministry together depends on our honesty in answering these questions. Effective evangelism happens when the motivating reason for "doing" evangelism is not to increase attendance or to put more money into the offering plate, but rather when the motivating reason is to bring sinful people (you and me included) face-to-face with the intrusive grace of a loving God. Effective evangelism is all about repairing broken bridges and healing broken relationships in order to help people stand hand-in-hand on the solid foundation of God's grace. This is Reformation Evangelism!!!

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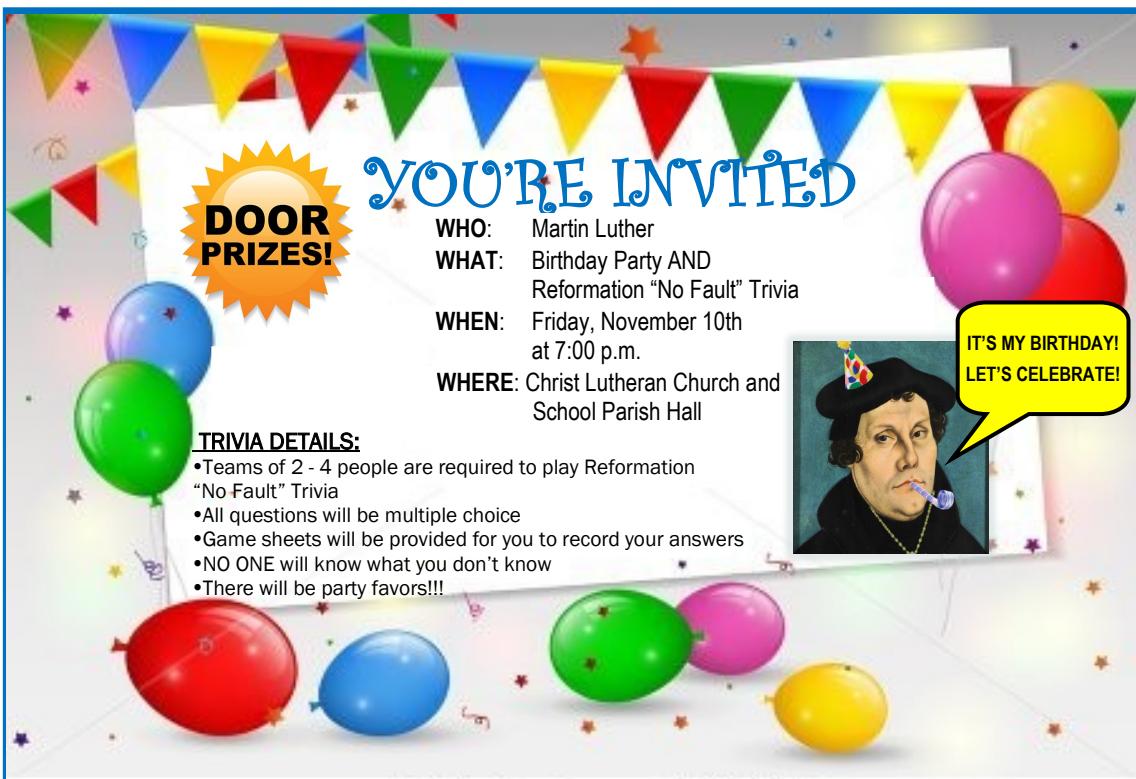
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Building the Kingdom happens when God's people, individually and as a congregation, understand the mission of the Gospel is all about being available to the Holy Spirit in order for Him to work in and through us "to seek and save the lost." In this mission, we can expect the unbelieving world to respond in much the same way we respond when confronted with the truth of God's Word. They may have a gut wrenching reaction and an uneasy feeling when the Law of God pokes at them and reminds them of their sinful and selfish behavior. They may make excuses, or turn around and walk away. They may blame others or God, and even slam the door in His face (and ours). However, they may also listen attentively and ask us to continue. They may engage us in discussion or debate. They may be hungry for repairing broken bridges and healing broken relationships. They may be thirsty for the life-giving water of God's grace.

Through evangelism, through repeated confrontation with the intrusive grace of God, the church can be spiritually renewed! Through evangelism, through repeated confrontation with the intrusive grace of God, the Kingdom can be built! In being available for God to use us in His never-ending pursuit of the unbaptized, the baptized can rediscover what it means for us to be the church! The work of evangelizing others enables us continually to be evangelized ourselves! The bottom line is pretty straight forward -- It's all about growing "Cross shaped and Spirit led" relationships with ourselves, our neighbors, our world, and with Christ! The work of the Reformation never ends! **"Verbum Domini Manet in Aeternum" - The Word of the Lord Endures Forever!** To God be the Glory!

In Christ,  
Pastor Neal Groeling



### Fellowship Meal

#### November Fellowship Meal Schedule

- November 1 - Church Council: Potluck
- November 8 - Women's Guild: Soup & Pie
- November 15 - PTL Thanksgiving
- November 22 - NO FELLOWSHIP MEAL
- November 29 - TBD

All meals are on Wednesday evenings at 5:45 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

We look forward to seeing you all at the meal!

Look for the poster board in the Narthex to sign your group up to host a meal.



## From the Principal

*Kim Rasmussen*

What's this whole princess thing?

Those of you who know me, know that I have this whole princess thing. Ever since I read the book, The Little Princess by Frances Hodgson Burnett, I have loved the idea that all girls are princesses. If you haven't read the book or seen the movie, you should because it's a classic. Moreover, all girls are princesses and all boys are princes since our Heavenly Father has made us His children (1 John 3:1). There is no doubt that I love the idea of being royalty simply because God loves me, and He chose me, and He does the same for all of you...

Being Principal has been a challenge for me. It's new, I'm not always sure of what I'm doing, and the title doesn't quite fit in my mind yet. One of my new responsibilities is visiting all of the classrooms, observing and giving feedback. On one of my treks into the fourth grade, a few of the students greeted me as Princess Principal. Now that's not a title I came up with but at the same time I didn't discourage it because it reminded me of Whose I am. I'm a child of God, no matter what other titles or jobs I may have. On a later visit to the fourth grade room, the kids were doing their Friday Praise with Mrs. Handrock and they sang me a verse of, "He's got the Princess Principal in his Hands!"

In my office I have a picture given to me by a dear friend. The picture shows a beautiful girl with a crown on her head. The caption reads, "Sometimes, on dark days, I think nobody cares and nobody's coming, then I remember who sends me those thoughts and a peaceful feeling inside reminds me I am a Daughter of God... and I straighten my crown." I do have a tiara at school, and I do put it on occasionally. Not for the reasons you might think. I wear it when I'm having a rough day, and need to be reminded that I am a Child of God. And He really does have me, and you, and all of our days, good or bad, in His Hands!

That of course begs the question, how should princes and princesses behave? The answer is that our response to God for all that He has done for us is to love him and love each other. Quite simply, our response is gratitude. Which brings us to the month of November...

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## From the Congregation President

*Jerry Shroff, Congregation Chairman*



### GIVE UNTO CAESAR...GIVE UNTO GOD

Recently, I was preparing to deliver the message in Pastor's absence. I was studying the Gospel Lesson from Matthew 22, when Jesus gave the famous parable, "render unto Caesar what is Caesar's and unto God what is God's". In the past when I read or heard this parable I honestly just thought of it as (a) reminder that I have to pay taxes and (b) that it is a good stewardship reminder to give to the church as well as the government.

This time, Jesus' words hit me on a stronger level and really spoke to me the way I believe He intended. "Give unto God what is God's." Let's see, what has He done for us...hmmm? He simply created all creation. He gave us life. He gave us the birds and the bees and all the beauty around us.

After we fell into sin He gave us so much more. He loves us so much He gave His son to die for us, for our sin, so we could be cleansed and made perfect again in His life. He loves us and has chosen us. He has chosen to give us eternal life with Him.

What has He given us? He has given us EVERYTHING! What do we owe Him? We owe Him EVERYTHING! That said, all He asks of us is to love him with our whole hearts and to love our neighbors as ourselves. He asks us to share this love by teaching, and baptizing, and growing His Kingdom to the ends of the earth...and in our own backyard.

How can we serve Him for all that He has done for us? We can serve and support Him with our gifts and our offerings. If our offerings help one more student receive our Lord through Baptism The Holy Spirit has worked

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# TREASURY REPORT

## Our Mission and Ministry financial status for the month of September 2017

Our **budgeted** offerings for September were \$38, 462. We received \$32, 234 in un-restricted offerings for the month. We are \$6, 228 below our budgeted offerings for the month. This is the second month in a row that we are significantly below last year's giving amount.

Our **budgeted** expense for the month was \$113, 141. Our actual expense was \$154, 315, which is \$41,174 more than planned for the month. This overage is primarily due to September having three pay periods.

### INCOME FOR SEPTEMBER 2017

	Planned Income	Actual Income
<b>Income Source</b>		
Offerings	\$38, 462	\$32, 234
General Fund	1, 125	911
Special Offerings	1, 917	25
Thrivent Choice	416	537
School Income	59, 995	75, 412
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$101, 915</b>	<b>\$109, 119</b>
<b>Performance to Budget</b>	<b>+\$7, 204</b>	

### EXPENSES FOR SEPTEMBER 2017

	Planned Expense	Actual Expense
<b>Responsible Board</b>		
Administration	\$533	\$295
Christian Education	3, 404	6,246
Church Property	19, 796	25, 532
Human Care	271	0
Lay Ministry	458	517
Missions	1350	3, 550
Fellowship	83	-75
Marketing	1, 292	1, 527
Church Council	1, 304	1,119
Stewardship	54	0
Youth	283	0
Compensation	84, 308	115, 603
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>\$113, 141</b>	<b>\$154, 315</b>
<b>Performance to Budget</b>	<b>-\$41, 173</b>	

### Christ Lutheran Chronicle



The *Chronicle* is published for members and friends of Christ Lutheran Church & School. News items and articles are due in the church office on the 15th of the month prior to the month in which you wish to be published. Your submission may be edited for content or length.

Thank you for your participation and cooperation! ☺

### SEPTEMBER 2017 FINANCIAL SUMMARY

September Income	\$109, 119
September Expenses	\$154, 315
<b>Surplus (+) or Deficit (-)</b>	<b>-\$45, 196</b>

### SPECIALLY DESIGNATED PROJECTS & PROGRAMS (UN-BUDGETED)

Designated Giving	\$33, 429
Designated Expense	\$29, 173
<b>August Cash Balance</b>	<b>+\$4, 256</b>

### APPROVED BUDGET FY 2018

Income Source	
Offerings	\$500, 000
General Fund	13, 500
Special Offerings	23, 000
Thrivent Choice	5, 000
School Income	719, 942
<b>Total Planned Income</b>	<b>\$1, 261, 442</b>
<b>Planned Expense</b>	<b>\$1, 357, 694</b>
<b>Planned Surplus (+) or Deficit (-)</b>	<b>-\$96, 252</b>

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As He taught us in **Matthew 22:21** - Then he said to them, "Therefore render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's." So, what is Jesus saying? Doesn't everything belong to God? Yes, and God has a place for everything. Some of what He gives us goes to Caesar. Some must come back to the work of the His Church. And some goes to support the families He has given us. All belongs to God - and he has work for us to do with what He has given us in the home, in the Church, and in society. In light of our current financial gap, please prayerfully consider this as you bring your tithes and offerings to the Lord.

Together with the Grace of God, we can meet the challenge which He has placed before us to further His Mission at Christ Lutheran Church and School.

God's Blessings,  
Randy Bennett

## FROM THE BOARD OF YOUTH

In October, the youth got right into the swing of things. They hosted their first Fellowship Meal of the new school year. This was the first Fellowship Meal for many of our new youth. They had a great time and loved meeting the congregation. For the monthly middle school event, they invited the youth from the school on a trip to a balloon glow. They had an awesome time with a few kids from school, and showed what being in the youth group is all about.

In November, the youth will have their first burrito making day for the congregation. Mark your calendars for the third Sunday in November. The youth group will be inviting the middle school youth for an afternoon of bowling for our middle school event this month. The kids will have a short time for rest at the end of the month for Thanksgiving Break, but that will be short-lived as we have a busy month planned in December.

Away from church, many of the kids are involved with various athletics. Some of our members are on the very successful volleyball team from Christ Lutheran School. Others are involved with swimming, soccer, and tennis. One other is also on the church choir, and plays piano. Others are also involved with Girl Scouts, and Boy Scouts.

Youth celebrating birthdays in November: Oscar Bojorquez.

Thanks for all your support,

CLY and JoY

P.S. One of our former youth, Alissa Yocky, will play for her college basketball team (Fort Lewis) against the Lobos on November 5th @ 2:00.



## NOTES FROM YOUR MUSIC DIRECTOR

By Beth Shroff

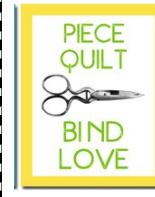
*I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, because of your partnership in the gospel...for you are all partakers with me of grace... Philippians 1:3-5a, 7b*

Yes, we all have God's grace! Daily we repent of our sins, and rejoice in the sacrifice of God's Son for our redemption and the faith poured out to us by the Holy Spirit. We are free from the bondage of sin, death, and the devil!

On November 5 we celebrate All Saints' Sunday. We remember with thanksgiving those who have gone before us to be in the presence of God. We await the day when we shall join them in the bliss of heaven. Our church year continues this month, and our lessons remind us of the hope we have in our Savior, Jesus Christ, and the promise of the feast to come.

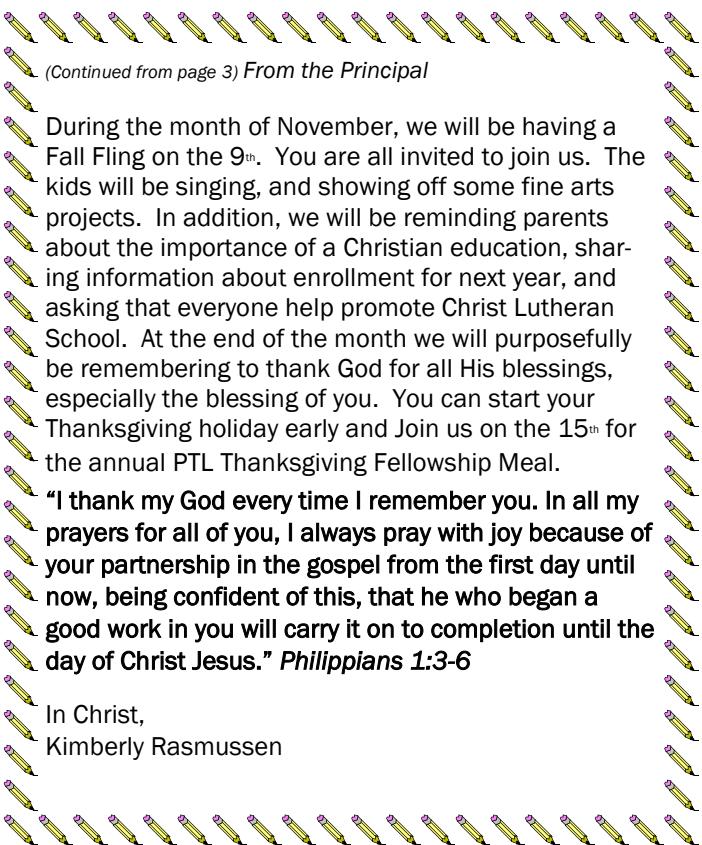
It is our duty to give thanks to God for all that He provides us! To thank God is to acknowledge that who we are and what we have is His doing, not our own. Join us Thanksgiving Eve, November 22 at 4:00 p.m. or at 7:00 p.m. to worship Him.

I pray you enjoyed getting to know more of Martin Luther's hymns during the month of October. Please look forward with me to the wonderful ways we will proclaim the birth of Jesus in December.



### Christ Quilters Quilt for Christ!

Love to cut? Love to piece together blocks? Love to sew? Love to tie? We have a place for you! Join us on the 2nd & 4th Tuesdays of the month. Watch for more info in the Sunday Bulletin.



Newsletter for God Cares About You, a Ministry of Christ Lutheran Church,  
7701 Candelaria Rd. NE, ABQ NM 87110 (505.884.3876)

**OPENING BIBLE VERSE:** In His ministry, Jesus called us to reach out and help those in need. Jesus used the story of the Good Samaritan to drive home that point. At the end of the story recorded in Luke 10:36,37, Jesus asks a question and gives a command: "Which of these three do you think proved neighbor to the man who fell among the robbers?" He said, "The one who showed mercy to him." And Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise." At God Cares About You Mission, our goal is to help our neighbors in need and show the mercy of Jesus to them in Word and deed.

**DEAR PARTNERS IN CHRIST:** As you all may know, Lionel Cebreros is Program Director for God Cares About You. We recently conducted an interview with Lionel, asking him about his background, how long he's been with the mission and about his duties. Below is his response to these questions.

"I was born and raised in El Paso, I always tell everyone that I encounter that I'm an open book. I used to be a very bad person, addicted to drugs, in and out of jail and spent 4 years in prison. After finishing my parole, my wife and I decided to move away from El Paso because we knew that if we stayed, we would still be addicted to drugs and/or in jail. We found the ministry on the same day we decided to leave El Paso. Paul Mueller came out and asked if we were hungry; we were starving! Not only were we starving for food, but we were also starving, spiritually, for the Word. Ever since that day, we haven't missed a day and that was 2 and 1/2 years ago."

Lionel's duties include, but are not limited to, picking up food from Mark Twain Elementary and Nazarene Church, helping with the back to work program, evangelist team leader, program coordinating, help planning events, speaking about the Word through devotions and prayers to many people, counseling, help coordinate Road Runner Food Bank, and brings smiles to people's faces.

# MISSIONS



across the street & around the world

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT:**  
If you would like to support us financially, please make your check payable to Christ Lutheran:

Mark "God Cares About You" on the memo line  
Mail to: Christ Lutheran  
7701 Candelaria Rd. NE ABQ, NM 87110

We thank you in advance!

**CLOSING PRAYER:** Dear Father, I come before you today in surrender. In surrender of all my mishaps, struggles and heartaches. Sometimes my failures threaten to crush my spirit and my pain threatens to suffocate me. Defeat looms over me. So today I come to you and ask you to be my strength, wisdom, and cornerstone. When I feel struck down, remind me I am never defeated. When I feel persecuted, remind me I am not forsaken. And when I am afflicted remind me I cannot be crushed with you as my Savior. 2 Corinthians 4:8 "Direct my steps, O Lord, and lead me to everlasting hope." Psalm 119:133 In Jesus name I pray, Amen!

Liz

## ANNUAL THANKSGIVING BOXES



The Board of Human Care will again sponsor a food and cash collection to fill boxes for needy families at Thanksgiving. Each box will contain all the food needed to make a Thanksgiving dinner; turkey, rolls, potatoes, vegetables, cranberry sauce, stuffing, and pumpkin pie. Look for the sign up sheet in the narthex for needed food items. You may give cash donations to any Human Care Board member or mark a check with "Thanksgiving Boxes" and place it in the offering plate or deliver it to the church office.

This year we will be helping families from Heros Walk Among Us, Rasmussen Counseling, Governor Bent Elementary, and names submitted by members of Christ Lutheran. If you know a family that is in need this Thanksgiving, please give the name to the church office. The boxes will be available for pick up on Tuesday, November 21.

We can always use help collecting boxes. We prefer boxes with handles like the ones given at Costco or Sams. Please deliver the empty boxes to the narthex.

Thank you to Dave and Dianne Hommel and Thrivent Financial for donating all the turkeys. Thank you to Thrivent Action Teams for help with purchasing other food items.

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through us to grow His Kingdom. If our offerings help one person at God Cares About You to get out of addiction and into Jesus, the Holy Spirit has worked through us to grow His Kingdom.

If our offerings help support Benjamin Helge reach one more young person in Eastern Europe, the Holy Spirit has worked through us to grow His Kingdom. If our offerings help the Matzke's hand out a Bible in the Far East that someone reads and is fed the Gospel, the Holy Spirit has worked through us to grow His Kingdom. If our offerings help LCMS Missions to reach people throughout the world with The Good News, the Holy Spirit has worked through us to grow His Kingdom. You get the picture.

We can also serve and support Him through our Spiritual Gifts and talents. If we use our talents and gifts to love those around us, teach those around us, lead those around us, then the Holy Spirit can work into their hearts with the love of Jesus and they too can become part of His kingdom.

We can also serve and support Him with our time. Actually, our time is His time. He has given us a job to share our gifts and His love with those around us and this takes time... His time. God has given us more than we can ever repay. That said, we can serve and support Him by surrendering some of our time to help grow His Kingdom.

Time, talents and tithes – all wrapped in Love – the Love of Our Father, the Love of His Son, and the Power of the Holy Spirit. Give to Caesar what is Caesars but don't forget to give to God what is God's.

God's Peace,

Jerry

**COUNT YOUR  
BLESSINGS.  
NAME THEM ONE BY ONE.  
COUNT YOUR  
MANY BLESSINGS  
SEE WHAT GOD HAS DONE.**

## Scrip (Gift Cards) at Christ Lutheran Church & School

Karen Kolke, Coordinator

We sold \$16,330.83 worth of gift cards during the month of September.

We gave out \$1,139.17 of "free" money that went to the many distribution groups available for you to choose from:

Capital Improvement Fund earned \$94.38 with 21 families participating  
 School Scholarship Fund earned \$13.75 with 4 families participating  
 School Tuition distributed \$209.39 with 12 families participating  
 Extended Care distributed \$14.52 with 2 families participating  
 Playground Fund distributed \$41.46 with 5 families participating  
 Youth Accounts distributed \$35.67 with 2 families participating  
 God Cares About You Mission distributed \$93.09 with 3 families participating  
 The Technology Fund received \$584.91 with 56 families participating. Some families put all their distribution toward technology.

If you have questions on how the program works or how to make purchases online, see Karen Kolke or call her at 206-0906.

**Scrip is  
fundraising  
while you  
shop!**  




## Noyember Celebrations!

**"Happy Birthday"** to the following members of who were born in November:

Nov. 1	Trista Clevenger Kelsey Mitchell
Nov. 3	Karen Kolke Emily Schroer
Nov. 6	Rich Lamphere Andrew Malizia
Nov. 8	Deon Hass Faye Hansen
Nov. 10	Stephanie Nixon Eric van Dyck
Nov. 12	Londyn Garcia
Nov. 14	Tim Klein
Nov. 17	Brianna Mintle Steven Malizia Hunter Mariani
Nov. 19	Jeff Kluck Angelina Madrid
Nov. 22	Cody Nemitz Renae Ricard Postenrieder
Nov. 23	Barbara Bennett Daniel Handrock
Nov. 24	Ezra Sainz
Nov. 25	Timothy Golich
Nov. 26	Douglas Rickers Jr.
Nov. 27	Ellen Larsen
Nov. 28	Anna Bischoff



**"Happy Anniversary"** to the following members who were married in November:

Nov. 6	Kelley & Lishelle Burmeister
Nov. 10	Emery & Lois Postenrieder
Nov. 27	Nick & Rachael Koschmann
Nov. 29	Ray & Janis Prudhomme

*Happy  
Anniversary!*



(Please let the church office know if we missed your special date)



Watch **Sundays at 12:30-1 p.m.** on the following stations: Local station - KAZQ-TV 32, Comcast Cable - Channel 22, Direct TV - Channel 119, Dish Satellite Channel 110 & Channel 8817, **OR** at 9:30 a.m. on Direct TV-Channel 377 (Total Christian Television), **OR** Visit the website: [www.worshipforshutins.org](http://www.worshipforshutins.org) and click on the "Online Worship" button. You can watch any recent broadcasts, anytime, day or night!

**Beginning Sunday, December 3rd, *Worship for Shut-Ins* will be known as *Worship Anew*.** The name changed was inspired by the new life we find in Jesus Christ. More information on the name change will be available in the December issue of the *Chronicle*.

### November 5, 2017 – All Saints' Day Observed

Psalm: 149; Epistle: 1 John 3:1-3; Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12

"From Here to Eternity" - Sermon Text: 1 John 3:1-3 – Rev. Dr. Thomas Ahlersmeyer. How far is it from today to the end of your earthly existence to the beginning of your resurrected life? From what is to what will be? From Here to Eternity? The distance both doesn't exist and is somewhere in the future. We are both a child of God right now and a work in progress.

### November 12, 2017 – Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 27)

Psalm: 70; Epistle: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; Gospel: Matthew 25:1-13. "Ready With His Oil" - Sermon Text: Matthew 25:1-13 - Rev. Dr. Daniel Brege. Through His Word, both preached and sacramental, Christ gives us His cross-purchased, Spirit-filled gifts of forgiveness and salvation. This fits as the "oil" in our lamps. Those in the "visible church" who have replaced the "oil" with worldly beliefs, will discover too late that they are no longer associated with the eternal Bridegroom. With His "oil" Christ establishes His people as His "wedding party", even as His "Bride" to rejoice in the eternal wedding banquet.

### November 19, 2017 – Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 28)

Psalm: 143:2; 5-6; 10-11; Epistle: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-4, 9-11; Gospel: Matthew 25:14-30. "His Precious Gift" - Sermon Text: Matthew 25:14-30 - Rev. James Elsner. Family heirlooms are precious. They connect us with our forefathers. What is God's precious gift to you?

### November 26, 2017 – Last Sunday of the Church Year (Proper 29)

Psalm: 95:1-7a; Epistle: 1 Corinthians 15:20-28; Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46. "It's All Over" - Sermon Text: 1 Corinthians 15:20-28 - Rev. Paul Shoemaker. It's all over! How many times have those words been said in victory or relief? On that great and glorious day, we shall rise to eternal life with Jesus "the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep."

### MONTHLY BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC

Sunday, November 12th

Between Worship Services

There is  
no fee for  
this service.

Everyone  
is  
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YOURSELF



YOUR BLOOD PRESSURE

# November 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29 Reformation Sunday 8:15 AM Worship with communion 9:45 AM Sunday School & Bible Class 11:00 AM Worship with communion 5:00 PM Sandia Circuit Reformation Service	30 3:30 PM Girl Scouts 6:00 AM Men's Bible Study 8:00 AM BOOK FAIR until 9:00 a.m. 3:00 PM BOOK FAIR until 4:30 p.m.	31 3:30 PM Girl Scouts 6:00 AM Men's Bible Study 8:00 AM BOOK FAIR until 9:00 a.m. 3:00 PM BOOK FAIR until 4:30 p.m.	1 All Saints Day 8:00 AM BOOK FAIR until 9:00 a.m. 8:45 AM Chapel 9:15 AM Cherub Choir 10:00 AM Kids Love to Dance 3:00 PM BOOK FAIR until 6:00 p.m. 5:45 PM Fellowship Meal 7:00 PM Choir	2 8:00 AM BOOK FAIR until 9:00 a.m. 9:30 AM Thursday Bible class 3:00 PM BOOK FAIR until 4:30 p.m. 7:00 PM Bell Choir 7:00 PM Gambler's Anonymous	3 NO SCHOOL - CLS Parent/Teacher Conference 8:00 AM BOOK FAIR until 1:00 p.m. 7:00 PM Gambler's Anonymous	4 9:00 AM Cribbage 7:30 PM AA & Al-Anon
5 Daylight-Saving Time Ends 8:15 AM Worship with communion 9:30 AM BOOK FAIR until 11:00 a.m. 9:45 AM Sunday School & Bible Class 11:00 AM Worship 12:30 PM BOOK FAIR until 1:00 p.m.	6 8:00 AM BOOK FAIR until 9:00 a.m. 3:00 PM BOOK FAIR until 4:30 p.m. 3:30 PM Girl's Basketball Practice 6:00 PM Destination Imagination 6:30 PM Cub Scouts	7 6:00 AM Men's Bible Study 8:00 AM BOOK FAIR until 9:00 a.m. 8:45 AM Chapel 9:15 AM Cherub Choir 10:00 AM Kids Love to Dance 3:00 PM BOOK FAIR until 6:00 p.m. 5:45 PM Fellowship Meal 7:00 PM Choir	8 8:00 AM BOOK FAIR until 9:00 a.m. 8:45 AM Chapel 9:15 AM Cherub Choir 10:00 AM Kids Love to Dance 3:00 PM BOOK FAIR until 6:00 p.m. 5:45 PM Fellowship Meal 7:00 PM Choir	9 8:00 AM BOOK FAIR until 9:00 a.m. 9:30 AM Thursday Bible class 6:00 PM BOOK FAIR until 7:30 PM Kids Love to Dance 3:00 PM BOOK FAIR until 6:00 p.m. 5:45 PM Fall Fling 7:00 PM Bell Choir 7:00 PM Gambler's Anonymous	10 8:00 AM BOOK FAIR until 9:00 a.m. 9:30 AM Meet at the Pole 6:00 PM New Beginnings 3:00 PM BOOK FAIR until 4:30 p.m. 7:00 PM Birthday Celebration for Martin Luther with Reformation Trivia 7:00 PM Gambler's Anonymous	11 8:00 AM Cribbage until 3 p.m. 7:30 PM AA & Al-Anon
12 8:15 AM Worship with Joyful Noise 9:15 AM Blood Pressure Clinic 9:45 AM Sunday School & Bible Class 11:00 AM Worship with communion 2:00 PM Rio Grande Turtle & Tortoise Club	13 3:30 PM Girl Scouts 5:30 PM PTL Meeting	14 6:00 AM Men's Bible Study 8:45 AM Early Childhood Chapel 9:00 AM Quilters Meeting 10:00 AM Stephen Ministry Meeting 6:00 PM Stephen Ministry Meeting 7:00 PM Board of Fellowship Ministry 7:30 PM Board of Lay Ministry	15 Chronicle Items Due 8:45 AM Chapel 9:00 AM Chronicle Items due to office 10:00 AM Kids Love to Dance 5:00 PM PTL Thanksgiving Fellowship Meal 7:00 PM Choir	16 9:30 AM Thursday Bible class 7:00 PM Bell Choir 7:00 PM Gambler's Anonymous	17 7:00 PM Gambler's Anonymous	18 9:00 AM Cribbage 7:30 PM AA & Al-Anon
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# Services During November

Date	Time	Sermon	Children's	Lay Minister	Comm. Asst.	Ushers	Counters	Lector	Acolyte	Music	Sound
5	8:15	Neal Groeling*	Neal Groeling	James Gruetzner	Randy Bennet	David Hommel Doug Bickel Bob Dragan Tim Klein	Kelly Gruetzner Bennett & Ricard	Calvin van Dyke	Beth Shroff	Phil Pelzman	
	11:00			Al Koschmann	—	Ralph Hughes Eunice Hoefft Warren Henry James Cheek	Rebekka Reusch	—	Beth Shroff	Leslie Helge	
12	8:15	Neal Groeling*	Sarah Handrock	Matt Helge	—	Bill Larsen Lee Swanger Chris van Dyck Glen Postenrieder	Leslie Helge	Calvin van Dyke	Joyful Noise	Thomas Hinrichs	
	11:00			Kelley Burnmeister	Jason Wertz	Eunice Hoefft D'Lorah Gothard Angie Bischoff Barb Gunderlach	Paulat & Amindyas	William Wertz	Beth Shroff	Juanita Steinke	
19	8:15	Neal Groeling*	Jerry Shroff	Jerry Shroff	Brandon Klein	David Hommel Doug Bickel Bob Dragan Tim Klein	Cheryl Frazine	Matthew Sainz	Beth Shroff	Cody Nemitz	
	11:00		Marty Rasmussen	—	Ralph Hughes Ted Paulat Warren Henry James Cheek	McBrayer & Oetting	Eunice Hoefft	—	Beth Shroff	Ben Groeling	
22	4 P.M.	Neal Groeling*	N/A	Jerry Shroff	—	N/A	Jerry Shroff	—	Beth Shroff	—	
	7 P.M.			James Gruetzner	—	Kelly Gruetzner	—	—	—	Phil Pelzman	
26	8:15	Neal Groeling*	Neal Groeling	Kelley Burnmeister	—	Bill Larsen Lee Swanger Chris van Dyck Glen Postenrieder	Lishelle Burmeister	Aubrey Burmeister	Joyful Noise	Avery Pelzman	
	11:00		Tim Klein	Cornelius Amindyas	Ted Paulat D'Lorah Gothard Angie Bischoff Barb Gunderlach	Swanger & Postenrieder Michelle & Joel Krylowicz	Athena Amindyas	Beth Shroff	Linda Groeling		

\* Leading liturgy;

Greeters: Board of Youth

Altar Society: Laurel Drew & Barbara Bennett

Flowers: Nancy Brul

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# SCHOOL EVENTS



CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH AND SCHOOL  
WOULD LIKE TO  
CORDIALLY INVITE YOU TO OUR  
1ST ANNUAL FALL FLING



*Featuring a Fine Arts Show  
Highlighting the Artistic Talents of Our  
Wonderfully Creative Student Body*



Thursday, November 9, 2017 at 6:30 p.m.  
Begins in the Sanctuary

. JOIN US FOR A .  
*Thanksgiving*  
FELLOWSHIP MEAL

*Hosted by the Parent Teacher League*

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 15<sup>TH</sup>, 2017  
AT 5:30 PM IN THE PARISH HALL

*Christ Lutheran Church and School  
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**SCHOLASTIC**  
**BOOK FAIR**  
**OUR ANNUAL SCHOLASTIC  
BOOK FAIR IS HERE!**

Stop by the Klattenhoff Wing and shop our selection of books! The Book Fair opened on October 31st and runs through November 10th. It is open during various hours throughout the week for your shopping convenience. For a complete list of dates and times available please turn to our calendar on page 9, check out the posters hanging around our school and/or check your child's backpack for information.

A percentage of every dollar spent goes toward rewarding our teachers with "Scholastic Bucks" so they can make purchases for their classrooms!



# CHURCH & SCHOOL STAFF SPOTLIGHT



**Lishelle Burmeister**  
KINDERGARTEN TEACHER

*Philippians 4:13* – I can do all things through Christ who gives me strength.

Everything that I need to know I learned in kindergarten...except algebra I have been told by a former student.

After graduating from Concordia University in Seward, NE with a Bachelor of Science degree in Elementary Education (with an emphasis in early childhood and a minor in health/safety/PE), I began my teaching career as a director of a Lutheran preschool program in Missouri. After three years, I graduated to Kindergarten when I accepted a call to set up the kindergarten program at Christ Lutheran. I have just started my 24th year of teaching and I still love coming to school every day. Along the way, I also earned a Masters Degree in Early Childhood Education from Concordia University in St. Paul, Minnesota.

Every child is a special gift from God and I am honored that parents entrust their children to my care. As a teacher in a Lutheran school, I am able to share God's love every day in and out of the classroom as I share the greatest gift with students and their families – eternal life in heaven through Jesus.

My husband, Kelley, and I have been blessed with three daughters of our own- Hayleigh, Maddi, and Aubrey, one son-in-law — Aaron, one grandson — Mason, and one granddaughter, Brielle. We like to go camping as a family and I enjoy reading and putting together new activities for my classroom.

**Leslie Lowe**  
KINDERGARTEN MORNING ASSISTANT



*Proverbs 3: 5-7* - Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths. Be not wise in your own eyes; fear the Lord, and turn away from evil.

I am in my second year working as a kindergarten aide at Christ Lutheran Church and School. I enjoy watching each individual child learn, grow, laugh, and play each day in an environment filled with the love for Christ.

I am married to Gabe, a mechanical engineer. I have four children, ages 16, 10, 9, and 7. They all currently attend school here at Christ Lutheran, except for my oldest daughter who is in high school (she did attend CLC-S from kindergarten through 8th grade). I have chickens and cats for pets. In our free time, my family and I enjoy fishing and baseball.



**Leticia Guyer**  
KINDERGARTEN AFTERNOON ASSISTANT

*Romans 15:4* - For everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through the endurance taught in the Scriptures and the encouragement they provide we might have hope.

I was born and raised in Albuquerque and have been a member of Christ Lutheran Church for eight years. I have been married to my husband Sumner Guyer for 9 years. I have a 17 year old daughter, Angelina and a 10 year old son, Jacob. Before I began working in the kindergarten classroom I worked as a Certified Nursing Assistant helping the elderly. My favorite hobby is crocheting. I enjoy crocheting blankets, wash cloths and pot holders, I find this activity to be very therapeutic. I love being part of the kindergarten class, it is extremely rewarding to watch the children learn and grow. Watching the children discover new things is a joy.

## Would you or someone you know benefit from having a Stephen Minister?



Did you know Christ Lutheran has at least three Stephen Ministers that do not have a care receiver? That means there are Stephen Ministers to help you if you or someone you know are going through a difficult time in life. A woman will have a woman Stephen Minister, and a man will have a man Stephen Minister. And no one will know that you have a Stephen Minister, unless you want others to know.

If you would like someone to help you bear your burdens until you feel things are better, talk to Pastor or a Stephen Leader and request a Stephen Minister. After talking with you, the best-fit Stephen Minister will be assigned to you, and your relationship will begin. One-on-One. Confidential.

If you know someone who could use a Stephen Minister, you should encourage them to ask for a Stephen Minister. Referring them to the Stephen Leaders or Pastor is informative for our caring ministry, but the friend or family member needs to ask for a Stephen Minister. When they ask the Stephen Leader or Pastor for a Stephen Minister, and after talking with them, they will be assigned a Stephen Minister. The help, hope, and healing begins. And no one else will know, unless they want others to know.

So, if someone suggests to you, "I think you would benefit from having a Stephen Minister," heed their loving concern. You don't have to be alone through the loss of a loved one, the loss of a job, the leaving of children, dealing with health issues, moving, divorce, retiring, additions to the family, and similar difficult times. The Stephen Ministry team is here just for that purpose. Don't feel like it's an imposition. The Stephen Ministers are well-trained and have skills to be there and listen to you as you deal with events in your life.

In Galatians 6:2, Paul writes: "Bear one another's burdens and so fulfill the law of Christ". Let us demonstrate God's love for you. Don't walk these trials alone. Ask for a Stephen Minister.

### For more information contact:

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Cheryl Frazine	575-430-7166
Leslie Helge	505-280-4283
Jerry Shroff	505-463-2447
David Yocky	505-280-0455 or 505-884-3876, ext. 121

# Senior *fellowships*

There will not be a Senior Fellowship outing in November. However, there will be a Senior outing in December. On Saturday, December 9th, we will be going to Madrid, NM to shop, have dinner together, and enjoy Madrid's famous Christmas lights. So mark your calendar's now!

There will be more details in the December Chronicle.

For more information call: Lee Swanger (294-6752) or Eunice Hoeft (889-9705).

On Thursday, November 9th, we will meet once again at Le Peep for fellowship and lunch. We had a good visit in October, with good food, good service and lots of Scrip cards used. Le Peep is on Louisiana and Indian School and meeting time is 11:45 a.m. We will hopefully get a room or the round table in the back. All ladies over 55 are invited and welcome to join us. Call Eunice at 889-9705 for questions or if you need a ride.



## YOUTH EVENTS

### CLY – Christ Lutheran Youth (9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> Graders) Up-Coming Events:

**Fri. Nov. 10<sup>th</sup>:** Making care packages for college kids (See Tanya Sainz for details). **Sat. Nov 18<sup>th</sup>:** Making burritos @ 10:00 a.m. in Parish Hall Kitchen. Following burrito making on **Sat. Nov 18<sup>th</sup>:** Middle School Event – Bowling @ 12:30 p.m. **Sun. Nov 19<sup>th</sup>:** Serving breakfast burritos between worship services in the Parish Hall @ 9:30 a.m.

**Teacher for High School Bible Class:** Bill Vering

### JoY - Jesus and You with nOthing in-between (6<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> Graders)

**Up-Coming Events:** **Sat. Nov 18<sup>th</sup>:** Making burritos @ 10:00 a.m. in Parish Hall Kitchen. Following burrito making on **Sat. Nov 18<sup>th</sup>:** Middle School Event – Bowling @ 12:30 p.m. **Sun. Nov 19<sup>th</sup>:** Serving breakfast burritos between worship services in the Parish Hall @ 9:30 a.m.

**Teacher for Middle School Bible Class:** Doug Rickers

For more information you may contact the Youth Board electronically at [clyouthgroup@outlook.com](mailto:clyouthgroup@outlook.com)

## Christ Lutheran Women's Guild/LWML

Fall is my favorite time of year. The air is cool and leaves crunch underfoot. Thanksgiving and Christmas are just around the corner. October was packed with events. Our Bible studies met, we attended the Northern New Mexico Fall Rally, and hosted the Reformation Reception. Thank you to everyone who helped out with the Reformation service and reception. What a wonderful opportunity to gather with other Lutherans and celebrate the 500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Reformation.

November events include the Christ Lutheran Women's Guild Annual Soup and Pie Supper on Wednesday, November 8<sup>th</sup>. We will serve Chicken Noodle Soup, Chili, and homemade pie. We will also have a Make and Bake with homemade cookies, breads, and muffins as well as craft items. Come early and shop for Christmas presents. Proceeds will go toward LCMS Disaster Relief and God Cares About You. Watch your bulletin for more specific information.

Please join us for our annual Christmas luncheon at Pelican's Restaurant on December 2<sup>nd</sup> at 11:30. We will have lunch, a short devotion and carol singing. Secret Sisters will exchange gifts. If you did not participate in Secret Sisters and would like to exchange gifts, bring one and get one. Please contact Debbie Yocky at 822-0767 to RSVP.

If you would like to become involved with our Women's Guild or learn more about the LWML contact me or one of the other board members. Enjoy the fall weather and be thankful for all the blessings God has given you.

Debbie Yocky  
Christ Lutheran Women's Guild President



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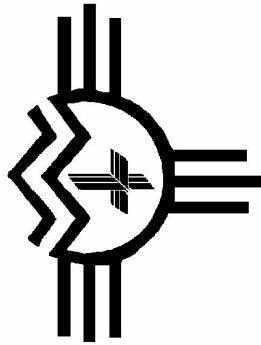
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Sunday Worship Times: 8:15 & 11 a.m.  
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