

# CHRIST CHRONICLE



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Dear Friends in Christ,

Christ Lutheran is all about impacting the world with the transforming Gospel of Jesus Christ. Our school, serving two year olds through eighth grade, serves an important role in that ministry. Not everyone is aware of the vision of our school:

“Every student who graduates from Christ Lutheran School will be academically and spiritually prepared to engage the world with Jesus Christ.” In other words our school is all about: “Training Minds, Shaping Hearts & Transforming Lives to Engage the World with Jesus Christ!”

Notice the phrase, “with Jesus Christ,” actively reminds us Christ is with us wherever we go, everyday of our lives! Our school is about academics, but equally important, it is also about building character! Students are shaped and molded in the classrooms everyday by the Word of God as they engage academically, interact with one another, and most importantly learn not only what it is to believe in Christ, but what it means to live their faith in Christ every day.

I have watched students pray for each other in difficult times. I have experienced the outpouring of love and support of a class to a fellow student at the death of her brother. I have seen the hugs and tears of ministry from these precious children of God shared with one another and with their teachers. Our school is not only train-

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## 500 REFORMATION 1517-2017

Celebrate the Reformation

Worship Service

Sunday, October 29

\* 5:00 p.m. \*

Sandia Circuits

Christ Lutheran Church

Pre-Service Music

Reception Following Service

District President Anderson will be Preaching

Bring a  
Friend

## Christ Lutheran Church Officers & Board Members

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ing minds, it is shaping hearts and transforming lives by the power of the Holy Spirit!

This past year, a number of our families moved away due to military and job transfers. The mother of one of those families forwarded the following text message to us, sent to her by the teacher of her third grade son now enrolled in a public school:

"I'm sorry about the late text, but I have to share. Your son has a classmate who lost a grandparent. He spoke up today and said, 'I think we should pray for him and his family. That's what we always did at my other school.'

I thought it was the sweetest gesture! Of course, I didn't want to say, 'I'm not allowed to initiate it.' Instead, I said, "You can pray for him and I think that is a very thoughtful idea!" And your son stopped and said a prayer. I just want you to know that you have a very sweet boy! It's times like these when it's hard not to follow my heart.

Have a great night!"

This is simply one story illustrating the impact our school, by the power of the Holy Spirit, is making in the lives of our students, their families, and the world! Sometimes it's hard to measure how effectively the vision of a mission is working – but it's evident here! This young third grade student IS engaging his world WITH Jesus Christ! May we learn from his example and do the same in our lives!

In Christ,

Pastor Neal Groeling



Fellowship Meal

### October Fellowship Meal Schedule

October 4 - CLS Faculty: Maid Rites

October 11 - Youth: Spaghetti & Meatballs, & Salad

October 18 - Choirs: Oktoberfest

October 25 - Bill & Shelby Vering: Dion's

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.

## Bunco Night



**When:** Sunday, October 8, 5:30- 7:30 p.m.

**Where:** Parish Hall

**What to bring:** Autumn themed finger food snacks

 Come out and bring the whole family!

Everyone is welcome! If you've never played before, it is easy to learn.

Enjoy some fellowship, food, games, and prizes!



CHRIST  
LUTHERAN  
SCHOOL

## From the Principal

*Kim Rasmussen*

At Christ Lutheran, we remembered 911 with an all school pledge, prayer, and singing of My Country Tis of Thee by the flagpole. While we mourn those who were lost, we rejoice in those who serve our country, whether it be through the police, fire department, military, or other public service. It's good to reflect on what a great country we live in, and all of the many blessings God has given to us. It's also wonderful to be a part of instilling these values in our children. At Christ Lutheran, of course academics are important. We want our children to grow intellectually, to the best of their potential. At the same time, we want them to grow spiritually, socially, and emotionally, so that they can grow into the successful adults and leaders that God intends for them to be!

As September gets underway and exciting new beginnings fade slowly into the everyday routine of school, I can't help but smile as I wander the hallways (in-between the zillion other things that keep me occupied). Watching the faces of the teachers as they interact with their students is a joy that can only be observed firsthand. The excitement of hands that shoot up when a question is asked, and even the shout out of a known answer that a kid just can't keep in until called upon, is exciting to watch. But even as I look at all the learning going on, all the reminders from teachers, all the assignments given, there are even more important happenings going on that I am privy to watch unfold. It's the gentle touch on the shoulder of a struggling student. It's the quiet talks in the hallway when a

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### 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.



## From the Congregation President

*Jerry Shroff, Congregation Chairman*



## God In Action

### *We Are So Blessed With Our School*

Several Sundays ago, something very special happened in our second service. We had a Baptism. The Sunday before we also had a special Baptism. Now we all know the power and the specialness of this Sacrament, this gift from God.

Brielle was baptized earlier in September. She is the daughter of Hayleigh and Aaron Saavedra. Hayleigh teaches Pre-school here at Christ Lutheran, and she also went to our school from pre-school through 8th grade. Brielle's grandmother, Lishelle Burmeister has been our forever Kindergarten teacher, and Sunday School Superintendent for many years. Brielle's grandfather, Kelley Burmeister has been on the Board of Lay Ministers for as long as I can remember, as well as phone/handy man, grill master etc.

Londyn was baptized later in September. She is the daughter of David and Tarah Garcia, her older sister Luna was also recently baptized and is currently a student at our school. The Garcia's have started worshipping with us faithfully over the last year.

These three Baptisms took place because of the strong presence of The Holy Spirit in our school. Though both families have come together to worship with us in different ways, the tie that binds them together is Jesus Christ. God has worked in them directly through our school, then in our Church.

If this is not a great example of The Great Commission, I do not know what is. In Matthew 28, Jesus said, "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely, I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

To think He is helping us to do it in our own back

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# TREASURY REPORT

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

Our budgeted offerings for August were \$38, 462. We received \$33, 947 in offerings during the first four Sundays of the new Fiscal Year. We are \$4, 515 below our budgeted offerings for the month.

Our budgeted expense for the month was \$113, 141. Our actual expense was \$109, 731, which is \$3, 411 less than planned for the month.

### INCOME FOR AUGUST 2017

	Planned Income	Actual Income
<b>Income Source</b>		
Offerings	\$38, 462	\$33, 947
General Fund	1, 125	760
Special Offerings	1, 917	0
Thrivent Choice	416	177
School Income	59, 995	104, 854
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$101, 915</b>	<b>\$139, 738</b>
<b>Performance to Budget</b>		<b>+\$37, 823</b>

### EXPENSES FOR AUGUST 2017

	Planned Expense	Actual Expense
<b>Responsible Board</b>		
Administration	\$533	\$289
Christian Education	3, 404	13, 909
Church Property	19, 796	17, 407
Human Care	271	645
Lay Ministry	458	77
Missions	1350	550
Fellowship	83	213
Marketing	1, 292	1, 223
Church Council	1, 304	1, 091
Stewardship	54	0
Youth	283	0
Compensation	84, 308	72, 326
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>\$113, 141</b>	<b>\$109, 731</b>
<b>Performance to Budget</b>		<b>-\$3, 411</b>

### AUGUST 2017 FINANCIAL SUMMARY

<b>August Income</b>	<b>\$139, 738</b>
<b>August Expenses</b>	<b>\$109, 731</b>
<b>Surplus (+) or Deficit (-)</b>	<b>+\$30, 007</b>

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

<b>Designated Giving</b>	<b>\$45, 251</b>
<b>Designated Expense</b>	<b>\$32, 681</b>
<b>August Cash Balance</b>	<b>+\$12, 570</b>

### APPROVED BUDGET FY 2018

<b>Income Source</b>	
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,

I'd like to highlight some of the preceding information.

Our offerings for August were 12% below what we budgeted for; which was based on last year's average giving. I pray this is an aberration and not a trend.

We exceeded our income projection for August due to many parents pre-paying their children's tuition for the school year. This is a one-time boost to monthly income.

Christian Education is over budget for the month primarily due to startup costs for the new school year.

We have budgeted for a \$96, 252 operating deficit for the current fiscal year. We hope to make this up through additional expense reductions and fund-raising initiatives.

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



### 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! ☺



## FROM THE BOARD OF YOUTH

In September, we welcomed the incoming sixth graders. These youth will definitely help increase our numbers. Our youth group hosted a game night for the middle school kids. These are very helpful in building a bridge from the church and school.

In October, we will be hosting our first fellowship meal of the new school year. We are excited to introduce our new members. The youth group's middle school event this month will be held at the balloon glow. We expect a big turnout from the school at this event (weather permitting of course).

Away from church, many of the kids are involved in various athletics; basketball, soccer, and tennis. The High School Youth will be attending the Skillet concert in October.

Thanks for all your support,  
CLY and JoY

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child needs help with self-control. It's the encouraging smiles, quiet head nods, and silent prayers that are almost visible going up to the one who sees it all and smiles Himself. It's the trust in Jesus as Lord and Savior shared between teachers and students that makes me so honored to be here, serving Him. We have an outstanding staff, carrying out God's mission to make disciples of all nations.

If you haven't seen it yet, I invite you to come and observe. Join me for a walkabout and watch the magic unfold! And if you are one of the blessed, who already knows what goes on within these walls and out on the playground, then spread the word. We need you to help us grow the school!



## NOTES FROM YOUR MUSIC DIRECTOR

By Beth Shroff

As October arrives the choirs are prepared to add special music to our services. On October 1 the Choir will sing an anthem used at the LWML Convention Sending Service, "Children of God Are We." On October 8 the Bell Choir will play "O Sing to the Lord" and "Almighty King."

Christ Lutheran School Choir and Band will hold their first concert of the year on Tuesday, October 10 at 7 p.m. in the sanctuary. Feel free to come listen and enjoy!

The choirs will host the fellowship meal on October 18. Our plan is an Oktoberfest menu of brats, meatballs, hot dogs, German potato salad, and strudel. Money raised helps our music program, providing funds to buy new music and keep our bells in good working order. Thank you for your support!

The most exciting event this month is the Reformation 500 Sandia Circuit Worship Service on Sunday, October 29 at 5 p.m. here at Christ Lutheran Church and School!! We will be observing Reformation in our morning services that day also, but this will be a very special celebratory non-communion service with lots of special music and other pastors and churches participating. Bring your friends! Rocky Mountain District President Allen Anderson will be preaching. We will be hosting a reception following in the parish hall. If you would like to help with the reception (set-up, clean-up, food preparation) please see Debbie Yocky, our current Christ Lutheran Women's Guild President.

Be on the lookout through the month as our hymns for Sunday worship may well be from the pen of Martin Luther.

As we rejoice in the occasion of the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Reformation, let us also rejoice in the contributions and influence of J.S. Bach, in the way that Luther and Bach would have you rejoice; giving all glory to God for His many blessings! Bach famously signed his manuscripts with this very sentiment—S.D.G. (*Soli Deo Gloria*)—"To God alone be the glory."

*"The aim and final end of all music should be none other than the glory of God and the refreshment of the soul."*

-J.S. Bach

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:** John 8:31-32 Jesus said: "If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."



**DEAR PARTNERS IN CHRIST:** The team at God Cares About You, would like to give a special thanks to Christ Lutheran Church, Redeemer Lutheran Church, Immanuel Lutheran Church and Ray of Hope Lutheran Church for their generous donations of backpacks and school supplies. We have blessed 89 children, and counting, with backpacks and school supplies. The children and their families were all truly grateful for the blessings. In addition to the school supplies, Christ Lutheran and Immanuel Lutheran provided 60 pairs of brand new shoes to give to the children. Thank you all for your continued support!

As you may know, we inspire many people that come through our gates, to change their lives and give their lives to the Lord. We have a young woman who has been coming to the mission for over a year now. She has been homeless, sleeping in the streets and addicted to drugs throughout the entire year. She arrived at the mission last week and thanked us all for always helping her in her time of need. She has turned her life around, she is now sober, and is in the process of receiving housing assistance. It is truly a blessing to know that we can inspire people to change their lives. We are also starting to let people take showers on Tuesdays, while we are at the mission. For the homeless, it is a luxury as well as a blessing to be able to take a shower. The little things that we take for granted, are big blessings to them. Thanks to the hygiene items donated, we will provide each person with a hygiene package and a towel. These are just a few of the many great programs that we provide at the mission and a few of the many stories about people whose lives we have touched. We owe it all to the generous and kind-hearted people from Christ Lutheran, Immanuel Lutheran, Redeemer Lutheran, Calvary Lutheran and Ray of Hope Lutheran churches. THANK YOU!

**THANKS 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:** Lord, you have called us together to do the work of your church. Be present with us and guide us that we may make decisions that will reflect your loving presence in this world. Create within us open minds and hearts, that we will not fear conflict or run from it, knowing that it is an opportunity for growing in faith and a fuller understanding of your will for us. Help us to listen to each other, share our thoughts in loving, honest ways and to do all we can to maintain the unity of the spirit in the bond of peace. Through Jesus Christ we pray, Amen!

Liz

**Missionary Benjamin Helge is sponsoring our coffee hour on Sun. Oct. 8th at 9:45 a.m. in the Parish Hall.**



"Everyday presents us with many tasks to accomplish. If you're like me, you seem to always be "on the move." But whether you are at the office, taking care of your kids, traveling, or enjoying the company of friends and family in your own home, there is always time for a great cup of coffee. By purchasing coffee from On The Move Brew, you receive direct trade specialty coffee while at the same time supporting ministry and church planting efforts in the Czech Republic. With help and roasting from Solid Coffee Roasters, all of the profits go towards supporting local outreach clubs, events, and church plant activities in one of the most atheistic countries in the world. Thanks for your continued support of God's ministry here in the Czech Republic." *Benjamin Helge*

Thanks to Thrivent Action Teams for assisting with our coffee hour!

If you have questions about this event or if you would like to place an order please contact Leslie Helge at 293-4439 or Lois Postenrieder at 299-8388.

**REFORMATION MISSION CHALLENGE**  
**HELP "GOD CARES ABOUT YOU" GROW**

In honor of the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation, an anonymous donor has put forth a challenge! The donor will match dollar for dollar, up to \$25,000 to go toward the purchase of the property for the God Cares About You Mission. This amazing opportunity is available until October 31, 2017. Checks should be made payable to Christ Lutheran Church with the notation GCAY Challenge. For more information contact Pastor Groeling.



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yard, in our school, to me is so very exciting. He has put together the greatest teaching staff that I can remember us ever having. He has given us the wisdom to develop a financial model that can work for those who could not afford a strong Christian education, but can now receive one.

As I have walked through the halls of our school this year (and I try to daily) I have been blessed to see smiling faces, eager learners, and enthusiastic staff. I love knowing that not only are our students getting a quality education, with a strong music and STEM program, in a wonderful secure campus, but they are also doing so while learning and hearing about Jesus on a daily basis.

If that is not enough, many who have not had Church homes have become active members of our Congregation. There is no doubt in my mind that it has also strengthened others in their memberships at their own Churches. God works in amazing ways.

I want to challenge you in two ways. We are a very friendly, encouraging, and supporting Congregation. My first challenge is to direct this encouragement to our teachers. Give them a hug and a thank you. If you are able, ask them if you can assist them in any way. Some need help making copies from time to time. Others like story tellers, assis-

tance on field trips, or in the classroom for an hour or two. If you have that time, offer it!

The second challenge is a bit bigger and might take a little getting out of our comfort zones. I challenge you to **Promote the school!** What I can tell you is this, if you take on this challenge you will be allowing the Holy Spirit to make eternal changes in people's lives and you will provide our youth of today better opportunities in the world of tomorrow.

You see, I think our School is one of the best kept secrets in Albuquerque. The fact is we offer an incredible education that is affordable to most and is a value offering to all. We have a huge opportunity. Promotional materials are available in the narthex, and in the school, and church offices. Pick some up. Promote the school.

We are like a plane flying half full. With the fine staff we have in place we could boost enrollment by 60-70 kids without any meaningful staff increases. If we did, we could make it even more affordable and we could raise the quality offerings even more. Each additional child would be afforded not only a great education in a safe environment but also hear about Jesus on a daily basis. That is what it is all about!

God's Peace,

Jerry

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

Karen Kolke, Coordinator

We sold \$18,253.18 worth of gift cards during the month of September.

**We gave out \$824.19 of "free" money that went to the many distribution groups available for you to choose from:**

**shopwithscrip**  **com**

**Capital Improvement Fund** earned \$44.12 with 15 families participating

**School Scholarship Fund** earned \$4.09 with 3 families participating

**School Tuition** distributed \$182.54 with 11 families participating

**Extended Care** distributed \$13.42 with 1 family participating

**Playground Fund** distributed \$37.02 with 5 families participating

**Youth Accounts** distributed \$42.20 with 3 families participating

**God Cares About You Mission** distributed \$32.08 with 3 families participating

**The Technology Fund** received \$403.17 with 44 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.



## October Celebrations!

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

Oct. 1	Mary Gaik
Oct. 2	Michael McBrayer
Oct. 5	Kelly Gruetzner
Oct. 6	D'Lorah Gothard
Oct. 7	Michelle Krylowicz
	Carl Mason
	Kirby Postlethwait
Oct. 8	Ryan Postenrieder
Oct. 9	Brandon Thomas
	Robin Weber
Oct. 11	Tom Hebblewhite
Oct. 15	Cornelius Amindyas
	Josh Henderson
Oct. 16	Barbara-Marie Ballengee
Oct. 17	Aubrey Burmeister
Oct. 18	Robin Oetting
Oct. 19	David Mitchie
Oct. 20	David Hommel
	Raymond Jaramillo
	Timothy Matzke
Oct. 21	Anne McBrayer
Oct. 22	Kassandra Hrasky
	Christopher Kinnunen
Oct. 23	Bill Vering
Oct. 24	Cheryl Frazine
	Emily Van Dyck
Oct. 25	Stephanie Parhizkar
Oct. 27	Chelsey Shroff
Oct. 30	Sally Rosenthal
Oct. 31	Kacie Dragan
	Kylie Mitchell



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

Oct. 11	Don & Charlene Mantay
Oct. 20	David & Dianne Hommel
	Chuck & Karey Mitchell
	Kletus & Lois Rood
	David & Debbie Yocky
Oct. 22	Matt & Leslie Helge
Oct. 29	Jeremy & Andrea Boerner
Oct. 30	Dorman & Theresa Gomez
Oct. 31	James & Freda Cheek

*Happy Anniversary!*



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!

### **October 1, 2017 – Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 21)**

Psalm: 25:1-10; Epistle: Philippians 2:1-4, 14-18; Gospel: Matthew 21:23-27 "Heat or Light?" - Sermon Text: Philippians 2:14-16 – Rev. Dr. Thomas Ahlersmeyer. Each of us possesses the potential to create heat or light in our world. Followers of Jesus Christ have the power to shine His true light onto a world that stumbles in darkness. Discover how the true "Light of the world", Jesus Christ, can shine in us and through us.

### **October 8, 2017 – Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 22)**

Psalm: 80:7-19; Old Testament: Isaiah 5:1-7; Gospel: Matthew 21:33-46 "God's Vineyard" - Sermon Text: Matthew 21:33-46 - Rev. Paul Shoemaker. God calls us, His people, His vineyard. That is because even though a vineyard requires much care and attention, the final harvest is well worth it. Jesus paid the ultimate price to make us God's vineyard.

### **October 15, 2017 – Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 23)**

Psalm: 23; Epistle: Philippians 4:4-9; Gospel: Matthew 22:1-14 "The Wedding Feast" - Sermon Text: Matthew 22:1-14 - Rev. Dr. Daniel Brege. Salvation, and even heaven itself, are compared to a wedding feast. In this parable Jesus shows how some people reject the feast, and how God, in His generosity, invites the "nobodies" to this feast. We are invited. The only way we can partake of God's feast is if we are clothed with the righteousness of Christ.

### **October 22, 2017 – Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 24)**

Psalm: 96; Epistle: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10; Gospel: Matthew 22:15-22 "Are We There Yet?" - Sermon Text: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10 - Rev. William Mueller. Paul encourages the Thessalonian Christians, giving thanks to God for their faith, love, and hope, as positive examples to other Christians. As children of God, we are on a journey of faith through life. We might be tempted to lose hope, to be diminished in our love, or to let our faith waver. Take courage! God has not left us alone but continues to carry us on!

### **October 29, 2017 – Reformation Day Observed**

Psalm: 46 with Gloria Patri; Epistle: Galatians 5:1-2, 13-16; Gospel: John 8:31-36 "Living in the Freedom of Faith" - Sermon Text: Galatians 5:1-2, 13-16 - Rev. Dr. Gregory Seltz. Living the life of freedom that uniquely flows from a faith relationship with God, human beings yearn for freedom, the fight for freedom, but they can not have the ultimate freedom that they were indeed created for because of their sin. Jesus Christ entered the world to overcome our bondage, our sin, and all that seeks to separate us from the freedom that God created and redeemed us to have and to live for others in Him.



# October 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> 8:15 AM Worship with communion 9:45 AM Sunday School & Bible Class 11:00 AM Worship	<b>2</b> 3:30 PM Girl Scouts	<b>3</b> 6:00 AM Men's Bible Study 6:30 PM Cub Scouts	<b>4</b> 8:45 AM Chapel 9:15 AM Cherub Choir 10:00 AM Kids Love to Dance 5:45 PM Fellowship Meal 7:00 PM Choir	<b>5</b> 9:30 AM Thursday Bible class 7:00 PM Bell Choir 7:00 PM Gambler's Anonymous	<b>6</b> 7:00 AM Balloon Launch & Breakfast 7:00 PM Gambler's Anonymous	<b>7</b> 9:00 AM Cribbage 7:30 PM AA & Al-Anon
<b>8</b> 8:15 AM Worship with Joyful Noise 9:45 AM Sunday School & Bible Class 11:00 AM Worship with communion 2:00 PM Rio Grande Turtle & Tortoise Club 5:30 PM Bunco	<b>9</b> 6:00 PM Destination Imagination	<b>10</b> 6:00 AM Men's Bible Study 10:00 AM Quilters Meeting 6:00 PM Stephen Ministry Meeting 7:00 PM Board of Fellowship 7:00 PM CLS Band/Choir Concert 7:30 PM Board of Lay Ministry	<b>11</b> 8:45 AM Chapel 9:15 AM Early Childhood Chapel 10:00 AM Kids Love to Dance 5:45 PM Fellowship Meal	<b>12</b> Fall break - NO SCHOOL 9:30 AM Thursday Bible class 7:00 PM Gambler's Anonymous	<b>13</b> Fall break - NO SCHOOL 9:30 AM New Beginnings 7:00 PM Gambler's Anonymous	<b>14</b> 9:00 AM Cribbage 7:30 PM AA & Al-Anon
<b>15</b> Chronicle Items Due 8:15 AM Worship with communion 9:00 AM Chronicle Items due to office 9:45 AM Sunday School & Bible Class 11:00 AM Worship	<b>16</b> 3:30 PM Girl Scouts 5:30 PM PTL Meeting 7:00 PM Board of Church Properties mtg.	<b>17</b> 6:00 AM Men's Bible Study 6:30 PM Classic Up-town Association Annual Meeting 6:30 PM Cub Scouts	<b>18</b> 8:45 AM Chapel 9:15 AM Cherub Choir 10:00 AM Kids Love to Dance 5:45 PM Fellowship Meal 7:00 PM Choir	<b>19</b> 9:30 AM Thursday Bible class 7:00 PM Bell Choir 7:00 PM Gambler's Anonymous	<b>20</b> 11:30 AM Senior Fellowship 7:00 PM Gambler's Anonymous	<b>21</b> 9:00 AM Cribbage 9:00 AM NNM Fall Rally 7:00 PM Sock Hop Family School Dance 7:30 PM AA & Al-Anon
<b>22</b> 8:15 AM Worship with Joyful Noise 9:45 AM Sunday School & Bible Class 11:00 AM Worship with communion	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> 6:00 AM Men's Bible Study 10:00 AM Quilters Meeting 6:00 PM Stephen Ministry Meeting 7:00 PM Vespers	<b>25</b> 8:45 AM Chapel 9:15 AM Cherub Choir 10:00 AM Kids Love to Dance 5:45 PM Fellowship Meal 7:00 PM Choir	<b>26</b> 8:00 AM BOOK FAIR 9:30 AM Thursday Bible class 2:30 PM God Cares About You Communion 3:00 PM BOOK FAIR 7:00 PM Bell Choir 7:00 PM Gambler's Anonymous	<b>27</b> 8:00 AM BOOK FAIR 3:00 PM BOOK FAIR 3:45 PM Luther Walk 7:00 PM Gambler's Anonymous	<b>28</b> 9:00 AM Cribbage 7:30 PM AA & Al-Anon
<b>29</b> Reformation Sunday 8:15 AM Worship with communion 9:30 AM BOOK FAIR 9:45 AM Sunday School & Bible Class 11:00 AM Worship with communion 12:30 PM BOOK FAIR 5:00 PM Sandia Circuit Reformation Service	<b>30</b> 8:00 AM BOOK FAIR 3:00 PM BOOK FAIR 3:30 PM Girl Scouts	<b>31</b> 6:00 AM Men's Bible Study 8:00 AM BOOK FAIR 3:00 PM BOOK FAIR	<b>1</b> All Saints Day 8:00 AM BOOK FAIR 8:45 AM Chapel 9:15 AM Cherub Choir 10:00 AM Kids Love to Dance 3:00 PM BOOK FAIR 5:45 PM Fellowship Meal 7:00 PM Choir	<b>2</b> 8:00 AM BOOK FAIR 9:30 AM Thursday Bible class 3:00 PM BOOK FAIR 7:00 PM Bell Choir 7:00 PM Gambler's Anonymous	<b>3</b> NO SCHOOL - CLS Parent/Teacher Conference 8:00 AM BOOK FAIR 7:00 PM Gambler's Anonymous	<b>4</b> 9:00 AM Cribbage 7:30 PM AA & Al-Anon

# Services During October

<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Sermon</i>	<i>Children's</i>	<i>Lay Minister</i>	<i>Comm. Asst.</i>	<i>Ushers</i>	<i>Counters</i>	<i>Lector</i>	<i>Acolyte</i>	<i>Music</i>	<i>Sound</i>
1	8:15	Neal Groeling*	Neal Groeling	James Gruetzner	Randy Bennett	David Hommel Doug Bickel Bob Dragan Tim Klein	Swanger & Postenrieder	Kelly Gruetzner	Gabe Yoder	Beth Shroff	Phil Pelzman
	11:00			Matt Helge	—	Ralph Hughes Eunice Hoeft Warren Henry James Cheek		Leslie Helge	Athena Amindyas	Beth Shroff	Avery Pelzman
8	8:15	Neal Groeling*	Sarah Handrock	Marty Rasmussen	—	Bill Larsen Lee Swanger Chris van Dyck Glen Postenrieder	Bennett & Ricard	Kimberly Rasmussen	Calvin van Dyke	<i>Joyful Noise</i>	Ben Groeling
	11:00			Kelley Burmeister	Cornelius Amindyas	Ted Paulat D'Lorah Gothard Angie Bischoff Barb Gunderlach		Lishelle Burmeister	Aubrey Burmeister	Beth Shroff	Juanita Steinke
15	8:15	Neal Groeling*	Neal Groeling	Tim Klein	Brandon Klein	David Hommel Doug Bickel Bob Dragan Tim Klein	McBrayer & Oetting	Ron McBrayer	Gabe Yoder	Beth Shroff	Leslie Helge
	11:00			Jerry Shroff	—	Ralph Hughes Eunice Hoeft Warren Henry James Cheek		Eunice Hoeft	—	Beth Shroff	Cody Nemitz
22	8:15	Jerry Shroff	Jerry Shroff	Al Koschmann	—	Bill Larsen Lee Swanger Chris van Dyck Glen Postenrieder	Paulat/ Amindyas	Cheryl Frazine	—	<i>Joyful Noise</i>	Linda Groeling
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29	8:15	Neal Groeling*	Neal Groeling	Kelley Burmeister	Dave Yocky	David Hommel Doug Bickel Bob Dragan Tim Klein	Swanger & Postenrieder	Dave Yocky	Calvin van Dyke	Beth Shroff	Cody Nemitz
	11:00			Marty Rasmussen	Jason Wertz	Ralph Hughes Eunice Hoeft Barb Gunderlach James Cheek		William Wertz	William Wertz	Beth Shroff	Linda Groeling

\* Leading liturgy;

Greeters: Board of Church Properties     Altar Society: Lishelle Burmeister & Tanya Sainz     Flowers: Barbara Wertz

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# SCHOOL EVENTS



## Family Sock Hop

**Saturday, October 21<sup>st</sup>, 2017**  
**6:30 - 9:30pm**  
**Christ Lutheran School Parish Hall**

**Pre-Sale Tickets:**  
**\$5<sup>00</sup> per adult**  
**\$2<sup>50</sup> per child**

**Dessert Bar**  
**Photo Booth**

**\$5<sup>00</sup> each at the door**

## Balloon Launch & Breakfast!

Kick off your Friday morning and the Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta by joining our Church and School to watch a hot air balloon launch from our location! Following the launch a light breakfast will be served in the Parish Hall. This exciting event is brought to you by Albuquerque Aloft and Farmers Insurance.

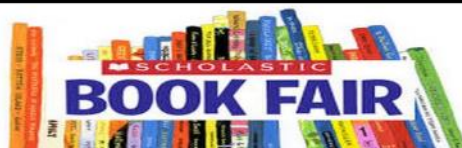
**Friday, Oct. 6th**

**7:00 a.m.**



### FINAL MONTH TO RAISE MONEY FOR THE SCHOLARSHIP FUND WHILE HAVING FUN WITH MARTIN LUTHER

Where will Martin Luther visit next? Let's make this final month of raising money to commemorate the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation count! I am sure you are all wondering where Martin Luther is hiding, as he has not appeared in weeks. It is time for him to start his travels again. He can visit anywhere, your home, your office, or a classroom in our school! A reminder on how this fundraiser works, you choose a friend, family member or classroom to receive a visit from Martin Luther and watch the fun happen. If you are chosen for a visit, you will need to make a donation to have Luther relocated, or wait three days, in which time he will automatically be transferred to a new spot! Remember, a visit from Martin Luther may entice others to ask questions, so be prepared to share God's Word with your neighbors, co-workers, friends, family, and/or students. You may also purchase an indulgence for \$25 to insure he will not visit you again. To date we have raised \$479, all money collected will support our scholarship fund. To schedule a special visit, for more information regarding travel and finances for Martin Luther, and/or if you would like to help transport Luther, please contact Kelly Gruetzner (505) 620-9407 or Kim Rasmussen (505) 610-6343.



### OUR ANNUAL SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR RETURNS OCTOBER 26TH - NOVEMBER 5TH

Stop by the Old Church Office and shop our selection of books! The Book Fair 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 that will be advertising at our school and/or check your child's backpack for information.

**Friday,  
October  
27th**

## Luther Walk

**Beginning  
at  
3:45 p.m.**

Celebrate the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation by meeting Martin Luther, his friends, his family, and one of his foes!

Come and take a walk through time and experience this historical re-enactment of significant events in Luther's life.

For more information contact the school office or watch for details in the church bulletin and school newsletter.

# CHURCH & SCHOOL STAFF SPOTLIGHT

## Kimberly Rasmussen PRINCIPAL / PRESCHOOL DIRECTOR



*1 John 3:1 says, "See what love the Father has lavished on us that we should be called children of God, And that is what we are"; That makes us royalty!*

I am incredibly blessed. I have had the honor of working in Lutheran schools for 29 years! I received my BA in Psychology and Early Childhood Education from Concordia University in Irvine, California. I earned my Masters in Education with an emphasis in Early Childhood from Concordia University in St. Paul, Minnesota. I also have a second Masters degree from Western Governors University in Educational Leadership. I have a New Mexico level 3 teaching license for both Early Childhood Education and K-8th grade, as well as a Level 3 administrators license. I am married to Marty, a marriage and family therapist. I have two grown sons, two old cats, a lab mix named Miss Ruby Tuesday, and a beloved chihuahua named Skippy Jon Jones.

*Colossians 3:17, "Whatever you do whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to the Father through Him.";* I firmly believe it is an honor to work with God's children and their families and I'm grateful to be serving Christ at Christ Lutheran Church and School!

## Julie Henderson PRE-K TEACHER / BOOKKEEPER



*Proverbs 22:6*

*Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it.*

I have always had a love of learning and of serving the Lord. I am happy that I get to do both here at Christ Lutheran on a daily basis. There's always such excitement when a child "gets it." Realizing that we all learn in different ways, I like to incorporate a variety of activities and engage the different senses during our week. I also want each child to know that God made them special and will always love and care for them. I have worked in the preschool and extended care programs at Christ Lutheran since 2013. I have also worked here as the bookkeeper since 2006. I have degrees from the University of Utah and Albuquerque TVI (now CNM). I grew up in Utah and moved to Albuquerque with my husband David in 2002. He and I have two sons, Josh and Isaac, who attend Christ Lutheran School. Our family likes to hike, play tennis, and play board games in our free time.

## Hayleigh Saavedra PRESCHOOL TEACHER



The LORD is my light and my salvation— whom shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life— of whom shall I be afraid?—Psalm 27:1

I have had the privilege of working at Christ Lutheran for the past 4 years. During that time, I have worked as a Kindergarten aide and the 3 year old preschool teacher. Even though I have worked here for a short time, I have been at this school for most of my life. Starting in preschool through 8th Grade, I was a student here. I love this school and am honored that parents have entrusted the care and nurturing of their children to me. In my classroom, I incorporate Christ into much of what we do because sharing His love is the most important thing I can do as a teacher.

My husband, Aaron, and I have two beautiful children, one son, Mason, who is 3 years old and one daughter, Brielle, a newborn. In my free time, I enjoy spending time with family and friends.



## What is a Stephen Minister?

Stephen Ministers are the "After People".

### Stephen Ministers are there:

- after the phone call you hoped you'd never get.
- after the funeral, when everyone has left and the emotions you've held at bay come crashing in on you.
- after the relationship falls apart and the bottom falls out of your life.
- after the doctor says, "I'm sorry, but there's nothing more we can do."
- after the nursing home director shakes your hand and says, "Welcome to your new home."
- after the last child honks the horn, waves, and drives away—and the house suddenly seems empty.
- after the gavel comes down, the handcuffs go on, and your loved one is led away.
- after the baby arrives, demanding more of you than you ever dreamed possible.
- after you find a pink slip with your final paycheck.
- after your family and friends have heard your story one too many times, but you still need to talk it out.



Christ Lutheran Stephen Ministers are the "After People". They are ready to come alongside you - or your friends, neighbors, coworkers, or relatives - and provide comfort and support for as long after as needed. They provide one-on-one, man-to-man, woman-to-woman, confidential care. Our Stephen Ministers are well-trained and **waiting to minister to you**. Contact one of the Stephen Leaders or Pastor Groeling. What are you waiting for? Don't go it alone.

### For more information contact:

Sue Dragan	505-615-4862
Cheryl Frazine	575-430-7166
Leslie Helge	505-280-4283
Jerry Shroff	505-463-2447
David Yocky	505-280-0455 or
Pastor Groeling	505-884-3876, ext. 121

## Stamps for the Wounded

We mailed the stamps today to the Lions Club in Falls Church, VA. During World War II, the club in Virginia began collecting cancelled stamps. The cancelled stamps were then sent to institutions where the wounded veterans were rehabilitating. This activity continues today. Emery & Lois started sending stamps in 2014 and the congregation joined the effort in 2015. **A big "Thank you"** to those who are helping with this simple project.

### Would you consider helping?

Cut the cancelled stamps from the envelope trying to keep a 1/4 inch border. When you have a few stamps, bring them to church and place them in the bottom drawer of the small plastic 3-drawer unit on the north wall of the narthex. Holidays are coming so you might be receiving more envelopes with stamps.

Your help is welcome and appreciated.

Call Lois Postenrieder at 299-8388 for more information.



## Senior fellowships

The Senior Fellowship activity for October will be on Friday, October 20th. The activity will be "The Downtown Walking Tour: For People Who Prefer to Sit." Let me explain. The ABQ Historical Society, working with Historic ABQ has developed a walking tour of downtown ABQ, from Central and 1st Street to 8th Street. Not everyone can stand for two hours while taking the actual 8 block tour, so Ron Penttila has developed a virtual walking tour presentation that he will share with us on October 20th. We will meet at the church at 11:30 a.m. go to lunch together, then return to church for the virtual tour presentation in the Church Conference Room. For more information, call Lee Swanger (294-6752) or Eunice Hoeft (889-9705).

## YOUTH NEWS

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

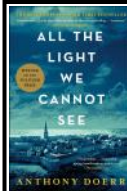
**Events:** Wed. Oct. 11th: Fellowship Meal @ 4:45 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Thurs. Oct. 12th: Middle School Event - Balloon Glow @ 4:00 p.m.

**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:

Wed. Oct. 11th: Fellowship Meal @ 4:45 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Thurs. Oct. 12th: Middle School Event - Balloon Glow @ 4:00 p.m.

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



### Book Discussion

"All the Light We Cannot See" by Anthony Doerr. A compelling Pulitzer Prize winning novel about a blind French girl and a German boy whose paths collide in occupied France as both try to survive the devastation of World War II.

Join us. Friday Oct 27 at 7:00 Contact: Al & Marcia Koschmann 271-1287 akoschmann@yahoo.com

## Christ Lutheran Women's Guild/LWML

The Women's Guild started the year with a bang! Our kick-off event for the Deb Burma Bible study "Sip, Savor and Drink Deeply" was a wonderful time of fellowship and fun. We met for our first Bible studies. It is not too late to join us. We will meet on Oct. 13th at 9:30 a.m. and Oct. 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. Both groups meet in the church office conference room. Mites will be collected to support mission grants. LWML Sunday was a celebration of 75 years of service by the LWML. Everyone looked great in their purple and the choir sang a brand new song with a wonderful message. Thank you to everyone who volunteered to help. We have many opportunities to volunteer with the Christ Lutheran Women's Guild. Do you have computer skills, want to help with banners or provide meals for families in need? Please contact Debbie Yocky at 822-0767 for more information. The Northern New Mexico Zone Fall Rally will be Oct. 21<sup>st</sup> at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church. Registration begins at 9:15 a.m. More information to follow. Christ Lutheran will be hosting a Reformation Service on October 29<sup>th</sup> at 5:00. The Women's Guild will be hosting a reception following the service. The Annual Soup and Pie/Make and Bake Fellowship Meal will be on Wednesday, November 8th. Crafts and bake goods are needed as well as volunteers to help cook, set up and clean up.

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