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Sunday Worship 11:00 am



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Christ's Messenger

The Heart of Christ, in the Midst of Greater Mantua



CHRIST *Lutheran* CHURCH

2025 Officers

Council:

Melisa Pozwick	President
Anna Lee Heint	Vice-President
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Katherine Flynn	Head Deacon
John Clark	Head Trustee
Christina Eaton	Education Director

A Message from Pastor Blake...

This month we are beginning a new feature in our monthly newsletter articles: "The Stewardship Corner." The Stewardship Corner will feature a monthly article written by LCMS Stewardship Ministry that will help us learn what it means to be a Christian steward.

Stewardship refers to every aspect of our life. Every human being is created a steward. A steward is someone entrusted with the care and responsible use of another's property. The Bible tells us that in the beginning God entrusted man and woman with the governance/stewardship of His creation. "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion (*i.e., stewardship*) over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on earth." (Genesis 1:28) As stewards of creation, we as human beings are called to love creation, care for it, and to enjoy it responsibly in accordance with God's Word. Since God is the creator of all things, He is properly the Lord of creation. Creation belongs wholly to God. Out of love God shares this creation with us. Yet because this creation belongs to God, we are not permitted to do whatever we would like with it (oftentimes this leads to destruction and suffering). Rather we are called to respect and manage what the Lord has given us (including our own lives), for everything comes from His hand. "What do you have that you did not receive?" (1 Corinthians 4:7)

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Pastor's Message Continues

Christians are entrusted with another kind of stewardship as well. They are given the stewardship of the Gospel, the promise of salvation (see Matthew 28:19-20). Jesus teaches us about this stewardship in the Parable of the Talents (Matthew 25:14-30). The Lord has entrusted His Church with the promise of salvation, a promise that has the power to save those who believe it (Romans 1:16). We are good stewards of the Gospel when we support the ministry of the Christian Church (including our local congregation). It is in the Church that God has established the public preaching and teaching of the Gospel (i.e., the pastoral office) for the building up of God's people in faith toward Him and love toward one another (Ephesians 4:11-13). Good stewardship of the Gospel, then, for the Christian includes using their time, talents, and treasures to support the local church and ministry to which God has called them. It also includes actually using the gifts of God regularly and responsibly (being attentive to God's Word in Scripture and preaching and receiving the Sacraments) for the building up and maintenance of our faith (Hebrews 10:25).

Stewardship of the Gospel also extends to our personal lives. Only those called to the pastoral office through the Christian Church are to preach and teach the Gospel publicly in the assembly of God's saints (as St. Paul entrusts to pastors in Acts 20:28 and 2 Timothy 4:1-2). Nonetheless, *every* Christian is called to be a witness to the Gospel in their personal lives. For this reason, St. Peter commands the Christians in Asia Minor to be prepared to give a reason for the hope they have within them (1 Peter 3:15). Every moment in our life presents an opportunity for sharing the Gospel. Maybe an act of kindness will open a door for sharing our faith? Maybe a friend or family member going through a difficult time presents an opportunity to share the love of God in Christ Jesus? Whatever the circumstance, you are a Christian, and as a Christian, the Lord is with you and working through you to bring His Gospel to all people in order that all might believe and be saved. After all, He is the vine and you are His branches (John 15:5). How is the Lord bugging you?

Pastor Blake



Worship Schedule

“Serving With a Heart Like Jesus”

DATES TO REMEMBER

	February 2 nd Communion/Scout	February 9 th	February 16 th Communion	February 23 rd
Greeter		Linda Hobson	Melisa Pozwick	Pat South
Acolyte	Jameson Flynn	Natalie Goodell	Abigail Flynn	Jameson Flynn
YACA	Ryan Goodell	N/A	Lexi Ballard	N/A
Reader		Tracy Stamm	Jon Pozwick	Anna Lee Heint
Ushers		Kat Flynn	Brian Lottig	Joanne Q
		Jameson Flynn	Katie Toothman	Larry Q
Media	Christina Eaton	Melisa Pozwick	Christina Eaton	Melisa Pozwick
Power Point	Lexi Ballard	Jon Pozwick	Amy Toothman	Jon Pozwick
Deacon	Kat Flynn	Nathan Goodell	Joanne Q	Tracy Stamm
Elder	Ron Stamm	Ron Stamm	Ron Stamm	Ron Stamm

Lectionary Studies

Tuesdays
@ Christ
10 AM

Catechism

Saturdays
1 PM

Scout Sunday

February 2nd

Family

Bowling Day

February 8th
1 PM @ Skylane

Council Meeting

February 16th
After church

Loaves & Fishes

February 19th
5 - 6:30 PM

Women's Guild Meeting

February 20th
6:30 PM

4 C's Local Food Pantry

February donations being collected are
Canned Pasta

Pop Tarts

Chicken Noodle Soup

Toothpaste

Please place donations in the basket
in the narthex marked "4 C's"

Christ Lutheran Church is a drop-off
location for the 4C's

MEMORY CHALLENGE VERSE:

"And a cloud overshadowed them, and a voice came out of the cloud, "This is my beloved Son; listen to him.""

(Mark 9:7)



Mark your calendars...upcoming in March:

Pastor Blake is hosting another **New Members Class** for anyone who would like to join the church. Classes begin **March 9th**. Sign up sheet in the narthex or speak with Pastor Blake.

Midweek Lent Services will be held at St. Thomas this year. There will be a soup supper at 6 PM and service begins at 7 PM. Please note, there will be **NO** weekly bible study during Lent.

The Youth are hosting their annual **Pancake Breakfast** on **March 22nd** from 8 AM to 1 PM. This fundraiser benefits the Youths trip to New Orleans.

Youth Education

Christina Eaton
Christian Ed Director

Youth News

-Gloria Dei youth night is canceled for Feb. Resumes in March.

-Super Bowl Subs Fundraiser
Orders due Feb 2. Pick up Feb 9th.

-Pancake Breakfast March 22nd.
8am to 1pm. Please take a flyer and invite your family, friends, and neighbors.

Sponsor levels

Platinum Sponsor

\$500 and up go on the main sign and advertisement. signage on the tables

6 tickets to attend

Welcome to offer a hand out to attendees.

Gold

\$200-\$400- signage on the tables during the event.

4 tickets to attend

Silver

\$50-\$199- Listed on our honorable sponsor display at the main entrance

2 tickets to attend

Costs are covering:

\$300 Hall Rental

\$1000 Food costs- milk, eggs, pancake mix, sausage, coffee, juice

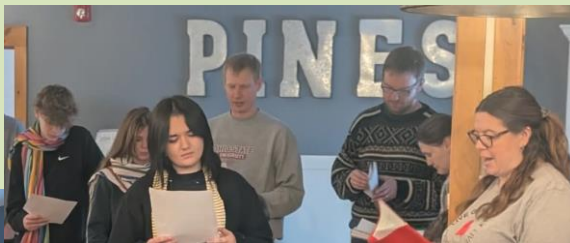
\$200 Paper Products

\$100 Food License

\$300 Signage

\$100 advertising

\$100 misc.



Sunday School

9:45-10:45 am

3 classrooms

Ages 3-6yrs Hannah Owen

Ages 7-12yrs Christina Eaton

Youth 13+ Melisa Pozwick

Snack sign up posted on Sunday School board.

Sunday School

Field Trip went good we had 8 students attend with Pastor leading the Devotional. Students performs a skit and handed out the cards they made. Thank you Katie from Inn at the Pines for allowing us the visit and Hannah Owen for the idea.

Family Bowling Day Feb 8th. Last day to sign up Feb 2nd.

Having a valentine's party on Feb 16th

Looking for an extra teacher/helper that day.

Save the dates!

Vbs Date June 16th- 20th- evenings.

*I know loves and Loaves & Fish meal that week. Hopefully the Pavilion is done and we can utilize the outside space!

Women's Ministry

All Women in the
Congregation

LOAVES AND FISHES COMMUNITY MEALS

February 19th 5:00-6:30 pm

The free meals are served the 3rd Wednesday of every month in the Christ Lutheran Church downstairs Fellowship Hall.

If you and your friends would like to help (you don't have to be a member to help), contact Diane Lottig at (330) 274-2868 for what is needed.

Women's Guild Meeting:
February 20th at 6:30 PM

All women of the congregation are welcome.

Council

Melisa Pozwick
President

CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE:

Just a reminder that if you are hosting an event at the church, please make sure you get the updated forms from Kayla. These documents will be updated as needed with more information requirements. Also, if you are hosting a fundraiser, a financial or money collector needs to be named. Along with this, there is a form that the financial/money person will need to fill out for the event. Again, please make sure you get the latest and greatest from Kayla as we continue to improve the contents that are needed.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at 440-547-3027 or send an email to clcmantua737@yahoo.com.

COUNCIL MEETING:

Our next council meeting will be held on **February 16th** after service. We welcome anyone who would like to attend the meeting.

TRUSTEES:

The pavilion is on its way. We are waiting for final approval on the drawings before we can start the building. Please look for more information in the upcoming months.

TREASURER'S MESSAGE:

Following is our financial data from the past 3 months:

Month	Income	Expense	Net Income	YTD Net
Oct 24	\$9,558	\$11,756	-\$2,198	-\$2,029
Nov 24	\$10,287	\$11,850	-\$1,563	-\$3,592
Dec 24	\$23,767	\$11,105	\$12,662	\$9,070
YTD Oct	\$124,135	\$127,727	\$9,070	

Pavilion Fund balance: \$35,496 Pledged Amount Outstanding: \$45,000
Laura Cleavenger

God answers prayer.

At Christ Lutheran, we know the power of prayer.

Ezekiel 22:30 says, "I looked for a man among them who would build up the wall and stand before me IN THE GAP on behalf of the land."

GAP, (God Answers Prayer), is one of these prayer ministries. Those who serve in this ministry serve in the gap that Ezekiel wrote of as they are available to pray for people.

Please contact Barb Goodell who will begin the prayer chain for your need.

GAP MINISTRY

Barb Goodell	330-274-2161
Hannah Owen	330-931-0839
Kelly Britt	330-357-1101
Diane Lottig	330-274-2868
Linda Hobson	330-562-8327
June Zamecnik	330-281-7202
Tracy Stamm	330-571-0304
Shirley Bellar	330-281-8327
Anna Lee Heinl	330-842-2080
Joanne Quesenberry	330-274-2991
Christina Eaton	234-703-9735
Pat South	330-257-0948
Ellen Froelich	330-274-2081

Prayers for Hope, Healing, Comfort & Guidance

Members

Corey Flynn & Anastasia Martzowka

Young Families

The Ballard/Eaton Family, The Ballentines, The Flynn's, The Goodells, The Goodrichs, The Koerlins, The Martzowkas, The Owens, The Pozwicks, The Rickseckers, The Sandricks, The Swires, The Toothmans, The Tutwilers

Shut-ins

Linda Koerlin, Tom Briggs, Jill Kravcisin, Becky Krichbaum

Friends & Family

Steven Blunk, Patty & Denny Pesecky, Linda Havener, Lisa Bey, Rick Kilpatrick, Sam Weise, Dylan Graybeal & Klarissa Schott, Kathie Havener, Sandy Dills

Military Service

Caleb Dean Pete, Robert South, Owen Heinl Monte Stamm

Birthday Blessings on your special day and throughout the year!

Maureen Ballentine	2/3
Frankie Bowman	2/4
Carley Kerkhoven	2/4
Mike Snodgrass	2/16
Amy Toothman	2/17
Katie Toothman	1/20

Baptismal Birthdays

John Heinl – February 9th
Brian Lottig – February 20th
Katherine Flynn – February 21st
Linda Hobson – February 24th

Wedding Anniversaries

Tim & Katie Toothman – February 14th