



# *The* **Watchman**



**June**

**2018**

***Christ Lutheran Church, Pascagoula, MS***

## **“A Note from the Pastor”**

As I look at the church calendar for the upcoming months, I see a lot of green. With only a couple of exceptions, the whole season between Pentecost in the spring and the beginning of Advent in December is marked by the use of green on the altar, the pulpit, the banner, and so forth. One half of the church year is “festival time”, including the great celebrations and seasons of Christmas, Epiphany, Easter, and Pentecost, as well as special seasons like Advent, Lent. We use many colors for these: blue, white, purple, red. The other half of the year, the green half, is known as “ordinary time”. That doesn’t mean this time is less important, just that the focus is different.

Our Gospel readings change in focus, as well. During festival time, they concentrate on the events of Jesus’ life that those celebrations observe, especially his birth, death, resurrection, and ascension. During ordinary time, they tell us more about the ministry, teaching, and preaching of Jesus. To divide it up very roughly, the first part is about who Jesus is and what he did; ordinary time is more about what he said.

The focus is different for us, as well. As we continue to receive the good news of Jesus, who he is and what he did for us, we’re now pushed to apply that to our daily lives. We could call it “ordinary time” in that sense too – we’ve celebrated Christmas and Easter, so how does it all impact our daily, ordinary living?

The answer of the Reformation tradition is usually framed in terms of vocation. We all have many callings in which we live and work and serve our neighbors, and through that, serve God: parent, spouse, child, employee, citizen, and so forth. The green of ordinary time helps us to see it as a time of growth and renewal, a time of celebrating the work of God in our own lives and how we see that and are privileged to take part in it through the vocations He has placed us in.

The season of “ordinary time” sometimes has another name: “the time of the Church”. This is the season that follows Pentecost, the birthday of the Christian Church and the ongoing gift of the Holy Spirit, and the Sundays from now until Advent are counted in reference to that event – the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost, the 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost, etc. Just as in the vocations of ourselves and others, where we see God working in the world through human beings He has called and equipped, we continue to see His work in the world through the Christian Church as the Gospel is proclaimed to all nations, people are called to repentance and are given the assurance that their sins are atoned and forgiven in Christ.

And so, I pray that “ordinary time” would be anything but ordinary. Let it instead be a time of rededication to Christian living and service, and a time to rejoice in the Gospel by proclaiming it to all those around us. By the grace of God and the work of the Holy Spirit, let this be a season of green, a season of growth and life and spiritual health.

## Baptism of Gracie Rene Davis

Parents are Patrick & Courtney Davis



## Elders & Lay Readers

- 3 Louis Bontly & Frank Feazell (Tim K.)
- 10 Shawn Robbins & Dave Griffin (Susan L.)
- 17 Bobby Trehern & Jay Torries (Cathy G.)
- 24 Frank Feazell & Louis Bontly (Lin J.)



- 1 Ted Schmelter
- 3 Julia Schmelter
- 7 Tanya Hamilton
- 10 Gloria Schmelter
- 17 Kevin Rosamond
- 17 Bryan Linn
- 22 Michelle Southern
- 23 Neil Hartwig
- 24 Michael Southern
- 26 Bente Paul
- 28 Aletha Schollian
- 29 Tristen Schmelter
- 30 Kyndel Torries



- 2 Ted & Julia Schmelter
- 6 Jerold & Rita Shepherd
- 7 Lin & Carol Jacobson
- 9 Jeff & Sandy Welty
- 18 Nick & Alyssa Purdy
- 19 Lionel & Ruby Dale
- 26 Neil & Gail Hartwig

**Bible Treasure Hunt:** Solve the clue to discover the treasure, a Bible person, place, or thing. Solution on calendar.

It's also called Idumaea,  
When Greeks possessed these grounds.  
And Bozrah, Teman, Petra too  
Are found within its bounds.





## Church Council Meeting: 5/14/2018

Shawn Robbins called the meeting to order and Pastor Waffel opened with prayer. The reading of the April minutes was waived.

**Pastor's Report:** Pastor attended the McCarty's twin's baptism Sunday. He relayed the message that the McCarty's thanked LWML for their kindness. The babies are small but doing well.

Kevin Rademacher, Jay Torries and Pastor Waffel attended a church safety seminar last month.

Men's Prayer breakfast this month was cancelled

Shuckers game May 18<sup>th</sup>—Lutheran night

Pastor will be officiating Hunter Howard's wedding in Grand Bay on June 2<sup>nd</sup>

Pastor will be in St Louis June 10 – 23 for class

Pastor Carl Noble will officiate the service June 17<sup>th</sup>

Candles for the candelabra were donated in memory of Shelvin Webb. These will be dedicated May 20<sup>th</sup>.

St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Cullman, AL is planning a trip to Israel September 2019. See Pastor for details.

**President's Report:** Shawn Robbins: Shawn discussed birthday cake sign up.

**Vice President's Report:** Kevin Rademacher reminded everyone to sign up for flowers and ushers.

He suggested the congregation view an active shooter video as part of the church safety program.

Still working on safety plan and church blueprints.

**Elders Report:** Elders are discussing a steak dinner on June 8<sup>th</sup>

**Trustees:** No report

**Financial Secretary:** Carl Erichsen:

Contributions for April: \$11,694.50

May so far: \$5,387

Year to Date: \$44,734.75

**Treasurer:** Lin Jacobson: Good news: bills are all paid except end of month payroll

Bad news: Checking account balance is \$863.75

Self-Insurance CEF Fund \$42,422.44

Christ Lutheran currently costs approximately \$7,000 a month to operate

Lin suggested we publish monthly income and expenses in the monthly newsletter.

**Evangelism:** Mike Southern: Thank you for the outreach Sunday. Mike discussed Facebook postings and outreach resources.

**Mary Martha:** Haley Torries: Auction will return in June. MM is seeking nice furniture for the parlor. Mary Martha will meet again in August.

**Education:** Donna Krebs discussed VBS. Theme: Heroes of the Bible. Does anyone have adult craft ideas?

**Social Ministry:** No report

**Stewardship:** Tim Krebs has submitted an article for the newsletter.

The meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer

Respectfully,

Susan Linn

## June Scripture Readings

June 3 (Prop. 4)	Second S. after Pentecost	Deut. 5:12–15	Ps. 81:1–10	2 Cor. 4:5–12	Mark 2:23–28 (3:1–6)
June 10 (Prop. 5)	Third S. after Pentecost	Gen. 3:8–15	Ps. 130	2 Cor. 4:13—5:1	Mark 3:20–35
June 17 (Prop. 6)	Fourth S. after Pentecost	Ezek. 17:22–24	Ps. 1	2 Cor. 5:1–10 (11–17)	Mark 4:26–34
June 24	The Nativity of St. John the Baptist	Is. 40:1–5	Ps. 85:(1–6) 7–13	Acts 13:13–26	Luke 1:57–80
June 24 (Prop. 7)	Fifth S. after Pentecost	Job 38:1–11	Ps. 124	2 Cor. 6:1–13	Mark 4:35–41



It's official! I'm a sworn member of the U. S. Peace Corp now stationed in Luapula Province, Zambia. You will never find my buletwo (home) on a map but it is outside a small community, Chibote, which is about 45 miles from Kawambwa. There is a Catholic church and school near me that provides education for the seven closest villages. I will be working with those 7 villages and have already made a 37 km trip via bicycle to one of the more distant ones. It is possible that I may actually teach a little math and science at the middle school but that lies in the future. Life is about to get real in the African Bush!



## Brondum Krebs Update

## Congratulations Brondum!!

## Creedal Church

The Lutheran Church is a Creedal Church, that is, we confess our faith in God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, with statements of belief that originated in the early times of the Christian Church—statements crafted by their writers with great care and diligence that they would be faithful and true to what God has revealed to us about Himself in His Word.

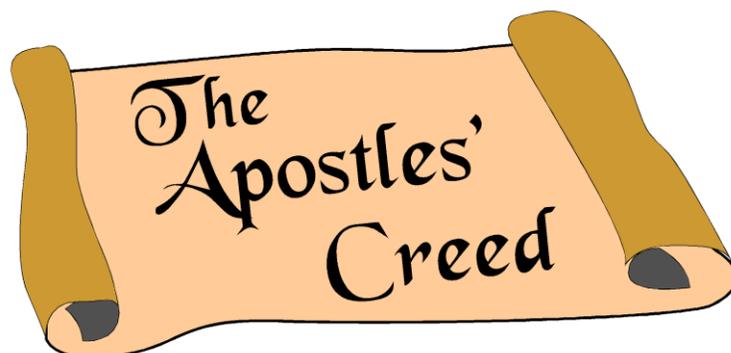
The word “creed” comes from the Latin “credo” meaning I believe. Our Lutheran Confessions include three creeds of the Church, known as the Ecumenical Creeds: The Apostles’ Creed, the Nicene Creed, and the Athanasian Creed.

The Apostles’ Creed, while not authored by the apostles, is based on the teachings of the apostles and is of the earliest creedal statements used in the Christian Church. The first reference to the creed comes from a letter from a council in Milan, likely written by St. Ambrose, the bishop of Milan, to Pope Siricius in about AD 390: “Let them give credit to the Creed of the Apostles, which the Roman Church has always kept and preserved undefiled.”

The Nicene Creed originates from a time of controversy within the Christian Church during the fourth century. A Libyan priest in Alexandria, by the name of Arius, taught that Jesus, while being divine, was a being created by the Father and, therefore, not of the same essence with the Father. A Council of the whole Christian Church was called in 325 at Nicea, in what is now Turkey, to settle the trouble caused by the teaching of Arius. At the Council, Arius was declared a heretic, his teaching was anathematized, and a statement was forged that expressed the truth about Christ as revealed by Scripture. At the Second Ecumenical Council, held in Constantinople in 381, the creed written in Nicea was refined. Because of this, the creed is sometimes referred to as the “Niceno-Constantinopolitan Creed.”

During medieval times, writing of the Athanasian Creed was credited to St. Athanasius of Alexandria and his name was applied to the creed. Whether the Creed can be ascribed to St. Athanasius or not, and most probably it cannot, it undoubtedly owes its existence to Athanasian influences, for the expressions and doctrinal colouring exhibit too marked a correspondence, in subject-matter and in phraseology, with the literature of the latter half of the fourth century and especially with the writings of the saint, to be merely accidental. These internal evidences seem to justify the conclusion that it grew out of several provincial synods, chiefly that of Alexandria, held about the year 361, and presided over by St. Athanasius. (source: newadvent.com)

The creed was prepared to assist the Church in combating two errors that undermined Bible teaching. One error denied that God’s Son and the Holy Spirit are of one being or Godhead with the Father. The other error denied that Jesus Christ is true God and true man in one person. The Athanasian Creed continues to serve the Christian Church as a standard of the truth. It declares that whoever rejects the doctrine of the Trinity and the doctrine of Christ is without the saving faith. The Lutheran Service Book includes the Athanasian Creed on page 319.



## Mary Martha News

# Mary Martha will not meet for June and July...See you in August!

**Your Mite Box Offerings Touch Lives!**

**Christian Eldercare Home in Haiti**

2017–2019 Mission Grant 10 — \$100,000



A missionary, pastor's wife, Carol Hill spending time with two elderly church members after church. The lady with the crutches walks miles to church on crutches, every Sunday to worship.

Haiti is a nation in need of special attention. Since the earthquake in 2010, Lutheran baptisms in Haiti have been multiplied beyond expectations and Lutheran church attendance is increasing. However physical and spiritual needs of our brothers and sisters in Christ are left unmet. A center for the elderly people who have outlived their families, and some of whom are currently living in tents and deplorable conditions, is planned to be built on the same property where an orphanage was constructed in 2014. The children will have grandparents and the elderly will have children to make them smile. The center, built with funds supplied by this grant, would result in a dwelling with clean water, suitable waste containment, beds, food, and care for these forgotten people. Ministry in Mission desires to fulfill the intent of creating a true community for Haitian Lutherans by providing a safe living environment for all Haitians in the surrounding area and particularly the forgotten elderly society.



On Friday, **June 8**, we will be having a cookout. Join us for an evening of fellowship! This dinner is B.Y.O.S. - Bring Your Own Steak (or any other meat you'd like - chicken, pork chops, etc), and invite your friends, neighbors, and family! We'll have the grill hot and ready, and we're providing baked potatoes, salad, and desserts too. Also feel free to bring games or other fun activities you'd like to share.



**WEDDING INVITATION:** Susan Linn and Kevin Rademacher extend an invitation to the congregation to their wedding Saturday, July 21<sup>st</sup> at 4pm at Christ Lutheran Church. Reception to follow at 6pm, Grand Magnolia Ballroom in Pascagoula. Please contact Susan at [sklinn62@yahoo.com](mailto:sklinn62@yahoo.com) or (228)369-4275 by June 30 if you would like to attend. Include your name and number in your party in the message.

# A Thought about Stewardship

Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men.

Colossians 3:23

Over the last months I have shared two of the Four Principles of Biblical Stewardship (Ownership and Responsibility) from an article written by Hugh Whelchel for the Institute for Faith, Work and Economics. This month, I'd like to share Mr. Whelchel's third principle: The Principle of Accountability. Once again, none of these thoughts are my own but are paraphrased from the article "Four Principles of Biblical Stewardship" written by Mr. Whelchel in 2012. I found his approach intriguing and thought provoking and wanted to share his point of view with you.

Whelchel refers to the parable of the Talents. Just as the Master entrusted his servants with money, so God has entrusted us with authority over his creation. We are not free to rule as we see fit but are to be good stewards of our resources under the 'watchful eye of the Creator'. We are called upon to manage His creation according to the principles he has taught us through His holy word.

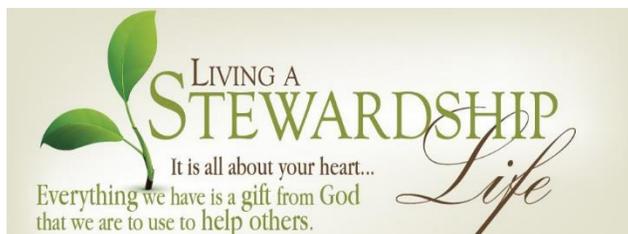
A steward manages the possessions of another just as the servants were to manage the assets appointed to them by their master. We are all stewards of the many resources, talents, abilities and opportunities that God has entrusted to our care. Just as the servants in the parable, one day we shall be called upon to make an accounting for how we managed all the gifts God has given us. Like the servants in the parable, we will be called to give an account. We will be asked to account for all that has been given us including our time, money, abilities and wisdom. We are accountable to the rightful owner. The servants in the parable were accountable as we shall be accountable to our Master.

In Matthew (25:23)

Well done good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.

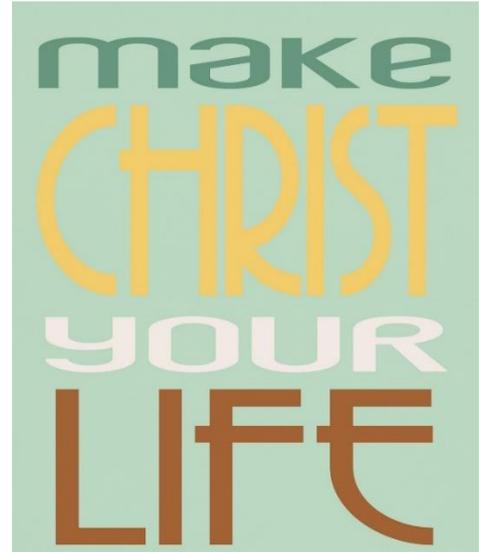
"We are called as God's stewards to manage that which belongs to God. While God has graciously entrusted us with the care, development and enjoyment of everything he owns as his stewards, we are accountable for the management of His holdings well and according to His desires and purposes."<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup>Hugh Whelchel; "Four Principles of Biblical Stewardship"; Nov. 26, 2012; <https://tifwe.org/four-principles-of-biblical-stewardship/>; accessed 1/25/2018



**Christian Life Management**  
May 2018 Income and Expenses

Income:	\$8,997.00
Expenses:	
MS Power	\$ 580.00
Pas Utilities	\$ 216.76
AT&T	\$ 121.71
SentryNet	\$ 18.00
Insurance	\$ 299.84
Salaries	\$5,114.00
Benefits	\$2,560.00
Travel Expense	\$ 71.28
Misc. (Guest Pastor)	\$ 200.00
Altar (Flowers & Candles)	<u>\$ 659.06</u>
TOTAL	\$9,840.65
NET	(\$ 843.65)



**Anna Krebs**

Is studying Spanish at a university in Lima, Peru for 5 weeks.





# June

## 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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<b>Solution to Bible Treasure Hunt: Edom</b>						Hunter Howard/ Katlyn Medley Wedding
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Adult Bible class 9:00 Holy Communion 10:00 Fellowship: 11:15					<b>COOKOUT!</b> Steak Cookout 6:00	Men's Prayer Breakfast 8:00
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Adult Bible class 9:00 Holy Communion 10:00 Fellowship: 11:15 Pastor in St. Louis for class	→					
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
<b>No Adult Bible class</b> Holy Communion 10:00 Fellowship: 11:15	Elders 6:00 Council 7:00					
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24	25	26	27	28	29	30
Adult Bible class 9:00 Holy Communion 10:00 Fellowship: 11:15						<b>Installation of District Officers</b>

