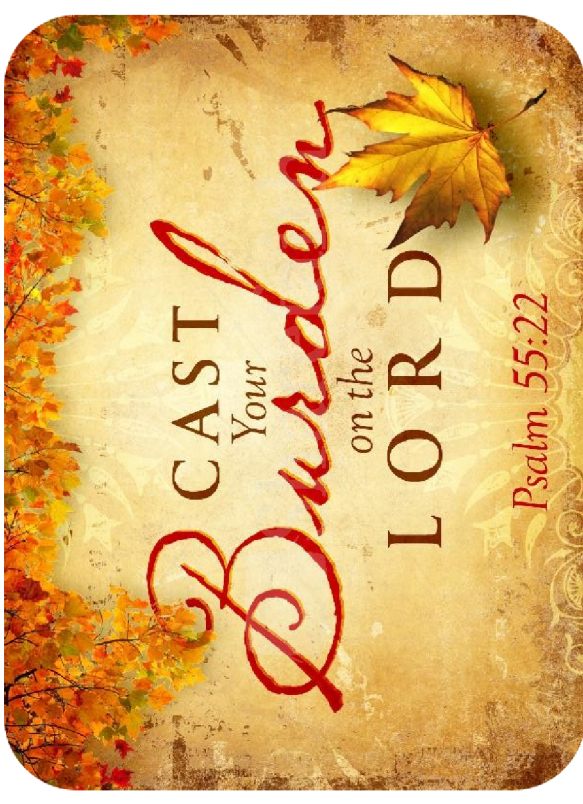


Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit. Galatians 5:25

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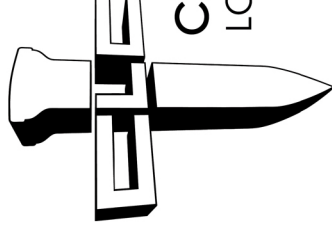
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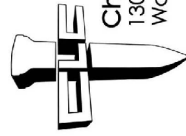
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Bible Trivia References:

1. (Acts 10:23-48) 2. (Revelation 21:12) 3. (1 Kings 6:23) 4. (Judges 8:30)



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From The Pastor's Desk

Dear Friends at Christ,

Ever wonder “why you are here,” or should I say “still here?” I especially hear older people ask that. They say, “I can’t do much anymore,” and “I’m ready to go, so why am I still here.” That is actually not a bad question. Life certainly can become difficult. The Psalmist gives the following perspective of life calling it “but a breath” and instructs us to “number our days that we might gain a heart of wisdom.”

A few weeks ago I got to thinking about how fleeting our lives really are. My wife Karen was traveling to Minnesota on Interstate 90 when she witnessed a car crash take place right in front of her. Two seconds difference and she might have been involved in that crash. As it turned out there were only minor injuries. We can certainly thank God and say that a guardian angel was watching over Karen and those involved in the crash. But other times crashes are fatal. And sometimes it's a child, a teen, a young mother or father or even the whole family that is killed. To attempt to explain why one is spared/protected and another person dies would be futile. We must leave the timing and questions like this to the Lord, who promises always to be “working for good for those who love Him” Rom. 8.

To answer the question, “why are you and I still here,” let's focus on what we know. God is a gracious and merciful God. He created us and also took action to redeem us. None of us deserve His grace and favor. Luther, in the Small Catechism in his explanation to the Second Article of the Creed, teaches not only that Christ has saved us, but also concludes summing up our response to His saving love. He puts it this way, “That I may be His own and live under Him



The answers will be printed in the following Crosswalk Newsletter. There will be references printed on the last page of the newsletter in case you get stuck.

Trivia Questions

1. *What Roman official did Peter baptize?*
2. *How many angles will be at the gates of the New Jerusalem?*
3. *What furnishings in the temple were made of olive wood?*
4. *What judge had 70 sons?*

January / February Answers

1. *Who was taken to the highest point of the Jerusalem temple?*
Jesus (Matthew 4:5)

2. *Where did Jesus work his first miracle?*
Cana (John 2:1-11)

3. *Who appeared with Jesus at his miraculous Transfiguration?*
Elijah and Moses (Matthew 17:1-9)

4. *What holy object was taken by the Philistines into the temple of Dagon, causing Dagon's image to fall down?*
The ark of the covenant (1 Samuel 5:2-4)

MAY/JUNE MYSTERY MEMBER



This CLC Member won there high school's arm wrestling competition as a freshman. They served 3 years as a volunteer firefighter. This member was confirmed the same day Mount St. Helen erupted.

MARCH/APRIL MYSTERY MEMBER



Frank Henry

Frank is the only boy in a family of 6 children. He was one of the last to be drafted into the military 1971-1973. Frank has been a member at Christ Lutheran for 34 years.



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in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence and blessedness."

In Holy Baptism God called us into his family. Through Word and Sacraments God puts His forgiveness and salvation before us front and center. Only then, with salvation in place, does Jesus give His disciples and His church the Great Commission, "to make disciples of all nations." We, who have God's Word, are brought into the mission. You might say we are brought not only into the family, but into the family business of extending God's eternal kingdom. We are all here for a reason.

Most of us are not making our mark on the world according to its standards. But that does not mean that what we do as Christian's is insignificant. Included in Luther's Small Catechism is a Table of Duties. Luther lists a number of duties that out of honor and respect we owe to others as: husbands, wives, parents, children, pastors, teachers, the elderly and those in authority. Faithfulness in our various vocations makes a difference in our world one person at a time.

There may or may not be something big happening in your life, but it is important to be faithful in the seemingly little things. They make a difference. Little acts of kindness or concern and kind words may well open the door for sharing your faith and lead someone to the Lord Jesus, the Faithful One. He was faithful unto death on the cross, so that when it is our turn, He may bestow on all believers the crown of eternal life.

Still here and serving as God enables,
Pastor Rick

Announcements

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Lattle Lambs Daycare Pictures



Greater Wausau Christian Services

Quarterly News Letter for January-March 2015



Our Mission Statement: Greater Wausau Christian Services is a community of congregations that brings Christian compassion and hope to individuals and families in elder care facilities, the Marathon County Jail, and the Marathon County Juvenile Facility.

Our History:

Greater Wausau Christian Services was established by ten area congregations in 1980. In 1981, jail and health-care ministries began. Greater Wausau Christian Services has grown to serve elder and memory care facilities and has expanded to serve the Juvenile Detention Center. Through the support of our organization, Breaking Barriers, a cognitive thinking program, is being taught at the County Jail. Greater Wausau Christian Services is currently supported by twelve funding congregations in the community.

A huge thank you!

With your church's contribution, Greater Wausau Christian Services touches many lives. We can never thank you enough for making it all possible! The following services were provided from January thru March 2015:

- 180 Elder and Memory Care Services held; approx. 2,196 residents attended
- 144 Jail Ministry Services held; approx. 1,500 inmates attended
- 60 Juvenile Ministry Services held; approx. 384 teens attended

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Please keep us in your prayers as we continue to grow our services within our community!

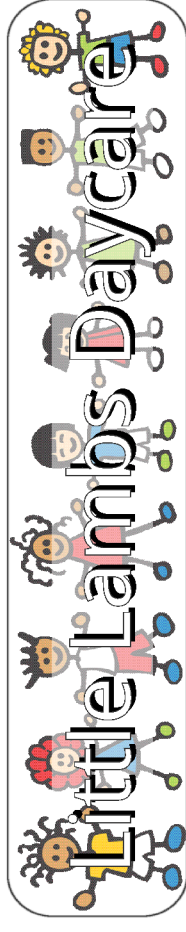
Opportunities to serve:

- Volunteers for marketing and grant writing; funding congregations to join our ministry; help with sensory services at the elder and memory care facilities; and/or assistance with classes and Bible studies at the County Jail and Juvenile Center.
- We are also in need of funds to purchase Bibles for inmates.

Check us out on our website at www.gwcsvservices.org or 'like' us on our new Facebook page at **Greater Wausau Christian Services!**

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Our entrance is located off 5th Street in the St. Paul's United Church of Christ Community Center Building next to the Open Door.



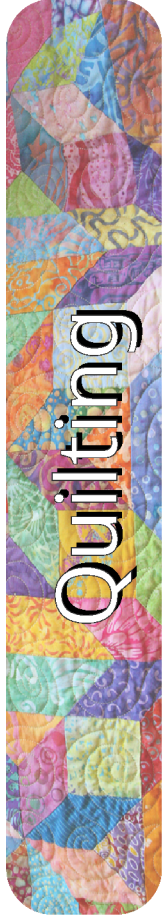
Friends make everyday BRIGHTER!

At Little Lambs we like to have show and tell days with a theme such as circle day and blue day. At Little Lambs we have three classrooms now. We have an Infant and Toddler room (6 weeks-2 years old), Preschool room (2-3 ½ years old), and Pre-K room (3 ½ - 5 years old). This new set-up helps us to have smaller class sizes, which gives the teacher more opportunities to have one on one time with the children.

In the Pre-K room we have been using a curriculum called Happily Ever After created by the Rowland Reading Foundations. Throughout the curriculum the children are learning a variety of different vocabulary, learning and reviewing colors and shapes, and we also discuss lessons that are portrayed within each of the 10 stories. Along with the curriculum we also are using a program called Phonic Soup where we learning different letter sounds. Tucker Turtle is a huge part of our class as well. Tucker teaches us what it means to be a good friend and he helps us identify and understand our feelings.

We are looking for a Pre-K teacher to work with these children next fall. The Pre-K class will meet from 1:00 p.m-4:00p.m. The teacher's hours would be 12:00p.m.-4:00p.m.If interested or know anyone that anyone that would be interested in this position please contact Donna Stolze at (715)848-2040

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Well time for a few lines from the quilters. We have gone back to meeting on Wed. That is the 3rd Wed of the month from 9:30 to about 3:00 or a bit later, depends on where we are on a quilt. We have had a few more join us now and then and that is okay, if you only have a morning or and afternoon to help that is great any extra hands get more knots done.

We of course have a "wish" list that I will remind you of with spring cleaning and garage sales:

- Prayers are always welcome
- Extra hands to tie
- Usable sheets, yes we take top, bottom, and even the pillow cases. If some of those are extra good make a dress for the orphan grain project
- Large pieces of fabric or any size to make tops and such. Yes this can even be some material from clothes, curtains and the like, as long as it is still usable. Not washed or worn thin.

Will invite you to come and help and as always we also feed the body with a potluck meal (we have never been disappointed). We also feed the soul at that time with a devotion. So please take an hour or two and join us sometime.

Remember our fund raising effort with the new quilt on display.

Submitted by
Jean Richards

Sunday School News

The Sunday children are wrapping up their school year. We have been very blessed with a strong, regular, and growing attendance. Upcoming news includes; there will not be class on May 24, 2015 for Memorial Day weekend. The last class or Celebration Sunday will be May 31, 2015 filled with fellowship & fun. Be sure to stop in to witness the faith!



We greatly appreciated the survey responses and your input regarding Summer Christian Educational options. It is heart warming to have a strong interest to grow and strengthen your faith through every opportunity to hear and study the Word of God. Unfortunately our pool of volunteers to share this word can be limited. In the best interest of this group of volunteers, we will not be holding Vacation Bible School. In addition, we will not have a summer series of Bible study or youth programs. There will be occasional topics or videos presented throughout the summer. We hope this time will rejuvenate and refresh everyone; to return in fall with energetic spirit to share Gods Word with others. This will also allow additional opportunity for boards to meet more regularly during fellowship for planning and action to meet their goals.



Recently we learned the many blessings Camp Luther has to offer through Youth & Teen Camps & Adventures programs. A visit from a camp representative has provided the opportunity for many of our Sunday School students to attend camp this summer. Because of your generosity and support, Every Kid to Camp program was available to four students, and one guest/visitor student. Also, the Board of Education nominated an additional student to benefit from the program. That is 6 of our children participating at Camp Luther! What a fantastic opportunity for this group to strengthen their faith through Christian friendships, caring role models and God's Word.

This would not be possible without your Friend of Camp contributions. Your gifts and prayers have made this possible; and we are blessed and grateful. We hope you can continue the generous support for the opportunity to send future campers.

THANK YOU!

Stewardship

We are celebrating the "stewardship of relationships" at Christ Lutheran Church this May and June.

The bible is full of guidance from God regarding our relationship with him and with others:

In Luke 10:27 God commands:

"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself."

Our Christian lives are all about relationships...

With our Lord – *Starting with our baptism into his family, and on to prayer, bible study, devotions and worship.*

With our family – Sometimes the most joyful, sometimes the most difficult relationships.

With friends and coworkers and with our sisters and brothers in Christ.

Relationships take work...like tending a garden.

Gardens are planted - Relationships are formed.

Gardens are watered and fed - Relationships are nurtured.

Gardens must be weeded - Relationships require repair and improvement.

The garden's bounty is harvested and enjoyed. Relationships should be appreciated, celebrated and we should thank God for the blessings of others in our life.

More thoughts on our relationship with God, others and ourselves will be in the bulletins and the newsletter in May and June. Consider these important connections in your life and how you can make them all that God wants them to be.