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Sunday Worship 11:00 am



July 2024

Christ's Messenger

The Heart of Christ, in the Midst of Greater Mantua"

A Message from Pastor Blake...



CHRIST *Lutheran* CHURCH

2024 Officers

Council:

Melisa Pozwick	President
Anna Lee Heintz	Vice-President
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Brian Pozwick	Head Trustee
Christina Eaton	Education Director

Hebrews describes the Word of God as a two-edged sword (Hebrews 4:12). A two-edged sword is a sword with a cutting edge on both sides of the blade. Such swords were used offensively in military conflict. Similarly, in the Book of Revelation, the Word of God which comes from Jesus' mouth is portrayed symbolically as a sword (Revelation 19:15). One can use a sword offensively (to attack) or defensively (to protect). God has given us His Word to use both ways. We have many enemies who would seek to separate us from our ultimate good: eternal communion with God.

They would do anything to keep us from seeing eternal life. They would have us doubt that Jesus has saved us from sin and death. They would have us question that God has more in store for us beyond this life in a renewed heavens and earth. They would have us focus all our attention, hope, and sense of fulfillment on this world.

Who are these enemies? They are none other than our sinful flesh, the world around us, and the devil. Notice that it begins within. We are our worst enemy. We carry around in our flesh the sinful corruption of doubt that

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Pastor's Message Continues

would have us reject God's Word, disobey His commandments, and regard His promises as no more than pie in the sky. The world can also be our enemy when it draws us away from Christ Jesus with its culturally determined human opinions, momentary and fleeting riches, and the evils surrounding us. The devil and those other angels who rebelled against God would also have us trust in something other than God by telling us lies, tempting us to sin, and subjecting us to hardships. How do we defend ourselves from such enemies when surrounded from within and without?

The Scriptures tell us: The Word of God. The Word of God is a defensive weapon because, through God's Law, it warns us about the plans of our sinful flesh to lead us astray, with the promise of salvation it emboldens us to endure the hardships of this world, and with the truth of God, it opposes the lies of the Devil. Similarly, the Word of God is offensive because it strengthens the new life we have with Christ Jesus through the forgiveness of sins, it arms us with true purpose by telling us how God views us versus what this world wants us to be, and it gives us the true promises of God to throw verbally at the Devil when he comes our way. May the Word of God – written in Scripture, proclaimed by the Church, and visible in the water of your Baptism and the bread and wine of the Lord's Supper – strengthen and preserve you until life everlasting. As a Christian, you're surrounded by enemies within and without. Too bad for them. Remain in God's Word. Amen.



MEMORY CHALLENGE VERSE FOR JULY

"Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.."

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

DATES TO REMEMBER

Lectionary Studies

Tuesdays

@ Christ
10 AM

Evangelism

Meeting

July 10th

Christian

Education Night

@ Christ

July 10th
6 PM

Christian

Education Night

@ St. Thomas

July 11th
6 PM

Farmers Market

Begins

July 13th
9 AM – 1 PM

Annual Hymn Sing

July 14th

Community Meal

July 17th

5 - 6:30 PM

Rummage Sale

July 26th & 27th

9 AM – 1 PM

Worship Schedule

“Serving With a Heart Like Jesus”

	July 7 th Communion	July 14 th Hymn Sing	July 21 st Communion	July 28 th
Greeter	Kat Flynn	Linda Hobson	Pat South	Melisa Pozwick
Acolyte	Jameson Flynn	Natalie Goodell	Jameson Flynn	Natalie Goodell
YACA	Evan Goodell	N/A	Amy Toothman	N/A
Reader	Ed Seigerst	Rebecca Goodell	Tim Snodgrass	Eric Chism
Ushers	Amy Toothman	Joanne Q	Lexi Ballard	Kat Flynn
	Katie Toothman	Larry Q	Brian Lottig	Jameson Flynn
Media	Melisa Pozwick	Christina Eaton	Melisa Pozwick	Christina Eaton
Power Point	Jon Pozwick	Lexi Ballard	Jon Pozwick	Lexi Ballard
Deacon	Laura Cleavenger	Nathan Goodell	Joanne Q	Larry Q
Elder	Brian Lottig	Brian Lottig	Brian Lottig	Brian Lottig

Have you thought about Serving? We have several ways for you to serve Christ that don't require any additional time other than what you are already doing – during each worship service we have ushers, readers, greeters & worship tech. None of these require any special skills other than a heart for giving. Schedules are posted on the bulletin board, weekly bulletin, and monthly newsletter. Please contact the church office to be put on the schedule, at (330) 274-2849 or email at clcmantua737@yahoo.com

4 C's Local Food Pantry

July donations being collected are

Granola Bars

Soup

Peanut Butter

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



UPCOMING EVENTS



Annual Hymn Sing
July 14th




Family Campout
August 7th
More details to
come!




JOIN US FOR A SNACK & LEARN!


**ORGANIZE,
DOWNSIZE &
SELL IT!**




WHEN: July 25th, 1:30-3:30 p.m.
WHERE: Christ Lutheran Church, Fellowship Hall
RSVP : 330-388-7721 OR tina.white@exprealty.com



Joanna Ripple
FREE Senior Living
Placement Services
Assisted Living
Navigators*



Tina White
Senior Real Estate
Specialist/Licensed
Realtor
eXp Realty



Staci Reardon
Estate/Tag Sale Expert
A Family Jewel



CHRIST Lutheran CHURCH
WHO IS HUNGRY?
Community
Corn & Brat Roast

Christ Lutheran Church
10827 Main St, Mantua
Aug 10 | 5-8pm

FREE GRILLED BRATS & CORN
BOUNCE HOUSE
CORN HOLE
ACTIVITIES FOR KID &
KIDS AT HEART!



Church Picnic
August 11th



Mini Women's Retreat
August 24th
Paint & Sip
More details to come!

Sunday School News

Last day of Sunday School fun! Even the big kids joined in. We had 12 students engage in cupcakes, games outside, and our final lesson.



VBS News

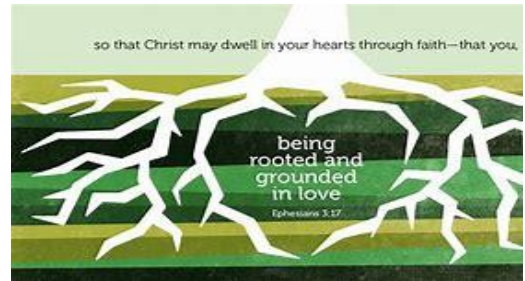
Our first day went great we had 18 students and 3 youth participate. The Akron Zoo came bringing 3 animals: Daisy the Tenrec (looks similar to a hedgehog), an armadillo, and Little One, a turtle. We got to learn about each animal and touch 2 of them with 1 finger! What an experience!

My favorite quote from our first day- We were reviewing the days of creation- we asked the students and what did God do on the 7th day? A 5 year old Dakota shared in the mic "God Retired!" All us grownups had a good laugh. Out of the mouth of babes! In a way by the time this goes to print I to will "retire."

Thank you to all those who donated food, t-shirts, random items, time, effort and energy. It truly is a group effort. Thank you to the families who cooked a meal. Made the evening go so well!

Other News

Cookbooks are available for pre-sale \$12 each! Male great gifts for the holidays or just because. They feature a personal page about each of our youth. The book is titled Feeding Faith- A cookbook for Christ Lutheran's Next Generation.



Sunday School

9:45-10:45 am

3 classrooms

Ages 3-6yrs Hannah Owen

Ages 7-12yrs Christina Eaton

Youth 13 and up Melisa Pozwick

Snack sign up posted on Sunday School board.

2023-2024 Sunday School Theme

"Rooted in Christ's Love"

Ephesians 3:17

Youth News

We will be having a **Lock In July 12th!**

Invite a friend or two!

Dinner at 6pm

7pm Bible Study with Pastor

8pm- the Shenanigans begin.

Pick up by noon on Saturday.

Bring your own pillow, blanket, blow up bed.

July 27th- Youth will be hosting a bake sale at the farmers market. 9am to 1pm.

Baked good donations are requested.

Cookbooks will also be available for purchase \$12 each.

*Stay tuned for an info meeting on the NOLA Trip the July or Aug date/time will be in the bulletin.



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Mantua Potato Festival Association

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<https://www.facebook.com/MantuaPotatoFest/>

2024 Mantua Potato Festival Sponsorship Drive Friday through Sunday, September 6th, 7th & 8th

May 5, 2024

Dear , Christ Lutheran Church

The Mantua Potato Festival Association invites you to join what has become a Mantua Village Institution! As a sponsor you become part of that institution. Your sponsorship makes the difference between a successful event – and the ability for the Association to be able to contribute to the community.

Past benefactors include these local organizations:

Mantua Police K-9 Fund

Local Church Youth Groups

Kline Family Basket Donation

Local Girls and Boy Scout Troops

Crestwood Sports Teams

Local Youth Dance Groups

All contributions of cash or in-kind products or services **gets you recognition** via signage and brochures at the event, local print media, our social media sites and window stickers for your business. Any amount is appreciated and will be acknowledged. **In addition**, with sponsorships at the below levels you will also receive:

Top Spud Supporter - \$5,000 and above: One free booth space with electricity Listing on the large banner near the event stage Listing on the banner in the Potato Festival Parade Listing on the event volunteer t-shirts Your business promoted via event loudspeaker Link to your business on our social media sites 2 invitations to dine at the Queen's Luncheon	Potato Chip Champion - \$2,500 - \$5,000: One free booth space with electricity Listing on the large banner near the event stage Listing on the banner in the Potato Festival Parade Listing on the event volunteer t-shirts Your business promoted via event loudspeaker Link to your business on our social media sites
Au Gratin Advocate - \$1,000 - \$2,500: One free booth space with electricity Listing on the large banner near the event stage Listing on the banner in the Potato Festival Parade Your business promoted via event loudspeaker Link to your business on our social media sites	Twice Baked Benefactor - \$100 - \$1,000: Listing on the large banner near the event stage Link to your business on our social media sites

Don't miss your chance to get your business noticed at the annual **Mantua Potato Festival!**

Sponsorships are usually tax deductible, check with your tax advisor. Our EIN is 34-1194255. See our **Spudtacular Sponsorship Application** on the reverse of this letter. **Thank You!**

Mantua Potato Festival Association

The Mantua Potato Festival is asking for donations for sponsorship of the festival. Above are the benefits the church would receive from such contributions. If you would like to make a donation on behalf of the church please see Christina Eaton. Thank you.

Evangelism Committee:

Our next Evangelism meeting will be July 10th. Below is the detail:

- 1.) **Update Picture Directory** – We are almost to the printer. Please look for it in the next coming weeks.
- 2.) **Corn & Brats** – We will have another meeting on **July 21st** to finalize items.
- 3.) We are creating an **emergency medical form** for our members. The location will be secured and only the Deacons and Kayla will know where the information is stored.
– Kat and Kayla maybe reaching out to get this information.
- 4.) We have a special **logo** that we would like to put on all information we send out for advertising, see Kayla for the logo.
- 5.) We are creating our **Mission Statement**. Please see Pastor if you'd like a copy.
- 6.) We are updating the handouts with all our information along with Mission Statement. We can use these for all our activities.
- 7.) We are updating information on the various online platforms. Please contact a us if you have any information you would like to include.
- 8.) Family Camp Out – **August 7th**. Bring your tent.
- 9.) We will be having a Mini Women's Retreat **August 24th**. More details to come.

Look for more exciting items as they unfold!



We had a lot of fun celebrating Pastor and Ruth's new bundle of joy!

Women's Ministry

All Women in the
Congregation

LOAVES AND FISHES COMMUNITY MEALS

July 17th 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.



The Lutheran Women's Missionary League Convention was held on June 21 & 22, 2024 in Canton, OH. Friday evening opened with a beautiful communion service. Pastor Dan Esala participated in the worship service.

On Saturday the business meeting was held to choose the next Mission Grant recipients and the new officers.

Rev. Krist Whitby from Illinois was the key note speaker. Rev. Matthew Heise from the Lutheran Heritage Foundation was the Mission speaker. Three interest sessions were held Saturday afternoon. All were excellent.

Attending from our congregation were Celia Esala, Christina Eaton, and Barb Goodell. Mary O'sicky, a former member and now a member of Hope Lutheran in Aurora also attended.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

RUMMAGE SALE

July 26 & 27

9 AM to 1 PM

Rummage Sale will be held July 26 & 27- 9 AM to 1 PM. You can bring in items starting on Thursday July 18 to Wednesday July 24. Please NO items after that date. Please DO NOT bring TV's, computer items, or large furniture. Sorting and pricing will be done during the week so the basement will be full of tables with sale items. Workers needed- call Diane for info- 330-274-2868

MANTUA FARMERS MARKET

Regular Season : July 13 – September 21

9 AM to 1 PM

All dates are Saturdays!

Join us as a vendor or buyer at the church's Mantua Farmer's Markets. Reg. season being July 13 to Sept. 21- 9 AM to 1 PM- at \$5 per date for vendor. Money will go towards church projects. Pre-season sales went well- an extra Saturday was added June 1- so we hope to add more vendors during the summer. Remember- any items can be sold so it is really a Variety Market. Call Diane for info- 330-274-2868.

CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE:

Our church is full of activities these days. It is nice to be able to take a moment and visit with our church family. But it is also nice to show the community what a wonderful church family we have. VBS was a smash. We had a lot of children from the community and plenty of volunteers. I want to thank everyone who helped make this year's VBS a blast. Look for more opportunities to help in the next few months.

As we move more to opening our doors here at Christ Lutheran, please always remember to put our best foot forward and welcome everyone as you would like to be greeted and treated. We want to show them the power of our glorious and forgiving God. I believe people are searching for kindness and support. We should make them comfortable to be in the house of the lord without shame and judgements.

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

COUNCIL MEETING:

The next council meeting will be Tuesday, July 23rd at 6:00 pm. Everyone is welcome to attend and hear what is going on with the church.

TRUSTEE:

There will be a pavilion meeting on Wednesday July 17th at 6:00.

TREASURER'S MESSAGE:

Following is our financial data from the past 3 months:

Month	Income	Expense	Net Income	YTD Net
Mar 24	\$11,760	\$10,490	\$1,270	\$1,749
Apr 24	\$15,230	\$11,205	\$4,025	\$5,773
May 24	\$9,781	\$11,615	-\$1,833	\$3,946

Tim Snodgrass

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

Becky & Dan Krichbaum

Shut-ins

Linda Koerlin, Tom Briggs,
Kay & Jill Kravcisin

Friends & Family

Steven Blunk, Michelle Paul, Patty & Denny
Pesecky, Bob Havener, Clair Havener,
Lisa Bey

Military Service

Caleb Dean Pete
Robert South
Owen Heinl

Birthday Blessings on your special day
and throughout the year!

Puran Kumar De	7/4
Jeremiah Clark	7/15
Linda Koerlin	7/15
Lexi Ballard	7/20
Thomas Briggs	7/22
Maryjane Ricksecker	7/23
Abigail Flynn	7/28

