



# The Beacon

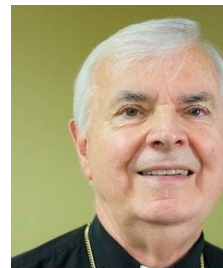
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## *From Our Interim Pastor Robert Schipul*



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

It is quiet around here. Obadiah and part of the Team are in Chicago for the Annual Meeting of Lutheran Church Charities Comfort Dog Mission. Sandra and some of the VBS team are downstairs doing some preliminary planning for August 7,9,11 sessions here at CLC. And I am writing to you about our faith community.

This is an invitation to each and every one of you to consider your role in this faith community. WE are small in number but mighty in faith and Word and action. Of course, our first expectation is that we will find strength in the community. Here is where we share in the spiritual lives each brings to Worship. When I come to church, we want to be recognized by each other. That gives us our identity among fellow believers. We are encouraged by the teachings of our Lord Jesus to manage His treasures we receive and to return a portion of those for the ministrations of the church, and asking ourselves "How well to I manage the 'rest' of the treasures; because it is all HIS anyway.

Our faith community along with every other faith community is faced with the same questions. What must I do to reach people? In Sunday's Sermon (8/16) I spoke about Jesus' words about His "Kingdom." He told Pilate at his trial..."My Kingdom is not of this world." He told His disciples in Matthew 13:26ff. "My Kingdom though is IN this world." It is like a field planted with wheat that is expected to grow. There may be weeds along the way but concentrate on the wheat.

You and I are planted in this field called Earth. The expectation is that we will grow, mature and bear fruit for the Owner. We always speak about God's expectation of us but we also need to review our expectations of ourselves. Consider your expectation of being a part of the church. Do they measure up to God's expectations of you as a part of His "Kingdom" here on earth (His earth)? That is a valid question for me to ask you to consider. When you are able to answer the question of "Why am I here?" and "What does God expect of me as a member of Christ Lutheran Church?" then, I can begin to find joyful ways of serving Him here and in my life. Jesus expects us to be ACTIVE members of His KINGDOM not passive. He expects us to serve Him by serving others. Luther likens the local church to a "nest" or a "Safe House" where people on their search can find respite and welcome and safety and love.

I pray you find that here at Christ Lutheran and I am praying that you will discover all the Lord Jesus has in mind for you.

In His Service  
Pastor Robert Schipul, EM  
Vacancy Pastor

# ***UPCOMING EVENTS***

**September 10 Rally Day**

**September 23 Yard Sale**

**October 22 District Wide Celebration of the 500<sup>th</sup>**

**October 29 Reformation Sunday**

**October 31- 500<sup>th</sup>. Anniversary of the Lutheran Reformation**

## **Capstone Visit**

Pastor Dan and Patty Schmelzer, Directors of Capstone Ministries will be in New England, August 1-28 in Connecticut and 8/28 through 9/25 in Northern NE. Patty may be with us for VBS and Dan will be with us on a weeknight or a Sunday in September. Schedules still pending.

## **Celebration of the 500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Reformation October 31, 1517.**

Our Church and District and Synod will take time this fall to remember the blessings of the Reformation of the Christian Church, which began with the posting of the 95 Concerns (Theses) of the monk: Brother Martin Luther on the Chapel Door of the Church at Wittenberg, Germany on October 31, 1517. The only impression many have is about disruptions which were caused by the rift between Brother Martin Luther, a Professor at the University of Wittenberg and his immediate colleagues, superiors and finally the Pope in Rome. Few have discussed the benefits, blessings and lasting change these dialogues brought to the Christian community. During September, October and November, we will be looking at the change the Reformation brought, and the Counter Reformation in the Catholic Church and the distancing which occurred as other groups separated from the Lutheran position and formed what we refer to as the Protestant Reformation. We will spend some time discussing reformation-the phenomena which occurs about every 500 years since the dawn of written history and what implications that might have for this decade in the world. "Stay tuned"

# Parish Nurse

As my boxes continue to be emptied, I find gems and wisdom...

## TAKE TIME

Take time to work – it is the price of success.  
Take time to think – it is the source of power.  
Take time to play – it is the secret of perpetual youth.  
Take time to read – it is the fountain of wisdom.  
Take time to be friendly – it is a road to happiness.  
Take time to dream – it is hitching your wagon to a star.  
Take time to love and be loved – it is the privilege of redeemed people.  
Take time to look around – it is too short a day to be selfish.  
Take time to laugh – it is the music of the soul.  
Take time for God – it is life's only lasting investment.

Anon

Your good health is much more than the absence of disease!

Praying constantly with thanksgiving and for your good health,

*Janet Schmitz*



## *Birthdays in August*



1—Lambert Brandes  
1—Rob Schipul  
7—Barbara Stieglitz  
7—Whitney Stuhler  
8—Alex DuBois  
9—KJ Greer  
9—Susan Thompson  
17—Carolyn Stanley  
24—Diane Herth

# Elders

Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, **who does not change** like shifting shadows. James 1:17



In this life of ours, change is the only certainty. And as change and growth are 2 sides of the same coin, it depends on us whether we experience pain or a rewarding experience during change.

At Christ Lutheran we are engrossed in change right now. Are we fighting it or accepting it and trying to grow with it? "40 Days of Community" is introducing a variety of means to accept and grow during this time.

It is easy to persist in remembering and to cling to our past. But the present offers us opportunities to create and discover new, better gifts for our future. The best news is that our God will see us through – no need to worry, no need to fret – God is with us every step we take. He is the same yesterday, today and tomorrow.

So many Bible verses tell us "call upon me in your time of need, and I will hear you." So, I think that is our primary task at this time at Christ Lutheran is **call on our Lord!** Continually, urgently, persistently, believing every moment that he has already answered our prayer.

At the prayer service tonight Pastor Bob shared a message from Max Lucado; "Want to worry less? Then pray more. Rather than look forward to fear, look upward in faith. This command surprises no one. Regarding prayer, the Bible never blushes. Jesus taught people that 'they should always pray and never lose hope.' (Luke 18:1) Paul told believers, 'Continue praying, keeping alert, and always thanking God.' (Colossians 4:2) James declared, 'Anyone who is having troubles should pray.' (James 5:13)"

Rather than worry about anything, pray about everything. Everything??... EVERYTHING!  
"40 Days of Community" considers – or has us consider:  
We are compelled to love God's family because God loves us, because God commands it, because it is how we Love God, because it shows we are saved, because we are a family, because it is practice for eternity, and because it is a witness to the world.  
We are commissioned to reach out together by being intentional, by using our small groups, by offering hospitality, by showing acceptance, by building friendships, by giving practical help, and by representing Jesus.  
We are chosen to fellowship together by admitting our need for each other, by committing to each other, by respecting each other, by supporting each other, by getting along with each other, by being patient with each other, and by being honest with each other.  
We are connected to grow together by being examples to each other, by encouraging each other, by teaching each other, by warning each other, by giving preference to each other, by confessing to each other, and by forgiving each other.  
We are called to serve together by being willing to serve, by helping each other, by being generous with each other, by being humble with each other, by using our talents to bless each other, by sacrificing for each other, and by cooperating with each other.  
We are called to worship together by worshiping weekly, by preparing for worship, by praying together, by giving our offerings together, and by celebrating together.  
If you have not seen the "40 Days of Community" book and want one, there are still some in the narthex. If we run out we can get more (they are \$8) so please ask (an elder or Pastor Bob). Please join a small group, help start a new one. I am very happy to find a place for you!

God bless your spiritual growth at this time.

For the Elders,

*Janet Schmitz*

# *Notes and What's Happening*



We are excited to announce that Vacation Bible School is scheduled for August. The dates will be Monday August 7, Wednesday August 9, and Friday August 11, from 9 am - 12 pm. A closing Service will be held Sunday, August 13, at 9:30 followed by brunch. Vacation Bible School is offering three different age groups: Pre Primary (toddler, ages 1 - 4), Primary (K - Grade 2), and Primary 2 (Grade 2 - Grade 5). The lesson plan is Son Treasure Island. A daily schedule will include a Bible lesson, outdoor play, craft activity, snack, and music sing along. Obadiah will also be joining in the fun with daily visits! Vacation Bible School is open to members, friends, cousins and the community, so please help spread the word. Enrollment forms are available at the church. Enrollment forms are also available online at [clc-scituate.org](http://clc-scituate.org), under Upcoming Events. If you would like to inquire about enrolling a child please speak to Sandra Schipul, Janet Schmitz or Holly Gay. If you are interested in volunteering please let one of us know.

See sign-up sheets to bring snacks/refreshments on Narthex door

See registration forms on Lobby table. Return ASAP so we can plan on # of students we can expect. VBS begins in 7 days!

## **Obadiah's Farmers Market**

Beginning on Sunday, July 2 and continuing every Sunday throughout the summer. There will be food items, fresh flowers, garden vegetables or fruits and some other items. All money that is raised will go towards Obadiah's care and needs. Some of these are his food, vet checks, grooming and travel expenses.

There will be a table in the Great Room set up with the bounty for that Sunday. What a unique opportunity to reap a reward for getting to church early! Obviously, everything will be available on a "first come, first serve" basis.

Obadiah says "thank you" in advance.



## *Anniversaries in August*



14—Bart Nuboer & Janet Schmitz  
15—Greg & Nancy Zappolo  
31—Walter & Sue Heller



One of my church members (Bill) is the captain for my Reach the Beach team running to raise money for Central Food Ministry (part of LCS Bedford).

+peace+  
Eric Sahlberg

*P.S. There is also another team running Reach the Beach to raise money for Seminary Distance Education for the NED.  
(Captain Jeremy Pekari)*

# Central Food Ministry



12 RUNNERS

203 MILES  
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RAISING \$5,000 FOR CFM

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In Lowell close to 5,000 households were served in FT 2016, representing almost 10,000 adults and over 5,000 children.

Volunteers worked over 10,000 hours combined in a given year.

Over 610,000 pounds of food as well as thousands of items of clothing, coats and household items are distributed annually.

Donate on line at [www.cfministry.org](http://www.cfministry.org)



# August 2017



## **Sunday, August 6**

### **9th Sunday after Pentecost**

Pastor: Lee Clark  
Greeters: The Johnson Family  
Ushers: Larry Francis & Cheryl Foote  
Lector: Charlie MacPherson  
Comm. Asst: Bruce Billings &  
Charlie MacPherson  
Altar Guild: Elsa Ryberg  
Hostess: Janet Schmitz

## **Sunday, August 6**

Scrip cards orders due

## **August 7, 9, 11 & 13**

Vacation Bible School

## **Tuesday, August 8**

Council Mtg. 7 pm

## **Sunday, August 13**

### **10th Sunday after Pentecost**

#### **VBS Sunday**

Greeter: Milt Thompson  
Ushers: Doris Leshner & Joe Kelley  
Lector: Bart Nuboer  
Comm. Asst: Milt Thompson & Cheryl Foote  
Altar Guild: Karen Kelley  
Hostess: Marybeth Francis

## **Sunday, August 20**

### **11th Sunday after Pentecost**

Greeters: The Zimonja Family  
Ushers: Bart Nuboer & Dick Johnson  
Lector: Fred Zimonja  
Comm. Asst: Joe Kelley & Andrea Hunt  
Altar Guild: Michelle Berreth  
Hostess:

## **Friday, August 18**

September Beacon Articles Due

## **Sunday, August 27**

### **12th Sunday after Pentecost**

Greeters: The Zimonja Family  
Ushers: Bart Nuboer & Joe Kelley  
Lector: Fred Zimonja  
Comm. Asst: Milt Thompson & Cheryl Foote  
Altar Guild: Annette Francis  
Hostess:

## **Weekly Events**

### **40 Days of Community Bible Study**

Mondays, 11 am @ church

### **Zappolo Bible Study**

1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays at 7 pm





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***August 7, 9 & 11 - 9 am to noon  
Sunday, August 13 - 9:30 am  
Special worship service  
Followed by brunch.***

***Sign up now***