

Cross of Christ

Crossties

May 2019



Our Mission Statement

To know Jesus Christ as Lord and make Him known.

Our Vision Statement

We are committed to reaching out to the local community and supporting world-wide ministries, as we embrace and nurture current and new brothers and sisters with our Savior's own forgiveness and love.

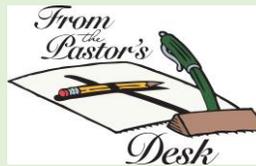
Statement of Faith

Cross of Christ is a congregation of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod. We accept and teach the inspired word of God from the Bible.



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BEHOLD THE LAMB!

Before the end of the Easter Season, we will again be singing Rev. Gerald Coleman's beautiful hymn, "The Lamb, The Lamb" with its haunting words and tune. That topic certainly brings to mind the last days of Jesus' life, so I thought it might be helpful to go back for a time to the earlier days of His ministry, in order to examine that theme a bit more.

If you remember, the first recorded statement about our Lord, as He began His public ministry, came from His cousin John as He came to be baptized: "Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world." (John 1:29)

Have you ever thought through this matter of Jesus as a Lamb? Consider with me for a few moments, His birth, His life, and His death from this perspective. Why did His birth occur as it did? Was it merely coincidence that an imperial decree took His parents to Bethlehem, that little town that produced most of the sacrificial lambs for the Temple rituals? And then where He was born? Where else should a lamb be born and spend its first day than in a stable? And who else would normally greet a newborn lamb than fellow animals and some shepherds? "Behold the Lamb!"

What about our Savior's life and His own words? He describes Himself as the Good Shepherd, tells stories and makes comments about sheep, and likens the Last Judgment to a shepherd dividing the sheep from the goats. Then, also like a lamb following a shepherd, He is led throughout His perfect life by the will of His Father, submitting meekly and never crying out to have His own way. "Behold the Lamb!"

Finally, we turn to Christ's death. According to the Mosaic Law in Exodus 12, the Passover lamb had to meet certain requirements: a first-born male, examined for three days and then declared to be without spot or blemish. Again, was it only by chance that in three years of public scrutiny, He remained spotlessly perfect – twice acknowledged to be "well pleasing" to His Heavenly Father, given no answer even from His enemies when He asked in John 8:46, "Can any of you prove me guilty of sin?", and finally declared innocent both by Pilate and by the thief on the cross beside Him? Furthermore, the Apostle John in Chapter 19, verse 11, of his Gospel account, clearly presents Jesus

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(cont.) as the Paschal Lamb by having Him placed on the cross at 12:00 noon on the day of preparation, the precise time according to Jewish law when Passover lambs were being scarified throughout the nation. “Behold the Lamb!”

In summary, this Lamb, our Savior Jesus, was perfection personified, sacrificially spotless; and He willingly went to the cross for you and me because that was the only way to “take away the sin of the world”. The Lamb of God has died for us, but even more so, on April 21st Easter Day, we celebrated that He was raised to life to assure us of eternity with Him. Now that same Lamb is enthroned beside His Father, ruling over all things with the host of heaven falling down before Him, as described in Revelation 5. Therefore, may our lips and lives forever resound into the heavens, guided by the words of St. John’s vision: “Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honor, and glory, and blessing!” Yes, indeed... “Behold the Lamb!”

May each of you be filled with the Holy Spirit’s gifts of joy and peace knowing that the victory of this Lamb of God is ours forever!

CHRIST IS RISEN! HE IS RISEN INDEED! ALLELUIA!
~Pastor Hildebrandt

National Day of Prayer ***May 2nd***

Our country focuses on the theme of **“Love One Another”**. Here locally, Pastor Jared from Stuart Heights Baptist, is organizing a gathering of Christians at noon on May 2nd, to go down to the Hamilton County Courthouse (625 Georgia Avenue) for prayer. He has graciously offered a ride on their church bus for anyone from Cross of Christ wanting to attend; just be next door at 11:15 am, as they will leave at 11:30 am to drive downtown. The event runs from noon to 1pm. There will be chairs for the elderly to sit in. We should be back at the church between 1:30-2 pm. Questions... contact Lorilynn in the church office or see further info. located on the bulletin board.



Concordia Seminary Call Day 2019 **May 1st (Wednesday), 8pm EST**

My Cross of Christ Family,

How can we ever thank you enough? Ever since we joined CoC, you have been a support to us – even more so during our Seminary journey. Your \$\$ support, your prayers, your encouraging words have made a bigger difference than you can know. Your love and concern has/will continue to shape all my ministry – because I learned much of what it means to be The Body of Christ from you!

Blessings & All My Love, Nate

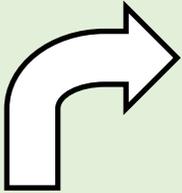
We are going to have a fellowship gathering this Wednesday night (May 1st), to watch “live” the Assignment of Calls, on the “BIG” TV donated to CoC (50 inches). Bring your popcorn, drink, burger, pizza, etc... and join us in the CoC Library. Grab your seat in the Library by 7:45pm, as the service will start at 8pm._ Be part of the excitement and see where and what part of the country our own Nate McCarty and family will be heading off to, as they begin the next chapter in their book of life.

If you are not able to attend, pull it up at home on your computer at CALLDAY.CSL.EDU (Events start at 4pm, with the Assignment of Vicarages & Internships and then at 8pm with the Assignment of Calls.)

Please keep Nathan and his family in prayer as they near the end of their seminary experience. The Service of Praise (for the conferring of the Theological Diploma) will be at 10am on May 17th in the Chapel of St. Timothy and St. Titus; with Commencement Exercises to be held at 7pm in the Main Quadrangle.



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STEWARDSHIP CORNER

GIVING SACRIFICIALLY

A husband and wife who were traveling around the world saw a boy in Korea one day pulling a crude plow in a field, while an old man held the plow handles and directed it through the rice paddy. The husband was amused by the sight and took a snapshot of the scene.

“That’s very curious,” he remarked to the missionary who was their interpreter and guide. “I suppose they are poor.”

“Yes,” said the missionary. “That is the family of Chi Noui. When the church was built they were eager to give something to it, but they had no money, so they sold the only ox they had and gave the money to the church. This spring they are pulling the plow themselves.”

The husband and wife were silent. Then the wife said, “That was a real sacrifice.”

“They did not call it that,” said the missionary. “They thought it was fortunate they had an ox to sell.”

The two tourists had not much to say, but, when they reached home, they took the photograph to the church and told their pastor about the incident. “We want to double our pledge to the church,” they said, “and give us some plow work to do. We never knew what gratitude or joy or sacrifice really meant until now.”

God spoke to this couple, through their experience in Korea, about the joy that comes from giving. In His Word, God speaks to all of us about the importance of giving. Jesus said, “*It is more blessed to give than to receive.*” (Acts 20:35). He also said, “*Freely you have received, freely give.*” (Matthew 10:8). If we choose not to give faithfully and generously, we forego the blessings that God gives to those who give cheerfully. There is no better time than now to examine your level of giving, and, if need be, to take a leap of faith and increase your giving. In the words of Winston Churchill, “We make a living by what we get; but we make a life by what we give.”

Lord, we thank You for choosing us as Your stewards. Grant us the faith to be God-pleasing stewards. We pray that, through Your Holy Spirit, Your will becomes our will. In Your precious name we pray. Amen.



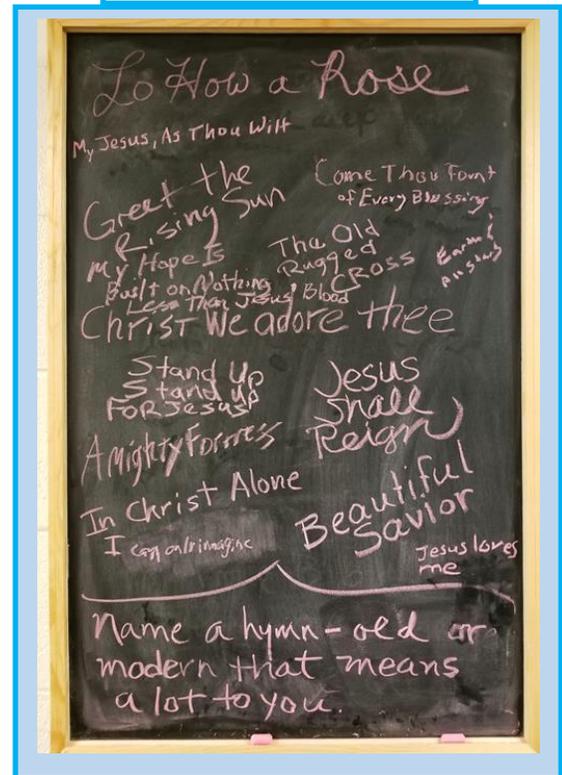
Cross of Christ Reads!

We will meet on Thursday night, May 16th from 6-8pm at the Panera Bread Company in Hixson. Our book of the month is *Hillbilly Elegy* by J.D. Vance. This is a work of non-fiction. Come and join us as we share a meal and discuss our latest book. See you there! Stay pollen free and read a good book!

~ Sylvia Hildebrandt HTexasNatives@gmail.com

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CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

Confirmation Sunday will be May 26th.
Our confirmands this year are Chloe Doebler,
Jack Doebler, Zoe Riethmeier
and Dylan Woodward.
Please extend your blessings to them on this
memorable day in their spiritual life.



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CHURCH NOTES

✚ The *Quarterly Voters' Meeting...*

has been rescheduled to Sunday, June 2nd (instead of May 5th) at 11:45 a.m. There will be a potluck lunch prior to the meeting. We will be feasting on turkey and ham, donated to CoC. Eunice will be putting together a potato dish, along with green beans. We are asking attendees to bring a salad and/or dessert to share with others. All funds collected during the free-will offering will go toward the Youth Trip. We are hoping by June 2nd to be at or near our goal of \$6,500. The Youth will also be serving the meal and working in the kitchen before and after the meal.

We invite you to stay for lunch and fellowship with us prior to the meeting, even if you are not able to stay for the short meeting. Not very often are we able to get members from both services together for a noon meal. *"Where two or three come together in my name, there am I with them."* (Matthew 18:20)

The meeting should not be long this quarter. Updates regarding current building projects and misc. congregational issues & concerns will be addressed. If you have anything that you want added to the agenda, please contact Larry Zehnder (653-8105).

✚ We continue to look for 1-2 volunteers to count the offerings one Sunday a month. The usual time to count is after Bible Class on Sunday (taking approx. an hour), but the time and day can be adjusted.

Contact Barbara Wyatt with questions and to volunteer your assistance (309-5286). Thank you.



Celebrating March/April/May Birthdays...

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THE
MAY BIRTHDAY CLUB LUNCH...**

May 11th at 11:30 a.m. (CST)
***** Aubrey's (Northgate Mall) *****

The sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board. **The deadline for signing up is noon on Thursday, May 9th.** Coordinating and hostessing our March/April/May event at "Aubrey's" are Eunice Timm and Joyce Skiles. Please note on the sign-up sheet if you need a ride, otherwise we will see you at the restaurant. Our honorees for March/April/May birthdays are Barbara Conn, Mary Myers, Jo Parham, Irma Pinkerton, Maria Rabbio and Cara Welsh. *Questions... please contact Jamie Mofsky (774-1033).*

MEN...by means of this article, all men of the church are invited to **gather for lunch on the same day, at Mi Mi's Deli & Bakery**, in the strip mall between Zaxby's and O'Charley's-across from Northgate Mall. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board for you also. *Please contact Brad Mofsky (706-996-6616) if you need better directions.*

Thank you to Jamie and Brad Mofsky for taking on the Ladies and Men's Coordinator positions in 2019.

January/February
Birthday Lunch Gatherings
at O'Charley's



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SPRING SPRUCE-UP 2019

Thank you to everyone who helped with our Spring Spruce-Up Day! We had a good number of volunteers, plus many donations of flowers and some new shrubs. The grounds looked beautiful for Palm Sunday, Holy Week and Easter Sunday. (They are looking especially good with all the rain we have received lately.) Each of our volunteers, no matter what project/event you assist with, is a blessing to our church! Thank you!!



Chattanooga Community Kitchen

Cross of Christ will be serving lunch to the homeless on Wednesday, May 22nd. We are still needing a couple volunteers, as Arlene will not be available (meet at CoC 10:15am to carpool and we are done serving at 12:30 sharp.) Contact Arlene Vickers (text is best 410-897-2121) with any offers of help or questions. (On the 22nd, Tony and Donna will be leading the charge!)



Volunteers serving lunch at Chattanooga Community Kitchen (l.to r.) Pat Stehr, Emily Vickers (Arlene's granddaughter), John Stehr, Donna Flippin and Tony Pessini. (Arlene is behind the camera.)

RIVERMONT SNACK PACKS

May 1, 4:00pm – This will be the last time for packing Snack Packs for this school year. **Thanks to all our faithful packers!!! A BIG "THANK YOU"** to the ladies behind the scenes who prepare everything for packing... Arlene Vickers & Judy Zehnder!



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May Worship Ministry

Acolytes (Sunday 9:00 a.m. Service)

05 Zachary Land
12 Nathan Pugh
19 Zachary Land
26 Nathan Pugh

Altar Guild

Donna Flippin & Karen Miller

Elders

Saturday Evening Service:

Scott Brewster

Sunday 9:00 a.m. Service

Mike Witherby & Bob Timm

Greeters

(Saturday 6:00 p.m.)	(Sunday 9:00 a.m.)
04 Jamie/Brad Mofsky	05 Patricia/John Stehr
11 Donna/Mark Wachholz	12 Karen Miller
18 Rhonda/Joel Duncan	19 Donna/Marc Flippin
25 Eloise Bartlett	26 Maria/Tony Pessini

Readers

(Saturday 6:00 p.m.)	(Sunday 9:00 a.m.)
04 Brad Mofsky	05 John Stehr
11 Mark Wachholz	12 Matt Doebler
18 Rhonda Duncan	19 Jane/John Rudat
25 Lorilynn Baier	26 Tony Pessini

Ushers

Saturday 6:00 p.m. Service

Scott Brewster

Sunday 9:00 a.m. Service

Zachary Land, Jim Walpert, Nathan Pugh



The Young Adult Bible Study, Bibles & Brews, meets every Thursday at 8pm in the Terminal Brewhouse, for Christian fellowship, encouragement in the Word of God, and a good brew!

We welcome young adults from across the city!

If you are interested or know of a young adult who would enjoy this time of fellowship, follow us on Facebook to get the latest updates on the group.

Questions... Rebekah Hildebrandt (314-2044), Nyssa Hunt (991-5891) or Pastor.



THANK YOU to those that provided the candy used in the Easter eggs. Everyone had a great time finding (and hiding) the Easter Eggs. We greatly appreciate your participation and donations to our events.

Mark your calendar as the dates have been set for VBS 2018!! **June 28th, 29th & 30th - We are holding a weekend VBS this year! How exciting!!** Watch here for more info. and updates.

If you have any questions or ideas for youth events, please contact Nikki Holcomb at (770-356-1202).

YOUTH GROUP UPDATE

We are focusing all our energy into helping to fund those attending the **LCMS National Youth Gathering in Minneapolis, July 11-15**. Zachary Land, Zoe Riethmeier and Tori Woodward will be attending, with the chaperones being Rebekah Hildebrandt and Matt Doebler. We are nearing our **goal of \$6,500**; which includes flying out of Nashville on the 11th and back on the 15th, plus hotel and food costs. We have all paid separately for our registration costs. Mark your calendars for our last push efforts to raise our money... **May 12 – Mother's Day Bake Sale; May 18th – Youth Car Wash; and June 2nd – Youth Serving Lunch** to our members just prior to the quarterly Voters' Meeting (free-will offering will be taken). *Thank you CoC Members for helping us achieve our goal!! Thank you Nyssa Hunt for being our project leader & motivator!*

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** Ready to get out of the house on a Tuesday morning and fellowship with others? Drop by the church and join the quilters for a couple of hours at 9:30 a.m., male or female helpers! You'll find them sewing seams on the sewing machines, tying knots on the quilts, or pinning a quilt and batting together, plus much more. Laughter, fellowship and some good snackin' go on in the Fellowship Hall on Tuesday mornings. You can access the quilting area from the Office entrance (steps) or use the Nursery back entrance (ramp). (You can park in the lower lot.) The downstairs back hallway and the Fellowship Hall are already filling up with many beautiful quilts...and its only May 1st!

** Have a wedding, graduation, anniversary or birthday coming up and need a special gift? How about a handmade quilt? Quilts are available for purchase any time throughout the year for \$50.00. (Take a look at all the quilts, then talk to any lady in the congregation and they can get you hooked up with a quilter.) All money received gets reinvested into quilting supplies.

** From the Senior Youth... Thank you quilters for the beautiful quilts you made and donated

LWML Planning Ahead:

- **Good Shepherd will host the LWML Chattanooga Zone Spring Christian Workshop on Saturday, May 18th.** Registration and fellowship time begins at 9:30am. The meeting begins at 10. Hygiene Kits for the Homeless will also be put together during our meeting as a servant event. **ALL Cross of Christ Church members are asked to help collect 100 wide-toothed combs and 100 individual hand wipes (a special collection box labeled LWML Christian Life Workshop is on the table by the church office).** All women of the congregation are invited to attend and participate. Questions...need a ride... call Irma Pinkerton (842-4777).

SPECIAL UPCOMING EVENTS

May 4 (Saturday) - You are invited to the 75th Annual Tennessee LLL District Convention at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church. Registration ended on April 29th (Monday), but you are still welcome to come & join us. Registration begins at 9:30 a.m. The time is NOW to reach others for Christ. The Tennessee LLL District is celebrating their 75th Anniversary at their annual conference and sponsoring a Chattanooga Servant Work Day for those attending. Join us to celebrate mission and ministry Tennessee LLL District. Questions... contact Larry Zehnder (653-8105) or Pastor.

May 5-12 - FAMILY DINNER WEEK (Benefiting families in Transition at the Maclellan Shelter for Families, which is affiliated with Chattanooga Community Kitchen) Dine at these participating restaurants the week of May 5-12 and 10% of the proceeds from your meal will directly benefit families who are currently calling "The Maclellan Shelter for Families" their temporary home. The four (4) participating restaurants this year are "State of Confusion, Chicken-w-Bones, Stir and Embargo 62". If you have questions... contact Joni Rennhack (843-670-5966) or Tony Pessini (702-326-3829).

May 10 (Friday) - 3L Summit (Living your faith, Loving God's people, Learning to disciple) in Nashville The 3L Summit is a FREE dynamic evangelism event for laypeople, hosted by the Mid-South District LCMS (8:30am - 3:15pm). Carpooling from CoC may be available. Laypeople from across the Mid-South District will be encouraged in their personal evangelism efforts by two LCMS pastors who are powerful speakers on the topic of gospel-sharing. For more info. check out... <https://mid-southlcms.org/3L-Nashville/> or contact Larry Zehnder.



Happy
90th
Birthday
to Don
Lee!

You're a long way from England young lad, but that sure is a good-looking lassie at your side!

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Belvoir Christian Academy

Dates to Remember!

- May 1 to 3 - 7th & 8th graders visit Wesley Woods
- May 6 to 10 - Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week
- May 9 - Open House for Prospective Families (4-7pm)
- May 17 - 8th Grade Graduation Banquet at Good Shephard Lutheran Church (GSLC)
- May 21 - PK4 Graduation in BCA Gym (9am)
- May 22 - 8th Grade Graduation at GSLC (7pm)
- May 23 - BCA Field Day & Talent Show
- May 24 - 4th Quarter Ends
- May 28 - Summer Camp Start

Nathan and Alison Pugh during "Muffins with Mom"



Belvoir Christian Academy

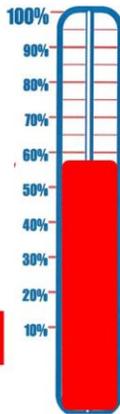


ANNUAL FUND

BCA's Fundraising Goal:

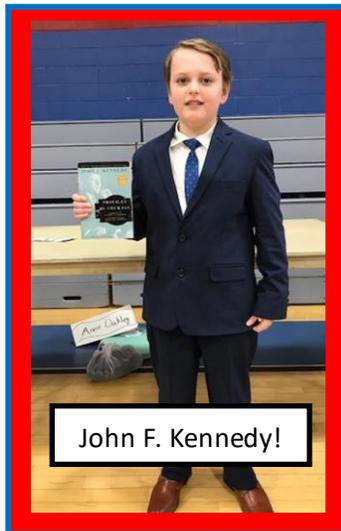
\$150,000

Please Use Your Blessings to Help Build a Strong Foundation for Others.



Thank You, Belvoir Christian Academy Annual Fund Supporters!

Belvoir Christian Academy offers a sincere "THANK YOU" to all church members who have faithfully and generously supported the BCA Annual Fund! We have raised a good portion of our goal to raise \$150,000 for the 2018-2019 school year. If you have not had a chance to offer a gift to benefit BCA and its students and programs, please prayerfully consider doing so by June 30, 2019. You may donate online at BCALIONS.org, or send your gift to Belvoir Christian Academy, 800 Belvoir Ave., Chatt., TN 37412.



John F. Kennedy!



Sights at BCA...
 Grandparents' Day – Living History Museum – Spirit Day – Scholastic Book Fair



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Thank you to Food City and Luther for helping us obtain 14 cases of hearty soups. (Food City donated 2 of the cases.) Thank you to Donna Flippin for getting a grant from Thrivent to obtain additional cases of soup to benefit the Food Bank.



Chattanooga Area Food Bank Pick Up



CoC "Can" Do and "Can" Did!! 490 cans collected in 2019!



HEALING HOSPITALITY

Repeated headlines about violence can make us "feel like locking our doors and never entering society again," writes pastor and author Max Lucado. After another mass shooting, he penned an online opinion piece that urged people to do the exact opposite by opening their doors, their hearts and their circles.

"It's no accident that *hospitality* and *hospital* come from the same Latin word," Lucado writes, "for they both lead to the same result: healing. When you open your door to someone, you are sending this message: 'You matter.'"

Because daily life is filled with rejections, extending an invitation — even to a simple meal — can be life-altering, Lucado contends. What you think is a messy house might be a sanctuary to someone else, "and to those who eat alone every night, pork and beans on paper plates tastes like filet mignon." Our kitchen tables are "God's secret weapons in the war on fear," Lucado says. "We never know what one meal will do."

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ELECTRONIC GIVING IS GOOD FOR YOU AND THE CHURCH

WISH YOU COULD MAKE YOUR WEEKLY/MONTHLY OFFERING A DIRECT DEPOSIT TO THE CHURCH?

You can!! We have researched and checked with various companies and have decided to stay with our current provider Vanco. We have available to our members 'Vanco Solutions', where you can sign-up and have your donations directly deposited to the church. Electronic gifts are fast and secure, and they reduce administrative costs, allowing more of every dollar to fund the important work we are called to do.

- You decide the schedule and manage recurring donations.
- You decide if you want to make a weekly/monthly offering as a direct deposit to the church.

ELECTRONIC GIVING... DOES MY DONATION HAVE ANY FEES TAKEN OUT, AS I WANT MY CHURCH TO GET 100% OF THE FUNDS?? – This is a frequent question Barbara and Lorilynn have been getting, after introducing 'Vanco Solutions' to our members for Electronic Giving. There is no charge to you, the giver of a donation, regardless if it is a one-time special gift or a recurring monthly donation. Vanco does not deduct a user fee from your donation. **100% of your donation goes to the church!** (The church does get charged a minor monthly fee, but that fee is a budgeted amount and is very minimal in price.)

When using 'Vanco Solutions', you won't have to remember if you donated last week or last month. Electronic donations/gifts to the church are taken care of for you. It's easy... select where you want your funds taken from (your checking or savings account), the frequency of your donation (weekly and you name the day, or monthly on the 1st or the 15th), and where you designate your donation to be credited (Operating Fund or divide your donation among different areas – i.e. part to the General Operating Fund, part to the Building Fund, part to Choir Fund).

Forms are on the table in the back of the Narthex. After completing the form, you can drop off your form (preferable in a sealed envelope) at the church office (slide it under Lorilynn's door), mail it to the church office (Attn: Barbara Wyatt) or hand it directly to Barbara. If you have any questions, please talk to or call Barbara (423-309-5286).



*Wisdom
from
Erma Bombeck*

Graduation day is tough for adults. They go to the ceremony as parents. They come home as contemporaries. After 22 years of child-raising, they are unemployed.



JOYS OF MOTHERHOOD

- A hug for no reason.
- Belly laughs.
- The light-bulb moment when your child understands something you've been trying to teach them.
- Smiles and giggles.
- Mud pies.
- Arms raised in the air after a big accomplishment.
- Hearing Scripture and prayer from your child's lips.
- Quiet moments on the couch.
- Reading aloud together.
- A family meal filled with conversation and laughter.
- Watching your child be kind to another.
- Recognizing a moment you'd like to freeze in time.
- A child's look of surprise and joy.
- A quiet conversation that heals a wounded heart.
- The words "I love you" — and a sticky kiss.

~Unknown

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Newsletter Information

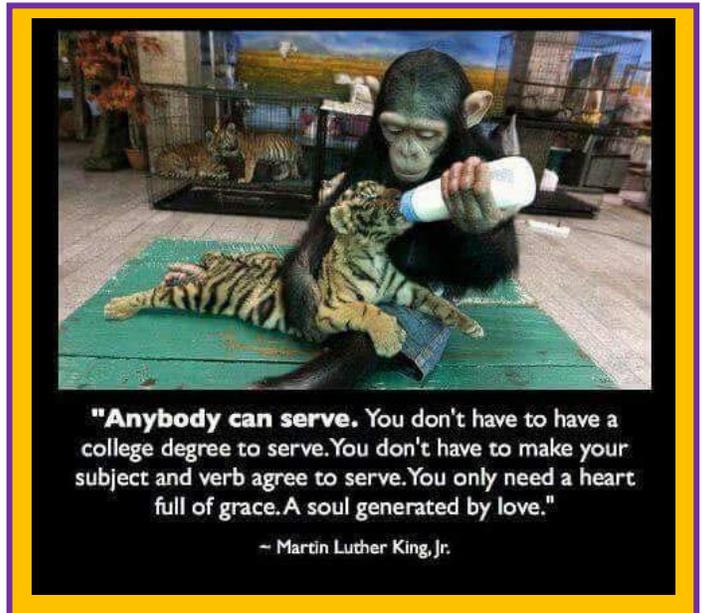
For your newsletter submissions, please send them to newsletter@cocluth.com by May 22nd. Please continue to submit photographs for the newsletter, as these are greatly appreciated by all, especially our homebound! Send any updates/information for the web site to the church office church@cocluth.com and they will be forwarded and processed. Thank you!



Scenes from "Taco Night" at one of our Lenten Dinners, hosted by our Youth... Don't you just wonder what was going on!? (Make up your own captions! Look at Bonnie! The 3 guys look like they just lost their best friend. And Eunice & Lorilynn...what can we say!)



The LWML Ladies found a few more of our famous "Food for my Household" cookbooks. These were compiled by the LWML in 1988 and many of the recipes that are shared at potluck dinners, can be found in here. Price - \$6.00 for one or 2 for \$10.00. All funds go back into the LWML account for use within our own congregation, such as confirmand gifts, support for our seminarian, etc...



"Anybody can serve. You don't have to have a college degree to serve. You don't have to make your subject and verb agree to serve. You only need a heart full of grace. A soul generated by love."

~ Martin Luther King, Jr.

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A few more Easter Egg Hunt pictures. What a fantastic day the Lord provided us on Easter Sunday!

How blessed we are to have a large church campus for events!



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Auto Loans

If you have just started shopping for a vehicle, you can apply online and get preapproved to determine the amount you may borrow. If you already have a vehicle and would like to refinance it for a lower payment or get cash out, we would love to assist with that as well!

New And Used Auto Loans

- LutheranFCU works with auto dealers in all 50 states for purchases. No private party purchase transactions.
- LutheranFCU Car Buying Service (powered By TRUE Car – see below)
- Loans from \$5,000 up to \$50,000 available
- Refinances also available
- Fixed monthly payments and no penalty for early payoff
- Competitive fixed interest rates starting at 3.25% corresponding APR of 3.27% *
- Finance up to 125% of the NADA retail value subject to credit review
- Our online application takes only 10 minutes to complete with quick decision response times
- Loans available for a vehicle up to ten (10) years old

Our Car Buying Service powered by TrueCar® provides a streamlined and hassle-free way to find, buy, and save on a new or used vehicle. *Access to a nationwide network of participating dealerships offering established pricing.* *Saves you time and money at the dealership.* *Gives members the ability to research and see what other people in your area paid for a similar car.* *Apply with LutheranFCU to get your preapproval letter.*

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SPRING GEMS TO SHARE...

Mildred Beckmann's Bread Pudding (and other life lessons)

Bread Pudding

Use slightly dry bread or fresh will do
(I guess about 8 slices or more to fill baking dish)
3 (or 4) eggs
Some sugar and vanilla
Enough milk to about cover
Dot with butter
Bake 350° until brown

Chocolate Sauce

T. flour
(more if needed to thicken, but probably not)
T. cocoa
Sugar
Butter
Vanilla
Mix with hot water and cook

Tolerance- One person is no better or worse than the rest.

The fresh bread works as well as the dry bread.

Simplicity- Use just enough, no more.

Please don't waste what God has given us.

Flexibility- Be willing to change if needed. It doesn't have to be perfect to work.

Patience- Take your time to do the job to completion. It will be finished when it is finished!

Faith & Trust- Believe me, with the lack of specifics in this recipe, you have to have faith & trust that it will turn out alright.

With these two ingredients, it always turns out alright.

Thank you Jane Rudat for sharing your mother's recipe. (Jane shared with me that it was printed, passed out and read at her mother's memorial service. She was a great cook and a woman of great faith.)

CINNAMON CHEESE SQUARES:

2 pkgs. refrigerated crescent rolls
2 - 8 oz. cream cheese, softened
1 cup granulated sugar
1 egg, separated
1 tsp vanilla
1/2 cup granulated sugar
1/2 tsp ground cinnamon
1/2 cups sliced almonds

Directions: Unroll 1 pkg of rolls and spread in bottom of 9 x 13" pan. Mix softened cream cheese, 1 cup sugar, egg YOLK, and vanilla until smooth. Spread over crust. Unroll 2nd pkg. of rolls and spread over cheese mixture to form top crust. Beat egg white until frothy, spread over top crust. Mix 1/2 cup sugar, cinnamon and nuts. Spread over top crust. Bake 350 degrees for 30-35 minutes. Allow to cool and cut into squares.

*This was a requested recipe by many of a delicious "Sunday Morning" snack, made by Eunice Timm.
Thank you for sharing Eunice!*



On Palm Sunday we welcomed eight (8) new members to CoC. We will be getting pictures and bio's out soon. Until then, introduce yourself to Jim & Shari Dupuis, Steve & Teresa Hasting, Judith Pierson, Lori Mattes, Rose Roelofs, and Delores Zachary and have them tell you a little about themselves and how they came to be at CoC. Welcome to the family!

EASTER LILIES FOR THE SANCTUARY DONATED BY

Nancy Ashby

In memory of Bill and Irene Tipps

Lorilynn Baier

In honor of my son Justin and his wife, Lindsay
and my daughter Marisa and her husband, Stephen

Eloise Bartlett

In memory of her parents, Charles and Verna Igou
Dedicated to her son & family - Jason, Emily and Ryan Bartlett

Kathryn Branson

In memory of Hermann and Irene Schwausch

Holly and John Clemmons

In celebration of our beautiful blessings of children - Katie and Caleb

Roberta Dalpini

In honor of my children - Doug, Karen and Tom

Marc and Donna Flippin

In memory of our grandparents and parents

Ethel Hamilton

To The Glory Of God

Pastor and Sylvia Hildebrandt

In Honor Of Our Risen Lord!

Carl, Esther and Nyssa Hunt

In memory of Sara Hunt

Evelyn Keel

To The Glory Of God

Karen Miller

In memory of Richard Dalpini

Jo Parham

In memory of Albert and Mildred Johnson

Scott and Sherry Reed

In memory of Walter Leon and Dorothy Barksdale Reed (Scott's parents)
and Virginia Moore Shutt (Sherry's mother)

Joni Rennhack

In memory of Matt Rennhack

Betty Riddle

In memory of Martha Westburg

Rose Roelofs

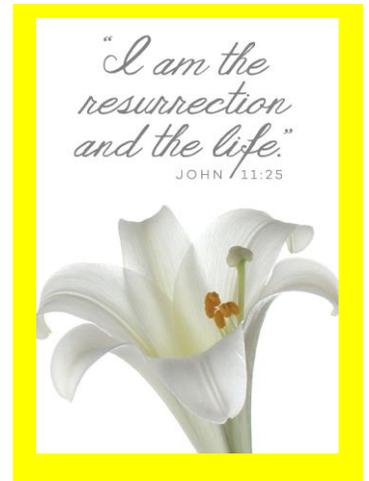
In memory of Bill and Irene Tipps

Pat and John Stehr

Dedicated to Brittany Stehr's graduation from Lee University (Magna cum laude)

Paul and Barbara Wyatt

Thankful for all of God's daily blessings



CROSS OF CHRIST – MAY 2019

YOUTH SILENT AUCTION RESULTS

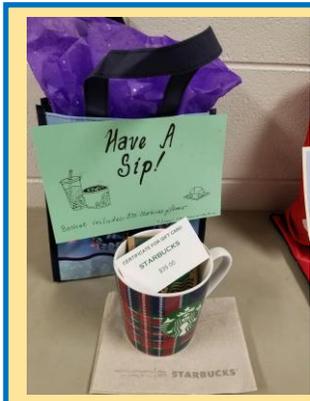
<u>Auction Item</u>	<u>Winning Bid and Bidder</u>
Easter Basket	\$28.00 Al Whitbeck (our contractor)
Movie Night Gift Card	\$45.00 Glenda Porter
Shopping Spree Gift Card	\$70.00 Joni Rennhack
Spring Clean-Up Basket & Lowe's Gift Card	\$100.00 Margie Lee
Take A Trip Basket & Gas Card	\$55.00 Lorilynn Baier
Quilting Books	\$10.00 Barbara Conn
Have A Sip & Starbucks Gift Card	\$50.00 Bob Pinkerton
Pink Quilt	\$80.00 Maria Rabbio
Multi-Colored Table Runner	\$ 5.00 Lorilynn Baier
Summer's Coming Wine Basket	\$36.00 Al Whitbeck
Farm Scene Pillow Material	\$10.00 Holly Clemmons
VOLS Basket	\$80.00 Byron Brakenhoff
Fernando's Restaurant Dinner for 2 Gift Card	\$45.00 Lorilynn Baier
New Home Starter Kit	\$100.00 Bob Timm
Step Into Spring Exercise Stepper	\$30.00 Karen Miller
Blue Quilt	\$80.00 Natalie Doeber
Dinner at Your Favorite Restaurant Gift Card	\$50.00 Maria Rabbio

FOR A GRAND TOTAL OF \$1,000.00 (with cash donations & an anonymous donor)

We hope you all had fun during the Silent Auction and we thank you for your gracious donations for our trip to Minneapolis for the LCMS National Youth Gathering.

Thank you to Cara Welsh, K.C. Welsh (on her Spring Break) and Lorilynn Baier for the displays, baskets, and everything else that a silent auction needs to be a success. You ladies "rock"!

UPDATE ON OUR YOUTH TRIP BUDGET GOAL – We are so close to our goal of \$6,500. We only have approximately \$500 left to raise. We are going in for the final push!! (We hope to have all the funds raised by June 5th.) Our goal chart is on the bulletin board!



YOUTH CAR WASH

We have held 2 car washes and raised approximately \$700. We will be holding one last car wash on May 18th. Please plan to stop by and get your car nice and clean!



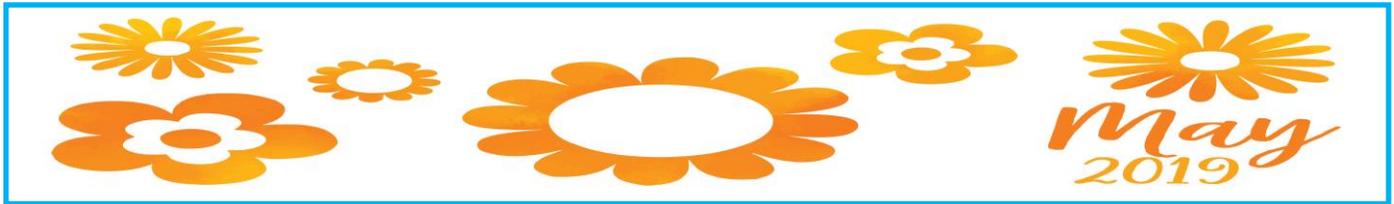
YOUTH BAKE SALE

We raised approximately \$200 at our first Bake Sale. We will be having another on Mother's Day, May 18th. Grab a baked good for a Mother's Day gift!

YOUTH EGG SALES

The hens are producing and have donated to us approximately \$250 in egg sales. Thank you to the Doeblner family for sharing the eggs with us!

CROSS OF CHRIST – MAY 2019



Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
<p>Pastor will be attending "CALL DAY" in St. Louis on May 1st. He will also be heading back to St. Louis to attend Nate's Conferring of the Theological Diploma & the Commencement Exercises on May 17th.</p>	<p>MAY 5-12 Family Dinner Week <i>(see article)</i></p>		<p>1 * MAY DAY * * "NO" Jr. Confirmation *4 pm Snack Packs *7 pm Adult Choir *8 pm "CALL DAY" Gathering-Library (see article)</p>	<p>2 * NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER * *11:15 am Bus to Downtown for Prayers (see article) *6:30 pm Crossways *8 pm Bibles & Brews</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4 *9:30 am TN District LLL Conference & Service Day (Good Shepherd) (see article) *6 pm Worship w/Holy Communion</p>
<p>5 *9 am Worship w/Holy Communion *10:15 am Bible Class & Sunday School *7 pm Bell Choir</p>	<p>6 *10 am Pastor at Nursing Home Bible Study *7 pm Boy Scouts</p>	<p>7 *9:30 am Quilters</p>	<p>8 *5:30 pm Jr. Confirmation *7 pm Adult Choir</p>	<p>9 *4 pm BCA Open House *6:30 pm Crossways *8 pm Bibles & Brews</p>	<p>10 *8:30 am 3L Summit (see article)</p>	<p>11 *11:30 am Ladies Birthday Lunch at Aubrey's (see article) *6 pm Worship</p>
<p>12 * MOTHER'S DAY * *9 am Worship *YOUTH Bake Sale *10:15 am Bible Class & Sunday School *7 pm Bell Choir</p>	<p>13 *10 am Pastor at Nursing Home Bible Study *7 pm Elders Mtg. *7 pm Boy Scouts</p>	<p>14 *9:30 am Quilters</p>	<p>15 *5:30 pm Jr. Confirmation *NO Adult Choir</p>	<p>16 *6-8 pm CoC Reads! *6:30 pm Crossways *8 pm Bibles & Brews</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18 * ARMED FORCES DAY * *9am-3pm YOUTH Car Wash *9:30 am LWML Zone Rally (see article) *6 pm Worship w/Holy Communion</p>
<p>19 *9 am Worship w/Holy Communion *10:15 am Bible Class & Sunday School *NO Bell Choir</p>	<p>20 *10 am Pastor at Nursing Home Bible Study *7 pm Boy Scouts</p>	<p>21 *9:30 am Quilters</p>	<p>22 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE *10:15 pm Meet & Go to CCK & Serve Lunch (see article) *5:30 pm Jr. Confirmation * NO Adult Choir</p>	<p>23 *6:30 pm Crossways *8 pm Bibles & Brews</p>	<p>24 *NOON* CHURCH OFFICE CLOSES</p>	<p>25 *6 pm Worship</p>
<p>26 *CONFIRMATION SUNDAY* *9 am Worship *10:15 am Bible Class & Sunday School</p>	<p>27 * MEMORIAL DAY * CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED</p>	<p>28 *9:30 am Quilters</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30 *ASCENSION* *6:30 pm Crossways *8 pm Bibles & Brews</p>	<p>31</p>	<p>Please note-JUNE 2nd 11:45 am Lunch (hosted by Youth Group) 12:45 pm Qtly Voters Mtg.</p>