CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

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BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS: Please send to secretary@christlutheransc.ca.

Deadline for submission is Thursday at 9 a.m.

GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY

<u>Prayer</u>: Almighty God, merciful Father, since You have wakened from death the Shepherd of Your sheep, grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may know the voice of our Shepherd and follow Him that sin and death may never pluck us out of Your hand; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

9:00 a.m. - Contemporary Service with Holy Communion (Musicians: Heaven Help Us)

Hymns: Shine Jesus Shine, Open the Eyes of My Heart,

(Communion: Your Love is Amazing, Free), Did You Feel the Mountains Tremble

10:00 a.m. – Sunday School, CHAT, Bible Study, Coffee

11:00 a.m. – DS3 Traditional with Holy Communion (Musician: Jennifer Page)

Hymns: 711, (Communion: 740, 487, 468), 710, 709

WELCOME GUESTS & VISITORS: Welcome to Christ Lutheran Church! If this is your first time with us please sign our Guest Registry in the back of the church by the double doors. If you are visiting and would like to receive the sacrament of Holy Communion please talk to the pastor before the service. May our gracious and loving Lord bless you as you worship Him.

WE THANK OUR ASSISTANTS FOR TODAY'S SERVICES:

GREETERS: 11 a.m. Ray Anderson
ELDERS: 9 a.m: John Gondosch
11 a.m. Glenn Pink

COFFEE HOUR: Marge Stark Karen Brauch

PLEASE KEEP Pastor Makey (and Linda) in your prayers as he continues to serve us as vacancy pastor. We thank God that He has blessed us with such a compassionate shepherd. God Bless you Pastor and Linda as He enables you to work among and with us!

<u>ANNUAL REPORT</u>: Please hand in your reports for 2017 to: <u>secretary@christlutheransc.ca</u> Thank you!

A LITTLE BIT OF HUMOUR ©: On the sixth day, God turned to Archangel Gabriel and said, "Today I am going to create a land called Canada. It will be a land of outstanding natural beauty. It shall have tall majestic mountains full of mountain goats and eagles, beautiful sparkling lakes, bountiful with bass and trout, forests full of elk and moose, high cliffs over-looking sandy beaches with an abundance of sea life, and rivers stocked with salmon." God continued, "I shall make the land rich in resources so as to make the inhabitants prosper, I shall call these inhabitants Canadians, and they shall be known as the most friendly people on the earth."

"But Lord," asked Gabriel, "don't you think you are being too generous with these Canadians?" "Not really," replied God. "Just wait and see the winters I am going to give them!" (submitted by Pastor Makey—with humour to help us thru our "winter" ©

DAILY SCRIPTURE MEDITATIONS:

Monday: Eph. 5: 8-14 Wed.: Col. 3: 16-24 Friday: 11 Tim. 2: 8-13 Tuesday: John 6: 66-69 Thurs.: Matt. 21: 12-17 Sat.: 1 Sam. 16: 14-23

EVENTS THIS WEEK:

Monday: 6:00 p.m. – Sewing for Haiti 7:30 p.m. - Choir

Tuesday: 9:30 a.m. – Precious Moments 10:00 a.m. – Luther Manor Bible Study Wednesday: 10:00 a.m. – SOUL Bingo-Sing-A-Long 7:15 p.m. – Recovery Meeting

Thursday 10:00 a.m. – SOUL Crafts 7:30 p.m. – Band Practice

Friday: 10:00 a.m. – MAD Friday (SOUL)

Next Sunday: 2:00 p.m. - Call Meeting

LUTHER MANOR BIBLE STUDY: Please note that the last Luther Manor Bible Study class will be held on Tuesday, April 24th, (we will break for fishing season) and resume in September.

<u>The Annual General Meeting of Luther Manor</u> will be held on Wednesday, April 25 at 7:00 p.m. in the Common Room of Luther Manor. If you are interested in becoming a member of the Corporation, please speak to Frank Parkhouse, Don Fretz or Karen McCumber.

Our next call meeting will be held on Sunday, April 29th at 2:00 p.m.

(Heavenly Father you are the giver of all good gifts. Thank you that you have been with us throughout this vacancy. We pray that you would prepare our hearts and minds to call the Pastor, YOU would have us call. Give us wisdom, patience, and understanding. If it be Your will, that he would come and serve your people here, help us to realize change is a part of growth. Continue to shape and mould us as a congregation, to be effective in reaching out to others. In Jesus Name, Amen)

EDLYA: All Young Adults (18-35) are invited to a Retreat at Trinity Lutheran Church in Fisherville May 4th to May 6th. Topic: The Occult—A Christian Perspective. For more information contact Hamilton's EDLYA rep Erika Schroth-Gajdos at <u>erikaes12@gmail.com</u>. To register: www.edlya.ca

<u>COMING SOON</u>: Niagara Area Lutheran Choir Concert here at "Christ". They will be joined by our own Church Choir for a couple numbers. <u>Sunday, May 6th at 4 p.m</u>. A light supper to follow. Everyone welcome! (see enclosed flyer)

Don't Miss The Upcoming Special Circuit Meetings: As a result of the decision taken at the Synodical Convention in October 2017 regarding restructuring of Synod, it is necessary to amend the bylaws of the East District Corporation. A series of circuit meetings has been arranged in order to explain the changes being proposed to the bylaws and to get comments from members. The circuit meetings are open to everyone. In particular, pastors and congregation delegates should make a point of attending these meetings, as they will be required to vote on acceptance of the bylaw changes as part of the October 2018 District Convention. A summary document plus the draft bylaw, including explanatory notes, are posted on the district web site. It would be beneficial for attendees to the circuit meetings to bring a copy of the 2015 District Handbook for reference purposes and/or to download the information from the website. If you are not able to attend the circuit meeting in your area, you are free to attend an alternate one. For more information, contact: East District Board Chairman, Reg Tiegs at tiehm868@gmail.com Niagara & Hamilton Circuits -- Saturday May 12 - 9:30 A.M.

Christ Our Saviour Lutheran Church, 448 Main St. W., Grimsby 905-945-8931

SATURDAY, MAY 26th—Concordia Lutheran Theological Seminary's Annual Certification and Call Service to be held here at Christ Lutheran Church at 4:00 p.m.

<u>VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2018</u> will be held on **Monday**, **July 23**rd **to Friday**, **July 27**th. Registration forms and further information will be available soon!!

FLOWERS: If you are interested in purchasing flowers to place on the altar for our Sunday Worship, please sign up in the Narthex and be sure to add, if you would like it to be in memory or thankfulness of someone special.

Last Sunday Attendance: (April 15, 2018) 9 a.m. – 22 11a.m16 (Ice Storm) Total: 38 ('17-167)					
	<u>Budget</u>	Weekly Need	Last Sunday	Year To Date	<u>+ / (-)</u>
Current:	225,478.00	4,336.12	1,439.50	68,835.00	3,793.27
Missions	25,000.00	480.77	115.00	6,532.00	(679.54)
Property Improvement			60.00	9,768.13	

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS—Facebook: We have over 100 followers on Facebook! If you do not yet "Like" our Facebook page, please consider doing so. Many of our members continue to share our community events with friends on their Facebook walls. This has been a great help in spreading the word about what is happening at Christ Lutheran. Also, if you indicate that you are "Going" or "Interested" in one of our events, this action will show up in your friends' feed; again sharing with others what we are doing. Thanks for your support in this!

<u>LUTHERAN HOUR MINISTRIES INFORMATION</u>: ***Please Note: A special devotion is available online from Lutheran Hour Ministries each day during Lent at www.lhm.org/lent

Lutheran Hour Ministries—all info.—www.lhmcanada.org

LISTEN TO THE LUTHERAN HOUR, Sundays on CHAM 820 at 8:00 a.m. Next Sunday's topic

(April 29th) "<u>The Answer to Unhappiness</u>" (Acts 8: 26-40) <u>Speaker: Rev. Dr. Mike Newman</u> – What do you really want? What does your heart yearn for most? A blogger recently asked her readers the question: "If you could say in one word what you want more of in life, what would that be?" Can you guess the number one answer? It was "happiness".

SOUL Ministries

Spring

PLANT SALE / YARD SALE / BBQ

Saturday, May 12th 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.

at

Christ Lutheran Church

140 Russell Avenue, St. Catharines

Special Thanks go to FaithLife Financial for their matching Grant of \$300.00

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(joined by the Christ Lutheran Church Choir for several numbers)

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4:00 p.m.

at

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** A Light Supper will Follow **

Please Join Us! Everyone is Welcome!

June Family Fun Day ***DATE NIGHT CHILD CARE***



Saturday, June 9th 5 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Wanting to have some time alone without the kids???

"Pre-Register" your children by Sunday, June 3rd

"Sign-up Sheet" at back of church or call the church office (905-685-8294) and let us care for them.



We will provide a pasta dinner, dessert, games and activities.

Sponsored by the "Board of Parish Education"