

Dear Friends in Christ,

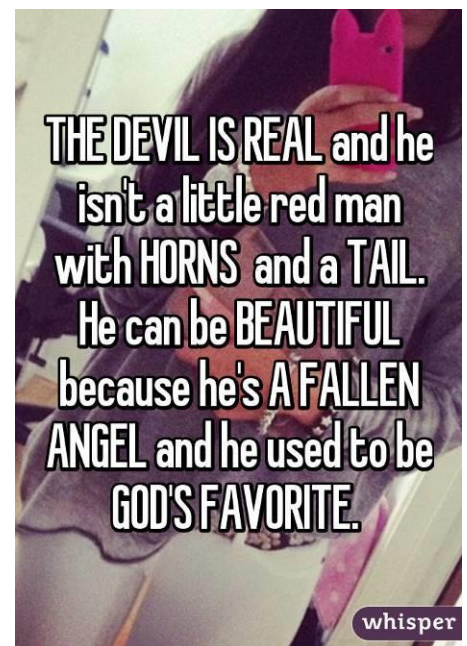
A few months ago, I wrote that we were in a “twilight zone” of sorts, as far as the church year is concerned. I was referring to the time between All Saints and the first Sunday of Advent, when it’s hard to come up with Scripture readings that aren’t about things well-covered earlier in the year, or about to be covered in the weeks ahead. For me it’s always been a challenge to treat those Sundays as more than “filler material” between important times. It’s a challenge I’ve delved into with considerable enthusiasm, and from the effort I can say, with Martin Luther, that “Scripture is like a mighty tree; I have shaken every branch, and I have never been disappointed with what comes out.”

Well, now we’re in another one of those “twilight zones” – the time between Christmas and Lent, and especially the last few weeks of the Epiphany season. By the time you receive this publication, there will be two remaining Epiphany Sundays – the second one is The Transfiguration which celebrates Jesus’ last great moment of glory before He heads to Jerusalem to keep His appointment with the cross. The Sunday before is one of those non-descript ones; it’s not about any obvious major biblical theme. That said, it is also one of the relatively few Sundays that deals with Jesus’ encounters with supernatural evil – devils and demons, that is. In that gospel reading, Jesus is depicted as “The Demonmaster,” which is the title for the sermon I’ll preach that day. Not only is supernatural evil a fascinating topic, it’s also a reality in our own lives, whether we’re aware of it or not. With a lot of help from C. S. Lewis, I’m going to tell you about the ONE whose control of our lives turns the devil into – again in the words of Martin Luther – “a toothless bulldog.”

In Christ,
Pastor Pete

And what I am doing I will continue to do, in order to undermine the claim of those who would like to claim that in their boasted mission they work on the same terms as we do. For such men are false apostles, deceitful workmen, disguising themselves as apostles of Christ. And no wonder, for even Satan disguises himself as an angel of light.
2 Corinthians 11:12-14 ESV

“There are two equal and opposite errors into which our race can fall about the devils. One is to disbelieve in their existence. The other is to believe, and to feel an excessive and unhealthy interest in them. They themselves are equally pleased by both errors and hail a materialist or a magician with the same delight.”
C. S. Lewis



☀ FEBRUARY HAPPENINGS ☀

Lutheran Youth Organization “Tackles Hunger” with “Souper Bowl of Caring”



The Lutheran Youth Organization (LYO) is heading our “Souper Bowl of Caring” drive. Donations of food and funds will be collected until Sunday, **February 4**. All donations will benefit the Nauvoo Food Pantry. In addition to funds, the pantry would like donations of oatmeal, peanut butter, and powdered milk.

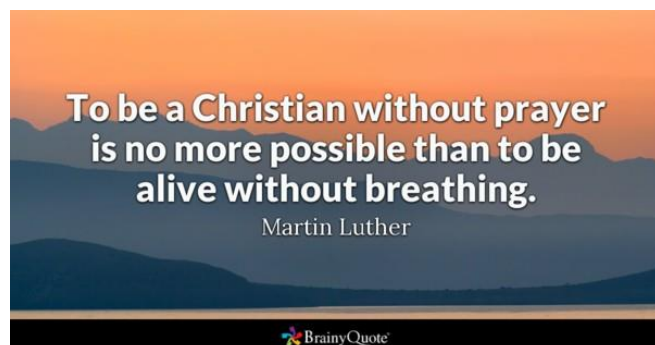
The LYO joins young people in churches across the country to support those who are hungry and hurting.

Last year, \$10,156,200 was collected in cash and food donations. This year, almost \$191,735.00 has already been collected by 34 groups.

“Change the game. Tackle hunger.” Support our youth. Donate to the “Souper Bowl of Caring!”

Prayer Chain

Prayer requests will be welcomed and honored. To request prayer, and initiate the prayer chain, please call the church office at 217-453-2757 or Pastor Pete Hagglund at 319-370-9057. You may also notify Kay Berry at 217-453-6658, or email to allinfarm2@gmail.com



Worshipping together—“united in spirit and purpose.”

The Christ Lutheran and St. Paul Lutheran church families will gather at Christ Lutheran, Nauvoo, for the Ash Wednesday Service on **February 14**, at 7:00 p.m. All other Wednesday Lenten services will be held at St. Paul Lutheran Church, Ft. Madison, at 6:30 p.m. You are invited to pre-worship Lenten meals from 5:00-6:15 p.m. Worship will begin at 6:30 p.m.



Lenten meals and services will be on Wednesdays, **February 21, February 28, March 7, March 14, and March 21.**

Donations from the Lenten Meals will benefit the Ft. Madison and Nauvoo Food Pantries.

To gather with God’s people in united adoration of the Father is as necessary to the Christian life as prayer.” Martin Luther

**“Feelings come and feelings go,
And feelings are deceiving;
My warrant is the Word of God—
Naught else is worth believing.**

**Though all my heart should feel condemned
For want of some sweet token,
There is One greater than my heart
Whose Word cannot be broken.**

**I’ll trust in God’s unchanging Word
Till soul and body sever,
For, though all things shall pass away,
HIS WORD SHALL STAND FOREVER!”**

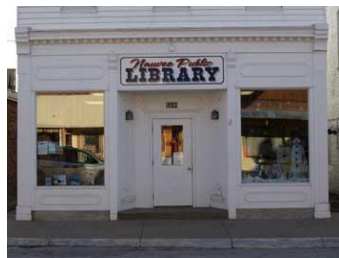
Martin Luther

Celebrations!

February Birthdays

03.....Neva Koechle
 05Tiffany Taylor
 09.....Kay Berry
 09.....Misti Saltzgaver
 10.....Don Rosenboom
 12.....Danielle Sallee
 13.....Holly Stinemates
 16.....Tom Haas
 17.....J.W. Stinson
 19.....Sarah Stinemates
 24.....Jenny Lemke
 26.....Glenn McMeins
 26.....Stephen Poland

Happy February birthday! During this National Grapefruit Month, National Cherry Month, and National Hot Breakfast Month, begin your special day with your favorite hot delight-pancakes, waffles, oatmeal, eggs, bacon, etc.-and add some cherries and grapefruit. Have a breakfast “fit for the royalty you are!”



During this Bake for Family Fun Month, your loved ones can add to their fun and celebrate you on your special day by creating your favorite cake or pie!

During this National Library Lovers Month, browse your local lending book collection for “a good read” by your favorite author, “settle in” with some coffee or tea, and journey through the pages of a non-fictional or fictional bestseller!

February Anniversaries

15.....Carolyn & Don Rosenboom
 17.....Karla & Ed Pilkington

Happy February Anniversary! Celebrate your best friend on your anniversary dates and on World Marriage Day – February 11.

During this Great American Pies Month, observe your special day with your favorite fruit or cream delight! Also, during this National Snack Food Month, enjoy a quite evening with a bowl of popcorn smothered in butter and your favorite movie! Get creative! During this Creative Romance Month, celebrate your “star” by thinking outside the box!

Congregational Pulse...

Following are highlights from December financial reports.

Key Financial Indicators	12/31/2016	12/31/2017
Total December Offerings	\$4,872.00	\$6,197.00
Total December Expenses	\$6,986.05	\$6,360.57
Year-to-Date Offerings	\$68,743.00	\$58,996.04
Year-to-Date Expenses	\$76,526.57	\$76,390.79
YTD Spending Balance	\$(7,783.57)	\$(17,394.75)
YTD transfers from special funds & offerings to checking	\$8,514.66	\$25,000.00
Total of Checking + Funds	\$53,911.54	\$38,696.73

If you have questions about this information, please ask any council member or Tom Haas.

Average Month	Sunday 2017	Attendance 2018
January	20	16
Year-To-Date	20	16

*Please note that the January 2018 average and the year-to-date average do not include January 28. Worship was cancelled January 7 due to ice.

Deadline Dates

Any announcements you would like in the bulletin must be submitted by the Wednesday before that service. Any information you would like included in the March newsletter must be submitted in its entirety by **February 21**. Thank you for your cooperation.



Creatively loving! Heart-shaped pies!

☀️COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS☀️

TRIVIA NIGHT

2 February 2018 | Bott Center
7 PM | Warsaw, IL



Warsaw-Nauvoo Colusa PTO Trivia Night

“If a potato can produce vitamin C, why can't we? Within the animal kingdom only humans and guinea pigs are unable to synthesize vitamin C in their own bodies. Why us and guinea pigs? No point asking. Nobody knows.”

— **Bill Bryson, At Home: A Short History of Private Life**

Questions will be asked! Those “in the know” will answer them! Address the “Who? What?, When?, Where? and Why?” of life as the Warsaw- Nauvoo-Colusa Performing Arts Committee hosts their annual Trivia Night on Friday, **February 2**, at 7:00 p.m. at the Bott Center, 705 Lafayette Street, Warsaw.

The Committee is searching for teams of 8 people; the cost per team is \$100. People of all ages are welcome to join teams! To register your team, please e-mail:

WNCPerformingArts@gmail.com or call/text 309-221-2152. Please provide contact information and the team captain's name.

Check-in begins at 6:00 p.m. Please bring your own drinks and snacks. Mulligans will be available for sale. Hope to see you there!



More trivia! Put a little music in your night Friday, February 23!

Nauvoo Food Pantry

The Nauvoo Food Pantry appreciates the community's generous donations of food and funds! The pantry is open each Monday from 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Food is provided to anyone living in the Nauvoo-Colusa area who is in need. Sandy Harmon is available at 217-453-6675 if people are unable to come during regular hours.

The pantry would appreciate donations of oatmeal, peanut butter, and powdered milk. Donations of funds continue to be greatly needed.

This month, the pantry will be open **February 5, February 12, February 19, and February 26.**



He who is kind to the poor lends to the Lord, and he will reward him for what he has done. (Proverbs 19:17)

You're invited to Music Trivia!!! Sponsored by Nauvoo-Colusa PTO!

Join other music enthusiasts on Friday, **February 23**, at 7:00 p.m. at the Lake Hill Winery, Carthage, Illinois.

Registration begins at 6:15 p.m. The PTO is requesting teams of 8 people at a cost of \$90/team if registered and paid in full on or before February 21st. \$100/team if not registered by February 21st.

You may register teams at the door.

Please bring your own snacks. Drinks will available for purchase through the winery.

Please make checks payable to N-C PTO.

See you there! Until then...

- Who composed the classical piece “Peter and the Wolf?”
- The Stratocaster is a model of which guitar maker?
- Which later-to-be-famous solo singer and guitarist toured as a member of the Beach Boys in the mid- 60s?

“Soup’s On!”

Appanoose Faith Presbyterian Church is hosting a free-will donation Soup Supper on Saturday,

February 24, from 4:30 – 7:00 p.m. Chili and various soups, as well as sandwiches,



are on the menu! All proceeds will be used to support this year’s Vacation Bible School program.

The church is located at 1176 E 2700 North Road, Niota. The phone number is 217-448-4981. The ingredients for good food and fellowship are in the pot! Plan to attend!

Crabby Road

2-16-12



Nauvoo Seniors Luncheon

The Nauvoo-Area Seniors luncheon and meeting will be on Wednesday, **February 28,** at 11:00 a.m. at the Nauvoo Fire Station. The delicious dinner, served by Nauvoo-

area senior volunteers, is offered for a free-will donation. News about upcoming events, opportunities, and services for seniors will be shared. Need a ride? Contact Karen and Lee Ourth at 217-453-2236. Please call Paul Sly at 217-453-6331 for more information.



**“Grace changes everything!”
Ephesians 2:8-10**

Briefly-

School

Congratulations to Rachael Berry and the 8-grade Vikings Volleyball team on “bringing home third place” in the recent tournament on January 20 in Payson, Illinois! Right: Rachael serves up a victory!



Right: Congratulations, Rachael Berry on earning second-quarter “High Honors!” You were rewarded with the Honor Roll Breakfast Thursday, January 26. Congratulations, Marcus Duncan! You also earned a “place at the table” for the Honor Roll Breakfast!



A Note of Thanks from the Christ Lutheran LYO!

Pizza was “just the beginning” of a special time of food and fellowship for sixty-two people who braved the cold temperatures to attend the LYO-sponsored Pizza Buffet Night at January 15 at Pizza Hut in Ft. Madison. The LYO appreciates your supportive presence and generosity as they raise funds to attend the ELCA Youth Gathering in Houston this summer.

“Houston has a Gathering!” Our youth will be there!

February 2018 Worship Calendar – 10:45 a.m. Worship					
Date Observance	February 4 Fifth Sunday after Epiphany Communion	February 11 Transfiguration of Our Lord	February 18 First Sunday in Lent Communion	February 25 Second Sunday in Lent	March 4 Third Sunday in Lent Communion
Liturgical Color	Green	White	Purple	Purple	Purple
Lectionary Texts	Isaiah 40:21-31 Psalm 147:1-11, 20c 1 Corinthians 9:16-23 Mark 1:29-39	2 Kings 2:1-12 Psalm 50:1-6 2 Corinthians 4:3-6 Mark 9:2-9	Genesis 9:8-17 Psalm 25:1-10 1 Peter 3:18-22 Mark 1:9-15	Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16 Psalm 22:23-31 Romans 4:13-25 Mark 8:31-38	Exodus 20:17 Psalm 19 1 Corinthians 1:18-25 John 2:13-22
Accompanist	Kris Knoke	Kris Knoke	Kris Knoke	Kris Knoke	Kris Knoke
Acolyte	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
Lector	Jyll Sly	Carolyn Rosenboom	Barb Sallee	TBD	Jyll Sly
Ushers	TBD	TBD	Mike Sallee	Terry Knoke	TBD
Communion Assistants	Carolyn Rosenboom TBD	N/A	Terry Knoke TBD	N/A	Carolyn Rosenboom TBD
Altar Guild	TBD				LuAnn Haas

Christ Lutheran Church (ELCA)

1110 Ripley Street
P.O. Box 427
Nauvoo, IL 62354

CHURCH COUNCIL

Sandy Schwan: President

217-440-2291

Kris Knoke: VP

217-453-6359

Connie Bevier: Secretary

309-221-7072

Glenn McMeins

217-430-7789

Sharon Nuebel

217-453-2133

Bob Ziegler

310-470-3500

Pastor: Brian (Pete)

Hagglund

Church: 217-453-2757

Cell: 319-470-9057

Treasurer: Tom Haas

217-453-6636

Our Mission:

**To be an active church
family passionately
sharing the Gospel with**



February 2018

For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life. John 3:16 NIV

Christ Lutheran Church *A congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America*

1110 Ripley St. ♦ P.O. Box 427 ♦ Nauvoo, IL 62354

Church: 217-453-2757 ♦

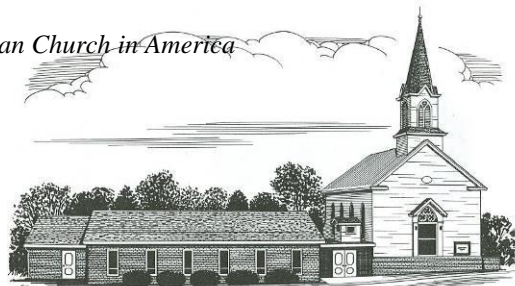
Pastor: Pastor Pete Hagglund

E-Mail: clnauvoo@frontiernet.net

Web Site: www.christnauvoo.org

Sunday Worship: 10:45 a.m.

Wednesday Prayer: Please use the
Prayer Chain



February 2018

Christ Lutheran Church, Nauvoo, IL

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
January 28 	29 	30 	31 	1 February	2 7:00 p.m. Warsaw-Colusa PTO Trivia Night @ Bott Center, Lafayette St., Warsaw	3
4 Fifth Sunday after Epiphany 10:45 a.m. Worship w/ Communion "Souper Bowl of Caring"	5 11:00-2:00 p.m. Nauvoo Food Pantry	6 	7 **Bulletin info deadline	8 	9 	10
11 Transfiguration of Our Lord 10:45 a.m. Worship	12 11:00-2:00 p.m. Nauvoo Food Pantry	13 	14 7:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service @ Christ Lutheran Church **Bulletin info deadline Happy Valentine's Day!	15 	16 	17
18 First Sunday in Lent 10:45 a.m. Worship w/ Communion	19 11:00-2:00 p.m. Nauvoo Food Pantry President's Day	20 	21 5:15-6:15 p.m. Lenten Meal @ St. Paul Lutheran Church 6:30 p.m. Lenten Service @ St. Paul Lutheran **Bulletin info deadline ***Newsletter deadline	22 	23 6:15 p.m. Registration for Nauvoo-Colusa PTO-sponsored Music Trivia Night @ Lake Hill Winery, Carthage 7:00 p.m. Music Trivia Night @ same location	24 4:30 – 7:00 p.m. Soup Supper @ Appanoose Faith Church, Niota
25 Second Sunday in Lent 10:45 a.m. Worship	26 11:00 – 2:00 p.m. Nauvoo Food Pantry	27 	28 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Nauvoo Seniors Luncheon & Meeting @ Nauvoo Fire Station 5:15-6:15 p.m. Lenten Meal @ St. Paul Lutheran 6:30 p.m. Lenten Service @ St. Paul Lutheran ** Bulletin deadline	1 MARCH	2 	3