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*"I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ."
Philippians 1:6*

LCMS U is the Synod's nation-wide campus ministry initiative. LCMS U at CMU is our local chapter, and the official Registered Student Organization at Christ The King Lutheran Chapel. As a Synod ministry, LCMS U serves college-bound young people through online and social media resources, podcasts, conferences, helping connect college-bound students with a local campus ministry, and general awareness for campus ministry. Rev. Marcus Zill, the director of LCMS U, preached at Christ The King for our 50th Anniversary a few years back. Here is an excellent article he wrote, outlining the main purposes of LCMS campus ministries. Thank you, members of Zion, for your continued prayers, care, and support of our campus ministry and its students as we begin another academic year.



Pastor Ulledalen

"I have no greater joy than to hear that my children are walking in the truth." — 3 JOHN 1:4

Why We Care About Campus Ministry

by Rev. Marcus Zill

When a college student steps out of the comfortable sanctuaries of church and home, life is anything but normal. While time in the academic square can be exhilarating, today's postmodern college campuses provide an increasingly challenging climate. The reliability and truth of God's Word is often mocked, one's faith in Christ may be ridiculed, and individual social constructs can be stretched to the breaking point.

While some young people lose their faith during these formative years, they also have many opportunities to grow in and confess their faith to fellow classmates and professors. And this generation is ready to boldly do just that! There are many reasons to care about campus ministry today. *Here are four key ones:*

- C** Catechizing and caring for our own
- A** Apologetics in the academic square
- R** Reaching out to those who are lost
- E** Engaging a dying culture with Christ

Catechizing and Caring for Our Own

This is our No. 1 priority. Our LCMS college students need substantive opportunities to grow in their faith, address issues they face on campus, receive further catechetical training and enjoy one another's company. Many of them have an LCMS campus ministry at their school, but others do not. Preparing our young people for life during college requires our full attention as we seek to support these students and their parents, congregations and campus ministries.

Apologetics in the Academic Square

The university campus has always been a place designed to facilitate learning, formation and the pursuit of truth. Our college campuses are great incubators of societal ideas, both good and bad. The Church cannot surrender its place in the academic square without dire results. We also need to support our LCMS faculty and staff who work in these communities. As confessional Lutherans, we have something to say to everyone on campus — in the kingdom of the left and the right.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION NEWS

Sunday School resumes on Rally Day!

September 8



Reaching Out to Those Who Are Lost
College campuses are quickly becoming one of our primary national mission fields. In addition to the task of continuing to care for our own LCMS college-age youth, God has opened doors for outreach to international students, as well as those who have either lost the faith or are searching for truth. The opportunity for evangelism and mission is breathtaking.

Engaging a Dying Culture with Christ
This generation of young people is becoming increasingly lost in a world of gray, where false idealism and misplaced priorities rule. Idols are everywhere. Where truth is being set aside, cultural decay soon follows. However, the Word of God is powerful and effective. Christ alone is the answer, even as He reminds us that “you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free” (John 8:32).

Thanks be to God for the tremendous evangelism opportunities that exist on our nation’s campuses. The need is greater than ever, and LCMS U is helping to provide the structure and resources for congregations and campus ministries engaged in this effort. Many new horizons await us, including urban campus ministry and outreach on community college campuses. The challenges are increasing, but so are the opportunities. Thank you for your support of LCMS U. Please continue to pray for and support those engaged in campus ministry near you.

2019 Preschool Enrollment

There are still spots open in both the three-year old class and the four-year old class. If you know anyone who might be interested, refer them to our website or the church office.



Vacation Bible School



Thank you to all the volunteers who contributed to this year’s VBS ! The gracious contributions from the staff, teachers, helpers, as well as from those who made donations, are very much appreciated and we are grateful to you. Thank you also to the children who attended this year and to the parents who made the effort to bring your children to learn of God’s love. Offerings received of \$325.49 will be sent to the LCMS in support of the mission work of Caitlin de Ramirez in the Dominican Republic.

Special thanks to Mallory Zalud for directing this year’s VBS. It takes many hours to pull it all together and your efforts are truly appreciated!

Thank you also to Nicole Bailey and the Kohl’s team for their help on Friday and their continued support of our Vacation Bible School.

PRAYER FOR COLLEGE STUDENTS

“Gracious Father, Your Son grew in wisdom and stature and in favor with God and all people. Bless, guide, and govern the children and young people of Your Church by Your Holy Spirit, that they may grow in grace and in the knowledge of Your Word. Grant that they may serve You well and usefully, developing their talents not for their own sakes but to Your glory and for the welfare of their neighbor. Protect and defend them from all danger and harm, giving Your holy angels charge over them; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.”

(“For Young Persons,” LSB p. 315)



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SPECIAL THANKS

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Monthly Income & Expense Report

through June 30, 2019

	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>
YTD Budgeted Expenses	\$ 230,658.99	\$ 233,586.43
YTD Actual Expenses	<u>\$ 231,756.86</u>	<u>\$ 234,451.69</u>
YTD Balance	\$ (1,097.87)	\$ (865.26)
YTD General Fund Income	\$ 210,294.52	\$ 221,392.61
YTD Actual Expenses	<u>\$ 231,756.86</u>	<u>\$ 234,451.69</u>
YTD Income Less Expense	\$ (21,462.34)	\$ (13,059.08)

Have you ever noticed the subtle ceremony of receiving the offerings during the Divine Service?

The offerings are collected in plates or baskets, and they are brought forward and given to the pastor or an assistant. The pastor turns toward the altar, and, as he slightly bows his head, the offerings are raised slightly to the Lord and placed on the altar or an adjacent table.

Why do we have this ceremony? And what does it teach us? For that is what ceremony does – it teaches, as the Augsburg Confession tells us what we need to know about Christ (AC XXIV, 1–3).

Originally, this ceremony included more than simply bringing forward what was collected in the offering plates. The elements for the Holy Communion – the bread and the wine – were brought forward with the offerings. The offerings and elements were lifted toward the Lord and placed upon the altar. The altar, now made a table, would be set for the Lord's Supper.

Gifts brought to the altar come from the sweat of His people's brow. They are the bread and wine, the fruits of His people's labor in this fallen world. After six days of labor and toil, the people are to bring a generous proportion for the Lord's work. Gifts set upon the altar are offered to the Lord for Him to take up and press into service for His gracious work.

For what is offered to the Lord from the sweat of His people's brow – the bread of anxious toil – comes back to us as the bread of life. The bread comes down from heaven that whoever eats this bread and drinks this cup will receive life through the forgiveness of their sins.

This is not unlike what the Lord did for His people in the Old Testament:

“You shall tithe all the yield of your seed that comes from the field year by year. And before the Lord your God, in the place that he will choose, to make his name dwell there, you shall eat the tithe of your grain, of your wine, and of your oil, and the firstborn of your herd and flock, that you may learn to fear the Lord your God always. And if the way is too long for you, so that you are not able to carry the tithe, when the Lord your God blesses you, because the place is too far from you, which the Lord your God chooses, to set his name there, then you shall turn it into money and bind up the money in your hand and go to the place that the Lord your God chooses and spend the money for whatever you desire – oxen or sheep or wine or strong drink, whatever your appetite craves. And you shall eat there before the Lord your God and rejoice, you and your household.”
(Deut. 14:22-26)

What a blessing! God provides for us in all things. He provides bread from the sweat of our brows. He receives this from us in the first-fruits offerings we give to Him in thanksgiving and praise, and He turns these into spiritual bread. He gives this heavenly bread – the bread of eternal life – back to us so we might have joy.

So, the next time you are in the Divine Service, watch this ceremony in wonder. The offerings we have given to Him, the Lord gives back to us in His supper so that we may rejoice in the salvation He won for us upon the cross.



In memory of Madeline Stevens

Ron & Lorraine Deeg

Bonnie Mauk

Jim & Delores Morford

Tom & Diane Prekert

In Memory of Del Wegener

Bob & Mitzi Chaffer

Richard & Diane Fleming

Bonnie Mauk



A huge thank you to everyone who helped make Zion's Vacation Bible School happen this year. Our teachers, decorators, classroom helpers, director, those who took care of the various stations the children visited each day, those who contributed snacks and other gifts, those who prayed for this outreach, and all of our students who came and learned are all gifts from God! Thank you, all, for your tireless work!

Thank you also to our youth board for the work you do to provide opportunities for Zion's youth to be involved in our life together as a congregation, and to grow in their faith and fellowship. Thank you to all of the youth (and their faithful parents!!) for participating and giving of your time to your church. Your visits to our shut-in church members around Christmas and Easter are so very appreciated, as are you!

In Christ, Pastor Bakker

Lifelight Bible Study

Even though it is still more than a month away, keep your eyes and ears open for announcements about the start of Lifelight Bible Study. This fall we will turn to the first book in the Old Testament, Genesis. The importance of Genesis for our faith cannot be overstated – it encompasses creation, marriage, the fall into sin, original sin, the promise of salvation, and that's just in the first three chapters! The first class will be Thursday September 12, and two sessions will again be offered each week so that you can attend whichever better fits your schedule. The morning sessions will begin at 10:30 a.m. and the evening sessions will begin at 6:30 p.m. You can prepare by reading through the first 25 chapters of Genesis, and the compiled Scripture readings are available now on the Bible Study page of Zion's website www.zionchristtheking.org



Men's Breakfast Bible Study

It has been nearly four years in the works, but this month we are completing our study of the Minor Prophets. Thank you to all who have participated along the way, especially those of you (and *most* especially your wives!) who have helped by providing a meal. By popular demand, we will shift gears a little bit in the coming year with a look at Old Testament history as the people of God entered the Promised Land. First up will be the book of Joshua. All interested men are welcome to join us; we meet the third Saturday of every month, 8:00 a.m. at Zion (unless otherwise posted). *On August 17 our topic will be Malachi 3-4.* In September we will begin Joshua. If you've wanted to attend a Bible study and haven't yet had the opportunity, this is a great time to come! Please talk to Pastor Bakker with any questions.

Hymn Festival

"Wide Open Stand the Gates"

On Sunday, October 20, 2019 at 4:00 p.m. Grace Lutheran Church in Auburn, Michigan will be hosting "Wide Open Stand the Gates: A Hymn Festival Extolling Christ's Gifts in Worship." The Commentators for the hymn festival will be Rev. Daniel Burhop of Trinity, Reese and Rev. Aaron Schian of Grace, Auburn. The organists will be Kantor Hannah Bjornstad of Trinity, Reese and Kantor Nathan Beethe of Grace, Auburn. It will feature a brass ensemble, percussion, and a mass choir made up of members of area churches. *Anyone who wishes to participate in the mass choir should contact Kantor Nathan Beethe at kantor.graceauburn@gmail.com or they can call or text him at (989) 460-8014*



CTK Altar Committee

If anyone is interested in setting up for Holy Communion at CTK one month out of the year, please contact Kathy Nims at the CTK church office (773-5050). There are openings for both March and August. It is not a difficult job; it only takes about ten minutes. Thank you very much.



**Mission of the Month
Concordia
Theological Seminary
St. Louis**

Thank you to Dale & JoAnn Gust for the landscaping work at Christ the King. It looks great!





Job: We all struggle with human suffering in the world, but few can compare with the strife faced by God's servant, Job. There are a full 31 days of readings for August, but there are several short days to balance out the longer ones. As many of you will remember from last year's Lifelight study, Job's unrelenting faith in God is inspiring in the face of extraordinary suffering, and reminds us to keep focused on the most important things. Thanks be to God, we know that our Redeemer lives!

- Job 1 – The Test Begins
- Job 2-3 – Job Attacked
- Job 4-5 – Eliphaz Speaks
- Job 6 – Job's Complaint is Just
- Job 7 – My Life has No Hope
- Job 8 – Bildad Speaks
- Job 9 – There is No Arbiter
- Job 10 – A Plea to God
- Job 11 – Zophar Speaks
- Job 12 – The Lord has Done this
- Job 13-14 – Hope and Death
- Job 15 – Eliphaz' Accusation
- Job 16-17 – Misery and Depression
- Job 18 – Bildad Speaks again
- Job 19 – I Know that My Redeemer Lives
- Job 20 – Zophar Speaks again
- Job 21 – The Wicked Prosper
- Job 22 – Eliphaz Speaks again
- Job 23-24 – Where is God?
- Job 25 – Bildad's Speech
- Job 26 – God's Majesty is Unsearchable
- Job 27 – I Will Maintain my Integrity
- Job 28 – Where is Wisdom?
- Job 29-30 – Job's Summary Defense
- Job 31 – Job's Final Appeal
- Job 32 – Elihu Rebukes Job's Friends
- Job 33-35 – Rebuke and Condemnation from Elihu
- Job 36-37 – Elihu Extol's God's Greatness and Majesty
- Job 38-39 – The Lord Answers Job
- Job 40-41 – Silence and a Challenge
- Job 42 – Restoration



Zion will be hosting the LWML District Board Meeting August 10. We are in need of volunteers to house Executive and District Board members overnight on August 9. There is no need to prepare any meals, just beds. All meals will be served at Zion. Please contact JoAnn Gust if you are able to open your home to these guests. We are also in need of people to contribute food for the lunch on August 10. A sign-up sheet is available on the bulletin board at Zion, or contact JoAnn Gust or Patty Pickler.

Beginning in September we will be changing our LWML General meetings from evenings to a Saturday morning brunch at 10:00 a.m., followed by a brief meeting, devotional and project or activity. We will be meeting on September 28, November 23, February 22, 2020, and March 28, 2020.

All ladies please mark your calendars now and plan to attend for a morning of fellowship with other women.



Our International Ministry continues to grow at the chapel and there are so many ways that we could serve internationals in Mt. Pleasant, but I need help to do it! I am currently in need of 1-2 volunteer teachers for the fall semester at the chapel to teach an "English as a Second Language" class. It would be held on Mondays or Wednesdays from 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. No experience is necessary. Training is provided. Classes will begin the last week of August.

Please contact me at annebakker@gmail.com or the chapel office 773.5050 as soon as possible.

Thanks! Anne Bakker

FAMILY LIFE / YOUTH EVENT

Sunday, August 18

Canoeing -1:00 p.m.



Cookout at Zion - 4:00 p.m.

Mark your calendar for a fun Sunday afternoon!

Following a couple of hours of canoeing, starting at Buckley's, we will enjoy a cookout at Zion under the pavilion. **Everyone is welcome!**

There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board at Zion. You may also call the church office to sign up at 772-1516 or email the office at zion@winntel.net.

****You are welcome to sign up and come to Zion for the cookout at 4:00 p.m. even if you do not canoe.**

Update from the Elders

The elders have been reassigned. Check the list below to see who you may call with questions, concerns, or other issues.

Last Name (letter)	Elder
A - B	Richard Harless
Bo - C	Rod Dent
Co - D	Kyle Camp
Dr - G	Todd Greenlee
Gr - J	Luke Epple
K - M	Brian Tice
Mc - O	Wayne Kiefer
P - R	Ryan Rollin
S - Z	Dale Gust

The list is also posted on the bulletin board at both Zion and CTK.

You are also urged to sign the Red Books located on each pew every time you attend church..



We were overwhelmed, surprised, and renewed by all of the help we received during our basement flood. From those that came immediately to help to those that helped with our benefit, and made donations towards our benefit, we thank you! Having the support of such an amazing church family made things much easier to handle, and we are so grateful for all of you! With the money raised we are repairing our septic drain field and building up our window wells to make sure this issue never happens again. Thank you for helping to take care of us, both monetarily and physically. When something like this happens it's easy to start to feel defeated. Having so many of you willing to lend a hand made things so much better.

With love,
Chris and Maggie Polley

The Action Team event sponsored by Thrivent to assist the Polley family in recovering from the water that flooded their basement, as well as outside damage, was a wonderful success. The fundraiser at Zion on June 8 netted nearly \$8.00 for every dollar invested by Thrivent. Thanks to everyone for the contributions that were received at the swiss steak dinner and silent auction, as well as those who were not able to attend the dinner, but made a cash contribution. Special thanks are in order for Matt Vogel, and Jeremy Couturier for their help in preparing the meat and potatoes, to JoAnn Gust for preparing the green beans, and to Krista Claybaugh for organizing the silent auction as well as to those who brought desserts and helped with the clean-up. Sincerely, Wayne E. Kiefer

Welcome Back Sunday – August 25

Our Welcome Back Luncheon will be following the 11:00 a.m. service on August 25 at Christ The King. Please come and extend a warm welcome to our new students and an enthusiastic "Welcome Back" to our returning students.

Thanks so much for all you do to support our campus ministry at CTK and here's to a successful 2019/2020 academic school year!

