



Christ Lutheran Church

Proclaiming the Gospel—Reaching Lives for Christ—Celebrating God's Love

September 2016

290 Idema St. Shreveport, LA 71106

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September Activities

- 9-4 10:30am Mite Boxes (LWML Meeting following Church service)
- 9-5 6:00pm Game Night
- 9-12 6:00pm BLL Meeting
- 9-15 2:00pm Free Computer Class
- 9-18 12:00pm Youth Meeting
- 9-20 10:00am Pastor Circuit Mtg
- 9-24 5:30pm Progressive Dinner (If you want to carpool, meet at church by 5pm. Call a contact number to arrange a ride.)
- 9-26 6:00pm Game Night

WEEKLY EVENTS

- Sun 9:00am Sunday School
- 10:30am Church Service
- Tue 9:30am Bible Study - Broadmoor
- 6:00pm Sew Elephants
- Wed 6:00pm Choir
- 7:00pm Service, Meal Following
- Thu 9:00am Bible Study - Christ

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Christ Lutheran Church - Shreveport

Christ Lutheran

5th annual

Progressive Dinner

Saturday, September 24, 2016

Contact Phone Numbers:

- 1 (318) 658-2898
- 2 (318) 798-3660
- 3 (318) 747-1006

1
Soups & Appetizers

5:30 PM

to

6:20 PM

Judy Bartz

Start! →

6201 Industrial Loop, Lot #81
Shreveport, LA

2

Main Course

6:40 PM

to

7:30 PM

Dottie McIntosh

311 Stratmore Drive
Shreveport, LA

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Coffee & Dessert

7:50 PM

to

8:40 PM

Terri Holland

1202 Chopin Drive
Bossier City, LA

Coming October 8, 5pm

Dinner and a Movie

Join The Fun!
Hot Dogs & Popcorn Provided
Bring Snacks to Share



Pastor's Page

The theme for Sunday, August 28th is that you are being watched. Jesus was being watched by the Pharisees and they were watching every move. Jesus probably felt like a rat in a room full of cats. All eyes were on Him and they were ready to pounce on Him. Jesus was aware of all the eyes watching him and he responds by healing a person. In the moment of tension, Jesus shows love and grace to the person he heals. It is interesting that they do not deny the miracle, but come down on him for healing on the Sabbath. The Pharisees were trying to nail Jesus on breaking a tradition and He was showing them mercy. The man with the dropsy was healed in this teaching. I guess the man healed was at the right place at the right



time. I think we can learn a lot from Jesus in that we too are like rats in a room full of cats... the cats are watching and licking their lips. To explain this a little better, being a Christian in a non-Christian world is becoming challenging. America once held to Biblical values, but they are falling away quickly. Since the 70's, we have seen abortion legalized, marijuana being legalized, homosexuality and same sex marriage being approved of and punishing those who disagree, men going to women's restrooms and vice versa, and so on and so on. As a Christian, we follow God's Word which is not in line with the teachings of the world today. People are watching Christians and waiting for a chance to pounce on them. We need to be aware that we are being watched. Remember that our daily life is a living witness to others. Let them watch us. Let them see our mercy, love, and forgiveness towards our neighbors. Let us remember that we are being watched and to try not slip up in our daily lives so that they pounce on us. Let us keep our eyes focused on Christ as we trust the faith he has given us. We are blessed!



Yours in Christ,
Pastor Perry Culver



Please pray for:

Our Church, our mission, and Pastor Culver
Those serving our country: Russell Kirklin
Louisiana flood victims and Italy earthquake victims

Illness: Jennifer Ainsworth, Lyle Anderson, JC Barnett, Bruce Bamburg, Laura Bowman, Bill Burns, Don Bush, Alton Carter, Kim Clark, Gerald Gramm, Fred Kocher, Mike Long, Dottie McIntosh, Warren Manchester, Lavaun Marley, Carly Martin, Irma Mecom, Bill & Joan Marshall, Bud Mortzfeldt, Cecil Odom, Jim Reeves, Barry Taylor and Dean Wood

Saturday, September 10, 10am
Immanuel Lutheran Church

Sons of ALL Ages

Men's gathering ages 3 to 103!

Devotional, then college football,
tailgate games!

ILC will provide food, drinks.

Ultimate goal is a monthly fellowship of
all LCMS men to share, learn, and lead
as Sons of the Triune God.



Embers Youth Group

Have you ever seen 1,200 pounds of Cheez-Its? We have, and now you can too.

This past Saturday, we repackaged two 1,200 lb.



pallets of Cheez-Its at the Louisiana Food bank. It was exhilarating! In August, we also visited Shriners to deliver elephants. As always, it was a blast to see how much the kids loved getting them!



Never forgetting that we have been blessed, we want to bless others. The youth have voted to assist the church in its mission to raise money for flood disaster victims by making a donation thru Christ Lutheran.



We strive to always be doing the Lord's work with our ongoing service projects; however, we are now planning a Lock-In for October so we can relax and do "just plain fun" activities together as a group.



Moving forward to the upcoming Christmas season, I am creating a personal children's Christmas play. We only have a few children, but hopefully our play will successfully portray the beauty of Christmas.

Thankfully serving,

Colton Steadman

Sunday School Superintendent

Coming Saturday October 8
Movie Night At Christ Lutheran Church

Join Us To See "MIRACLES from HEAVEN"

Eat 5PM - Movie 6PM

Please Bring Snacks or Dessert or Other Food To Share

Hot Dogs Provided. Free Popcorn Will Be Served During Movie





MUSIC NOTES



“Come, Now is the Time to Worship”

Steve Randolph

It was the summer of 1997 and Brian Doerksen was in a deep depression. He and his family had left their homeland in Canada and moved to England, hoping to regroup after they had lost their house and more than one million dollars with a team of investors in a failed ministry project. On top of that, after moving to England, Brian and his wife, Joyce, had just found out that three of their six children had a form of mental retardation called “Fragile X Syndrome”. Brian described this time as the “lowest and darkest season” of his life.

While struggling with the depression, Brian was serving as the worship pastor of a church in London. It was during this time that he composed “Come, Now is the Time to Worship”. In Brian’s own words:

One morning, I went for a prayer walk, to pour out my heart to God. As I was walking, I heard as clear as a bell, “Come, now is the time to worship...” I thought, “Wow! The call of worship is being sounded all of the time and in all kinds of ways.” I was sweating, and just walking, and singing that line over and over again, just sensing God’s nearness.

When Brian returned to his home, he sat at the piano and wrote down his thoughts about a call to worship. Brian then realized that “God’s call to worship doesn’t come only to those who have it ‘all together’; it comes to everyone”. That realization led to the composition of “Come, Now is the Time to Worship”. Brian later said that the song “became like wings to lift me up from those shadows that had almost engulfed me”.

Brian taught the song to his congregation and within a few weeks, the song was being sung in many different churches. Brian recorded the song the next year, and it spread around the world. Now, it is one of the best-known worship songs in today’s modern church. Brian’s lyrics to “Come Now is the Time to Worship” are:

*Come, now is the time to worship;
Come, now is the time to give your heart.
Come, just as you are to worship;
Come, just as you are before your God,
Come.*

*One day every tongue will confess You are God!
One day every knee will bow!
Still the greatest treasure remains for those
Who gladly choose You now.*

When we sing “Come, Now is the Time to Worship”, we change the last line of the chorus from “Who gladly *choose* You now” to “Who gladly *serve* You now”, because we believe that *we* do not choose God; He chooses us. (Likewise, many of the songs in our hymnal have been edited for doctrinal reasons.)

Brian and his family have returned to Canada, where Brian recently stated:

I believe God wants us to come and worship just the way we are, though when true worship happens we don’t stay the way we are.