

# Glory of Christ Lutheran Church

Lutheran Church Missouri Synod

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## August/September 2011

# Contributions of time at Glory of Christ

During the summer I am afforded a time to sit back and reflect on the year past and plan the coming year. The various groups meet and evaluate and plan. This summer, as usual, lots of members were talking about trying to get more people in the church involved in the many opportunities of service. One such conversation went something like this:

"Let's get Joe to do job A."

"But Joe is doing Job X."

"OK, then let's get Mildred to do A."

"But she's already got three jobs"

"OK, well then how about Hank."

"No can do. Hank is busy with Y."

The next day I heard someone express a bit of frustration that they couldn't get anyone to do anything around the church. So I wondered; is everyone really busy or are most people not really doing much? How many people have a job in the church doing something besides going to church and Bible class? How many people are making contributions which require them to spend some time serving the church? So I went through the membership list and counted the people who have a job at the church, using their time and talents to serve. I did not count those jobs which are done during the service itself such as usher or greeter. But I did count the choir, the bells and all the music people, the compassion circle, the council, the elders, the Sunday school teacher, the VBS group, those who count money, the Auction committee, the two mission committees, those who clean up or fix up stuff and those who do other stuff that I can't remember just now. I did not factor

*"Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify your Father which is in heaven"*

### Church Elders:

Bill Anderson  
Carl Hartness  
Dave Koosman  
Garry McCreary  
Bruce Paradis  
Jason Paradis  
Ben Rolf

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### President of Congregation:

Roger Hargreaves

### Treasurer:

Jesse Huber

### Secretary:

Brenda Richards

### Church Council:

Lori Beck  
Travis Dorweiler  
Eileen Esget  
Marcus Olson  
Mike Lindh  
Russell McBroom  
Chuck McGriff

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in those people who are away at school or have moved recently but are still on our roles. I did not count those who for health reasons just cannot give of themselves the way they would like or the way they used to. And I did not count those many new families who have joined and have not quite found their niche yet.

And these are my highly unscientific results.

I discovered that the vast majority of our members are doing something for the church which requires them to spend time not at Bible Class or Sunday school. By my count almost exactly 60% of the individuals in our church are doing something (138 are and 85 are not).

I recognized that in some families not everyone is involved in the church. Rather one spouse makes it possible for the other to make a contribution of time and talent. So I counted the families where at least one member is making a contribution of time. Here the numbers are higher. 76 families of at least one member doing something and 38 do not. That is exactly two-thirds. And this includes single people who are reckoned as one family. At the same time there are a handful of new members or families finding their spot.

These numbers are significantly higher than the average church. So our congregation is quite healthy measured by these statistics. And these numbers do not consider the many members who are involved in the kingdom of God but not necessarily serving our congregation directly. These include those who serve on syndical committees or those who take foreign mission trips not directly supported by Glory of Christ but certainly encouraged by the Lord.

Consider also that, except for the pastor, the people of the congregation typically are doing the work of God within their vocations in a manner which occupies the lion's share of people's time. And these works are very pleasing to God because God has established the callings in which we live and placed us in them. The greatest works which Christians do are raising kids, loving spouses, earning money in our jobs to support families and listening to the word of God. So the work done by laypeople at the church is above and beyond what we are doing to please God in our lives. Moms who are raising kids are doing a great work and God would not be pleased if they got babysitters so that they could come to church and work on congregational committees. And for some reason God has given us lots of young kids to distract their parents from avocational church work.

So, thank you from me and from God. Thank you in your vocations and thank you for the incredible voluntary work you do.

Finally, when I or someone from the church gives you call to help just a bit more, please say yes, but cautiously.

Klemet Preus

## Two Kingdoms Bible Class Starting September 21

“The Christian must live in two kingdoms, and he is a citizen of the secular kingdom as well as of the spiritual one. He has two Lords; one in the earthly kingdom and one the spiritual kingdom. He is obligated to the emperor and to Christ at the same time. To the emperor for his outward life, to Christ inwardly with his conscience and in faith. How can the Christian live this sort of double existence? Are not his attitudes and his activities tragically and hopelessly fragmented?” So says Paul Althaus one of the greatest Luther Scholars of the twentieth century.

So how do we live in the world with a worldly government and as Christians answerable only to Christ; and both at the same time? That will be topic of our Bible Study this fall. Here are some questions we will discuss:

- Does the Bible tell how society how it ought to function?
- Is one role of the government to promote the morals of God?
- Who defines marriage; God or society?
- When is it OK to disobey governmental authority? When is it not?
- At what point do Christians expect their values to be held by society?
- At what point can Christians expect civil law to further their values?
- How would God have voted on the debt ceiling debate?
- Is the restriction of abortion rights the imposition of religious values?

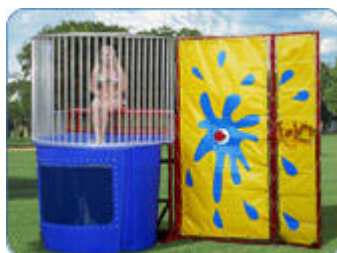
Soon you will be getting a full outline. The Bible and our theology have a lot to say, and there's a lot they don't say. We should learn some important stuff and have some lively discussions in the meantime.

**Glory of Christ Rally Day Picnic** is scheduled for this Sunday, September 11th. Sign up in the Narthex.

The picnic will begin after Bible Class and Sunday school @ 11:30.

pulled pork sandwiches will be served.  
Please bring a side dish or dessert to share.

Below are pictures of the activities. So remember to bring your bathing suit and towel if you are planning on going in the dunk





## Services in the month of August and September



**August 21 and 22, 2011**, Ninth Sunday after Trinity: The Gospel lesson for this Sunday is the parable of the shrewd manager. How can such an unscrupulous man teach a lesson to the people of God who are supposed to deal with each other honestly? Even dishonest people can teach us something about priorities.

**August 28 and 29, 2011**, Tenth Sunday after Trinity: Jesus predicts the destruction of Jerusalem. This seems like a tragic event. In fact it signals the reality that God no longer considers the Jews his people. He has responded to their rejection by beginning again. This time his people are all those who by grace have come to believe in Jesus Christ – both Jews and Gentiles, you and me. The Gospel teaches this (Luke 19:41-48).

**September 4, 2011**, 11<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity: The Parable of the Pharisee and the Publican is one of the clearest and most comforting expressions of grace that you will find in the whole Bible. That is our Gospel lesson for the day Luke 18:9-14. Again the word “Righteous” is dominant. On this Labor Day weekend Pastor our Guest Preaching will be Rev. Daryl Gehlbach.

**September 10 and 11, 2011**, 12<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity: The healing of the Deaf mute in Mark 7:31-17 is somewhat unique. Jesus puts his fingers in the guy’s ear to give him his hearing. He spits and touched the man’s tongue. What’s that all about? Then he told everyone not to say anything about it. Why does he do these things? You can bet you will find the answers to these questions if you come to church on this Sunday. And you will be given insight in Christ’s forgiveness in the process.

**September 17 and 18, 2011**, The 13<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity: The parable of the Good Samaritan (Luke 10:22-37) is a very tough parable. It beautifully pictures what love is, yet at the same time it is a bit unnerving because no one can really measure up to the selfless standards of the good Samaritan. Or is there someone? Once we learn that Jesus is our true neighbor then we are in a position to be neighborly as well.

**September 24 and 25, 2011**, The 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity: The story of the ten lepers teaches us to give thanks. It also teaches us precisely who to thank and why.

### Fall Service Schedule

Sunday Service 9:00 am

Sunday School 10:20 am

Monday Night 7:00 pm thru August 29th

**Saturday Evening Services at 5:00 pm beginning September 10th**

# Dates to Remember !!!

## Sunday Assignments

	<u>21-Aug</u>	<u>28-Aug</u>	<u>4-Sep</u>	<u>11-Sep</u>	<u>18-Sep</u>	<u>25-Sep</u>
<b>COFFEE SERVERS:</b>	J. Braun	E. Walter	M. Justat	L. Esget	L. Esget	M. Swenson
	J. Koosman	A. Walter	J. Justat	E. Esget	E. Esget	K. Swenson
<b>ACOLYTES:</b>						
<b>9:00 AM</b>	S. Olson					
<b>ELDERS:</b>	B. Rolf	B. Rolf	B. Anderson	B. Anderson	B. Anderson	B. Anderson
<b>9:00 AM</b>			D, Koosman	D. Koosman	D. Koosman	D. Koosman
<b>USHERS:</b>	J. Fahnhorst	C. Olson	J. Olson	R. McBroom	M. Miller	T. Dorweiler
<b>9:00 AM</b>	C. Houck	R. Olson	J. Olson	C. McGriff	B. Strom	J. Eickhoff
<b>ALTAR GUILD:</b>	P. Hemingway	J. Braun	S. Karius	J. Diemand	J. Braun	J. Larson
	M. Scharlau		K. Skau	B. Schoolman	S. Torkelson	G. McGriff
<b>OFFERING</b>	B. Strom	T. Lavanger	J. Eickhoff	D. Teske	T. Lavanger	M. Justat
<b>COUNTERS:</b>	A. Strom	R. McBroom	J. Eickhoff	N. Teske	R. McBroom	J. Justat
<b>BREAD BAKER</b>	B.	E. Esget	E. McBroom	M. Lehnertz	K. Dorweiler	C. Smith
<b>BREAD DELIVERER</b>	B. Gruenhagen	E. Esget	R. Decker	M. Lehnertz	J. Preus	C. Smith

### OUR MUSIC STAFF:

**Church Organists:** Carla Claussen, Zelda Malo, Maddie Marshall, & Sarah Miller

**Music Coordinator:** Zelda Malo 763-972-3710

**Adult Choir Director:** Carla Claussen 651-697-1117 (practice Wednesday's at 7:30)

**Bell Choir Director:** Brenda Richards 763-476-6981 (practice Wednesday's at 6:30)

**Children's Bell Choir Director:** Ellie Leimer 952-294-4200 (practice Wednesday's at 5:00)



# Happy Birthday Happy Anniversary

8/01/000	Lily Qualle	Birthday
8/02/000	Adam Karius	Birthday
8/02/000	Scott McCabe	Birthday
8/03/000	Janice Hartness	Birthday
8/04/000	Mark and Linda Anderson	Anniversary
8/04/000	Isabel Schaumburg	Birthday
8/05/000	Molly Swenson	Birthday
8/06/000	Cassie Qualle	Birthday
8/06/000	Barry Fuchs	Birthday
8/07/000	Julia Knea	Birthday
8/08/000	Linda Corey	Birthday
8/09/000	Jack Teske	Birthday
8/10/000	Travis Dorweiler	Birthday
8/11/000	Elle Fuchs	Birthday
8/12/000	Cassie & Nick Qualle	Anniversary
8/12/000	Katie Paradis	Birthday
8/14/000	Dave and Gail Feneis	Anniversary
8/15/000	Carla Claussen	Birthday
8/20/000	Russ McBroom	Birthday
8/20/000	Arlys & John Edson	Anniversary
8/24/000	John & Carol Fehrmann	Anniversary
8/26/000	Leah Anderson	Birthday
9/01/000	Jerry Jespersen	Birthday
9/01/000	Bud Hitchcock	Birthday
9/01/000	Donna Olson	Birthday
9/04/000	Jill Larson	Birthday
9/04/000	Blaine Mathwig	Birthday
9/05/000	Peter & Christine Krenzke	Anniversary
9/07/000	Eileen Esget	Birthday
9/07/000	Francis & Janie Tech-Cassady	Anniversary
9/08/000	Ben Rolf	Birthday
9/08/000	Christopher Sikorski	Birthday
9/13/000	Matt Knea	Birthday
9/13/000	Daniel Schoolman	Birthday
9/16/000	Susan Karius	Birthday
9/16/000	Donna Niemi	Birthday
9/17/000	J.D. Braun	Birthday
9/18/000	Mark Swenson	Birthday
9/22/000	Eunice McBroom	Birthday
9/22/000	Emily Esget	Birthday
9/25/000	Craig & Charlotte Smith	Anniversary
9/25/000	Dan Corey	Birthday
9/26/000	Noah Paradis	Birthday
9/26/000	Noah Paradis	Birthday
9/28/000	Mike and Heidi Thorson	Anniversary
9/30/000	Karen Swenson	Birthday
9/30/000	Christine Krenzke	Birthday

## Rally Day and Mission Fest – September 11 and 18

*This fall two important Sundays occur in September.*

**Rally day** is September 11. On this Sunday the kids will sing during the service some of the songs they learned at VBS. It will be the day in which we begin the new Sunday school year so Sunday school classes will recommence. After the Service there will be a cookout picnic with games for the kids including a dunk tank and the type of stuff they had to play on at VBS. The VBS guests will be invited so we may have a couple of guests. It's a fun day so plan on being there.

**Mission Sunday** is September 18. Our guest preacher will be Rev. Jonathan Fisk, the pastor of St. John's Evangelical Lutheran church of Springfield, PA. Join us Sunday Sept. 18 as we welcome Rev. Fisk, host of the Worldview Everlasting video podcast and Director of Development for Philadelphia Lutheran Ministries. During the Bible study hour will be presenting on the Northeast Philly Project, a concerted goal to send a full time domestic missionary into the heart of Philadelphia, in the hopes of planting a new confessional Lutheran congregation



### GoC Book Club announces August/September selection

***The Knights of Rhodes*** by Bo Giertz, translated by Bror Erickson

The story is set in the Eastern Mediterranean in the early 16th century, where we learn initially of the death of the Grand Master of the Knights Hospitallers in the fortress on the island of Rhodes. This newly-translated and little-known work of fiction recounts a pivotal and long forgotten conflict between Islam and Christendom.

Giertz, Swedish Bishop, must have been a wonderful pastor and shepherd of souls, on top of being a first rate theologian and a humble Christian himself. As in the "Hammer of God", in "The Knights of Rhodes" he combines narrative with history, theology, soul care and worship in his own unique way of writing a novel. Of all this mingling of strands and lines of thought, Giertz' understanding of human beings in relation to God and His comfort, is his most profound contribution. Through the characters we learn something about ourselves, how we view ourselves, how we related to each other and how we can find strength and forgiveness in God's Word and Sacrament.

"Bishop Giertz knew that faith itself is adventure into unknown territories and on paths uncharted. This novel, set in the turbulence of an emerging new world in the sixteenth century, is a saga about the resilience of faith, a faith that 'overcomes destiny.' It is a potent story unadorned by shallow sentimentalities that invites readers to ponder the goodness of a God who engages human beings with all of their frailties and foibles as instruments of His service."

-John T. Pless, Concordia Theological Seminary

"This little known work of Bo Giertz . . . is remarkable. Not only does it recount a pivotal yet long forgotten conflict between Islam and Christendom; its gripping narrative is sure to draw its readers into the convictions and passions that surrounded the Ottoman assault on the island of Rhodes in 1521."


-Adam S. Francisco, Concordia Theological Seminary

**Pick a copy up on the Narthex Book Table. We will discuss September 12<sup>th</sup>, 2011, 6:00 pm at Perkins, Highway 55 and 494. Cost is \$28.00**

## Wednesday Morning Bible Class

The class will start up again on September 7th at 10:00 am.  
We will continue Exodus.

**Can you read Music and like to have fun?**  
**Bell Choir** is looking for full time and substitute ringers.  
**Rehearsals are Wednesdays from 6:30-7:30pm. Our first rehearsal is on Wednesday, September 7th.**  
Please contact Brenda Richards at 763-476-6981 if you are interested.



### AN INVITATION TO JOIN US FOR CHOIR THIS YEAR:

Are you interested in singing with the Adult Choir? If so, please join us for our first rehearsal on Wednesday, September 7th at 7:30 p.m.! You can also send me an email if you cannot attend the first rehearsal but do want to sing with the choir.

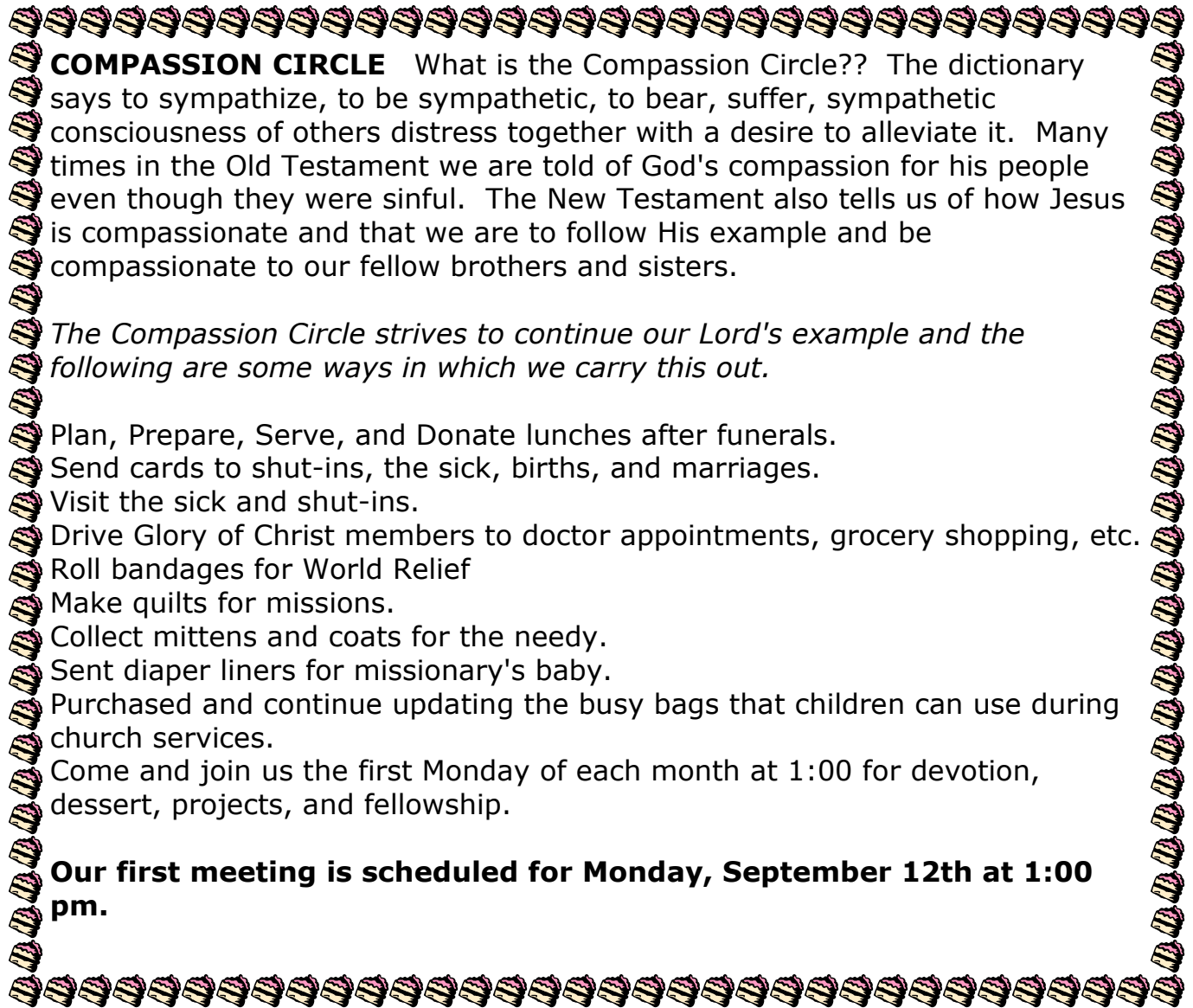
Questions? Please contact me! Carla Claussen,  
Director - Adult Choir (email: [carla2norsk@yahoo.com](mailto:carla2norsk@yahoo.com))



Sunday School for 3 years old thru 8th graders begins on September 11th. Sunday school begins at 10:20 am. Please plan to attend and then stick around for our Rally day picnic.







**COMPASSION CIRCLE**

What is the Compassion Circle?? The dictionary says to sympathize, to be sympathetic, to bear, suffer, sympathetic consciousness of others distress together with a desire to alleviate it. Many times in the Old Testament we are told of God's compassion for his people even though they were sinful. The New Testament also tells us of how Jesus is compassionate and that we are to follow His example and be compassionate to our fellow brothers and sisters.

*The Compassion Circle strives to continue our Lord's example and the following are some ways in which we carry this out.*

- Plan, Prepare, Serve, and Donate lunches after funerals.
- Send cards to shut-ins, the sick, births, and marriages.
- Visit the sick and shut-ins.
- Drive Glory of Christ members to doctor appointments, grocery shopping, etc.
- Roll bandages for World Relief
- Make quilts for missions.
- Collect mittens and coats for the needy.
- Sent diaper liners for missionary's baby.
- Purchased and continue updating the busy bags that children can use during church services.
- Come and join us the first Monday of each month at 1:00 for devotion, dessert, projects, and fellowship.

**Our first meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 12th at 1:00 pm.**

**Audio/Visual System Operator - or AVS Operator NEEDED!**

We would like to get at least 8 people to be trained in to work on a rotating basis.

*Please contact Travis Dorweiler if you are willing to help out.  
tdorweiler@hotmail.com or call him on his cell phone (612) 270-5209*

**Role Description:** (No previous experience necessary-Training will be conducted)

**Sanctuary Duties:**

- Operate the audio and visual recording system during the Church service.
- Turn on and off the TV in the Parents Room

**Fellowship Duties (Bible Class):**

- Turn on system and record Bible class in Fellowship Hall on Sundays

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