



Christ Lutheran Church

Christ Church Comments

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Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church

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During Louisville Men's Basketball's Elite Eight win over Duke ten years ago, Kevin Ware experienced what many described as the most gruesome injury ever broadcast on live television. If you happened to see an uncensored replay of the injury, that image will likely stay with you for quite a while. It was a compound fracture of his tibia, which means that the broken bone was sticking out through the skin. The reactions of the people around Ware were especially telling. Some of his teammates immediately dropped to their knees, overcome by what they had seen. Coaches, players, referees, and even fans instinctively put distance between themselves and Ware. Only one person, Luke Hancock, actually went toward his fallen teammate.



News accounts from the day report that Hancock came to Kevin Ware's side and gripped his hand. He said a prayer for and with his

injured teammate, guided him through the initial trauma, and stayed with him while the medical staff stabilized him and prepared to transport him to the local hospital. To this day Hancock says that he does not know what made him go towards Ware. The best he was able to muster was, "I just didn't want him to be alone out there."

It is our natural inclination to turn away from illness or injuries. We don't tend to enjoy reminders of our own mortality. The same thing applies to addictions, mental illness, and a host of other ailments. Yet, when someone is willing to come alongside those injured in body, heart, or spirit, we see God working through human hands. Though Luke Hancock is in no way Jesus Christ, the direction of his movement on that day was certainly Christ-like. Here's how St. Paul put it in Romans 5:6-8:

You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous person, though for a good person someone might possibly dare to die. But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners Christ died for us.

God doesn't wait for us to heal ourselves before we are welcome in God's presence. Instead, God comes to us, even, and perhaps especially, when others turn away. God draws us close, binds up those places where we are broken, and then sends us out into the world, to bind up the wounds of others.

Peace,

Pastor David



The Gardens Beautification Team is in need of large Rocks to edge landscaping beds. If you have or know of any free or cheap Rocks please let Yvette Gronda know at 734.642.6024 or ygronda@gmail.com. Thank you!



**Thanks be to God,
who gives us the
victory through our
Lord Jesus Christ.
1Corinthians 15:57**

HAVE YOU HAD A CHANGE OF ADDRESS?

Please notify the church office with the details of your new address, **if you have moved, or have a new phone number, or are vacationing for an extended period of time.** This helps save postage on returned mail. All church contact information is found on page one.



... and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of all the people.

Revelation 22:2

Vacation Bible School

August 7-11, 2023

Register at:
christmonroe.com



Graduate Sunday will be June 11th. Join us after worship to celebrate with them.

Our Food Pantry sure has been busy! We can use any good grocery bags you may have. Also, next time you go to the Dentist ask them if they can donate toothbrushes & toothpaste. My dentist donated a case of each! And remember, canned meat is always welcome.



**The Book Club will meet on
June 15th at Annie Click's at 1:00 pm.
"Last Summer Boys" by Bill Rivers**



The new website address for Christ Lutheran Church is:

christmonroe.com

News from around the church

Scripture Readers

Thanks to Carol Miller for organizing!

June 4 Don Link

June 11 Patrick Lewis

June 18 Pat Sargent

June 25 Carolyn Gardetto

Ushers

Thanks to Patrick Lewis for organizing!

June 4 Geof Oetjens

June 11 Patrick Lewis

June 18 Jim or Mary Jackel

June 25 Gary Huepenbecker

Assisting Minister

Thanks to Rusty Ward for organizing!

June 4 Wayne Butts

June 11 Renee Merkel

June 18 Jim Jackel

June 25 Rusty Ward

FIRST ANNUAL

PATRICK CLICK GOLF CLASSIC

JULY 23RD, 2023 - GIANT OAK GOLF CLUB AND BANQUET CENTER



THIS EVENT IS A FUNDRAISER IN SUPPORT OF THE
FOOD PANTRY AT CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

CURRENT FINANCIAL INFORMATION

<u>Summary Operating Statement</u>	<u>April 2023</u>	<u>April 2023</u>	<u>YTD 2023</u>	<u>YTD 2023</u>
	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Operating income	\$ 14,929	\$ 20,999	\$ 54,499	\$ 72,204
Operating expense	12,867	15,456	69,936	66,055
Operating Surplus/(Deficit)	\$ 2,062	\$ 5,543	\$ (15,437)	\$ 6,149

This month we covered our expenses mostly due to the extra giving during Easter. Our year to date loss is due to the lower than expected income the first 3 months of the year and expenses being higher than expected.



Goal: \$21,000

*\$10,000
raised
already!*

RIISING IN *Hope!*

The church steeple is a symbol of our faith and our community. This summer the steeple will undergo a major restoration. We expect that this restoration will cost about \$21,000. We are asking the families and friends of Christ Lutheran to make a special contribution to help offset this cost. You can give all at once, or spaced out over the rest of the year.

Use the other side of this card to submit your statement of intent.



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I, _____

intend to give

\$

before the end of 2023 to support
the restoration of the steeple.