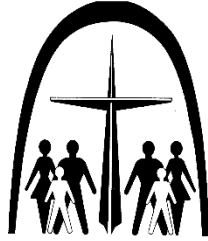


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(There is often someone here in the afternoon, but it is best to call ahead).

Our Beliefs

We are a member of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod (LCMS). Our beliefs can be summed up by the three solas: We are saved by God's Grace Alone, through Faith Alone, as revealed in Scripture Alone.

Grace Alone: God loves the people of the world, even though they are sinful, rebel against Him and do not deserve His love. He sent Jesus, His Son, to love the unlovable and save the ungodly.

(2 Tim. 3:16, Psalm 119:105, Hebrews 4:12-14)

Faith Alone: By His suffering and death as the substitute for all people of all time, Jesus purchased and won forgiveness and eternal life for them. Those who hear this Good News and believe it have the eternal life that it offers. God creates faith in Christ and gives people forgiveness through Him.

(Ephesians 2:8-9, Romans 3:20-24, Acts 15:11)

Scripture alone: The Bible is God's inerrant and infallible Word, in which He reveals His Law and His Gospel of salvation in Jesus Christ. It is the sole rule and norm for Christian doctrine.

(Acts 16:30-31, Romans 10:9-10, Matthew 19:25-26)

Check out www.lcms.org for more information on the Synod

What you can expect from us as a member

faithful preaching and teaching of the true Word of God

Sacraments of Baptism and Holy Communion

Opportunities to get involved

questions answered

friendly welcome

children and youth education and activities

confirmation classes/adult instructions

attention to and prayers for the sick and shut in

marriage instruction and service

Christian burial

What we expect from you as a member

faithful attendance at worship

faithful communing at Lord's Supper

prayerful and financial support

prayers for church and pastors

involvement in activities

How to Keep Up-To-Date on Events and Activities

Come to service and get the weekly printed newsletter

Watch the mail for the monthly newsletter

Sign-up to receive the Friday email newsletter

Find upcoming events on the website

Check the bulletin board and table in the Narthex

Like us on Facebook

Download our App

The Ministries and Events of Christ Lutheran Church

Worship Services

Regular Services

Thursdays at 6:30pm

(Traditional – same as the Sunday following except during Lent)

Sundays at 8 (Traditional) and 10:30am (Contemporary)

Communion

During services the 1st and 3rd Sunday
(and Thursday preceding)

YouTube and MCTV

We film most of our services. They air on MCTV (Cable Channel 989) and are available on our YouTube page and the App (usually within a week).

Youth and Children's Ministries

Sunday School

Sunday School is held from 9:15-10:15am and is for children ages 3 through 8th grade. (September through May). Classes are broken up by grade. We use a Bible-based curriculum that teaches the children the many stories found in the Bible as well as overarching themes. While we encourage families to come every week, it is not a requirement. Come as you are able.

Christmas Program

Every year (usually the Sunday a week or two before Christmas), the Sunday School puts on a special Christmas service. The children act out the Christmas story through Bible readings and songs.

Vacation Bible School (VBS)

VBS is held the first week of August (Monday – Friday in the morning). It is for ages 3 through 6th grade (older children are welcome to volunteer). Children spend the morning singing, listening to Bible stories, making crafts, playing games, eating cookies, and enjoying the decorations. Work nights are held in July to make all of the decorations.

P.U.P.P.E.T.S.

Our P.U.P.P.E.T.S. (People Using Puppets for Preparing Each other with The Spirit) is just what it sounds like and more. We have three groups: 4th-6th graders, Jr High, and Sr High. They use puppets and signs to various songs, often performing during church services and in the community. Twice a year they lead the Thursday night service with skits and songs. They also do other creative ministries, including human videos, flag routines, and black light hand mimes. They practice on Wednesday nights.

Youth Music Ministries

There are several youth music groups that take turns practicing and performing during the school year. They meet before Sunday School (8:30-9am). Groups include STICKS, Tone Chimes, Dance, and Choir.

Night Light

Night Light is a youth Bible Study held at Tammy's House (our Director of Christian Education) for Jr and Sr High Youth. It is Sunday nights from 6-7:30pm.

Student Leadership Team (SaLT)

A group of high school youth meet once a month to plan and organize opportunities for the youth in the congregation. They have already completed a short-term servant event.

Potter's House Café

Potter's House is held the hour before Confirmation class on Wednesdays (5:30-6:30pm). There is a dollar food menu, open gym, board games, and a chance to just hang-out. This is especially for our Confirmation students and youth in PUPPETS, but any Jr and Sr High youth are welcome.

Confirmation

Confirmation classes are held on Wednesday nights (Sept-April) for 7th and 8th graders. During their two years of classes, students learn more about the Christian faith, including:

- How Christians Live (The Ten Commandments)
- Who God Is (The Apostles' Creed)
- How to Pray (The Lord's Prayer)
- How to Forgive and Be Forgiven (The Office of The Keys and Confession)
- What Baptism Is (Holy Baptism)
- What The Lord's Supper Is and Does (The Lord's Supper)
- And the history of the Reformation and the formation of the Lutheran church.

Students are Confirmed after two years during a special service.

Adopt-a-Confirmand

Members of the congregation anonymously “adopt” a confirmation student. Sponsors pray for their student and send them the occasional encouraging note, card, and/or gift during the student’s two years of classes. Students find out who their sponsor is at Confirmation Rehearsal at the end of their 8th grade year.

Early Communion

Early Communion classes are held in the spring for children in grades 5, 6, and 7. They attend two classes that teach them about what the Lord’s Supper is. It is not necessary to take Early Communion. Children who don’t take the classes will take Communion for the first time on their Confirmation day.

Youth Fundraisers

We have several youth fundraisers throughout the year, including Super Bowl Pizzas, Cabin Fever Brat Sale, Easter Breakfast, and a Rummage Sale among others. These help pay for trips like Lifest and the National Youth Gathering.

National Youth Gathering

The National Youth Gathering is held every three years. It is a gathering of LCMS youth ages 14-19 from all over the country. They spend a week attending large gatherings and worship service, workshops, doing community service, and exploring the city (previous gatherings have been held in New Orleans, LA, San Antonio, TX, and Orlando, FL). The next event is 2022. Youth must sign-up to attend in early Fall the year prior to the event.

Bible Studies

Sunday Morning

Our Sunday morning Study is held at 9:15am in the Fellowship Hall. Usually one topic is discussed for several weeks or more. You don’t have to attend every week. Just drop in when you can.

Wednesday Morning

Our Wednesday Bible Study meets at 9:30am. It's a larger group and topics usually continue for several months at a time. Often we go section by section through a book in the Bible, but we have also done studies such as Being Lutheran.

Men's Breakfast Bible Study

This small group of men meet Wednesday mornings at 7:30am. Pastor Daryn makes pancakes and sausages for everyone.

Monday Afternoon Small Group

This small group meets Monday afternoons at 3pm in the Bride's/Prayer room. Topics vary, but usually involve reading through a book.

Bible Study Ideas?

Do you have an idea for a Bible Study? Or are interested in leading one? Please talk to the Pastors.

Church Council and Boards

The Church council oversees the work of the Church. There are five officers on council and a representative of each of the boards.

Evangelism

The Christ Lutheran Church Evangelism Committee strives to encourage and support our congregation to reach out to others with...tell others about...and invite others to hear...The Good News of Jesus. We pray that this may happen in our midst through the work of the Holy Spirit, for the growth of God's Kingdom, and for the sake of those who have yet to come to faith in Christ. Much of the focus is on visitors and new members and on reaching out to the community.

Social Ministries

The Board of Social Ministry's objectives are to place before the congregation social ministry needs and seek to move the congregation to increase its response to those needs, coordinate congregational support for local service organizations, and coordinate congregational participation in church-wide ministry programs.

Property

The Board of Property administers and supervises the proper maintenance of all Church property, including buildings, grounds, and any equipment and contents.

Worship

The Board of Worship strives to promote and facilitate the holding of worship services at CLC. We do this by scheduling and planning worship services and special music with our pastors to encourage regular attendance at church. Our mission is to lead congregational members to thankfully hear God's Word preached and receive His gifts through the Sacraments on a consistent basis and for the strengthening of their faith.

Education

The Board of Education prayerfully plans and oversees opportunities for the members of Christ Lutheran Church and our community to grow in faith and in deeper knowledge of God's Word. Board members work together with church staff, current ministry leaders, and potential new ministry leaders to plan, implement, and evaluate events, Bible studies, Sunday School, Confirmation and Early Communion classes, and other ministries that are a part of the overall Christian Education Ministries at Christ Lutheran Church. As necessary, Board of Education members may also assist in identifying, training, and evaluating volunteers for various Christian Education ministries. Board members, together with called staff continually seek the Lord's guidance as they strive to find new opportunities to help others grow in their understanding of God's Word

Stewardship

The Board of Stewardship shall be responsible for the planning and management of the money, time, and talents of the Church and its members. It will also focus on the promoting and fulfilling of the mission of the Church. Duties include: participation in the Budget Committee, reviewing how money is handled, educating members on the Biblical guidelines for stewardship, encouraging Church participation in local missions and community events, reviewing the Bylaws on a biannual basis and assisting with the management of the Memorial Fund.

Youth

The Board of Youth prayerfully plans and oversees opportunities for children and youth of Christ Lutheran Church and our community to grow in faith and in a deeper relationship with our Savior, Jesus Christ. Board members work together with church staff, current ministry leaders, and potential new ministry leaders to plan, implement, and evaluate youth events, trips, Bible studies, PUPPETS ministry, service projects, fund raisers, and other miscellaneous youth activities.

Elders

The Board of Elders shall have authority and responsibility for the spiritual welfare and activities of the congregation. They will assist the pastor in assuming the general spiritual welfare of the congregation and shall assist the pastor in difficult problems of the ministry and see to it that congregational discipline is carried out according to Matthew 18: 15-20. Elders are men 21 years or older.

Music

Chorale

Our adult choir practices on Tuesday nights and sings during service several times a year. They also hold a concert twice a year with our other music ministries. Anyone high school age on up are welcome to join.

Bells of Praise

This is a bell choir. It practices on Tuesday nights and performs during service several times a year. They also hold a concert twice a year with our other music ministries. Anyone high school age on up are welcome to join.

Worship Band

The Worship Band is a small group that provides the music during the 10:30am contemporary worship service. They usually practice on Tuesday nights. New talent is welcome.

Soloists

If you like singing or playing an instrument, we always welcome you to share your talent in worship. The Pastors will schedule you at a time when special music is especially wanted.

Worship Help

Ushers

Ushers hand out bulletins before service, collect the offering, count how many people are in service, sort offering envelopes after service, and help direct visitors. Families are encouraged to usher together.

Projector

Our projector software is easy to use. All it requires is to push a button to advance the slides during service.

Sound

We have a nice computer sound board that controls the different mikes in the Sanctuary. People trained on sound are just asked to keep an ear open in case the mikes need to be adjusted during the worship service.

Other

Funeral Meal and Potluck Help

We hold many meals here at church for funerals and church events. Help is always needed in the kitchen to set-up, serve, and clean-up.

Altar Guild

The Altar Guild is responsible for setting-up and cleaning-up Communion, as well as changing altar paraments and watering altar flowers. Members set-up a schedule in advance.

Lutheran Women's Missionary League

The Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) is the official women's auxiliary of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. The LWML focuses on affirming each woman's relationship with Christ, encouraging and equipping women to live out their Christian lives in active mission ministries and to support global missions. Our LWML meets once a month. Part of the meeting includes a Bible Study.

Ladies Aid

The Ladies Aid is a women's Bible Study and fellowship time. They meet on the second Thursday of the month at 12:30pm in the Fellowship Hall. (September - December and April - May). All women are welcome to come. Many of the ladies who are a part of Ladies Aid also help serve funeral meals and provide deserts.

Gardening

We have some very nice gardens that need weeding and watering during the summer. You are welcome to come anytime you want to.

Baker's Dozen

Our Baker's Dozen group meets on Sunday mornings to bake treats for the Bible Study and between service Fellowship time.

Prayer Team

The Prayer Team meets on the second Monday of every month at 5pm. They spend time praying for the congregation and individual members.

Prayer Chain

Members of the prayer chain receive an email prayer list every week. Email Karen Bahn (karen_bahn@yahoo.com) to be added to the group.

Men's Maintenance Group

A group of men get together on Monday mornings (once or twice a month) to help with the many maintenance projects around the building and grounds.

Security Team

The Elders are working on a Church security plan. Part of that is forming a security team. Members of the team would be trained on how to act in certain situations.

Outreach

As part of the command to “love one another” we believe it is our duty to help those in need. There are many ways we do that throughout the year. We are always looking for more. Here is a list of just a few things we do. Some other annual collections include items for the Veterans at King, an annual VBS mission, donations of school supplies for local families, and many more.

Feed My Starving Children

Every year in April, Marshfield hosts a FMSC MobilePack Event at Zion Methodist Church. Over 1000 volunteers pack food that is sent to starving children around the world. We have a sign-up for our members, as well as a donation box. www.fmssc.org

Operation Christmas Child

Operation Christmas Child is a part of Samaritan's Purse. Every fall, we collect items (toys, school supplies, and hygiene items) that are packed into shoebox gifts. The gifts are sent all over the world to children who would otherwise not receive a Christmas present. As part of the program, each child can also participate in "The Greatest Journey," a 12 week Bible Study course.

Prayer Shawls

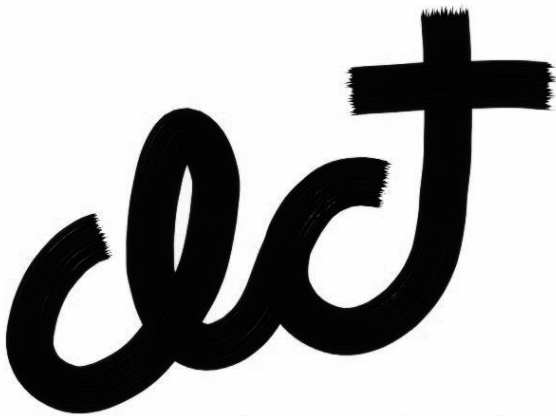
Several members knit prayer shawls that are given to people in nursing homes, the hospital, recovering from an illness, or homebound. They are a reminder of our Savior's love.

Mission Trips

November 2017 saw our first mission trip. Six members of the congregation went to Guatemala. We plan to have more trips both internationally and domestically in the future. People are needed to plan and participate in these trips.

Social Ministries

Every Thanksgiving, our Social Ministries group collects monetary donations. They use the money they collect throughout the year to support local and national charities and individual families in need.



Events

Here is a brief list of some of the larger events throughout the year.

Voter's Meetings

We have two large congregational meetings a year (January and July). This is a great time to find out what is going on at Church, get questions answered, and vote on important issues.

Soup Suppers

During Lent, we hold a soup supper between our two midweek services. Various groups in the church serve and provide the desserts. It is a great time for fellowship.

4th of July Fireworks Viewing

Our backyard is well suited for watching the Marshfield fireworks, especially for those who don't like the loud noise. We offer free water, freezie pops, and glow sticks to anyone who comes to watch them.

Lifest

Lifest is a Christian music festival held every July in Oshkosh. We always send a group of youth and adults to attend. Most of the group camps, but a limited number of hotel rooms are available.

Bethlehem Walk

In early December, we transform the gym into Bethlehem as it was the night Jesus was born. The public is invited to come and sign the census, visit the shops, get some water at the well, and visit the Baby Jesus at the stable. A lot of volunteers are needed to pull this off.

History

In 1927, Immanuel Lutheran Church experienced a major schism amongst its parishioners. The dispute over doctrine led 40 families to leave and, on May 20, 1928, form Christ Lutheran Church. Two months later they called Pastor Arnold Dornfeld as their first pastor. Under his leadership they chose to build a church on the corner of 3rd and Walnut, a building which was completed and dedicated on February 10, 1929.

Pastor Dornfeld served Christ Lutheran Church until 1944 when failing health caused him to step down. The call committee then convinced Pastor T.P. Bradtke to leave his teaching job at a Lutheran High School and become Christ Lutheran's second pastor. He went on to serve here for 43 years.

Pastor Bradtke's years as pastor saw the end of German services in 1959, the switch from the Wisconsin Synod to the Missouri Synod in 1964, and the building of a new church building, the current Christ Lutheran Church, in 1969. In 1986, near the completion of the multipurpose room and new Sunday School rooms, Pastor Bradtke announce his intention to retire.

Pastor Bradtke retired on September 13th, 1987 and a week later Pastor Mark Krueger was installed as the third pastor.

As of 1990, the congregation had grown to 1440 baptized members and so decided to call another pastor to serve alongside Pastor Mark. In July of 1990, Pastor Stewart Crown was installed as the first assistant pastor. He resigned two years later to continue his studies.

In 1993, Pastor Steven Chellew was called as the second assistant pastor. His wife, Val Chellew, and Pat Retz organized the preschool in 1995. The preschool was at the church for 17 years.

Another addition to the church was dedicated on April 13, 1997. This building project included the choir room, additional offices, the education wing, and a kitchen remodel.

One year later, Pastor Steve accepted a call in Iowa which led to the calling of Pastor Daryn Bahn as associate pastor. He was installed on April 18, 1999. In the meantime, Tammy Schwartz was called to serve as Director of Christian Education and was installed on August 9, 1998.

2002 saw the completion of a renovation project ahead of the 75th Anniversary celebrations in 2003. The project included refurbished pews, new carpeting and tile for the sanctuary and narthex, a redesigned parking lot, and a new sound and lighting system.

The next few years saw the purchase of a new organ, a new metal roof, and the planting of the Bradke Memorial gardens. A fountain was added to the gardens in 2013 in honor of Pastor Mark and Sandy Krueger.

In 2012, the church saw another major change when Pastor Mark retired on August 19 after 25 years at Christ Lutheran. A call committee was formed. At the annual meeting in January 2013, the congregation voted to make Pastor Daryn senior pastor. The committee then started the process of calling a new associate pastor.

After exploring several options, the committee decided to pursue calling a pastor right out of seminary. Six members went down to Saint Louis in January of 2014 to interview four soon-to-be graduates. Three months later at the Seminary Call Day service, we learned that Pastor Andrew Wilson and his wife Brianna were placed with Christ Lutheran Church. On June 29th, 2014, Pastor Andrew was installed and ordained as only the seventh pastor to serve this congregation.

In the first week of November 2017, Pastor Andrew and 5 other members of the congregation went to Guatemala for a mission trip. This was the first mission trip in our Congregation's history and was well supported.

On November 19th, 2017, Pastor Andrew announced that he had accepted a call to Trinity Lutheran in Zanesville, OH. A call committee was formed and it was decided to once again call out of the seminary. Only a few months later we found out that Andrew Belt, his wife Rebecca, and their twin boys were coming to Marshfield. He was installed on June 24th, 2018.

In January of 2019, we paid off our mortgage. The church is officially debt-free. We praise God for all his blessings during our 90+ years.

An Explanation of Our Mission Statement

“We experience and proclaim that God’s help is real.”

“We experience”

Our faith isn’t based merely on our own experiences, but certainly, in our lives, we experience the blessings of faith in Jesus. We believe and trust in God’s Word as the source of all we teach and believe. Sometimes we have to rely upon God’s Word over and above the things we experience. For example, our doubts and fears and hardships cannot compare to the experiences we will have in heaven. Yet, we know that we can and do experience “a foretaste of our heavenly feast” even now. We do so as we gather for worship and receive the Sacrament of the Altar and as we share in fellowship of our brothers and sisters in Christ. We do so as we celebrate God’s blessings together!

“And Proclaim”

Oftentimes, preaching gets a bad name! You can just hear someone saying, “don’t preach at me!” But preaching and teaching God’s word is different than is assumed by many people. The proclamation of the Good News of Jesus is the most joyous thing on earth, and what a privilege it is! The Gospel, or the Good News, is something that is reminiscent of ancient times. When you won a battle, the messenger, or herald, would have the very important job of relaying the news of victory to the people back home. If the news didn’t reach home in time, the result could be disastrous! This highlights the importance of proclaiming God’s Word in its truth and purity as we do.

“That God’s”

Who is God? We can only know the true God through faith in Jesus Christ. We confess and believe that Jesus is the Way, the Truth, and the Life. He alone is our Savior! We also confess and believe in the Triune God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. One of our statements of faith, the Athanasian Creed, says, “...we worship one God in Trinity and Trinity in Unity, neither confusing the persons nor dividing the substance. For the Father is one person, the Son is another, and the Holy Spirit is another. But the Godhead of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit is one: the glory equal, the majesty coeternal... So the Father is God, the Son is God, the Holy Spirit is God; and yet there are not three Gods, but one God.”

“Help is Real.”

The author of Hebrews encourages us to seek help from God in all things. *“Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.”* (Hebrews 4:16, ESV). Yet, even as this verse alludes to, the way God has revealed to us, the way that God has chosen to ultimately help us is through His Son, Jesus Christ. Long before Jesus’ birth, the Psalmist prayed for such help. *“Help us, O God of our salvation, for the glory of your name; deliver us, and atone for our sins, for your name’s sake!”* (Psalm 79:9, ESV). Jesus truly did atone for our sins. He paid for them on the cross. He is our Salvation. He is our Help. Therefore, bringing people to faith in Jesus and strengthening their faith in Him is what we’re all about. As we do that, we can also show others, by our actions, that God’s help in Jesus is real. It makes a big impact on the way we live our lives! For example, Paul urged his “true companion” to help two prominent women of the church, Euodia and Syntyche, to come to an agreement with each other. (Philippians 4:3) Practical. Straightforward. Real. That’s what helping one another in the love of the Lord is all about.

May God help us to use this mission statement as a guide, as we seek to carry out the great commission and “make disciples” of all nations! (Matthew 28:16-20)

Explanation of the Stained Glass

(in the Sanctuary)

The windows in the Chancel area of the church and the six windows in the nave of the Church were designed by Professor Richard Caemmerer, artist at Valparaiso University, Valparaiso, Indiana. The windows were fabricated under the direction of Professor Caemmerer by the Conway Universal Studios of Glass of Winona, Minnesota. The artist' Own description of the windows follows:

"In designing and fabricating these windows, I thought of the people at worship and a motif appropriate to the design of the building. What I have done is simply an illustration of the doxology in our Lutheran Hymnal, - "Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow: Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost." This is one of the six great hymns of the church.

We have across the top the symbol of the Trinity. The circle of the Father, then the flame here, and there is a dove shape representing the Holy Spirit. The major dominant theme of the whole top part - not just the circle but the cross is the symbol of the Son which are drops of blood coming from the cross. On the left side as you face the chancel, the blood refers ultimately to the celebration of the Lord's Supper. There is a chalice, a host, the grape and wheat. ON the right side is the fire which ultimately refers to the water and the shell of baptism. So we have describes for us the major sacrifice. Beneath these we have another reference to a third sacramental from the Lutheran Liturgy and that is the "Word." It is not a Sacrament but it is a sacramental element.

On the right side we have a book with open pages and on the left side we have a scroll from the Old Testament. Beneath that on both sides we have "all creatures here below." On the left side we have the sun and the rain, growing trees, houses, in fact, even factories with smoke

coming out - obviously very, very abstract. On the right side we have the crescent moon and the stars. So you have night and day, sunshine and rain - the whole world in a geodesic glow. Beneath it, representative of all people on earth, are the colors of men - black, red, yellow, white, and brown. In fact, there is a little pagoda shape on the right side and beneath that a family, people, father, mother, son and daughter.

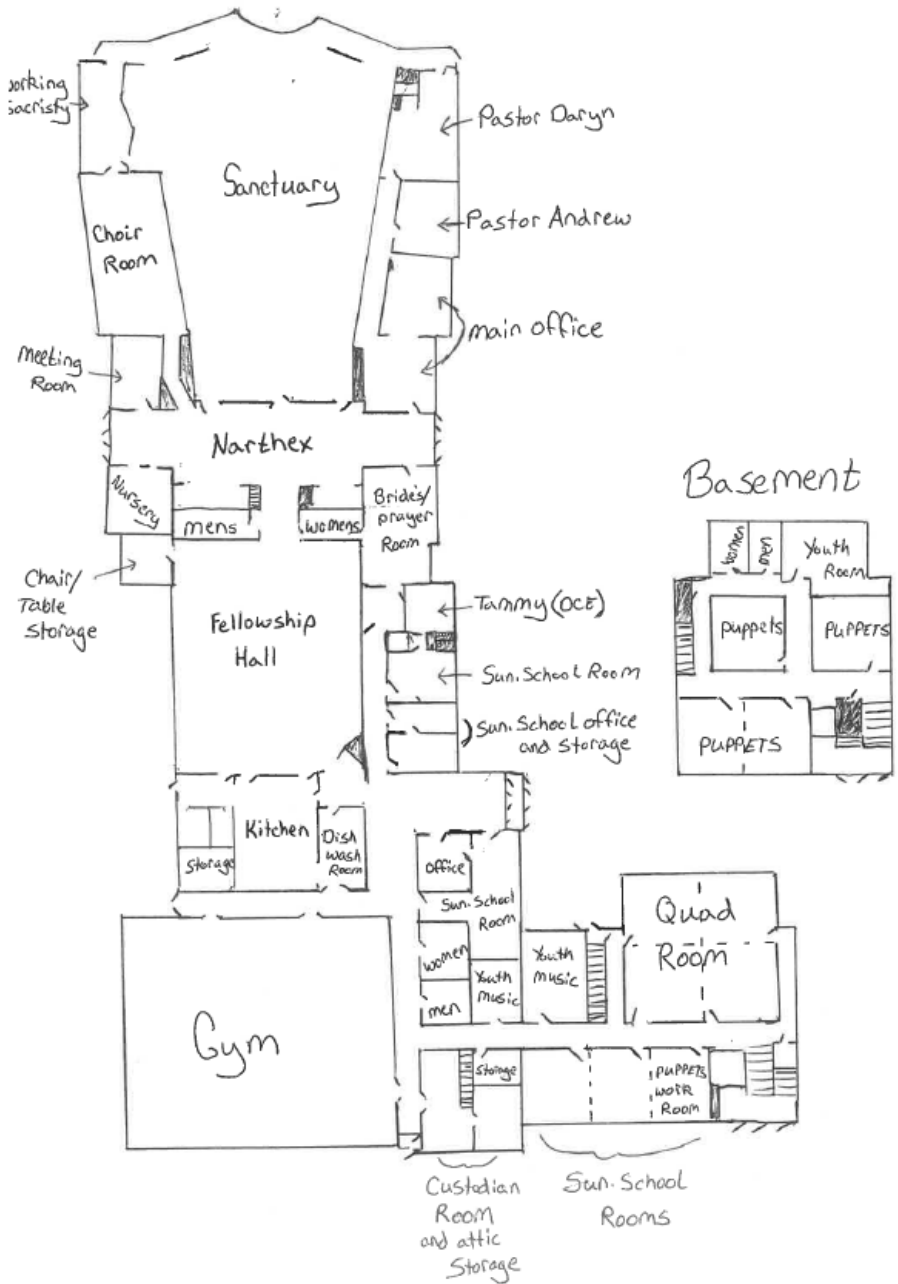
In other words, the window is the faith life of the Christian Church on earth and one over-arching act of praise. I feel it is a happy, joyful, celebrated kind of thing.

The windows in the nave are to carry out further this theme of "Praise God" but this time it is nature and life itself which praises God. Here on the left side of the nave, facing the chancel, the first windows from the rear of the nave is Morning with the sun rising in all its color. The second window with its green and yellows, Nature Growing, represents the springtime of the year. The third window with the sun at its highest point, and its rich colors gives us the season of Summer.

Then, following the windows on the right side to the rear of the nave, the first window shows us the season of Fall, with the sun a little bit lower in the skies and there are the colors of that season. The next window with the sun still lower brings us the season of Winter. This is shown in the grays and blues. The final window brings us to Evening with the setting sun - a bit of color here and there.

But these windows are also life itself! From the last window we turn once more to the chancel area and its windows bringing us the message of salvation in Christ."

Map



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