

# CLARION



## We Believe: A Series in the Creed

What do you believe? Why does it matter? Can you explain what you believe? The word *creed* means "I believe." *The creeds of the church reveal what has been common to all Christians throughout history. They give us a clear and simple outline of the core of the Christian faith. We are examining the Nicene Creed in our preaching and worship through June.*

While the foundations of the creeds existed in the early church, they didn't begin to be formalized until the fourth century. Gerald Bray writes about this history:

"The Early Church needed the right language in order to express its faith clearly, in exactly the same way modern missionaries have to find the right concepts in which to preach the gospel to non-Christians . . . For the ordinary believer, who may well have been illiterate, it was necessary to prepare a summary of the digest, and it is from this pastoral need that the various creeds emerged."

- April 23** "The Creed: We Believe"
- April 30** "The Father"
- May 7** "The Son: Divine Nature"
- May 14** "The Son: Incarnation"
- May 21** "The Son: Death"
- May 28** "The Son: Resurrection, Ascension, & Return"
- June 4** "The Holy Spirit" (Pentecost Sunday)
- June 11** "The Church"
- June 18** "The Sacraments"
- June 25** "The Age to Come"

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- 5/11 Pregnancy Help Center Banquet
- 5/17 Salad Luncheon
- 5/18 Book Club
- 5/20 Men's Club Barbeque
- 5/21 Life Team to Lemay Care Center
- 5/31 Summer Reading Club Begins
- 6/12-16 Vacation Bible School
- 6/17 Men's Club Barbeque
- 7/15 Men's Club Barbeque
- 8/19 Men's Club Barbeque
- 9/16 Men's Club Barbeque
- 10/21 Men's Club Barbeque



## guild news

Women's Guild will hold their May meeting on May 4 at 12 pm. We look forward to hearing the final results of the Attic Treasure sale. And don't forget that May 17 is the date for our salad luncheon. Buy your tickets from Marilyn Orf. (636) 422-8223

We hope to see all of you at our May meeting and also at the Salad lunch.

## clarion

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Susan Senechal, Editor

## »send kids on an imaginative, impacting adventure

### Plans set for maker fun factory vbs

At Maker Fun Factory VBS, kids discover not only that God made them the way they are, but for a purpose, too. Maker Fun Factory is filled with incredible Bible-learning experiences kids see, hear, touch, and even taste! Sciency-Fun Gizmos™, team-building games, cool Bible songs, and tasty treats are just a few of the standout activities that help faith flow into real life. (Since everything is hands-on, kids might get a little messy. Be sure to send them in play clothes and safe shoes.) Plus, we'll help kids discover how to see evidence of God in everyday life—something we call God Sightings. Get ready to hear *that* phrase a lot!

Parents, grandparents, and friends are invited to join us at Funshop Finale each day at 11:30 am, a daily exploration of our Maker—God!

So mark these dates on your calendar:

**Monday, June 12, 2017 – Friday, June 16, 2017.**

The fun starts at 9 am and will end at Noon.

Visit [www.VBS.CMSTL.org](http://www.VBS.CMSTL.org) to register your child(ren) for this life-changing adventure!



## »charitable planning— a heritage at christ memorial

The Heritage Wall sculpture continues to grow, honoring the intentions of those who have developed a charitable plan to include Christ Memorial in their will or trust. Located along the hallway of the church offices, the heritage sculpture is part of the “Transfer the Blessings” process introduced this past fall.

Family and ministry both benefit when you discover effective ways to provide for your loved ones and the Lord’s Work – such a plan multiplies the impact of your gifts. When you include Christ Memorial as part of your transfer of blessings you will have the opportunity to insert your name(s) on the CM Heritage Wall.

Charitable planning shares a vision of life that includes thankfulness for God’s love and enables others to know that the Lord’s love abides for them as well. For many, charitable planning promises to positively impact their world and will assure your end-of-life gifts enrich not only your family but Christ Memorial as well.

If you already have a will which includes Christ Memorial as part of your bequests, forms are available in the church office to be acknowledged on the Heritage Wall.

If you would like help in developing an estate plan you have access to a gift planning counselor. The assistance is free as part of our partnership with the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod Foundation. Contact Kirk Mueller, Gift Planning Counselor at 314-704-4389 or by email: [kirk.mueller@LFND.org](mailto:kirk.mueller@LFND.org).



### go st. louis

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Christ Memorial has been proud to provide a free fully-equipped fitness center since 2007. The CMHC provides free services and programs to welcome the community and put into motion our emphasis on CM’s *Loved + Sent ministry*.



*The Miller family participate in Go! St. Louis : Paige, Cheryl, and Matt.*

In addition to the weight and cardio equipment, CM instructors offer classes in weight-loss, nutrition, strengthening, and more. There is also a free rehab program for those who qualify. See all that is offered at [www.CMHealthCenter.org](http://www.CMHealthCenter.org).

### 3 d's book club

Join us in the Family Room at church on the third Thursday of the month for a short devotion, a lively discussion about both Christian and secular books, and a homemade dessert.

Please call Robbin Oehler at (314)843-7865 to join.

**NO COST to participants.**

Books are checked out to the leader from St. Louis County Library.

**May 18** at 6:30

Discuss ***This Time Together*** by Carol Burnett and enjoy Carol Burnett's Raspberry Riches.

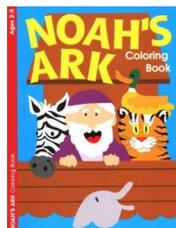
In *This Time Together* Carol discusses her remarkable friendships with stars such as Jimmy Stewart, Lucille Ball, Cary Grant, and Julie Andrews; her television show that won twenty-five Emmys in its remarkable eleven-year run; and the sorrows that she overcame with her irresistible humor.

## »llama, llama, bee

Wow it is that time of the year, CMLC Library's annual Summer Reading Club (SRC) starts on May 31 and ends of July 30, 2017. The SRC has two sets of awards. One for children ages 0 to 5 years and one of children ages 6 to 11 years. According to the American Library Association the benefits to readers participating in a summer reading program include encouragement that reading can become a lifelong habit, and reading over the summer helps children keep their skills up. Reading during the summer helps to mitigate "Summer Slide" or the tendency for students to lose some achievement gains they made during the previous school year.

### Ages 0 to 5 years

The goal for this age level is to have 40 board books or picture books read to them.



1<sup>st</sup> Level Award- **Beach Ball**, Eric Carle's 7 Way growth chart and reading program guides for parents

2<sup>nd</sup> Level Award- **Noah's Ark Coloring Book**

3<sup>rd</sup> Level Awards- **Board book**, certificate of completion and Dairy Queen Gift Card for small cone

### Ages 6 to 11 Years

The goal for this age level is to read or be read to for 10 hours.

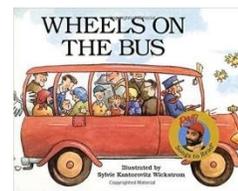
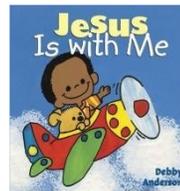
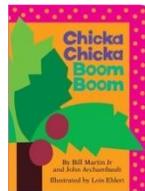
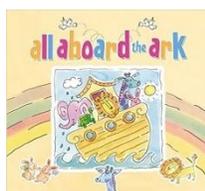
1<sup>st</sup> Level Awards- **Pen Maze and Glow Stick**

2<sup>nd</sup> Level Awards- **Flying Disc** and one mystery box item

3<sup>rd</sup> Level Awards-- **#IloveReading Earbuds**, Read cord wrap, certificate of completion, and Dairy Queen Gift Card for small cone.

## »board books recently added

We've added some new titles to the preschool board book collection. Look for them in the library located in the Family Room.



All Aboard the Ark

Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What do you See? By Bill Martin

Chicka Chicka Boom Boom by Bill Martin

Hey! Wake Up! By Sandra Boynton

Jesus is with Me by Debby Anderson

Wheels on the Bus: Raffi Songs to Read by Raffi

## »life team events continue

On April 8th, the Life Team hosted a trip to the Lemay Care Center. We visited with the residents and gave them a little Easter gift of a flower pen. This is something the Life Team would like to do on a regular basis. Our next visit is planned for Sunday, May 21 at 12:30 pm. Please join us.

The Life Team would like to invite you to attend the Pregnancy Help Center Banquet on May 11th, 2017 at Orlando Gardens. There is no charge to attend the banquet. Donations will be accepted. There is still much work to be done in the cause of caring for women who may be abortion-vulnerable. The Pregnancy Help Center is committed to reaching as many woman as possible who may be about to make this life changing decision. Great speakers, great food and great fellowship. Please consider joining us. Christ Memorial has several tables. To reserve a seat, contact Diane Albers at [lflofmo@gmail.com](mailto:lflofmo@gmail.com)

Did you know St Louis is the second largest city in the country for sex trafficking? Because the Life Team believes there should be a sense of urgency when it comes to this life issue we are looking forward to hosting a Monarch Jewelry Party. Monarch Jewelry is a ministry committed to helping women get free from this slave industry. More information about this event coming soon. For now you can check out this great ministry at [www.monarchjewelry.org](http://www.monarchjewelry.org).

The Life Team

## »baby bottle boomerang

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you, Christ Memorial, for your Baby Bottle Boomerang collection at the beginning of the year. You collected \$1,675.82! Without support from churches like CM, there wouldn't be as many moms and their babies helped, so we sincerely thank you for your partnership and hope to see you at our banquet on May 11th!

By the way, if you find a baby bottle (with change or not!), please bring it to the office and a member of CM's Life Team will pick it up. (There is a cost to sending all of those bottles out!)

Thank you,  
Diane Albers



## time for fun, fellowship, and barbeque

Mark your calendars for the Saturdays listed below to enjoy some great barbeque sponsored by Christ Memorial Lutheran Church's Men's Club. The barbeques last from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and are held in the church café. They feature either dinner or sandwich plates of Pulled Pork, Pork Steaks, Bratwurst, Chicken, Pork Ribs, or Hot Dogs with sides including Baked Beans, Cole Slaw, and Potato Salad.

Proceeds benefit the organizations listed below.

**May 20**

Youth Group

**June 17**

Lutheran South

**July 15**

Christian Friends of  
New Americans

**August 19**

Christ Memorial  
Productions

**September 16**

Green Park

**October 21**

Men's Club

Thanks for your continued support.



## attendance report

### march 2017

Week One 793

Week Two 687

Week Three 644

Week Four 645

Week Five N/A

Average per Week 692

### march 2016

Week One 757

Week Two 594

Week Three 721

Week Four 1466\*

Average per Week 885

\*Easter

## »in the mail

Dear Friends at Christ Memorial,

Thanks for your very kind gift to Bethlehem. It is always needed.

Already, Taking Jesus to the Streets (TJTTS) has begun! We started April 2. Yes, I know it's early, but the weather seems to be cooperating and we are trying to carry out our 10-12 outreach events earlier this year in preparation for the opening of our new charter school, The Arch Community School, in August.

This past weekend gave a great picture of how the Bethlehem ministry reaches even beyond our average of about 145 people on Sunday morning. In addition to our Sunday morning crowd, there were just under 100 people here for a Dance Ministry Celebration in our sanctuary last Saturday. Then, on Sunday, we reached about 20 young men after worship with our young adult men's BBA basketball ministry. Later that Sunday afternoon, we had over 100 people come to our first TJTTS event, off campus, in the O'Fallon Place housing project. Beyond all of this were the 100+ children we worked with in other programs at Bethlehem during the week last week. That's the character of our ministry...while we value Sunday morning worship as the centerpiece of all that we do in a given week, our ministry beyond Sunday morning and even beyond our church campus, often eclipses our Sunday worship crowd. It is sort of an unusual happening in the normal "church world." Yet, whatever it takes for us to pass the Good News of Jesus.

Friends like you make this ministry possible!

Your Servant in Christ,  
John R. Schmidtke, Pastor  
Bethlehem Lutheran Church

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## »easter egg hunt 2017

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

Many thanks to all who helped with the Easter egg hunt!!! With your prayers, time, and financial support. We had 152 children and all their people! That's a new record! They all left with receiving the Good News of our risen Savior, loads of candy, pictures with the Bunny, and an attendance prize.

God also provided enough filled eggs, extra candy, and attendance prizes for the Easter Egg Hunt at Reliant on Easter. Thank you, God for this wonderful outreach to our community!

Judy Ohlau

## »christ memorial child care center receives glowing report

The National Lutheran School Accreditation team unanimously recommended that Christ Memorial Child Care Center receive reaccreditation. The following is a statement from the NLSA report given by the visiting team:

*Christ Memorial Child Care Center is blessed with caring, Christian early childhood teachers. Teachers and administrators work together to create a nurturing, enriching, Christ-centered learning environment. It is evident children enjoy coming to school, which creates a sense of peace and comfort for families.*

The entire Center celebrated the Week of the Young Child with a lot of fun activities. What a great time to celebrate the children that God has blessed us with!

There is still time to register for Preschool and summer camp. Call 314-631-0992 or visit [www.cmchildcare.org](http://www.cmchildcare.org) for more info.



## »youth go to junior high gathering

Seven Christ Memorial youth attended the Missouri District Junior High Gathering. The students, all boys, attended the gathering at Camp Windermere near Camdenton, MO from March 31-April 2, along with leader Daniel Meyer and college student Sam Meyer.



### stewardship update

Current Fiscal Year  
July 1, 2016 through  
March 31, 2017

### spending YTD

Actual Spending  
\$1,052,373

Actual Giving  
\$1,072,885

Budget Giving  
\$1,161,706

### giving YTD

2015-2016 \$1,059,981

2016-2017 \$1,072,885

## »Records Set at 2017 Go! St. Louis Family Fitness Weekend

Event raised \$16,000 for the CM Health Center



*Picture yourself in the CM tem photo for next year! Plans are underway for building participation in the GO! for 2018. Pictured: CM participants in the 5K Run/Walk.*

More than 90 Christ Memorial members including students from Green Park Lutheran School set a record for participation in the Go! St. Louis Family Fitness Weekend, April 8 and 9. And individual contributions and sponsorships hit a new level as more than \$16,000 were raised for the Christ Memorial Health Center – the free fitness and physical rehabilitation mission of our church.

Just as important as the money raised was the commitment on the part of the participants. They have trained for weeks for their events which will contribute to a more active lifestyle and healthy bodies. In fact about half of those who laced up their walking and running shoes, including many children, were first-time participants.



*The Green Park Read, Right, Run Team with their medals.*

We especially thank our corporate sponsors for their generosity in contributing to the Health Center on behalf of the CM runners. Sponsors included Dawson Dodd Heating and Cooling, Dave Sinclair Buick-GMC, Juice Plus, Wolfgram & Associates PC, Supreme Lending, Pfitzer Realty Group, and Dynamic Change, LLC. Also, blessings and thanks to the CM individuals who encouraged the runners and walkers through their generous donations.

Special recognition to the 36 Green Park students, kindergarten through fifth grade, who worked hard to complete the Read, Right, and Run Marathon over the past few months. Each of these active children were challenged to **READ** 26 books, do **RIGHT** for the community with 26 good deeds, and **RUN** 26.2 miles over three months.

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