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June 2026 Newsletter

SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday - 9am Worship

Wednesday - 4pm Midweek Worship

The last Sunday of the month will be a contemporary service.

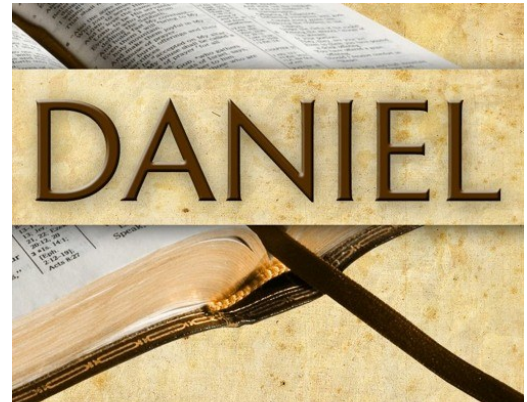
Communion is celebrated at every worship service.



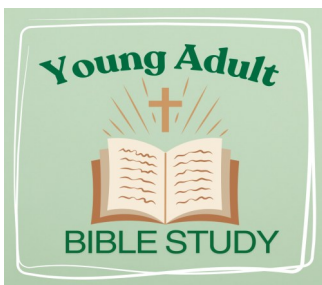
VBS will be **June 22-25** from **6-7:45pm** at Christ Lutheran. Faith Community Church and St. Elizabeth's will be joining us this year. The theme is Emerald Crossing (23rd Psalm). We are in need of volunteers. If you are interested, please let Kelly know 989.239.6912. Registration forms are posted on the bulletin board. **Supplies needed are: lemonade, Kool-Aid, 10 oz. cups, small green plates, spoons, 20 double-sided adhesive glue rollers, 120 pieces of 12x12 black cardstock.** Donations can be placed in the box under the coat rack. Thank you.

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This summer, we will dive deep into another book of the Bible (as we did with Mark last summer). So get ready to dive into the world of Ancient Babylon, when God's people were exiled in a foreign land. And how God spoke to Daniel and other Israelites while in captivity. During the first week of June there will be an introduction to the book, then, as a church, we will study the Book of Daniel chapter by chapter. A reading schedule is available on the back table in church.



YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY for those entering their senior year of high school through early 20's will begin **June 7th** at **7pm** in the Fellowship Hall for game night.



The **COMMUNITY GARDEN** has been planted. Help will be needed to keep it watered and weeded.

Hello Christ Lutheran!

Last month was full of celebrations and joy here at the church. Thank you for being a part of the ministry here. It was a great pleasure to honor our mothers, encourage our graduated seniors, and accept our newly confirmed students. Not to mention celebrating Pentecost and acknowledging the presence of the Holy Spirit here with us.

This month, we begin our Summer schedule. Any fun vacations planned? As we go to one worship service on Sunday mornings at 9 am, and one service on Wednesday afternoon at 4 pm, we will explore the book of Daniel together. Please join us in reading this Old Testament book throughout the summer, whether you are present for service or not. It is a great book of faith and revelation. A lot of Daniel focuses on the first Advent of the Messiah. And we can learn so much as we eagerly wait for the second Advent. I hope you enjoy this book of the Bible as much as I do.

Blessings,

Pastor Phil

Friends in Christ,

It is finally getting to be decent weather, warm and sunny. Knowing all of you are sunny even though there are cloudy days now and then.

I want to update you on all that is happening very soon. Dean Boiler has installed the circulating pump and it is supposed to be an automatic system now. We will find out with the fluctuation of temperatures.

The roof will start on June 15; it was estimated to take two days. They will be removing all the old shingles and repairing any wood that needs it. There will be a dumpster delivered on June 12. The cost of the roof is \$33,000 and change. We are in need of any contributions to help fund this. If you want, you could use the offering envelopes under building fund, put roof so we know it is designated there. I want to thank the contributors that have donated to help with this need.

Lastly, the countertops in the kitchen will start about the 11th of July by removing the old counters. The new counters will be installed the week of July 15 so I understand. Here too we would appreciate any financial donations.

You are so appreciated and God has a plan for us. Whether it is the day, week or year, we see his works happening. One of the blessings are the beautiful flowers on each side of the doors we enter. The garden will be completed soon and is another blessing!

Amen!

Sandy Schafsnitz

MISSION TRIP

This year our youth will be going on a mission trip to Louisville, Kentucky the week of July 19. The list of donations needed include **notebooks, pencils, crayons, color pencils, binders, markers, scissors, glue sticks, backpacks, rulers or other school supplies.**

Be in prayer for those who are struggling with homelessness and hunger, which is prevalent in and around the city. Also, keep the organizations that we serve with in your prayers. With new federal policies enacted, they are going through challenging times navigating all these changes. Some partners have lost funding that they rely on to keep afloat or have halted programs due to new policies. Pray for their continued strength and support of their clients and community.

FaithCircle

FAITH CIRCLE will meet **June 1st at 10 am**. Please consider joining us as we conclude our study on Angels. Faith Circle will not meet in July or August and will start a new study in September.



JOY CIRCLE will meet on **Thursday, June 11th at 6:30 pm**. All women of the church are welcome.



WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY - All women of the congregation are welcome to join us on **Thursday, June 11th from 7- 8 pm** as we continue the study, "**God's Reluctant Leaders - The Biblical Stories of Jonah, Gideon, and Moses**". Jonah, Gideon and Moses are three examples of people who creatively attempted to escape the call God made to them. Overwhelmed by their own fear, insecurity, and skepticism, they would have turned God down. But God overcame their reluctance, by proving Himself faithful to His Word and by shaping their lives with the Holy Spirit. By making these ordinary people His servants, God eventually formed them into the leaders He had called them to be. It is my prayer that as you read about God's call in their lives, you may be reminded of God's call in your life as well.

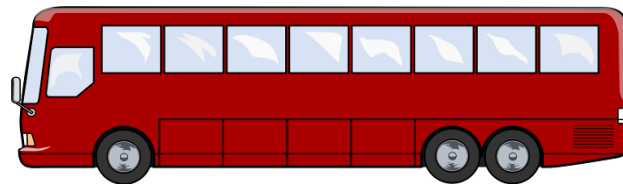
Session 9 – Members of the Body - Moses. Moses and Aaron each had their limitations, but each of them also had gifts given to them by God. The body of Christ is comparable to their relationship. Individually none of us can function as the church in the world. Our own individual gifts would not hold up without the strength of the body of Christ.



SEW FOR FAITH meets on **Wednesdays from 9:30 - 11:30 am**. We will not meet on **June 10th or 17th**. Come and join us for fellowship and help with our current projects. You don't need to know how to sew.



EUCHRE FUN GAMES - Mark your calendar and bring your family and friends for fellowship and fun on the following dates: **June 13th, July 11th, & August 8th**. Start time is **3pm**.



LET'S GO COACHIN' - The Ministry of Congregational Life invites you, your family, and friends to join other members of Christ Lutheran Church for fun and fellowship on one of Renee Cragg's trips! **August 5-17, 2026: Big Sky Montana** **November 23-28, 2026: Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade 100th Anniversary**

RENEE'S TRAVEL LLC 989-325-0408. SEE DETAILED INFORMATION ON THE BULLETIN BOARD.



OUR DAILY BREAD devotionals for June - August and large print for July - September are now available in the lounge area.

Thank You

Your kindness helps create a space where healing begins, hope is restored and no one feels alone. Because of you, we can continue offering safety, support and advocacy to those who need it most. We are truly grateful for your compassion and generosity. We couldn't do what we do - without you. Thank you!

Thumb Area Assault Crisis Center



Want to make an offering online? Scan this QR code for an alternative way to give. This will take you to the church's Vanco website to make your offering. To connect your online offering to your giving statement, make sure to log in or set up an account before completing the gift.



FOOD GIVEAWAY

UCCS - A food giveaway is planned for **June 10th** open to all area families. The drive-thru giveaway will be held at St. Elizabeth Parish Center from **6 - 8 pm** or until gone.



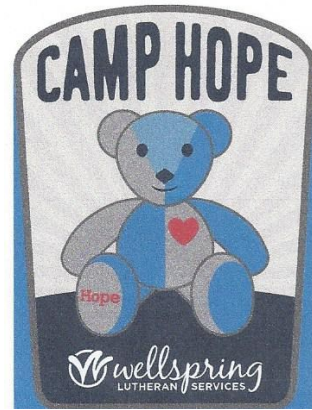
GOOD SAMARITAN RESCUE MISSION OF BAY CITY needs list will be printed in the bulletin and posted on the coat rack. Items can be placed in the tote under the coat rack. Thank you!

MISSIONS

...at home and around the world



May and June Mission Offerings are designated to Lutheran Military Veterans & Families, Teen Challenge of Saginaw and Foster Family Navigation of Bay City.



Camp Hope is a **free, two-night, three-day grief camp for children and teens ages 6–17** who have experienced the death of a loved one. The camp provides a safe, supportive environment where youth can connect with peers, express their grief, and learn healthy coping skills through age-appropriate activities and traditional camp experiences.

Camp Details:

- **Who:** Children & teens ages 6–17 who have experienced a loss
- **What:** Free 2-night, 3-day grief camp
- **When:** August 19-21
- **Where:** Camp Lael, Lapeer
- **Cost:** Free

Refer a youth: [Referral Form](#)

Learn more: [Camp Hope in Frankenmuth - Well-spring Lutheran Services](#)

Application deadline is July 3rd.

ATTENDANCE

	8:30 am Sunday	11 am Sunday	Wednesday	Sunday School
May 3	55	8		18/9
May 6			15	
May 10	67	5		12/7
May 13			20	
May 17	58	44		10/5
May 20			17	
May 24	49	10		N/A
May 27			20	
May 31	58	10		N/A

Christ Lutheran Church of Reese, Michigan
Church Council Meeting Minutes
Monday, May 18, 2026

Present: Pastor Phil, Sandy Schafsnitz, Dale Bremer, Mary Felske, Chris Bublitz, Trista Jeske-Yax, David Abraham, Nancy Clauss, John Ward, Irene Weiss, Jen Shores, Joanne Connelly

Sandy called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Pastor Phil opened in prayer

1. Monthly Reports

- a. **Secretary Minutes:** Dale stated the April Minutes need a correction to reflect the countertop bid given by Blasius does not include the removal of the old countertop. Jen made a motion to accept the Secretary minutes with the correction stated by Dale, supported by Nancy and the motion was carried.
- b. **General Fund Report:** A motion was made by Dale to accept the General Fund Report, supported by Nancy and carried to accept the report.
- c. **Special Funds Report:** A motion was made by Jen to accept the Special Funds Report, supported by Irene, and carried to accept the report.
- d. **Office/Pastor's Report:**
 - 1. Pastor reported he has been quite busy this month with the Graduates, Mother's Day and Confirmation as well as normal visitation of shut-in members.
 - 2. Pastor reported he and Dale attended a Conference in Caro presented by Tuscola County focusing on Working together and uplifting local communities
 - 3. Pastor reported he is preparing for the summer schedule beginning June 7th. There will be one service at 9:00 am with the last Sunday of each month being a contemporary service and will continue thru August.
 - 4. Pastor reported he will be on vacation the 2nd and last week of June.
 - 5. Pastor will be going on the mission trip July 19th for 1 week with the youth.

2. Unfinished Business

- a. **Boiler Repair:** Sandy reported Dean Boiler replaced the circulation pump and all wiring on the boiler today and will return this week to complete the repair.
- b. **Air Conditioner and Lights:** Sandy reminded all to turn off the air conditioner and all lights when using the fellowship hall after their event is done.
- c. **Directory:** Dale reported we have a target date to begin the online directory in the fall.
- d. **Lawn Mowing:** Dale reported Cooper is helping him mow the church lawn.

3. New Business – No new business

4. Ministry Reports

a. **Ministry of Youth and Family:**

- 1. Jen reported the youth group will go bowling May 31st. The location is to be determined.
- 2. Pastor reported last night was the final Sunday night youth night until fall.
- 3. Jen reported the community garden has begun and help is always needed for watering and weeding.

b. **Ministry of Property:**

- 1. John reported he replaced the American and POW flags in the front of the church property.

c. **Ministry of Worship and Music:** Irene reported nothing to report

d. **Ministry of Outreach/Congregational Life:**

- 1. Trista reported Euchre is going well with once a month

e. **Ministry of Education:**

- 1. Nancy reported the Confirmation tracking has been completed and the three confirmands are on track for next year confirmation.
- 2. Nancy reported they are still in need for more volunteers for Vacation Bible School.

f. **Ministry of Communication:**

- 1. Dave reported there is still confusion at the entry door during worship time and requested a buzzer be added.

Sandy adjourned with the Lord's Prayer at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne Connelly, Secretary

Worship Assistants for June

DATE	LECTOR	COMMUNION SETUP	COMMUNION ASSISTANTS	COMMUNION CLEANUP 8:30 AM/11 AM	USHER TEAM
7	Renee Zimmer	Lora & Makenna DeLong	Nancy Clauss/ Denise Felske	Irene Weiss	2
14	Jen Shores	Ellen Schultz	Denise Felske/ Sandy Schafsnitz	Kelly VanDenBoom	3
21	Phyllis Felske	Nancy Clauss	Sandy Schafsnitz/ Nancy Clauss	Jill VanOchten	4
28	Renee Zimmer	Kathy Bublitz	Nancy Clauss/ Denise Felske	Renae Kamin	1



June Birthdays

- 3 Zachary Walz
- 4 Nathaniel Torrez
Dan Torrez
- 5 Austin Kamin
Vera Karg
- 6 Ann Janson
- 8 Rick Zimmer
- 9 Joe VanOchten
- 14 Nancy Sylvester
Gary Asperger
- 19 Cade Bauer
- 24 Ellen Schultz
- 30 Gail Metiva



June Anniversaries

- 1 Dave & Debbie Sigelko 1974
- 5 Mike & Marcia Ruhanen 1971
- 16 David & Kelly VanDenBoom 2012
- 17 Chris & Jennifer Shores 1995
- 20 John & Carol Belger 1960
- 26 Rick & Janet Wascher 1982
- 27 Tom & Vicke Raymond 1975
- 29 Paul & Kelly Walz 2002

