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September 2026 Newsletter



WORSHIP SCHEDULE BEGINNING SEPT. 13

Sunday - 8:30 am Traditional Worship

- 9:45 am Sunday School

Wednesday - 4 pm - Midweek Worship

Contemporary Worship will resume at 11 am
Sunday, September 20th.

Communion is celebrated at every service.



PICTURE APPOINTMENTS are being scheduled for the new Church Directory by Deb Sigelko and Diane Osantowski. Appointments are available Sunday, September 20th, 10:00 – 3:00, Saturday, September 26th, 10:00 – 5:00, Sunday, September 27th, 10:00 – 3:00. Appointments will take 15 minutes per family - 2 appointment times if the family is over 6 people. Deb and Diane are also gathering and verifying church members' e-mails, telephone numbers, and the members' addresses for the new directory.



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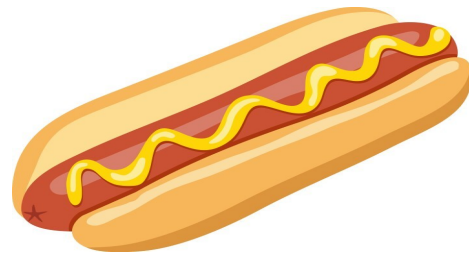
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CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH PICNIC/RALLY DAY

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2026
11 AM (NOTE NEW TIME)**

**ENJOY A FUN DAY OF FOOD, GAMES
AND FELLOWSHIP**

Provided: Kerns Bratwurst, Hot Dogs, Potato Salad, Baked Beans, Ice Cream & Drinks
Free Will Offering
Sign up to Bring: Dish to Pass or Dessert
Sign up to **HELP**: Set up, Clean up, Help in the Kitchen, Games



QUESTIONS? Call Trista Jeske-Yax @ 989-714-5996



ACOLYTE TRAINING for all 4th Grade through Confirmation students and their parents will be Sunday, September 20th at 9:45 am in the sanctuary with Robbie. Thank you to Annabelle Walz (8:30) and Alissa Edie (11) for offering to acolyte on September 13th and Owen VanDenBoom (8:30) and Krissa Cunningham (11) for covering September 20th.

Hello Christ Lutheran,

Once again, I pray this summer has been a blessing from God our Father to you and your family. A lot has happened here at Christ Lutheran this summer, including a new roof, VBS, getting back to the Youth Mission trip, new kitchen countertops, and an intentional study of the Book of Daniel. My prayer at the beginning of the summer, while studying Daniel, was for a deeper understanding of Scripture, seeing how Jesus was already moving in the Old Testament, and growing in our faith together. I trust the LORD has answered that prayer in more ways than one.

As we now get ready to kick off the fall schedule alongside so many responsibilities and activities, I wanted to share a lesson I learned from Daniel this summer. Daniel had many responsibilities as he assisted kings and cared for thousands of people. But his priorities always remained the same. God came before anything else. In my busy life, I struggle to keep my priorities in the right order. So my prayer as the fall begins is that we, as a church, can keep our priorities in the correct order, putting God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit first, along with ways to deepen our relationship with Him.

God Bless, Pastor Phil

Happy Fall!

Loving this weather! God blessed us with just the right amount of rain, bountiful gardens and warm sunshine!

Thank you for all the support and understanding of the disruption that took place with the roof and kitchen counter installation. The drawers and cabinets had to be taken out and cleaned as they were put back into the kitchen. Thank you for all that helped with this task! This is just in time for Rally Day!

We need voices to join the choir! If you have the slightest interest, please don't hesitate to join! While assisting Pastor Phil a few weeks ago with communion, he asked that the congregation would sing the first verse of Amazing Grace. It was awesome! There was no music, just voices. Such a moving experience!

God is Blessing us every day with your talents and ability to help us all.

Sandy



**CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL WILL START
SEPTEMBER 13TH AT 9:45 AM**

**NEW!!! HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH SUNDAY
SCHOOL WILL START SEPTEMBER 27TH AT
9:45 AM**

**ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL WILL START SEP-
TEMBER 27TH AT 9:45 AM**

FaithCircle

FAITH CIRCLE will meet **September 14th** at **10 am** when we will continue with lesson 6 of our study on Angels.



CLCW will meet **Monday, September 14** at **11 am**.



JOY CIRCLE will meet **Thursday, September 10th** at **6:30 pm**. All women of the church are welcome. We look forward to seeing you!



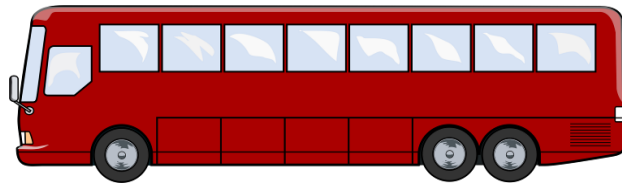
WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY will meet September 10th at 7 pm. We are starting a new study called **"Walking by Faith, Not by Sight."** "We walk by faith, not by sight" - 2 Corinthians 5:7. Faith asks us to cling to God's promise despite evidence to the contrary. It believes that even if the promise is not fulfilled in our mortal walk, it will be fulfilled in God's time and in the world to come and the new in life promised through Christ. **Session One – Faith and Sight in the Midst of Struggle** - "I'll believe it when I see it." "Fool me once, shame on you; fool me twice, shame on me." Faith, however, often must believe and trust without evidence. Faith can be a challenge. All women are welcome to join us.



SEW FOR FAITH meets on **Wednesdays** from **9:30 - 11:30 am**. Come and join us for fellowship and help with our current projects. You don't need to know how to sew. In August, we sent 24 dresses to Little Dresses of Hope, part of Hope for Appalachia, an organization that provides clothing and other items for children in Appalachia.



EUCHRE FUN GAMES - Mark your calendar and bring your family and friends for fellowship and fun on the following **Saturdays** at **3 pm**: **September 12th & 26th, October 10th & 24th, and November 14th and 21st.**



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! **November 4-6, 2026**: Island Resort & Casino **November 7-8, 2026**: Bay Mills Resort & Casino **November 23-28, 2026**: Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade 100th Anniversary **October 21-31, 2027** - Hawaii Five Island Paradise

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



OUR DAILY BREAD devotionals for September - November and large print for October - December are available in the lounge area. There are also copies of the Lutheran Prayerbook in the basket.



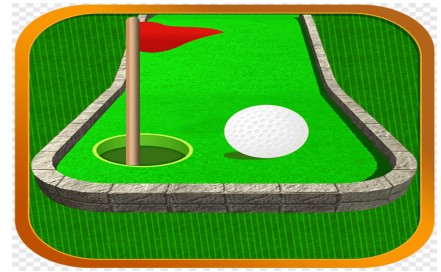
The **COMMUNITY GARDEN** is winding down for the year. Thank you to Kelly and the other volunteers for planting, watering, weeding and harvesting. The **SHARING TABLE** is up for you to leave your extra produce or help yourself to whatever looks good!

YOUTH ACTIVITIES



BUTTER BRAID ORDERS will be taken starting **September 13th through 27th**. Help support our youth!

YOUTH & FAMILY - Saturday, September 19th at 10am: We will meet at Buoy 18 in Bay City for Putt-Putt and Ice Cream.



7TH - 12TH GRADE YOUTH - Saturday, September 26th at 10am: We will meet in the church parking lot to carpool from church to Putz Putt Disc Golf Course.

YOUTH BIBLE STUDY for youth in grades 7th through 12th grade will start beginning **Sunday, September 27th** from **6:30 - 8:30 pm** at Christ Lutheran Church. Please come and invite your friends to join us!



Children's Worship
Bulletins™ 

JUST A REMINDER - Children's Worship Bulletins are available in the basket at the back of the church.

VBS VOLUNTEER TRAINING: Anyone 18 and older interested in helping out with VBS next year will that is not certified will need to sign up for classes. There is a flier posted on both bulletin boards with several dates from now until October 7th available. Certification is good for 5 years. If you have questions, talk to Kelly Walz.





UCCS COLLECTION FOR SEPTEMBER: Canned tuna and chicken, canned pasta sauce, ketchup, mustard, syrup, jam and jelly, cereal, oatmeal. Donations can be placed in the bin under the coat rack. Please check that expiration dates are good through January 2027.



GOOD SAMARITAN RESCUE MISSION OF BAY CITY needs list for September 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!



July and August Mission Offerings were designated to LCMC, Lutheran Disaster Assistance Fund and Rescue Ministries of Mid-Michigan. Totals sent to them will be in the October Newsletter. September and October Mission Offerings are designated to the United Theological College of the West Indies, Samaritas and a local ministry to be decided at the September Council Meeting.

Thank You

Thank you for all the prayers during my recent health battles. They were much appreciated!

Robbie Oldenburg

ATTENDANCE

	9 am Sunday	Wednesday
August 2	43	
August 5		18
August 9	49	
August 12		CANCELLED
August 16	47	
August 19		20
August 23	65	
August 26		20
August 30		

Christ Lutheran Evangelical Lutheran Church of Reese
Church Council Meeting Minutes
August 17, 2026

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

Sandy called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
Pastor opened in prayer

1. Monthly Reports

- a. **Secretary Minutes:** A motion was made to accept the June minutes by Irene, supported by Nancy and the motion was carried.
- b. **General Funds Report:** A motion was made to accept the June and July reports by Dale, supported by Irene and the motion was carried.
- c. **Special Funds Report:** A motion was made by Jenn to accept the June and July reports, supported by Nancy and the motion was carried.
- d. **Office/Pastor's Report:**
 1. Pastor reported the mission trip went very well
 2. Pastor reported the young adult bible study has been going very well. Three to four adults have been attending.
 3. Pastor will be gone the following dates - September 17th thru 21st (family wedding), Sunday, October 4th after service thru October 7th (LCMC Conference), October 17th and 18th (friend wedding). Pastor Mark will fill in for Pastor Phil the Sundays he is absent.
 4. Pastor reported he met with Dave Abraham and Rick Zimmer to discuss any changes to the Audio and Video system that would benefit the church.
 5. Pastor requested the constitution be corrected to reflect God to be capitalized in the Statement of Purpose of our constitution. It is now in lower case letters.
 6. Pastor reported there was a discussion at the Worship and Music Committee meeting concerning acquiring volunteers for the various tasks in the church.
 7. Pastor reported he would like to lead the High School Sunday School (between services) and is requesting someone else for the Adult Class on Sundays.
 8. Pastor reported various members are discussing how the confirmation students and parents could volunteer to assist in the service.

2. Unfinished Business

- a. **Church Directory** – Dale reported Deb Sigelko and Diane Osantowski have volunteered to help gather and verify church members e-mails, telephone numbers, and the members address for the new directory. Appointments will be available Sunday, September 20th 10:00 – 3:00, Saturday, September 26th 10:00 – 5:00, Sunday, September 27th 10:00 – 3:00. 15 minutes per family, 2 appointment times if family is over 6 people. Kelly Walz has volunteered to design the directory.
- b. **Frankenmuth Credit Union** – Chris spoke to Cheryl at Frankenmuth Credit Union and the following updates need to be made with various accounts.
 1. Our church has 11 accounts at FCU. Six accounts are named correctly but need to state two signatures required for all transactions over \$5000. Five accounts need to have their name changed to Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church of Reese and also need to have the President's signature added to the accounts and two signatures required for all transactions over \$5000. A motion was made by Chris to adopt these changes, supported by Nancy and the motion carried.
 2. A motion was made by Irene to close the Basketball Fund Account and transfer the funds to the Youth and Family Fund, supported by Jenn and the motion carried.
 3. Dale made a motion to add Deb Heinzman to the Youth Fund, supported by Nancy and the motion carried.

3. New Business

- a. **Landscaping** – Sandy reported Gulliver's were at the church and will replace plants at the front east side corner of the church with plants that will be winter tolerable.
- b. **Snow and Salt** – Sandy reported that Nick renewed his contract 7-22-26 to snow plow and salt the parking lot next winter.

4. Ministry Reports

- a. **Ministry of Youth and Family** – Jenn reported the mission trip was a success.
- b. **Ministry of Property** – Nothing to report.
- c. **Ministry of Worship and Music** - Irene reported a sign will be posted on the east door to the Narthex directing people to enter thru the west door during church service hours.
- d. **Ministry of Outreach/Cong Life** – Nothing to report
- e. **Ministry of Education** – (Nancy reported)
 1. Kelly Walz has Volunteered to lead the Christmas program that will be December 20, 2026.
 2. The Child Protection Booklet is being reviewed.
 3. Lesson plan for the year is Cycle 1.
 4. Pastor Phil discussed a Sunday School Curriculum from Right Now Kids; it was decided to use what we have for this year and look into it in the future.
 5. Pastor Phil mentioned starting a High School Sunday School class during the Sunday School hour. No decision was made.
 6. This year's confirmation class has three 8th graders and two 7th grade students. A letter will be sent to the parents to attend a meeting on September 13th at 9:45.
- f. **Ministry of Communication** – Dave reported he is looking at new software and how our system can be upgraded to accommodate all of our needs.

Jenn made a motion to adjourn, supported by Nancy and the meeting was adjourned.

Meeting concluded with the Lord's Prayer at 8:18p.m.

Minutes submitted by Joanne Connelly



CHURCH COUNCIL will meet on **Monday, September 21st at 7 pm.**

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.



Worship Assistants for September

DATE	LECTOR	COMMUNION SETUP	COMMUNION ASSISTANTS	COMMUNION CLEANUP 8:30/11 AM	USHER TEAM
6	Phyllis Felske	Kathy Bublitz	Phyllis Felske/ Sandy Schafsnitz	Kelly VanDenBoom (9 am)	3
13	Jen Shores	Dale Bremer	Sandy Schafsnitz/ Nancy Clauss	Renae Kamin/ Jill VanOchten	4
20	Renee Zimmer	Lora & Makenna DeLong	Nancy Clauss/ Denise Felske	Kevin Felske/ John Ward Family	1
27	Diane Osantowski	Nancy Clauss	Denise Felske/ Sandy Schafsnitz	Kelly VanDenBoom/ Irene Weiss	2



September Birthdays

3	Victoria Bender-Schnettler
7	Mary Ann Garrison – over 80
10	Ruth Ann Zurvalec – over 80
11	Linda Babechenko
12	Henry Keyes
17	Tony DeLong
19	Julie Torrez
22	Fred Keyes – over 80
	Holly Briggs
24	Jaye Weiss – over 80
27	Jeff Stuart
30	Jean Felske – over 80



September Anniversaries

7	Troy & Rachael Meyer	2013
8	Tony & Lora DeLong	2001
11	Tom & Carol Magnus	1971
	Jeff & Jeanette Stuart	1993
15	Dale & Gail Campbell	1962
	Rick & Renee Zimmer	1978
17	Andrew & Danielle Jasman	2022



SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER INSTALLATION

will take place on September 13th at the 8:30 am worship service.