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# Christ Lutheran Church

## August 2025 Newsletter



### SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday - 9 am Worship  
- 11 am Contemporary Worship  
Wednesday - 4 pm - Midweek Worship  
Communion is celebrated at every worship service.



EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 7<sup>TH</sup>, THE FIRST WORSHIP SERVICE WILL BE AT 8:30 AM. SUNDAY SCHOOL WILL NOW BE AT 9:45 AM. THE CONTEMPORARY SERVICE WILL REMAIN AT 11 AM.

### education

EDUCATION COMMITTEE AND SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER MEETING is Monday, August 11th at 6:30 pm.



### SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School will start back up on September 7th at 9:45 am. We look forward to seeing you!

**WE ARE STILL IN NEED OF SOMEONE WHO CAN ACCOMPANY THE KIDS BY PLAYING PIANO, GUITAR, ETC. PLEASE TALK TO KELLY WALZ OR LET THE OFFICE KNOW IF YOU CAN HELP OUT.**

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**MARK YOUR CALENDAR and SAVE THE DATE!**

**CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH  
PICNIC/RALLY DAY  
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7<sup>th</sup>  
11:30 AM WITH LUNCH STARTING AT NOON**

Set up for this event will be Saturday, September 6<sup>th</sup> at 9 am

**ENJOY A FUN DAY OF FOOD, GAMES, and FELLOWSHIP!!**

**Provided:** Kern's Bratwurst, Hot Dogs, Potato Salad, & Baked Beans  
Ice Cream & Drinks

### **Free Will Offering**

**Sign up** to Bring a Dish to Pass or Dessert  
**Sign up** to **HELP**: set up, help in the kitchen, help with games, clean up

Questions? Call Trista Jeske-Yax  
989-714-5996

Happy Summer, CLC! It has been a pleasure serving with the different ministry options this summer. And I have thoroughly enjoyed the opportunities I have had so far to visit people in their homes. I look forward to making more visits and enjoying more meals with you all in the coming weeks. It is kind of crazy to me that it is already August.

Looking forward, the summer schedule will conclude in the coming weeks (hopefully, the summer heat too). I hope you have been enjoying and learning a great deal through our study of Mark's Gospel this summer. I know I have! As I look forward to finishing preaching through Mark, I thought: I've heard of Christmas in July, but have not heard of Easter in August! In the coming weeks of August, we will turn our focus to Jesus' passion, his death, and his resurrection. During sermons, I have encouraged us to pay attention to what Mark's Gospel says about who Jesus is, but as we read what he suffered, we see what he says about who you are. That you are loved, that you are worth the suffering. You are precious to him. Amen.

Happy Easter in August!

Pastor Phil

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Dear friends,

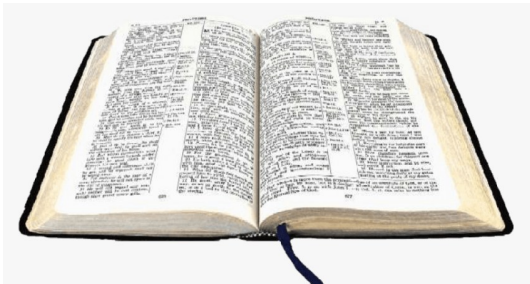
First, I want to thank everyone for the wonderful contributions you have made toward the air conditioning. Without you we would not be able to do this. I have thanked God many times for you and all the support to get this done. I still do not have an install date but anticipate hearing an update soon. Johnson Controls are eager to help us as soon as they can. I will keep you updated as soon as I know something.

I am so grateful to everyone that helps with all the functions of the church to keep it clean, mowed, washed, supplied, and dumped. We all step in and help each other. I am so glad we are back to sharing the peace at worship services. This is heartfelt and so powerful.

Amen!

Sandy

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### **LET'S READ THROUGH THE GOSPEL OF MARK TOGETHER!**

Join the Christ Lutheran community as we continue daily readings through the fast-paced and straight-to-the-point Gospel of Mark. Every day of the week there will be a passage to read and every week a chapter of Mark to study (you can read at your desired pace). Then, hear a sermon on the chapter you read the previous week every Wednesday and Sunday. Even while away on vacation, you can be connected to Christ Lutheran by studying God's word. The sermon series will finish on August 31st.



***Who's coming to dinner? Or lunch? Or tea time? Or game time? It's the Pastor!***

I have enjoyed getting to know you all here at Christ Lutheran, but I would like to get to know you even more! So, I decided to invite myself over (not really...). A sign-up calendar for August and September is available on the bulletin board where you can choose a date to invite me over for a visit and we can get to know each other better! Choose a date and a time of day - if you'd like to have me over for dinner, lunch, or just a chat, please make a note about that on the calendar. If, for whatever reason, you'd like to meet outside of your home, mark that on the calendar as well, and we can discuss alternatives. Or you can call the office to sign up over the phone. I am looking forward to it!

Pastor Phil



**REMINDER FOR THOSE WHO SIGNED UP FOR THE LOONS GAME:** The game is Saturday, August 30th at 7 pm. The gates will open at 6:00 pm and food in the Pavilion will be served from 6-8. Parking is \$7 per car in either of the parking lots. Tickets are in Will Call and you will need to pick them up at the ticket windows as you enter the stadium. You will need to give them the church's name and they will print off the number of tickets that you need. There is a **KNOW BEFORE YOU GO** sheet posted on the bulletin board. Make sure you read it. **IF YOU CANNOT MAKE THE GAME, LET THE CHURCH OFFICE OR TRISTA OR KELLY KNOW ASAP - THERE IS A WAITING LIST.**



**COMMUNITY GARDEN** needs your help to keep it weeded and picked. A signup sheet is posted on the bulletin board for weeding. Help yourself to anything that is ready to be picked. The sharing table is also ready for your extra garden produce.



**SEW FOR FAITH** will meet 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.

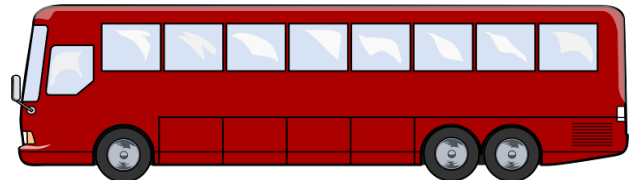


**Save the date for the following activities coming up in September:**

- September 7th - Sunday School Starts Back Up**  
- Rally Day/Church Picnic
- September 8th - 10 am Faith Circle**  
- 11 am CLCW  
- 6 pm Choir Practice
- September 11th - 6:30 pm Joy Circle**  
- 7 pm Women's Bible Study
- September 13th & 27th - 3 pm Euchre**
- September 17th - 5 pm Handbell Choir Practice**



**OUR DAILY BREAD DEVOTIONALS** for September - November will be available sometime this month. There is one large print for July - September left in the basket in the lounge area.



**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 for 2025!

- August 12 - Soaring Eagle Day Trip**
- September 7-11, 2025 - Lancaster, PA.** Trip includes seeing Noah at the Sight & Sound Theater.
- September 17-25, 2025 - New England Adventure.** Trip includes Maine, Vermont & New Hampshire.

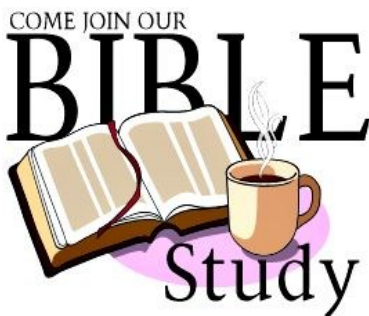
**RENEE'S TRAVEL LLC 989-325-0408. SEE DETAILED INFORMATION ON THE BULLETIN BOARD.**





**KICKBALL!** Wednesdays at 6:30 pm. Last kickball for the summer will be August 13th. Children and adults of all ages are invited to join us for fellowship and Blooper Ball/Kickball fun. This is not competitive, but is a ton of fun and a great time to get to know other members of the congregation. If you don't want to play, come on out any way. We could always use some cheerleaders.

**BUTTER BRAID ORDERS** will be taken starting September 8th. Help support our youth!



**YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY** for youth entering their senior year in high school through college age (young 20's) will continue to meet **Sunday evenings at 7 pm** at Pastor Phil's house. Please come and bring your friends.

This year's Magnified VBS was so much fun despite the hot weather. We had 40 kids and 30 volunteers. I am so thankful and feel very blessed to have had all of the amazing volunteers that willingly switched each night to different spots to accommodate the needs. This would not have been a success without you! Thank you to all who donated supplies, funds and/or their time to this ministry. Special thanks to the following congregation members: Pastor Phil, Makenna Delong, Alaina Edie, Renae Kamin, Madelyn Oldenburg, Robbie Oldenburg, Diane Osantowski, Kaitlyn Perrine, Tom Raymond, Kyden Specht, Maddi Specht, Kelly VanDen-Boom, Annabelle Walz, Abbigail Walz, Nancy Walz, Zachary Walz, Amanda Ward, William Ward, Deva Weber, Laine Yax and Trista Jeske-Yax. Hope to see you again next year.

God Bless,

Kelly Walz





## PRAYER BEARS FOLLOW UP

Back when we were at CLC, I often shared the cool stories with others of how the prayer bears have touched so many lives. Diane O. suggested at the time that we share some of the stories with the congregation in the newsletter. Hopefully when reading this article, you will be able to grasp the impact that this particular ministry has on others.

Although many of the bears were initially given to our shut-ins and hospitalized who greatly appreciated the bears, eventually bears were given to people who were hurting in some way or other. Here are just a few examples:

- Two people had their bears close by as they transitioned into Heaven
- Three college students were struggling with the stress of classes, being away from home for the first time, and just plain anxiety (all three were so very grateful to have the bears to remind them that people are praying for them and that God is always with them)
- One nursing home patient who was no longer verbal just took the bear and hugged it and when we left she was holding it on her lap and smiling
- A veteran received a red, white, and blue bear and was deeply touched
- A young male hotel employee upon receiving the bear and the explanation of why we give them to people immediately shared that his parents had been wanting him to get back to church and receiving the bear was the push he needed
- The family of a patient who had a severe infection a year after his kidney transplant and was hospitalized for quite some time decided to name their bear Reese
- A nurse practitioner had peace not only before her major surgery but also a few months later when she had a rough day and saw her prayer bear on the chair
- A grandmother shared her story of losing her grandson to SIDS seven years ago and still felt great pain-the prayer bear touched the deepest part of her soul because she had been angry with God for a long time
- A mom and dad lost their adopted son to suicide but their faith has helped to get them through the tragedy and at the boy's funeral five months later they displayed their bear along with their favorite pictures of them as a family
- An employee at Sam's Club randomly shared how she had lost her brother and was hurting-several days we returned with a prayer bear and she was so grateful
- A doctor who had been fighting random illnesses for a few years was finally diagnosed with something treatable but in the meantime we had sent a prayer bear to her. She was thankful knowing that others care for her just like she cares for her patients
- One bear was given to Charlie's nurses at Sparrow Hospital in thanks for the care they give to all their pediatric patients. They set it on the desk in a prominent place to remind them that others are praying for them.

These are just a few of the 100+ stories of the prayer bears. Keep your eyes open-God will put people in your path to share these special bears and the love of Jesus.

Love and miss you all,

Judy (and Pastor Mark, too)



**CHURCH COUNCIL** will meet on **Monday, August 18th at 7 pm.**  
There was no meeting in July, therefore there are no meeting minutes or financial reports for this newsletter.

## ATTENDANCE

July	9 am Sunday	11 am Sunday	Wednesday
2			14
6	35	3	
9			9
13	50		
16			12
20	63	2	
23			9
27	55	2	
30			15



**UCCS COLLECTION FOR AUGUST:** canned items: tuna, chicken, soup, pasta, pasta sauce (no glass please) and fruit. Also collecting ketchup, mustard, syrup, jam, jelly and peanut butter.

Watch for Good Samaritan Rescue Mission needs in the Sunday bulletin.



**GLEANER LIFE INSURANCE BAVARIAN ARBOR** is giving vouchers to families that need food assistance. The Reese Library will have a limited number of \$5 food vouchers for the Andrus food wagon. Ask the library clerk for a food voucher, shop at the wagon for produce, and put the voucher in the cash box.

# Thank You

Dear Friends of Hidden Harvest - Thank you for supporting us with your generous gift. Your gift will help us continue our mission to alleviate hunger and end food waste in our community. It is greatly appreciated!

Samantha McKenzie, President and CEO

**LEAD CUSTODIAN:** Trinity Lutheran School & Childcare has a position open for a full-time lead custodian. This is to replace Greg Wright, who will be retiring at the end of this calendar year. If you or someone you know are interested, please contact Lena in the Trinity office 989-868-9901 to obtain the job description and instructions on how to apply.

## Worship Assistants for August

DATE	LECTOR	COMMUNION SETUP	COMMUNION ASSISTANTS	COMMUNION CLEANUP 9 AM/11 AM	USHER TEAM
August 3	Jen Shores	Ellen Schultz	Sandy Schafsnitz/ Denise Felske	Kelly VanDenBoom/ Jill VanOchten	4
August 10	Renee Zimmer	Nancy Clauss	Sandy Schafsnitz/ Nancy Clauss	Kevin Felske/ Ernie Rowe	1
August 17	Diane Osantowski	Kathy Bublitz	Denise Felske Nancy Clauss	Renae Kamin/ John Ward Family	2
August 24	Kelly Walz	Dale Bremer	Sandy Schafsnitz/ Denise Felske	Irene Weiss/ Jill VanOchten	3
August 31	Renee Zimmer	Lora & Makenna DeLong	Sandy Schafsnitz/ Nancy Clauss	Kelly VanDenBoom/ Ernie Rowe	4



### August Birthdays

2 Kathy Bublitz  
 5 John Redwanz Jr.  
 7 Jayden Jasman  
 8 Joyce Simpson - over 80  
 11 Jessica Karg  
 12 Jeanette Stuart  
 13 Dorothy VanOchten  
 14 Elizabeth Gillespie  
 16 Jim VanOchten  
 19 Don Hausbeck – 90th  
 21 Penny Rowe  
 23 Lucy Markhart – 94th  
 24 Stacey Wascher  
 26 Lora DeLong  
 29 Gary Keyes  
 30 Renee Zimmer  
 Grace Connelly  
 Lucas Connelly



### August Anniversaries

1	Lynn & Jo Achenbach	1959
	Dan & Julie Torrez	1998
3	Herb & Rose Stedry	1968
7	Mitchell & Marsha Woolever	1982
12	Mike & Joanne Connelly	1972
19	Roger & Gail Metiva	1983
25	Terry & Jan Histed	1990

## *Thank You*

Thank you for the prayers, cards and calls while I was recovering from surgery. Also, thank you to Nancy and Steve for their help in church the Sunday morning I fell.

Gary Asperger

A huge thank you to everyone for your prayers, cards, words of encouragement and being with us through it all! Our church family is so wonderful and caring. Blessings to each and everyone of you. I have a long road to full recovery but very thankful.

Dennis Felske