

# CHRIST'S COMMUNIQUE

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## 9am Drive-In Worship



Drive-In parking lot worship, bring your own chair, device for bulletin if able, bulletins and padded folding chairs are available. **FM88.1**

Live Streaming on FB & later on our website.

## PASTOR'S NOTE

*"...as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience... Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony."*

*(Colossians 3:12, 14)*

Beginning April 18, a group of Christ Lutheran members began a study of Sr. Joyce Rupp's book *Boundless Compassion: Creating a Way of Life*. (You are welcome to join us on Thursdays at 10:00am. See me for more details.) Members of the Thursday Lenten study of Sr. Rupp's *The Cup of Our Life*, appreciated her book so much that they wanted to dive right into another one.

*Boundless Compassion* begins with a quote from McNeill, Morrison, and Nouwen's 1983 work *Compassion: A Reflection on the Christian Life*: "Compassion asks us to go where it hurts, to enter places of pain, to share in brokenness, fear, confusion, and anguish. Compassion challenges us to cry out with those in misery, to mourn with those who are lonely, to weep with those in tears. Compassion requires us to be weak with the weak, vulnerable with the vulnerable, and powerless with the powerless. Compassion means full immersion in the condition of being human."

Compassion is not just a warm feeling. It is not looking on and wishing things were different. It is more than a pat on the back and a few kind words. Compassion literally means to suffer (passion) with (com) – and then to be moved to action. For followers of Jesus, compassion means living like Christ and with Christ – all the way to the cross (and beyond.)

Of course, this kind of compassion is in no way easy. There is no doubt, however, that it is the life we are called to live with our Lord and with one another. Thanks be to God we were not meant to love others and the world God made on our own. We gather together in Christian community, as the congregation of Christ Lutheran Church, to equip and empower one another and to work together to be active witnesses to God's love.

Thank you! Thank you for all the ways you live God's compassion through the ministry we share at Christ Lutheran – meaningful worship, caring for one another, Green Team, Social Club, Habitat for Humanity, Family Promise, RAM House and so much more... Thank you for being the body of Christ, for living Christ's compassion at the corner of Grandin and Brandon and beyond!

In Peace,  
Pastor Cindy

## TOGETHER

@ 10

Faith

Formation for All

Ages



## 11 am Traditional

Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary.

Currently worshippers are invited to receive Holy Communion at the Nave level.

Individual communion, masks & hand sanitizer are provided.



# FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

## CONFIRMATION INFO.

- **May 5,** @ 5pm- 8th Grade only Dinner & Discussion
- **FYI:** don't forget your Worship notes, pick up in the Narthex
- Confirmation Mentors and Students - Monthly meetings, place and time determined by parents and mentors, discussion guides provided
- **May 19,** @ 11am worship- Confirmation students, affirm their baptism with reception to follow

Questions contact  
Pastor Cindy



## TOGETHER @ 10

On the first and third Sundays all ages meet together in the Fellowship Hall. On alternate Sundays, we gather in age-level groups. Each week we seek to grow in our faith together while having a great time! You are invited each week or whenever you are able!

**May 5- All Ages Together:** All Ages Together for Learning, Fun & Fellowship. We are meeting in the Fellowship Hall

**May 19- T@10 Celebration for All Ages**

**May 12-** Ages 3 – 5<sup>th</sup> grade, Middle/High School Youth, Adults– Video and Discussion

**May 26– No Together@10**

**Summer Time Together@10**– join us for: Triumph Together@10, CLC Olympics for the summer meetings. Watch for more details coming soon . . . . .

## ROANOKE VALLEY LUTHERAN Children & Families (infants – 5<sup>th</sup> grade)

Out-Door Movie Night  
in the summer.  
Watch for details  
RSVP to Pastor Cindy



## YOUTH ASSEMBLY

The **Virginia Synod Youth Assembly** is the annual meeting of the **Virginia Synod Lutheran Youth Organization**, to which all Lutheran Youth in grades 7-12 in the Virginia Synod automatically belong. The Virginia Synod LYO is also the group in Virginia that relates to ELCA Youth Ministries. The Youth Assembly meets at the same time as the Synod Main Assembly on the Roanoke College Campus.

**College, Salem**

**May 25 @ 9:30-3:30pm**

Go to [vasynod.org](https://vasynod.org) to register or:  
[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfhM7CSdm08DUTAif1DshZgz-CDYtJEeROV6QTippmx\\_w994Q/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfhM7CSdm08DUTAif1DshZgz-CDYtJEeROV6QTippmx_w994Q/viewform?usp=sf_link)

**This year's youth assembly will be held on Saturday, May 25 from 10:00am-3:30pm.** (Check-in opens at 9:30am!) The event will allow youth to gather at one of four places around the synod and be linked via Zoom for our presentations, singing, and discussions!



# MAY EVENTS

St. Elizabeth's, Roanoke  
invites you to celebrate



## WORLD LABYRINTH DAY

May 4, 2024, 3-4pm

### NEW MEMBERS CLASSES

We will be starting another session of New Member Classes on **May 5, 12 and 19**. If you are interested in finding out more about becoming a member of Christ Lutheran, please let us know. Contact Pastor Dave, meetings will be in the parlor at 10am.



**ROANOKE  
VALLEY  
LUTHERAN  
YOUTH  
(RVLY)**

**ROANOKE VALLEY  
LUTHERAN YOUTH**



Join us on Sunday, May 25 @ 9:30-3:30pm

**Youth Assembly**

@ College Lutheran, Salem

### OFFERINGS

Thank you for continuing to give of your finances to support Christ Lutheran Church and our community ministries. Consider using one of these options for consistent giving.

- 1) **Online** ([secure.myvanco.com](https://secure.myvanco.com)), takes you to the General Fund to donate. This option is helpful to create automatic recurring donations.
- 2) You can put your check in the **US postal service** to the church address. 2011 Brandon Ave SW, Roanoke, VA 24015.
- 3) Place offering in the **basket** at the 9am service & in the **plate** at the 11am service.



### The Day of Pentecost



Sunday, May 19, 2024 is a day of celebration in the life of the church. On Pentecost, the 50<sup>th</sup> and final day of Easter, we rejoice at the gift of the Holy Spirit. We give thanks for the power and the spiritual gifts that God has bestowed on the faithful throughout history - including us! Fittingly, at Christ Lutheran, Pentecost is a day for remembering our baptism, for recalling the gifts given to us through the water and the word, and for renewing our own promises to live as Christ's people and share God's love.

This year, we celebrate with three of our young people who will make public affirmation of their baptism in the rite of Confirmation. Please plan to celebrate with Aleks, Emma, Eli and their families at the 11:00am service on May 19!

A reception will follow in the Fellowship Hall.

# FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES



## MEMORIAL DAY

Church office will be closed on Monday, May 27 in observance of Memorial Day.



## CHOIR REHEARSAL

The choir rehearses Wednesday nights @ 7:30pm, during the school year.

Our last choir rehearsal is Wednesday May 15!

## SAVE THE DATE Y'ALL!

*THIS IS THE DAY THAT THE LORD HAS MADE LET US REJOICE AND BE GLAD IN IT! (Psalm 118:24)*

Church Picnic **Sunday, June 2** after the 11am worship, here at Christ Lutheran. Fellowship and Fun with picnic grilling food, delicious sides, our friends For Fun Instruments playing with our New Song band. Bounce house for the kids and many more fun games to play. Please bring a side or dessert dish to share.



## SAVE THE DATE

Weekend VBS is coming for All Ages

**July 5-7!**

Friday: 5:30-8:30pm with dinner,  
Saturday: 10-2pm with lunch,  
and Sunday: 9-11am with brunch.

## CINCO DE MAYO

It's back! One of the most popular activities that the Life Committee sponsored before the pandemic was "*Cinco de Mayo minus one*"

All adults are invited to El Rodeo on Electric Road on **Saturday, May 4** at 6:00 for a time of fun and fellowship.

Please call the church office to respond by:

*Thursday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> 12 noon,*

so we can let El Rodeo know how many people to expect!

Thanks Shelley



## We Welcome New Members Diane & Mark

**Diane & Mark joined Christ Lutheran in March,  
Kate & Tom are their Shepherds**

We are Diane and Mark. In December 1998, we promised our three young daughters a kitten and moved to Roanoke from Charlotte, NC.

Coming from a catholic background, we soon became members of Our Lady of Nazareth Catholic Church where we experienced 19 years of faith and fellowship. Our amazing daughters now have families of their own that have enriched us with two sons-in-law and two grandsons. Fortunately, they live less than a 2-hour drive from us. Diane is a semi-retired Speech Pathologist working virtually from home a few days each week. Her hobbies include making pottery, playing Mahjong and reading good books. Mark is a retired architect. His hobbies include listening to jazz, sketching and attending college and minor league baseball games. Our passion is spending time with family and friends. We have felt welcomed at Christ Lutheran and look forward to making more new friends.



# MAY EVENTS

## PRAYERS FOR

**4.21-** *Blessing: birth of Madelyn (Susie & Mark's great niece), Praise: Levi born with complications is healed and home, Middle East unrest & suffering, Terry, VA Synod Assembly- 4.27, Mark, college students preparing for exams, Betty*

**4.14-** Maria, Geri

**4.7-** Elizabeth (treatment for Hodgkins Lymphoma), Gloria (loss of her husband of 65 years), Edward (illness), Linda, Claude, Evron

**3.31-** Floyd, Ian, Mary, Robin

**3.24-** Shirley (Bill's mom hospice care), Eric, Fires in the Shenandoah Valley

**3.17-** Delores, Herman, Hogan family, Kelly, Toni & Bill, Lauren's son & family

**3.10-** Bob, Cole, Hailey family, Don, Doris (cancer treatment), Linda (surgery), Betsy (safe travels), Logan

**Families of: 2/18-** Helen, Andy (Robin Haas's ex-Husband), **4/7-** Hayden, Turner, Judy, Caitlin, **4/21-** Betty



## Sunday Scripture Readings MAY 2024

May 5– 6th Sunday of Easter:

Acts 10:44-48, Ps 98, 1 John 5:1-6,  
John 15:9-17

May 12– 7th Sunday of Easter:

Acts 1:15-17, 21-26, Ps 1, 1 John 5:9-13,  
John 17:6-19

May 19– Day of Pentecost:

Acts 2:1-21, Ps 104:24-34, 35b,  
Rom 8:22-27, John 15:26-27, 16:4b-15

May 26– The Holy Trinity:

Isa 6:1-8, Ps 29, Rom 8:12-17,  
John 3:1-17

## THURSDAY BOOK STUDY

Our Thursday mornings book study @10am continues to meet in the parlor. Boundless Compassion by Sister Joyce Rupp. All are welcome to join this group, contact Pastor Cindy with questions.



## MAY BIRTHDAYS!

**1st**– Hildegard

**2nd**– Dan, Jessica

**3rd**– Sheila

**5th**– Jack, Margaret, Elise

**7th**– Sue

**8th**– Cat, Michele

**9th**– Shane, Alice

**10th**– Ronan

**11th**– Jared

**12th**– Katherine, Susie, Mary

**13th**– Aidan

**14th**– Patty

**16th**– Lorelai

**19th**– Maxwell, Parker

**20th**– Diane

**21st**– Matt, Rosa

**22nd**– Sarah

**23rd**– Nat, Matt, Lynne, Austin, Gavin, John

**24th**– Catherine

**25th**– Todd

**27th**– Ray Jr., Alice

**28th**– Martin

**29th**– Laura,

**30th**– Alison, Jason, Joan

**31st**– Mary



# FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES



**SOCIAL CLUB:** Twice a month, adults with emotional and mental challenges are picked up in the church van from an area home for adults, brought to the church or another designated place and served a meal. Volunteers also assist the participants with an activity. (Bingo is a favorite!)

If you are available to volunteer to drive the bus, serve, or clean up afterwards, please contact Wanda & Greg. **Social Club is meeting May 9 & 23**, from 5-7pm.



*Church Council*

**CHURCH COUNCIL:** will meet **May 14**. Church Council meets the 2<sup>ND</sup> Tuesday of the month in the Fellowship Hall @ 7pm. Please let Chip know if you are unable to attend this meeting.

**PASTOR'S LUNCH BUNCH:** Join Pastor Dave on **May 8 @ 12noon** here at Christ Lutheran in the FSH for lunch. Please call to RSVP to insure a seat is reserved for you.



**YARN N PRAYER:** Next meeting is **Wed. May 15**, 3:30pm in the parlor. Contact Rita for more information.

**HANDY FOLK:** Join Pastor Dave and the women & men that make up this wonderful group of people that take care of our church building. **Friday May 3** at 8am for breakfast then some maintenance work on church property.



**MONDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY:** Mondays at 10:30am, meet in the Chapel. Contact pastors if you would like to attend via Zoom. All are welcome to join this group. Passages for next Sunday will be studied. Questions contact Pastor Cindy & Pastor Dave.

**FAMILY PROMISE:** We will be hosting Family Promise families the **week of June 2-9** at the Alexa House. We will need meal preparers, servers/evening host, and overnight hosts. We will co-host that week with Raleigh Court Presbyterian Church. More details to follow as our days to serve draw nearer.



Please contact Georgia 540-293-3421 or [gschmitt123@yahoo.com](mailto:gschmitt123@yahoo.com) to sign up or with questions.



## CLC SUNDAY AFTERNOON PICKLE BALL CLUB

Hello All, Christ Lutheran has started a Pickle Ball Club. Would you like to join a fun afternoon of Pickle Ball?

We will be meeting at the Garst Mill Park Courts & will meet the 2nd and 4th Sunday afternoons @ 2pm. If interested in playing or learning to play this fun game RSVP to Shelley.

**The next meetings are May 12 & 26.**

# FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES



## MISSION STATEMENT

As good stewards of the earth, it is our mission to educate, act and advocate for our future where our children, grandchildren can live and thrive.

Feel free to join us on the **second Wednesday of each month, in the parlor at 1 pm, next meeting on May 8.**

### Our tips for this month:

**1.** Plastic is everywhere! Help our community & our church reduce the plastic waste. We have re-usable shopping/grocery bags for \$2. Contact Shelley & Goody.

*One small step will make a BIG difference.*

**2.** We are continuing to collect clean, dry egg shells. **Bring yours to the kitchen** and add to the labeled container next to the microwave & we will give them to our composting members.

**3.** The Green team is partnering with Covenant Presbyterian church to recycle soft plastics. The most common item to be recycled is dry, unsoiled plastic grocery store bags. You know the ones you get when they ask paper or plastic? Other items that can be used are plastic bags you get when you mail order clothing, plastic overwrap on paper towels or toilet paper, air pillows, bubble wrap, cereal bags, clean plastic sandwich bags and zip lock bags. **Bring all soft plastics to the Coat Closet in the marked basket.**

If you are interested in joining the “**Green Team**” contact Goody.



## FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT—MAY 2024

First, I would like to report that Cheri has taken on the role of Treasurer for the church. Judy, after many years of service to the congregation as the Treasurer, retired at the end of the year. We are so very grateful for all that she has done for Christ Lutheran, and for her help in preparing Cheri to serve in this capacity. Judy has agreed to remain a member of the Finance Committee. Please join me in giving a big thank you to both

Judy and Cheri.

Next, in reporting on the budget, I would like to thank you for your generous giving that resulted in the church having revenue matching its expenses in 2023. As you may know, we were running in 2023 with income lagging expenses, but finished out the last several months on a strong trend. Thus far in 2024 our giving is again starting our running behind budget and expenses, about \$25,000 for the first three months. While we have had some high, unexpected expenses, we are fortunate to have some other investment funds that have been gifted to the church over the years, which performed well in the first quarter.

Finally, I would like to invite anyone interested in serving on the Finance Committee or assisting with related activities such as the audit committee to let me, or the church office know. We are always grateful for additional support. As well, I welcome any questions or suggestions you may have.

Thank you again!

Jim, Finance Chair

## EACH WEEK AT CHRIST LUTHERAN

- 9am Sunday Drive-In Worship & Facebook Live Streaming,
  - 10am Together@10
  - 11am Sunday Traditional Worship
- Adult Bible Study Monday mornings @ 10:30am. Zoom available
- Adult Book Study Thursday mornings @ 10:00am, in the parlor
- Choir rehearsal Wed. nights at 7:30pm in the choir room

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