

CHRIST'S COMMUNIQUE

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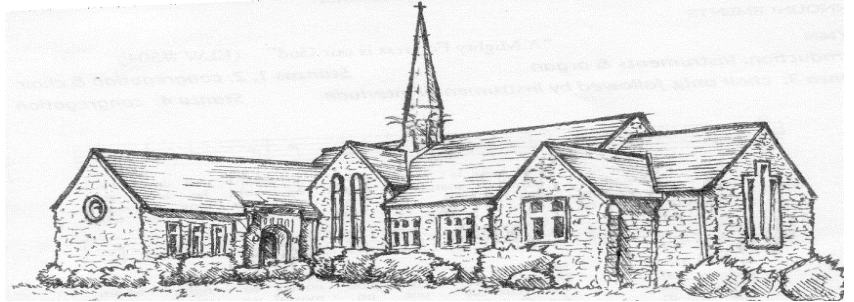
9am Drive-In Worship

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.



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.



PASTOR'S NOTE

For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Jeremiah 29:11

As I prepare for my retirement, many people ask me "What are you going to be doing?" I have to be honest, I may have some ideas and plans to occupy my time and not drive Diane crazy but I am leaving it up to what comes into my path and sparks my interest.

I want to spend time with my Diane and family and catch up with the many projects around the house. I do not see us sitting on the front porch and watching the world go by.

One thing is for certain, I will always cherish the time I have spent here at Christ Lutheran as a Pastor. Your openness and willingness to allow me, with all my craziness, to serve the Lord in your presence, with Love and Peace for God's people has been inspiring and I am honored to have been one of your Pastors.

I will always think of you and pray for the continued ministries of Christ Lutheran. I ask for your prayers for Diane and myself as we enter this new chapter of our lives. Thank you for your part in my journey. May God forever guide us and walk with us each day.

Peace,

Pastor Dave

FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES



SAVE THE DATE
JOIN US FOR
PASTOR DAVE'S
RETIREMENT
PARTY!

SEPTEMBER 29TH
11AM WORSHIP ONLY
FOLLOWED BY A LUNCH



TOGETHER
@ 10
SECOND
SUNDAYS
IN THE
SUMMER

Join us for Triumph Together@10
Christ Lutheran (low skills) Olympics for the
summer meetings.

August 11



**CLC SUNDAY
AFTERNOON
PICKLE BALL
CLUB**

We are having a fun time playing Pickle Ball!
Would you like to join us one afternoon?

We meet at the Garst Mill Park Courts on the
2nd and 4th Sunday afternoons @ 2pm. If
interested in playing or learning to play,
RSVP to Shelley.

*Over the summer if its too hot we may need
to cancel. Stay tuned for Sunday morning
announcements at the 9am and
11am services.*

The next meetings are August 11 & 25.

COFFEE & A PRAYER

We are planning to start up this ministry again
in October. Are you interested in
volunteering? We needed **8 people** committed
to go ahead in October.

What's involved is offering coffee and a prayer
to the neighbors that drive past our church
building. You would wear a Yellow vest for
visibility, while vehicles are stopped at the
lights on the corner of Grandin & Brandon.
Please RSVP to the church office, or speak with
Pastor Cindy if this is a ministry you are inter-
ested in.

Coffee & A Prayer
1st Monday of the
Month

7:30am to 8:30am we
If you can help with
preparation, serving and
or cleanup let Pastor
Cindy or Fiona in the
office know.

Contact Pastor Cindy
540-982-8334 (church office number);
pastorcindy@christlutheranroanoke.org
for more info or to volunteer.



DEAR FRIENDS & FAMILY AT CLC,

I wanted to say thank you for your many cards,
visits, calls, sharing the church flowers, and your
thoughts and prayers for us three sisters - Jan,
Pam and myself. We have each had health
challenges to handle. I have some serious ones
to manage so your prayers are still much needed
for all of us.

I have a special request that if you can possibly
help with it will be greatly appreciated! I battle
extreme anemia and have required blood trans-
fusions (along with my iron infusions). I cannot
donate obviously and there is a nationwide
shortage of blood for folks like me that need it.
If you can donate at a blood
drive or at the Red Cross, lives
can be saved. God bless you all!
And thank you many times
over.

Blessings,
Terry



FINANCIALS \$\$\$

JULY 2024 FINANCIAL REPORT

As always, thank you for your financial giving in support of our church. Below is a snapshot of the YTD finances. While we remain hopeful that giving will increase as the year continues (which has been the pattern in the past), please realize your ongoing contributions are necessary to fund the ongoing expenses of the church. To aid you in assessing your financial contributions, mid-year financial statements have recently been distributed. If you did not get one, please call Joyce, Financial Secretary, (540-982-8334, ext#14). Thank you!



Monthly Budgeted Income

Month	Budgeted	Given	YTD Budgeted	YTD Received	YTD Spent
January	\$47,583	\$38,363	\$47,583	\$38,363	
February	\$47,583	\$41,161	\$95,166	\$79,525	
March	\$47,583	\$37,585	\$142,749	\$117,110	
April	\$47,583	\$33,256*	\$190,332	\$150,007	
May	\$47,583	\$39,766*	\$237,916	\$184,059	\$259,356
June	\$47,583	\$37,790	\$285,499	\$227,921	\$318,032

Jim, Finance Committee Chair

Personal Giving Statement by Tom

One Beneficial Way to make your contributions to Christ Lutheran Church:

Like many of you, I have a Traditional IRA and I am over 70-1/2 years of age which means I am required to take an annual "Required Minimum Distribution" from my IRA which is treated as taxable income by the IRS. However, the IRS allows a way for me to avoid some of that increase in my taxable income by making what is called a "Qualified Charitable Distribution" or "QCD" directly from my IRA to a qualified charity. So instead of making a cash contribution to Christ Lutheran, I make a QCD each year.

You may ask why do I make my contribution this way since it seems complicated as opposed to just writing a check or putting cash in the collection plate? The simple reason is that it really isn't hard to make a QCD contribution (I fill out and submit a form to my IRA Trustee online) AND a QCD does not count as taxable income which reduces the federal income taxes I would otherwise have to pay on that part of my RMD which goes to a qualified charity! Another question you may have is whether there is a greater benefit to reducing my taxable income versus making a tax deductible charitable donation. The simple answer is yes – the amount of tax I would otherwise pay on my QCD donation is substantially more than the tax benefit I would receive for a standard tax deduction for the QCD amount.

Now there are some rules you have to follow to take advantage of the QCD. **First**, the charity receiving the QCD must be a 501(c)(3) organization which Christ Lutheran is. **Second**, you must be at least 70-1/2 years of age. **Third**, in general, your IRA must be a Traditional, Rollover, or Inherited plan. **Fourth**, the QCD must be sent directly by your plan trustee or administrator to the church (if the distribution is to you and you then donate it to a charity, it doesn't count as a QCD). **Fifth**, the distribution to the church or other charity must occur before the RMD deadline – usually December 31. **Sixth**, there is a limitation to the amount of a QCD – this year it was \$105,000, but that amount is adjusted annually.

Finally, this approach to charitable contributions also applies to contributions to other 501(c)(3) charities as well.

CHURCH ACTIVITIES



CHURCH COUNCIL: will meet **Tuesday, August 13.** Meetings are the 2ND Tuesday of the month in the Fellowship Hall @ 7pm. Please let Chip know if you are unable to attend this meeting.

YARN N PRAYER: will **not** be meeting in August. Gatherings will resume on September 18 @ 3:30pm in the parlor. Contact Rita for more info.



MONDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY: Mondays at 10:30am, meet in the FSH. 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.

GREEN TEAM: Will resume meetings in the Parlor on Wednesday, September 11 @ 1pm. *Please continue to:*

1. We have re-usable shopping/grocery bags for \$2. One small step will make a BIG difference.
 2. Bring your clean, dry egg shells to the kitchen, next to the microwave & we will give them to our composting members.
 3. Bring all soft plastics to the Coat Closet in the marked basket.
- If you are interested in joining the **“Green Team,”** contact Gudrun.



PASTOR’S LUNCH BUNCH: Join Pastor Dave for the last time on September 11 @ 12noon here at Christ Lutheran in the FSH for lunch. Please call to RSVP to insure a seat is reserved for you.



FAMILY PROMISE: We are scheduled to serve Family Promise families **Thursday August 15th - Saturday August 17th** at the Alexa House. We need your support in many ways. We will need prepared entrees, side dishes, desserts, prepackaged grab and go breakfast items (it has requested that all foods be kid friendly). We need 2 servers each night, and overnight hosts. The overnight host can be a couple, 2 females, or 1 male. Please contact Georgia more details, questions on this ministry, and or to sign up.



ALTAR FLOWERS

Thank you to those that have sponsored our Altar Flowers.

The flower chart is posted outside Pastor Dave’s office.

Sponsoring Altar Flowers is \$65, in check memo: altar flowers.

When signing up, print clearly the information on who is sponsoring and how you want the dedication to read.

We have received so many thank you’s from people receiving our flowers when they are sick, going through surgery, celebrations and grief as well.



Newsletter

NEWSLETTER ARTICLES

The Communique is a wonderful source of information, to find out about events and meetings each month, as well as to connect and meeting others in our Christ Lutheran family.

Please submit any articles for the following Communique by the **15th of the month.**

This is important with planning for all articles needed in the publication.

Many Thanks for your assistance.

AUGUST INFORMATION



PRAYERS FOR

7.21- Raymond, Kyle, Maria (high risk pregnancy), Tripp, Logan, Caryl, Youth Mission Trip to Altoona PA, **7.14-** Sloan & Cam, **7.7-** Caitlin (travels over the summer), parents of Deb, J. B., Terry, David and Vicki (COVID), Thanksgiving for Family Promise Family, **6.30-** Rain for our area, Paul, **6.23-** Christopher, Joseph, Sherry, Wayne, Betsy (recovery surgery)

Families of: 6/30- Susan, **7/21-** Ron, Geri, Whitney

SUNDAY SCRIPTURE READINGS AUGUST 2024

Aug 4– 11th Sunday after Pentecost:
Exod 16:2-4, 9-15, Ps 78: 23-29,
Eph 4:1-16, John 6:24-35

Aug 11– 12th Sunday after Pentecost:
1 Kings 19:4-8, Ps 34:1-8, Eph 4:25-5:2,
John 6:35, 41-51

Aug 18– 13th Sunday after Pentecost:
Prov 9:1-6, Ps 34:9-14, Eph 5:15-20,
John 6:51-58

Aug 25– 14th Sunday after Pentecost:
Josh 24:1-2a, 14-18, Ps 34:15-22,
Eph 6:10-20, John 6:56-69

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS!

2nd– Hannah, Karen,
4th– William, Abby, Lily,
6th– Robert, David, Brian,
7th– Amber, **8th**– Kathy, Natalie,
10th– George, **12th**– Laura, Charles,
13th– James, Nicole, Brayden,
Michael David, **15th**– Cari, Lisa,
Ken, Nat, **16th**– Dewey, Chris, **17th**– Rachel,
18th– Daniel, **19th**– Fiona, **22nd**– Alisa,
25th– Tom, Jim, **26th**– Madeline, Connor ,
27th– Zachary, **28th**– Leslie, **30th**– Carolyn,
31st– Ann, Holly, Iris.



HABITAT MENTORS NEEDED

NO CONSTRUCTION SKILLS NECESSARY!

Help our Family Services Team prepare clients for successful home ownership by becoming a mentor. Spend as little as 6-10 hours monthly offering support & encouragement to one family enrolled in the 14-month program preparing for home ownership. Booklet is available to help in the process. If at all interested, please contact Joyce Williams at Habitat: 540-344-0747, Ext: 448 or email: joyce@habitatroanoke.org



Roanoke Valley Youth 23rd Annual Golf Tournament
Saturday, September 28, 2024
New this year!

Lunch at Blue Hills at 12:30pm
Shotgun Start 1:30pm, Blue Hills, Golf Club
Participants and sponsors are needed.

Pick up registration in the Narthex



COMMUNION MINISTERS NEEDED

Communion Ministers share the gift of the sacrament with members and friends of Christ Lutheran who are unable to come to worship due to illness or mobility issues. If you are interested in serving or have questions about this important ministry, please contact Pastor Cindy.

**EACH WEEK AT CHRIST LUTHERAN
Over the Summer**

- 9am Sunday Drive-In Worship & Facebook Live Streaming,
 - 11am Sunday Traditional Worship
- Adult Bible Study Monday mornings @ 10:30am. Zoom available

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