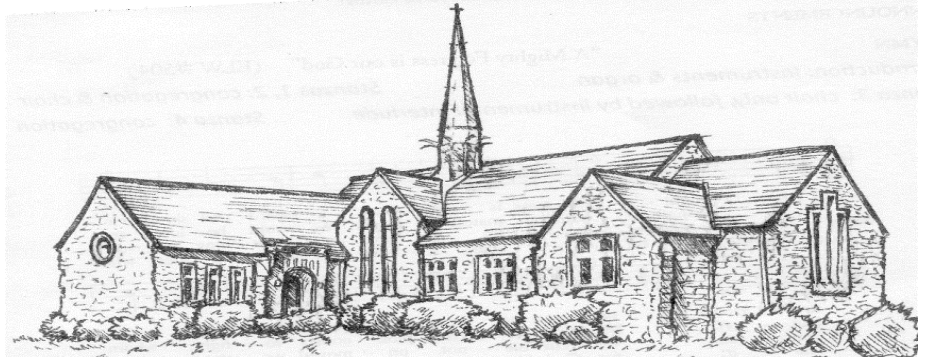


CHRIST'S COMMUNIQUE

Issue: 641 October 2024



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 DAVE'S LAST NOTE!

As my ministry here with you at Christ Lutheran comes to an end, I want to Thank You for our years of service together in being the Body of Christ; reaching out to the world, the Roanoke Community and each other to share the Love of God in Christ with all. It has been my privilege and honor to be a Pastor at Christ Lutheran since August of 2001, and I will remember all of you with fondness and gratitude.

We have experienced Joy and Sorrow, Birth and Death, Celebration and Loss. We have had times of Happiness and times of Sadness. And through it all we have tried our best to Love one another as Christ has first loved us.

We have worked hard together to move through challenges, and we have celebrated success with laughter and love. Your willingness to be consistent and innovative has enabled us to weather storms and wait together for the sun to shine through. Your support and involvement over the years shows us that God is still at work with us to be Christ to one another and to the world. Keep believing that God has formidable plans for this congregation to continue the excellent work already accomplished and to move forward in grace serving our community and the world.

Diane, Josh, Isaac, and our whole family have been blessed by our time with you. Our lives have been enriched by your support and love.

As I move on to a new chapter of my life as a retired Pastor, I will continue to serve the Lord in new ways that I am sure will be wonderful as well. Keep me in your prayers and remember... God is always with us.

The German phrase for Goodbye is *Auf Wiedersehen*, which means *until we see you again*. So to all of you who have walked with me these 23 years of ministry I say, *Auf Wiedersehen*.

Peace, Pastor Dave

"Don't CRY because it's over, SMILE because it happened!"
Dr. Seuss

FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES



BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

Sunday Oct. 6
At the end of the 9am worship service outside we will bless our fur babies.

Bring your pets to be blessed.



TOGETHER @ 10

Sunday 6: All together for fun, food and Learning
Sunday 13: Adults only Sunday School
Sunday 20: Sunday

School for All ages, 3 years – 5th graders, MS & HS Youth, Adults
Sunday 27: Adults only Sunday School

CONFIRMATION & MS/HS YOUTH

Sunday October 20 Crop Hunger Walk– All Are Welcome!
Meet at 1:30pm, South Roanoke, UMC Questions contact: Pastor Cindy

Register: <https://events.crophungerwalk.org/cropwalks/event/roanokeva>

Join Group: Lutheran of the Roanoke Valley



Fun Fam Fiesta!



**Sunday, October 13
4:00-5:30pm**

@ Christ Lutheran Church

Infants-5th Graders & Families



**Fun, Games, Bounce House
Bring a Dinner Dish to Share**

Sign Up Here



CLC PICKLE BALL CLUB

Would you like to join us one Sunday?

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

This month we meet on 13 & 27



FOUNDATIONS, STRENGTHS, & POSSIBILITIES

Since 1916, Christ Lutheran has been faithfully serving God and others in Roanoke and beyond. This time of transition provides us with a good time to celebrate our past and look to the future.

On Sunday, October 20 Assistant to the Virginia Synod Bishop, John Wertz, will join us to facilitate a conversation about who we are as a congregation and what comes next for us.

Pastor Wertz will preach at both services on October 20.

Following 11am worship, all are invited to a potluck lunch and a discussion about Christ Lutheran's "Foundations, Strengths and Possibilities."

RSVP to the church office.

FINANCIALS \$\$\$

MEMBERS: Contribution statement & pledges for the period of 1/1/2024 to 6/30/2024 are available to pick up in the church office. If you have any questions regarding your giving please contact Joyce Noell:
financialsecretary@christlutheranroanoke.org, 540-982-8334 ext:14



October 2024 Financial Report:

As always, thank you for your financial giving in support of our church. Below is a snapshot of the YTD finances. Giving to the church is well behind our approved budget. I remain hopeful that a fall/end-of-year increase in giving will alleviate some of this deficit. The Finance Committee is meeting in September to work on a budget for next year and we will be grappling with how to adjust the church's budget for 2025 keeping the reality of our financial giving and expenses in mind. Your support of Christ Lutheran's good work is always appreciated.

Monthly Budgeted Income

Month	Budgeted	Given	YTD Budgeted	YTD Received	YTD Spent
January	\$47,583	\$38,363	\$47,583	\$38,363	\$42,869
February	\$47,583	\$41,161	\$95,166	\$79,525	\$96,655
March	\$47,583	\$37,585	\$142,750	\$117,110	\$158,298
April	\$47,583	\$33,256	\$190,333	\$150,365	\$208,068
May	\$47,583	\$39,766	\$237,916	\$190,131	\$262,602
June	\$47,583	\$37,790	\$285,499	\$227,921	\$324,491
July	\$47,583	\$30,093	\$333,082	\$258,014	\$370,932
August	\$47,583	\$36,250	\$380,665	\$294,264	\$408,713

Personal Giving Statement by Mark & Susan

Giving is what Christians do. I am a lifelong Lutheran. Susie was born a Catholic, but is embracing the Lutheran religion. In the Lutheran Church I grew up in the Sunday school children would receive their own box of offering envelopes. These were handed out at the beginning of the school year. They were smaller than the ones my parents had. Us kids would put what change we had in the envelopes. The teachers would collect them in Sunday school. Preparing the offering envelope was a Saturday night ritual. That and polishing my shoes. No TV until both were done. Often times when preparing the envelopes there was a discussion about what the money was used for. It wasn't a complicated discussion, but it came down to supporting the Church and helping people in need. Making the world a better place. Long story short, it felt good to give. I am reminded of those little envelopes every Sunday when I place my offering in the offering plate.

FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES



SECRET PALS - Children (age 2-5th grade) are paired with an adult secret pal who will pray for them and send them encouraging notes and small gifts beginning **October 1**. Please let Pastor Cindy know if you can be a Secret Pal! Then in February, your children will meet their secret pal at the Revealing Party.

NEW MEMBERS CLASSES



We will be starting another session of New Member Classes on **October 13, and 20**. If you are interested in finding out more about becoming a member of Christ Lutheran, please let us know. Contact Pastor Cindy and meetings will be in the parlor at 10am.

FAMILY PROMISE

Tuesday, October 1st meeting @ 2pm in the Parlor. This meeting is for all that have served, want to continue to serve, or want to know more about this ministry. Contact Georgia for more information.



CHARLIE BROUWER SCULPTURE WALK IN FLOYD

“Out There” is nine acres of land in Floyd County Virginia where Charlie Brouwer lives and has his studio. Floyd County is in the Blue Ridge Mountains of SW Virginia near the Blue Ridge Parkway. **We are planning a visit on Saturday, October 26 to walk the trails (45mins, 20 sculptures) and Charlie’s studio if we want too.** In the studio, visitors can see past work and works in progress. RSVP to Fiona in the office (secretary@christlutheranroanoke.org) if you would like to attend. We plan to leave from the church at **9am** & to have lunch in Floyd.



NEWSLETTER ARTICLES

The Communique is a wonderful source of information to find out about events and meetings each month. Please submit any articles for the following Communique by the **15th of the month**.



VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES

COFFEE & A PRAYER

Will start October 7, the 1st Monday of the month!
Are you interested in volunteering?
We needed **8 people** committed to go ahead.

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 interested in.



Coffee & A Prayer 1st Monday of the Month

7:30 to 8:30am. 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, ext 13, pastorcindy@christlutheranroanoke.org for more info or to volunteer.

LOOKING FORWARD TO . . .

November

LOST & FOUND



PLEDGE SUNDAY



ELECTION— CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED

BREWERY TOUR



Brandon Oaks Auxiliary's

FALL

Bazaar Sale

Saturday, October 26, 2024
9:00am - 1:00pm

Brandon Oaks Artisans' Crafts - Housewares - Holiday Items - Linens - Clothing - Furniture - Collectibles Jewelry - Books - Puzzles - Chili Dog Meals

Join us for our annual Fall Bazaar hosted by the Brandon Oaks Auxiliary! We have plenty of incredible items for sale. All proceeds benefit the residents of the Brandon Oaks Nursing & Rehab Center and Memory Support.

Chili dog meals will be on sale for \$5.00!

The meal includes a chili dog with toppings, chips and a drink!

Cash or Check ONLY - No credit or debit cards

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MINISTRIES ON GOING AT CLC



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 the next Sunday will be studied. Questions contact Pastor Cindy.

SOCIAL CLUB: Christ Lutheran Social Club continues on Thursday nights, **Oct. 3**, @ 5pm at CLC, **Oct 24**, a Dance @ American Legion 6-8pm. If you would like to help serve meals or drive the bus to pick up our members, please let Wanda & Greg know if you are able to volunteer.



HANDY FOLK GROUP: Join the women & men that make up this wonderful group of people that take care of our church building. Friday **Oct. 4** at 8am they will meet at Famous Anthony's at Oak Grove for breakfast then some maintenance work on church property.

CHURCH COUNCIL: will meet Tuesday, **Oct. 8**. 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.



GREEN TEAM: Join us in the Parlor on Wednesday, **Oct. 8** @ 1pm. The Green Team is up and running again. Our mission remains the same: "As good stewards of the earth, it is our mission to educate, act and advocate for a future where our children and grandchildren can live and thrive."

Also, did you know that cows are the largest single source of emission of methane gas? NPR reported this week that on average, Americans eat three hamburgers a week. If we would reduce our hamburger consumption to two a week, it would reduce methane gas from that particular source by a third. If you are interested in joining the "**Green Team**," contact Gudrun. This month we are collecting can tabs for The Ronald McDonald House. They receive cash for the donations. A container is in the kitchen for these tabs.

YARN N PRAYER: Gatherings will be on **Oct. 16** @ 3:30pm in the parlor. Prayer shawls are needed currently for the sick, cancer patients & those in bound. Contact Rita O'Brien for more info.



RAM LUNCHEES: this faithful group continues to make lunches for RAM House the last Friday of each month, **Oct. 25**. Contact Kathy for volunteer opportunities.



ALTAR FLOWERS: We are looking for **one more person** to help with flower deliveries. Please let Alice Spoerl or Fiona know if you are available once a month to deliver flowers. THANK YOU!



BOOK STUDY: This group will resume, **Tuesday Oct. 1st @ 10am** in the parlor. Have a Beautiful, Terrible Day by Kate Bowler. Order online, check with Pastor Cindy if you need help getting the book. All are welcome to join this group, contact Pastor Cindy with questions.



INFORMATION



PRAYERS: **9.22-** Weltzien family, Ron, Jessica, Caryl, Ben & Lindsay (married last weekend), Jacob (surgery), Betty (loss of husband), Kevin, **9.15-** Angie (healing), Martha, Janice, **9.8-** Tom (healing), Tom (eye surgery 9/16), Delmore, Rhonda, Carolyn, Shooting in the GA-HS (victims, students and teachers), **9.1-** Jim + friends (travel), Jean (rotator cuff surgery), **8.25-** Becky (recovering at home), Nancy (back pain), Kyle, Greg, Dee, Bev & Tom (safe travels), Betsy (surgery), Paul, JB, Joyce,

Families of: **8/18-** Linda, Paul, **8/25-** Meg (11yo child), **9/1-** Molly, **9/8-** Bill, **9/15-** Franz (Susan's Uncle), Barba, **9/22-** Richard (Bill & Diana's brother in law).

SUNDAY SCRIPTURE READINGS OCTOBER

Oct. 6– 20th Sunday after Pentecost:

Gen 2:18-24, Ps 8, Heb 1:1-4; 2:5-12, Mark 10:2-16

Oct. 13– 21st Sunday after Pentecost:

Amos 5:6-7, 10-15, Ps 90:12-17, Heb 4:12-16, Mark 10:17-31

Oct. 20-22nd Sunday after Pentecost:

Isa 53:4-12, Ps 91:9-16, Heb 5:1-10, Mark 10:35-45

Oct. 27– Reformation Sunday:

Jer 31:31-34, Ps 46, Rom 3:19-28, John 8:31-36

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS!



1st– Steve, Ian,
3rd– Erin,
4th– Jack , Gretchen,
 Evron,
5th– Ernestine, Rev. Dave, Judy,
6th– John
7th– Sarah Beth, Roger,
8th– Gretchen, **9th**– Taylor, Eric,
10th– Pennie, **11th**– Dene,
13th– Elowen, **14th**– Tyus,
16th– Janet,
17th– Danielle, Betty, **20th**– Hunter,
24th– Jim, Grayson,
25th– Jerry, Betsy, Donna,
27th– Leah, Susan, Jan,
29th– Noah,
30th– Syd

Sunday, October 20th @4 pm

Richard Rudolph's

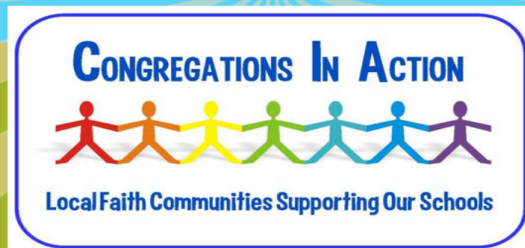
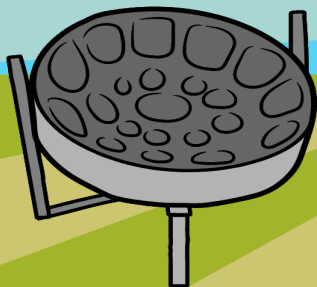
Panamanian Steel Drum Band

in concert at Raleigh Court UMC.

Benefit concert for Congregations in Action's "Pack-a-Snack" program.

Concert is FREE, but concessions will be provided to raise funds.

(Drinks, Popcorn, Cookies, & more)



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EACH WEEK AT CHRIST LUTHERAN

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

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