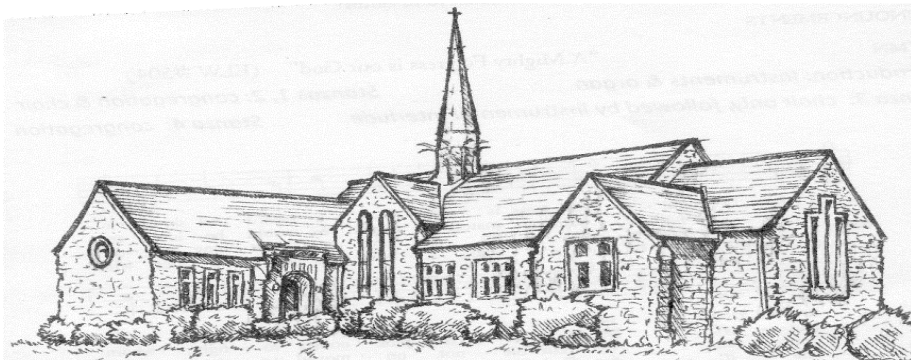


# CHRIST'S COMMUNIQUE

Issue: 642 November 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.*

## PLEDGE SUNDAY

NOV. 10



## 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

*"You are members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone." (Ephesians 2:19b-20)*

Thank you, thank you, thank you to all who participated in the "Foundations, Strengths, and Possibilities" workshop led by Assistant to the VA Synod Bishop John Wertz on October 20, 2024. Thanks to all who served in the kitchen and to those who set up and cleaned up the Fellowship Hall! And thank you to all who engaged in the conversation! As your Pastor, it was a true blessing to me to witness your dedication to the ministry of Christ Lutheran Church.

Pastor Wertz invited us to reflect on three questions. 1) Foundations – Why does Christ Lutheran Church exist? 2) Strengths – What are the top strengths of our congregation? 3) Possibilities – What exciting ministries can we imagine for the future of Christ Lutheran?

What are the "foundations" upon which Christ Lutheran Church is built? With varying words and descriptions, the consensus of those gathered for the workshop included three things – worship, care for each other, and serving in our community. Yes! First and foremost, we gather each week to worship, sing, pray, listen to God's word, and receive God's grace in the sacrament of Holy Communion. In so doing, we become a community of love for one another. Together and individually, we serve God by serving others and the world God has made.

One might say these are (or should be) the foundations of all churches. That may be true, but Christ Lutheran Church at the corner of Grandin and Brandon in Roanoke, Virginia does that in our own unique ways. Our workshop groups shared in many ways how we support, love, and depend on one another. We value events like God's Work Our Hands and community ministries like Habitat for Humanity. Our worship is welcoming, safe, and specifically Lutheran.

As we look to the future, we have a strong foundation on which to build and grow! Watch for follow-up on the answers groups gave to the questions about strengths and possibilities. And, as always, please feel free to contact me with questions, concerns and ideas.

In Peace and Hope,  
Pastor Cindy

# FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

## GRANDIN VILLAGE CHILDREN'S PARADE



### Saturday Nov. 23 @ 11am

- 9:30am Hot Chocolate to serve to the participants in the parade, call the church office: 540-982-8334 to RSVP.
- 11:00am Grandin Village Children's Parade  
We have a Christ Lutheran banner  
Come and walk with us in the parade.

## Election Day Nov 5

We are looking for volunteers to serve  
Coffee & Donuts to voters @  
6-9am & 5-7pm.

Call the church office to sign up.  
Questions contact Tom.



## TOGETHER @ 10

**Sunday 3:** All together for fun, food, fellowship and learning. This Sunday we explore:  
**ELCA World Hunger – 50 years of Giving!**



**Sunday 17:** 3yrs-5<sup>th</sup> grade downstairs in the Community Room, Youth: MS & HS Youth Lounge upstairs

**All Sundays:** Adults meet in the parlor.

GENERATION X  
ZERO-HUNGER  
*Together, we can be the generation that ends hunger.*

## 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 10 & 24**



Roanoke Valley Lutheran Youth

# QUIZ BOWL

Sun. Nov. 17

4-6pm

Hosted by Professor Gary Hollis

@ Christ

# PLEDGE SUNDAY NOVEMBER 10

Warm greetings Christ Lutheran,

We hope this letter finds you well. On behalf of the Stewardship Committee, I am excited to begin this year's pledge drive!



**Pledge Sunday will be Sunday November 10<sup>th</sup>.** I enjoy this opportunity to write to you and recall the events and programs that have highlighted our past year at Christ Lutheran, as well as look ahead to the future we continue to build for our church and our community.

This year we look back on a joyful summer picnic, intergenerational programs throughout the year, book study groups, and ongoing support of community service through contributions such as lunches to the RAM House and a successful youth mission trip. At the same time, we look ahead to not only continuing God's work, but also turning a page in our church history.

As Pastor Dave retires, we will take time to reflect on the many memories and contributions he has shared with our congregation and our community; the light and warmth he brought to our church. We will also, individually and collectively, look to the future with hope and assurance as Pastor Cindy continues her dedicated guidance of our church. We are grateful for the programs and church education that Pastor Cindy has continued to develop during her tenure. Personally, I enjoy the many intergenerational opportunities Pastor Cindy has helped lead and grow secret pals, Together @ 10, Vacation Bible School, and our Christmas Pageant for all Ages!

The programs we build here at Christ Lutheran demonstrate in tangible and meaningful ways the commitment of our congregation as we come together to serve, to worship, to work, and to share God's Love. The success of these initiatives is dependent not only on the time and dedication of our members, but also on financial contributions to our Church. Although we are a talented bunch, the electric company is still more efficient at providing energy to keep our lights on!

Our church staff has worked to build on the efficiencies of keeping our church humming. Working to develop and employ digital communications to help offset printing and mailing costs, for example, while still providing the resources and information to keep our members engaged.

While you reflect on memories and look ahead to new adventures with your Christ Lutheran family, we invite you to prayerfully consider how you can also contribute financially to support of our programs, but also to support the operational expenses of the church. Included with this letter is an annual pledge card. Returning this pledge card completed with your or your family's commitment for this upcoming year will help our finance team tailor the church budget. It will also help guide your commitment to continuing the work of our entire congregation to share God's Love.

In closing, one of the highlights of my summer was watching the Olympics with my family, from the opening ceremony, through several events, to the closing ceremony. We talked about the torch and how it is carried through the games, then passed to the next city to light the way for the next event. The torch is a continual reminder of the many years of tradition before, and a guide to the future. At Christ Lutheran, the light of God shines bright in the history that has grounded our church for over 100 years and guides us to continue to share His love through our time, talents, and treasures.

Warmly, Blue, Stewardship chair

## REMINDERS OF GIVING OPTIONS:

*Consider using one of these options for consistent giving week to week:*

- 1) **QR Code** (*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.
- 3) Place offering in the **basket** as you come to worship.



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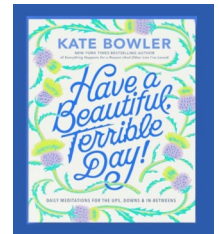


# ON GOING MINISTRIES AT CLC



**MONDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY:** Mondays at **10:30am** meet in the FSH. Contact pastor Cindy if you would like to attend via Zoom. All are welcome to join this group. Passages for the next Sunday will be studied.

**BOOK STUDY:** Tuesday mornings @ **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.



**CHOIR REHEARSAL:** join us on Wednesdays @ 7:30pm in the Choir room. New singers are always welcome!



**HANDY FOLK GROUP:** Join the women & men that make up this wonderful group of people that take care of our church building. Friday **Nov. 1** at 8am they will meet at Famous Anthony's at Oak Grove for breakfast then some maintenance work on church property, Contact George if you have questions.

**SOCIAL CLUB:** Christ Lutheran Social Club meets on Thursday nights, **Nov. 7**, @ 5pm at CLC, **Nov 21**, a Thanksgiving Dinner @ 5pm at CLC. 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.



**CHURCH COUNCIL:** will meet Tuesday, **Nov. 12**. Meetings are 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.

**GREEN TEAM:** Join us in the Parlor on Wednesday, **Nov. 13** @ 1pm. 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."* **1)** continue to bring in clean dry egg shells to the kitchen, **2)** Tabs for The Ronald McDonald House can also be left in the kitchen. **Fun Fact:** last months collection of tabs weighed 2lbs 7oz, that's a fantastic start. Lets see if we can raise that weight next month!!! **3)** Soft plastics can be left in the cloak closet **4)** Reusable grocery bags are available for purchase \$2 each. If you are interested in joining the "**Green Team**," contact Gudrun. We encourage you to **PLANT A TREE** in the fall, our earth needs more.



**YARN N PRAYER:** Gathering will be on Wednesday, **Nov. 20** @ 3:30pm in the parlor. **URGENT!** Baptismal Shawls are in need, we are completely out. If you are able to knit or crochet a blanket, in whites or cream, please let us know! Contact Rita for more info.



**RAM LUNCHES:** this faithful group continues to make lunches for RAM House the last Friday of each month, **Nov 29**. Contact Kathy for volunteer opportunities.



**FAMILY PROMISE:** Our church is scheduled to serve Family Promise families at the Alexa House **December 1-3**. We will need volunteers each night to prepare dinner (2-3), serve dinner (2), and stay overnight (1-2) with our guests. We need a total of 18-20 people to make this happen. Our guests are families that are unhoused with children. More specific details to follow as the time draws near. If you would like more information on this ministry or to volunteer, contact Georgia.

# PRAYERS & ACKNOWLEDGMENTS



**PRAYERS FOR 10.20-** Sue, Carla, Connie +Family, Eddie, Ken (surgery 10/25), Ray, Anna-Loren  
**10.13-** Tom, Robin, Rebecca, Ron (Cheri's father), Jessica, praying for the individuals impacted by Hurricane Helene & Milton, Mary, LeAnn  
**10.6-** Mary Helen (recovery for knee surgery), Caryl, Michael, Greg, Tom, Bertha, Dave  
**9.22-** Weltzien family, Ron, Ben & Lindsay (married last weekend), Jacob (surgery), Betty (loss of husband), Kevin, Tina (surgery)  
**Families of: 9/22-** Richard (brother-in-law of Bill & Diana), Judge, **9/29-** Shirley (mother of Bill), **10/20-** Donald (Deb's father)

## SUNDAY SCRIPTURE READINGS NOVEMBER

- Nov. 3 All Saints Sunday:  
Isa 25:6-9, Ps 24, Rev 21:1-6a,  
John 11:32-44
- Nov. 10 25th Sunday after Pentecost:  
1 Kings 17:8-16, Ps 146, Heb 9:24-28,  
Mark 12:38-44
- Nov. 17 26th Sunday after Pentecost:  
Dan 12:1-3, Ps 16, Heb 10:11-25,  
Mark 13:1-8
- Nov. 24 Christ the King:  
Dan 7:9-10, 13-14, Ps 93, Rev 1:4b-8,  
John 18:33-37

## NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS!



- 1st- Blue,
- 3rd- Tina,
- 5th- Ben,
- 7th- Riley,
- 8th- Sean,
- 10th- Melissa, Michael, Georgia,
- 11th- Lucky,
- 12th- Kristine, Trey,
- 13th- Easton,
- 15th- Carolyn, Joanna , 16th- Lorraine,
- 17th- Carson, 18th- Adam , Lyr, Lindy
- 22nd- Katie,
- 23rd- Tom,
- 25th- Devon, Martin, Becky, Carol,
- 26th- Kate, Diane, Teresa .



*Thanks you also to all that helped to create a wonderful and meaningful farewell for Pastor Dave and Diane. They have served us well and we hope that they enjoy their next journey together.*

*With your generous monetary donations we were able to give a check of \$11, 000 on Sunday September 29.*

## ELECTION NOV.5



## ATTENTION ALL YOUTH



**Sunday NOV. 24,  
8:30am-10:30am**

We need youth in the church kitchen to bake some cookies! We will be selling them between and after services. The funds will be used to shop for Christmas for some families in our area in need of assistance.

Please join us for a fun morning baking and spending some time together!

# FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES



**BREWERY TOUR** *ATTENTION BEER LOVERS:* Join your fellow CL beer lovers for an afternoon of beer tasting on **Saturday, November 16 at 3pm**. We will start at the church if you want to ride the church bus and visit three breweries (Golden Cactus, Big Lick, and Twisted Track). Food is available at either Big Lick and Twisted Track. Questions, contact Shelley.

**THANKSGIVING DAY:** Nov 28, the church office will be closed.



## 7TH-8TH GRADERS

**Lost and Found** – our weekend faith-sharing retreat for 7th and 8th graders and their adult leaders – is Nov. 22-24, 2024 (Friday evening to Sunday noon) at Eagle Eyrie Conference Center in Lynchburg. Let Pastor Cindy know if you plan to attend. Financial Assistance is available, please let us know.



## INTERGENERATIONAL CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

All are invited to TOGETHER@10 in December (Sunday Dec. 1st, 8th, and 15th) as we prepare to tell the Christmas Story.

### How about you?

Shepherd, sheep, angel, Wise Person, Narrator.....? No lines to memorize! We'll present the pageant at the 11am worship on **Sunday, December 15**. Contact Pastor Cindy for more information.

## CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

7pm Christmas Eve Candle Light Service



# FINANCIALS \$\$\$

## November 2024 Financial Report:

Financially speaking, 2024 has been a challenge for the church as our reserve funds have been needed on an ongoing basis to meet expenses. This is obviously not a sustainable practice in the long term. However, the good news is that normally, the end of the year giving picks up substantially as members' personal financial picture becomes clear. As 2024 comes to an end I hope you will review the status of your annual pledged giving and strive to meet or exceed your intended contribution. Please reflect too upon the "personal giving statements" that have been shared in this report of the past several months to learn what motivates others to make their financial contributions to the church. Thank you for all the gifts given and to be given. Every donation has helped to do the work of the church. 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
September	\$47,583	\$34,459	\$428,249	\$328,723	\$467,463

Jim, Finance Committee Chair

## Lutheran Disaster Response: Hurricane Relief

PO BOX 1809, Merrifield VA 22116



## Lutheran Disaster Response: Hurricane Relief

Hurricane Helene hit the coast of Florida as a devastating Category 4 hurricane and moved inland as a tropical storm through the southeastern United States, including mountain towns. Hurricane Milton quickly followed, leaving more destruction throughout much of Florida.

**Wherever the storms go, Lutheran Disaster Response will be there.**



**Scan the QR code or follow this link to give today.**

<https://community.elca.org/lutherandisasterresponse>

By giving to Lutheran Disaster Response, you make it possible for the ELCA to act quickly after disasters and remain for as long as the recovery takes.





## 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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