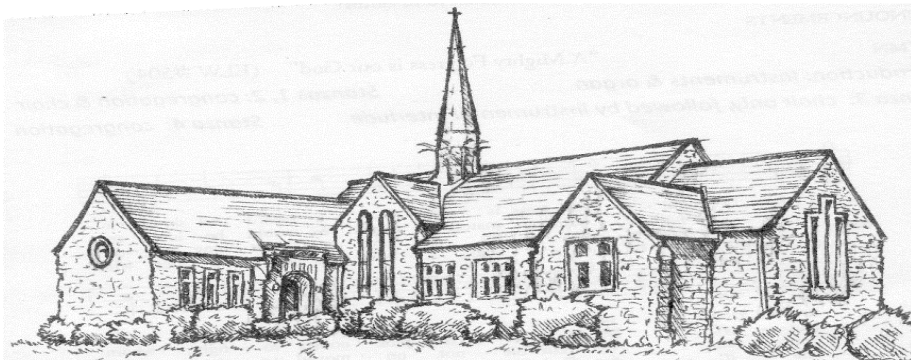


CHRIST'S COMMUNIQUE

Issue: 644 January 2025



9am Casual Worship

We have moved inside for the colder months of the year! We will have a projector screen up in the FSH, & Live Streaming on FB & later on our website.



11 am Traditional

Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary

Happy New Year!

PASTOR CINDY'S NOTE

"Now to God who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen." (Ephesians 3:20-21)

Over the last few months, I have shared highlights from the "Foundations, Strengths and Possibilities" workshop led by Pastor John Wertz, Assistant to the VA Synod Bishop, in October. Christ Lutheran participants engaged in lively conversation about who we are as a congregation and who we hope to become. We have been throughout our history and continue to be a community of care and service grounded in faithful worship.

The final topic of conversation in the workshop was about looking ahead. How might God use our foundations and strengths to grow Christ Lutheran's ministries into the future? We talked about growing our intentional intergenerational ministries as well as learning to better connect with children, youth and families specifically. One group spent time talking about reaching out to the families in our congregation and in our neighborhood to determine how we can meet real needs.

Beginning in February, Christ Lutheran Church will have the opportunity to participate in the ELCA's Congregations Lead Initiative, along with four other Virginia Synod congregations. A group of our members will learn about innovation, design a project based on community needs, implement the project, and evaluate it with the help of the ELCA Innovation Lab. More information about this project can be found at: www.elca.org/our-work/congregations-and-synods/congregations-lead-initiative.

As we celebrate the coming of Christ into our world and into our lives at Christmas, I give thanks for the many ways you share the good news of God's love and grace!

In Peace and Hope,
Pastor Cindy

FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Epiphany CELEBRATION



SUNDAY, JANUARY 5 @ 10AM

Food & Fun
King's Cake, Star Words
and more...

TOGETHER@10 SUNDAY SCHOOL

1st Sunday of the Month (Jan 5): INTERGENERATIONAL GATHERING EPIPHANY PARTY! All Together fun, food, fellowship and learning in the FSH

3rd Sunday of the Month (Jan 19): 3yrs-5th grade: Downstairs in the C/Room, **Youth:** MS & HS Youth Lounge upstairs, **Adult:** Parlor

Sunday, January 19 @ 12:00 pm

ANNUAL MEETING



Celebrate 2024 & Look Ahead to 2025
Explore Ministry Opportunities

SUNDAY, JANUARY 12 @ NOON

TABLE TALK

KICK-OFF POTLUCK

Join a group of 6-8 adults
for a meal once a month



MORE GATHERINGS...



Christ Lutheran and Noah's Landing Preschool

Will be collecting Soup for Seniors.

January 5th-26th, items needed most are:

Low Sodium & Nutritious soups, Canned Meats (such as tuna), Canned Vegetables, Canned Fruits, Peanut Butter, Oatmeal, Crackers and Boost or Ensure.

Drop off all items in the box labeled in the Narthex .

WINTER CELEBRATION

January, 24-26

(Friday evening to Sunday noon, as (always) at Eagle Eyrie Conference Center in Lynchburg.

This event is for **9th through 12th graders** and their adult advisors to spend intentional time in community with God and each other.

Register at vasynod.org



ROANOKE VALLEY LUTHERAN YOUTH



Winter/Spring 2025

January 5

Fruitcake Tossing - St. Philip Lutheran - 4-6pm

January 24-26

Winter Celebration Senior High Retreat

February 16

Bowling Lee Hi Lanes 4-6pm

March 1-2

7th Day 5th and 6th Grade Retreat

March 23

Minute to Win It - Christ Lutheran - 4-6pm

April 27

Downtown Scavenger Hunt 4-6pm

May 18

Greenway Stroll and Cleanup 4-6pm

A graphic for the 'Fruitcake Toss' event. It features a blue background with orange and white text. The text reads 'Sunday January 5 4:00 PM' and 'FRUIT CAKE TOSS @ ST. PHILLIP LUTHERAN CHURCH CONFIRMATION @ 3PM'. The Roanoke Valley Lutheran Youth logo is prominently displayed in the center. There are also illustrations of fruitcakes.

A graphic for the 'Children & Families Game Time' event. It features a light blue background with green and white text. The text reads 'Children & Families GAME TIME SUNDAY, JANUARY 26 ~ 4:00-5:30PM'. Below the text, it says 'BRING YOUR FAVORITE GAME & A DINNER DISH TO SHARE'. There are illustrations of board game pieces, including dice and pawns.

ON GOING MINISTRIES AT CLC



MONDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY: Mondays at **10:30am** meet in the FSH. All are welcome to join this group. Resume on **Jan. 6.**

CHOIR REHEARSAL: join us on Wednesdays @ 7:30pm in the Choir room. New singers are always welcome! Resume on **Jan. 8.**

HANDY FOLK GROUP: Join the women & men that make up this wonderful group of people that take care of our church building. Friday **Jan. 3,** at 8am they will meet at Famous Anthony's at Oak Grove Mall 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, **Jan. 9,** dinner & shopping, and **Jan 23,** @ 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, **Jan. 14.** 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, **Jan. 8 @** 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)** clean dry egg shells, **2)** Tabs for The Ronald McDonald House, **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.

DAY FOR ALL PEOPLE

Join VAIPL along with people of faith and goodwill from across Virginia for our annual lobby day with VICPP. We will meet with legislators, network, and attend workshops and plenaries.

OUR LOBBY DAY WITH

virginia interfaith
power & light

Wednesday

JANUARY 15, 2025

7:30 AM - 3:00 PM

CENTENARY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

411 E Grace St, Richmond, VA 23219

@vaipl

TO REGISTER!

Click REGISTER NOW or
SCAN QR CODE



YARN N PRAYER: Gathering will be on Wednesday, **Jan. 15 @** 3:30pm in the parlor. If you are able to knit or crochet a blanket, 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, **Jan. 24.** Contact Kathy & Steve for volunteer opportunities.

PRAYERS & ACKNOWLEDGMENTS



PRAYERS FOR :

12.15- Elizabeth, Patti, Eva, Ron, Katie, Brandon Oaks accident, birth of Alex (mother Maria), Don (cancer)

12.8- Sherry, Bob, Robin

12.1- Ginny and baby Mack (NICU, TN), Debra (bypass Surgery)

11.24- Terry, Pam, Don (hospitalized), Safe travels for Thanksgiving, Becky

11.17- Carl's Mom (Lorraine), Mary, Phoenix + family, Andrew (health concerns)

Families of: 11/24- Judy, Joe, Brian, Kathy

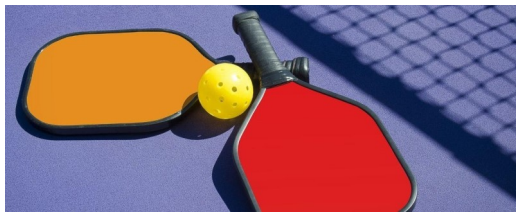
CLC PICKLE BALL CLUB

Would you like to join us one Sunday?

We meet at the Garst Mill Park Courts on Sunday afternoons @ **2pm, Jan. 12 & 26.**

Weather permitting.

If interested in playing or learning to play, RSVP to Shelley.



CONGRATULATIONS!



From 28-August-2024 to 30-November-2024.

6 Households raised
\$49.82 in total donations.

Please join us: Kroger App, Rewards, Community Rewards, Select: Christ Lutheran Roanoke, Save! Its that easy!!!

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS!

- 1st- Otis
- 3rd- Catherine
- 4th- Sara
- 6th- Greg
- 7th- Levi, Johnny
- 9th- David
- 13th- Becky, Brian
- 15th- Audra, Christina
- 16th- Jonah
- 17th- Mark
- 19th- Richard, Roni
- 21st- Olivia, Jessi, Billy
- 23rd- Jack, Leah, Dylan
- 24th- Marie
- 25th- Margaret
- 26th- Claire, Gerry, Terry
- 27th- Susan, John
- 29th- Jonathan



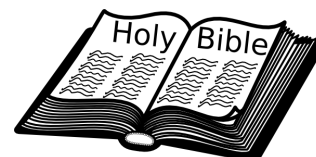
SUNDAY SCRIPTURE READINGS JANUARY

Jan.5- Second Sunday of Christmas:
Jer 31:7-14, Ps 147:12-20, Eph 1:3-14, John 1:1-18

Jan.12- Baptism of Our Lord
Isa 43:1-7, Ps 29, Acts 8:14-17, Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

Jan.19- Second Sunday after Epiphany:
Isa 62:1-5, Ps 36:5-10, 1 Cor 12:1-11, John 2:1-11

Jan. 26- Third Sunday after Epiphany:
Neh 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10, Ps 19, 1 Cor 12:12-31a, Luke 4:14-21



FINANCIAL REPORT

January 2025 Financial Report:

As we approach the end of the calendar and budget year we would like to thank you again for your financial giving in support of our church. However, as I imagine you are aware, during 2024 giving was less than anticipated and expenses were more than anticipated. Fortunately, October and November were strong months for contributions and December looks promising as well. This will help narrow our deficit. Reserve funds were needed this year and while we are blessed to have those, we know we cannot rely on that source indefinitely. Some of our invested/reserve funds are designated for specific purposes, and in addition, we know that the future holds some very expensive repairs to include a new roof and repairs to stained glass windows. We will benefit from having these additional reserve funds when that day does come.

For 2025 our operating budget is \$480,836, significantly lower than this year. Provided we don't have extensive unforeseen bills, and with your continued generous giving we should be in much better shape in 2025. And remember, if you have not pledged for 2025 it is not too late!

Thank you again for your financial support of Christ Lutheran!

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
October	\$47,583	\$54,066	\$475,831	\$387,994	\$507,711
November	\$47,583	\$55,342	\$523,415	\$443,336	\$550,382

Jim,

Finance Committee Chair

LOOKING TOWARDS FEBRUARY & MARCH!



SECRET PALS REVEALING PARTY

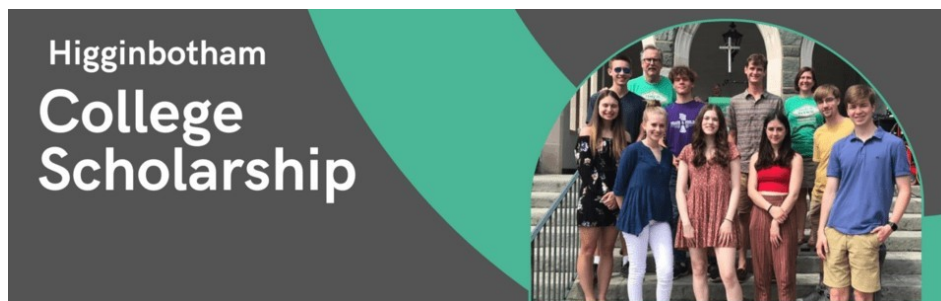
February 23 – Bring a dish to share and a Thank you note or gift for your adult Secret Pal!



BOOK STUDY

Join Pastor Cindy to study a new book starting **Tuesday, Feb. 4** @ 10am in the parlor. Stay tuned for details of the book being studied.

JERRY HIGGINBOTHAM MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP



Details coming soon for the 2025 Application & Guidelines.

SHROVE TUESDAY

Tuesday **March 4**, 6pm for Pancakes and Bingo.

ASH WEDNESDAY

Wednesday **March 5**, 7pm in the sanctuary.
Live streaming worship on Facebook.



Lent Soup on Wednesday Nights

6pm Soup & Bread Dinner
7pm Holden Evening Prayer Worship
7:30pm Book Study



EACH WEEK AT CHRIST LUTHERAN

- 9am Sunday Casual Worship & Facebook Live Streaming,
 - 11am Sunday Traditional Worship
- Adult Bible Study Monday mornings @ 10:30am.
- Choir rehearsal Wed. nights at 7:30pm in the choir room



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12.24.2024—01.02.2025

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