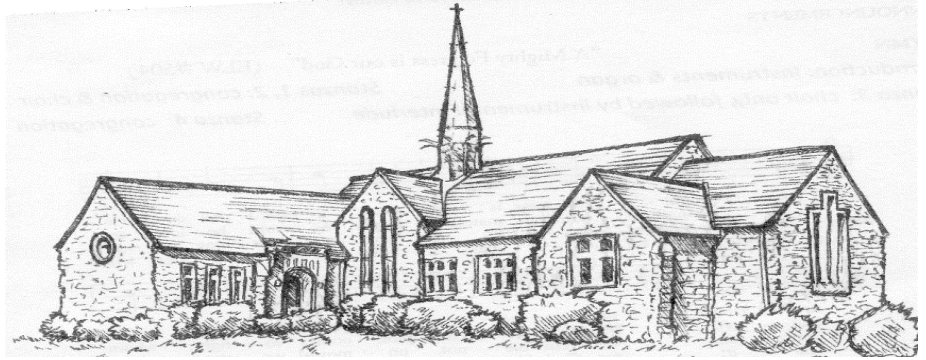


# CHRIST'S COMMUNIQUE

Issue: 649 May 2025



9am  
Drive In  
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.



Together  
@10

**1st Sunday of the Month**  
3yrs-5<sup>th</sup> grade: downstairs in the C/Room, Youth: MS & HS Youth Lounge upstairs, Adult: Chapel

**3rd Sunday of the Month**  
**INTERGENERATIONAL!**  
All Together fun, food, fellowship and learning in the FSH @10am.



11am  
Traditional

Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary

## PASTOR CINDY'S NOTE

*"The season of Easter is the season of celebration. Christ is risen! Death is conquered! Let all the people worship the Lord! Many Christians assume that Easter is just one day. In fact, the church celebrates Easter for fifty days. During this season it remembers the post-resurrection appearances of Christ, it celebrates Christ's ascension into heaven, the coming of the Spirit on Pentecost, and begins to explore the implications of the Resurrection for the future of God's kingdom" (The Complete Library of Christian Worship, "Introduction to the Season of Easter," p. 371-373).*

As followers of Jesus, we are an Easter people! We praise God for Christ's life. We give thanks to Jesus for his death for us and for the world. We celebrate our Lord's resurrection not just on Easter day, not just during the fifty days of Easter, but every day! We celebrate the good news – because Christ lives, we will live also (John 14:19)!

Of course, life doesn't often feel like a celebration. The world and our lives are chaotic, difficult, challenging, even scary. You don't need me to tell you that. Sickness, grief, financial concerns, politics, violence, suffering abound... The good news of Easter is that none of those things, including death, get to have the last word. *Christ is risen. Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!* In the face of all the suffering and death the world has to offer, we have hope. We have hope for new life, eternal life, abundant life even now. Because Christ lives, we shall live also!

Friends in Christ, this is GOOD NEWS! And good news is meant to be shared. This gospel is meant to be lived. The gospel is not just for me or for us, but for the world. Even (no, especially) in difficult days, we live the Easter gospel by working for peace and justice wherever we can, in whatever ways we can. I'd love to talk with you about how our congregation might continue and grow in our service to others in the coming months and years.

*Christ is risen. Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!*  
Thank you for your faithful witness and for your partnership in the gospel!

In Peace,  
Pastor Cindy

# FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

## TOGETHER@10 SUNDAYS

**WE ARE SWITCHING THINGS UP THIS MONTH!**

### May 4– 1st Sunday of the Month **Sunday School for All**

**3yrs-5<sup>th</sup> grade:** Downstairs in the C/Room, **Youth:** MS & HS Youth Lounge upstairs, **Adult:** Chapel. (Adults classes continue each Sunday)

### May 18 3rd Sunday of the Month **INTERGENERATIONAL**

All Together—Learning, Fun, and Fellowship for all ages!



**Pastor Cindy will be on vacation April 28-May 4.**

**Pastor Robin Ferree will be on call for Pastoral emergencies: 540-797-2656.**



## CINCO DE MAYO

Mark your calendar for dinner at El Rodeo on **Saturday, May 3, at 6pm.**

It's a great time of fellowship and connecting with church family.

RSVP the Shelley or

Fiona: [secretary@christlutheranroanoke.org](mailto:secretary@christlutheranroanoke.org)



Dina Aristilde & Children

Our Church Family is supporting this Family!

**2025 Habitat for Humanity Roanoke Apostle's Build**

**CHRIST LUTHERAN BUILD DAY**  
**SATURDAY, MAY 17 ~ 8:00AM-2:00PM**

**\*Contact the Church Office to Volunteer**  
(must be 16 or older)

**\*Monetary Donations Also Needed**



# FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

**CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED  
MONDAY, MAY 26**



## ROANOKE VALLEY LUTHERAN YOUTH

**MAY 18 CALLING ALL YOUTH!**

3PM CONFIRMATION- St Marks

4PM YOUTH GROUP- Plawking on the Greenway. All are welcome to join in this event to clean up our local community.

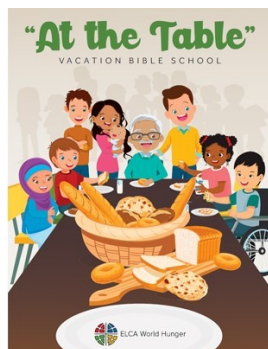


**ADULT CLASSES:** meet each Sunday @ **10am**, currently discussing *Jesus' Alternate Plan: The Sermon on The Mount* by Richard Rohr. (On the first Sunday of the month all ages meet together for food, fun and learning together.)

## WEEKEND VBS FOR ALL AGES!

**June 6-8, 2025**

Music, Games, Arts & Crafts, Adult Class, & Service Project!



**Friday, June 6** - 5:30-8:00pm  
(dinner included),

**Saturday, June 7** - 10:00am-2:00pm  
(lunch included),

**Sunday, June 8** - 8:45-10:45am  
(potluck brunch)

## COMPOST FESTIVAL 2025 THE BREAK DOWN

**SATURDAY  
MAY 17**

10 AM - 10 PM

### FREE EVENT (\$15 SUGGESTED DONATION)

Donations Support  
Community Ecology

### LEARN

- Plant Walk
- Compost Tour
- Cannabis Grow 101
- Deep Ecology



### PLAY

- Kids Activities
- Garden Planting
- Group Painting
- Seed Swap

### EXPERIENCE

- Community Conversation
- Vegan Lunch
- Local Artisans
- Tea Bar
- Yoga



### MUSIC

Kid's Concert | Community Arts Reach | Davey Stewards  
Doc McClintock | First Breath | Shmazz | DJ Outlet



[www.compostfest.com](http://www.compostfest.com)  
2051 Blue Hills Dr NE Roanoke, VA 24012



## Congregations Lead INITIATIVE

On Saturday, April 5th, CLC's representatives for our Synod's "Congregations Lead" initiative met at College Lutheran for an all-day training and planning event. Our team (Pastor Cindy, Leah, Diane and Sue) met with a professional coach and trained facilitators to explore and develop a ministry project we've determined is needed in our community. Our team identified "Civic Anxiety" as a problem in need of Christian love and support. We are developing a program to provide a safe place for community members to connect, feel heard and empowered to act. Stay tuned for more information in the coming months. Meanwhile, please let the team know if you have any questions.

# ON GOING MINISTRIES AT CLC



**MONDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY:** Mondays at **10:30am** meeting in the FSH. All are welcome to join this group.



**CHOIR REHEARSAL:** Join us on Wednesdays @ **7:30pm** in the Choir room. All are welcome to join!

**HANDY FOLK GROUP:** Join the women & men that make up this wonderful group of people that take care of our church building. Friday **May 2, 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, **May 1– Picnic at American Legions (offsite), and 15, @ 5pm** at Christ. 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, **May 13 @ 7pm**. Meetings are the 2<sup>ND</sup> Tuesday of the month in the Fellowship Hall. Please let Chip know if you are unable to attend this meeting.



**GREEN TEAM:** Join us in the Parlor on Wednesday, **May 14 @ 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 eggshells, **2)** Tabs for The Ronald McDonald House. *We weighed 3lb 2.3oz tabs in March.* **3)** Soft plastics (#3 & #4) can be

left in the cloak closet, **4)** Reusable grocery bags are available for purchase for \$2 each. If you are interested in joining the **"Green Team,"** contact Gudrun. **Creation Care will meet on May 6, @ 5:30pm 2nd Presbyterian Church.**



**YARN N PRAYER:** We'll be taking a break for the rest of spring and summer. Knitters & Crotchet's will be gathering again in September. Contact Rita for more info.

**UNSOUGHT:** Grief support group, Sunday **May 18 @ 12 noon** in the parlor. Questions contact Goody.



**RAM LUNCHESES:** this faithful group continues to make lunches for RAM House the last Friday of each month, **May 30, @ 8:30am**. Contact Kathy & Steve for volunteer opportunities.

**AUDIT VOLUNTEERS:** The audit team will be needing new members this year. If you would like to join the team and learn about the process you are more than welcome. No experience is necessary! It is not as scary or difficult as you may think but does require participation in about three meetings which will each last for two to three hours. Mark is the team lead in the group of three people this year and he expects the first meeting will be in early May. It is a nice opportunity to learn more about the financial workings of the church. Please let Mark (540) 798-9080, or me Jim (540) 521-4403 know if you have any questions.

# PRAYERS & ACKNOWLEDGMENTS



## PRAYERS FOR :

**04.20-** Jean (safe travels), Debbie, Terry , Pam

**04.13-** Tina (Martha's daughter-in-law)

**04.06-** Vicki, Ericka (cancer)

**03.30-** Otis (surgery 4/10), Isaac, Carolyn

**03.23-** Christopher (surgery), Elliot, Peggy, Margaret, Woody, Sandra

**Families of:** 3/2- Patrick, 3/9- Donna (Jeannine's mother), Shirley, Lynda (PHHS), 3/23- Eleanor, 3/30- Kathy, John, 4/6- Ellie



## CLC PICKLE BALL CLUB

Would you like to join us?  
Sunday afternoons @ **2pm,**  
**May 11 & 25.**  
At Garst Mill Park  
RSVP to Shelley.



All articles for the  
newsletter for June need to  
be delivery to Fiona by  
May 15.

## May BIRTHDAYS!

**1st**– Hildegard  
**2nd**– Jessica  
**3rd**– Sheila  
**5th**– Margaret, Elise  
**7th**– Sue  
**8th**– Catherine, Michele  
**9th**– Shane,  
**10th**– Ronan  
**11th**– Jared  
**12th**– Katherine, Susie, Mary  
**14th**– Patty,  
**16th**– Lorelai  
**19th**– Maxwell, Parker  
**20th**– Diane  
**21st**– Matt, Rosa  
**22nd**– Sarah  
**23rd**– Nathan, Matt, Lynne, John  
**24th**– Catherine  
**25th**– Todd  
**27th**– Raymond, Alice  
**28th**– Martin  
**30th**– Alison, Jason, Joan  
**31st**– Mary



## The LION'S SHARE FOOD PANTRY

at St. Mark's Lutheran Church  
(1008 Franklin Rd SW)

needs Spanish speaking volunteers to assist with  
distribution - 5:00-7:00pm on Mondays and  
10:00am-noon on Fridays.

Contact [lions@stmarksroanoke.org](mailto:lions@stmarksroanoke.org) for more  
information or to volunteer.

## SUNDAY SCRIPTURE READINGS MAY

May 4– 3rd Sunday in Easter:

Acts 9:1-20, Ps 30, Rev 5:11-14,  
John 21:1-19

May 11– 4th Sunday in Easter:

Acts 9:36-43, Ps 23, Rev 7:9-17,  
John 10:22-30

May 18– 5th Sunday in Easter:

Acts 11:1-18, Ps 148, Rev 21:1-6,  
John 13:31-35

May 25– 6th Sunday in Easter:

Acts 16:9-15, Ps 67, Rev 21:10, 22:5,  
John 14:23-29



## FINANCIAL REPORT

### May 2025 Financial Report:

Please refer to the table below for the most recent monthly income and expense data that is available. Through the first quarter of the year giving has kept pace with expenditure, which is fantastic! Thank you!

Our review of the church's insurance coverage is continuing. Additional questions have been raised, but this process should certainly be completed by the May Council meeting.

The Finance Committee met with our Wells Fargo advisors in late March. The portfolio has had somewhat of a downturn recently but overall has netted 8.61% since inception. For the whole of 2024 it was up 9.52%. As you are aware the market declined sharply at the end of March and beginning of April. This will be reflected in our portfolio balance.

The audit team will be needing new members next year. If you would like to join the team and learn about the process you are more than welcome. No experience is necessary! It is not as scary or difficult as you may think but does require participation in about three meetings which will each last for two to three hours. Mark is the team lead in the group of three people this year and he expects the first meeting will be in early May. It is a nice opportunity to learn more about the financial workings of the church. Please let Mark, or Jim know if you have any questions.

Month	Monthly Income	Monthly Ex-penses	YTD Budgeted	YTD Received	YTD Spent
January	\$43,077	\$33,647	\$40,070	\$43,077	\$33,647
February	\$38,645	\$44,320	\$80,140	\$81,877	\$81,865
March	\$33,549	\$41,219	\$120,210	\$115,087	\$117,139

As always, we thank you for your financial support of the church.

Jim, Finance Committee Chair



**Intertwining  
Hope**

### VA SYNOD

The 2025 Virginia Synod Assembly will be held on **June 13-15 in the Kerr-Cregger Fieldhouse at Roanoke College**. Lay voting members, rostered ministers, currently serving synod authorized ministers (SAMs), and visitors will gather for worship, fellowship, and to conduct the business of the Synod.

When we are tired or weary and feel like fainting, God promises to revive us and to raise us up – with strength like that of an eagle's wings. This hope in God is sure and true because "The Lord is the everlasting God, the creator of the ends of the earth – who doesn't grow tired or weary." (Isaiah 40:28) All of creation – the waters of the earth, the night sky filled with stars, the dust of the earth, the mountains and hills – all creation reflects God's glory (Isaiah 40:12, 26). In God's great love and compassion for humanity, God gathers us all in loving arms, lifting us up onto God's lap (Isaiah 40:11). Who can compare with God!?!



Join **Maryn Olson**, Director of Lutheran Disaster Response for the ELCA, as the keynote speaker, **Rev. Bobby Morris**, Pastor of St. Matthew's in Pomaria, South Carolina, as our Bible study leader, and **Michael Benshish**, our music leader, for Power in the Spirit on **July 17-19 at Roanoke College**.

Please contact Pastor Cindy ASAP if you are interested in participating!

# HOUSE KEEPING ITEMS . . .

## NO DIRTY DISHES LEFT IN THE KITCHEN



Please do not leave dirty dishes around the dishwasher area or on any counters in the kitchen.

No one is here to clean up after you . . .  
Just the Church Mice!

Take dirty dishes to the sink . . . Wash . . .  
Dry . . . and put Away.

Thank you for being good stewards of our space, especially in the kitchen.



## GUESTS & MEMBERS

Help us keep the utilities bills to a minimum.  
When leaving meetings or activities please:

- Turn off lights
- Doors are locked when you leave, check they are latched
- HEAT is returned to 59F, and/or AC to 85F,

Thank you.



## FOOD BARREL



We need to send out a reminder about food donated to the St. Francis's food barrel.

Please check all food labels BEFORE placing them in the food barrel in the Narthex. Food that has expired dates on them will not be accepted. We cannot send items to St. Francis if the food has expired or will within a month.

Donations are given to St. Francis House to help the hungry in our community, we don't want to feed our community opened or expired food.

We appreciate your kindness in giving.



## KROGER COMMUNITY REWARDS

Super easy to add to your digital account. Link your shoppers' card so that all transactions apply to: Christ Lutheran Roanoke.

**A BIG Thank You** to all those that have set up their digital Kroger account, so Christ Lutheran can receive donations. If you haven't added Christ Lutheran to your account, do it **TODAY!**

**Dec-1-2024 to Feb-28-2025 we received \$46.86 in donations.**

**WELL DONE ROCK STARS!!!**

## EACH WEEK AT CHRIST LUTHERAN

- 9am Sunday Drive In 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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