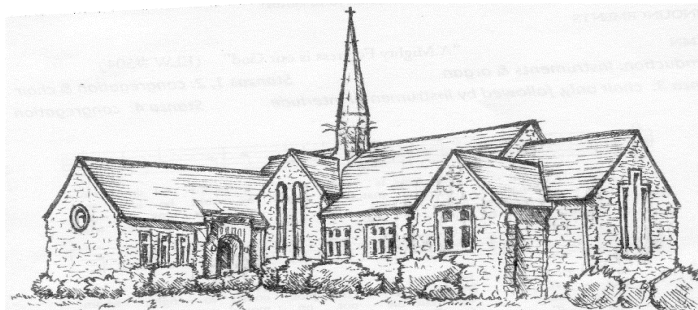


CHRIST'S COMMUNIQUE

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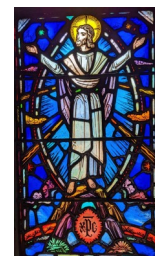
9am Drive In Worship

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.

11am Traditional Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary



PASTOR CINDY'S NOTE

Jesus said: "Where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

Dear Siblings in Christ,

I give thanks for you each day – for the ministry we do together and for the relationships we share. When we share our lives, our joys, and our burdens with one another, our faith is strengthened and the gospel is made known.

As your pastor, I want to remind you that I am here to support you. Life brings unexpected challenges, deep questions, and moments of heavy grief. Please know that I welcome your calls, texts, emails, and scheduled visits. Please reach out if you know if a Christ Lutheran member who may be in special need of care as well. Our conversations are completely confidential, grounded in grace, and held in prayer.

You don't need a major crisis to schedule a chat though! As much as I enjoy greeting you after worship on Sundays, it's never enough time for a meaningful conversation. If you simply want to talk, share what is on your mind, or grab a cup of coffee, please reach out.

At the same time, the ministry of care does not belong to the pastor alone. We are the body of Christ together. Right now, there are members of our congregation who are battling illness, recovering from surgery, or enduring lonely seasons. There are also familiar faces we simply haven't seen in the pews (or the parking lot) for a while.

I invite you to think of someone you have missed lately. Reach out to them this week. Invite them to join you for brunch or offer to sit with them at worship. Send a simple text, write a handwritten card, or make a quick phone call. If someone is sick, offer to drop off a meal or sit with them for a short visit.

These small actions are ways we live out our baptismal identity. What a gift to be able to do "God's Work" with "Our Hands" and hearts!

In Peace and Hope,
Pastor Cindy

FELLOWSHIP & LEARNING



Join us in celebrating the 40th Anniversary of Power in the Spirit!

To register:
vasynod.org/events/launch
Virginia Synod

This year's gathering will take place on the campus of Roanoke College **July 16-18, 2026**. We are excited to have the Presiding Bishop of the ELCA Yehiel Curry attending and speaking at our event.

Our Theme

But you will receive power and ability when the Holy Spirit comes upon you; and you will be My witnesses [to tell people about Me] both in Jerusalem and in all Judea, and Samaria, and even to the ends of the earth."

Acts 1:8



Power in the Spirit is an inspirational event for people of all ages who wish to explore God's call to service through joyous worship, Bible studies, keynote addresses, workshops, and fellowship.

Our Speakers



Presiding Bishop Yehiel Curry

Guest Speaker



Rev. Susan Briehl

Bible Study Leader



Rev. Drew Tucker

Keynote Speaker



Michael Benschish

Musician

Come join us and discover how Power in the Spirit will encourage, nurture, and challenge as we embrace the Spirit who empowers, equips, and enlightens!

vasynod.org/power-in-the-spirit



CHURCH OFFICE

Will be closed Thursday July 2nd in observance of Independence Day.

Second Sundays in the Summer

Fun & Games for ALL Ages!



Potluck Brunch

10:00 AM

July 12, August 9

SUPPORTING OUR COMMUNITY

NOAH'S LANDING PRESCHOOL

Registration continues over the summer months for preschool children, contact Stephanie for available spots in classrooms.

Stephanie Zewatsky,
Directory of Noah's Landing Preschool
540-982-2254
noahslandingpreschool.org

A colorful flyer for Noah's Landing Preschool. The background is a light yellow paper with a scalloped top edge. It features various illustrations: a rainbow, a sun, a planet, a dog, a cat, a girl, a boy, a chicken, a tree, a bee, and a butterfly. The text is written in a playful, hand-drawn style.

NOAH'S LANDING PRESCHOOL

Spots available for the fall
9-12 A.M. WITH OPTIONS TO EXTEND THE DAY

2'S - CHOOSE T/TH OR T,W,TH
3'S- CHOOSE M-TH OR T,W,TH
PRE-K - M-TH

FOR MORE INFO & TO SET UP A TOUR
www.noahslandingpreschool.org
Email: Admin@noahslandingpreschool.org
call 540-982-2254

Higginbotham College Scholarship

Congratulations to the following recipients of the 2026 Jerry Higginbotham Scholarship.

The following students have been awarded:
Lily, Arthur, Catherine, Kevin, Jackson, Claire, and Alex.

Each student will receive \$2,000 towards their educational pursuits.

Each year Jerry Higginbotham Scholarship awards are available to student's pursuing bachelors, vocational and postgraduate studies. Christ Lutheran Church members are encouraged to apply.

Application process begins in January 2027.



Help Our Students Start Strong! July Back-to-School Supplies Drive

Lucy Addison Middle School is in need of **all standard middle-school supplies (excluding crayons).**

Your generosity helps equip students for a successful year.

Please drop donations in the **Narthex collection box.**

SUPPORTING OUR COMMUNITY



There is no Care Portal monthly meeting in July.
The next meeting is **August 13**, at
St Paul's Episcopal Church in Salem.

Giving to the Christ Lutheran Care Portal fund is
easy as 1-2-3, Click on the link or QR Code:
<https://system.careportal.org/church/106625>

*Click on the green
Give to Our Care Portal Fund
Enter amount and click on Submit Donation*

Christ Lutheran Church members donated a
monitor for a new mother, an eye exam for a
child, and took the lead to deliver a mattress and
sheets for a young boy. The mattress and sheets
were funded by Fellowship Community Church.

Christ Lutheran Church also hosted the Monthly
Care Portal meeting. There are 40 churches from
the Roanoke area that support Care Portal and
numerous agencies.

For more information or questions contact
Jeannine



COMMUNITY REWARDS FROM KROGER

March through May 2026
10 house holds
Total Donations \$45.38

TO SIGN UP:

Kroger App
Click person (top left corner)
Payment/History
Community Rewards Enroll: Christ Lutheran
Roanoke **Easy as 1 2 3! Join Today!**



ROANOKE JUSTICE MINISTRIES (RJM) UPDATE

Thank you to the 30 Christ Lutheran Church members who attended the Roanoke Justice Ministries "Rethinking Justice Workshop" on **May 7!** We all learned a lot about faith-based community organizing and the need for people of faith to come together to solve critical community problems.

Please mark your calendars for these upcoming events:

- *October - Watch for information about "House Meetings" in which Christ Lutheran members and friends will be able to share their thoughts about the big issues in Roanoke
- *November 16, 6:30pm - Community Problems Assembly
- *March 15, 6:30pm - Justice Ministry Rally
- *April 12, 6:30pm - Nehemiah Action
- *June 7, 6:30pm - Celebration

For more information about RJM and upcoming events, contact Pastor Cindy. For more information about Faith-Based Community Organizing, check out: www.thedartcenter.org.

ON GOING MINISTRIES AT CLC



MONDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY: Mondays at **10:30am** meet in the fellowship hall. All are welcome to join this group as we study the next Sunday's bible passages.

HANDY FOLK GROUP: Join the women & men that make up this wonderful group of people who take care of our church building. **Friday July 3**, at 8am they will meet at Famous Anthony's at Oak Grove Mall for breakfast then maintenance work on the church property. Contact George if you have questions.



SOCIAL MINISTRY TEAM: Meetings will resume Thursday September 3, in the parlor at 1pm. Anyone is welcome to join this group to hear more about social ministry and get involved. July we are supporting Lucy Addison MS with school supplies.



GREEN TEAM: Will resume in September for meetings.

Our mission: *"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."* A thought from the Green Team: **AVOID PAPER TOWELS**– *Avoid paper towels and opt for recycled ones instead. This helps reduce paper waste and landfill usage.*

We continue to have **Urban Reblok'd** in the church parking lot, **2nd Wednesday of the month, July 8**, 5:30-7pm.

Look for the BIG WHITE TRUCK!

If you have any questions about the **"Green Team,"** contact Gudrun.



CHURCH COUNCIL: Tuesday July 14, at 7pm. Meetings are on the 2nd Tuesday of the month in the fellowship hall. Please let Richard know if you are unable to attend.



RAM LUNCHES: this faithful group continues to make lunches for RAM House. **This month is on Friday July 31, 8:30am.**

We are using **Sign-up Genius** for all our volunteer needs, from bread loaves to delivering lunches to RAM House. If you would like to be part of this ministry use this **QR Code**, or link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080D4BA9A92FA4FD0-59091922-ram> You are welcome to pick one item or more on the app. Contact Pastor Cindy or Fiona if you have any questions or need help, 540-982-8334. July coordinator is **Susan**.



JIGSAW PUZZLES GROUP ~ SUMMER MONTHS

We are meeting together each Wednesdays, 11-2pm in the fellowship hall. All are welcome to join on any Wednesday to work on puzzles. Let Linda know if you want to join in the fun.

VACATION TIME FOR PASTOR CINDY

Pastor Cindy will take a vacation from July 13-28th, to enjoy some family time. During her absence Pastor Chuck Miller who recently retired from Wheatland Lutheran Church will preach on Sunday July 19th at both services. Pastor Robin Ferree will preach on Sunday July 26th at both services.

PRAYERS & ACKNOWLEDGMENTS



PRAYERS FOR:

June 21- Maragret, Carol (surgery recovery), Susan, George, George, Bridget

June 14- New moms at The Grove, Jon, East Lake Community Church

June 7- Angeline, Shirley, Susan, Dave, Andrea (continue cancer recovery at home)

May 31- Terry, Dana (health issues)

May 24- Steve, Peace in Iran, Luke, Joyce (recovery), Marilyn (Cheri mom)

Families of- 5/31- Veronica



FAMILY PROMISE

Family Promise is seeking folks to help provide some meals for the summer, especially on Wednesdays. You can sign up directly to help at the following website: <https://www.mealtrain.com/trains/gee2n8> (go to website to click on link). Call Tom with any questions. And thanks again for your care for unhoused folks.

SUNDAY SCRIPTURE

JULY READINGS



July 5– 6th Sunday After Pentecost

Zech 9:9-12, Ps 145:8-14, Rom 7:15-25a,
Matt 11:16-19, 25-30

July 12– 7th Sunday After Pentecost

Isa 55:10-13, Ps 65:1-13, Rom 8:1-11,
Matt 13:1-9, 18-23

July 19– 8th Sunday After Pentecost

Isa 44:6-8, Ps 86:11-17, Rom 8:12-25,
Matt 13:24-30, 36-43

July 26– 9th Sunday After Pentecost

1 Kings 3:5-12, Ps 119:129-136, Rom 8:26-39,
Matt 13:31-33, 44-52

JULY BIRTHDAYS!

1st– Riley, Tucker

2nd– Bill, Kenley, Neil

7th– Samuel

8th– Robert

9th– Gavin

10th– Roger, Steve

12th– Daphne, Steve, Rita, Mike

14th– Mary

16th– Gail

17th– Deborah

18th– Dave

19th– Joyce

21st– Robin

23rd– Mary Helen, Steb

24th– Ethan, Sarah, Jessica, Seth

31st– Tina



NEWSLETTER

Thursday, July 23 at 9am in the Fellowship Hall, we are collating the newsletter.

Any articles for the AUGUST newsletter need to be received by JULY 15.

Many Thanks.



FINANCIAL REPORT

Below are the financial figures through May. Income for May was well less than budgeted; however, this is common as we move into the summer months.

While we have actually spent less than budgeted so far this year, we have also received less than budgeted. Through May actual income lags expenses by \$18,045. This is not unusual at this point in the year.

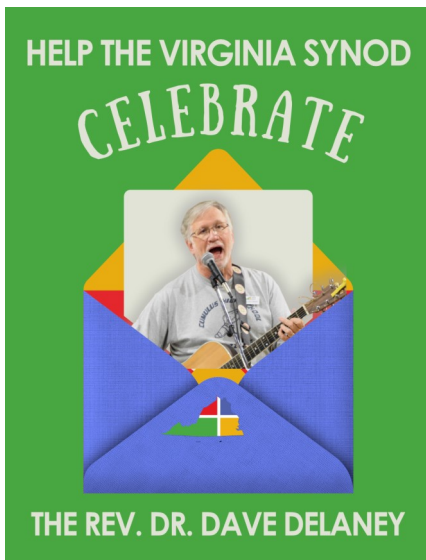
Month	Monthly Income	Monthly Expenses	YTD Budgeted	YTD Received	YTD Spent
January	\$29,635	\$41,180	\$58,308	\$29,635	\$41,229
February	\$46,712	\$38,466	\$99,503	\$76,347	\$79,695
March	\$54,584	\$53,972	\$141,223	\$130,931	\$133,666
April	\$41,148	\$46,256*	\$182,543	\$172,079	\$179,922*
May	\$31,582	\$41,786	\$224,838	\$203,661	\$221,708*

The investment account has \$2,170,910 as of June 8, 2026.

The audit team will be wrapping up its financial review in June. It is expected that the final report will be available for the July Church Council meeting and then reporting in the August Communique.

As always, thank you for your support of Christ Lutheran.

Jim, Finance Committee Chair



CARD SHOWER

A celebration for Rev. Dr. Dave Delaney and giving thanks for his faithful service to the Virginia Synod as Director for Youth and Young Adult Ministry.

Please mail cards to:

Virginia Synod
% Dave Delaney Card Shower,
 P.O. Box 70, Salem, VA 24153

Please ensure that all cards are postmarked by **July 11, OR hand them in to the church office by July 15.**

EACH WEEK AT CHRIST LUTHERAN

- 9am Sunday Drive In Worship & Facebook live streaming
 - 11am Sunday Traditional Worship
- Adult Bible study Mondays at 10:30am

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