

Christ's Communique



9:00 am Drive In Worship

Bring your own chair, device for bulletin if able. Bulletins and padded folding chairs are available. FM88.1 Live Streaming on FaceBook and on our website later,

11:00 am Traditional
Traditional Worship in
the Sanctuary

Christ Lutheran Church 2011 Brandon Ave SW Roanoke, Virginia 24015

Message from Pastor Cindy

Did you know?

The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA), of which Christ Lutheran is a member, has a library of social teachings and policy. Social statements, social messages, and social policy resolutions help guide members, congregations, and synods as we navigate a complex and rapidly changing world and as we seek to connect the gospel with pressing social realities. “ELCA social statements are teaching and policy documents that provide broad frameworks to assist us in thinking about and discussing social issues in the context of faith and life. They are meant to help communities and individuals with moral formation, discernment and thoughtful engagement with current social issues as we participate in God’s work in the world. Social statements also set policy for the ELCA and guide its advocacy and work as a publicly engaged church” (elca.org/about-the-elca/who-we-are/our-purpose/social-teachings).

Social statements are the result of deep communal discernment. Each one takes years to create and must be adopted by a two-thirds vote of the ELCA Churchwide Assembly. The process involves extensive biblical study, theological reflection, and prayerful discussion among theologians, pastors, and laypeople. The goal is to build a shared framework for moral deliberation. The statements are meant to respect the individual conscience of believers while uniting our collective voice in the public square.

Currently, the ELCA holds social statements covering a wide range of important topics. These include caring for creation, addressing economic injustice, pursuing peace, confronting racism, and nurturing healthy human sexuality. By grounding these conversations in God’s grace and our call to love one another, the statements help us look past partisan divides. They challenge us to ask a central Lutheran question: “What does this mean for the most vulnerable among us?” In June, the Christ Lutheran Congregation Council began reading and discussing “Faith and Civic Life: Seeking the Well-Being of All.” The newest of the social statements, it was passed at the Churchwide Assembly in August 2025. “This social statement sets forth the ELCA’s teaching about how disciples and this church may faithfully speak and act in civic life... It sketches a vision of a

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just and robust civic life dedicated to the well-being of all while giving extended attention to the relationship of faith and political authority.” You can find it, and all the ELCA social statements, at: elca.org/about-the-elca/who-we-are/our-purpose/social-teachings.

I encourage you to check out “Faith and Civic Life.” As followers of Jesus, we are called to live out our faith in the wonderful, divided, messy, real world. What a blessing to be able to discern, learn, and grow in discipleship together!

In Peace and Hope,
Pastor Cindy

Welcome Our New Members

I'm Walter
My shepherd family are Susie and Mark



I'm Hannah
My shepherd family are Jennine & Al



I'm Jeanne
My shepherd family are Jean and Jim



We are Olivia and James
Our shepherd family are Kate and Tom



Our names are Luke, Callie, and Josphine
Our shepherd family are Jessi & Josh, and Michael David



My name is Julie
My shepherd family is Linda



Retreat

Church Office Retreat

Some of the church office staff will be retreating for our annual planning session for the year. The Church office will be closed on Aug. 5.

Supporting Our Community

Primary Election

We are a voting site for the General Election on Tuesday, August 4 in the fellowship hall. Primary Elections for all offices appearing on the 2026 November General Election ballot.



Blood Drive

Thank you to all who donated blood at our last Blood Drive. The Red Cross collected 16 units and had 18 donors. Our next blood drive will be Wednesday September 30, 1-6 pm in the fellowship hall. Sign up: redcrossblood.org for appointments.



Noah's Landing Preschool

Preschool returns to the classrooms starting on Tuesday, September 8.

Stephanie Zewatsky

Directory of Noah's Landing Preschool

540-982-2254

noahslandingpreschool.org



Kroger Community Rewards Program

To sign up from your Kroger App

- Click person (top left corner)
- Payment/History
- Community Rewards Enroll:



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It's easy! Join today.

Roanoke Justice Ministries (RJM)

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.



Supporting Our Community



The next monthly meeting is August 13, at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Salem from 12-1:30pm. Giving to the Christ Lutheran Care Portal fund is as easy as 1-2-3. You may click on the link or QR Code or use the following web address <https://system.careportal.org/church/106625>. Click on the green Give to Our Care Portal Fund. Enter amount and click on Submit Donation.

We were able to meet a number of very large and important requests thanks to everyone's extreme generosity, which I hope to highlight at our next meeting with your help. In June, we met 74 requests, and served 172 children and we had an economic impact of over \$86,500. We had 102 requests submitted and had 167 responses from churches and community responders. For more information or questions contact: Jeannine



Feed the Children

During the summer months, when school cafeterias are closed, children often miss out on nutritious meals. Local food pantries often face higher demand while donations slow down. Pasta With a Purpose is an invitation to Virginia Synod congregations to respond to this need.

Please bring pasta-related food items to Christ Lutheran in the Narthex during the month of August.

We will weigh or count the collection before delivering it to a local pantry and share the total contribution (in pounds) so everyone in the ELCA can see our gifts, along with those of other ELCA churches across Virginia, add up to something powerful. The Virginia Synod will celebrate the three highest donors (pounds donated per church average worship attender) with a \$250 grant to their local food pantries!

(from the Weekly Update from Virginia Synod)



Supported by Social Ministry Team.

Ongoing Ministries at Christ Lutheran



Monday Morning Bible Study: Meets at 10:30 am each week in the fellowship hall. All are welcome to join this group as we study the next Sunday's bible readings.

Choir: Rehearsals will resume on Wednesday, **September 9** at 7:30 pm in the choir room. New singers are welcome to join, contact Nancy.



Handy Folk Group: Join the women & men that make up this wonderful group of people who take care of our church building. Friday, **August 7** 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 Club: This group has been a part of Christ Lutheran Church for more than 40 years. Twice a month (September-June), adults with emotional and mental challenges are picked up in the church van from area homes for adults, brought to the church or another designated place, and served a meal. Volunteers also assist the participants with an activity; Bingo is always an enjoyable game after dinner. Our next meetings will be on Thursday night September 3 and 17 at 5 pm at Christ Lutheran. If you would like to help serve meals or drive the bus to pick up our members, please let Jeannine & Al know if you are able to volunteer.

Social Ministry Team: Meetings will resume Thursday, **September 3**, in the parlor at 1:00 pm. Anyone is welcome to join this group to hear more about social ministry and get involved.



Ongoing Ministries at Christ Lutheran



Green Team: Will resume on Wednesday, **September 9** in the parlor at 1:00 pm. 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: **GO VEGGIE!** Skip red meat once a week, meat production is resource intensive with a massive impact on the environment. It uses gallons of water, you can make a huge difference by opting for a veggie alternative.

We will continue to have **Urban Reblok'd** in the church parking lot on the second Wednesday of the month - **August 12**, from 5:30-7 pm. Look for the BIG WHITE truck!

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



Church Council: Tuesday, **August 11** at 7:00 pm. Meetings are on the 2nd Tuesday of the month in the fellowship hall. Please let Richard know if you are unable to attend.

Unsought: Grief support group, Sunday, **September 20** at noon in the chapel. Questions contact Gudrun.



RAM LUNCHES: this faithful group continues to make lunches for RAM House. This month is on Friday August 28, 8:30am. We continue using Sign-up Genius for all our volunteer needs. 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. August coordinator is Julie Swanson.



Jigsaw Puzzles Group ~ Summer Months: We are meeting together each **Wednesday**, 11-2pm in the fellowship hall. All are welcome to join on any Wednesday to work on puzzles.



Yarn N Prayer: This group of Knitters and Crocheters will resume meeting in **September**. Contact Rita or Sheila if you have questions. Current projects are baptismal shawls, blankets to cover laps & shawls.



Prayers For:

July 12- Toulia, Nikki (cancer), Gudrun (travel), Donna, Karen, For sibling who lost their sister- Cathy, Bo, Jan, Mary Helen (recovery). **July 5-** David, Carol, Joyce, Sharon (surgery), those looking for employment, Dave, Andrea (continue cancer recovery at home). **June 28-** Roy, (Mark's brother, wife passed away), Lee, (Kathy's father hospitalized), People of Venezuela & victims of natural disasters, Kari (surgery- Carolyn's daughter), Julie's travels. **June 21-** Susan, George, George, Bridget

Families of- 7/5: Hilde Bengtson, 7/12 Margaret Powell

August Birthdays!

2nd- Karen, **3rd-** Chloe, **4th-** William, Abby, Lily, **5th-** Luke, **6th-** Robert, David, **7th-** Amber, **8th-** Kathy, Natalie, **10th-** George, **12th-** Laura, **13th-** James, Nicole, Brayden, Micheal David, **15th-** Ken, Nate, **16th-** Dewey, Chris, Cindy, **18th-** Daniel, **19th-** Fiona, **25th-** Tom, Jim, **26th-** Madeline, Connor, Leo, **30th-** Carolyn, **31st-** Ann, Holly, Iris



SUNDAY SCRIPTURE ~ AUGUST READINGS

August 2– 10th Sunday After Pentecost: Isa 55:1-5, Ps 145: 8-9, 14-21, Rom 9:1-5, Matt 14:13-21

August 9– 11th Sunday After Pentecost: 1 Kings 19:9-18, Ps 85:8-13, Rom 10:5-15, Matt 14:22-33

August 16– 12th Sunday After Pentecost: Isa 56:1, 6-8, Ps 67, Rom 11:1-2a, 29-32, Matt 15:10-28

August 23– 13th Sunday After Pentecost: Isa 51:1-6, Ps 138, Rom 12:1-8, Matt 16:13-20

August 30– 14h Sunday After Pentecost: Jer 15:15-21, Ps 26:1-8, Rom 12:9-21, Matt 16:21-28



Grandin Road Summer Hymn Festive

**SATURDAY,
AUGUST 8th, 2026**

**RALEIGH COURT
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

Choir Rehearsals begin
at 1:00pm.

Community Dinner
served at 6:00pm.

Hymn Festival program
to follow at 7:00pm.



Our guest conductor is
Landry Duvall, Minister
of Music and Worship at
First Baptist Church in
Greensboro, NC.

JOIN THE CHOIR

Use the QR code or link below to
register to join the choir! All singers
welcome. Choir music and tracks
will be distributed via email on July
15th. Please register before then!

forms.gle/g4SUegLGcxBLhKEK9



August Financial Report

Below are the financial figures through June.

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*
June	\$22,257	\$32,875	\$267,708	\$225,918	\$254,583

The investment account has \$2,154,598 as of June 30, 2026. We pulled funds from the account to pay for the stained-glass window maintenance and repairs, as well as for college scholarships. Additional funds will be withdrawn this month or August for needed repair/upgrade to the fire alarm system.

The audit team is continuing its work, with the final report now expected in July. A mid-year review of the budget will occur in July as well.

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

*Jim,
Finance Committee Chair*