

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

“God’s Work. Our Hands.” Sunday: Faith in Action

On Sunday, September 13, Christ Lutheran members and friends will join Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) communities across the country for “God’s Work. Our Hands.” Sunday. This annual day of service is a reminder that we are freed by grace to love and serve our neighbors. When we step into our community, we become the hands and feet of Jesus, sharing God’s love through tangible actions.

There is a meaningful place for everyone to serve, regardless of age or physical ability. You are invited to join in any or all of the following projects:

- **RAM Care Packs:** Assembling essential items for unhoused clients at Roanoke Area Ministries (in the Fellowship Hall after both worship services)
- **Community Playground:** Spreading fresh mulch to keep our play area beautiful and safe (after 9am worship)
- **Plawking:** Walking and picking up litter to care for our immediate neighborhood (after both worship services)

At the end of the 9am Drive-in service, we will also take a moment to dedicate our new **Blessing Box**. The beautiful wooden cabinet outside near the ramp door was built by Nick Freeman for his Eagle Scout project. The Blessing Box will provide free non-perishable food, snacks, and essentials for our neighbors.

God's work. Our hands.



September 13, 2026

Prayer of the Day for “God’s Work. Our Hands.”
Holy One, you stretch wide your tent that all may be welcomed in, and in Jesus you stretched out your hands in expansive love for a weary and wounded world. Help us to reach out with your own wounded hands of love, that through us your life may be known in the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

News from Christ Lutheran Roanoke

Welcome Our New Members

We are Renee, Max, and Conan.
Donna is our Shepherd family.



Mark your calendar for **Sunday, Sept. 13** when congregations of the ELCA will join together for our annual day of service,

"God's Work. Our Hands."

Participating in service projects is one way to celebrate who we are as the ELCA — one church, freed in Christ to serve and love our neighbor.

- MULCH the playground after the 9am service (9:45am).
- PLAWKING - Clean up our neighborhood one piece of trash at a time. Gloves and bags provided.
- CARE PACKS for RAM House – Assemble in the fellowship hall after both services.

Volunteers Needed

Sunday, September 6 &
Monday, September 7

Prepare Dinner
Serve Dinner
Stay Overnight
Provide Food

Sign Up Here:



FAMILY PROMISE:

Transforming the lives of families experiencing homelessness. Because every child deserves a home.



Christ Lutheran: Copy - Family Promise volunteers for September 6-7



Church Office will be closed in
Observance of Labor Day.
September 7.

Sundays in September

September 13

GOD'S WORK. OUR HANDS.

Before and After services

2-4p- Mahjong (FH)

September 20

10am- Together@10: Sunday School for All

Ages. Adults- Social Ministry Forum

12pm- Unsought: grief support group, meets in the chapel

3pm- Confirmation

4pm- Youth Group meets at St. Philip for Water Fun

September 27

10am- Adults- Social Ministry Forum

2-4p- Mahjong (FH)

Ongoing Ministries at Christ Lutheran



Monday Morning Bible Study: Meets at 10:30am 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 7:30pm 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, **September 4** at 8am they will meet at Famous Anthony's at Oak Grove Mall for breakfast followed by maintenance work on the church property. Contact George.



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 5pm 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 1pm. Anyone is welcome to join this group to hear more about social ministry in our community and get involved.



Green Team: Will resume on Wednesday, **September 9** in the parlor at 1pm. 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."

Urban Reblok'd comes to CLC in the parking lot on the second Wednesday of the month - **September 9**, from 5:30-7pm. Look for the BIG WHITE truck! If you have any questions about the "Green Team," contact Gudrun.



Church Council: Tuesday, **September 8** 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.

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



RAM House: To all our volunteers for Ram House lunches, we will be suspending our lunch delivery to RAM House. They are still in the middle of moving so we will wait to hear back from them about resuming our ministry with them in the next month. Thank you so much for your dedication and love that you have put into this ministry. Stay tuned for further details, please share with others.



Jigsaw Puzzles Group

We are meeting together **each Wednesday**, from 11am 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 on **Friday September 18, Grandin Road Co-Op**. Contact Rita, Sheila, or the church office if you have questions. Current projects are baptismal shawls, blankets to cover laps & shawls.

Supporting Our Community

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.



Blood Drive **Christ Lutheran Church**

Fellowship Hall
2011 Brandon Avenue S.W.
Roanoke, VA 24015

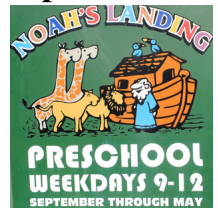
Wednesday, Sept. 30
1:00-6:00pm

NOAH'S LANDING PRESCHOOL

We are excited to have our Noah's Landing family back to school on **Tuesday, Sept. 8th.**

We hope you have had a fun & relaxing summer break. Keep an eye out for information coming soon.

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The Office of the Bishop is excited to welcome Pastor Tina Toburen as the Director for Youth and Young Adult Ministry beginning August 1st!

In this role, she supports and strengthens ministry with youth, young adults, congregations, and ministry leaders across the synod through relationship-building, leadership development, and faith formation.

Pastor Tina lives in Newport News, VA, and will be splitting her time between Newport News and the synod office in Salem. Pastor Tina is a graduate of Gettysburg College and the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg. She previously served congregations in Fox Chapel and Red Lion, Pennsylvania, before accepting a call to Trinity Lutheran Church in Newport News, where she has served since 2016.

We give thanks for the gifts, experience, and vision she brings to this ministry and look forward to the ways God will work through her in the years ahead.

Roanoke College Lutheran Visit Day will be held on Sept. 26.

This annual event – from 10am to noon on a Saturday – is an opportunity for high schoolers and their families to explore our Lutheran College on the territory of the Virginia Synod as they consider the possibility of a vocational call to higher education.

Supporting Our Community



The next monthly meeting is scheduled on September 10 at Lighthouse Bible Church, 2500 E Washington Ave, Vinton, 24179, from 12–1:30 pm.

Giving to the Christ Lutheran Care Portal fund is easy as 1-2-3. You may use the URL/QR code, <https://system.careportal.org/church/106625>. Click on the green 'Give to Our Care Portal Fund.' Enter the amount and click 'Submit Donation.'

This request came from Great Expectations, a program for young adults who have aged out of foster care. It is run by Virginia Western Community College. The recipient for this request is a young man, 21 years old, who is trying to get guardianship of his two younger brothers, ages 11, who are currently in foster care. The request was for bunk beds, mattresses, bedding, a dresser, a medicine lock box, and safety latches. All of this was needed by Wednesday, when the decision is going to be made about the guardianship. We originally committed to buying the dresser, medicine cabinet, and latches, but then I committed Christ Lutheran to take the lead in hopes that we could provide the other items. A member from another church donated funds for the beds and mattresses. As it turns out, Sleep in Heavenly Peace is going to deliver the beds, mattresses, and bedding for this request tonight, all for free. Our cup overflowed with generosity.

For more information or questions, contact Jeannine.



CHRIST'S COMMUNIQUE

The newsletter deadline for October edition is September 15. Please have your article emailed to: secretary@christlutheranroanoke.org by this date. Newsletter collation is Thursday, September 24 at 9am in the fellowship hall.



**Saturday,
September 19, 2026**

**LUTHERANS OF THE
ROANOKE VALLEY
GOLF TOURNAMENT**

BLUE HILLS GOLF CLUB

12:30PM LUNCH ~ 1:30PM SHOTGUN START

PROCEEDS BENEFIT
ROANOKE LUTHERAN YOUTH

Teams & Sponsors Needed!

GOLF TOURNAMENT

Teams & Sponsors are needed,
Blue Hills Golf Club.

12:30- lunch, 1:30p shotgun starts.

Saturday Sept. 19,
all proceeds benefit
Roanoke Lutheran Youth.

Brochures are available in the
Narthex.

PRAYER AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Prayers For:

August 23- Lydia

August 9- Willem, Paul & Patti, Fires in western US, Ken, Dave, Andrea (continue cancer recovery at home)

August 2- Drew (brain surgery), Bridget- thriving, Carolyn, John, Tollar family

July 26- Baby Olivia (New Granddaughter of Becky & Richard), Jaime (serious injuries), Becky

July 12- Nikki (cancer), Donna, Karen, For Peterson sibling who lost their sister- Cathy, Bo, Jan, Mary Helen (recovery)

Families of- 8/2- Gail



2nd- Tom, **3rd-** Diana, Anya, Naomi, **4th-** Gudrun, Margaret, **5th-** Sam, **6th-** Grace, Michael, **8th-** Kaya, **9th-** Ben, Richard, David, **10th-** Mary, **11th-** Cathy, Linda, **12th-** Judy, **13th-** Peggy Ann, **15th-** David, Jacob, **17th-** Melody, **19th-** Sandra, **21st-** Jackson, Sandra, **22nd-** Greg, Jean, **23rd-** Nancy, Jon, **25th-** Jan, Joyce, **27th-** Warren, **29th-** Sharon, **30th-** Kitty.

SUNDAY SCRIPTURE

Sept. 6– 15th Sunday After Pentecost: Ezek 33:7-11, Ps 119:33-40, Rom 13:8-14, Matt 18:15-20

Sept. 13– 16th Sunday After Pentecost: Gen 50:15-21, Ps 103:1-13, Rom 14:1-12, Matt 18:21-35

Sept. 20– 17th Sunday After Pentecost: Jonah 3:10-4:11, Ps 145:1-8, Phil 1:21-30, Matt 20:1-16

Sept. 27– 18th Sunday After Pentecost: Ezek 18:1-4, 25-32, Ps 25:1-9, Phil 2:1-13, Matt 21:23-32



POWER IN THE SPIRIT JULY 2026

On July 16-18, I went to Power in the Spirit. The theme this year was "**The Spirit ~ Empowers, Enlightens, Equips.**" It was a very uplifting experience. There were 261 attendees this year. Special guests were The Rev. Yehiel Curry, Presiding Bishop, ELCA; The Rev. Susan Briehl, Bible Study Leader; The Rev. Drew Tucker, Keynote Leader; and Michael Benshish, Musician. During the event there were workshops, lectures, Bible studies, prayer sessions, worship, meditation, and ministry displays, including Little Free Library and Take a Book/Share a Book. Golf carts were available for easy access around the Roanoke College campus. Also, the Event Choir and Chime Choir, Beer & Hymn Pickup Band, Biblical Storytellers, and wonderful food were among many more gatherings to attend.

This was my first time attending, and it will not be my last! Next year's dates are July 8-10, 2027.

Peace & Love, Evron

Acknowledgements

Dear Christ Lutheran Church,

Your kindness and support will have a meaningful impact on our students by helping ensure they have the supplies they need to begin the school year with confidence and enthusiasm. Your generosity helps remove barriers for families and allows our students to focus on learning and achieving their goals.

*With sincere gratitude, Taylor Mills, Social Worker,
Lucy Addison Middle School*



FRIENDLY MAHJONG EVENT

Mahjong is open to both new and experienced players to the game on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month. **September Sundays 13 & 27**

There will be tables available for players who enjoy American-style play and for those who prefer the Chinese-style.

Players will meet from 2–4pm on these Sundays in the Fellowship Hall.

Guest Preacher

On Sunday, September 13, Michael will share the word of God with us at both worship services. Michael is currently participating in the Lay Ministry Academy through the Virginia Synod (ELCA). He is also the brother of CLC member Ashleigh and uncle of Nate.

Check out www.vasynod.org/lma for more information about the Lay Ministry Academy.

St. Elizabeth's Episcopal - Parish Secretary — Part-Time (15 hours a week)

St. Elizabeth's Episcopal Church (2339 Grandin Road SW in Roanoke, VA) is seeking a warm, organized, and detail-oriented Parish Secretary to join our parish office on a part-time basis. Working under the direction of the Curate-in-Charge, Deacon Jake Webb, you'll be the friendly voice and face of the parish office, answering phones, managing the parish email account, and serving as a welcoming presence to everyone who calls or visits. You'll also handle the steady rhythm of office life: preparing weekly bulletins and the church e-newsletter, maintaining the parish calendar and directory, keeping the website up to date, and supporting the Music Director, Bookkeeper, Treasurer, and other lay leaders. Hours and schedule will be set in consultation with the Curate-in-Charge. If you're a self-starter who takes pride in getting the details right and making people feel welcome, we'd love to hear from you. Please send your resume and a brief cover letter to Beth Bond, Senior Warden of St. Elizabeth's (beth.bond@yahoo.com).

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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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