



# CHRIST TODAY

A monthly newsletter for friends and members of Christ Lutheran Church, Warren NALC/ LCMC

## SPECIAL DATES

- Evangelism Mtg – 9/2, 10/7
- Rally Day – 9/7
- SS /Catechism starts – 9/14
- Name Tag Sunday – 10/5
- Bld Pressure Ck – 9/14, 10/5
- .Worship Meeting – 9/21, 10/12
- Pins & Needles – 9/9, 10/14
- Bible Study – 9/3, 9/17, 10/1, 10/15
- Parish Ed Mtg – 9/8, 10/6
- Exec Meeting – 9/9, 10/14
- Teleconference – 9/10, 10/8
- Grief Share – 9/11, 10/9
- Pantry Distribution. – 9/16
- Trunk or Treat – 10/18
- Council Mtg – 9/16, 10/21
- Staff Mtg – 9/9, 9/23, 10/14, 10/28
- Prayer Night – 9/25, 10/23
- YouthGroup – 9/12, 9/26, 10/10/24
- Biannual Meeting – 9/28

### September 2025

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## From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Christ Lutheran family and all who read this article,

I greet you in the precious name of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! In this world, there can be time when we lose hope, and even forget the purpose of our salvation in Christ Jesus. I would like to share with you a message from the first letter of the apostle Peter which may help us and remind u the purpose of our new life in Christ.

### The Living Hope

***"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time." 1 Peter 1:3-5***

*The apostle Peter opens his letter with words of praise for God the Father and His Son, Jesus Christ reminding readers that salvation is a gift of God's mercy. Then Peter states that believers are given "a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ."*

Difficult times often make us lose hope. Being hopeless, we are unable to see the possibility of better days. Life can at times be tough, whether due to financial struggles, health issues, relationship issues, loss or emotional hardships. During such tough phases, we may find ourselves overthinking and feeling stuck.

It's important to remember that no matter how difficult things may seem, they will eventually improve. By holding onto even the little candle of hope, we can find our way through. By maintaining faith, trusting the process, and believing in a positive outcome can help us endure even the toughest situations.

Peter states that it is the "new birth" that provides our living hope, affirming that salvation is a gift from God. Just as an infant does nothing to be born, we experience rebirth not because of who we are or anything we have done. We are born of God (John1:13) through Jesus' resurrection from the dead. Salvation changes who we are (2 Corinthians 5:17) making us dead to sin and alive to righteousness in Jesus Christ (Ephesians 2:5). This new birth serves as our reason for hope – the assurance of Salvation.

The apostle is speaking to Christians who were suffering persecution in Asia Minor. His words were meant to encourage them in their troubles.

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## Memorials and Honorariums

### In Memory of Marilyn Niehaus

Gift is designated for Pastor's discretion

Given by: Roy & Rose Castle

Undesignated gift given by: Carol Basney

*The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit. Psalm 34:18*

## The Daily Bread Food Pantry

Praise God in all seasons of your life for He always remains the same! This is an expression shared with several pantry visitors during the July distribution. Various unexpected or unplanned surprises have come up for many people from health, employment challenges, retirement, disability to basic survival issues. The rise in cost of living has impacted local families and individuals, uncertain of where their next meal will come from.

The Daily Bread Food Pantry reached out to thirty-three households (80 individuals) in July. A church member volunteered to use the Thrivent Generosity program to donate towards this ministry. It provided \$250 worth of paper products, like toilet paper, paper towels, and boxes of Kleenex for the Pantry. This was very helpful and appreciated, as it also helps stretch the pantry budget expenses.

The upcoming pantry distribution is scheduled for Tuesday, September 16, between noon and 1:00 p.m. There is a need for laundry detergent, liquid dish soap, kleenex boxes, garbage bags, bars of soap, or toothpaste. The 2025 May Stamp Out Hunger non-perishable foods are shared and well accepted by visitors. There are labeled boxes for pantry donations in the education unit below the coat racks. Thank you to everyone who contributed their time and generosity!

## Classic Car Trunk or Treat Event

Please mark your calendars! It is with great delight we announce the 2025 Classic Car Trunk-or-Treat Event which is on **Saturday, October 18<sup>th</sup>**, in the church parking lot. This is open to the public from **4:00 p.m. until 5:30 p.m.**

The final preparations are currently in the works. The Parish Ed committee invites you to take part and connect with other families. We are **seeking volunteers** to decorate cars, hand out candy to children in costumes, assist with games and activities, monitor bathrooms, and share fellowship. The Fellowship committee will have **donuts and cider available for visitors**. Anyone volunteering at this event is requested to come **no later than 3 p.m.** The committee is collecting **candy donations for this event**. Your generosity is truly appreciated.

In addition to Trunk-or-Treat, we are excited to include classic cars for families and volunteers to view. These **classic car owners look forward to sharing joy, humor, and fond memories about their cars**. Last year, there were two classy cars; we hope to see more this year.

If you know of someone with children who would like to attend, a pre-registration form for visitors is going to be available on the church website and Eventbrite. **Anyone with questions, please feel free to ask a committee member:** Evelyn Hudson-Wright, Gail Deitz, Kay Trombat, Michele Neubauer, Denise & Brittani Baloga, or Chairperson Melissa Bruesehoff.

Let us pray for great weather as previous years have been without rain. Thank you!

## From the Pastor's Desk (cont. from page 1)

People cannot survive long without hope. **Hope** keeps us going through painful experiences and fear of what the future may hold. Their future was secure because of the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Their hope was in His victory over death and His resurrection life. Whatever the persecuted believers would face in this world could not compare to the blessings of the future resurrection and life to come in eternity. Living hope is anchored in the past—Jesus rose from the dead (**Mt 28:6**). It continues in the present—Jesus is alive (**Col 3:1**). And it endures throughout the future—Jesus promises eternal, resurrection life (**JN 3:16, 4:14, 5:24, Ro 6:22**). The believer's living hope is solid and secure: "We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure." Let us challenge ourselves with these words of the Lord to renew our spirit for better service and life. May the Almighty bless you richly!

Pastor Tsegayesus H. Hunde  
Christ Lutheran Church Warren, MI

## CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

September 2025

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	10:00 A.M. SUNDAY WORSHIP					
Services are in-person & Live Streamed	1	2 12:30 Evangelism & SC	3 Bible Study 11 am & 7pm	4	5	6
<b>7 RallyDay @ McKinley Park in Fraser</b> Worship Service at 11:30 am with Holy Communion Grandparents Day will be celebrated.  Church picnic to follow. Bring a dish to pass	<b>8</b> 9:30 a.m. Prayer group  5:30 CLC Praise Band  6:00 Parish Ed Meeting	<b>9</b> 10-12 Pins & Needles  10:00 Staff Meeting  6:30 Exec Meeting	<b>10</b>  7 pm Teleconference Dial-712-832- 8700 ID -919200	<b>11</b>  12:00 Grief Share	<b>12</b> 6 – 8 pm Youth Group	<b>13</b>
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<b>21 Promotion Sunday</b> Worship Service at 10:00 am with Holy Communion  10:00 - Sunday School 11:15 - Catechism 11:30 - Coffee Hour 11:30 - Worship Meeting	<b>22</b> 9:30am Prayer grp.  5:30 CLC Praise Band	<b>23</b>  10:00 Staff Meeting	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>  7 pm Prayer Night	<b>26</b> 6-8 pm Youth Group	<b>27</b>
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<b>26 Reformation Sunday</b> Worship Service at 10 am 10:00 – Sunday School 11:15 – Catechism 11:30 – Coffee Hour Be sure to wear red	<b>27</b> 9:30 Prayer Group  5:30 Genesis	<b>28</b> 10:00 Staff Mtg	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	

# YOUNG AT HEART AGE 50 PLUS

## SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord  
make His face shine upon you and be  
gracious to you; the Lord lift his countenance  
upon you and give you peace.

Numbers 6:24-26

Beverly Fehmer	9/1
Tim Roman	9/1
Susan Lagoe	9/2
Denise Baloga	9/7
Dick Schiesel	9/10
Evelyn Hudson-Wright	9/14
Maik Trendel	9/15
Suzanne Sopfe	9/19
Patty Zawierucha	9/22
Bob Makie	9/23
Susan Heydel	9/24
Charlene VanDeKerkhove	9/25
Mark Woy	9/26

### Happy Anniversary

Dick & Donna Schiesel 9/13 67 years



## OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Send a card & share a wish with our  
young at heart 50+ Seniors of  
CLC.

Kay Trombat	10/2
Barbara Harry	10/4
Eugene Sanders	10/4
Dave Parobek	10/5
Lori Olarin	10/6
Ray Kadluboski	10/7
Glenn Sopfe	10/7
Linda Geibel	10/13
Patty Titherage	10/13
Phyllis Arnold	10/15
Bobbie Nicholson	10/17
Bob Muhme	10/18
Jeff O'Bryan	10/19
Marilyn Trevisan	10/19
John Nelson	10/20
Amy Trombat	10/22
Melissa Bruesehoff	10/25
Gail Dietz	10/25
Dorothy Mattila	10/28

### Happy Anniversary

Terry & Esther Straka 10/5 62 years

Michael & Helene Scleis 10/15 70 years

Clifford & Jackie Noyes 10/18 56 years





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**Mon. – Thurs: 9 am – 2 pm**

**Friday – 9:00 am – noon**

### From the President

As we welcome fall's cooler days and nights, and the beautiful color changes that remind us of the artistic glory of God, please remember how important it is to join in the fellowship of Sunday services with other CLC members along with the songs and messages that praise our Lord Jesus Christ.

I hope you all had a wonderful and relaxing summer. Speaking of summer, somehow I was shuffled out of the last newsletter printing. Hmmm, some summer gnome must have had a hand in it! So, I will repeat that **I wish to thank everyone who participated in the activities and running of the VBS program.** It is always wonderful to see all the children that play and sing together and learn more about Jesus and His life. We will be excited to see these families continue to be part of CLC each Sunday.

**Please remember to check the calendar in your newsletter and the CLC website for the scheduling of events. Also check your email for eblasts from our Communication's committee for activity reminders and updates. Communion will return to the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays beginning in September. The Youth and Young Adult programs will return 6-8 p.m. on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Fridays in September as well. Please feel free to bring your children, grandchildren, nieces, nephews, or neighbors for some fun, a meal and a Bible story.** During this time, our Young Adults also gather, have a meal, entertainment, pray and share experiences.

**Bible study returns to 11a.m. and 7 p.m. on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wed. of the month.**

**September 7: Rally Day is off site again this year. The outdoor service is at 11:30 a.m. with communion. It will be held at McKinley Park, 31500 Grove St., Fraser. A picnic lunch will be served afterwards. Please bring a dish to pass. See the sign-up sheet in the hallway across from Kathi Frezza's office.**

**It is VERY IMPORTANT for everyone to attend our Bi-Annual Congregational Meeting on September 28 following the service.** We will be electing members to open Council positions. It is particularly important to have all available to attend so we have a quorum and can complete this vote. It is also important for all who are able to prayerfully consider accepting an open position that suits your time and talents. Please speak with any member of our Nominating Committee: Steve Brown, Lynn Lusk, Michele Neubauer, or Betty Stutzky (by phone) or any council member. We will happily welcome you!

**Prayers continue** for those in need of healing of mind, body, and spirit, as well as those suffering the loss of love ones. Please call the office if you are in need of prayers, pastoral counseling, a visit, assistance with planning necessary related events, or to place your prayer requests on the blue sheets. Also, please contact the church office or Pastor Hunde if considering becoming a member of Christ Lutheran Church. *We will be acknowledging New Members in the coming months. If you know anyone searching for a church home, please encourage them to visit. Let us know they are joining us so that we can make them feel welcome.* Yours in Christ, Cheryl Gothro, Council President

## Nominating Committee is looking to fill 8 Council openings

There is a need for new Council members starting October 1, 2025. If you believe that you are able to fill one of the positions listed below, a job description of each one is available for review. Each position requires a 2-year commitment, attendance at monthly meetings, and budget preparation for the year based on the needs of your committee. Prayerfully consider being part of this support system of Christ Lutheran Church.

*Each one of you should use whatever gifts you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms. (1 Peter 4:10)*

### Open Positions

**(1) Treasurer:** Officer of the congregation, member of the Executive Committee, Church Council, and custodian of all church funds, except the CLC Foundation. Manage all disbursements and receipts, prepare for the annual audit and annual church meeting, plus make financial recommendations to the Council.

**(1) Recording Secretary:** Record monthly minutes and distribute them to the office, Pastor, Council members, and post in the Narthex.

**(1) Finance:** Monitor the financial health of the congregation. Oversee the CLC Foundation and the offering counters.

**(1) Worship:** Assist Evelyn Hudson-Wright (Chairperson) in coordinating the combined efforts of altar guild, ushers, music, lesson readers, worship assistants, communion servers and screen team for each worship service.

**(1) Stewardship:** Develop and oversee annual fundraising program through membership financial commitments.

**(1) Property:** Assist Allan Mullins (Chairperson) in maintaining and repairing property and equipment.

**(1) Parish Ed:** Assist Gail Dietz (Chairperson) in overseeing and staffing the Sunday School and Catechism programs, as well as Vacation Bible School and the Trunk or Treat/Fall Festival

**(1) Evangelism:** Assist Diane Koschke (Chairperson) in attending monthly Council meetings, hosting monthly Evangelism meetings, and assisting subcommittees (Altar flower delivery, creative card ministry, food basket ministry, Samaritan Purse shoebox ministry, First Responders Appreciation Day, etc.

**For more information, please contact Steve Brown at 586-275-9922 or [steven.brown@clcwarren.org](mailto:steven.brown@clcwarren.org).**

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## Parish Education Committee Shares Its Plan for the Fall

We hope everyone had a wonderful/safe summer and is ready to begin an exciting new year of Parish Education. Here are a few events and dates to mark down on your calendar.

On Sunday, September 7, the Rally Day celebration will be held at McKinley Park in Fraser. The service begins at 11:30 am and the children will be honoring their grandparents during the service. The church picnic will follow the service. The Fellowship Committee will provide the meat and beverages, while everyone else is asked to bring a dish to share.

Sunday School and Catechism classes will begin Sunday, September 14. Sunday School starts at 10:00 and Catechism begins at 11:15.

This year, we are doing something a little different, but very exciting. We are having a Classic Car/Trunk or Treat/Fall Festival event on Saturday, October 18, from 4:00-5:30 pm. There are several ways to assist with this community outreach event, including donating candy, decorating your trunk, being a bathroom monitor, helping set-up or take-down the outside tables and chairs, helping control parking lot traffic, etc. There will be a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board between Pastor's office and Kathi Frezza's office. Please prayerfully consider helping. If you are donating candy, there will be a table in the hallway across from the lounge where you can drop it off.

If you have any questions, please contact anyone on the Parish Ed. Committee: Brittani Baloga, Denise Baloga, Melissa Bruesehoff, Gail Dietz, Every Hudson-Wright, Michele Neubauer or Kay Trombat.

Thank you,  
Gail Dietz, Chairperson

## Greetings from the Stewardship Committee

With Fall quickly approaching, members of CLC will be asked for their contribution/offering commitment for 2026. In the past several years, we have not had a successful percentage of members return their pledge sheets. This year, we expect more. This is a crucial part of the church's organizing body as they prepare the future budget. It is very important that your 2026 pledge sheet be filled out and returned on time.

What is stewardship: 1) Biblical stewardship refers to the responsibility entrusted to individuals to manage everything God has placed under their care, recognizing Him as the ultimate owner of all. This concept pervades Scripture from Genesis through Revelation. It involves more than just finances; it extends to time, talents, relationships, creation, and every resource provided by the Creator. According to the Berrean Standard Bible, "It is required of stewards that they be found faithful" (1 Corinthians 4:2). This fidelity underscores that God's people are to handle their God-given resources in a manner that glorifies Him and reflects His character.

Being a good steward of God is not just supporting the church and its ministry. It is supporting our family and our community. Here at Christ Lutheran, we are facing the same issues many other churches are facing. I would like to challenge all members to perhaps increase their personal offerings this year by a small amount. This small amount could go a long way in the continuation of our mission.

I appreciate every member's attention to this matter. Let us make our church better and stronger together.

Thank you, Mark Woy, Stewardship Chairperson



## CLC Members Share Summer Fun



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1) Children enjoy the playscape outside the Educational Unit. 2) Following Faith Night at Jimmy John's, CLC members are treated to fireworks. 3) VBS leaders wait by the umbrella table before students come out for recreation time during VBS.

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## **Trunk or Treat/Classic Cars/Fall Festival**



**Classic cars will again be part of CLC's Trunk or Treat/Fall Festival celebration,  
Saturday October, 18, from 4:00 – 5:30 p.m.**

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