

CHRIST TODAY

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



SPECIAL DATES

- Blood Pressure CK – 9/6, 10/4
- Pins & Needles – 9/8, 10/6
- Staff meeting – 9/8, 10/6
- Exec.meeting – 9/8, 10/13
- Council meeting – 9/8, 10/20
- Teleconference – 9/9, 10/14
- Grief Share – 9/10, 10/8
- Youth Grp – 9/11, 9/25, 10/9, 10/23
- Bible Study – 9/2, 9/16, 10/7, 10/21
- Pairs & Spares – 9/18, 10/10
- Rally Day – 9/13
- Worship Mtg. – 9/20, 10/11
- Parish Ed. Mtg. – 9/14, 10/12
- Pantry Distribution – 9/15
- Euchre – 9/12, 10/10
- Annual Church mtg. – 9/27
- Reformation Sunday – 10/25
- Trunk or Treat – 10/17

September 2026						
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From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Christ Lutheran families and readers of this newsletter, Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ!

I hope you have all been enjoying the beautiful summer weather wherever you are. Let us thank God for the gift of another season and for His goodness and faithfulness toward us. I would also like to extend my heartfelt gratitude to each and every one of you for your continued support of the work of God's Kingdom in so many ways. Your prayers, generosity, encouragement, service, and commitment are deeply appreciated. Every contribution, whether seen or unseen, plays an important part in advancing the work of the Lord. As Paul reminds us in

1 Corinthians 15:58, "Your labor in the Lord is not in vain." May God richly bless you for your faithfulness, strengthen you in your service, and continue to use each of us for the glory of His name. I would like to share with you a powerful text from the New Testament. **"My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness."** **2 Corinthians 12:9 (KJV)**

Beloved brothers and sisters, there is a grace that carries us. There are moments in life when we feel strong. We pray, we work, we believe, and we move forward with confidence. But there are also moments when our strength disappears. We become tired. We face disappointment, sickness, uncertainty, financial pressure, family struggles, and spiritual battles. Sometimes we reach a place where we can honestly say, "Lord, I don't know if I can keep going." But the good news is this: When we cannot carry ourselves, God's grace carries us. Grace is not simply God's favor when everything is going well. Grace is God's sustaining power when we are weak. Let me point out some important truth about this grace:

1. Grace Carries Us When We Are Weak

There are things in life that we cannot overcome by our own strength. There are battles that require us to depend completely upon God. Our weakness does not disqualify us from God's grace. Our weakness becomes an opportunity for God's strength to be revealed.

2. Grace Carries Us Through Difficult Seasons

You may be in a difficult season today, but God is still with you in the valley. Sometimes we ask God, "Why didn't You prevent this?" But sometimes God does not remove us from the valley immediately. Instead, He gives us grace to walk through it. The same God who meets you on the mountain is the God who walks with you through the valley. And when your legs become tired, His grace carries you.

3. Grace Carries Us When We Have Fallen

One of the most beautiful things about God's grace is that failure does not have the final word. Grace is available for those who fail and think that there is no hope.

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Memorials and Honorariums

In Memory of Don Burton

Gift is undesignated
Given by: Carol Coles

In Memory of Alan Kumaus

Gift is undesignated
Given by: Shirley Dutcher

In Memory of Martin Muysenberg

Gift is designated to Pins & Needles
Given by: Lee & Nancy O'Bryan

Gift is undesignated
Given by Shirley Dutcher

In Honor of Pastor Hunde's efforts to keep CLC open

Gift is undesignated
Given by: Charlene Catey

In Honor of Pins & Needles Workers

Gift is designated to Pins & Needles
Given by Lynn Lusk

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son,
that whoever believes in him should not perish but have
eternal life". John 3:16

Greetings! On Saturday Oct. 17, the annual TRUNK OR TREAT will be held in the church parking lot, from 4pm to 5:30pm. To make this possible, the church needs volunteers!

Watch for a sign-up sheet located on a table in the hallway near Pastor's office. The list will include opportunities for CLC members to decorate cars, monitor bathrooms, & help with games & fun activities. There is a need for individually-wrapped candies to distribute to enthusiastic trunk or treaters. The event will include cider and donuts for visitors, thanks to the Fellowship Committee members who have provided this in previous years. This outdoor, kid-friendly event of non-scary items is especially a fun way to connect with the community. Information will appear on Eventbrite, the church website, and the electronic sign in the front of the church. For anyone able to assist with this, please feel free to speak with the Parish Ed team, including Kay Trombat, Michele Neubauer, Denise or Brittani Baloga, Evelyn H. Wright, Gail Dietz, or Melissa Bruesehoff. Thank you.

Daily Bread Food Pantry

Seasonal changes are upon us once again. Food insecurity, health issues, unemployment, and cost of living are some of the factors that have increased here in Macomb County. The July pantry distribution had 33 households and 76 individuals served. Additional phone call requests were handled with an appointment.

This summer, requests were 'higher in demand' compared to previous years. In just one month, following the July distribution, some 14 people who had never visited the pantry, called. One of the common factors for this increase is uncertainty filled with the anxiety of one's future. The health issues, preventing them from being able to work; to others who lost a job this year; to gas prices being more than a dollar higher than last year; and utility bills skyrocketing are examples that people mentioned. This is where the opportunity to listen and share God's grace comes into place. With this, we are invited to practice the 'Fruits of the Spirit' every day. Galatians 5:22-23 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.

Currently, we suffice with non-perishable foods for the September 15 distribution. However, there is a need for laundry and dish soap, paper towels, Kleenex, garbage bags, and toilet paper. The November distribution will be the 'Thanksgiving Baskets' Ministry, serving families and individuals. Further information will be available in the Nov/Dec Christ Today Newsletter.

Thank you to all volunteers and persons who donate towards this ministry. People appreciate the power of prayer, the blessings of these foods, and have said thank you each time.

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH						September 2026
SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
Worship services are available in-person or Live-streamed.		1 5:00 p.m. Praise Band	2 Bible Study 11:00 am & 7 pm	3	4	5
6 NAME TAG SUNDAY 10:00 a.m. Worship Service with Communion 11:30 Blood Pressure ck. 11:30 Coffee Hour	7 Labor Day Church Office Closed	8 10 am Staff Mtg 11:30 Evangelism mtg. 12-1:00 Pins and Needles 5:00 Genesis 6:30 Exec mtg	9 7:00 pm Teleconference Dial 712-832-8700 ID-919200 #	10 10-12:30 Pantry set-up Noon Grief Share	11 Youth Group 6-8pm	12 2pm -5pm C.L.C. Euchre
13 Rally Day 10:00 am Worship Service Grandparents' Day 10:00 Sunday School Potluck Picnic to follow	14 Prayer group 9:30 a.m. 6:00 pm Parish Ed Mtg	15 12-1pm Pantry Distribution 5:00 p.m. Praise Band 6:30 Council Meeting	16 Bible Study 11:00 am & 7 pm	17	18 Pairs & Spares Lunch at Noon at Soluna	19
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SUNDAY WORSHIP

10:00 A.M.

Observe the Sabbath day,
to keep it holy, as the Lord
your God commanded
you.

Deuteronomy 5:12

4 Name Tag Sunday

10:00 a.m. Worship
Service with communion
10:00 Sunday School
11:15 Catechism
11:30 Blood Pressure Ck
11:30 Coffee Hour

5

9:30 a.m.
Prayer
group

7:15 Bells

6

5:00 Genesis

7

Bible Study
11am & 7p.m.

8

Noon Grief
Share

9

Youth
Group
6-8 pm

10

Pairs & Spares
at noon

Euchre
2-5 pm

11

10:00 a.m. Worship
service with youth skit
10:00 Sunday School
11:15 Catechism
11:30 Worship Mtg
11:30 Coffee Hour

12

9:30 a.m.
Prayer
group

6 pm
Parish Ed
Meeting

13

12-1 Pins &
Needles
10:00 Staff Mtg
5:00 Praise Band
6:30 Exec Mtg

14

7 pm
Teleconference
Dial 712-832-8700
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4-5:30
Trunk or Treat

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service with communion
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Prayer
group

7:15 Bells

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5:30 Genesis

6:30 Council
Meeting

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Bible Study
11 am & 7 pm

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23

Youth
Group
6-8 pm

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25 Reformation Sunday

10:00 a.m. Worship
service
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11:15 Catechism
11:30 Coffee Hour

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9:30 a.m.
Prayer
group

7:15 Bells

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10:00 Staff Mtg

5:30 Praise
Band

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YOUNG AT HEART AGE 50 PLUS

SEPTEMBER
Birthdays & Anniversaries

*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
Karen Gurney	9/1
Tim Roman	9/1
Denise Bologa	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
Karen Ramsey	9/28
Gary Runde	9/30

Happy Anniversary

Dick & Donna Schiesel 9/13 68 years

OCTOBER
Birthdays & Anniversaries

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

Kay Trombat	10/3
Barbara Harry	10/4
Dave Parabek	10/5
Lori Olarin	10/6
Ray Kadluboski	10/7
Glenn Sopfe	10/7
Patty Titherage	10/13
Phyllis Arnold	10/15
Bobbie Nicholson	10/17
Annette Schmalenberg	10/17
Bob Muhme	10/18
Jeff O'Bryan	10/19
Marilyn Trevisan	10/19
John Nelson	10/20
Melissa Bruesehoff	10/25
Gail Dietz	10/25
James Gadd	10/27
Dorothy Mattila	10/28

Happy Anniversary

Terry & Esther Straka 10/5 63 years

Michael & Helene Schleis 10/15 71 years

July Financials

July's Budgeted Pledges: \$11,555.33; July's Actual
Pledges Received to Date: \$7,020 (Down \$4,535.33)

July's YTD Budgeted Pledges: \$80,887.31 YTD
Actual Pledges Received: \$80,327.50 (Down
\$559.81)

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

Dear CLC Family, a heart-felt thank you to
everyone for the get-well cards, telephone calls
and personal well wishes. You all were so kind!

Carol Bokano

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Fri – 9am - noon

From the Council President

Dear CLC family ,the time has come to 'fall' into another season of change. The cooler, shorter days with the wonders and beauty of the leaf color changes on the trees remind us that the end of one year and the beginning of another is upon us. This also holds true for the coming end and beginning of another church year, that leads us to the season of Advent and the story of the Birth of Christ. Please continue to join us each Sunday, rain or shine, while hearing the Gospel's message and with song and prayer, praising our Lord Jesus Christ, keeping the needs of others as well as yourself in prayer. It is a blessing to continue worshiping with your fellow congregation while at the same time asking friends and neighbors to join you. Help introduce or reunite someone to our Christ Lutheran Church family and possibly welcoming a future member. If you are unable to join us in person, remember that services are available via Livestream and YouTube.

There are many events coming up that would enjoy your attendance. We begin the Sunday following Labor Day, **Sept. 13**, with **Rally Day** marking the return of Sunday School and Catechism. Rally Day will be held at Christ Lutheran Church this year, with a pot luck lunch and activities following the service. Bring your children and grandchildren for the fun and Bible stories shared by our wonderful Sunday School instructors.

Our **Bi-Annual Congregational Meeting** will be held **Sept. 27** following the regular church service. We are looking for volunteers to fill the upcoming open seats on our Church Council. If you are interested and have questions about any of the positions that can use your time and talents, please contact Nominating Committee members for information while seriously considering joining your council team.

Our annual **Trunk or Treat** is scheduled for **Saturday, October 17, from 4:00 to 5:30 pm**. If you wish to participate, contact any one of our Evangelism or Parish Ed. Council members to join the fun as we entertain local children and share the Word of our Lord.

Finally, on **Nov. 1, ALL Saint's Sunday**, we honor and celebrate the saints that have gone before us to be with the Lord.

We hope you will continue to be an active member of CLC's family and attend these events.

Prayers continue for those in need of healing of mind, body, and spirit, as well as those suffering the loss of loved ones. Call the church office if you are in need of prayers, pastoral counseling, a pastoral visit, assistance with planning necessary events, or to place your prayer request with our prayer team and on the blue sheets. Please contact the church office if you need a ride to church services or special events. We will do our best to accommodate you.

Visitors are welcome and encouraged to contact the church office or Pastor Hunde if considering becoming a member of Christ Lutheran Church. If you know of someone who is searching for a church home, encourage them to visit Christ Lutheran Church, while letting us know they are visiting us so we might make them feel welcome.

We look forward to seeing you in church.

Yours in Christ, Cheryl Gothro, Council President

A Cloud of Witnesses Remembering Women of the Bible



Suzanne Sopfe (Elizabeth), Kay Trombat (Ruth), Denise Baloga (Priscilla), Brittani Baloga (Priscilla's daughter), Evelyn H. Wright (director), Nancy O'Bryan (Mary), Debbie Kadluboski (Deborah), Deborah Koschke (student), Melissa Bruesehoff (Naomi), and Esther Straka (Esther).

Pillars of the Bible: "Ordinary Men With Extraordinary Faith"



Gary Runde (Daniel), Lee O'Bryan (Moses), Chad Bruesehoff (Joseph), Roger Frezza (Job), Evelyn H. Wright (Director), David Bruesehoff (Abraham), Dave Dietz (David), Jim Bruesehoff (Noah). Missing: Rob Koschke (Paul).

Evelyn H. Wright Reviews Recent Worship Activities

Greetings, Brothers and Sisters in the Faith. Summer is quickly coming to an end. June and July were very busy. CLC men portrayed "Key Pillars of the Bible/Ordinary Men with Extraordinary Faith" on Father's Day. They honored God and ministered about Faith. Their portrayals helped others understand how Christians must stand on their faith, because we will all experience trials and tribulations. God is faithful, the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob will keep us through it all and bless us beyond measure.

In July, we celebrated "Young at Heart Day," honoring individuals ages 50+. We gave those who were 50+ bracelets with Scripture verses. We also had an enhanced coffee hour. Sherry Carroll sang "Great is Thou Faithfulness" and Taylor Segue sang "We Come This Far by Faith." Evelyn Hudson-Wright and Dave Dietz shared testimonies about the Goodness of God.

Amelia Koschke, newly confirmed, did a wonderful job singing "The Impossible Dream." We are looking forward to having her share her God-given talent during other services. The youth & young adults led the service at the end of August. They read lessons and Chad Bruesehoff sang "Climb Every Mountain." The youth went roller skating at Great Skate too.

Enjoy the rest of the summer. Blessings to you and your families. Evelyn Hudson-Wright

Rally Day Activities are Scheduled for September 13

The first adventurous Sunday School class of 2026-27 begins on Rally Day, Sept. 13. Parents, grandparents, children and everyone else – please join us at 10 am for worship, as we kick off a school year with God's blessings in our lives. Following worship, there will be a Rally Day potluck meal that everyone is invited to attend.

General information: Sunday School will take place during the 10 am worship, in the Sunday School room. Children and youth from preschool through 4th grade are invited to attend. Catechism will begin on Sunday, Sept. 20 at 11:15 am in the Fellowship Room for 45 minutes.

The first session is always a great time for reconnecting and listening to stories that children share about their summer, while engaging Christ in these experiences. Teachers and assistants come with great motivation, spiritually ready to spend time educating the children. Sunday School staff members walk the (Continued on page 10)

From the Pastor's Desk (continued from page 1)

4. Jesus Is the Greatest Expression of Grace

The greatest demonstration of grace is found in Jesus Christ. John 1:14 says that Jesus wasn't "full of grace and truth." And Ephesians 2:8 reminds us: "For by grace are ye saved through faith."

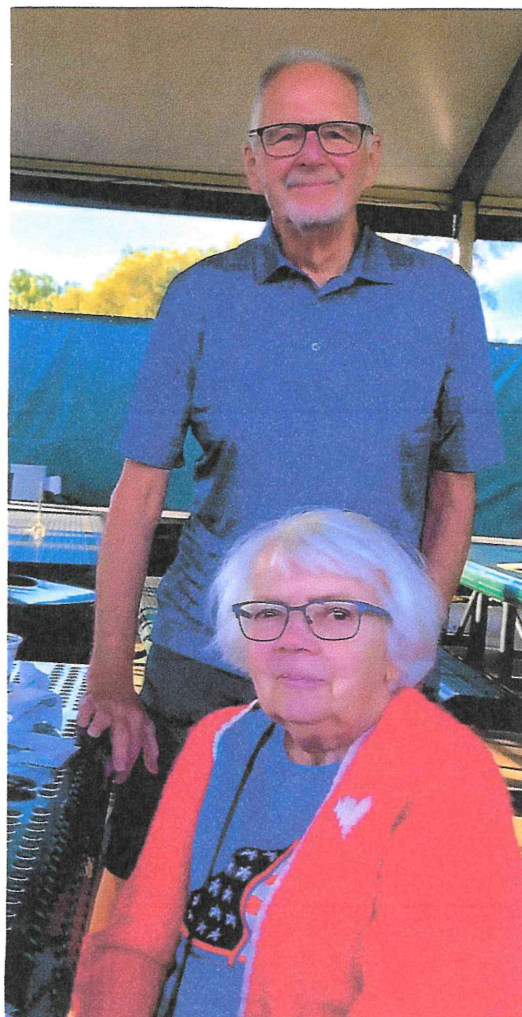
We are saved by God's grace through faith in Jesus Christ. Jesus carried our sin. Jesus carried our shame. Jesus carried our punishment.

And because He carried the cross, we can receive forgiveness, salvation, and new life.

The cross is the greatest evidence that God's grace is greater than our sin. Let grace carry you.

When you are weak – let grace carry you. When you are discouraged – let grace carry you. When you have fallen – let grace restore you. When you cannot see the future – let grace lead you. Grace carried you yesterday. Grace is carrying you today. And grace will carry you tomorrow. Amen!

Rescheduled Faith Night Fundraiser is Successful



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Rally Day, September 13th

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children to worship for a blessing, then they return to class. Children read Bible stories, watch a video related to them, then sing songs, have activities, play with playdough, color pictures and have snacks. Parents will pick up their children in the Sunday School room.

Christ Lutheran has been blessed for decades for having compassionate, inspirational teachers who have left special memories and stories for Christians who continue to attend this church, as well as others who have gone on with their lifetime journeys near and far.

As Sunday School is the key foundation for Biblical learning, it connects 5th graders to the start of Catechism. The Catechism focuses on the detail of Luther's Small Catechism book containing the Apostle Creed, Lord's Prayer, the Two Sacraments and Ten Commandments. The Catechism class will be meeting at 11:15 am in the Fellowship Room for 45 minutes.

We invite all worshippers to bring any children and youth to come and learn, so that they may grow and feel the spirit throughout their lifetime with Christ!