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CHRIST TODAY

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



SPECIAL DATES

- All Saints Day – 11/1
- Bring a Friend Day – 11/1,12/6
- Blood Pressure Ck -11/1,12/6
- Veterans Honored – 11/8
- Parish Ed. Mtg.- 11/9,12/14
- .Exec. Meeting – 11/10,12/8
- Teleconference –11/11, 12/9
- Bible Study -11/4, 11/18, 12/2, 12/16
- Pairs & Spares -. 11/13, 12/12
- Youth Group – 11/13, 12/11
- Worship mtg. –11/1, 12/6
- Grief Share –11/12, 12/10
- Pantry Distribution.- 11/17
- Euchre – 11/14, 12/12
- Council Mtg - 11/17,12/15
- Trinity-Sunday – 11/15
- Christ the King – 11/22,
- Church-decorating – 11-28

November 2026

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From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Christ Lutheran family and readers of this article,

We thank God for blessing us with a wonderful summer and fall season. Once again, I want to express heartfelt gratitude for your dedication, prayers, and generous contributions toward advancing the work of God's *kingdom.* It is a great privilege and blessing to serve as the pastor of such a wonderful congregation.

As I reflected on the months of November and December, God brought to my heart the words of 2 Corinthians 9:15: ***"Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift!"*** This beautiful verse connects two of our most cherished Christian celebrations---Thanksgiving and Christmas. As we enter these special seasons, may we be reminded of God's abundant blessings and, above all, His indescribable gift to us through His Son, Jesus Christ. Let me share with you what the Lord put in my heart

Thank God for His Indescribable Gift! Scripture: 2 Corinthians 9:1
"Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift!"

As we celebrate Thanksgiving soon and prepare our hearts for Christmas, we are reminded of one essential truth: gratitude begins with recognizing the gifts we have received from God. In 2 Corinthians 9:15, the Apostle Paul declares, "Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift!" Although Paul does not fully explain the gift in this verse, it points us to the immeasurable generosity of God, revealed most wonderfully through Jesus Christ.

Thanksgiving invites us to pause and reflect on God's abundant blessings in our lives. We thank Him for our families, our daily provisions, our health, our church, and the many ways He sustains us. Even in seasons of difficulty, we can give thanks because God remains faithful and His grace is sufficient for us. Our gratitude, however, should go beyond the blessings we can see and touch.

Christmas reminds us of God's greatest expression of love: the gift of His Son, Jesus Christ. In Jesus, God came into our world to bring us forgiveness, salvation, hope, and eternal life. This gift cannot be measured by earthly standards or fully expressed in human words. It is truly indescribable because it reveals the depth of God's love for sinners and His desire to reconcile us to Himself.

Thanksgiving and Christmas are, therefore, beautifully connected. At Thanksgiving, we give thanks for God's blessing; at Christmas, we celebrate the One through whom God's saving love has been made known to us. Both seasons call us to receive God's goodness with grateful hearts and to share His love generously with others. As we gather around our Thanksgiving tables and celebrate the birth of our Savior, may we remember that greatest reason for our gratitude is not simply what God gives us, but God Himself, who has given us Jesus Christ. May our Thanksgiving become a way of life, and may the joy of Christmas inspire us to share kindness, compassion, and generosity with those around us.

Please join me in praying the following prayer: Heavenly Father, we thank You for Your abundant blessings and, above all, for Your indescribable gift, Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. As we celebrate Thanksgiving and prepare for Christmas, fill our hearts with gratitude for Your love, grace, and faithfulness. Help us to look beyond our earthly blessings and rejoice in the salvation and eternal hope we have through Your Son. Teach us to share Your love generously, serve others with compassion, and live each day with thankful hearts. May the peace of Christ fill our homes, our church, and our community, and may our lives bring glory to Your holy name. We pray in the precious name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Wishing you and your family a blessed Thanksgiving and a joyful Christmas filled with the peace, love, and grace of God.

Pastor Tsegayesus Hurisa Hunde

Christ Lutheran Church, Warren, Michigan

Memorials and Honorariums

In Memory of Don Burton
Gift is undesignated
Given by: Terry & Esther Straka

In Memory of Roy Castle
Gift is undesignated
Given by: Shirley Dutcher

In Honor of CLC Council Members' Service
Gift is undesignated
Given by: Charlene Catey

In Honor of Those Who Keep Our Church open
Gift is undesignated
Given by: Charlene Catey

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

SHOE BOXES

The same week we are distributing Thanksgiving baskets, we also are collecting Samaritan's Purse Shoeboxes. I hope you are enjoying filling those shoeboxes with useful, fun, & educational items. You can drop them off at the church beginning Sunday Nov.15, with the last day of collection being Sunday, Nov. 22.

If you prefer not going to the store, you can fill a shoebox online through the Samaritan's Purse website. If you need help doing that, you can contact Barb Harry.

We are so grateful for the ways our congregation has always responded to our requests for donations! Thank you for your compassion and generosity, and please keep all these families in your prayers. Thank you.

THANKSGIVING FOOD BASKETS

The year is marching on, and in just less than 1 month, on November 19th, we will be distributing Thanksgiving baskets to 40+ families in our neighborhood. With paychecks not increasing and the costs of just about everything going up, more families are requesting help to put food on their tables.

Wouldn't it be nice if we could provide each family with a Thanksgiving feast! To make this happen, we are in need of non-perishable food items. There is a list of requested foods on the table set up in the hallway by Pastor's office. Please check out the list, and we would be grateful if the next time you go grocery shopping you could pick up some of these items for the baskets.

If you know of a family in the Macomb County area that is struggling to feed their family, please let us know, and we can add them to our list. You can call the church office, or contact Barb Harry or Melissa Bruesehoff.

Looking ahead to distribution day, we would greatly appreciated volunteers to help pack the boxes. We start that Tuesday morning at 9:30 with distribution at noon. We need 10-12 volunteers to do this. If you would like to volunteer please call the office or sign up on the blue sheet starting next week. Please prayerfully consider ways that you can participate in this ministry.

NEW ADDRESSES :

1. Doris Cinder
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2. Dolores Taylor
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   Room 215 C
   Clinton Township, MI 48038

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH — November 2026

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
Services are in-person & Live Streamed	10:00 A.M. SUNDAY WORSHIP					
1 All Saints Day Bring a Friend Sunday 10 am Worship Service with Communion 10:00 -Sunday School 11:15 –Catechism 11:30 –Blood Pressure Ck 11:30 –Coffee Hour 11:30 Worship Meeting FALL BACK 1 HOUR	**2** 9:30 Prayer Group 7:15 Bells	**3** CHURCH OFFICE IS CLOSED 5:00 Genesis	**4** Bible Study 11 am & 7pm	**5**	**6**	**7**
8 Veterans Honored 10 am Worship Service 10:00 –Sunday School 11:15 – Catechism 11:30 –Coffee Hour 11:30 –Evangelism Mtg.	**9** 9:30 a.m. Prayer group 6:00 Parish Ed Meeting 7:15 Bells	**10** 12-1 Pins & Needles 10:00 Staff Meeting 5:00 CLC Praise Band 6:30 Exec Meeting	**11** CHURCH OFFICE IS CLOSED 7 pm Teleconference Dial-712-832-8700 ID -919200	**12** 12:00 Grief Share	**13** Pairs & Spares at Soluna – 11:30 6 – 8 pm Youth Group	**14** Euchre 2-5 pm
15 Trinity Sunday 10 am Worship Service with Communion 10:00 –Sunday School 11:15 –Catechism 11:30 –Coffee Hour	**16** 9:30 Prayer Group 7:15 Bells	**17** Thanksgiving Basket Distributions 5:00 Genesis 5:30 Council/ Budget Mtg	**18** Bible Study 11 am & 7 pm	**19**	**20**	**21**
22 Christ the King 10 am Worship Service with Communion 10:00 - Sunday School 11:15 – Catechism 11:30 - Coffee Hour	**23** 9:30 Prayer Group 7:15 Bells	**24** 10:00 Staff Meeting 5:00 CLC Praise Band	**25** CHURCH OFFICE IS CLOSED Thanksgiving Eve worship service with Communion - 7 pm	**26** CHURCH OFFICE IS CLOSED THANKSGIVING	**27**	**28** Church Christmas Decorating 9 am-12 pm
29 Youth-led Service 10 am Worship Service with Communion 10:00 –Sunday School 11:15 –Catechism 11:30 –Coffee Hour	**30** 9:30 Prayer Group 7:15 Bells					

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13 10 am Worship Service with communion 10:00 - Sunday School [illegible]5 - Catechism [illegible]0 –Coffee Hour 11:30–Christmas Sing-Along Luncheon	14 9:30 a.m. Prayer Group 6:00 Parish Ed Meeting	15 5:00 CLC Praise Band 6:30 Council meeting	16 Bible Study 11 am & 7 pm	17	18	19
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27 10 am Worship Service with communion 10:00 –Sunday School 11:15 –Catechism 11:30 –Coffee Hour	28 9:30 am Prayer Group	29 5:00 CLC Praise Band	30	31		

YOUNG AT HEART Age 50 PLUS

NOVEMBER Birthdays & Anniversaries

The Lord bless 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. (Num.6:24-2)

Lynn Deis	11/3
Marilyn Steinke	11/4
Candy Brakman	11/5
Diane Koschke	11/5
Barb Mullins	11/9
Isabel Matthews	11/13
Rich Neubauer	11/15
Mike VanSlembrouck	11/22
Helen Schleis	11/24
June Foster	11/25
Danny Bokano	11/26
Kelly Busch	11/26
Victoria Malugin	11/29

Happy Anniversary

Terry & June Foster	Nov.16 - 63 years
Paul & Kathryn Botalitto	Nov.21- 62 years

DECEMBER Birthdays

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

Fred Hynick	12/2
Dave Dietz	12/5
Craig Love	12/7
Sharon Makie	12/10
Shirley Dutcher	12/12
Jim Bruesehoff	12/13
Jan Lang	12/13
Henry Rehn	12/20
David Rice	12/21
John Eichhorn	12/22
Kelly DeLeeuw	12/26
Suzanne Kars	12/27
Donna Lashbrook	12/27
Lori Rafalski	12/29

September Financials

Sept. Budgeted Pledges: $11,555.33; Sept.'s Actual Pledges received to date: $14,970 (Up 3,414.67)

Sept. YTD Budgeted Pledges: $103,997.97 YTD Actual Pledges received: $114,212 (Up $10,214.03)

Annual Christmas Sing-Along

The annual Christmas Sing-Along will be held in the Educational Unit after worship on Sunday, Dec. 13. Please bring winter outerwear for men and for women to donate to ARK, an association that helps feed, clothe and assist people with housing in the heart of Detroit.

The CLC Praise Band will perform and lunch will be provided. Donations of blankets and new undergarments are welcomed as well. *See you there!*

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Church Office Hours

Mon. – Thurs: 9am – 2:00pm

Friday – 9:00 am - noon

From the Council President

Hello fellow members in Christ! I hope you are enjoying the fall colors that are decorating the trees across our state. It brings to mind the wonders only our Lord has the power to create. With November, and the Thanksgiving holiday on its way, I am again encouraged to consider all I should be and am grateful for: my family and how they daily enhance my life, my health, life-long and newly-developed friends, and continued support through the life, love, and the kindness of the Christ Lutheran Church family. I ask that we continue to give thanks for all that we receive and are able to be a part of, including all that we share within the walls of CLC and throughout our community.

I hope you enjoyed the October activities, the Classic Cars/Trunk or Treat festival. Thank you to all who worked to make it possible. Thank you also to those who continue to contribute to the beauty and function of our building, and its grounds, especially during fall cleanup, along with other activities, including Bible studies, and the Youth and Young Adult groups. Please encourage and support these young people so they remain interested and involved in the teachings of our Lord, continuing to grow in faith and becoming productive members of Christ Lutheran Church.

In October we were able to welcome a new member to the family of Christ through Baptism. What a joyful gift to be able to witness the growth of our church family. Please continue to support this family and child as she grows surrounded by the love of Christ through our church family.

Over the past year, we have lost several more of our family in Christ. We will honor all those Saints on *November 1, All Saints Sunday*. Please continue to pray for their families and friends and offer them comfort and assistance as you are able. Thank you to all who assist our home bound whenever needed and continue to pray for their strength and healing. Continue to pray and look to the Lord for guidance and strength. Come and join us, hear the Gospel and allow the Holy Spirit to fill you with hope and for daily living.

In November, we look forward to the Advent season that quickly follows Thanksgiving. Advent is the time to contemplate and prepare our celebration of the birth of the risen Christ. During Advent, we will be offering *Wednesday services at 7p.m.*. If you wish to join us and need a ride, please let any council member know and we will do our best to accommodate you so that you don't miss out on an evening of praise and worship. We will hold many events between now and Christmas, including Fall Clean up, All Saints Day, Thanksgiving Eve service, (held the Wednesday night before Thanksgiving day), Church Decorating, and other holiday activities. Our children and young adults will be caroling for seniors, and our Praise Band will again host the annual Sing-along which helps support the ARK Association. If you are able, we ask that you please bring a (donation) much needed gently-used blankets, winter outer clothing, and other personal items to the sing-along as you join us for lunch, Christmas caroling, and a special visitor for the children. Our Christmas Eve services will be held at 5pm (family/contemporary) and 10pm (traditional). Christmas Day service will be held at 11am. Please keep an eye on the church calendar so you don't miss any planned events.

Visitors are welcome and encouraged to contact the church office or Pastor Hunde if considering membership. We have designated the first Sunday of each month as 'bring a friend to church day'. If you know someone searching for a church home, please encourage them to visit and let us know they are here so that we can make them feel welcome.

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From the Council President

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Please keep in mind though that you don't have to wait for the first Sunday to bring a friend. We will welcome visitors and new members to our church family whenever the opportunity arises.

Please call the office if you are in need of prayers, pastoral counseling, or assistance with planning necessary related events. Please contact the church office if you would like to be added to the prayer list, receive communion, or if you need a ride to church services. If you have an emergency, please contact Pastor Hunde or Cheryl Gothro. Our phone numbers are in the directory.

We look forward to seeing you in church.
Yours in Christ, Cheryl Gothro, Council President

Classic Car/ Trunk or Treat

This 2026 event was a day of fun as church members volunteered to connect with a record number of visitors. Everyone dressed warmly as the outdoor event took place on a chilly but sunny October afternoon. Bales of straw, pumpkins, and other fall season decorations contributed to the atmosphere of the seasonal change.

Generous CLC members decorated cars, gave candies to children with costumes, and led a variety of games. Children participated in ring toss, tic tac toe, guessing game of candies, and spinning tops, just to mention a few. People of all ages loved the tasty cider and donuts, thanks to members of the Fellowship Committee.

Another key part of the annual event was all the time and commitment that the Property Committee members and volunteers gave to make this a safe event. They planned where cars could park and safely travel, as well as setting up/taking down tables and chairs. It especially helped to have a welcoming entrance for families to form a line with children before it began. Also, we were grateful for the volunteers who safely helped control the flow of traffic.

It was an honor to once again welcome a special guest, Mr. Frank Buscemi and his wife, Toni, to this event. He invited other classic car owners to come share their time, classic cars and personal stories of ownership. Some church members brought their own classic vehicles or invited neighbors and friends to bring their cars. Parents and volunteers loved listening to their classic car stories.

Parents expressed how much they greatly appreciated the event. They felt safe to bring the family where children could go trick-or-treating in the daylight instead of going through neighborhoods in the dark.

We especially want to thank Warren Law Enforcement, because safely during these events is top priority. Officer Bryce kindly interacted with families and all volunteers. Please remember to pray for these men and women who are willing to protect the people of Warren every day.

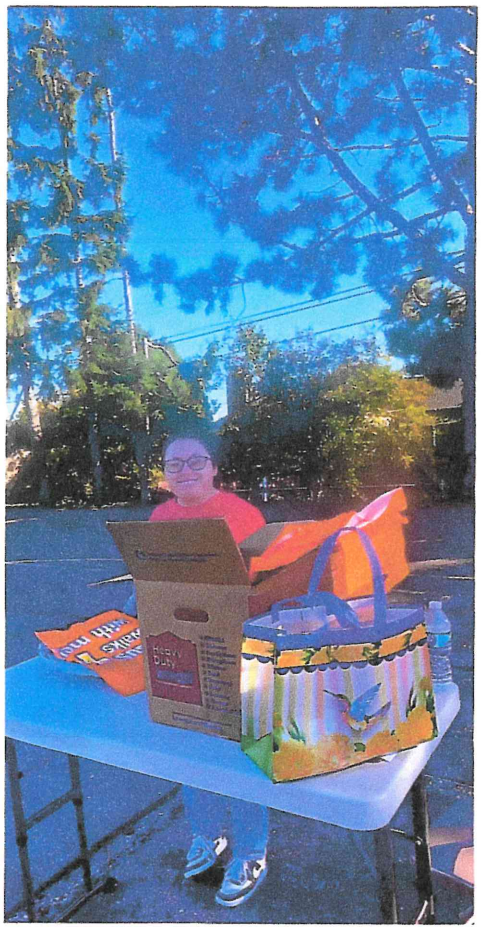
The grand total of people attending this year's Classic Car/Trunk or Treat was 285. There were 235 children and adult visitors, 50 volunteers who decorated cars, did set-up, controlled traffic, served cider and donuts or led games. It was great to have 5 classic cars and 24 decorated cars.

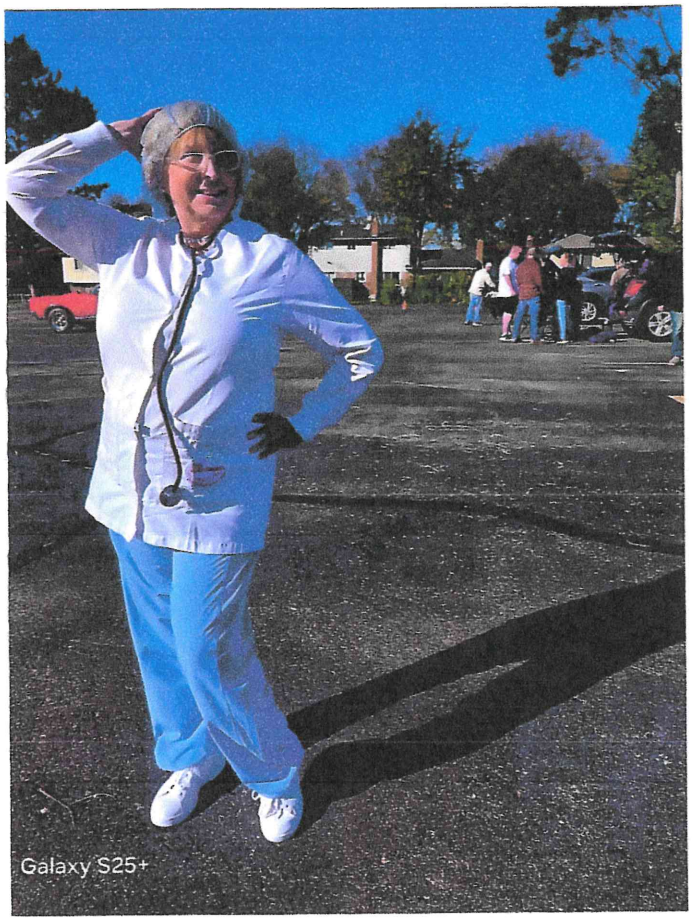
The Parish Ed Committee thanks everyone who dedicated their time, efforts and candy donations towards this special day. It is with much joy and thanksgiving for all the ways that God uses us to connect with other people.

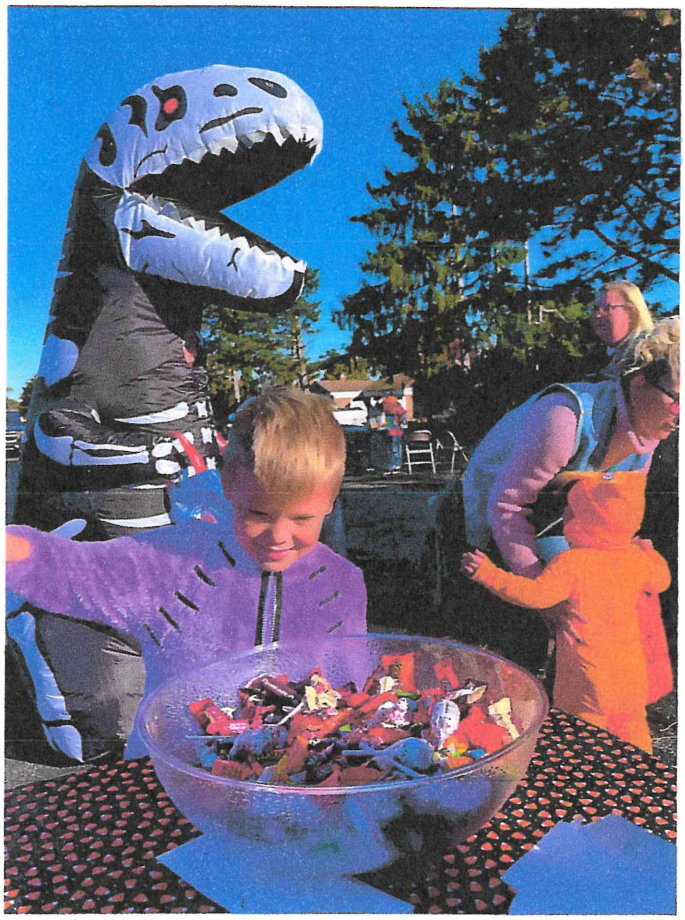
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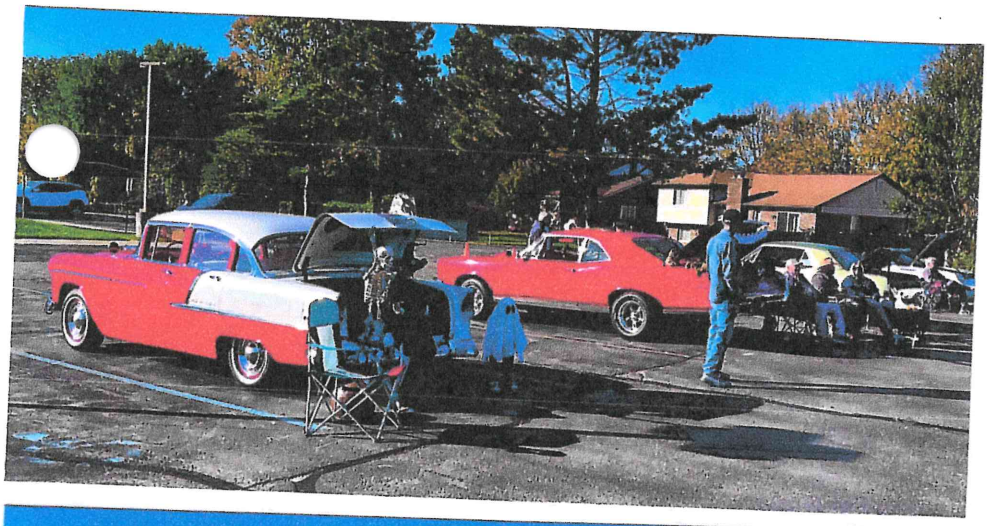
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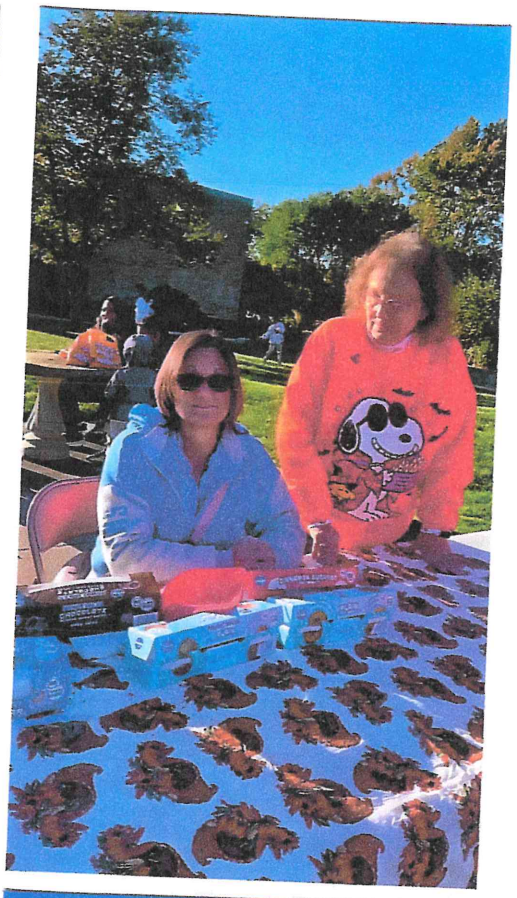




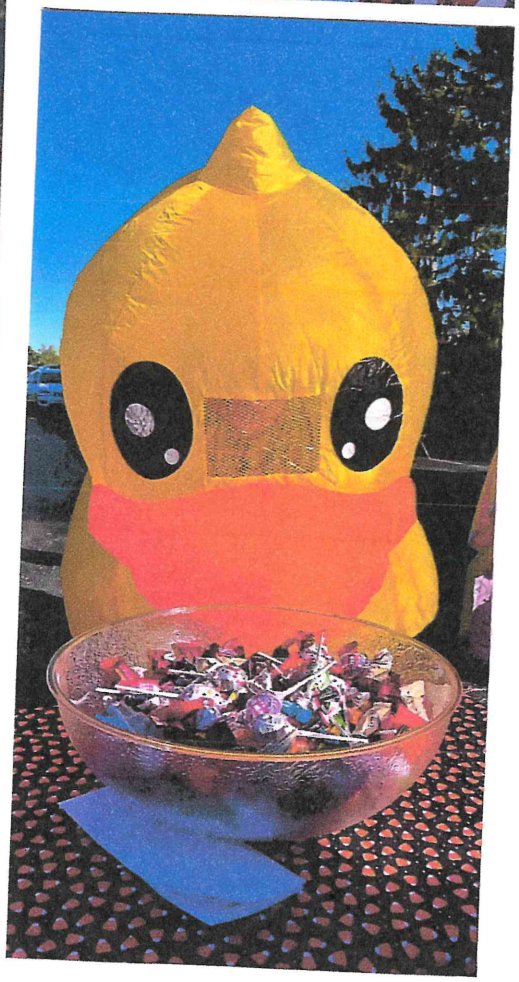


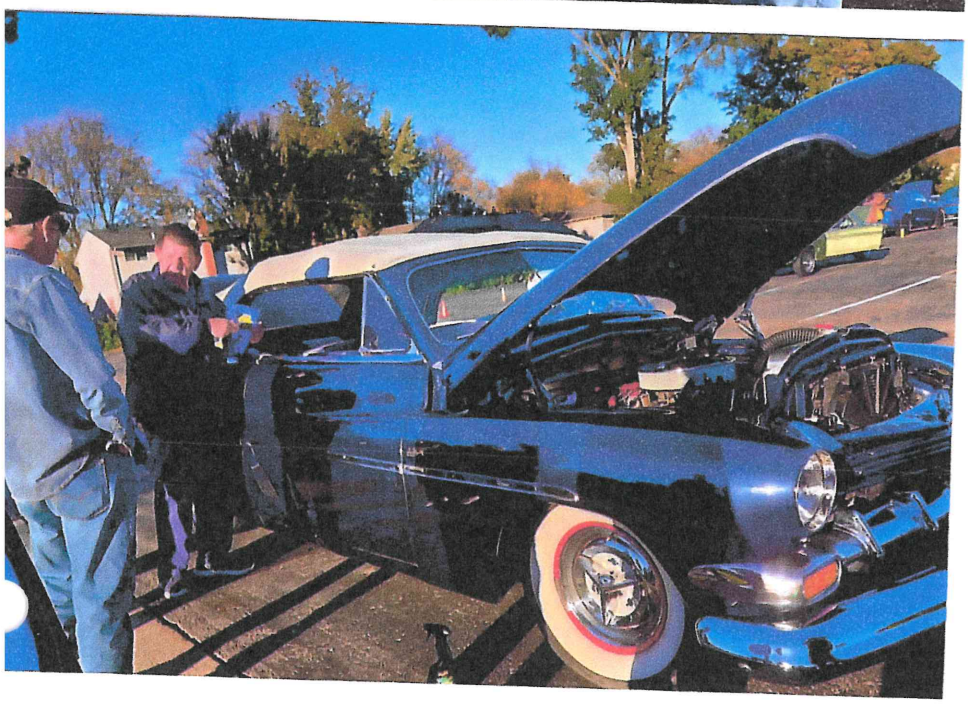












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LCMC 26th Annual Gathering & Convention in Des Moines, Iowa, October 4-7!

This year's theme was **"UNLEASHED".** We heard many speakers who were very inspiring, plus hearing and enjoying a thousand or more people singing praises to God was so uplifting. It was all enhanced by a full professional band. The speakers talked on several different topics, including "Free from", "Free for", and "Free to". **The main emphasis was turning everything over to God and releasing all our problems, worries and indifferences, etc. to Him; allowing Him to deal with them in His own way and time**. Releasing all our problems and just relying on Him. It was so inspiring meeting so many people and hearing how other churches deal with different/same problems we have here at CLC, things we have experienced and how they were handled.

The Monday breakout sessions we chose regarded church councils, including characteristics such as being trustworthy, a good personality, kind hearted, vulnerable, and Christ centered when it comes to discussions on agenda items. Many other topics were covered that will be shared with the council or committee heads. Gail and I feel that the council we have here at CLC meets and exceeds everything that was mentioned by the leaders and other council/committee members in the session.

Tuesday's topic was **"Unleashing Generosity"**. We discussed stewardship which we are going through here at CLC. Hopefully, this information can be shared with our Stewardship Committee for next year.

We would recommend everyone consider going to one of these conventions, to be uplifted and to enjoy the experience of sharing our faith with people from all over the US and, above all, reconnecting with our good Father, Jesus Christ. There are many session topics that could be of interest to you.

We and Pastor Hunde shared time with C.B. Wade and Pastor Miller; who seemed to be doing fine and enjoying their lives. Pastor Miller was excited about taking a new position in New York City, across from Central Park. Pastor Miller was an exhibitor, along with many others covering a wide variety of topics offered by various LCMC outreach partners.

At the hotel during breakfast, we ran into a Pastor from Texas who asked about Pastor Niehaus. Evidently, Pastor was a big influence on him, and as soon as we mentioned CLC Warren, he wanted to talk about Donald Niehaus.

In Christ,
David and Gail Dietz