



CHRIST TODAY

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

From the Pastor's desk

Dear CLC family, all visitors and readers of this newsletter,

I greet you all in the precious Name of our High Priest who entered the Holy of Holies in heaven with his own blood! I hope you all are doing fine. Today I want to uplift your spirit with the Word that uplifted my Spirit. The Word of the Lord is the one which can change our situation, our crisis into a blessing, our pain and wounds to a healing, our miserable life to a stabled life, our hopelessness to unshakable hope. It is my prayer that God may speak to your heart through His Holy words found in **Matthew 8:5-12**.

When he had entered Capernaum, a centurion came forward to him, appealing to him, "Lord, my servant is lying paralyzed at home, suffering terribly." And he said to him, "I will come and heal him." But the centurion replied, "Lord, I am not worthy to have you come under my roof, but only say the word, and my servant, will be healed. For I too am a man under authority, with soldiers under me. And I say to one, 'Go,' and he goes, and to another, 'Come,' and he comes, and to my servant, 'Do this,' and he does it." When Jesus heard this, he marveled and said to those who followed him, 'Truly, I tell you, with no one in Israel have I found such faith. I tell you, many will come from east and west and recline at the table with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven....And to the centurion Jesus said, 'Go; let it be done for you as you have believed.' And the servant was healed at that very moment.

This passage begins in Capernaum, the village on the north shore of the Sea of Galilee which was home for several of the disciples. A centurion comes to Jesus asking him to help his servant. Think about that for a moment. A centurion was the commander of 100 Roman soldiers like those occupying Judea in Jesus' time. His presence was a reminder that they were not free, but an occupied nation and a conquered people. How do you think the people who lived there felt about the presence of Roman soldiers in their country? How would any of us feel about the presence of an occupying army? How do people in other countries feel about it today? How do people in other countries feel about it today? Most of us would likely be angry, bitter, resentful, and want them to leave. If you were with Jesus, if you were Peter, James or John, what do you think your emotional response would have been to a soldier of a foreign army coming to Jesus asking him to heal his servant? If we were with Jesus, I suspect at least some of us would want Jesus to tell the centurion to get lost and go home and to leave us alone. But Thank God that Jesus is not like one of us. He is a faithful and a loving Lord

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SPECIAL DATES

- Evangelism Mtg. – 7/2, 8/6
- Bible Study – 7/3, 8/7
- Name Tag Sun. 7/7, 8/4
- Parish Ed. Mtg. – 7/8, 8/12
- Staff Meeting – 7/9, 8/13
- Executive Mtg. – 7/9, 8/13
- Grief Share – 7/11, 8/8
- Fellowship BBQ – 7/14
- Council Mtg. – 7/16, 8/20
- Fellowship Breakfast – 7/21
- Pairs – 7/22 thru 7/25
- Ice Cream Social – 8/11
- Youth Group – 7/26, 8/23
- Pairs & Spares – 7/27, 8/24
- Polish Luncheon – 8/25

July 2024

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August 2024

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Memorials and Honorariums

In memory of Hertha Sheridan

Gift designated to Food Pantry
Given by: GBU & Saxonia
Mixed Chorus

Very truly I tell you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life and will not be judged but has crossed from death to life.

John 5:24



Called To Glory

Since the printing of our last newsletter, a member of our church family has departed from her earthly life and entered her eternal home.

Sharron Leach

Born: 10 - 2 - 1938 Departed: 6 - 9 - 2024

We rejoice that she is safe with the Lord forevermore and we pray that God will comfort Her family and friends.

Daily Bread Food Pantry

Summertime is a wonderful season to do a variety of projects and adventures. We have 'spring cleaning' tasks at home that yet remain on the list of "to - do's." Here's a suggestion, if you haven't already checked this off your list. **When was the last time you organized your food pantry?** And what do you do with the foods that you may not plan to use in the summer? People across the nation need food not only in the winter season, but also during the summer too, so why not donate them to our pantry?

The Daily Bread Food Pantry serves Macomb County residents. A group of volunteers sets up the boxes and fills them with valid up-to-date non-perishable foods. **There are two large black pantry boxes located in the ED Unit, ready for your donations.** Anyone who might have expired foods and would be interested in getting rid of them, please feel free to donate these as well. There is a person who accepts these items. Please note that these expired foods are not placed in distribution boxes. Any expired foods brought into the Pantry must be labeled "expired". **The next distribution is Tuesday, July 16th noon to 1p.m.** On average, some 28 households come to the Pantry.

Special kudos to CLC Euchre players who have donated money towards the ministry! The dollars go towards Oakridge gift cards. The store continues to work very generously with local food pantries. These monetary donations also help cover cost of paper products, personal hygiene items and cleaning supplies as well. Everything that is donated is truly appreciated by all visitors. Most importantly, they are all blessed through the Holy Spirit. **Thank you everyone who supports & assists with this ministry.**

Melissa Bruesehoff

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10:00 A.M. SUNDAY WORSHIP

Services are in-person & Live Streamed	1 9:30 Prayer Group 5:00 CLC Praise Band	2 12:30 pm Evangelism & SC meeting	3 1 pm Bible Study	4	5	6
7 Name Tag Sunday Worship Service at 10 am 11:30 - Blood Pressure 11:30 - Worship Mtg.	8 9:30 a.m. Prayer group 5:30 Genesis 6:00 Parish Ed Meeting	9 10 am Staff Meeting 10-1 pm Pins and Needles 6:30 pm Executive Meeting	10	11 12 pm Grief Share	12	13
14 Worship Service at 10:00 am with Holy Communion 11:30 Fellowship BBQ	15 9:30 a.m. Prayer group 5:00 p.m. CLC Praise Band	16 Noon - 1 pm Food Pantry Distribution 6:30 Council Meeting	17	18	19	20
21 Worship Service at 10:00 9:00 am Fellowship Breakfast	22 VBS 9 - 11:30 9:30am Prayer grp. 5:30 Genesis	23 VBS 9-11:30	24 VBS 9-11:30	25 VBS 9-11:30	26 6-8 pm Youth Group at CLC	27 12:30 pm Pairs & Spares Picnic at Steffens Park
28 Worship Service at 10 am with Holy Communion	29 9:30am Prayer Group 5:00 CLC Praise Band	30	31			

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

August 2024

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YOUNG AT HEART

AGE 50 PLUS



The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord lift his countenance upon you and give you peace. Numbers 6:24-26

Ingrid Sciuto	7/2
Pat Van Slembrouck	7/2
Karen Rice	7/3
Judy Krueger	7/4
Dolores Taylor	7/4
Dawn Kopacki	7/9
Ivallee Ahrens	7/11
Teri Gnam	7/13
Trudi Oser	7/13
Sally Oehmke	7/15
Margaret Cawood	7/18
Cheryl Gothro	7/18
Terry Stevens	7/18
Karin Ver Vaecke	7/19
Michael Wright	7/19
Terry Foster	7/20
Jim Brault	7/23
Shelley Gallis	7/23
Allan Mullins	7/24
Beverly Goltz	7/26
David Kopacki	7/28
Sharon Scites	7/31

Happy Anniversary

7/2	Don & Joyce Young	69 yrs
7/10	Larry & Trudi Oser	59 yrs
7/22	Bob & Sharon Makie	57 yrs
7/29	Marv & Sally Oehmke	52 yrs



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

Paul Botalitto	8/1
Martha Bradbury	8/1
Russ Brown	8/1
Debbie Buccellato	8/1
Clifford Noyes	8/2
Sarah Badia	8/8
Roy Castle	8/8
Tammy Lozen	8/8
Nancy Woy	8/8
Terry Straka	8/9
Becky Williams	8/10
Diane Kolton	8/11
Doris Cinder	8/13
Esther Straka	8/13
Laureen Constance	8/14
Sherry Carroll	8/15
Bernie Gallis	8/19
Wilma Koberstein	8/20
Walter Koberstein	8/26
Doris Wetzel	8/26
Bob Slavko	8/31

Happy Anniversary

8/2	Philipp & Gerhilde Rometsch	69 yrs
8/5	John & Jeri Tompkins	57 yrs
8/17	Charles & Lynn Deis	61 yrs
8/29	Roy & Rose Castle	65 yrs

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Church Office Hours

**Mon. – Thurs: 9am –
2:00pm**

Friday – 9:00 am - noon

From the President

I hope you are enjoying your summer. The weather is ever changing, yet we know it has arrived. The sunshine and warm breezes seem life affirming much like the love promised by our risen Lord, Jesus Christ. My prayers are that we as an Easter people, with the knowledge of Jesus' sacrifice, are blessed with renewed faith and strength for daily living. I hope you are able to enjoy some outdoor time to help renew your body and soul.

I hope you are able to join in celebrations of our country's freedoms, especially the freedom of religion and speech, with family and friends this July 4th. Thank you to those of you who were able to join the Congregational meeting June 9th. Your input was greatly appreciated. The vote for housing assistance for Pastor and his family was passed.

Don't forget that our **VBS program is happening July 22-25**. We are still in need of adult and young adult volunteers to assist with the crafts and activities from 9 – 11:30 a.m. **Please sign up on the Blue Sheet, the sheet on the volunteer board, or contact Evelyn Hudson-Wright or Melissa Bruesehoff, if you are able to help.** We look forward to seeing your children, grandchildren, nieces and nephews, joining our program.

Fellowship has reserved a shelter at Steffen's Park in Fraser for **Rally Day, September 8th**. **This will include an outdoor congregational worship service, followed by a church picnic.** Please check the calendar for other upcoming events, and plan to join in the fun. We know that during the summer, many members are away on the weekends. **Remember you can still enjoy our Sunday services via livestream and CLC's website, with the help of our IT committee members.**

Prayers continue for those in need of the healing of mind, body, and spirit, as well as those suffering the loss of loved ones. Please call the office if you are in need of prayers, pastoral visitation, counseling, or assistance with planning necessary related events. **You may also place your prayer requests on the Blue Sheets to be turned in to the ushers.**

You are strongly encouraged to bring and welcome visitors. If you know anyone searching for a church home, please encourage them to visit, and let us know they are joining us. This will give us an opportunity to make them feel welcome.

Yours in Christ,
Cheryl Gothro, Council President

Definition & Short Background of Lutheran Confessions

(continued from June issue)

Article IV: Of Justification

- 1] Also they teach that men cannot be justified before God by their own strength, merits, or works, but are freely justified for
- 2] Christ's sake, through faith, when they believe that they are received into favor, and that their sins are forgiven for Christ's sake, who, by His death, has made satisfaction for our sins.
- 3] This faith God imputes for righteousness in His sight. Rom. 3 and 4

Article V: Of the Ministry

- 1] That we may obtain this faith, the Ministry of Teaching the Gospel and administering the Sacraments was instituted. For through the Word and Sacraments, as through instruments,
- 2] the Holy Ghost is given, who works faith; where and when it pleases God, in them that hear
- 3] the Gospel, to witness, that God, not for our own merits, but for Christ's sake, justifies those who believe that they are received into grace for Christ's sake.

Article VII: Of the Church

- 1] Also they teach that one holy Church is to continue forever. The Church is the congregation/ assembly of saints, in which the Gospel is rightly taught and the Sacraments are rightly administrated.
- 2] And to the true unity of the Church it is enough to agree concerning the doctrine of the Gospel and
- 3] the administration of the Sacraments. It is not necessary that human traditions, that is, rites or ceremonies, instituted by men, should be everywhere alike/observed everywhere.
- 4] As Paul says: One faith, one Baptism, one God and Father of all, etc. Eph 4:5-6.

Article VIII: Of Baptism

- 1] Although the Church properly is the congregation of saints and true believers, nevertheless, since in this life many hypocrites and evil persons are mingled therewith, it is lawful to use Sacraments administered by evil men, according to the saying of Christ: The Scribes and
- 2] the Pharisees sit in Moses' seat, etc. Matt 23:2. Both the Sacraments and the Word are effectual by reason of the institution and commandment of Christ notwithstanding they administered by evil men.

Article IX: Of Baptism

- 1] Of Baptism they teach that it is necessary
 - 2] to salvation, and that through Baptism is offered the grace of God, and that children are to be baptized who, being offered to God through Baptism are received into Go
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OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD 2024



The Evangelism Committee would like to sponsor the Operation Christmas Child ministry again this year. We have done this for many years and we feel this is a wonderful Evangelistic outreach.

The filled shoe boxes are delivered to children living in desperate conditions all around the world. They live in poor neighborhoods, orphanages, refugee camps, or hospitals. Along with the shoe box, the children receive a Gospel booklet written in their own language, with follow-up children's Bible study programs. This will probably be the first time these children will hear about Christ and His lifesaving message. Then these children will go home and tell their family members and friends about Jesus too.

We will have pamphlets available outside the Church office that include suggestions and instructions for filling the shoe box (what to include, as well as what not to include), a tag you can use to label your shoe box for a boy or girl and their age group, and an envelope to contain the \$10 donation (check made out to Samaritan's Purse) to cover shipping expenses, printed materials, and other project expenses. We also have some pre-printed shoeboxes available for you to use, or you can use your own shoe box. If you choose to wrap your shoebox, just be sure to wrap the box and lid separately, and secure it with a rubber band.

Shoe box collection is **November 18-24, 2024**, so you have all summer to take advantage of sales to select fun and useful items for your shoebox. Take children when you go shopping – they will have a great time with you selecting items and then trying to fit them in the box!

If you would like to build a shoebox online: open your web browser and type in: <https://www.samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/buildonline/>
You can start building yourself, or you can select "Build it for me," then follow the Prompts. The cost is \$25. If you have questions, you can call Barb Harry at 586-247-7231.

Your Evangelism Committee



From the Pastor's desk

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who listens to anyone's prayer. Jesus has a love for and openness to other people that is greater than our own and I suspect he was intrigued by being approached by a centurion, someone in whom, at this point, even Jesus didn't expect to find faith. What set this centurion apart was his key understanding of authority and the healthy use of power. He explained how he uses his authority in a proper manner and asked Jesus to do the same.

In Matthew 8:7, Jesus says, ***"I will come and heal him,"*** even though according to rabbinical law, if Jesus were to enter a Gentile home he would have been made unclean. Jesus is willing to break the religious law in order to share God's love and grace with a member of a group of people (a Roman centurion) that his fellow Jews viewed at best, as far less favored by God, and, at worst, were looked down upon as awful sinners who were to be avoided at all costs. You can be sure Jesus was criticized for being willing to go to the home of a Roman centurion. What are the implications for our attitude and approach to other people, especially those who may appear on the surface to be quite different than ourselves, if we followed Jesus' example? Who would we be going to in our community and in our country if we did what Jesus did? Who are the centurions to us?

The centurion replies to Jesus' offer to come to his home by saying, ***"Lord, I am not worthy to have you come under my roof; but only speak the word, and my servant will be healed. For I also am a man under authority,"*** with soldiers under me; and I say to one, 'Go, and he goes, and to another, 'Come,' and he comes, and to my slave, 'Do this,' and the slave does it." When Jesus heard him, **he was amazed.**" In Mark 6:6, Jesus is "amazed" at the "unbelief" of people in his hometown. Here, he is amazed that at the faith of a foreign soldier. Think about that for a moment. Jesus is amazed that the people who knew him best, who shared his heritage, culture, roots, and language with whom he had so much in common were skeptical, critical, and unfaithful. Yet this centurion who grew up in a different country with whom he had so little in common, saw in Jesus power, authority, and compassion to which he appealed not on behalf of himself, but on behalf of his servant. ***"but only speak the Word, and my servant will be healed."*** Speak the Word. He knew how powerful the Word of Jesus was! Of course Jesus spoke the word and the son of the centurion was instantly healed.

Let him speak the Word over our challenges and all kinds of struggles we have in our life. His word will take us out of that valley and uplift our spirit so that we can thank our Lord in all kinds of situations.

Do we have an open heart like this centurion to receive the spoken Word of God into our life? We need the Word now more than ever. Let us say to him, "Only speak the Word!" and he will do it! May the Almighty God address our issue at stake with the Word! God bless you all !

Pastor Tsegayesus H. Hunde

Birth Announcement

Congratulations to music Director

Justin Bowes, his wife Kelsey, and

daughter Selah on the birth of

Sebastian Bernard on 5-31-2024!

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

Thank you again to Kathi and Shannon who surprised me with a pizza lunch when I worked with them in the office on my birthday.

Phyllis Burghardt

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Come Join the Fun!

Monday, 7/22 - Thursday, 7/25
9:00 am - 11:30 am

Children pre-school – 5th grade are welcome to enjoy Bible stories, recreation, crafts, snacks & music.

Registration options: online with Eventbrite, call Church office, or register when you arrive the first day of VBS.