

# CHRIST'S COMMUNIQUE

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## WORSHIP IN THE SUMMER

### 9am Drive In Worship



Drive-In parking lot worship, bring your own chair, device for bulletin if able. Bulletins and padded folding chairs are available. **FM88.1** Live Streaming on FB & later on our website.



### CHURCH PICNIC: JUNE 4



Join us on Sunday June 4th for our Annual Church Picnic. We will start at 12 noon, enjoy picnic style foods and drinks, **bring a dessert to share.** 1 pm – fun and games, 2 pm – hymn sing, 2:30 I scream, you scream, we all scream for, 2:55

Closing prayer.

### 11am Traditional

Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary. Pews in the back are designated for those wanting to continue to wear masks & social distance. Currently worshippers are invited to receive Holy Communion at the Nave level. Individual communion, masks & hand sanitizer are provided.



*"Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven."*

*(Matthew 5:16)*

Gardens are growing. The school year is coming to an end. Vacation plans are set. Summer is almost here! At church, as in the world around us, some things slow down during the sunny season. Together @ 10 and Confirmation will take a break, as will some other groups. At the same time, we look forward to fun summer events – Church Picnic, Vacation Bible School, Youth group trips and camps...

One thing that remains constant for followers of Jesus throughout the year, and through all our years, is our baptismal vocation to shine with the light of Christ in our lives and in the world. We are all called to worship God, serve others, study God's word, give of our time, talents and treasure, and pray. Each of us lives out these marks of discipleship differently but all to the glory of God. Each of us is called to live them out in our own lives, but we also live as disciples together – in our families, small groups, congregation, and community.

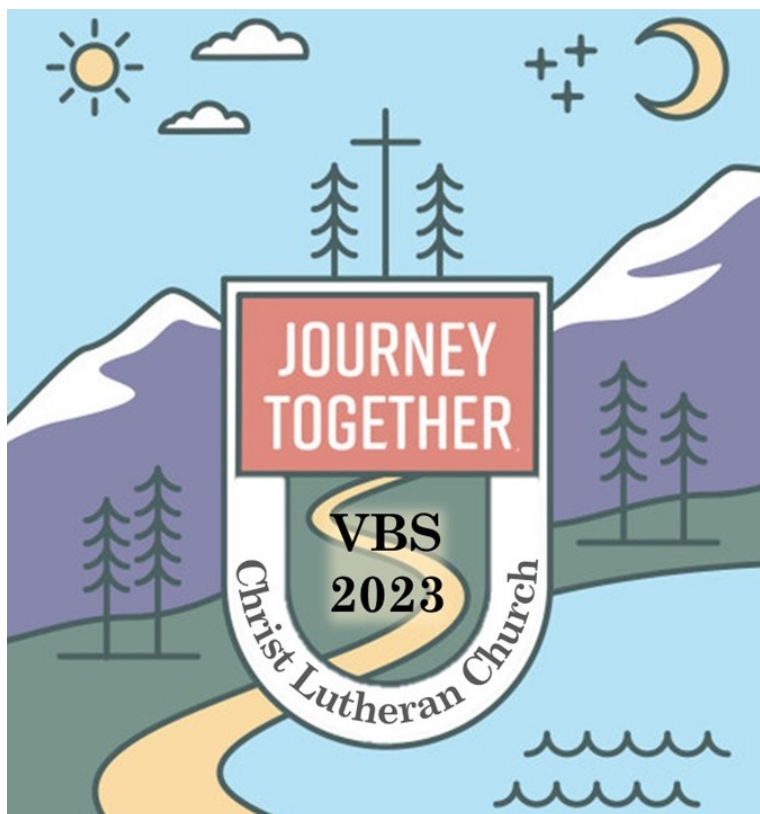
This summer, I invite you to join me in keeping up current discipleship practices, exploring new ones, and having a little (slightly) competitive fun in the process. In this newsletter and on our website you can find the **Christ Lutheran Church Summer Bingo** card! Get a bingo by completing a straight line of activities on the card or give yourself the challenge of doing the whole card. Play by yourself or with family or friends. On August 27th we'll have a Bingo Party at 10am with food, fun, prizes, a celebration of our shared discipleship and, of course, Bingo!

Thank you for all the ways you shine with the light of Christ through every season of every year!

In Peace,  
Pastor Cindy



# JUNE/JULY SUMMER EVENTS



## VBS 2023 JOURNEY TOGETHER

*Food, Games, Crafts, Bible Study, Music and more for ALL ages!!!*

**Friday** June 23, 5:30-8pm (includes dinner),

**Saturday** June 24, 10-2pm (includes lunch),

**Sunday** June 25, 9-11am (includes light brunch).

SurveyMonkey QR code for volunteers & participants to signup.

Questions contact  
Pastor Cindy &  
Donna



## Mission Week June 25-30

**Kairos 2023 is our weeklong faith sharing event for youth who will be in 9th-12th grades in the fall.**

Youth register individually and congregations are encouraged to send adults to serve as small group leaders.

**Kairos is scheduled for June 25-30 at Roanoke College. Reg. by 4/24.**

Questions contact Pastor Dave Skole or Rev Dave Delaney.

## CAROLINE FURNACE CAMP & RETREAT

Camps are open for registration,  
<https://www.carolinefurnace.org/summer-schedule>  
2239 Camp Roosevelt Road, Fort Valley, VA 22652

Contact: Monica Springman,  
Director of Programs for more details and info.  
[monica@carolinefurnace.org](mailto:monica@carolinefurnace.org)  
Tel: 540-449-0012

## Mission Week July 23-28

**Completed 6th, 7th & 8th grades**

**At the Water's Edge—Junior High Servant Event: July 23—28, 2023**

We spend the week serving at various local agencies, learning about issues such as domestic hunger, homelessness, and immigration, as well as experiencing some of the unique opportunities for fun and recreation that the Beach has to offer.

The all-inclusive cost for the week is only \$110 per person (includes meals, tools and supplies, any evening activities, and a T-shirt). Adult leaders are FREE.

## CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON THE FOLLOWING DAYS

Monday & Tuesday, July  
3rd & 4th in observance of  
Independence Day

Thursday & Friday, July  
20th & 21st the office staff  
will be on a retreat.

# JUNE/JULY FELLOWSHIP TIME

## Yippee!!! We're having a picnic.



Hey, do you want to help with the picnic? If so, sign up in the narthex or call Fiona and let her know how you can help. [secretary@christlutheranroanoke.org](mailto:secretary@christlutheranroanoke.org)

First of all, we need tail gate tents for over a table area, if you have one or two, please bring them along. **Saturday Schedule** – SET UP 2:00 pm, Put up bounce house, Layout kid safe zone. **Sunday HELP-** 10 am – table and chair setup, 11 am – food service setup, 3 pm – breakdown – **all hands needed.**

**LET'S PICNIC JUNE 4TH-** 12 noon – welcome and grace, Eats: Burgers and dogs, Cole slaw, Chips, Iced tea, lemonade, and water, bring a dessert to share. 1 pm – fun and games, Youth Group– help with serving lunch, Adult – Bev Schulz– fun activities & games, 2 pm – hymn sing, 2:30 I scream, you scream, we all scream for, 2:55 Closing prayer.

*If it rains, we will move to the Fellowship Hall*

## FROM THE EVANGELISM COMMITTEE

*The place God calls you to is the place where your deep gladness and the world's deep hunger meet. -William Buechner*

**\*What do you appreciate about Christ Lutheran Church and our ministry?**

**\*What are you passionate about?**

**\*How might God be calling you (and us as a congregation) to serve others?**

As we look forward and plan for ministry in the coming months and years, we invite you to consider how you would answer such questions.

Throughout the summer, we will take intentional time to reflect together on how Christ Lutheran can build on our strengths to better share the love of God in Roanoke and the world. Watch for more details about opportunities to gather for meaningful conversation.



**Synod Assembly  
June 9-11, 2023 at  
Roanoke College**

**Power in the Spirit's  
July 13-15, 2023 at  
Roanoke College**

Power in the Spirit is an inspirational conference for people of all ages who wish to explore God's call to service through joyous worship, Bible studies, keynote addresses, workshops, games, and fellowship.

Power in the spirit is a nurturing and challenging for those as they consider their mission and ministry.

## LUTHERAN NIGHT SALEM RED SOX

7:05 PM FRIDAY, NIGHT JULY 15

TICKET COST \$10

Call the church office to order tickets.

## We will be serving Family Promise families June 18- 24.

We will need to prepare dinner for 1-4 families for 3-4 nights that week. The families will still be in the duplexes so the meals will be delivered to them.

Please mark your calendar and contact Georgia Schmitt if you have questions or can volunteer in someway. There will be more information as our time to serve draws near.

Georgia



# JUNE/JULY FELLOWSHIP TIME

## Sunday Scripture Readings JUNE 2023

June 4: The Holy Trinity: Gen 1:1-2:4a, Ps 8, 2 Cor 13:11-13, Matt 28:16-20

June 11: 2nd Sunday after Pentecost: Hosea 5:15-6:6, Ps 50:7-15, Rom 4:13-25, Matt 9:9-13, 18-26

June 18: 3rd Sunday after Pentecost: Exod 19:2-8a, Ps 100, Rom 5:1-8, Matt 9:35-10:8-23

June 25: 4th Sunday after Pentecost: Jer 20:7-13, Ps 69:7-18, Rom 6:1b-11, Matt 10:24-39

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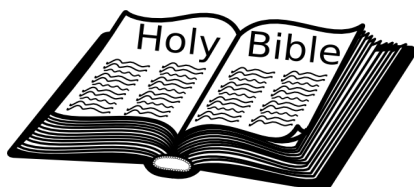
July 2: 5th Sunday after Pentecost: Jer 28:5-9, Ps 89:1-4, 15-18, Rom 6:12-23, Matt 10:40-42

July 9: 6th Sunday after Pentecost: Zech 9:9-12, Ps 145:8-14, Rom 7:15-25a, Matt 11:16-19, 25-30

July 16: 7th Sunday after Pentecost: Isa 55:10-13, Ps 65:1-13, Rom 8:1-11, Matt 13:1-9, 18-23

July 23: 8th Sunday after Pentecost: Isa 44:6-8, Ps 86:11-17, Rom 8:12-25, Matt 13:24-30, 36-43

July 30: 9th Sunday after Pentecost: 1 Kings 3:5-12, Ps 119:129-136, Rom 8:26-39, Matt 13:31-33, 44-52



**Prayers For:** 5/21- Russ, Terry, Amy, Jan, Mendoza family (Texas shooting), Susie.



5/14- Anita (cancer), Brett (bone infection), Donnie (surgery), Darla (accident & surgery), Chris, Gigi (baby), Weber family gathering, Greg (chemo), victims of Violence in Texas Mall shooting.

5/7- Mike (health concerns), Waterson family, Bill, Marlan (Jo's cousin).

4/30- Hunter, Pam (Michael's Aunt).

4/23- Lawrence (breathing issues), Phyllis (heart attack), Vera, (health/meningitis), Christina, Terry, Pam, Floyd, Russell, Geri, Whitney.

4/16- Willis, Harper (6 wk. old heart surgery).

**Families of:** 5/21- John (of the RSO), 5/14- Rev. Kenneth (Barak's father 5/1/2023), John, 5/7- Joseph, 4/30 Judy, 4/16- Boyd.

## COMMUNITY CONTRIBUTIONS

  
Al-Anon Family Groups

### AL-ANON

If you or someone you know, doesn't know where to turn . . . Because someone drinks too much . . .

Al-Anon Family Group can help! Al-Anon meets every Friday night at 7pm here at Christ Lutheran Church in the FSH.

Vaalon.org/find-a-meeting. Any questions contact Don 540)397-3458.



### RAM HOUSE

dining room is currently closed until further notice. Christ Lutheran prepares bagged lunches this month on: **Friday, June 30 & July 28.**

Questions please contact Kathy

# JUNE/JULY STAYING CONNECTED . . .



## OFFERINGS

Thank you for continuing to give of your finances to support Christ Lutheran Church and our community ministries.

*Consider using one of these options for consistent giving over the Summer months:*

- 1) **QR Code** ([secure.myvanco.com](https://secure.myvanco.com)), takes you to the General Fund to donate. This option is helpful to create automatic recurring donations.
- 2) You can put your check in the **US postal service** to the church address.
- 3) Place offering in the **basket** in the Narthex when you're arriving or leaving worship.

## May 2023 Year to Date Financials

**Income: \$110,096**

**Expense: \$166,137**

**Total: (\$56,041 )**  
**(Not including Noah's)**

This QR Code will link you to our secure online giving website, [christlutheranroanoke.org](https://christlutheranroanoke.org).



## JUNE BIRTHDAYS!

**2nd**– Ed, **3rd**– Steven, **4th**– Kate, **6th**– Charles, Kim, **7th**– John, Noah, Bob, Rena, Sarah, **8th**– Sue, Rebecca, **9th**– David, **10th**– Helen, Floyd, **11th**– Eli, **12th**– Henlee, **13th**– Kevin, Helen, **14th**– Jorden, Pastor Cindy, **15th**– Caryl, Brian, **17th**– Beverly, Matthias, Martha, **19th**– Lucinda, **21st**– David, Lily, Laura, **22nd**– Sister Mary, **25th**– Janice, **26th**– Jennifer, **28th**– Janice, **29th**– Pam.



## JULY BIRTHDAYS!

**1st**– Riley, Leslie, Elizabeth, Tucker, **2nd**– Bill, Kenley, Neil, Jack, **7th**– Samuel, Emily, **8th**– Robert, **9th**– Gavin, **10th**– Roger, **12th**– Daphne, Steve, Rita, Tim, Mike, **13th**– Ann, Ryan, **14th**– Sue, Mary, **16th**– Gail, **17th**– Deborah, **18th**– Dave, **19th**– Joyce, **20th**– Dick, **21st**– Robin, Lillian, Maddie, **23rd**– Mike, Riley, Mary Helen, Steb, **24th**– Ethan, Erika, Jessica, Sean, **28th**– Cody, **30th**– Daniel, **31st**– Tina.

# JUNE/JULY FELLOWSHIP TIME



## Apostles Building Update

We are now fully engaged and very excited about the 2023 Apostles Build at 1023 Jamison Avenue. The homeowner, Aubrey Wood, has been working on her home as have the partnering churches, our recurring volunteers and general volunteers. Attached is a photo of the current progress.

## Frequently Asked Questions

### ***Are the Habitat homes given away for free?***

Absolutely not. All Habitat homes are sold to the homeowner families who in turn make monthly mortgage payments back to Habitat-Roanoke. The pay-back model is a paramount foundation for all HFH affiliates.

### ***If the family is paying for the Habitat home, why do churches have to make a financial contribution?***

While the family is paying, Habitat sells the home to them at below market value and definitely below the cost of building. The sales price is based on the family's income so that monthly mortgage payments will be no more than 30% of the family's monthly income. This is the definition of affordable housing. Contributions from the churches and other funding sources are needed to cover the remaining costs of each home that the mortgage does not cover.

### ***How much money needs to be raised for the 2023 Apostles Build?***

We are hoping for a collective \$50,000-\$70,000. While this amount will not cover all remaining costs of the home, it will cover a large portion of them.

### ***When can churches make payments towards the 2023 Apostles Build?***

We ask that all financial gifts made toward the 2023 AB be sent to Habitat-Roanoke by the dedication of this home. We expect dedication to take place in early September so that gives some time. We like to close the books on a project immediately after it becomes the official property of the homeowner. Your financial gifts can be in one lump sum or broken up across as much time as you desire.

### ***Do financial gifts from the church have to come from the church budget?***

Absolutely not. We want your church to do fundraising however it is best for you. Many churches do gifts strictly from their budget. Some do a hybrid gift with some money coming from the budget and some from other sources like a special offering or a fun fundraiser. Some churches raise money for the Habitat build completely outside of their regular budget. Some ideas have been "Pass the Bucket" for pocket change, a youth or children's bake sale/dinner, musical concerts or a special event that focuses on Habitat or affordable housing issues. Individuals may also make donations directly through the Habitat-Roanoke website. If they put a note stating that their gift should go toward the noted church for the 2023 Apostles Build, it will be credited towards your church gift. We are very open to and excited about outside-of-the-box ideas. Please share yours if you use one.

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# JUNE/JULY STAYING CONNECTED . . .

## How can families apply for a Habitat home?

Families of any size from one adult to many members can contact the Habitat-Roanoke office at any time to get information about applying for a home. We do accept applications during quarterly open periods, but they can begin work on their application whenever. Qualified candidates must make at least \$1400 in monthly income, must have never previously owned a home, must be in good rental standing and must have a low debt ratio. Families must be willing to attend our home-ownership courses and do sweat-equity hours. Our Family Services Director, Joyce Williams, will be happy to discuss specifics with any interested family, and we have informational brochures that we will happily give to your church to pass out to your members that may have this need.

Gina Dunnavant, Volunteer and Faith Relations Manager,

**Habitat for Humanity in the Roanoke Valley**

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## TEAR OUT BINGO SHEET, USE OVER THE SUMMER! BINGO PARTY: SUNDAY AUGUST 20TH.



Christ Lutheran Church		Summer Bingo				
<b>Worship</b> 	<b>Serve</b> 	<b>Pray</b> 	<b>Study</b> 	<b>Give</b> 		
Worship at the service you don't normally attend. <i>9am Drive-in 11am Traditional</i>	Volunteer to serve as an acolyte one Sunday (or more). <i>All Ages Welcome!</i>	Pray for those on the prayer list from the bulletin or Communicate every day for a week (or more).	Participate in "Journey Together" VBS June 23-25!	Give treat and/or a card to someone who is having a hard time.		
Save some paper. Use a digital bulletin on your phone or tablet.	Learn about RAM House, Family Promise, and/or Social Club and how you can volunteer.	Write or share with others 3 things for which you give thanks to God every day for a week.	Read one or more of the readings from Sunday worship each day of the following week.	Donate unexpired, non-perishable food to St. Francis House via the church food barrel.		
Bring a friend or (who is not a Christ Lutheran member) to worship with you.	Serve at the Habitat for Humanity Apostles' Build. <i>May 26 or August 12</i>	<b>Grace Space</b>	Read through one or more of the 4 gospels throughout the summer.	Give your offering online or mail it to the church when you are out of town.		
Make a friend. Introduce yourself to someone you don't know before or after the service.	Pick up litter in your neighborhood or while on a trip.		Learn about a local charity and give a monetary or in-kind donation.			
Worship at another church when you are out of town.	Help a neighbor or church member with yard work, transportation, or another need.	Pray the Lord's Prayer slowly meditating on each phrase.	Memorize a Bible passage that is meaningful to you.	Save change and dollar bills and place them in the church offering.		

## EACH WEEK AT CHRIST LUTHERAN

- 9am Sunday Drive-In Worship & Facebook Live Streaming
  - 11am Sunday Traditional Worship
- Adult Bible Study Monday mornings in the FSH @ 10:30am. Zoom available

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