Worship the Lord with gladness; come into God’s presence with singing! (Psalm 100:2)

In the August Communique, Pastor Dave reminded us of the importance of Christians worshiping together regularly. He invited and encouraged all of us to join in worship at Christ Lutheran whenever we can. When we lift our praises, voice our prayers, and hear God’s word together, we find ourselves supported, strengthened, and empowered to share the good news of God’s love throughout the week.

We proclaim the gospel to our families and friends as we help care for their needs and find ways to bring them joy. We proclaim the gospel to our coworkers and classmates as we offer to pray for them and share our faith stories. And we proclaim the gospel whenever we invite others – loved ones, neighbors, strangers – to join us at church!

Throughout the coming weeks, I encourage you to consider the following questions. Among your friends and acquaintances, who might be receptive to an invitation to worship? What parts of the service are most meaningful to you? Why is it important to you to join with others in worship? With whom could you share that part of yourself?

Now, take action. I challenge you to invite at least one person to join you at the Drive-in or the Traditional service in September. Offer to pick them up and bring them if you are able. If not, be sure to greet them when they arrive. Introduce them to others. Sit with them at the service and give guidance if necessary.

Christian worship is a gift – a gift we offer to God, a gift we are given to center and strengthen us. Gifts are meant to be shared! Go in peace. Share the good news!

In Peace,

Pastor Cindy
Dear Friends in Christ,

The Evangelism Committee and I invite you to join us for conversation throughout the months. At each 60-90 minute gathering in the church parlor, we will have an opportunity to catch up and to share about our hopes for the future of our ministry together. Please watch for more announcements, emails, and phone calls.

You can sign up online: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080D4B9Ag2FADo-christ. You may also call the church office or email me (pastorcindy@christlutheranroanoke.org). Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Monday, August 28 @ 1pm; Wednesday, August 30 @ 7:00pm; Tuesday Sept. 5 @ 7:00pm; Saturday Sept. 9 @ 11am; Tuesday Sept. 12 @ 1pm

In Peace and Hope,
Pastor Cindy

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**FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES @ CLC**

SEPTEMBER 10

Potluck brunch at 10am, then starting projects:

- hospitality kits for RAM House
- decorating bags for RAM Lunches
- After the 11am service outside work and community projects
- more details coming soon

**TOGETHER @ 10**

This fall Christ Lutheran members and friends of ALL Ages are invited to gather in the Fellowship for food, fun and learning together! We’ll build relationships and have fun together while exploring the many ways we are called to be good stewards - using our gifts and talents to care for God’s creation including each other, the church, and the world.

On the 2nd, 4th, and 5th Sundays we’ll gather in age level groups.

Watch for more details.

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**CONFIRMATION INFO.**

- **Sept. 17, 3pm @ St. Philip Lutheran** (4-6pm, All Youth Water Battle)
- **Oct. 15, 3pm @ St. Mark Lutheran** (4-6pm, All Youth Food Pantry Service Project)
- Family project due **Oct 31**
- Mentors and Students - Monthly meetings, place and time determined by parents and mentors, discussion guides provided

Let Pastor Cindy know if you have any questions for 6-8th grade students.

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**BLOOD DRIVE**

Christ Lutheran is hosting a Red Cross Blood Drive **Tuesday Sept. 26th** from 1:30-6pm in the FSH. redcrossblood.org to make an appointment.

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**SUNDAY SEPT. 10**

Wear your yellow t-shirt!

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**SEPTMBER 10**

**GOOD STEWARDS TOGETHER**

“God’s work. Our hands.” Sunday September 10 2023
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) **Online** (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 at the 9am service & in the plate at the 11am service.

SEPTEMBER EVENTS

RAM HOUSE
dining room is currently closed until further notice.
Christ Lutheran prepares bagged lunches this month on:
Friday, September 29
Questions please contact Kathy

SEPT. BIRTHDAYS!

YOUTH GROUP INFO.

**Fall 2023**

September 17
Water Battle - St. Philip Lutheran - 4-6pm
October 7
Youth Golf Tournament - Blue Hills Golf Course
October 15
Quiz Bowl - College Lutheran - 4-6pm
November 12
Lion's Share Service Project - St. Mark's - 4-6pm
November 17-19
Lost and Found (7th-8th grade)
December 15
Lock-In - Christ Lutheran - 7pm-9am
Calling all Virginia Synod High Schoolers and their families!

Join Synod Youth Director Dave Delaney on Saturday, September 2nd to learn more about your Lutheran college located on the territory of the Virginia Synod at Roanoke College Lutheran Visit Day! For questions contact either Pastor Dave Delaney at the Virginia Synod Office (delaney@vasynod.org; office: 540-529-6893; cell: 550-529-6893) or Roanoke College Admissions at 540-375-2270.

Handy Folk Group

Join Pastor Dave and the women & men that make up this wonderful group of people that take care of our church building. September 8th at 8am for breakfast at . . . . . . Then back to the church for some maintenance work on church property.

Stewardship Drive

Friends and Family in Christ, We hope you are well! As we come into the fall, once again we embark in our reflections and visions for our church community. This year the Stewardship committee invites you to share in the conversation and journey of our 2023 Stewardship Drive over the next several weeks. The conversation will build on sharing thoughts and experiences that bring us together and build us up as a church and a community in Christ.

We will begin this month with: I LOVE CHRIST LUTHERAN BECAUSE/FOR . . . And will continue over the next couple of months with other statements, we look forward to hearing from you and sharing with you!

- **I love Christ Lutheran because/for . . .** September 3-17 pick up an index card at a worship service you attend and fill in the following: **I love Christ Lutheran because/for . .** Then place it on the bulletin board in the Narthex to share with everyone; it can be anonymous or with your name.

- **I volunteer at Christ Lutheran because/for . . .** September 24-Oct. 8 we will have members share a little bit about their participation in the church and community at the beginning of each service.

- **I pledge to Christ Lutheran because/for . . .** October 15-29 a pledge card will be mailed out to members; please return during this time period.

- **PLEDGE SUNDAY . . .** Return all pledges by Sunday November 5
SEPTEMBER COMMUNITY NEWS

Prayers For: **8/20**- New baby, Teresa, Evron, Ed, Ron, Teachers & students going back to school and college, Mitchell
**8/13**- Katherine (cancer), Elizabeth (cancer), Emily (eye surgery), Helen, baby Jett (back in the PICU), Jessi & baby Michael, Betty, Karen, Betty (covid), Caryl, the community of Maui HI, Russell, Geri, Whitney
**8/6**- Abby (covid), Bev & Tom with Cheri & George (safe travels)
**7/30**- John, Robin, Ruth, Betsy (travels), Diane, Kathy
**7/23**- Jan, Rachel (surgery), Dick, Jim, those with emotional struggles, Kathy & Bill
Families of: **8/20**- Phyllis, **8/13**- Howard, Judith, **7/16**- Tim, Anita, Don

**Green Team**
Are we good stewards of the earth?
Does climate change concern you?
Consider a small group where we can learn and do things together to affect our environment.
If you are interested in such a “Green Team”, contact Gudrun.
You can also contact the church office. secretary@christlutheranroanoke.org
We need your creativity and energy!

Sunday Scripture Readings
Sept. 2023
**Sept. 3**- 14th Sunday after Pentecost:
Jer 15:15-21, Ps 26:1-8, Rom 12:9-21, Matt 16:21-28
**Sept. 10**- 15th Sunday after Pentecost:
Ezek 33:7-11, Ps 119:33-40, Rom 13:8-14, Matt 18:15-20
**Sept. 17**- 16th Sunday after Pentecost:
Gen 50:15-21, Ps 103:1-13, Rom 14:1-12, Matt 18:21-35
**Sept. 24**- 17th Sunday after Pentecost:

1) LUNCH BUNCH WITH PASTOR DAVE
THURSDAY OCT 5 AT 12N.
2) NEW MEMBER CLASS
SUNDAYS: OCT. 8, 15 & 22.
EACH WEEK AT CHRIST LUTHERAN

- 9am Sunday Drive-In Worship & Facebook Live Streaming
- 10am Together@10, in the FSH
- 11am Sunday Traditional Worship
- Adult Bible Study Monday mornings in the FSH @ 10:30am. Zoom available
- Women's Bible Study Monday nights at 6:30pm in the parlor
- Choir rehearsal Wed. nights at 7:30pm in the choir room

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Good news especially for:

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