

# CHRIST'S COMMUNIQUE

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## WE ARE RETURNING TO A MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



### 9am Casual Worship:

Casual Worship meets in the Fellowship Hall during the winter months. We will continue to Live Stream on FB &

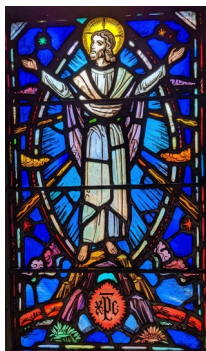
later on our website.



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Some Sundays we will all gather together in the Fellowship Hall. Other weeks we'll

break out into age-level groups. Refreshments will be provided along with good conversation and activities to help us grow in our faith. If you are interested in helping to plan or lead **Together @ 10** events or to provide refreshments, please contact Pastor Cindy.



### 11:00am Traditional

Worship, pews will be 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 provided.

## A Note from Pastor Cindy:

### Praise and Thanksgiving

*Father, providing food for your children,  
by Wisdom's guiding teach us to share  
one with another, so that, rejoicing  
with us, all others may know your care.  
(Evangelical Lutheran Worship #689, st.3)*

This lovely hymn is not only a reminder that all we have is a gift from our loving God, but also a call to generous living. Food, money, all the necessities of daily life are not possessions to hoard, but blessings to share. For people of faith such statements may seem obvious. The challenge, of course, comes in the living.

Does my life really reflect the gracious truth that all is a gift from our loving God? Do I share the blessings I have been given to the best of my ability? Do I live in such a way that "all others may know [God's] care?"

Friends in Christ, as we move from Thanksgiving to Advent to Christmas, I invite you to consider your own answers to these questions. But don't stop there. Make a plan to share your blessings of time, money, and love in the coming weeks. Christ Lutheran Church has many opportunities available for you to give and serve within the congregation and throughout our community – in worship, Together at 10, youth ministry, R.A.M., Rescue Mission, Family Promise, Social Club and so much more... Please feel free to contact me if you'd like to talk more about how you can serve God and others in the coming months.

*Then will your blessing reach ev'ry people,  
freely confessing your gracious hand.  
Where you are reigning, no one will hunger;  
your love sustaining showers the land.*

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# Ways to Gather Together at Christ Lutheran. . .

## Greeting Christ Lutheran Family and Friends!

As we prepare for **Pledge Sunday this coming November 20th**, we take this opportunity to reflect on our role as stewards of the gifts God has so graciously provided us. Not only the gifts of time, talents, and treasures, but the culminating gift of fulfillment we receive when we share our gifts with Love in the name of Christ. We come together this particular Sunday to dedicate a portion of these gifts to the service of God's call to love our neighbors.

We are grateful to all those who have already returned their pledges and look forward to sharing with those who will join us this Sunday!

Thank you for your continued dedication and support.

Warmly, Stewardship Committee

## TOGETHER @ 10 Faith Formation & Fellowship for Everyone!

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Pastor Cindy.



- **December 4:** Intergenerational Advent Event
- **December 11 & 18:** Intergenerational Christmas Pageant Rehearsal
- **December 18:** @ 11am Worship, Intergenerational Christmas Pageant.

## INTERGENERATIONAL CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

**A Christmas Pageant for Everyone!** ALL are invited to Together @ 10 in December as we prepare to tell the Christmas story. Our oldest member has already accepted an invitation to be an angel in the Christmas pageant! How about you? Shepherd, sheep, angel, Wise Person, Narrator...? No lines to memorize! We'll present the pageant at 11am worship on Sunday, December 18. Contact Pastor Cindy for more info.



## CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES DECEMBER 24TH

**Join us on Christmas Eve**

5:30pm Family Service  
9pm Candle Light Service

## CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE DECEMBER 25TH

**10am Community Service**

**Raleigh Court Presbyterian Church**

*Churches included: RC Pres, RC Methodist, Community Heights and Christ Lutheran.*

*All offering on this day will go to support Family Promise.*

## Connecting with Others . . .



### Prayer for Families, Friends, Community & the World

**11/20-** UVA students, families & friends of victims from shooting, Ron, Brenda, Veterans, John, Russell, Geri, Kris, Whitney.

**11/13-** Nick (pneumonia), Chad (spinal injury), Carolyn (Stroke), Patty (healing), Sarah (healing), Eddie (healing).

**11/6-** Isaac & McKenna's wedding, Anita & family, Katherine (covid), Frank, Virginia, Peter, birth of Ethan to Leslie & Jacob, (G/parents Jean & Jim).

**10/30-** Debbie (Kathy's sister), Kelly & Ken (kidney transplants), Carolyn (Caryl Z. friend), Anita, Thelma, Debbie (Cheri's sister).

**Families of: 11/13-** Linda (Bill, Mike, Ashleigh, Barak & Nate), Mary, Robert.

### Sunday Scripture Readings for December 2022



**November 27th: 1st Sunday of Advent:** Isa 2:1-5, Ps 122, Rom 13:11-14, Matt 24:36-44

**December 4th: 2nd Sunday of Advent:** Isa 11:1-10, Ps 72:1-7, 18-19, Rom 15:4-13, Matt 3:1-12

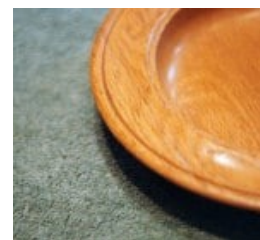
**December 11th: 3rd Sunday of Advent:** Isa 35:1-10, Ps 146:5-10, James 5:7-10, Matt 11:2-11

**December 18th: 4th Sunday of Advent:** Isa 7:10-16, Ps 80:1-7, 17-19, Rom 1:1-7, Matt 1:18-25

**December 24th: Christmas Eve:** Isa 9:2-7, Ps 96, Titus 2:11-14, Luke 2:1-20

**December 25th: Christmas Day:** Isa 62:6-12, Ps 97, Titus 3:4-7, Luke 2:1-20

**GIVING:** Thank you for continuing to give of your finances to support Christ Lutheran Church and our community ministries. Giving options are online on our website, in the basket in the Narthex, and in the US post mail.



### October 2022 YTD Financials

Income \$320, 597

Expense \$387, 677

Net \$(67, 080) Not including Noah's Landing Preschool



**RAM HOUSE** dining room is currently closed until further notice. Bagged lunches this month will be on **Friday November 25**. Questions please contact Kathy.



**WOODROW WILSON MS:** Big THANK YOU to those who have dropped off food items for WWMS! The items are delivered every couple of weeks, and the school counselor is very thankful and excited for our partnership in helping students & families have food over the weekends. There is a box in the Narthex labeled WWMS for your continued support of non-perishable items.

**Canned Goods:** Beans, Soup, Tuna, Veggies, Fruit.

**Dry Goods:** Pasta, Rice, Peanut Butter, Jelly, Honey, Pasta Sauce, Cereal, Applesauce, Macaroni and Cheese, Cereal Bars, Dehydrated soup packets.

**Snacks:** Juice Boxes, Crackers (Ind. Pkg.), Chips (Ind. Pkg.), Fruit Snacks (Ind. Pkg.).



## Staying Connected. . .



### BIRTHDAYS IN DECEMBER

**1st**– Gwinn, **3rd**– Susan, **4th**– Betty, Greg, **5th**– Nathan, **6th**– David, Maggie, **7th**– Hans, **8th**– Joyce, Charlotte, **9th**– Sue, Linda, Denman, **11th**– Geoff, **12th**– Vincent, Vickie, **13th**– Emily, Will, Franziska, **14th**– Alexander, **15th**– Madeline, Shelley, **16th**– Betsy, Kathy, Fran, Courtney, **17th**– Kylie, **18th**– Ed, Lauren, **19th**– Jake, **20th**– Jean, Debbie, **21st**– Greg, Emma, Randy, **22nd**– Marcia, Zach, Richard, Coraline, **24th**– Joseph, Michael, **27th**– Sarah, **29th**– Jim, Amy, Eric, **30th**– Harry, Charles.



**Congregational meeting on Dec. 11<sup>th</sup> after the 9am & 11am worship services for the purpose of electing five new council members and approving the 2023 Financial Budget.**



**Christ Lutheran Church office will be closed, Friday, Dec. 23rd to Monday, January 2nd 2023**



### **Grandin Road Holiday Children's Parade, 11/19 @ 11am**

Christ Lutheran Church has registered for the parade, so join us as we walk from the church parking lot down to Grandin Village. Wear your GODS WORK OUR HANDS YELLOW T-SHIRT IF YOU CAN!

Also, we are offering *Hot Chocolate* to those in the parade from 9:30am. We need volunteers at 9am, call the church office to sign up if you can volunteer for this fun event.



### **LET'S UPDATE YOUR CONTACT INFO. FOR 2023!**

Have you changed any of your contact info. in the last 12 months?

**EMAILS . . . CELL OR HOME NUMBERS . . . MOVED HOUSE**

Fill in the BLUE INSERT SHEET found in the weekly bulletins and leave it in the basket with your offering. Also go to 360unite to update your info. on the online Directory

We will be publishing a small amount in booklet form for 2023.

# Groups Are Meeting Together!

## ADULTS EVENTS



**CHOIR REHEARSALS** Wednesday nights, 7:30pm.  
Questions call Nancy.



**WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY** is suspended until January 2023. This group will be participating in Small Groups for the next 6-weeks, & then Holiday Events for 2022. Questions Donna.

**ADULT BIBLE STUDY** Monday mornings, meetings will be in the FSH, contact pastors if you would like to attend online via Zoom at 10:30am. All are welcome to join this group. Passages for the next Sunday will be studied. Questions contact Pastor Cindy & Pastor Dave.



**YARN N PRAYER** members meet on the 3rd Wed. of the month. **December 21**, is the next meeting in the parlor at 3:30pm. All are welcome to join this group of knitters & crocheters. Instruction always available and free. Shawls are given to those needing prayer, or ill, and for Baptisms. Questions call Rita.



## YOUTH & FAMILIES

### CONFIRMATION

- Students will be meeting during the TOGETHER @ 10 on **Dec 4, 11 & 18**, for the Intergenerational Christmas Pageant Rehearsals.
- Mentors and students are meeting once in Nov & Dec.
- Family project is due in December 4.

### YOUTH GROUP EVENTS:

- **Dec 4:** 8am Cookie Baking, and Selling after the Causal 9am & Traditional 11am worship services.
- **Dec 16:** Area Youth Group Lock-In. Meet at Christ Lutheran at 8pm through Saturday 8am.
- **Dec 18:** 1pm, Shopping for our Christmas Families



*Youth & Parents, let us know if you are not receiving updates on youth events. Currently we are using, Facebook, Instagram, Remind App, and Emails.*

### **Calling All Virginia Synod High Schoolers!**

We are excited to announce that we are working hard to plan a full slate of in-person youth events this year! **Winter Celebration will take place Friday, January 27th, through Sunday, January 29th.** It is our annual weekend retreat for youth in 9th through 12th grade, as well as their adult advisors. More details to come soon. Rev Dave.

## Where can I serve at Christ Lutheran . . .

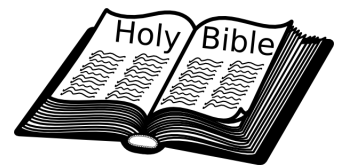
**Flower Deliveries:** to church members are a beautiful way to share God's love. The joy on the faces of the recipients attests to that. If you would like to serve on this team, please call Alice Spoerl to learn more. Contact Alice.



# Hello

**Greeters & Ushers:** Please consider volunteering to serve in either of these ministries. A greeter's friendly face is the first contact visitors have when entering our church. We want to create a warm atmosphere that says: **"Welcome, you have a place here!"** An Usher is a helpful guide for members & visitors to find their way. They also lock up, and turn lights off and place attendance card in office, Contact Sue.

**Readers & Communion Assistants:** Readers are needed at the 9am Casual Worship service and the 11am Traditional service. Please contact Fiona for the 9am readers, in the office 540-982-8334 or email: [secretary@christlutheranroanoke.org](mailto:secretary@christlutheranroanoke.org), or Emily for the 11am readers. For communion assist, contact Emily for more information.



**Communion Assists.:** Carry the sacraments to the altar. People to serve in both these ministries are needed at both the 9am and 11:00 worship services. Please contact Emily for more information.

**Handy Folk Group:** Christ Lutheran Handy Men & Women meet the **Second Friday** of each month at 8AM. The Group is open to anyone interested in helping with small chores and fix-it projects around the church. We meet at 8AM for breakfast at here at the church and then start working on the chores. Please contact Pastor Dave if you are interested in volunteering.



**Communique Volunteers:** Going forward we will be mailing the newsletter once a month. If you can volunteer to help collate the newsletter to be mailed out on the last Thursday of each month please contact Fiona in the office. This is a fun group of people to work with.

**Tech Support:** If you are a Tech Geek, we are looking for hands on help with Sunday morning Live Streaming on Facebook at the 9am worship service. Josh he is a wonderful patient teacher to help you learn all there is to know.



**Altar Guild:** This group of people set up, clean up for each Sunday worship for the 11am service, If you are able to volunteer, please contact Joan. Roles include: Chancel Duty, Clean & Reset, and Cleanup.



## Where can I serve at Christ Lutheran . . .

**Hospitality:** Formally known as the Bereavement team, this group helps with coordinating with events that we host in the Fellowship Hall. This would include a Leader of the group, setup, coordination food, and clean up. If interested in being involved in this group, please contact Fiona in the office 540-982-8334, to discuss further.

**Wedding:** We are looking for a Wedding Coordinator for Christ Lutheran Church and a few people to help in this team. Someone who can meet with Bride, Groom, family members to show them around the church, what rooms are available to use and guidelines for using the church as a venue to celebrate a wedding and reception. If you are interested in this volunteer position please give Fiona a call in the office 540-982-8334, to discuss further.



## Crazy Santa Party!!

**Ladies . . .** you better watch out and not pout when gifts are “exchanged” at the annual **Crazy Santa Party** on Monday, **Dec. 12th** at 6:30 p.m. Bev is again hostessing this rollicking evening. She requests carpooling be arranged to alleviate parking issues. Although Santa may be crazy for the evening, he does bring new items rather than white elephants. Gifts should be wrapped and of a value around \$15. Also bring an appetizer to share. Beverages will be provided. To sign up call Fiona in the office 540-982-8334 or text Bev with any questions. Leave a message if no answer. All fun-loving women of the church are a cordially invited.



## Christmas Luncheon with a Mission

This year's event will be held on Wednesday, Dec 7th at 12:30 pm at Christ Lutheran Church in the Fellowship Hall. Enjoy food exquisitely prepared by our very own Pastor Dave , while helping a worthy endeavor. Cost for lunch is \$15, payable in advance to Bev.

We will be supporting a local Community in Roanoke, Family Promise of Greater Roanoke. A signup poster will be in the Narthex or call Fiona in the church office, 540- 982-8334 for a seat at the table. Direct questions to Bev.

## **Family Promise Needs You!**

Family Promise is the only local ministry to homeless families that keeps the families together as a family unit. This month we are serving two families at our church TODAY Nov. 20 & Monday Nov. 21 of Thanksgiving week. We will provide meals and evening activities for seven individuals (two adults and five children, ages 9, 6, 4, 3, and 2) and three volunteers.

See email sent out last week to sign up for either evening either to supply a portion of dinner or to serve as a volunteer. Dinner items should be sufficient for ten individuals. If you have any questions, contact *Georgia*.





## EACH WEEK AT CHRIST LUTHERAN

- 9am Sunday Causal worship & Facebook Live Streaming Worship.
- 11:00am Sunday Traditional Worship.
- Adult Bible Study Monday mornings in the FSH @ 10:30am. Zoom availability.
- Choir Rehearsal Wed. night 7:30pm.

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*Newsletter publications can be found on our website. [christlutheranroanoke.org](http://christlutheranroanoke.org)*



## Christmas Eve Services

5:30pm Family Christmas Service

9pm Candle Light Services

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