

\*\*\***UPDATES ON IN HOUSE WORSHIP**\*\*\*

Worshipping Indoors Again – Frequently Asked Questions

**Who’s been guiding the congregation’s future indoor worship plans?** Last May, a group of CLC members began meeting to discuss & make plans for us to worship together safely and faithfully. The Back-to-Worship Task Force is comprised of staff, health professionals, worship and property committee members. The group has met monthly to discuss guidance from CDC, VDH, and the VA Synod – ELCA.

**Why are we waiting until July 4 to begin Sunday worship indoors?** As we await more guidance from the VDH and the VA Synod-ELCA, we will be preparing the building, the technology, and recruiting volunteers.

**What precautions will be in place for indoor worship?** At first, all people will be asked to wear masks for the safety of those who are unvaccinated. We will continue to practice social distancing of at least three feet. Those who wish to sing during worship will be invited to do so softly.

**I’m vaccinated, why should I wear a mask?** Until everyone has had the opportunity to receive the vaccine, we will all wear masks to ensure the safety of the most vulnerable among us. As St. Paul writes in 1 Corinthians 8: “... take care that this liberty of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak.”

**Why are we continuing the Drive-In Service?** For various reasons, many of our members and friends do not yet feel safe gathering in groups indoors. We will continue to worship outside, at least through the summer, to give everyone an opportunity to worship in-person with our siblings in Christ. (It’s also a whole lot of fun!)

**Why have we waited longer than some other congregations to worship in the sanctuary?** At Christ Lutheran, we have been incredibly blessed by the configuration of our building and parking lot. We have been able to worship outside more comfortably and reverently than some of our sister congregations who do not have a portico facing a large open space.

**Will we continue to live-stream worship?** We plan to live-stream our services indefinitely in order to worship with as many people as possible.

**What about congregational and other community gatherings in the building?** Some groups, such as AA, are meeting in our facility while following mask and social distance guidelines. Monday Morning Bible Study has also begun meeting in the Fellowship Hall, with the option of joining in via Zoom. If your group would like to begin meeting in the building again, please contact the church office.

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## Christ’s Mini Communiqué

*“O come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!” (Psalm 95:6)*

Let us worship the Lord! This is who we are. This is what we do. As a congregation, the people of Christ Lutheran Church worship together. Though our worship life has changed throughout the last year, we never ceased to gather online and in-person to hear God’s Word, to pray, and to praise our gracious God. The staff and leadership of Christ Lutheran are so grateful to all of you for the ways you have continued to participate in and support the important ministry we do! From online and Drive-in worship to Zoom meetings and Bible Studies to continued care for those in need in our community, we have never ceased living as Christ’s body in our part of the world.

The pandemic has been difficult on everyone and we know that many of you are anxious to get back to “normal.” We are also aware that many among us are not yet ready to join in large gatherings, especially indoors. With all of that in mind, the Back-to-Worship Task Force has developed a plan that we hope will give everyone the opportunity to worship together in ways that feel safe. *Beginning June 2, you are invited to come in-person in the sanctuary for Wednesday Evening Prayer at 7pm. Beginning July 4, the Drive-In Service will start an hour earlier at 9am and will continue to be live-streamed on Facebook Live. At 10:30am, we will worship together in the sanctuary! At first, for indoor worship, we will continue to socially distance and wear masks since many among us have not yet had the opportunity or are unable to receive the vaccine.*

July 4 may seem like a long wait after a long year, but we are hopeful that these next few weeks will give us the opportunity to adequately prepare. In the coming weeks, please watch for volunteer opportunities. We will continue to need people to help with the Drive-In service as well as people to help with the indoor services. Keep an eye out for details about fellowship events between Sunday services as well!

As always, know that I am grateful for your faithful ministry and for the opportunity to serve our loving God with you!

In Peace,  
Pastor Cindy

### Pray for Our Homebound Members:

*Benson Stanley, Marianne Shane.*

#### **Please also pray for:**

**5/24–** Angela, Martin (heart surgery), travel for Shawn Fortner, David Booth (surgery recovery), David & Vickie Jeffcoat (illness), Bobbie Water.

**5/17–** Russell Booth, Geri Bourque (surgery), Danny Schatz (cancer), Terry Wilson (home recovery), Pam Horen, Jan Herring, Kathy Kowalkowski (healing & encouragement),

**5/10–** Linda Johnsen’s ill brother, Jean Richardson (ill), Teachers & Students: SOL/AP testing, Virginia & Peter Argirous (cancer), David Angove, Rosanna (healing).

**5/3–** Delores Shrum (Becki Hartman’s Mom), John & Natalie (on their wedding, Sandra Phillips’ G/Kids), Warren & Melissa (celebrating 52 years), Ed & Evron Bisbocci (upcoming throat-surgery for Ed, and healing for Evron’s knee), Betty McCorkindale (healing), Anita Casey (cancer), Michael York (illness), Jean Gennrich (broken hip), Barger family (health), Jim Wright (sick), Paul Kuhnel (grieving loss of wife), John Vossen (uncle of Evron), Simmons family.

**Families of: 5/10–** Angove family, BJ Sheltor and all others who are grieving at this time.

### **Sundays 10am through June, then starting July 4th 9am.**



Drive-In parking lot Worship. Come park and attend worship in person, with masks & social distancing, fellowshiping with others. Live Streaming available on Facebook & later on our website.

### **Sunday Scripture Readings for June 2021**

#### **June 6th- 2nd Sunday after Pentecost:**

Gen 3:8-15, Ps 130, 2 Cor 4:13-5:1, Mark 3:20-35.

#### **June 13th- 3rd Sunday after Pentecost:**

Ezek 17:22-24, Ps 92:1-4, 12-15, 2 Cor 5:6-17, Mark 4:26-34.

#### **June 20th- 4th Sunday after Pentecost:**

Job 38:1-11, Ps 107:1-3, 23-32, 2 Cor 6:1-13, Mark 4:35-41.



### CONFIRMATION CORNER

- ◆ Final Family project are due **5/30**.
- ◆ Confirmation Day **6/13** Drive-In worship 10am.

*Alex Covington & Richard Ronan Tatoy.*  
This will finish up the year for student confirmation.

[www.faithatchrist.com/confirmation](http://www.faithatchrist.com/confirmation)

If you have any questions about Confirmation at Christ Lutheran, please contact Pastor Cindy.  
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**Local Youth Mission Trip 2021**  
**Mon -Thurs. July 5-8, we will be holding a local mission trip around the Roanoke area. More details coming soon, questions contact Pastor Dave.**



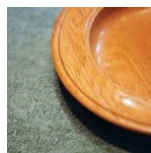
### JUNE BIRTHDAYS

**2nd**– Ed Bisocchi, **3rd**-Steve Rosendahl,  
**4th**– Tim Vail, Kate Ingle, **6th**– Charles Equi, Kim Bratic, **7th**– John Kleven, Bob Neil, Rena Blanchard, Sarah Dogan,  
**8th**– Sue Vail, **9th**– David Wiley,  
**10th**– Helen Perdue, Floyd Firing, John Crute, **11th**– Eli Houtz, **12th**- Henlee Simmons-Burch, **13th**- Kevin Dennis, Helen Kleven, **14th**- Jordan Smith, Pastor Cindy, **15th**- Caryl Zaronikos, Brian Ricci,  
**17th**– Beverly Porter, Matthias Borneff, Martha Neil, **19th**- Lucinda Mitchell, **21st**– David Booth, Lily Latimer, Laura Latimer, David Hartman, **22nd**- Mary Gunderson, **26th**– Jennifer Romeiser, **28th**– Janice Kastler, **29th**– Pam Horen.

**Thank you for continuing to give of your finances to support Christ Lutheran and our community ministries. Give online on our website or in the mail.**

### April 2021 YTD Financials

Income	\$162,977
Expense	151,563
Net	\$ 11,414



### ONLINE EACH WEEK

- Daily Devotions on Facebook
- Sundays 10am through June, starting July 4th 9am Drive-In & Facebook Live Worship  
**\*\*Our NEW goal is to have IN DOOR worship July 4th @ 10:30am.\*\***
  - Mondays 10:30 am Adult Bible Study ~ participants may join in-person, in the Fellowship Hall, or continue via Zoom. No meeting **5/31**, resumes **6/7**, & continues through the summer.
  - **Christ Youth Group**  
**Sunday 6/6, HS Grad Recognition** 10am, then youth gathering until 1pm @ church, bring your lunch, mask & chair.  
*(check remind app & emails for updates)*
- Wednesday Evening Prayer 7 pm ~ **6/2** participants may join in-person in the sanctuary or continue via Facebook Live.

<https://www.facebook.com/christlutheranroanoke>  
[www.christlutheranroanoke.org](http://www.christlutheranroanoke.org)

Watch for ZOOM links for online gatherings via ~ email, first class mail, Facebook & Christ Lutheran Church website. Contact one of the pastors for login info.

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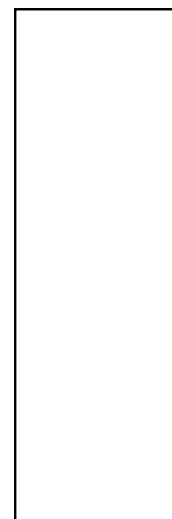
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