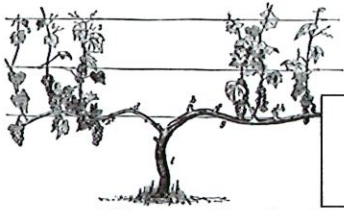


The Crusader

Christ Lutheran Church
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Rev. Donn Woolweber
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8:30 am Praise Worship
9:45 am Sunday School
11:00 am Traditional Worship

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The Pastor's Desk:
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What a Wonderful Month of the Year August Is!

August is the month of wildflowers and vegetable gardens and fields flowing with nearly ripe corn!

August boasts of chrysanthemums and bachelor's buttons and sunflowers bending in the afternoon sunshine. We might think we are nurturing our garden, but of course it is our garden that is really nurturing us.

What abundance! What a blessing! What fun!

Because it is **August** and because the earth seems to be alive as God's revelation of His awesome creation. I have been thinking lately about the word "flourish." Isn't "**flourish**" a perfectly wonderful word?!

Because it's **August** and because creation is gloriously shouting a song of praise, just listen to the birds in your back yard. Let us take a few minutes to think about that word, "**flourish**"! Shall we start with the Bible?! There's no better place to begin than on the sacred pages written by the Holy Spirit of God Himself!

"The righteous man will **flourish** like the palm tree, he will grow like a cedar in Lebanon. Planted in the house of the Lord, they will **flourish** in the courts of our God. They will still yield fruit in old age; they shall be full of sap and very green, to declare that the Lord is upright He is my rock and there is no unrighteousness in Him." – (Psalm 92:12-15.)

Isn't this wonderful news! **You are God's August!** You were created to flourish just like all of creation is doing at this very moment!

God made you to flourish and to inexhaustibly thrive. He did not make you to die on the vine of life. He spiritually designed you for emotional and spiritual abundance in every season of your life. His plan was never that you would be shriveled up emotionally and trampled upon by anger and depression and worry.

God's intent was that you would not live a brittle life but would live a life that flourishes.

When you receive life from the Father it will create a vitality on the inside of you that is contagious and fruitful! Who wouldn't want that?!!

But the purpose of the extraordinary growth inside of you is not just for you, it is to bless other people in your world! - It is to bless other people in your world! His life helps you to flourish and then bless others!

In the ancient Hebrew, "flourish" always refers to something or someone who is growing by leaps and bounds. "Flourish" is a word picture of a plant that is destined to grow abundantly regardless of the climate or drought.

The Psalmist declares that *"the righteous man will flourish like the palm tree."* If the Bible uses the word "righteous" to describe a person, it means that this person has willfully chosen to connect him or herself to God. It does not mean that the described person is perfect but it does mean that the person has chosen to put on God's imputed righteousness. To permanently keep Him on the throne of their hearts.

You will flourish, then, in direct proportion to your connection with God! (Remember that deep and most personal relationship with Him that He so desires).

If you choose to bask in His presence on a daily basis and spend time in the Word and in prayer, your life will be a grand display of the growth that comes from your connection to His righteousness.

To whom or to what are you choosing to be connected?

"In God's Garden of Grace even a broken tree can bear fruit."
- writes Rick Warren.

Many Christians are more connected to the pain of their past than they are to the reality of His presence on a daily basis. It really does matter to you whether or not you read your Bible every day. It really does matter to you whether or not you worship in spite of your disappointment. It really does matter to you if you pray for those who have been unkind to you. To love your enemies and those who wrongfully hurt and persecute you. It really does matter.

"Your mind is a garden, your thoughts are the seeds, you can grow flowers or you can grow weeds." The choice is yours.

The fruits of the Spirit will miraculously make you into someone who has the temperament, the peace, and personality of God. When you choose to be in vital connection with Jesus on a daily basis, the life that you will receive will grow you into the person that God had in mind the day that He knew you and your name before the very foundation of this universe.

You cannot do it without Him and He will not do it without you! You are God's August and it is time for you to produce such an abundance in your life that the world stops and takes note!

God's Blessings Always, Rev. Donn Woolweber

Upcoming Events:

- August 2nd and 16th Holy Communion at both services
- The next Movie Night will be August 18th@6:30 pm.
- Friends Supporting Friends@11:00 am Mondays
- August 3rd-August 7th VBS for BSSP
- August 10-August 13th VBS
- Saturday, August 8th@6:30 pm Bunco
- Thursday, August 13th@1 pm Book Club
- Tuesday, August 18th@2 pm Lay Ministry meeting
- Thursday, August 20th@2 pm LWML meeting



August 2	Teresa Lineweaver
August 9	Bonnie & Dave Rose
August 16	Bill & Val Klettke
August 23	Bonnie & Dave Rose
August 30	Lynn & Rich Flury

Food Shelf Newsletter Article August 2026

Jeremiah 29:11 – “For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.”

A total of 338 non perishable food and healthcare items were donated to Love INC. We assisted one neighbor with their electric bill. Monthly, we provide GrabNGo lunch supplies (bread, lunch meats, cheese, peanut butter and jelly and apples). We also provided 200 individual packets of mustard.

High priority items needed include: pasta sauce, canned fruit and vegetables, cereal, oatmeal, instant potatoes, shelf-stable microwave meals, canned meals (spaghetti-O's etc, with pop-tops), canned tuna/beef/chicken, and dry creamer.

If you'd like to make a monetary donation, it can be placed in the offering plate with the envelope marked "Food Shelf".

Checks can be written out to Christ Lutheran Church with "Food Shelf" on the memo line.

Thank you for your continued support. Every donation made blesses both the recipient and the giver.

FOOD SHELF TEAM

Linda Boone

Carl Boone

Janet Moore

HOT MEALS FOR OUR NEIGHBORS?

Would you like to help expand our ministry by providing one hot meal a month for our neighbors who are in need? We have an opportunity to do just that and need a few volunteers. Volunteers would assist in making the side dishes (mashed potatoes and green beans) and help package the dinners for 50 neighbors.

All necessary supplies would be provided along with the main course (meatloaf), rolls and brownies for dessert and then assembled in our church kitchen. Items would be placed into individual takeout containers and delivered to Love INCs Cross Center and distributed by another set of Love INC volunteers.

The first Friday in October (10/2) is the target date, from 2-4 pm. Please let me know by September 13 if you are interested in helping with this worthwhile project.

Blessings

Linda Boone

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August Birthdays

05 Ginny Hoffman
10 Carol Byrd
11 Maureen Stanton
11 Fred Tidwell
17 Donna Hassman
17 Rich Flury
18 Carol Miller
20 Lois Kopp
21 Kelcey Stanton
22 Joel Lichtenberg
22 Noreen Marten
22 Patricia French
24 Grace Schmick
25 Madeline Dunn
28 Kris Pianka
28 Toby French
30 Justis Morris
31 Art Payne

August Anniversaries

02 Carol & Ron Byrd
08 Katie & Eric Hiller
10 Dave & Bonnie Rose
14 Melissa & Jim Cooper
15 William & Val Klettke
25 Steve & Ginny Hoffman
29 Rich & Lynn Flury

August BSSP News Article

Vacation Bible School

August 3rd – 7th. 6:00-8:00 p.m.
“Rain Falls – Exploring the Nature of God”

Saturday BSSP classes resume on September
12th at 10 a.m.

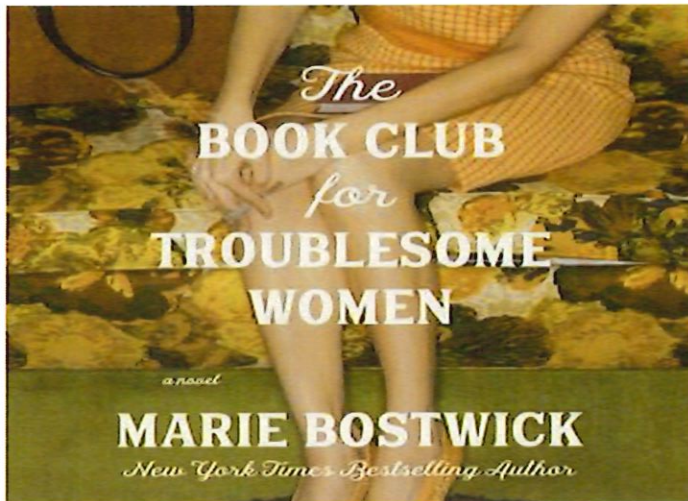
Leona Tull and Donna Hassman
Co-coordinators

EVANGELISM OPORTUNITIES

GET READY! GET SET! GO for the many opportunities that we will have to "reach out" without a soap box this coming fall. Our first major event will be a Fall Festival on October 3rd. October may seem like a long time away, but with all the necessary planning, it will be here before we know it. The very first step in the planning process is commitment. Mentally make that commitment right now. Make a promise to get involved and help in any way your talents allow. Our planned events include pumpkin bowling, face painting, pony rides, corn hole, cake walk, apple bobbing, pumpkin tic tac toe, live Christian music, pumpkin painting, and even a prayer booth. Surely, one of these activities has peaked your interest, so begin thinking how to use your talents. Obviously, we will need lots of pumpkins. If you have any contacts for acquiring them please let Debbie Gates or Don Miller know.

Blessings abound, Don Miller

August Book Club Meeting
Thursday, 8/13, 1:00 pm



The Book Club for Troublesome Women
By Marie Bostwick

Join our book club as we read and discuss this month's book *The Book Club for Troublesome Women*, by Marie Bostwick. The story follows four women in 1960s America who form a kinship through a book club. The books they read impact their lives, leaving long-lasting repercussions on the women's marriages and daily lives. The story takes place largely in the year 1963, and is full of references to historical US events, including Martin Luther King Jr.'s speech at the Lincoln Memorial and President Kennedy's assassination. The novel explores the life of women in the 60s and the political and cultural changes in American life.

Please join us for this engaging story. Bring a snack to share and ideas for books to read for the fall season. Looking forward to seeing you at Book Club on August 13th at 1:00 pm.

Our New LWML Year is Ready to Begin!
Thursday, August 20 @ 2 pm

Hello Ladies of Christ Lutheran! Our new LWML year begins in August and our first meeting is Thursday, August 20th at 2:00 pm. Come enjoy a fun time of fellowship with the ladies from our church. Join us for a short Bible Study and activity. Meet our new officers, President Cathy Young and Vice President Debbie Gates, and help plan our LWML year. We still need a secretary, so think about helping a little more with Christ's LWML group. We are looking forward to seeing you on August 20th. Please join us!

2026 Chesapeake District LWML Convention,
September 25-27, 2026, Founders Inn, Virginia
Beach, VA.

Our LWML District Convention is coming soon! Women from throughout DC, Virginia, Maryland, and Delaware are joining together in Virginia Beach, VA, for a weekend full of faith filled activities and fellowship. Our National LWML President, Eden Keefe, will be attending, joining the ladies of the Chesapeake District for worship, meet and greets, exhibits, mite walks, Bible study, mite presentations, and more! LWML Conventions are always exciting faith building spiritually enriching events. Interested in attending? You will be excited you did! Talk to Jean Lohmeyer for more information and registration details.

LLL CLOTHING DRIVE

Sure hope you all have been going through your closets and bureaus to weed out those clothes you no longer wear. Drop them off in Luther Hall beginning Saturday, August 15th and continuing through Sunday September 6th. Shoes, clean underwear, socks and hats are also accepted. Please don't drop off worn out or soiled items. If you itemize your deductions for tax purposes, receipts will be made available. Advertising is planned for the "Star" and the "Guide" in hopes of reaching those in need in our community. If you have spare coat hangers, please drop them off also. We would like to borrow coat racks for the 3 weeks if you have one to spare. Tape your name on the rack to ensure proper return. We have implemented a policy of only 5 items per person for those receiving clothing. If you might have any questions, please feel free to contact Don Miller at 302-258-6367,

**Stephen Ministry: Caring relationships within the body
of Christ**

The term body of Christ describes people united by Jesus Christ into a real community. This "family-ness" of Christianity entails both benefits and responsibilities. We are called to move beyond mere superficial relationships with others to discover what in-depth caring is all about. We caring Christians follow the example of our Lord Jesus. He loved. He grieved. He became angry. He nurtured. All of these are elements of deep relationships. The idea of family has many implications for us as we go about caring for and relating to others. The distinctive reality of the Christian community can positively affect both the caregiver and the one receiving care. If you have a concern and would like to talk with one of our Stephen ministers on a strictly confidential but personal level, please call Aileen at 302-930-7070.

Stewardship Spot"
A Generous Church

As recommended by the Church Council, a Stewardship Committee identified five area charities that we felt were deserving of our contribution and support. That was approved by the Council last month, and we (you!) will be helping out those five organizations with a contribution in the next few weeks. THANK YOU for your generous contributions to Christ Lutheran that made this gift possible! May God continue to Bless CLC, our congregation, and the five groups that are doing such wonderful things to help our citizens that are in need."

Thanks,
Toby

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