

The Crusader

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

JUNE 2025



Pastor's Portion

With age comes wisdom, but sometimes age comes alone."—Oscar Wilde

By now, most of you have heard that I'm going to be retiring at the end of December of this year. Our Call Committee, chaired by Madeline Dunn, has done excellent work in concert with all our members, and we're in a good place to be interviewing candidates for the full-time Pastoral ministry here at Christ Lutheran. The Holy Spirit's promises to guide both our congregation and these pastoral candidates and their families.

I'm increasingly conscious of the need to retire fully: My desire to spend more time with Linda; my longing to see our children and grandchildren more often; my brother's battle with cancer; and my sisters being far away have all played a part in my decision. As I look back on my life, I can't believe I'm going to be 70 years old in October.

The milestone of retirement pales in significance compared to the fact that Christ Lutheran is celebrating its 70th anniversary this coming September. Any celebration of an anniversary should prompt repentance on our part, because of the hurts we've caused others over the years and the opportunities we've missed to share the Gospel with others.

But greater than our sin is the fact that God will never give up on us. A verse of the hymn, "Drawn to the Cross," describes both our past and where we can be in the present and in the future: "Thou knowest all my griefs and fears, Thy grace abused, my misspent years; Yet now to Thee with contrite tears, Christ Crucified, I come."

We can't go back and change the past or erase our mistakes. But we can turn to our God, who "pardons sin and forgives the transgression of his people" (Micah 7:19).

With the assurance our sins are forgiven for Jesus' sake, we can follow God's direction in Ephesians 5: "Be very careful, then, how you live—not as unwise but as wise, making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil" (vv. 15-16).

In a nutshell, here's what I believe God would teach us:

1. Time is short. The feelings of immortality we had at 25 are no longer there. There is only so much time to tell those closest to you that you love them. And time to tell your neighbor who doesn't know Jesus that God's love is for them, (See 2 Cor. 6:1 and Heb. 7:13-15).
2. Relationships are the most important thing. This world in its present form is passing away (1 Cor. 7:31), so invest your time and energy in people rather than things (Gal. 6:9-10).
3. "Don't let the sun go down on your anger" (Eph. 4:26). Admit your part in the breakdown of any relationship. Be quick to ask forgiveness and to share it.
4. "In this world," Jesus says, "you will have trouble. But take heart, I have overcome the world" (John 16:33). No matter what may come our way, we can be thankful, because by God's grace and mercy we have a place in His unshakeable kingdom (Heb. 12:28).

Please don't hesitate to call me at any time to pray with you (443-523-8579). I'd be glad to visit with you at my office or in your home. And if you know of someone who could use a pastoral visit, please let me know.

Yours in the love of Christ,

Pastor Ray

BSSP June news article

BSSP ended its year on Saturday, May 17th, in a magical way.



Thank you to all our staff for the good year: Peggy Gum, Dan and Carol Schreffler, Jean and Keith Lohmeyer, Cathy Young, Michelle Nuss, Rick Morris, and Nan Boyd.

Vacation Bible School is scheduled for the week of August 4-8 with the theme "True North – Trusting Jesus in a Wild World", and we look forward to a very fun-filled week.

Leona Tull and Donna Hassman, Co-coordinators

Food Shelf Newsletter June 2025

Acts 20:35 the apostle Paul is speaking to the church of Ephesus when he quotes Jesus by saying: "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

In May we were able to assist with two electric, one rent and one auto insurance bill. With changing economic conditions, it is harder and harder for our neighbors to meet their everyday needs without our assistance.

We were able to continue our support of the Grab and Go lunch ministry and also donated one hundred sixty (160) non perishable food items. An additional donation of sunscreen and bug spray (10 cans) was also made.

Summer months are here and the needs list from Love INC has been updated to include bug spray, sunblock, after sun lotion, and bottled water. (A copy of the list is attached to the food shelf in the Narthex.)

Every donation you make is significant and blesses someone. Thank you for your continued generosity, support and prayerful consideration to help meet the increased needs of our community.

Blessings,
Food Shelf Team
Linda Boone
Carl Boone
Janet Moore



Altar Flowers

June 1	Dan & Carol Schreffler
June 8	Ruth Williams
June 15	Donna Hassman
June 22	Cathy Young
June 29	Joel & Candi Lichtenberg

June LWML Mission Highlights

All LWML National grants have been paid for the 2023-2025 Biennium. This month, new mission grants will be selected at the National 2025 LWML Convention in Omaha, Nebraska for the 2025-2027 Biennium. Our LWML Chesapeake District grants are funded for the 2024-2026 Biennium with new mission grants being selected next September in 2026.

LWML National Grant #27–2023-2025 Biennium

Siouxland Lutheran Hispanic Ministry - Hope Lutheran, South Sioux City, Nebraska - \$50,000

Watch the video about this mission grant @ www.lwml.org/2023-2025-mission-grant-27.

Siouxland Lutheran Hispanic Ministry, located at Hope Lutheran church in South Sioux City, Nebraska is building relationships with Hispanics in the Tri State border region of Nebraska, Iowa, and South Dakota. Pastor Henry Witte, the vacancy pastor, collaborates with and trains local congregations to meet the needs of their Hispanic neighbors and share the Good News of Jesus with them. Siouxland Lutheran Hispanic Ministry is supported by local churches and at least two districts in their outreach to the Hispanic community.

This grant will give additional support for Siouxland Lutheran Hispanic Ministry outreach and will be used for English as a Second Language classes, citizenship classes, community outreach events, Spanish Bibles, catechisms, hymnals, and other resources, plus retreats, conventions, and special holiday meals.

Chesapeake District LWML Grant #6 – 2024-2026 Biennium

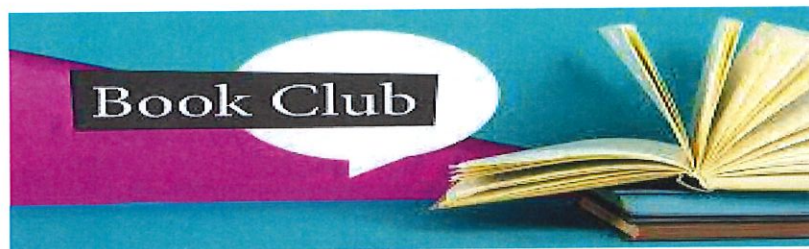
St. John's Lutheran Church, Farmville, VA Jobs Program- \$5,000

Establishment of jobs program to create pathways for meaningful work.

April Mite Box Offerings - \$408.00

May Mite Box Offerings – \$234.00

Easter Egg Sales Mite Box Offerings - \$1,000.00



June Book Club

Our Book Club meeting this month is Tuesday, June 10, at 1:00 pm. *Of Windmills and War*, a novel by Dianne Moody, is our June selection. Here's a summary: The rumblings of war in distant countries mattered little to Danny McClain. Growing up in Chicago, his world revolved around after-school jobs, a rescued beagle, his pen pal in Holland, and the Cubs' chance to go to the World Series. Then, in December of 1941, news of the attack on Pearl Harbor hit much too close to home. In a few years, Danny found himself in the co-pilot seat of a B-17, stationed with the 390th Bomb Group in Framlingham, England. Anya Versteeg had been just a teenager when Hitler's troops invaded her homeland of Holland in May of 1940. Forced to grow up much too fast, the feisty preacher's daughter eagerly immersed herself in the Dutch Resistance. Certain that God had turned His back on Holland, she did whatever she had to do to save her country before it was too late. By 1945, the people of Occupied Holland were starving. Thousands were dying every day. Then, just days before the war ended, help came to the Netherlands like manna from heaven. Operation Chowhound held special meaning for Lieutenant Danny McClain. Somewhere below in the battered land of tulips and windmills was the girl who needed rescuing, and he would move heaven and earth to find her.

Join us for engaging discussions about each of the books we read. July's book is *Counting Miracles*, by Nicholas Sparks. Please call Jean Lohmeyer @ 302-569-4194, if you have questions. Come join us in June. We are looking forward to seeing you!

Pick up your copy of *Of Windmills and War* at your local library, bookstore, online retailer, or through Amazon, and join us on Tuesday, June 10 @ 1:00 pm for Book Club.

June LWML News

Easter Egg Fundraising Mission Project Results

The final results of our Easter Egg Project were amazing! How thankful we are for all of our Christ Lutheran friends and family joining together in fellowship to make our delicious eggs and sell them to our community. Our 65 year tradition has continued to support our mission work sharing the message of our Savior here in Seaford and throughout the world. This year, we sold over \$14,000 of our chocolate covered eggs and raised over \$10,900 for mission work. How wonderful it is to be able to use this money to share the message and love of Jesus.

Our LWML will be sharing our 2025 Easter Egg Fundraising Mission Project results with 4 ministries in our community and with the Chesapeake District LWML Mite Box ministry.

*Love INC (In the Name of Christ) of Mid-DelMarVa - \$2,500

*Her Care Clinic Women's Health Center - \$2,500

*Home of Hope, DelMarVa Teen Challenge - \$2,500

*Redemption City - \$2,500

*Chesapeake District LWML Mite Box Ministry - \$1,000

LWML End-of-the-Year Dinner

On May 15, our LWML hosted our annual End-of-the-Year dinner. Twenty-one women joined together for an evening of fun and fellowship at Laurel Pizzeria in Laurel. Ruth Robbins, Pastor Ray's daughter, was our special guest, sharing her mission and ministry in an inspirational message. Kathryn Lamberton made delightful favors for everyone. We had a wonderful evening!

LWML End-of-the-Year?

Is it really the end of the year? No! Definitely not! As we all know, summer often brings vacations and travel. Many of our members are busy with summer activities, and as a result, our LWML runs through the school year with meetings and takes a break until our August planning meeting. We have talked about having some fun activities this summer, like a craft project, or an activity night. How about attending the Delaware State Fair Christian Music Day. That is always a marvelous event! We are looking forward to seeing you in our LWML ministry. Come join us!



Upcoming Events:

Friends Supporting Friends held on Monday at 11 am
Choir Practice every Thursday at 7 pm
June 1st and June 15th-Holy Communion at both services
June 7th@11 am Fellowship Event at Schumaker Park in
Salisbury, Maryland, sponsored by Bethany Lutheran Church
June 8th after service Congregational Meeting
June 10th@1 pm Book Club
June 14th@6:30 pm Bunco
June 17th@2 pm Lay Ministry Meeting

Happy Birthday

June Birthdays

01 June Tidwell
13 Dale Odenwelder
13 Eric Stanton
14 Dennis Stordahl
17 Carin Vermette
17 Carol Cozza
20 Bill Watkins
21 Cathy Young
21 Stephanie Scotton
22 Roger Schmick
23 Lauren Stanton
23 Sheri Giordano
28 Mildred Kluckman
28 Bob Wingate



June Anniversaries

07 Charles & Margaret Wall
17 Dale & Carol Odenwelder
23 Jimmy & Cathy Young
29 Joel & Candis
Lichtenberg



STEPHEN MINISTRY MINUTE

As a Stephen Minister, I have found the following poem to be true. It was written by Ullie-Kaye, a Canadian Poet that I follow on Facebook.

Healers.

it takes a wounded soul to fully understand
another wounded soul, I am convinced of it
some of the most precious humans that I have
come to know are caregivers because they too,
have been there once. where it was dark
or burdensome. or eerily quiet. they have
to fight for something. struggle through.
come face to face with decisions that no one
should have to make. And now look at how
they gravely shine their light for everybody
else to see. tending to the broken, mending.
always mending, still with a few missing pieces
here and there but loving brightly nonetheless.
what a beautiful thing it is to give because you
have known lacking and longing and loneliness.
I have come to believe that the hurt ones are
the healers.

Just remember, we are the care givers.

Only Jesus is the cure giver.

FUN OUTDOOR SOCIAL EVENT

Save the Date! We're invited by our sister congregation, Bethany Lutheran in Salisbury, to a picnic at **Schumaker Park in Salisbury on Saturday, June 7, from 11 a.m. till 3:00 p.m.** The facility has large pavilions, a barbeque and a Disc-Golf course. Bethany will provide hot dogs to grill, as well as condiments. Bethany is also bringing a couple of cornhole sets as well as some frisbees for the disc course. Together with Immanuel, Easton and Immanuel, Preston, we'll be bringing side dishes, desserts, and drinks. See the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board.

SAVE THE DATE

We will be needing teachers and volunteers! Christ Lutheran Church will once again hold its Vacation Bible School for elementary school aged children this summer. Our dates are July 28th through Friday, August 1st, 6:00—8:00 pm.



CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

SUNDAY
JUNE 8TH

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SERVICE



June 2025

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◀ May 2025	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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More Calendars: [Jul 2025](#), [Aug 2025](#), [2025](#)