

# **The Crusader**

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

# SEPTEMBER 2025



**The 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Christ Church:  
Remembering the Great Things God Has Done**

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Do you ever wake up in the middle of the night and have trouble going back to sleep. The Psalmist David must have had this problem, because he writes in Psalm 63: "On my bed I remember you; I think of you through the watches of the night" (v. 6).

The other night, when I was tossing and turning, God brought an event from the Book of Joshua to mind, an event instructive for us as we prepare to celebrate the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Christ Lutheran Church.

God had been preparing and was now raising up a new leader for Israel in the person of Joshua. Just as the Israelites had found themselves "between a rock and a hard place" when the Egyptian chariots were pursuing them and the Red Sea lay in front of them, now the Israelites face a seemingly insurmountable obstacle: the Jordan River rages in front of them at flood stage. "How will we ever get across into the land God has promised?" is the question uppermost in their minds.

We know the answer: "Nothing is impossible with God."

Through Joshua, God directs the priests carrying the Ark of the Covenant, the visible symbol of God's abiding presence, to walk ahead of the people. As soon as the priests wade out, the waters from upstream mounded up in a heap. And while the priests carrying the ark stood still on the dry river bed, the whole nation passed safely across.

While they were crossing, God instructed a leader from each of the twelve tribes to pick up a rock from the river bed. So that Israel might always remember God's great act of deliverance, the leaders erected a monument from those twelve stones once they made camp that night at a place called Gilgal.

After waking in the morning, I reread the story of what happened that fateful day in Israel's history, and two things stood out for me: 1) The Israelites needed that monument of stones as a kind of mnemonic device, a "memorial forever" (Joshua 4:7) to help them remember God's great act of salvation there at the Jordan River. The cross that hangs on the wall of our chancel, as well as every celebration of the Lord's Supper, reminds us of the deliverance from sin, death, and the power of the devil that Jesus won for us at Calvary. At this 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary, we remember all the good that has been accomplished here at Christ Church over the years. Who gets the credit for that? GOD!

**Pastor's Portion (continued)**

The power of God has been working through His Word, which never returns to Him void but accomplishes the purpose for which He sent it (Is. 55:11). 2) The Israelites had only just begun the work God intended for them to do. After the crossing forty-thousand soldiers prepared for battle there on the plains near Jericho, the first city they would miraculously conquer in the Promised Land. We, and our ancestors in the faith, have only just begun partnering with Jesus in His mission. We have a battle to fight, only it is part of the "good fight of faith" (1 Timothy 6:12). As St. Paul reminds us in 2 Corinthians 10: "... We do not wage war as the world does. <sup>4</sup> The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds. <sup>5</sup> We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ (See also 2 Corinthians 6:3-13). Jesus sets forth the "marching orders" for Christ Lutheran—and for the whole Christian Church—in Matthew 28: "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you." Needless to say, we have more work to do as Christ Lutheran Church. God's purpose for us has not changed. And best of all, Jesus' promise still stands firm: "Lo, I am with you always to the end of the age."

Yours in the Love of Christ,

Pastor Ray



## Together We Praise God for Our 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

It is truly a blessing that we have been able to serve the Lord for 70 years here at Christ Lutheran Church. We can look across America and sadly see so many church closings. It is by His grace alone that any of us are saved and that this church is still in existence.

To God alone belongs all praise and glory!

Having been saved, we have been working together with God in His mission. As St. Paul writes: "It is God who works in [us] both to will and to do according to *His* good pleasure" (Philippians 2:13). Empowered by the Holy Spirit, we have chosen to serve God by providing pastors, a house of worship, evangelists, teachers, administrators, and volunteers for the work of God's kingdom.

On Sunday, September 21<sup>st</sup>, there will be one combined service at 10 a.m. to celebrate this milestone. Our Southeastern District President, the Reverend Doctor William Harmon, will deliver the sermon. Following the service there will be a catered luncheon for our congregation and guests. Please sign up on the attendance sheet located on the bulletin board in the narthex by Luther Hall by September 7<sup>th</sup> so that we may give the caterer an accurate count.

Each of our members and friends have received an invitation to this celebration. We have also sent out approximately 120 invitations to former members in the hope that they will attend or watch the service on online.

Hope you can attend this historic celebration of Christ Lutheran Church.

Blessings in Christ,  
From the 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee

FOOD SHELF NEWSLETTER SEPTEMBER 2025

Luke 3:11, And he answered them, **“Whoever has two tunics is to share with him who has none, and whoever has food is to do likewise.”**

We provided two women an overnight hotel stay in order to avoid domestic abuse while other more permanent arrangements were being made.

Bread, peanut butter and jelly, and lunch meats and cheese were donated along with individual packets of mayonnaise and mustard to support Love INC's Grab 'N Go lunch ministry.

One hundred ninety-one (191) non perishable food items and 16 personal care items (travel-sized hand sanitizer, first aid kits and soap) were delivered to Love INC's Cross Campus. Our donations were greatly appreciated since the food donations have diminished and food insecurity has increased.

Current high priority needs include: oatmeal, pancake mix, canned meals with pull-tops (SpaghettiO's, chili, soups), fruit cups, granola bars, peanut butter and jelly, canned beans, and ziplock sandwich bags.

Thank you for your continued generosity, support and prayerful consideration to help meet the increased needs of our community. Your donations make a difference.

Blessings,  
Food Shelf Team  
Linda Boone  
Carl Boone  
Janet Moore

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Altar Flowers

September 7  
September 14  
September 21  
September 28

Joan Kresefsky  
Betty Wilks  
Kathy Williams  
Donna Hassman

## Evangelism Report for September Newsletter

Fall is right around the corner! Before we know it, great things will be happening here at Christ Lutheran. The best thing we can do is prepare ourselves for the next new beginnings God has in store for us. A new Pastor, new members, etc. All of us need to remember each other in our prayers as preparation for these new beginnings start to become a bright reality!

The Evangelism Committee has been placing newspaper ads in the Star. These ads are reaching the towns of Seaford, Laurel and Georgetown. They are aimed at sparking interest for people that either don't know we are here or that are looking for a church family to belong to. These ads will run through the end of September. So, if you see new folks coming to worship with us, do what we do best and greet them with welcome arms!

The Bible verses have been added to the top of the doors of Luther and Fellowship halls.

Our 70th Anniversary will be on September 21st with a combined service at 10am.

The Evangelism Committee extends a warm Thank You to Michelle Nuss for her unwavering commitment of service to Christ Lutheran Church, not only all the support and contribution Michelle extended with Pastor Dave while they worked as a team to serve our congregation, but Michelle continued to serve after Pastor Dave went home to be with Jesus. We wish her God's speed and grace as her journey goes on in her move to Virginia to her new home and close to her family! Well done, Michelle, enjoy the many things God has in store for you! You are loved!!!

Brighter lighting/light bulbs in the sanctuary over the pews was suggested to make it brighter and easier for folks who follow along using the hymnals for the liturgical services. We are also looking into purchasing new candelabras, one for each side of the altar.

As always, if anyone has any other ideas they would like to see happen, please bring it to our attention and we will work to make them happen! Thank you in advance for your ideas! Have a great September and may God bless every one of us!!

Your Evangelism Committee



## BSSP September News Article



Vacation Bible School for BSSP was held the week of August 4<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> with 12 students attending. We had a great time singing and dancing to the music videos, listening to the Bible stories, doing crafts, and eating. The theme was "True North - Trusting Jesus in a Wild World".

Our successful week was made possible with help from MANY Congregational members (Janet Moore, Kathy Williams, Ruth Williams, Lois Obermire, Sue Morris, and Holly Adams) who under the direction of Leona Tull helped with the evening meals; and our dedicated BSSP staff members (Leona Tull, Michelle Nuss, Cathy Young, Jean & Keith Lohmeyer, Peggy Gum, and Donna Hassman) who helped with the program and serving meals.

Thank you also to the parents and caregivers who sent their students each evening.

Our Saturday BSSP classes will resume on September 6<sup>th</sup> with the following lesson schedule:

September 6 - God Creates the World

September 13 - God Creates Adam and Eve

September 20 - Sin Enters the World

September 27 - Cain and Abel

We meet from 10 a.m. to 12 noon on Saturday mornings and invite everyone to visit and see our program and the fun we have.

Leona Tull & Donna Hassman, Co-coordinators

## Upcoming Events

Friends Supporting Friends held on Monday at 11 am  
 September 6th@10 am BSSP  
 September 7th and 21st-Holy Communion at both services  
 September 9th@1 pm Book Club  
 September 13th@6:30 pm-Bunco  
 September 16th@2 pm Lay Ministry Meeting  
 September 18th@2 pm LWML Meeting  
 September 21st@10 am 70th Anniversary Celebration Service  
 and catered meal

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**Happy  
Birthday**



02 Phyllis Livingston	14 Jean & Keith Lohmeyer
03 Roxanna Wingate	16 Kris & Tim Pianka
05 Debbie Lineweaver	30 Donna & John Hassman
05 Sally Schuh	
10 Niko Scotton	
13 Peggy Gum	
15 Shirley Jenkins	
15 Caitlin Stanton	
16 Rose Wheaton	
16 Katie Hiller	
19 Dave Rose	
20 Melanie Asche	
21 Jesse Young	



## CHOIR NOTES for September

The Choir is back in rehearsal, getting ready for our 2nd full year of working to enhance the Worship at Christ Lutheran Church.

To begin the year, we are working on two anthems for our 75th anniversary service. The first is "A Welcome Place" by J. Paul Williams and Joel Raney. The anthem was written for the Centennial of Grace Lutheran Church in Wisconsin, and sums up what a good, growing congregation should be. The second is the Lloyd Larson's "From Age to Age the Same," which incorporates "A Mighty Fortress" into a message highlighting God's presence in our lives.

We're also planning to revive the Men's Quartet, using the same technology that we use with the choir. We'll have a few new faces, and maybe more than 4 singers, you know, if Bill Gaither can do it, why not Christ Lutheran.

Our goal, as always, is to bring traditional and contemporary choir music to our 11 AM service, and we can always use more voices. Rehearsals start at 7 PM on Thursdays and last about an hour. Its going to be an interesting year, one designed to let the choir grow in ability, while singing the praise of the Lord!

Won't you join us?

Roy



## Stephen Ministry Minute

When God comes knocking  
On your door and you choose  
not to listen – don't be surprised if He  
knocks a little harder.

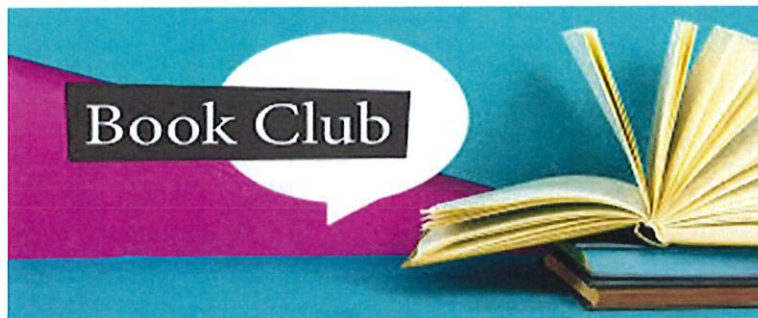
Sometimes He runs after our hearts through illness,  
loss or anything else that brings us down to rock bottom  
And forces us to rely on Him.

Because when God knocks on your door once, twice  
Or even three times and you still do not answer,  
He will find another way. If a soft wind isn't enough,  
You may get a storm. This is a measure of His love  
That we do not always understand  
By Ullie-Kaye

In the third chapter of I Samuel, Samuel thought Eli was calling him. After the third call, Samuel finally knew to answered, "Speak, for your servant is listening."

In Isaiah 6:8 we read a powerful declaration of a prophet's willingness to serve God. "Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying 'Whom should I send? And who will go for us?' And Isaiah responded, 'Here am I. Send me!'" I pray that God will strengthen us for whatever mission he calls us carry out. Have you felt The Holy Spirit calling you to participate or serve in a mission? May you be blessed in being able to reach out with God's love, understanding a fresh purpose, or a healing.

**Contact** Aileen Watkins: 302-930-7070, Kathryn Lamberton: 302-841-9622, Pastor Rogers: 443-523-8579 or Call Christ Lutheran at 302-629-9755 for more information about how Stephen Ministries can help.



The book for this month is Ordinary Grace  
By William Kent Kruegher

We will meet on September 9th at 1:00 pm

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LWML

The group still needs volunteers to be the President, Vice-President, and Zone Networker. We are also looking for someone willing to lead a ladies Bible Study Group. Michelle Nuss led an excellent summer session that was well attended.

We want to thank all of our church family for supporting the Mites mission work.

#### SCHEDULED ACTIVITIES INCLUDE:

Oct. 5: LWML SUNDAY

Oct. 11; FALL RETREAT at Bethany Lutheran from  
9 a.m. until 2:30 p.m.

Next scheduled LWML MEETING is September 18 at 2  
p.m.





# September 2025

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◀ Aug 2025	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<b>1</b> 11 am Friends Supporting Friends	<b>2</b> Happy Labor Day!		<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 7 pm Choir Practice	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 10 am BSSP
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<b>21</b> 70 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration 10 am Combined Service w/Communion Catered Meal After Service	<b>22</b> 11 am Friends Supporting Friends	<b>23</b>		<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> 7 pm Choir Practice	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> 10 am BSSP
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More Calendars: [Oct 2025](#), [Nov 2025](#), [2025](#)