

The Crusader

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11:00 am Traditional Worship



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That Which is Old Has Gone...

Beloved in Christ:

Dear Beloved in Christ:

Isaiah 43:19 Reads as follows: ***“Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.”***

June, which is the sixth month of the year, holds significance in various cultural and religious contexts. So, what is the biblical meaning of June and its symbolism according to Christian beliefs?

In the Northern Hemisphere, June marks the beginning of summer and is often associated with warmth, growth, and abundance. In a spiritual sense, June can symbolize a season of spiritual renewal and growth in one's personal walk with Christ. June is a month when crops begin to ripen, signaling a time of fruitfulness and harvest. This can be a reminder of God's provision and blessings in our lives, as we reap the fruits of our labor. *Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously.* (2 Corinthians 9:6) As the days grow longer leading up to the summer solstice, June can symbolize the light of Christ shining brightly in our lives, dispelling darkness and illuminating our path. *“When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, ‘I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.’”* (John 8:12) In the beauty of nature blooming in June, we can celebrate God's creation and His divine craftsmanship. Let us marvel at the intricate details of His handiwork and give thanks for the wonders of the natural world. *“The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it.”* (Psalm 24:1)

As we journey through the month of June, may we reflect on the meaningful symbolism it holds in the biblical context. Let us embrace the spirit of renewal, fruitfulness, and light that this month brings, trusting in God's unfailing love and providence.

The biblical meaning of June carries significant symbolism and spiritual lessons based on various references found in the Bible. Just as the changing seasons bring renewal and growth, the month of June symbolizes a time of spiritual growth and new beginnings for believers. It serves as a reminder of God's faithfulness and provision as we journey through different seasons of life.

God's Blessings Always

Rev. Donn Woolweber

FREE CLOTHING ON LABOR DAY!

The LLL is sponsoring a clothing drive and is asking all members and friends of our congregation to participate. Everyone is asked to take advantage of this opportunity to serve the unfortunate people living in our community. Begin now by sorting through your closets and bureaus for those items that are no longer worn or don't fit any more. We will start collecting clothing in mid-August, but wanted to give you early notice.

The Lutheran Hour

“The Pause That Refreshes” may have been used for years by Coke, but we wanted to borrow the phrase for a month to help bring knowledge of the Lutheran Hour message to each of you. These 20 minute sermons are refreshing as well as inspiring. Give it a try!

800-876-9880

STEPHEN MINISTRY NEWS

We'd like to think of summer as being a relaxing and enjoyable time, but hurts struggles, crises, and problems don't take a vacation. Many times our difficulties seem even worse during the summer because everyone else seems to be enjoying life while you are feeling down. If you are experiencing a difficult time – emotionally, spiritually or relationally – you don't have to suffer alone. Our Stephen Ministers are trained caregivers ready to listen, care for and encourage you, pray with and for you and provide one to one Christian care to help you through whatever it is that you are facing.

To find out more about Stephen Ministry for you or someone you know, talk with one of our leaders: Bonnie at (410) 490-3464, Aileen at (302) 930-7070 or Pastor Donn at (747-232-4911). We are here to encourage you.

Upcoming Events:

- June 7th and June 14th Holy Communion at both Services
- Movie Night Every Tuesday in June @6:30 pm
- Choir Practice Thursday at 7 pm
- Friends Supporting Friends@11:00 am Mondays
- Saturday, June 6th@9:30 am CornHole
- Sunday, June 7th after service-Voters' Assembly Meeting
- Thursday, June 11th@1 pm Book Club
- Saturday, June 13th@ 6:30 pm Bunco
- Tuesday, June 16th@2 pm Lay Ministry Meeting
- Saturday, June 20th@3 pm Church Picnic



June 7	Dan & Carol Schreffler
June 14	Ruth Williams
June 21	Donna Hassman
June 28	Joel & Candi Lichtenberg

FOOD SHELF ARTICLE- JUNE 2026

Philippians 4:4 "Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice!"

In combination with items collected at the LWML Spring Rally, a total of 203 non perishable food items and 68 healthcare items were donated to Love INC. We also provided 1000 plastic cutlery sets, 200 3-compartment food containers, 300 sandwich bags and 35 articles of clothing.

We assisted one neighbor, who was experiencing health issues, with their electric bill. Another neighbor was assisted by paying for their pre-employment background check, a vital step in obtaining full-time employment!

Monthly, we provide GrabNGo lunch supplies (bread, lunch meats, cheese, peanut butter and jelly and apples). With God's guidance, we have been able to help in the First Quarter 2026 blessings reported by Love INC which include: 11,200 needs met, 4,272 meals/food pantry bags served, 440 people receiving clothes, nearly 300 transformational and case management meetings, and 4 people moving from homeless to housed.

High priority items needed include: granola bars, condensed soup with pop-top lids, canned fruit, cereal, oatmeal, spaghetti sauce, instant potatoes, and canned tuna/beef/chicken. As summer approaches, there is a need for sunblock and sunburn relief items.

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 the recipient and the giver.

FOOD SHELF TEAM

Linda Boone
Carl Boone
Janet Moore

BSSP June News Article

BSSP ended its year on Saturday, May 16th, with balloons. Leona booked “Kris and Holly” again. This year they performed their balloon act which was enjoyed by all. Each student (and even staff members) asked for a balloon animal or item and Kris and Holly made the requested item. Everyone had a good time as you can see from the photos. A lunch of Chick-fil-A nuggets, fruit cup, chips, brownies and cupcakes completed the morning.

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

Vacation Bible School is scheduled for the week of August 3-7 with the theme “Rainforest Falls”, and we look forward to a very fun-filled week.

Leona Tull and Donna Hassman
Co-coordinators



Happy Birthday

Happy Anniversary

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

- 17 Dale & Carol Odenwelder
- 23 Jimmy & Cathy Young
- 29 Joel & Candis
Lichtenberg



Saturday, June 6, 2026

Beginning at 9:30 a.m. in Friendship Hall. Come to practice and play before the Annual CornHole Championship at our Church Picnic on Saturday, June 20, 2026.

Stewardship

My name is Toby French, and I am your servant on the Church Council for Stewardship. OK, let's see now, that's giving to the church, right? I have started to do some study to see just what is involved, and I find that it is much more than that. Christian scholars define it as a "traditional trio of time, talents, and treasure". Wow, that's a lot!

"Treasure", that involves supporting the church financially, so it can keep the doors open and minister to God's flock and bring them the Good News from The Word. In this area, Christ Lutheran is incredibly fortunate, as we have a generous, loving and giving congregation. Their giving recently has more than covered the costs of operating a church. THANK YOU and may God Bless your gifts!

The first two above go hand in hand: time and talents. Your talents cannot shine and bless others without the devotion of time freely given. In this regard Christ Lutheran is twice blessed! We have many incredibly talented members who give very generously of their time and talents on a weekly and daily basis. Let me give you a brief list of the gifts we see at CLC from members:

- Secretarial and administrative Leadership, to include our wonderful Church Council
- Worship support team, to include our choir and their director, organ music, automation and computer support, altar guild team, and other vital functions
- Lay ministry staying connected with the flock
- Property maintenance (who changes those light bulbs???)
- Ministry outreach like BSSP (check out the puppet show!), our website and Facebook sites
- Our Food Shelf program in support of Love INC
- And of course Bunko and Cornhole!

I know I have probably missed a few (perhaps more). All of these activities take people's time, freely given in God's grace. Your Church Council, Pastor Donn, and I are in awe of the tremendous giving of these time and talents by loving and giving members. It is a joy and a privilege to be your servant in Stewardship for Christ Lutheran. May God Bless us all and our work both in our Church and in the Community.

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