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# August

## From the Pastor's Desk...



Surprise! This writing has nothing to do with pickles!  
Have you been surprised lately?

Maybe your kids did something fantastic for you recently?  
(Or just even listened to something you asked and actually followed through?)

Maybe someone in front of you in line paid for your coffee at Dunkin'?

Maybe someone left an amazing message for you and it reminded you that you were loved?

Maybe you were just surprised by a wonderful day filled with sunshine instead rain?

Maybe the Bills will have an outstanding season this year and all my Sundays will be filled with overflowing joy!?

If we can be surprised by the little, the small and maybe even the trivial, what's it like when we are surprised by God's power and presence with healing, forgiveness, strength or direction? Probably even cooler than the Bills winning the Super Bowl!

In John's gospel chapter 6 (That can be found under "J" in the New Testament), Jesus surprises his disciples when he feeds thousands of people. He grabs some loaves, some fish and the banquet had enough for them all, with leftovers to boot! So after seeing that, the disciples should "get it" right? They should be able to see that this guy is for real and yet unreal. That God's power and presence are

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walking in flesh and sandals.

Yet that same evening after the mountain side Golden Corral-esque meal, the disciples hop into a boat, get caught in a storm and Jesus walks out to them to calm the whole thing and THEY ARE SURPRISED! What? Still? Should have seen it coming right?

Why are they surprised? Because they are exactly like me...and maybe you...surprised at the power and presence of God in the midst of the everything and the anything. They/We get surprised because we forget, or get blinded, or disconnected, or numb to or angry at, or isolated from this amazing news. See, this is who God was, is and will be. Surprising them and surprising us...this is where God was, is and will be.

So may you be surprised this summer. In your hunger, in your storm, in your sickness, on your mountain side, during your vacation and travel, in your church, on your street, on your soccer/softball/baseball/football field or the golf course, and in the very depths of your soul, may you be surprised by God's power and presence being who God is and right where God need to be.

Lord, thanks for surprising me again, Amen

Blessings,

*Pastor Andy Seibert*

August 5 the South Hall Community Food Pantry will convert to a client choice pantry. Based on the number of lbs the client qualifies for they will be permitted to choose the food that they can use.

This requires that we change the way that we do things. It is an exciting time. Change can be difficult. We would appreciate your prayers and support as we undertake this process.

We will continue to ask for your donations of food. In August we will again be collecting peanut butter.

Your support through donations and prayer help us feed over 200 families a month. Thankyou.

Cathy Freeman



18 oz

SOUTH HALL



COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY



**NO KID SLEEPS  
ON THE FLOOR  
IN OUR TOWN!**

CLC will host the Belmont Baptist Church-Belmont Chapter in a bed build Saturday August 24th, 2024 from 8:30-12pm. Please be ready to work by 9am. Bring a pair of gloves, water bottle and a hat. Lunch will be provided. For more information please contact Joel Parmer at [parmerjoel@yahoo.com](mailto:parmerjoel@yahoo.com)



**Lutheran  
World  
Relief**



Lutheran World Relief Quilters Guild will not meet during the month of August.

## Youth News



Little Library building day  
Wednesday August 28th  
5-8pm

## Youth Group Wednesday's

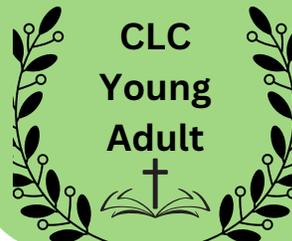
**Join us Wednesday's starting September 4th  
Dinner provided!**



CLC Kids (Pre-K-5th)  
6:00-7:30 PM



Relentless Teens (6th -12th)  
6:00-7:30 PM



CLC Young Adult Bible Study  
7:30-8:30 PM



August 4th join us for a potluck lunch. During the month of July raffle tickets were sold for the beautiful handmade quilt Cindy Grastat donated in memory of her sister, Gayle Foltz. The winner of the quilt will be announced at the lunch. All donations from the quilt raffle will go to the shipping fund for expenses of the Lutheran World Relief kits which will help people in need around the world.

LWR's Approximate Cost for shipping kits overseas

One quilt \$2.80

One school kit \$2.85

One personal Care Kit \$1.50

Thank you to all who have participated!



## NEXT → MEETING

WELCA Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America will meet on **Monday August 12 at 9:30 a.m.** Pastries, juice, and coffee will be provided by Cheryl Fuller and Karlina Best , We will pack quilts , personal care kits , and school kits for Lutheran World Relief . After the boxes are packed and labeled anyone wanting to have lunch will go together for food and fellowship at a local restaurant.

All of our kits will be delivered on August 23 to Trinity Lutheran church in Lilburn.





**Saturday  
September 28th, 2024**

**CHURCH**

**PICNIC**

Sunday September  
29th, 2024

Alberta Banks Park



## Iglesia Luterana de Cristo

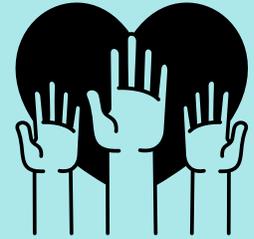
Estudio bíblico semanal en casa  
Por favor, póngase en contacto con  
Pr. Julie Crosby 404 933 2115



In home weekly bible study  
Please contact  
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## Volunteers Needed

- Alter
- Care
- Assistants
- Ushers



For more information, please contact the front office.

THANK YOU  
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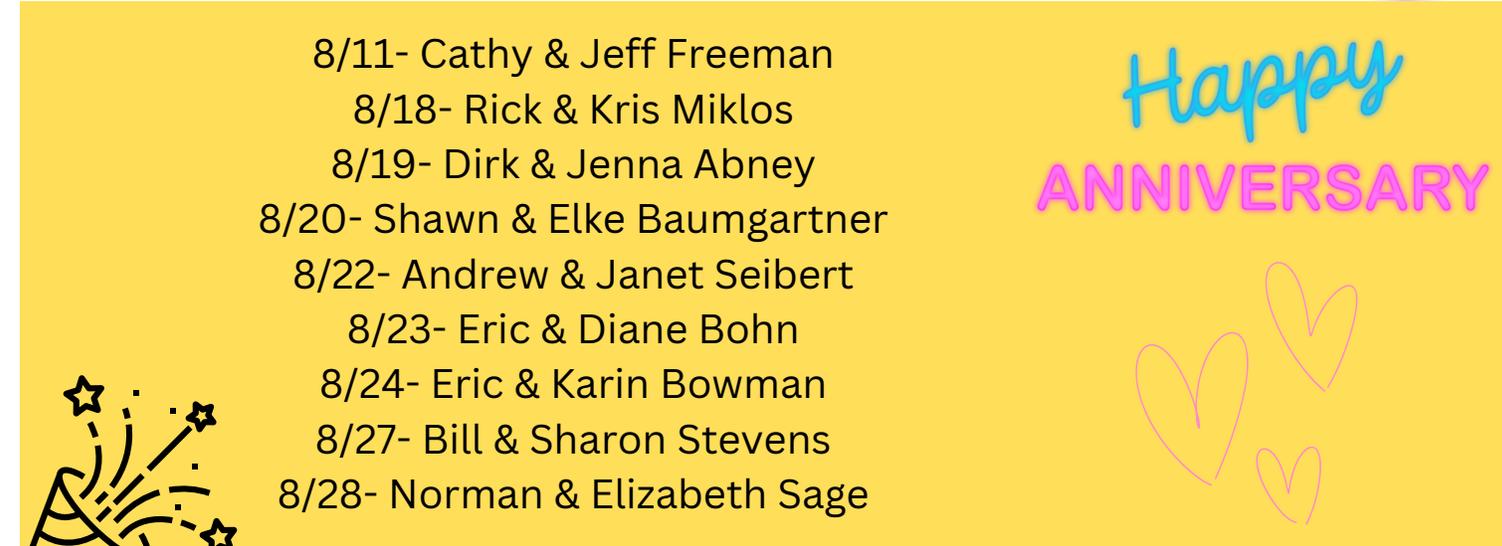
# VBS VOLUNTEERS





HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- 8/2- Ashley Bohn
- 8/2- Jemma Brooks
- 8/7- Dirk Adney
- 8/7- Dorthea DiGiovanni
- 8/8- Karline Best
- 8/10- Curtis Zavadil
- 8/11- Carol Woosley
- 8/12- Dane Clark
- 8/12- Karin Bowman
- 8/13- Logan Miklos
- 8/15- Ruth Goodwin
- 8/15- Janel Brooks
- 8/17- Eric Bohn
- 8/18- Trevor Trimboli
- 8/20- Elke Baumgartner
- 8/22- Christoph von der Osten
- 8/28- Kylie Johnson
- 8/30- Sue McCleese



Happy ANNIVERSARY



- 8/11- Cathy & Jeff Freeman
- 8/18- Rick & Kris Miklos
- 8/19- Dirk & Jenna Abney
- 8/20- Shawn & Elke Baumgartner
- 8/22- Andrew & Janet Seibert
- 8/23- Eric & Diane Bohn
- 8/24- Eric & Karin Bowman
- 8/27- Bill & Sharon Stevens
- 8/28- Norman & Elizabeth Sage



## Serving this month:

### 8:30 AM Worship Service

#### Readers

8/4- Toni Zavadil  
 8/11- Jan Clark  
 8/18- Sue Joninas  
 8/25- Edna Jackson

#### Altar Guild

8/4- Lisa Sage  
 8/11- Sue Joninas  
 8/18- Gerry & John Travis  
 8/25- Beth Marien

#### Assisting Ministers

8/4- Sue McCleese  
 8/11- Alan Clark  
 8/18- Eric Bowman  
 8/25- Sue MCCleese

#### Ushers

8/4- Toni Zavadil & Richard Scott  
 8/11- Dale Osterloh & Gerry Travis  
 8/18- Ana Mouthaan & Cheryl Neller  
 8/25- Paul Evans & Toni Zavadil

### 11:00 AM Worship Service

#### Readers

8/4- Karen Legg  
 8/11- Joel Parmer  
 8/18- Michelle Bair  
 8/25- Hank Lewis

#### Altar Guild

8/4- Denise Simpson  
 8/11- Diane Morhard  
 8/18- Marilyn Johnson  
 8/25- Zona Buchen

#### Bread

8/4- Gerry Travis  
 8/11- Gerry Travis  
 8/18- Diane Bohn  
 8/25- Diane Bohn

#### Assisting Ministers

8/4- Karin Bowman  
 8/11- Rick Welch  
 8/18- Jenny Goodwin  
 8/25- Dr. Hank Lewis

#### Ushers

8/4- Joel Parmer & Dr. Hank Lewis  
 8/11- Phyllis Solgere & Caroll Farrell  
 8/18- Janet Seibert & Michelle Bair  
 8/25- Ron Goetzke & Chris Beck



# 2024

**CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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