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CLC NEWSLETTER

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September in Florida



September in the North

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“Overcome Evil with Good” (Romans 12:21)

The guy who fixes my car drove me home last Tuesday where I would have to wait until he fixes my auto's AC. He said that business was slow because some of his customers who have to pay \$4 a gallon for gas can't afford to pay for auto repairs. I complained about the \$18 had to pay for three pounds of watery hamburger. I'm fine, of course. I can make it as long as I can afford to buy groceries only for myself. I'm lucky. And probably most of you are able to ride it out. But some of the folks at CLC are muttering about the need to cut corners.

Last Sunday, I told the story about a 77-year-old woman who had to leave her half-destroyed home in the Dondas region of Ukraine and walk with her daughters 9 miles under drone attack to safety. As she and her daughters walked with sacks of clothing and two cats tied to two bicycles past the rubble of their city, past disabled military vehicles and torn railroad tracks, they feared death from the sky at any moment. Motivated by fear, they hurried as fast as they could until they reached a river where they were ferried across to safety by Ukrainian soldiers.

Now our country is under stress because of a war in Ukraine, a new war with Iran, and higher prices at the gas pump and rising costs and inflations because of a Middle Eastern strait that is blocked and tariffs aimed at our Canadian friends. But we'll make it. Most of us are sheltered well in our homes, able to keep driving our cars, and willing to eat less beef, and go less frequently to restaurants. But the vicious cycle of changing national economy is forcing the number of restaurants to diminish.

But think about the Ukrainians; think about innocent victims of an authoritarian government in Iran, the folks seeking shelter in southern Lebanon, the displaced peoples caught up in civil war in Africa, the children of the world weakened by malnutrition. Lutheran World Relief and Lutheran Disaster Relief relentlessly keep asking for donations to help distressed people around the world.

What can a Christian do? Pray. Donate to good causes. Use political freedom to stand up and be counted. Lend a helping hand to a worried or resource lacking neighbor. Be prophetic.

All Christians are mandated to be prophetic, to name the evil, to dare to speak the truth around people who have their heads stuck in the sand. Be prophetic like Pope Leo who has called for the protection of dignity for all people, like our ELCA presiding bishop who asks us to advance the common good, like historians, political scholars, and Christian leaders who remind us that we should not be tempted to let culture determine our values but to insist that our legacy of Christian values (endorsed by the founders of our democracy) determine our American culture.

Let us not grow weary. Let us keep our eyes on the switch. Let us not be victims of malaise and allow our moral underpinning to be eroded by political leaders, corporation leaders, and self-serving hedonists. God loves all people. All people are children of God. For the sake of the whole, we bear witness to the kingdom that will come, the kingdom that can be a blessing in the present.

Your fellow traveler along the Way,

Pastor Ken

Your Council @ Work

**CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH INC. OF
ENGLEWOOD, FL
COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA
Tuesday, July 21, 2026**



Pastor report Pastor Ken
Date set for Oktoberfest - October 24th & Band hired, See report by pastor

Worship and Music Joe will begin scheduling worship volunteers starting September 1st.

Stewardship. Andy Egeland
Fish Fry successful.
Suggest kitchen equipment order hood if grant received

Property management. tabled - till Steve available

Women's Group. Nancy Berry
next meeting September 23 at 3:30 at Anita Basil home

Men's Group Mark Baker
Roadside clean up
Group restarts in September
Suggest Thrivent education meeting for congregation
Halloween Safewalk scheduled
Holiday party
Considering Mother's Day

Old business

Second person to count money. tabled - Nancy to talk to Barbara
Fire Alarm tabled - Bob Cosler returning September
Copier received, 1st of 4 payments made - \$862.50
Weight Watchers - will start renting August 5th, 4:15 to 6:15
Vision 2 Action application completed & sent
Liability Insurance paid monthly except for Auto
Nance is tracking COI of venders & renters
Kristine is now employed by CLC and will receive a W2 & will be covered by our
workman's comp

New business

Oktoberfest needs to form committee for October 24th
Need to notify Pastor Roach for Oktoberfest
Vaccines will be done in church office November 7 (Orchid Society in Fellowship Hall)

OUTREACH MINISTRY TEAM

ENGLEWOOD HELPING HAND (EHH) - Thank you for donating food and personal care items to EHH! It is wonderful to see our Little Red Wagon full! EHH is located on the campus of Englewood Methodist Church, 700 E Dearborn St. and is open to clients on W and TH, from 8am-1pm. The addition to the pantry is complete and the added space is great! Ryan Moore is our new pantry manager. Thank you to our July and August volunteers who work on Tuesdays to prep for the busy client days: Joyce Hanisits, Carol Rice, Kat Smith, Rick Valenti and Char Wymer. Additional volunteers are needed on Wednesday, October 28 and Thursday, October 29. If you would like to volunteer as a pantry worker, please let Carol know. 180-220 clients receive help each week for their local families. EHH is a blessing in our community.



GOD'S WORK, OUR HANDS - September 13, 2026-Our project to celebrate this ELCA day of service this year will support Englewood Helping Hand. We hope to overflow our Little Red Wagon and have an opportunity to learn more about the mission and work of EHH in our community. Karen Harvey, EHH Board President, will share updated information at the end of worship. Thank you, Barbara McAlister, for securing a \$250 Thrivent Action Grant for this event. Please speak to Carol Rice to help with this project

GREETING CARDS - We thank Ellen Novotny for continuing to send notes and cards to our members.

HOMEBOUND MEMBERS - Please continue to keep our homebound members in your thoughts and prayers. Their names are listed each week in our Sunday Bulletin.

KIDS' NEEDS of ENGLEWOOD - We continue to collect new and gently-used clothing for Englewood area elementary, middle and high school students, ages 5-18. These donations can be placed in the Kids' Needs collection box in our narthex. Thank you to all who have donated items recently. Pastor Ken enjoys volunteering with KN.



QUILTING AND KNITTING - Please join us for a time of Christian fellowship, fun and service...no skills necessary. We meet in the Fellowship Hall from 9-noon every Wednesday. All willing hands and hearts are welcomed and needed. Our quilts are donated to Lutheran World Relief and sent throughout the world at times of disaster.

Beautiful knitted and crocheted Prayer Shawls and Lap Robes are donated locally. We need help making more prayer shawls. If you know someone who would be blessed by a prayer shawl or lap robe, please let Pastor Ken or Carol Rice know.

THRIVENT - Are you a Thrivent member? Please remember to direct your Choice Dollars each quarter. Christ Lutheran is blessed to receive these gifts. Also, please consider applying for a Thrivent Action Grant (value of \$250) to support a special project for our church and/or the community. Most Thrivent members can qualify for 2 grants per year. Grant requests can be initiated by calling Thrivent or by going online. Need a project idea? The Outreach Ministry Team will help.

TROSHUK FAMILY - Pastor Ken and Ellen N. visit the Troshuks on many Saturdays for stories, games and language lessons. Please continue to support our Ukrainian family with your prayers, including prayers for immigration relief and world PEACE!

The next Outreach Ministry Team meeting will be on TH, September 10, at 11am in the office meeting room.

Peace and Joy!

Carol Rice for the Outreach Ministry Team Pastor Ken, Ellen Novotny, Pastor Linda Fernandez and Kat Smith



If you are planning to bring baked goods to church for fellowship after service, please text or call Angie Ziegler at 941-525-7829

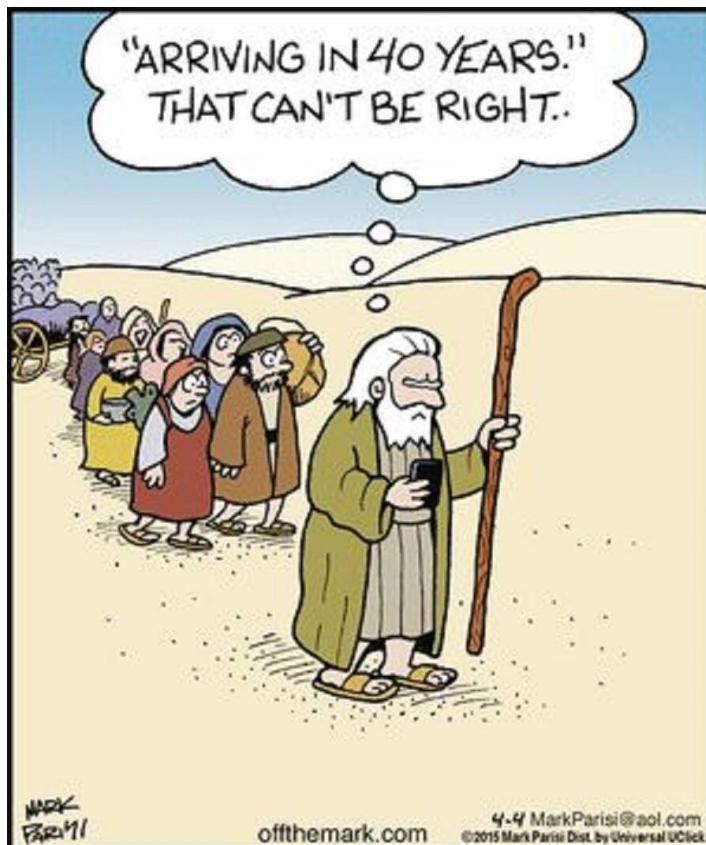


New CLC Phone directories (green cover) are available. Again, please let us know, via e-mail, a note, phone call, or carrier pigeon, etc. if your information needs updated. PLEASE, if you have changed or there is an error, please let us know. We can't express how important it is to keep us up to date by sending us any NEW info at office@christlutheranfleng.org telling us to add or correct your e-mail. And remember, penmanship counts ... if I can't read it . . . guaranteed it will be 100% incorrect.

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Christ Lutheran Men, 2026

“ Planning for a September to remember.....

Welcome back! You have been missed!

Greetings, it's time to start thinking about **Christ Lutheran Men's Fall Schedule**. We have several exciting and great fellowship activities for the Men of CLC.

September 10th: **Thursday morning gathering;** 9am,
Church Office. A planning gathering, with devotions,
fellowship and ALWAYS, coffee and treats

September 19th: Saturday, **Road-side Clean-up**. Men & women of CLC
please join us for our community service project. We have
committed to maintain a portion of 776. Meet at
Church at 8am for coffee, treats and instructions. Join
in the fun and good conversations. **NO** talking trash!!

September 24th: **Prayer, Pizza and Planning;** Pizza provided.
5:30pm meet at Church for faith-based fellowship, event planning
and PIZZA!! Beverages, BYOB.
Please let me know if you are attending. Thanks
Mark Baker; mbaker16p@gmail.com

OCTOBER: More details later

October 8th, Thursday, 9am Church Office. Men's morning gathering

October 20th, Tuesday, 9am Church Office. Men's morning gathering

October 23rd, 3pm, Fellowship Hall. **OCTOBERFEST pre-set**.

October 24th, 4pm, **OKTOBERFEST EVENT**. Clean-up following

October 31st. Saturday, 4pm **HALLOWEEN-SAFEWALK**.

Coming soon;

November – Evening of Thanks, Thrivent seminar

December - HOLIDAY DINNER, “Under the Stars of Bethlehem”—SOLD-OUT last year.
December 10th at 4:30pm. \$30.00

Mark Baker, Men's Group Facilitator



Greetings,

It has been a quiet summer, I have really missed our snowbirds. I hope you are all rested and ready for an active fall and winter season.

Our goal is to spread the good news and love on people in our community. That is what we are here for. Stay tuned!!

Blessings, Nancy Berry



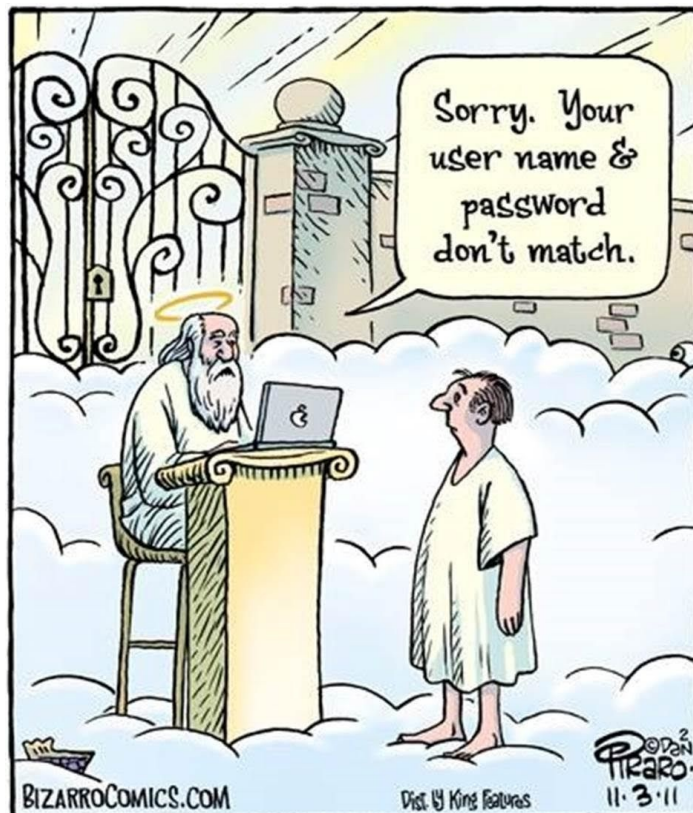
Hi, Ladies,

What a great time we had at Char and Rick's house in July. It was a great time of fellowship. We got to know each other better, love on each other, and laugh and laugh.

The next meeting will be at Anita Basil's home at 678 Linden Drive in Foxwood. The time is 3:30. Anita is providing pulled pork. A sign-up sheet for attendance and side dish will be in narthex.

All ladies are welcome. See you then,

Nancy

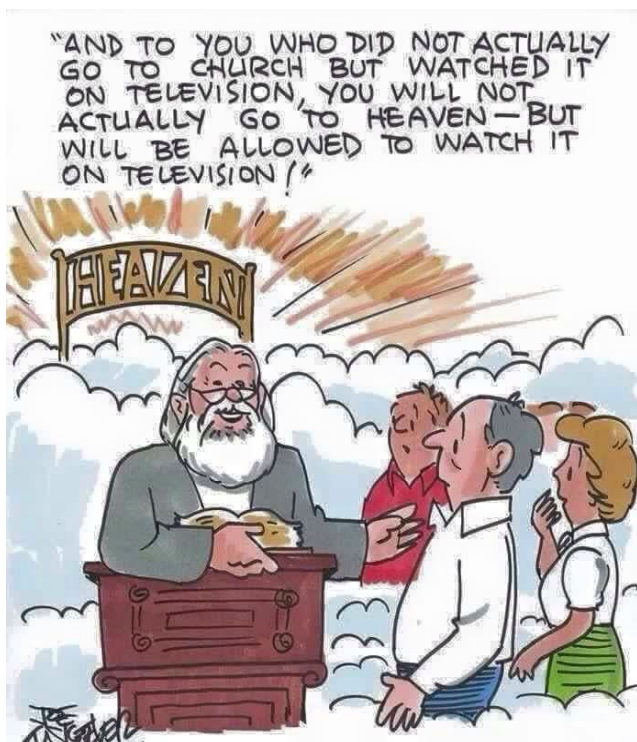




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and you would like it to be,
please contact the office,
via e-mail at . . .*

*office@christlutheranfleng.org
to share your special day*

September		
Julane	Benedum	09/03
Henry	Robidoux	09/05
Anna	Basile	09/06
Ruth	Schimke	09/06
Mike,	Virlee	09/06
Russell	Schimke	09/08
Susan	Thron	09/10
Ric	Darling	09/10
Larry	Wentzel	09/18
Deodra	Warring	09/19
Jordon	Warring	09/19
Nakiema	Wolfgram	09/21
Russell	Peterson	09/22
Joyce	Hanistis	09/24
James	Sahlstrom	09/26



Church Attendance

<u>August</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Giving</u>
08/02	35	\$2,739.00
08/09	26	\$2,671.00
08/16	30	\$1,763.00
08/23	26	\$1,566.00
08/30	44	\$2,346.00
	161	\$11,085.00

TIME & TALENTS Survey



Please assist the church by completing a survey for each member in your household. The information in the survey is a very valuable tool to Christ Lutheran Church. It allows us to know which of our members would be good on which committees, who is willing to serve in which areas, and which of our members have talents that can be shared with the church. This may involve education, training, and practice in various fields, always with the intent of glorifying God. It's been many years since we did our last survey and it is important to have up-to-date information about the gifts God has given to each of us to use for His glory. As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace. This survey can be picked up in the Narthex and returned at your earliest convenience. Forms are available in the church office. Thank you!

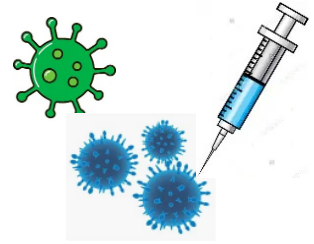


"Since you can't attend every Sunday, couldn't you at least like us on Facebook?"

09/01	BOOGIE CHAIR 9-10 ^{AM} / BRIDGE CLUB 12 -5 ^{PM}
02	QUILTING 9:00- 2:00 ^{PM} / WEIGHT WATCHERS 4:30 - 6:30PM
03	BRIDGE CLUB 12:00 - 5:00 ^{PM}
04	TAI CHI 10:00-11:00 ^{AM} /
05	WIGGINS WEDDING REHEARSAL
06	WORSHIP SERVICE 9:30 ^{AM} / WIGGINS WEDDING
07	VENETIAN HARMONY - 6:30 - 9:30 ^{PM} / BRIDGE CLUB 12:00 - 5:00 ^{PM}
08	BOOGIE CHAIR 9-10 ^{AM} / BRIDGE CLUB 12:00 - 5:00 ^{PM}
09	QUILTING 9:00- 2:00 ^{PM}
10	MEN'S GROUP 9:00AM / OUTREACH 11:00AM / BRIDGE CLUB 12:00 - 5:00 ^{PM}
11	TAI CHI 10:00-11:00 ^{AM}
12	
13	WORSHIP SERVICE 9:30 ^{AM}
14	VENETIAN HARMONY - 6:30 - 9:30 ^{PM}
15	BOOGIE CHAIR 9:00-10:00 ^{AM} / BRIDGE CLUB 12:00 - 5:00 ^{PM} / CHURCH COUNCIL 1:00PM
16	QUILTING 9:00- 2:00 ^{PM}
17	BRIDGE CLUB 12:00 - 5:00 ^{PM}
18	TAI CHI 10:00-11:00 ^{AM}
19	MEN'S GROUP ROAD SIDE CLEAN-UP
20	WORSHIP SERVICE 9:30 ^{AM}
21	VENETIAN HARMONY - 6:30 - 9:30 ^{PM}
22	BOOGIE CHAIR 9:00-10:00 ^{AM} / BRIDGE CLUB 12:00 - 5:00 ^{PM}
23	QUILTING 9:00- 2:00 ^{PM}
24	BRIDGE CLUB 12:00 - 5:00 ^{PM} / MEN'S PRAYER & PIZZA 5:30PM - IN CHURCH OFFICE
25	TAI CHI 10:00-11:00 ^{AM} / FUNNIGHTDONERIGHT PIZZA PARTY 5-8PM
26	
27	WORSHIP SERVICE 9:30 ^{AM}
28	VENETIAN HARMONY - 6:30 - 9:30 ^{PM}
29	BOOGIE CHAIR 9:00-10:00 ^{AM} / BRIDGE CLUB 12:00 - 5:00 ^{PM}
30	QUILTING 9:00- 2:00 ^{PM}

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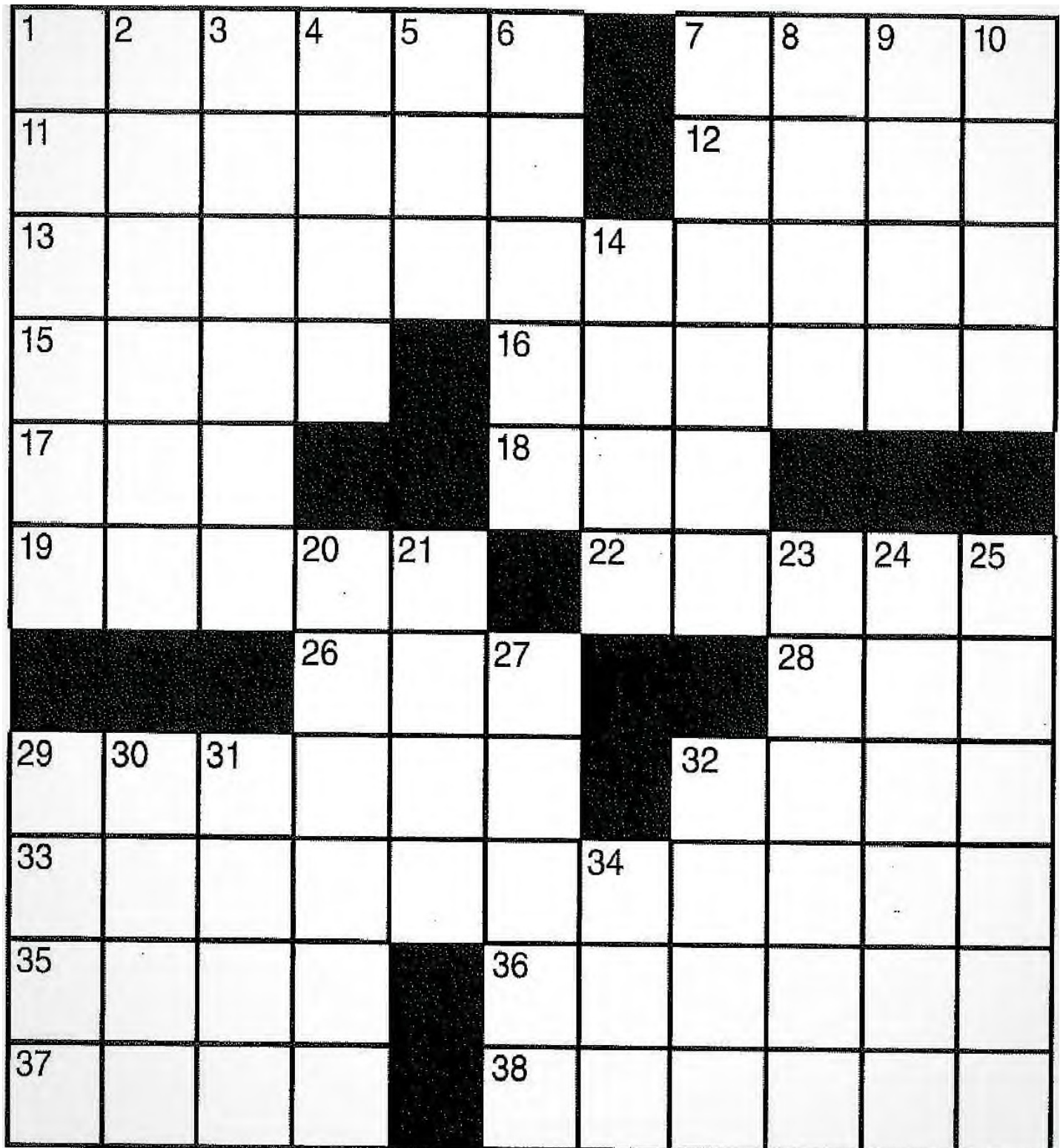


SAT. NOV 7TH 9:30-12:30

CHURCH OFFICE CONFERENCE ROOM

A INSERT TO FILL OUT IS IN THE SUNDAY BULLETIN ... OR CALL THE OFFICE TO REGISTER.

FROM DAVID'S PRAYER



ACROSS

1. GOD CHANGED JACOB'S NAME TO THIS (GENESIS 35:10)
7. LETTERS NEAR 0 ON THE PHONE
11. SEWING TOOL IN A VIVID METAPHOR IN MATTHEW 19:24
12. INNERMOST PART
13. "... THERE IS NO GOD ____" (2 SAMUEL 7:22)
15. "NOW THE MEN WERE WATCHING FOR AN ____"
(1 KINGS 20:33)
16. ISLAMIC SPIRITUAL LEADER: VAR.
17. 66 ON A MAP, E.G.: ABBR.
- 18 UNSPECIFIED NO.
19. BUMPS ON A LOG
22. FLAT-TOPPED DESERT SIGHTS
26. COURTROOM VIPs
28. 56, IN OLD ROME
29. CENTRAL COURTYARD
32. HAMMERHEAD PART
33. "AND WITH ____ SHALL THE HOUSE OF THY SERVANT BE
BLESSED FOREVER" (2 SAMUEL 7:29)
35. HOLLIDAY TUNE
36. THREE MILES, ROUGHLY
37. YORKSHIRE RIVER
38. SHAVING FOAM

DOWN

1. PRESENT FROM BIRTH
2. APPEAR AS IF
3. START A NEW LAWN
4. TENNIS SCORE AFTER DEUCE
5. FORMER TIMES, POETICALLY
6. ONION RELATIVES
7. MUSICAL RANGE
8. SCI-FI AUTHOR FREDERIK _____
9. "ABLE WAS I ____ SAW ELBA"
10. CORAL CREATION
14. A SON OF NOAH (GENESIS 5:32)
20. GOOD ENOUGH TO EAT
21. FIRST KING OF ISRAEL (1 SAMUEL 9)
23. SANTA'S TRANSPORT
24. MAIN DRAG
25. SEWING MACHINE BRAND
27. AROMA
29. "____ EXTRA COST!"
30. BIBLICAL PRONOUN
31. SOME LOAVES
32. CHALLENGE FOR H.S. JUNIORS
34. PARTING OF THE RED ____ (EXODUS 14:1-31)





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