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CLC NEWSLETTER

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May thanks to our delegates, Andy Egeland and Nancy Berry, and to our official visitor, Russ Schimke, for attending the Florida-Bahama Synod meeting at Orlando on June 1. The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, with three million members in 8,600 congregations. The national church is headed presently by Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton, with offices in Chicago, and is divided into 65 local synods (similar to districts or dioceses) in 50 states. Each synod is led by a bishop who is elected to office for a six-year term. Our synod office is located in Tampa and our present bishop is Pedro M. Suarez. Normally, each synod meets in assembly every year to pass the synod budget, elect synodical officers, pass resolutions, hear reports, worship, and elect synodical delegates to the National Assembly which meets every two years.

Our delegation heard a speech by Bishop Raphael Padilla from the Caribbean Synod. Focusing on the synod theme, "Who is showing up in your dreams?" Bishop Padilla asked about the nature of structures in the ELCA in "these times of transition." He suggested that the church must be a reconciling, disturbing, and healing presence in the world. Old structures won't work. "Transformation necessitates displacement." The good shepherd leaves the 99 sheep in order to find the one that is lost. The church seeks the lost because, otherwise, the church is "nothing."

When Peter answered the request from the delegation sent by the centurion Cornelius to go to the house of Cornelius to speak, he baptized Cornelius' household and "stayed for several days." (Acts 10) Bishop Padilla pointed out that Peter "broke bread" with those whom God had proclaimed not unclean but clean. In other words, Peter was no longer "orthodox" but "unorthodox."

The church must think and act outside the box. I love the old Lutheran hymns and the liturgy but the church today must express itself in the language and conventions of the culture. Some like the mega-church approach; others like the store front approach; others like the praise band approach; others feel that more success in going to find the "one" can best take place in a coffee house or in a bar.

My theory is that every gathered community must make an effort to reach the "one" in a manner that fits the context in which the congregation finds itself. Christ Lutheran Church discovered that the praise band experiment did not work but it does work in other communities. The last church I served in Arizona was Love of Christ Lutheran Church in Mesa. The congregation discovered that an extra service of worship on Saturday evening didn't work but felt comfortable with three services on Sunday morning. The early and last services were traditional. Each service was visited by about 200 attendees. The middle service was a praise band service held in a large fellowship hall with a stage. The praise band opened the service with a 15-minute "set" projecting song words on several screens. The pastor preached a sermon and an abbreviated communion service was celebrated. That service was attended by about 500 worshipers, many of whom were young couples and children. About 30 kids came forward for my children's sermon. Love of Christ congregation seems to have found a format that works for them.

Key to evangelism, however, is personal witness. Many think that pounding on doors doesn't work anymore. Personal invitation does. Inviting friends, neighbors, and family to visit at worship seems to be working well for CLC. But warm welcomes at church are more effective than great sermons, great music, and lots of programs. Our new sign out front states, "All Are Welcome." Bishop Padilla suggested that we must go forth to "break bread" with the most unlikely potential believers but also invite all to "break

bread" with us in community. How often have new members emphasized the warm welcomes they received when they first entered our doors! We are still in the process of "re-instituting" committees and groups at CLC. The best new members are those who are invited to help out in ministry. Bishop Padilla called for "re-creation" in the church. Only through the presence and enlightenment of the Spirit can any gathered community realize potential growth. Let us go to those who might be "showing up in our dreams"

Pastor Ken



Music and Worship

There were no Music and Worship meetings held in July or August.

Pastor Ken has left for six weeks in Hawaii and will return on July 31st. During Pastor Ken's vacation, Pastor Jo LaDu will be presiding.

Our Organist, Richard Benedum will also be on vacation from June 30th until August 4th. During that time, Gail Pedersen will be filling in as our organist for those Sundays.

Two altar flower urns have been replated and engraved with a dedication to the honor of Barbara McAlister for her years of dedication to Christ Lutheran Church.

The next Music and Worship Meeting will be held in the office on September 11th at 11:00.

*Lois Greene,
Chair Music and Worship*



OUTREACH MINISTRY TEAM



ENGLEWOOD HELPING HAND

With current grocery costs, you can imagine the need for food help has increased. As you are able, please continue to donate food and personal care items, placing them in our "Little Red Wagon". Thank you for donating to this awesome community nonprofit! EHH is located on the grounds of Englewood Methodist Church. They are open to clients on W and TH, 8am-1pm and new hours on the 1st and 3rd W each month, from 4:30-6:30. If you would be interested to volunteer as a pantry worker, please let Carol Rice or Mary Anne DiGrazia know.



QUILTING AND KNITTING

Please join us for a time of Christian fellowship, fun and service...no skills necessary. We meet in the Fellowship Hall and expanded our hours to 9-2 every Wednesday. The expanded time allows for flexibility to come when you can and stay as long as you are able. All willing hands and hearts are welcome. Most of our quilts are donated to Lutheran World Relief. Beautiful knitted and crocheted Prayer Shawls and Lap Robes are donated locally. Please request these by talking to Pastor Ken, Carol or Mary Anne.



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. Grant requests can be initiated by calling Thrivent or by going online. Need a project idea? The Outreach Ministry Team will help.



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). Donations can be placed in the Kids' Needs collection box in the narthex. Thank you for helping children in our community!

TROSHUK FAMILY

On June 8th, CWC hosted a special Graduation Celebration Lunch for Evelina. All who attended enjoyed the opportunity to get to know Evelina better, delighted in "Houdini's" Magic Show and in the Troshuk family's special singing. Please continue to support all of them with your prayers.



"GOD'S WORK. OUR HANDS." On Sunday, September 8, our congregation will celebrate this special day of service. Our selected project this year is to make and donate Care Kits to Lutheran World Relief. Items needed for each kit are:

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| 1 lightweight, dark colored bath towel | 2 bath-size bars of soap |
| 1 adult toothbrush (in original package) | 1 sturdy comb |
| 1 metal nail clippers | |

Please help by purchasing and donating any of these items between now and September 8. Another way to help, if you are a Thrivent member, would be to seek a \$250 Thrivent Action Grant to aid us in purchasing the above items. Then, on September 8, join together as we assemble these kits that will be sent to bless people in war-torn and disaster-stricken areas of the world.

*Our next Outreach Ministry Team meeting is on Thursday, August 15 at 11am. All are welcome on our team. Please share your ideas for reaching out into our community with Christ's love.

Peace and Joy!

Carol Rice for the Outreach Ministry Team



Things you need to know!

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

Joyce Hanisits, council rep to Fellowship Ministry

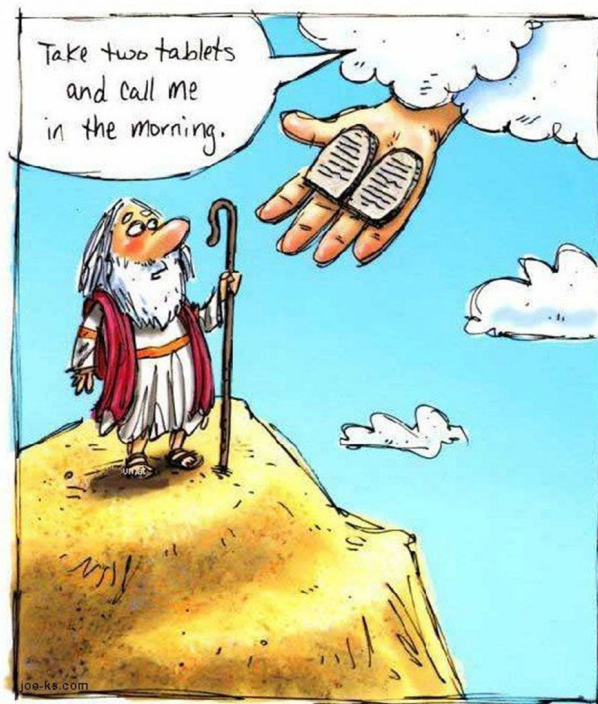


NEW CLC PHONE directories (blue cover) are available. Again, please let us know, via e-mail, a note, phone call, or carrier pigeon, etc. if your information needs updated. **PLEASE, if you have changed or there is an error, please let us know.** We can't express how important it is to keep us up to date 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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July

August

Barbara	Sturrock	07/06
Phyllis	Case	07/09
Brendajean	Patterson	07/11
Heidi	Flebbe	07/14
Marie	Remer	07/16
JeanAnn	Caporaso	07/19
Salvatore	Mele	07/20
Robert	St.Pierre	07/21
Susan	Hangsleben	07/23
Pam	Christensen	07/23
Debra	O'Neill	07/28
Martin	LaDue	07/30
Bob	Singer	07/31

Alfred	Harfield	08/01
Paula	Beehler	08/01
Cindy	Luther	08/01
Svea	Peterson	08/02
Muriel	Lange	08/03
Janet	Hill	08/10
Lois	Konrad	08/15
Richard	Thron	08/15
Ruth	Vincent	08/15
Douglas	Atz	08/19
James	Dingfelder	08/24
Josefine	McColloch	08/24
Helen	Kliner	08/29



If your birthday is not listed, and you would like it to be, please contact the office, via e-mail at office@christlutheranfleng.org to share your special day.

*Another adventure filled
year awaits you.*

Church Attendance

June	Attendance	Giving
2	57	\$1,751.50
9	48	\$3,035.00
16	55	\$10,371.00
23	37	\$695.00
	197	\$15,852.50



ORGAN DONATIONS -

You are invited to make a contribution for our new organ. Please make checks to Christ Lutheran Church with "organ fund" in memo section.



July

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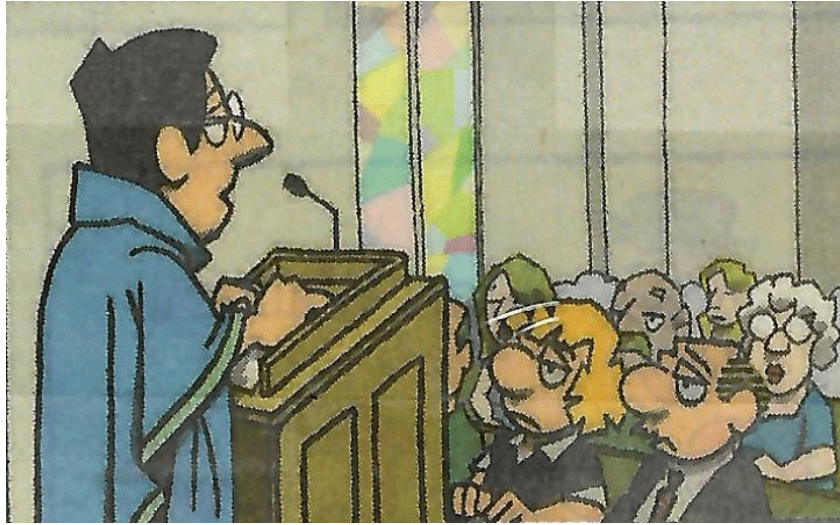
**Forks &
Fellowship
July 17th**

1	NO VENETIAN HARMONY
2	BRIDGE CLUB NOON - 5 ^{PM}
3	QUILTING 9:00 ^{AM} - 2:00 ^{PM}
4	COUNTRY LINE DANCING 9:00 ^{AM} -NOON / BRIDGE CLUB NOON-5:00 ^{PM}
5	TAI CHI 10:00-11:00 ^{AM}
6	SATURDAY - NO ACTIVITIES
7	WORSHIP SERVICE 9:30 ^{AM}
8	NO VENETIAN HARMONY
9	BRIDGE CLUB NOON - 5:00 ^{PM}
10	QUILTING 9:00 ^{AM} - 2:00 ^{PM}
11	COUNTRY LINE DANCING 9:00 ^{AM} -NOON / BRIDGE CLUB NOON - 5:00 ^{PM}
12	TAI CHI 10:00-11:00 ^{AM}
13	SATURDAY - NO ACTIVITIES
14	WORSHIP SERVICE 9:30 ^{AM}
15	NO VENETIAN HARMONY
16	BRIDGE CLUB CLASS 10:00AM
17	QUILTING 9:00 - NOON / Forks & Fellowship
18	COUNTRY LINE DANCING 9:00-NOON / BRIDGE CLUB NOON
19	TAI CHI 10:00-11:00 ^{AM}
20	SATURDAY - NO ACTIVITIES
21	WORSHIP SERVICE 9:30 ^{AM}
22	NO VENETIAN HARMONY
23	BRIDGE CLUB CLASS - NOON - 5:00 ^{PM}
24	QUILTING 9:00 - NOON
25	COUNTRY LINE DANCING 9:00-NOON / BRIDGE CLUB NOON
26	TAI CHI 10:00-11:00 ^{AM}
27	SATURDAY - NO ACTIVITIES
28	Worship Service 9:30 ^{am}
29	NO Venetian Harmony
30	Bridge Club Class - noon - 5:00 ^{pm}
31	Quilting 9:00 - noon

August

2024

1	COUNTRY LINE DANCING 9:00 ^{AM} -NOON / BRIDGE CLUB NOON-5:00 ^{PM}
2	TAI CHI 10:00-11:00 ^{AM}
3	SATURDAY - NO ACTIVITIES
4	WORSHIP SERVICE 9:30 ^{AM}
5	VENETIAN HARMONY 6:30 - 9:30 ^{PM}
6	BRIDGE CLUB NOON - 5:00 ^{PM} / CHURCH COUNCIL 1:00 ^{PM}
7	QUILTING 9:00 ^{AM} - 2:00 ^{PM} / FORKS & FELLOWSHIP (3 WEEKS FROM JULY DATE)
8	COUNTRY LINE DANCING 9:00 ^{AM} -NOON / BRIDGE CLUB NOON - 5:00 ^{PM}
9	TAI CHI 10:00-11:00 ^{AM} / BRIDGE CLUB NOON - 5:00 ^{PM}
10	SATURDAY - NO ACTIVITIES
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20	BRIDGE CLUB CLASS - NOON - 5:00 ^{PM}
21	QUILTING 9:00 - NOON
22	COUNTRY LINE DANCING 9:00-NOON / BRIDGE CLUB NOON - 5:00 ^{PM}
23	TAI CHI 10:00-11:00 ^{AM} / BRIDGE CLUB NOON - 5:00 ^{PM}
24	SATURDAY - NO ACTIVITIES
25	Worship Service 9:30 ^{am}
26	Venetian Harmony 6:30 - 9:30 ^{PM}
27	Bridge Club Class - noon - 5:00 ^{pm}
28	QUILTING 9:00 - NOON
29	Country Line Dancing 9:00-noon / Bridge Club noon - 5:00 ^{PM}
30	TAI CHI 10:00-11:00 ^{AM} / BRIDGE CLUB NOON - 5:00 ^{PM}
31	SATURDAY - NO ACTIVITIES



"MY TOPIC TODAY IS FOR YOU TO TURN OFF
YOUR CELL PHONES AND ELECTRONIC DEVICES."

THINKING AHEAD . . .



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26

AT 5:00PM

DINNER, MUSIC, FUN, & FELLOWSHIP

