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One of the most discussed and debated doctrines of the historical church is the doctrine of the Trinity, highlighted once a year on the first Sunday after Pentecost. The Trinitarian teaching was forged over a century and a quarter of heated debate among the leaders of the fourth and fifth century. It took four ecumenical councils from 325 AD to 451 AD to proclaim the Apostles' and Nicene Creeds as definitive statements about the teachings of the church.

Most Christians after 451 still denied the equal relationship of the three "persons" of the divinity. Even today, Unitarians and Jehovah Witnesses deny the full divinity of Jesus who mainline Christians proclaim to be the full incarnation of God.

The problem is logical. It is simply not rational to most people that three persons can exist in one person. I used to walk Ohio country roads with a friend from the faculty of nearby Ohio Northern University debating the Trinitarian formula. I only made some headway in the argument when I affirmed the trinitarian doctrine as a statement declaring the functions of God. "Father, Son, and Holy Spirit" declare God as Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier. Luther preferred to refer to the third person of the Trinity as the function of God that "enlightens" the believer.

But Jews and Muslims are not convinced. They suspect that we Christians are toying with the paganism of pre-Christian pantheism affirming three gods instead of one. Our response can only be that the doctrine is not logical but cannot be discarded because no one else to date has come up with a better way to remain faithful to biblical revelation. The writer of the gospel of Matthew (written in the first century 70s) declares that Jesus left his disciples with the command to baptize all nations "in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit." (Matthew 28) Most believers hold firm to the triune formula as the name of God not as "Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier" or "Big Daddy, Junior, and Spook" or "Mother, Lover, and Friend" but "Father, Son, and Holy Spirit."

A Lutheran theologian greatly respected when I was younger was Carl Braaten who wrote, "Into the Triune name of God every Christian has been baptized and sealed, and it is the invocation of this name and no other that marks the believer throughout time and eternity." (Dialog Journal, Winter 1990, p. 3). The World Council of Churches and the National Council of Churches use the trinitarian formula as the definitive teaching that defines legitimate expressions of the Christian faith. The Unitarians may be recognized as well respected people of faith but they are not Christians.

Luther suggested that believers make the sign of the cross at the beginning of each day to confess the Trinity as the bedrock of faith. Today we confess one of the creeds every Sunday using biblical language but certainly the sensitive preacher will explain that God who is without gender created humans as man and woman. It is helpful to point to God's love like a "mother hen which gathers her brood under her wings." (Matthew 23:37 and Luke 13:34)

Let us not fail to understand in this way the trinitarian lesson: God is love, God has come into our world to reveal God's love, and God gives us the gift of love to share with others.

Your brother in Christ,
Pastor Ken

Music and Worship

Music and Worship did not meet in May and no future meetings are scheduled. Pastor Ken, Richard and I will meet and discuss plans going forward through the Fall. There is a possibility that the Music and Worship Committee will disband and Richard, pastor, and I will meet from time to time to discuss pertinent issues. Thank you for your prior participation and dedication.



Respectfully submitted,
Lois Greene
Leader Music and Worship



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 building addition is progressing and is expected to be completed in June. Thank you to our May volunteers who work on Tuesdays to prep for the busy client days: Joyce Hanisits, Carol Rice, Brenda Sahlstrom and Kat Smith. Additional volunteers are needed on Wednesday, June 24, Thursday, June 25, Wednesday, August 26, and Thursday, August 27. If you would like to volunteer as a pantry worker, please let Carol know.



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



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. With so much beautiful fabric, a special project during March was making and donating 25 pillow cases to CARE (Center for Rape and Abuse Emergencies). A lovely thank you note received from CARE is copied in this newsletter. Attached to each pillowcase was a verse from Matthew 11:28. "Come to me, all that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens and I will give you rest." Special thanks to Jeanie Patterson for leading this project! 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.

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. During the month of June, Kids' Needs is sponsoring A MONTH OF SUNDAY UNDIES. For sizes and specifics, please see the special announcement included in this newsletter and also printed in Sunday's Bulletin. Thank you to all who have donated items recently. Pastor Ken enjoys volunteering with KN and reports that they have been very busy lately.



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!??

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

GOD'S WORK. OUR HANDS.-September 13, 2026-Our project to celebrate this ELCA day of service 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. If you are a Thrivent member, we are needing help applying for Thrivent Action Grant money for this event. Please speak to Carol Rice to help.

The next Outreach Ministry Team meeting will be on TH, June 11, 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

Joyce Hanisits, council rep to Fellowship Ministry



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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"Deer Dad, I hoap you have a nise Fathers Day. You are smart and funny and mom is two. Have a reely grate and speshul day tooday. PS: Thank you for sending me to collige!"

Christ Lutheran Men

June, July, August

***The Men will take a break from meeting June-August**

MEN'S MINISTRIES,

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The Men of Christ Lutheran Church meet in Christian Fellowship to share and serve our Lord and our Church. All Men are welcome and encouraged to join with us.

John 15:16

Jesus said "You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit—fruit that will last— and so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you"

So, wherever we are, no matter what we are doing this summer, let us all remember to be Disciples of Jesus, to bear "good fruit" and share His mercy, grace and Good News! Amen

Sept. Meetings: at church.

September 2026:

Thursday, Sept. 10th, 9am at church, coffee & devotions

Thursday, Sept. 24th, 5:30pm for **PIZZA with PASTOR, BYOB.**

New Opportunities to Serve, Coming this fall:

September: Roadside Clean-up.

Help with "Friday Night Done Right".

**Special presentation by THRIVENT—
financial planning.**

October: Halloween Safe-Walk Booth

December: CLC Annual Holiday Dinner Gathering

Mark Baker, Facilitator

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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

JUNE

HEIDI	HOSE	06/05
ROSEANNE	FROEMMING	06/05
RUTH	WYANT	06/06
NATALIE	TICKNER	06/12
PAUL	KNUTH	06/15
SUE	EHR	06/18
MARY	ZAHABI	06/21
GWEN	NICHOLSON	06/22
ELLEN	NOVOTNY	06/29



HAPPY FATHER'S DAY, DAD.
YOU WERE ALWAYS THERE FOR
ME, EXCEPT FOR THAT CLOSE CALL
ON HIGHWAY 16.

Church Attendance

<u>MAY</u>	<u>ATTENDANCE</u>	<u>GIVING</u>
05/03	77	\$5,790.00
05/10	44	\$2,704.00
05/17	37	\$1,826.00
05/24	44	\$4,097.00
05/31	34	\$851.00
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	236	\$15,268.00

TIME & TALENTS Survey

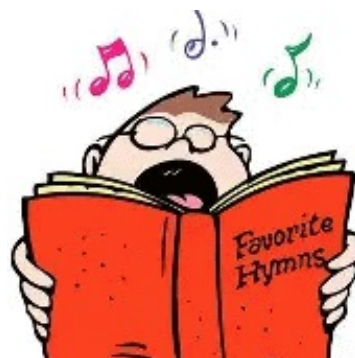


Please assist the church by completing a survey for each member in your household. The information in the survey is a very valuable tool to Christ Lutheran Church. It allows us to know which of our members would be good on which committees, who is willing to serve in which areas, and which of our members 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!



**PICK YOUR FAVORITE HYMN TO SING
DURING THE SUMMER MONTHS.**

***PLACE BLUE CARD IN COLLECTION
PLATE***



6/01	VENETIAN HARMONY 6:30-9:30^{PM}
2	BOOGIE CHAIR 9-10:00 ^{AM} / BRIDGE CLUB 12:00 - 5:00 ^{PM}
3	QUILTING 9:00- 2:00^{PM}
4	COUNTRY LINE DANCING 9:00-12:00 ^{PM} / BRIDGE CLUB 12:00 - 5:00 ^{PM} / SYNOD ASSEMBLY
5	10:00-11:00^{AM} - TAI CHI / SYNOD ASSEMBLY IN ORLANDO
6	SYNOD ASSEMBLY IN ORLANDO
7	WORSHIP SERVICE 9:30^{AM} / SYNOD ASSEMBLY IN ORLANDO
8	VENETIAN HARMONY - 6:30 - 9:30^{PM}
9	BOOGIE CHAIR 9-10^{AM} / BRIDGE CLUB 12 -5 ^{PM}
10	QUILTING 9:00- 2:00^{PM} / FORKS & FELLOWSHIP 5:00^{PM}
11	COUNTRY LINE DANCING 9:00-12:00 ^{PM} / 11:00AM - OUTREACH MEETING/ BRIDGE CLUB 12:00 - 5:00 ^{PM}
12	TAI CHI 10:00-11:00^{AM}
13	
14	WORSHIP SERVICE 9:30^{AM}
15	VENETIAN HARMONY - 6:30 - 9:30^{PM}
16	BOOGIE CHAIR 9-10 ^{AM} / CHURCH COUNCIL 2^{PM} / FRIENDSHIP SUN COMM 3^{PM}
17	QUILTING 9:00- 2:00^{PM}
18	COUNTRY LINE DANCING 9:00-12:00 ^{PM} / BRIDGE CLUB 12:00 - 5:00 ^{PM}
19	TAI CHI 10:00-11:00^{AM}
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21	WORSHIP SERVICE 9:30^{AM}
22	VENETIAN HARMONY - 6:30 - 9:30^{PM}
23	BOOGIE CHAIR 9:00-10:00 ^{AM} / BRIDGE CLUB 12:00 - 5:00 ^{PM}
24	QUILTING 9:00- 2:00^{PM}
25	COUNTRY LINE DANCING 9:00-NOON / BRIDGE CLUB 12:00 - 5:00 ^{PM}
26	TAI CHI 10:00-11:00^{AM}
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28	WORSHIP SERVICE 9:30^{AM} – FRIENDSHIP SUNDAY
29	VENETIAN HARMONY - 6:30 - 9:30^{PM}
30	BOOGIE CHAIR 9:00-10:00 ^{AM} / BRIDGE CLUB 12:00 - 5:00 ^{PM}



HAVE CONFIDENCE

ACROSS

1. Celestial being in Isaiah's vision (Isaiah 6)
7. One of the musical instruments used in David's celebration before God (2 Samuel 6:5)
11. One of ten afflictions of Egypt (Exodus 7-11)
12. City near Santa Barbara
13. "Whatever you _____, I will do it" (John 14:13)
15. Driving force
16. Young fellow
18. Like Russian dolls
22. The French Chef
25. Scrabble 10-pointer
26. Book after Ezekiel
28. "The Joy Luck Club" author
29. Not quite on time
32. They water the Earth dependably (Hosea 6:3)
37. "Upon Edom I cast my ____" (Psalm 60:8)
38. Money maker
39. Connections
40. Stable sounds

DOWN

1. Weight-loss resort
2. Chicago Loop trains
3. Amassed fast
4. Opposed to, in Dogpatch
5. One-horse box sleigh
6. Surround
7. Straight-shooting
8. Spaniard's cry of triumph
9. Burnt offering to the Lord, in Exodus 29:18
10. Dessert order
14. California's Santa ____ Mtns.
16. PC screen type
17. "So that's it!"
19. Levying of a tenth part
20. High musical note
21. "Does a young lion cry out from his ____..." (Amos 3:4)
23. Non-toilers of the field (Matthew 6:28)
24. College official
27. Three-star U.S. Army officer
30. "Dies ____" (requiem hymn)
31. Indian wrap
32. Now-retired fast jet
33. Honor Society letter
34. Fishy delicacy
35. Bk. before Esther
36. Prom goers: abbr.



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**2ND WELLNESS CLINIC AT CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH IS BEING PLANNED
701 N. INDIANA STREET, ENGLEWOOD, FL**

**A CVS PHARMACIST WILL BE ON SITE
TO PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING IMMUNIZATION SHOTS.**



**FLU SHOT - LATEST VERSION
SHINGLES**

**COVID - LATEST VERSION
MMR (MEASLE/MUMPS/RUBELLS)**

PNEUMONIA

RSV (RESPIRATORY SYNCYIAL VIRSU)

TDAP (TETANUS/DIPHTHERIA/PERTUSSIS)

CLC member, friends and neighbors are eligible.

THE COST, IN MOST CASES, IS ZERO, AS MEDICARE AND/OR INSURANCE WILL COVER IMMUNIZATION.

MORE INFORMATION TO COME!

March 23, 2026

Dear Quilters Group Members,

*We appreciate your thinking of the survivors we help at
C.A.R.E. with the lovely pillow cases you made and donated.
With such considerate gifts, they are able to keep for personal
comfort make a huge impact on someone dealing with trauma.
Thanks to each of you for your kindness.*

Linda





June 28,

Please invite friends, neighbors, and family members to join us for worship on Sunday, June 28th.

A summer picnic lunch will be served on the patio after service.

Let's make new friends and celebrate CLC's fellowship.

If you would like to help for the event please call:
Andy Egeland — 941-486-5216

There will be a meeting in the church office on
Tuesday, June 16 at 3:00pm.

