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CLC NEWSLETTER

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In last Sunday's sermon on "The Peaceable Kingdom," I noted the optimism of the writer of John of Patmos (not John the gospel writer). In the account of his vision, he relates the future initiated by the death and resurrection of Christ. The end game of Christ's passion and crucifixion is the end of human history, the divine goal of God. John's vision is a metaphor, a glimpse of the future in the graphic language of the "New Jerusalem." Our place of rest will be a place of God's glory, a place where all nations will co-reside in peace, a place of healing, a place of light which will overcome abomination, falsehood, and uncleanness. (Rev. 21:10-22:5)

John's vision provides solace and comfort for those who are troubled by our present "difficult times." Some believe that our values are being turned upside down. Universities are being stripped of grants needed for scientific research and are losing federal aid if they advocate policies contrary to the current administration. Historic accomplishments of racial minorities and women are being scrubbed. Some fear that tariffs will inflate prices for basic human needs. Humility and compassion are trumped by "might makes right."

The Reformation leaders insisted that "religion" and its values are pretty straight forward. The Bible speaks plainly about feeding the hungry, clothing the naked, welcoming the stranger, healing the sick, loving one's neighbor, sharing our wealth, taking care of the children and the migrants. Core values. Not difficult to understand. Just do what is right. Often have I stressed the victory won on the cross. No one can stop the kingdom from coming. God will win. Jesus will win. We will win. Let us hold fast to the values of our faith.

In our lifetimes, we have already experienced "difficult times." Some survived better than others the financial crash of 2008. (I lost forty percent of my pension savings but some lost their homes, their jobs, their entire pension accounts.) We made it through the COVID crisis and Hurricanes Ian and Milton. Some had to face challenging health events and some lost the battle. Some of us lost family members and close friends.

The world keeps rolling along. Once when my congregation in Michigan weathered a difficult time, a couple came after worship to shake my hand and said, "Don't worry, Pastor, this too shall pass." Often have we comforted each other by reminding ourselves that God never promised us a rose garden but he did promise the strength to endure and face each challenge, each doubt, each perplexion, with faith.

Jennifer Hockenberry, currently Executive Director for Women of the ELCA, suggests that we face our concerns and worries by remembering that "Jesus has given the Spirit to teach us and guide us as we do our best to love our neighbor and praise God . . . with God, we can act boldly in the fruit of the Spirit." Dr. Hockenberry quoted Karl Marx who said that we should not describe the world; rather, we should change it. Jennifer's point is that calling out the evil doers and their machinations **does** change the world. (Ted Peter's blog of May 20, 2025) Jesus did not strike down his enemies with a sword. He struck them down by **naming** their sins and dragging them from the shadows and darkness into the light of day. We boldly confess! We boldly confess what is right! We name the wrong! We are not alone. Jesus stands at our side.

Your fellow traveler along the way,
Pastor Ken

Music and Worship

Beginning on Trinity Sunday, June 15th, we will be changing our worship music.

The Kyrie will remain the same

BUT . . . The Gloria will change to **“This is the Feast”**

Holy, holy, holy will change to setting one . . .
same words different tune.

Lamb of God will remain the same.



Celebrate the resurrection of Christ:

The Church switches to "This is the Feast" to celebrate the resurrection of Christ, a solemn event that is central to the Christian faith. The date for Easter changes each year due to the need to align with the lunar cycle, which is different from the solar calendar used by the Church. The Council of Nicaea in 325 A.D. established the date of Easter as the first Sunday after the first full moon following the vernal equinox, which is the first day of Spring. This practice ensures that the celebration of Easter remains a movable feast, reflecting the natural cycle of the seasons.

“This Is the Feast of Victory” is a Eucharistic hymn. During the Easter season, Lutherans use this setting as the Song of Praise in place of the Gloria in excelsis. When celebrating Holy Communion in worship, the church gives thanks and praise to God for Christ’s victory over death. Through this victory, Christ is our king who reigns eternally.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

“This Is the Feast of Victory” is based on passages found in Revelation 5:12-13 and 19:5-9. It is a beautiful setting of songs that are sung in heaven praising Jesus, the Lamb who was slain, but who now lives and reigns for all eternity. In singing “This Is the Feast of Victory,” we join in what the saints are singing in heaven.

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God.

In this first stanza, we acknowledge Jesus as the Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world. In awe and wonder, we celebrate his worthiness with the angels and archangels. In Revelation 5, Jesus is worthy to open the scroll and therefore brings salvation to all who believe in him. We respond in worship and praise to this good news.

*Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are his.
This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!*

Jesus has defeated sin, death, and the devil, and now he lives forever. We celebrate that all power, riches, wisdom, strength, honor, blessing, and glory are his!

*Sing with all the people of God and join in the hymn of all creation.
Blessing and honor and glory and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.
This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!*

We not only sing with the angels and archangels, but we join with all creation in celebration.

*For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia.
This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!*

Because the Lamb that was slain has begun his reign, we sing “Alleluia” repeatedly. “Alleluia” is the ancient Hebrew word, Hallelujah, in its anglicized form. It means “Praise the Lord.” How fitting that we sing “Praise the Lord!” over and over again, as we marvel at this incredibly good news that Jesus has died for our sins, has risen from the dead, and now lives forever!

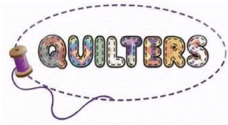
When we sing “**This Is the Feast of Victory**,” we are reminded that the church is indeed one. There is only one worship service in heaven and earth, and by God’s grace, we all participate in it. We join with all those sitting in the pews around us—whether we have weak voices or strong voices, whether we’re twelve years old or a seasoned member, whether we’re sure about these “new” songs or not—and we become part of the great choir that surrounds the throne of God. Our voices join the angels to proclaim, “Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain! Alleluia!”
web article by Richard Hillert, Lutheran Composer & Professor (1923-2010)

*Respectfully submitted,
Lois Greene,
Chair Music and Worship*



OUTREACH MINISTRY TEAM

ENGLEWOOD HELPING HAND (EHH) - Thank you for donating food and personal care items to EHH! Located on the campus of Englewood Methodist Church, EHH is open to clients on W and TH, 8am-1pm. Thank you to our May volunteers, Joyce Hanisits, Brenda Sahlstrom and Carol Rice. If you would like to volunteer as a pantry worker, please let Carol Rice know. Volunteers are needed June 25 and 26.



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 welcome. Most of our quilts are donated to Lutheran World Relief. Beautiful knitted and crocheted Prayer

Shawls and Lap Robes are donated locally. 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. 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. Pastor Ken enjoys volunteering each month with Kids' Needs during their TH evening shopping nights. Thank you, PK! We know the kids and parents love your magic tricks.



TROSHUK FAMILY - - Please continue to support our Ukrainian family with your prayers, including prayers for world PEACE!??

"GOD's WORK. OUR HANDS" Sunday will be September 7th. Stay tuned to more developments for this special ELCA day of service.



* The next Outreach Ministry Team will be on Thursday, August 14, at 11:00^{am} in the office meeting room.

Peace and Joy!

Carol Rice for the Outreach Ministry Team

Pastor Ken, Ellen Novotny, Moira Ehlers, and Pastor Linda Fernandez



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



NEWCLCPHONE directories (yellow 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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Women's Circle News

On Sunday May 11 The Women's Circle once again provide their Annual Mother's Day brunch after church.

Pastor Linda provided the sandwiches and quiche. Volunteers once again brought goodies and drinks to go along with the main eats. A huge thank you to our Men's group for their help in setting up and tear down of the patio area for our al fresco dining. The weather was perfect and it was a great time to celebrate ALL the women in the parish. Looking forward to next year.

Pastor Linda Fernandez+



Christ Lutheran Men

June, July, August

And see “you in September”—so goes the song!

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.

Matthew 25:40

“Whatever you did for one of the least of these.....you did for me”

This summer let us all remember to be Disciples of Jesus and share His mercy, grace and Good News! Amen

Sept. Meetings: 9am at church.

September: Thursday, Sept. 11th
Thursday, Sept. 25th

The Men will take a break from meeting during the months of June-August and will reconvene in September. Watch for your notices.

New Opportunities to Serve Coming this fall:

September:



Roadside Clean-up

October:

Halloween Safe-Walk Booth



—

get your costumes ready.

Octoberfest

Community Event; TBD —

great German Festival



December:

CLC Holiday Dinner Gathering

Mark Baker, Facilitator



June			July			August		
Heidi	Hose	06/05	Barbara	Sturrock	07/06	Alfred	Harfield	08/01
Roseanne	Froemming	06/05	Raymond	Thompson	07/07	Paula	Beehler	08/01
Ruth	Wyant	06/06	Phyllis	Case	07/09	Cindy	Luther	08/01
Natalie	Tickner	06/12	Brendajean	Patterson	07/11	Svea	Peterson	08/02
Mary	Zahabi	06/21	Heidi	Flebbe	07/14	Murel	Langel	08/03
Gwen	Nicholson	06/22	Marie	Remer	07/16	Janet	Hill	08/10
Ellen	Novotny	06/29	JeanAnn	Caporaso	07/19	Richard	Benedum	08/12
<p>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</p>			Salvatore	Mele	07/20	Karen	Host	08/14
			Robert	St.Pierre	07/21	Lois	Konrad	08/15
			Susan	Hangsleben	07/23	Richard	Thron	08/15
			Pam	Christensen	07/23	Ruth	Vincent	08/15
			Christi	Simmons	07/23	Douglas	Atz	08/19
			Debra	O'Neill	07/28	Jim	Buchanan	08/19
			Martin	LaDue	07/30	James	Dingfelder	08/24
			Bob	Singer	07/31	Josefine	McColloch	08/24
						Diane	Mills	08/26
						Berti	Gronski	08/27
						Helen	Kliner	08/29
						Kay	Tvaroch	08/31



Church Attendance



May	Attendance	Giving
05/04	59	\$4,236.00
05/11	58	\$3,013.00
05/18	45	\$1,061.00
05/25	43	\$1,341.00
		\$0.00
		\$0.00
	205	\$9,651.00

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. Thank you!



06/01	Worship Service 9:30 ^{am}
2	Venetian Harmony - 6:30
3	BOOGIE CHAIR 9-10 / BRIDGE CLUB 12 - 5
4	QUILTING 9-2 ^{PM} / CALVARY CHAPEL CHRISTIAN BIBLE STUDY 7 ^{PM}
5	COUNTRY LINE DANCING 9-12 / BRIDGE CLUB 12 - 5
6	TAI CHI 10:00-11:00 ^{AM}
7	
8	WORSHIP SERVICE 9:30 ^{AM}
9	VENETIAN HARMONY - 6:30 - 9:30 ^{PM}
10	BOOGIE CHAIR 9-10 / BRIDGE CLUB 12 - 5
11	QUILTING 9:00 - 2:00 ^{PM} / CALVARY CHAPEL CHRISTIAN BIBLE STUDY 7-8PM
12	COUNTRY LINE DANCING 9:00-12 / BRIDGE CLUB 12 - 5 / CHURCH COUNCIL 2:00PM / ▼
13	TAI CHI 10:00-11:00 ^{AM} / 2025 FL/BAHAMA ASSEMBLY 2025 FL/BAHAMA ASSEMBLY
14	2025 FL/BAHAMA ASSEMBLY
15	WORSHIP SERVICE 9:30 ^{AM}
16	VENETIAN HARMONY - 6:30 - 9:30 ^{PM}
17	BOOGIE CHAIR 9-10 / BRIDGE CLUB 12 - 5 / PK VACATION STARTS
18	QUILTING 9:00 - 2:00 ^{PM} /CALVARY CHAPEL CHRISTIAN BIBLE STUDY 7-8PM
19	COUNTRY LINE DANCING 9:00-12 / BRIDGE CLUB 12 - 5
20	TAI CHI 10:00-11:00 ^{AM}
21	
22	WORSHIP SERVICE 9:30 ^{AM}
23	VENETIAN HARMONY - 6:30 - 9:30 ^{PM}
24	BOOGIE CHAIR 9-10 / BRIDGE CLUB 12 - 5
25	QUILTING 9:00 - 2:00 ^{PM} /CALVARY CHAPEL CHRISTIAN BIBLE STUDY 7-8PM
26	COUNTRY LINE DANCING 9:00-12 / BRIDGE CLUB 12 - 5
27	TAI CHI 10:00-11:00 ^{AM}
28	
29	WORSHIP SERVICE 9:30 ^{AM}
30	VENETIAN HARMONY - 6:30 - 9:30 ^{PM}

07/01	Boogie Chair 9-10 / Bridge Club 12 - 5
2	QUILTING 9-2PM / CALVARY CHAPEL CHRISTIAN BIBLE STUDY 7-8PM
3	COUNTRY LINE DANCING 9-12 / BRIDGE CLUB 12 - 5
4	TAI CHI 10:00-11:00AM
5	
6	WORSHIP SERVICE
7	VENETIAN HARMONY - 6:30 - 9:30PM
8	BOOGIE CHAIR 9-10 / BRIDGE CLUB 12 - 5 / CHURCH COUNCIL 2:00 ^{PM}
9	QUILTING 9:00 - 2:00PM /CALVARY CHAPEL CHRISTIAN BIBLE STUDY 7-8PM
10	COUNTRY LINE DANCING 9:00-12 / BRIDGE CLUB 12 - 5
11	TAI CHI 10:00-11:00AM
12	
13	WORSHIP SERVICE 9:30AM
14	VENETIAN HARMONY - 6:30 - 9:30PM
15	BOOGIE CHAIR 9-10 / BRIDGE CLUB 12 - 5
16	QUILTING 9:00 - 2:00PM /CALVARY CHAPEL CHRISTIAN BIBLE STUDY 7-8PM
17	COUNTRY LINE DANCING 9:00 - 12:00 / BRIDGE CLUB 12 - 5
18	TAI CHI 10:00-11:00AM
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20	WORSHIP SERVICE 9:30AM
21	VENETIAN HARMONY - 6:30 - 9:30PM
22	BOOGIE CHAIR 9-10 / BRIDGE CLUB 12 - 5
23	QUILTING 9:00 - 2:00PM /CALVARY CHAPEL CHRISTIAN BIBLE STUDY 7-8PM
24	COUNTRY LINE DANCING 9:00 - 12:00 / BRIDGE CLUB 12 - 5
25	TAI CHI 10:00-11:00AM
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27	WORSHIP SERVICE 9:30AM
28	VENETIAN HARMONY - 6:30 - 9:30PM
29	BOOGIE CHAIR 9-10 / BRIDGE CLUB 12 - 5
30	QUILTING 9:00 - 2:00PM / CALVARY CHAPEL CHRISTIAN BIBLE STUDY 7-8PM
31	COUNTRY LINE DANCING 9:00-12 / BRIDGE CLUB 12 - 5

08/01	NO TAI CHI FOR AUGUST
2	
3	WORSHIP SERVICE 9:30AM
4	VENETIAN HARMONY - 6:30 - 9:30PM
5	BOOGIE CHAIR 9-10 / BRIDGE CLUB 12 - 5
6	QUILTING 9:00 - 2:00PM / CALVARY CHAPEL CHRISTIAN BIBLE STUDY 7-8PM
7	COUNTRY LINE DANCING 9:00-12 / BRIDGE CLUB 12 - 5
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10	WORSHIP SERVICE 9:30AM
11	VENETIAN HARMONY - 6:30 - 9:30PM
12	BOOGIE CHAIR 9-10 / BRIDGE CLUB 12 - 5
13	QUILTING 9:00 - 2:00PM / CALVARY CHAPEL CHRISTIAN BIBLE STUDY 7-8PM
14	COUNTRY LINE DANCING 9:00-12 / OUTREACH MEETING 11:00 ^{AM} / BRIDGE CLUB 12 - 5
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17	WORSHIP SERVICE 9:30 ^{AM}
18	VENETIAN HARMONY - 6:30 - 9:30 ^{PM}
19	BOOGIE CHAIR 9-10 / BRIDGE CLUB 12 - 5
20	QUILTING 9:00 - 2:00 ^{PM} / CALVARY CHAPEL CHRISTIAN BIBLE STUDY 7-8PM
21	COUNTRY LINE DANCING 9:00-12 / BRIDGE CLUB 12 - 5
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26	BOOGIE CHAIR 9-10 / BRIDGE CLUB 12 - 5
27	QUILTING 9:00 - 2:00 ^{PM} / CALVARY CHAPEL CHRISTIAN BIBLE STUDY 7-8PM
28	COUNTRY LINE DANCING 9:00-12 / BRIDGE CLUB 12 - 5
29	
30	
31	WORSHIP SERVICE 9:30 ^{AM}

BOOKS AND MORE

ACROSS

1. Herod the _____
6. Physically inactive
11. Spirited vigor
12. Stogie or cheroot
13. Book of the Old Testament
15. Planted explosive
16. Drooped
20. Swerve off course
24. Concepts
25. Small flycatcher bird
26. Number of votes cast
27. Looked upon
28. Pressing device
30. Book of the New Testament
37. Set sights
38. Specialized lingo
39. Native American dwelling
40. On guard

DOWN

1. Word on all U.S. coins
2. Fish eggs
3. Australian bird
4. Well-chosen
5. Motifs
6. Religious image
7. Biblical city
8. Pridefulness
9. Farm butter
10. Make an effort
14. Disencumber
16. Liquid taste
17. Big fuss
18. Toothpaste choice
19. Sea of the Holy Land
21. Female sheep
22. Reef predator
23. Checkers side
25. Childhood correspondent
27. Hit on the head
29. Commute
30. Touch lightly
31. Make haste
32. Little devil
33. Anger
34. Birthday figure
35. Also not
36. Pig pen

BOOKS & MORE

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ANSWERS NEXT PAGE ... DON'T CHEAT!

BOOKS AND MORE

