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a message from our pastor

REFORMATION 2021

In honor of Reformation 2021, a quote from the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther which sounds oddly contemporary. It is found in Volume 43, Luther's Works: Devotional Writings II pp 130-132. It was written in the middle of the sixteenth century as people then contended with the Plague. The Church may indeed be always reforming, but people are amazingly consistent across the centuries.

Five centuries ago, folks were trying to figure out how to respond to a dangerous and fluid situation. How best to react to events which were clearly beyond their control and understanding. Below is a portion of Luther's advice to the Wittenberg community as the people sought a faithful and faith-filled response. Holds up well after five centuries. It is a long passage, but worth the read.

"This I well know, that if it were Christ or his mother who were laid low by illness, everybody would be so solicitous and would gladly become a servant or helper. Everyone would want to be bold and fearless; nobody would flee but everyone would come running. And yet they don't hear what Christ himself say, "As you did to one of the least, you did it to me" [Matt. 25:40]. When he speaks of the greatest commandment he says, "The other commandment is like unto it, you shall love your neighbor as yourself' [Matt. 22:39]. There you hear that the command to love your neighbor is egual to the areatest commandment to love God, and that what you do or fail to do for your neighbor means doing the same to God. If you wish to serve Christ and to wait on him, very well, you have your sick neighbor close at hand. Go to him and serve him, and you will surely find Christ in him, not outwardly but in his word. If you do not wish or care to serve your neighbor you can be sure that if Christ lay there instead you

would not do so either and would let him lie there. Those are nothing but illusions on your part which puff you up with vain pride, namely, that you would really serve Christ if he were there in person. Those are nothing but lies; whoever wants to serve Christ in person would surely serve his neighbor as well. This is said as an admonition and encouragement fear against and disgraceful flight to which the devil would tempt us so that we would disregard God's command in our dealings with our neighbor and so we would fall into sin on the left hand.

Others sin on the right hand. They are much too rash and reckless, tempting God and disregarding everything which might counteract death and the plague. They disdain the use of medicines; they do not avoid places and persons infected by the plague, but lightheartedly make sport of it and wish to prove how independent they are. They say that it is God's punishment; if he wants to protect them he can do so without medicines or our carefulness. This is not trusting God but tempting him. God has created medicines and provided us with intelligence to guard and take good care of the body so that we can live in good health.

If one makes no use of intelligence or medicine when he could do so without detriment to his neighbor, such a person injures his body and must beware lest he become a suicide in God's eyes. By the same reasoning a person might forego eating and drinking, clothing and shelter, and boldly proclaim his faith that if God wanted to preserve him from starvation and cold, he could do so without food and clothing.

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Actually that would be suicide. It is even more shameful for a person to pay no heed to his own body and to fail to protect it against the plague the best he is able, and then to infect and poison others who might have remained alive if he had taken care of his body as he should have. He is thus responsible before God for his neighbor's death and is a murderer many times over. Indeed, such people behave as though a house were burning in the city and nobody were trying to put the fire out. Instead they give leeway to the flames so that the whole city is consumed, saying that if God so willed, he could save the city without water to quench the fire.

No, my dear friends, that is no good. Use medicine; take potions which can help you; fumigate house, yard, and street; shun persons and places wherever your neighbor does not need your presence or has recovered, and act like a man who wants to help put out the burning city. What else is the epidemic but a fire which instead of consuming wood and straw devours life and body? You ought to think this way: "Very well, by God's decree the enemy has sent us poison and deadly offal (refuse or waste material). Therefore I shall ask God mercifully to protect us. Then I shall fumigate, help purify the air, administer medicine, and take it. I shall avoid places and persons where my presence is not needed in order not to become contaminated and thus perchance infect and pollute others, and so cause their death as a result of my negligence. If God should wish to take me, he will surely find me and I have done what he has expected of me and so I am not responsible for either my own death or the death of others. If my neighbor needs, however, I shall not avoid place or person but will go freely, as stated above. See, this is such a God-fearing faith because it is neither brash or foolhardy and does not tempt God. (Emphasis added)"

God's Peace, Pastor Groce

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

Well, we did it - almost! It only took about 2 years, but Sunday the 19th, we began a golf tournament, began being the operative word. Play lasted only one, two, or three holes for the golfers, Sadly, the rain won. However we continued with the other activities of the day.

Our first honoree was Dick Shlling and the proceeds were donated to the Cumberland Playhouse T-3 group. Dick loved the playhouse and dedicated his time and leadership to this group. About twenty of these young performers were on hand and provided an awesome, uplifting performance. Everyone was more than impressed with this display of talent.

We had 55 golfers, who now have rain checks to play another day, and 29 hole sponsors. Local businesses were very forthcoming participating as sponsors. The day included Mulligan sales, a 50/50 drawing, a silent auction and raffle. In addition, we had over \$1,000 in cash donations. The result was that the contribution to the Playhouse amounted to \$6,962.34. WOW! We consider this quite a success, even with the rain trying to interfere.

The most important aspect in any event is the team work of the people involved. We had a great group who worked together and helped each other to make

this happen. A huge thanks goes to Mary Shilling and her family, to President Joe Birmingham and the CLC Council. Thanks to team members Pastor Groce, Jim Reemts, Tom & Denise Brown, Dick Pry, Glen House, Greg Paul, and Karen Sloboda. What a Outside the team are the valuable volunteers—Sue Dugan, Irene Paul, Joyce Reemts, Paul Sloboda, Linda and Gene Ferris, Photographer David Seaver, and my wife, Vicki, who was there to help with anything I needed. Thanks to the entire congregation for your support, prayers, and donations. Finally a very special thank you to our amazing Office Administrator, Vickie. She helped everyone, without question, in making this the success it was. In total, what tangible evidence to our commitment of caring, as set forth in our Mission Statement.

We hope to continue this tournament in 2022 and for years to come. Each year CLC will designate a new honoree and charitable organization. There will be a kickoff for the 2022 tournament sometime before year end. Please volunteer to be a part of this team - watch for the time and place.

God's blessings, Gary Deierlein

COATS FOR THE COLD

CLC "Barrel" Collections for October and November can be found on the Narthex tables labeled for COATS FOR THE COLD. In past years, GLOVES, SCARVES AND HATS have also been donated. We are aware of so many in the Crossville community who are in need of these items. Please consider sharing what you don't use or purchase items for our marginalized.

Your Service Team Barb Boyce, Team Leader

SERVICE TEAM MEETING

Service Team will meet on the 4th Thursday, October 28, at 3:30 p.m. for about one hour.

We will discuss:

- Coats for the Cold Drive
- Crossville Christmas Tree with ornaments
- ELCA Good Gifts Tree at CLC
- Monthly Monetary Donations.

Please join us.

Barb Boyce, Team Leader

SERVICE TEAM BREAD OF LIFE MEAL SUNDAY, OCTOBER 10

Christ Lutheran's Bread of Life Mission Lunch prepared for October will be another fun, easy meal with little cooking.

Items needed:

- ◆ 4 people to bring a Crockpot of 1 gallon spaghetti sauce with meat
- 2 people to bring 3-lbs. of spaghetti, uncooked, will be cooked at CLC early Sunday morning
- 1 person to bring large can/jar of Parmesan cheese.
- ♦ 4 people to bring (2) salad mixes each
- ◆ 1 person to bring 1 lg. bottle Ranch salad dressing
- 1 person to bring 1 lg. bottle Italian salad dressing
- 5 people to each bring 1 loaf Italian bread, buttered and in foil – ready to be warmed in the oven
- 3 people to make 9x13 dessert of your choice (15 pcs. each)

Please bring items to the church Friday, Saturday, or Sunday by 9:30 a.m., so that I may prepare for delivery after church with Crockpots on Sunday.

Thank You!

Questions? Call or e-mail Barbara Boyce

6x6 SINGLES

A single member suggested we start a group similar to the 3x3 groups for couples, but targeted toward singles who are interested in food and fellowship. For example, if 12 singles signed up, I would create 2 groups of 6 people who would gather for 3 consecutive months. Each group would be responsible for setting up their dates and picking a restaurant such as Deli Express or Grinders where they could talk in a somewhat private location. A restaurant or coffee shop also means no one needs to be responsible for food prep.

6x6 Singles wouldn't need to follow the exact same guidelines as the 3x3 groups. It would be ideal if the

singles who sign up would create parameters specific to the singles group.

If you are interested in more information or want to participate in this new activity, please sign up on the board at church or contact me and I will add your name to the list. Your name on the list does not commit you to anything. It will indicate that there is an interest in a singles group within CLC. Please pass this information on to singles you may know and please contact me with any comments or suggestions. I hope we can create a new opportunity for fellowship within our church community.

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	READINGS AND PSALMS OCTOBER, 2021					
7	October 2 & 3	October 9 & 10	October 16 & 17	October 23 & 24	October 30 & 31	
First Reading	Genesis 2:18-24	Amos 5:6-7, 10-15	Isaiah 91:9-16	Jeremiah 31:7-9	Jeremiah 31:31-34	
Psalm	Psalm 8	Psalm 90:12-17	Psalm 91:9-16	Psalm 126	Psalm 46	
Second Reading	Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12	Hebrews 4:12-16	Hebrews 5;1-10	Hebrews 7:23-28	Romans 3:19-28	
Gospel	Mark 10:2-16	Mark 10:17-31	Mark 10:35-45	Mark 10:46-52	John 8:31-36	

Worship Service Assistants						
SATURDAYS - OCTOBER 2021						
	Greeter	Ushers	Lector	Audio-Video Booth		
October 2, 2021			Bonnie Irvin	David Irvin		
October 9, 2021		Larry & Diane Camp		David Irvin		
October 16, 2021		Craig Floros, Mark Floros				
October 23, 2021		Larry & Diane Camp				
October 30, 2021		Craig Floros, Mark Floros				
	SUNDAY	rs - October 202	1			
	Greeter	Ushers	Lector	Audio-Video Booth		
October 3, 2021	Bob & Connie Brown	Al Love, Dick Pry	Denise Knebel	Craig Christen		
October 10, 2021		Deb Tenny	Jim Jensen			
October 17, 2021	Sue Gauerke; Sue Straw		Jan Deibel			
October 24, 2021			Linda Vance			
October 31, 2021						

PRAYER CONCERNS

Please keep the following in your prayers.

Names stay on Prayer Concerns for three weeks unless otherwise instructed. Call Vickie to extend the time or add names.

- George Anderson
- o Don Baassler
- o Ed Beckstrom
- o Odette Cadart
- o Bob & Rhonita Bisarek
- o Ruby Carr
- o Pat Egger
- Gloria Floros
- Glen Goergen
- o Bill Henderson
- o Ed Litman
- o Lou & Marcie Loffredo
- o Jan Martin
- o Walt Mellor
- o Walt Tyszko
- o ALL MILITARY PERSONNEL
- David & Alicia Brondos, our missionaries in Mexico
- o **Kiswahili Lutheran Mission Church**, Nashville, our mission partner.

- Lori and husband Dennis, niece of Joe and Marilynn Nilsen
- Dave Brewer, FFG resident and friend of Anne Dodge
- o Brett Cooper, son of Jan Walter
- o Christy Farber, daughter of Dave & Linda Farber
- o Adam Voogd, grandson of Glen & Betty House
- o Sue Hamilton, relative of Jan Deibel
- Annie Mrozinski, granddaughter of June Levora
- Shelley Nowaczck, daughter of Barbara Kalmar
- Robin O'Hara, friend of June Levora and Jody Schuning
- Ronnie Puryear, son-in-law of Gene & Linda Ferris
- Micah Smith, grandson of Paul & Bev Smith
- Bridget Stern, niece of Nancy Sparagna
- Terry Vallon, brother of Bev Smith
- Joe Welch, son of Ben & Kathleen Welch



Christ Lutheran Church Needs Congregation Council Members for 2022-2023

Treasurer Finance Team Leader Property Team Leader Welcome Team Leader

Contact Sue Gauerke for more info - (931) 707-7793

OUR GIFTS FROM GOD

We, as a congregation, will start our annual Intention Card process in early October with the return of your 2021 cards and conclude with the blessing of your 2022 cards in November.

This past year many of us have experienced heartache and loss from COVID, from inflation, from storms, from flooding and from conflicts around the world. But we have also experienced a vaccine that has helped millions of people avoid serious illness or death. Because of this vaccine we have been able to gather again as families, friends and as a congregation bringing blessings to all of us.

So we would ask you when you think about and remember how God's Gifts have touched and blessed your life this past year. Then make your own private and personal "Gift to God" on your intention card.

Your Stewardship Team

SERVING OPPORTUNITY

A few months ago we gave each of you a Serving Opportunity form. New Members, there is in your new member packet. Please be sure to fill it out and turn it in. There is an envelope on the bulletin board in the office to deposit them. This is our way of helping you find your place to serve at Christ Lutheran.

EDUCATION TEAM NEWS

Sunday Education Time (SET) meets following worship in fellowship room C from 10:45-11:45.

Bible study continues with the Augsburg Adult Bible Study series entitled "Celebrating God". Participant books are available in class with a requested \$5 donation to cover material cost.

10/10 - Justice and Righteousness, Psalm 9

10/17 – Give Thanks for Deliverance, Psalm 107

10/24 - The Joy of Worship, Psalm 84

10/31 – Praise God with Music. Psalm 149-150

Discussion leaders are needed; please sign up on the CLC Education schedule posted on the church bulletin board.

CLC Education Team



FINANCIAL INFORMATION THROUGH AUGUST

Total Income for the month \$ 36,935 Year-to-Date \$294,571 Total Expenses for the month \$ 32.281 Year-to-Date \$253.942 YTD Income exceeds Expenses by \$ 40.628

Reasons for Income exceeding **Expenses:**

- •Several full year donations are included in the total
- •Expenses so far are well below budget.

If envelope donations are adjusted by spreading the full year early donations through the whole year, there is a budget shortfall of \$12,100 through August.

Stephen Ministers: The After People

People often ask, "What exactly is a Stephen Minister?" One way to put it is that Stephen Ministers are the *After People*.

Stephen Ministers are there:

- ... after the phone call you hoped you'd never get.
- ... after the divorce papers are served and the bottom falls out of your life.
- ... after the funeral, when everyone has left and the emotions you've held at bay come crashing in on you.
- ... after the doctor says, "I'm sorry, but there's nothing more we can do."
- . . . after the nursing home director shakes your hand and says, "Welcome to your new home."
- ... after the last child honks the horn, waves, and drives away—and the house suddenly seems empty.
 - ... after the gavel goes down, the handcuffs go on, and your loved one is led away.
 - ... after the baby arrives, demanding more of you than you ever dreamed possible.
 - . . . after you find a pink slip with your final paycheck.
 - ... after your family and friends have heard your story one too many times, but you still need to talk it out.

Stephen Ministers are the "After People." They are ready to come alongside you—or your friends, neighbors, coworkers, or relatives—and provide comfort and support for as long after as needed.

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	OCTOBER BIRTHDAY
3 4	Sue Henderson
	Ed Beckstrom
4	Carl Hubbard
4	Linda Pluff
5 5	Ruby Carr
5	Dee McClure
5 6	Maryann Rankhorn
6	Bob Lallak
7	Mark Floros
8	Pam Nowicki
9	Marlen Sterud
10	Pat Egger
11	Bruce Fundling
12	Beverly Olin
13	Norton Strommen
13	Walt Tyszko
14	Fran Soper
16	Geir Bergvin
17	Gene Ferris
17	Donna Schiller
19	Tom Dugan
20	Cynthia Olsen
21	Marcie Loffredo
22	Fay Kowalsky
23	Nona Jensen
24	Leanne Hildebrandt
25	Dick Botsford
26	Wilma Emling
26	Kathie Whiffen
30	Ben Welch
31	Linda Ferris

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HAPPY OCTOBER ANNIVERSARY			
1	Bob & Jackie Lallak	61 st	
2	Paul & Katherine Pellek	6 th	
7	Marlen & Doris Sterud	66 th	
10	John & Sue Gauerke	57 th	
11	Jimmy & Cynthia Olsen	35 th	
17	Richard & Linda Queen	51 st	
21	John & Ruth Waters	60 th	

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 9:30 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion 11:00 a.m. Sunday Education Time	4 10:00 a.m. GriefShare - Via Zoom and In-Person @ CLC	5 9:00 a.m. Finance Team Meeting 10:30 a.m. Property Team Meeting 1:00 p.m. Executive Team Meeting	1:30 p.m. Hand Bell Rehearsal 4:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal	7 9:00 a.m Noon Pastor Groce Office Hours 9:00 a.m. Via de Cristo Reunion Group 1:00 p.m. Welcome Team Meeting 1:00 p.m. Kinseekers 4:00 p.m. Via de Cristo Reunion Group	8 11:00 a.m. Book Club 2:00 p.m. Cumberland Swing Experience Rehearsal	9 8:00 a.m. Alcoholics Anonymous 9:00 a.m. Via de Cristo Reunion Group 5:00 p.m. Praise Worship with Holy Communion
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