



# Life Lines

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## a message from our pastor

It has long been noted that if you want to get the attention of a group of Lutherans, you simply say, **“The Lord be with you.”** Everyone will stop chatting and respond *“And also with you.”* The problem with this trick is that often there is no prayer following the “call and response.” All you have are announcements or whatever the leader is trying to convey to the group. It is like a “bait and switch” - you anticipate a prayer, but instead you get an agenda.

“Sharing of the Peace” is not all that dissimilar. You and I (from where we are standing) share God’s peace with each other. This is a prayer - a prayer for God’s peace to reside with the other person. You will note that there are hand gestures which accompany this prayer. Then, after we have shared this peace, I invite you to share THIS PEACE with one another as we transition into the MEAL. Typically this is done by greeting those immediately around you in front and to each side. “Peace be with you” or “Peace of the Lord” or “God’s Peace” is the offer. The response is to repeat the offer or simply respond, “And also with you.” There is a gesture which accompanies this prayer (handshake, “praying hands”, kiss of peace). Then we are seated.

This is done in preparation for and anticipation of the celebration of Holy Communion. It is a prayer for God’s peace to reside with the neighbor. It is not a time for animated or prolonged conversation. It is important and it is done to prepare for Holy Communion. I am all for us being friendly and happy when we greet one another, spend time with one another, get to know one another. This is most appropriately done before or after worship. In worship, our focus is on God and God’s Word (written, spoken and living). We receive , share , we carry the gift of God’s presence outside the walls of CLC. Called in we are sent forth to go in peace and serve the Lord.

**Two other prayer thoughts.** Each day I pray for those in our congregation who are in need of prayer and who have requested prayer. Each day I pray for Christ Lutheran Church as a body. Each day. Prayer requires discipline on our part. So when you tell someone, “I’ll be praying for you.” Do it! Take the time and make the effort to follow through and remember them before God. You don’t need to know all the particulars of their medical history or family situation. You don’t need to overwhelm God with a verbal assault. Simply commend them to God’s care and keeping.

Likewise, our fourth pledge from Thom Rainer’s book, I Am A Church Member, is that we will pray for congregation leaders including the Pastor. I am asking for your prayers and also asking that you pray for Teams, Council and one another. No one here is perfect. No one here has all the answers. I can tell you that we all are doing the best that we can and that each and everyone of us needs the support of prayer.

Thom’s pledge deals specifically with the pastor. I propose broadening that to include all of us.

*“Each day I will pray for my Pastor, congregation leaders, and fellow members.  
I will lift them in prayer and seek ways to support them in action.  
I will remember to pray for myself. I will pray for a gentle spirit and an open heart.”*

God’s Peace—Pastor Groce

## From our President.....

Time, how fast it goes by. I have been your council president for six months and time has flown! It's been a very busy time with many exciting and challenging opportunities.

I thank you all for your patience when the air conditioner went out in the Sanctuary. We were able to get it resolved through follow up and more follow up. The air conditioner came in time for our outstanding choir, choir director, pastor and narrator's during the "A Call to Peace and Unity". The event raised over \$2,500 for the children of Ukraine through the UNICEF organization. Special thanks to Joy for all of the written narrative and Fellowship for the cake and drinks following the concert.

Many of the projects that I reported on in April and in Life Line articles have been completed and others are on schedule. I will have another Temple Talk Update the beginning of August.

HELP! The Nominating Team needs you to fill open positions for 2023-24. The following positions are available for YOU to prayerfully consider filling: Vice President, Treasurer, Communications, Fellowship and Stewardship. Every team would like new members, so if you're not inclined to be a Team Leader/Council Representative, volunteer to help behind the scenes. Nominating is also looking to fill positions on Audit and Nominating. If your strengths fit into any of these categories, please contact me or a member of the Nominating Team—Joe Birmingham, Craig Christen, Sue Gauerke and Marilyn Nilsen. Its an exciting and rewarding experience and opportunity to help move Christ Lutheran Church forward.

Thanks as always for your prayers, help and support.

God Bless,

Gary Deierlein, Council President



*Vickie will be on vacation the last week of July. We will be publishing a light version of Life Lines the week of July 18th. If needed, there will be an addendum the beginning of August. Have a wonderful summer!*

### **Small Group Opportunities**

#### **6x6 Singles**

6X6 Singles is a new group for singles or caregivers in CLC interested in gathering for food and fellowship. Participants can attend a monthly brunch at Stonehenge on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday at 10:30. One additional activity in the community is usually offered. If you are interested in participating in 6X6 Singles, please sign up on the bulletin board at church during July. Members will meet September through November with December as an extra month if needed. More guidelines are posted by the signup sheet. Please include an email address on the sheet. Contact Monica Jahn at (931) 287- 0856 or [djmj5@hotmail.com](mailto:djmj5@hotmail.com) with questions or for more information.

#### **3x3 Groups**

Even though we are in the midst of a lovely summer, July is the time to sign up for Fall 3x3 groups! The months of September through December offer lots of time for food and fellowship within these groups. A signup sheet and more information can be found on the church bulletin board. Please include your email address. New group information and instructions will be sent out by mid- August. Please contact Monica Jahn at 931-287-0856 or [djmj5@hotmail.com](mailto:djmj5@hotmail.com) with questions or more information.

**FGRS/CLC Tournament  
September 18  
11:00 AM Registration  
11:30 AM Lunch  
1:00 PM Shot Gun Start  
Dorchester Golf Course**

The tournament is approximately 2 1/2 months away. If you have not registered for yourself or a team, please do so quickly. The spots available are filling up fast. If you gave a donation or sponsored a hole last year, please consider doing it again in 2022.

This is a fun event with great fellowship, food entertainment and prizes to be raffled off. The tournament supports the community with all monies raised going to the Fairfield Glade Resident Services, started by our very own Ken Schuning.

I thank all of you who have already signed up and if you have not, I hope you will support the tournament in whatever way works for you.



The **Finance Team** wants to let everyone know that the financial condition of our church is very good. Donations are up about \$20,000 over this time last year and expenses are under budget. The AC unit in the Sanctuary was replaced at a cost of \$10,800. The parking lot is in need of repairs or replacement at a cost of \$20,000 to \$80,000 depending on the work done. The funding for each of these projects will come out of the Capital Reserve Fund. Replacement to the Capital Reserve Fund will need to be included in the next three Budget years.

Submitted by:  
Chris Mattheis, Finance Chair



# CLC Upcoming Activities

## Trash and Treasurers Information

The Trash and Treasurers Sale is scheduled for the end of September.

Linda Morgan, garage sale guru, has offered to begin pricing items at her home. She will accept toys, games, puzzles, books, jewelry and linens beginning June 1. Linda lives at 120 Havenridge Circle. Please call **931-248-1301** prior to taking items to her home.

Items not listed above should be held and brought directly to the church when directed to do so. Should these items need to leave your garage sooner, please contact Barb Boyce or Kay Landrus.

Thanks for your generous heart!

## Property Committee Announcement

Mark your calendars! Saturday, July 9 we will have a church work party. Our focus is on enhancing the Church's outside appearance and light maintenance. Work party will start at 9 am until approximately 11:30 am. We will have coffee and light refreshments. Contact Steven Brown with questions.



Like Coffee and Fellowship?

**Please sign up to be a host.** There are some goodies in the freezer if you don't want to make/purchase your own.

Should no one sign up, there will be coffee only.

Thanks helping!

Your Fellowship Team



## CLC BREAD OF LIFE DINNER July 10, 2022 Bring Food to Church by 9:30 a.m.

### Items needed:

- ◆ 3 individuals to bring 24-slice package of individually **wrapped cheese slices**
- ◆ 2 individuals to bring 2 containers of Sam's **potato salad** or equivalent
- ◆ 3 individuals to bring **fruit salad**
- ◆ 3 individuals to bring large **veggie trays**
- ◆ 3 individuals to bring their choice of a 9 x 13 pan of **dessert**
- **2-3 volunteers to deliver and serve the meal**

If you can provide any of these items, please sign up on the Activities bulletin board.



**Sunday Education Time (SET)** meets following worship in fellowship room C. We are currently studying the book of Revelation.

- 07/03 – Revelation 8-10 Trumpets 4-6
- 07/10 – No class – Marina Brunch
- 07/17 – Revelation 11-12 Two witnesses, trumpet 7, dragon
- 07/24 – Revelation 12-14 Antichrist, false prophet, beast
- 07/31 – Revelation 15-17 Plagues, Armageddon

Please consider joining the Education Team and provide input on study and/or discussion topics of interest. Contact Rick Tenny or the church office to find out more.



Coffee provided.

CLC Education Team

## Shepherding Groups

A shepherd is a person who protects, guides, or watches over a person or group of people. A shepherding group is a whole group of people who protects, guides and watches over each other. Every member of our congregation is a part of a shepherding group which means that all of us are responsible to help care for each other. Over the past two and a half years this has been difficult because of covid. But now it is time for us to regroup and expand our shepherding groups to make sure that each person in our church community feels supported.

The leaders of the shepherding groups recently met together to discuss how we can better utilize our shepherding groups. The leaders identified many ways we can provide support including wellness checks, providing an occasional meal, sending cards, and checking the mailboxes at church to see who may have not been able to get to church recently. We currently have 9 shepherding groups:

- Group 1 - Crossville & Pleasant Hill; led by Barb Boyce and Linda Ferris
- Group 2 – Druid Hill & Village Green Mall; led by Kathie Whiffen and Helen Buhrmester
- Group 3 – Lake St. George; led by Cynthia Olsen
- Group 4 – Heatherhurst; led by Connie and Bob Brown
- Group 5 – Lake Pomeroy & Dorchester; led by Kay Landrus and Denise Knebel
- Group 6 – Lake Dartmoor; led by Doris and Marlen Sterud and Terilu and Craig Christen
- Group 7 – Stonehenge Golf Area; led by Sue Straw and Deb Tenny
- Group 8 – Lake Canterbury; led by Judy Hammond and Mary Shilling
- Group 9 – Good Samaritan; leader TBA

I want to thank everyone who has agreed to serve as a group leader as well as the many church members who have helped lead the shepherding groups in the past. But leaders can't do it all. We depend on every member of the shepherding group. Please let your leaders know if there is any need in your group. And please be willing to assist as you are able when you are asked to help. Together we can keep our church community strong.

## Back to School is Coming!!!

To help the students of Martin Elementary School, we want to provide school supplies for students from K to 8th Grades. The Tax-Free weekend for these supplies is July 29-31.

Back packs  
Paper, folders, notebooks, spirals  
Pens, pencils, crayons  
Rulers,  
Art supplies, drawing pads, paints, brushes  
Computer flash drives, compact discs, printer paper



Don't forget Staples, Dollar Tree, Dollar General, Target, Walmart and grocery stores will have their own specials. Lets get the kids ready for a year of learning with the supplies they will need.

Thank you for your Serving Heart,  
Your Service Team



Thank you for all your cards and prayers while I was undergoing knee procedures and finally surgery and recuperation. Your cards and prayers were very much appreciated. A special shout out to the CLC card team for their beautiful handmade cards. A singular thanks to Bev Smith who insisted I call her knee doctor in Naples. That call allowed me to have the operation sooner than originally anticipated. Many thanks to everyone!

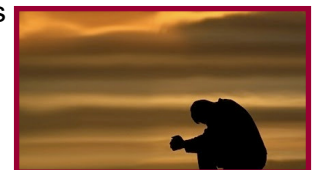
Barbara Grove

## Men's Prayer Breakfast

All men are invited to attend the July Men's Prayer Breakfast on Thursday, July 14 beginning at 8 a.m,

This is open to all members and friends.

Please join us!





Our prayers and deepest sympathy are extended to **Bill Stran** upon the death of his sister, **Carmen Anderson**, on June 24. Cards can be sent to Bill at 127 Springdale Drive, Fairfield Glade, Tennessee. Please keep Bill and his family in your prayers.

We rejoice with all the saints in heaven and on earth as we share our hope in the risen Christ and the promise of eternal life.

*Thank you*

Thank you to the Fellowship Team and all the other individuals who helped to make the sweet treats for our Father's Day celebration. You all are a blessing to our congregation.



## A Call to Peace and Unity

We recently were all able to forget the world's problems and listen to music of peace and unity. Along with the sounds of wonderful music and powerful words, the church collected over \$2,500 for UNICEF. Thanks goes to Joy Rachor for pulling this all together. Additional thanks to the choir for putting in the extra hours practicing and to our duet, Sara Saxton and Beth Chase, our soloist Pastor Groce and our trumpeter Chris Schaumberg. Lastly thanks to Fellowship for hosting the reception. In case you missed the performance you can see it on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/christlutheranchurchffg>

Denise Knebel  
Worship & Music Team Leader

Did you know????

Christ Lutheran Church has an Endowment Fund? This fund has been in place for years and receives deposits randomly from members, family members and friends often following a death.

The purpose of the fund is to receive and maintain unrestricted gifts and bequests and to provide financial support to fund mission ministries of the church, county, state and nation. The principal of the Mission Fund will never be expended. Expenditures from the fund will come exclusively from earnings of the principal, not limited to interest and dividends. Funding requests will be initiated by the Endowment Fund Committee and forwarded to the council for approval.

The purpose is to ensure that the principal balance lasts in perpetuity.

For additional information, contact one of the Endowment Fund Committee members—David Irvin, Chair, Barbara Grove, Marion Miner and Linda Vance

## PRAYER CONCERNS

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

Please keep the following in your prayers.

- **Pastor Jenny Barnes**
- **Gayle Burroughs**
- **Ruby Carr**
- **Terilu Christen**
- **Rick Comshaw**
- **John Garvey**
- **Sallie Garvey**
- **Bill Henderson**
- **Andrea Hyde**
- **Lowell Knobloch**
- **Kay Landrus**
- **Karen MaGinn**
- **Walt Mellor**
- **Vicky Sproule**
- **Grayce Tyszko**
- **Larry Whiffen**

- **ALL MILITARY PERSONNEL**
- **David & Alicia Brondos**, our missionaries in Mexico
- **Kiswahili Lutheran Mission Church**, Nashville, our mission partner.
- Nancy Christopherson, friend of Linda Ferris, Cindy Love and Lynne Schwaberow



## READINGS AND PSALMS JULY 2022

	<u>First Reading</u>	<u>Psalm</u>	<u>Second Reading</u>	<u>Gospel</u>
<b>July 2&amp;3</b>	Isaiah 66:10-14	Psalm 66:1-9	Galations 6:7-16	Luke 10:1-11,16-20
<b>July 9&amp;10</b>	Deuteronomy 30:9-14	Psalm 25:1-10	Colossians 1:1-14	Luke 10:25-37
<b>July 16&amp;17</b>	Genesis 18:1-10a	Psalm 15	Colossians 1:15-28	Luke 10:38-42
<b>July 23&amp;24</b>	Genesis 18:20-32	Psalm 138	Colossians 2:6-15	Luke 11:1-13
<b>July 30&amp;31</b>	Ecclesiastes 1:2,12-14;2:18-23	Psalm 49:1-12	Colossians 3:1-11	Luke 12:13-21

## B&WORSHIP SERVICE ASSISTANTS—JULY 2022

	Coffee Hour	Greeters	Ushers	Lector	Communion Assistant	Audio-Video Booth	Tellers
<b>Saturday:</b>							
July 2			B&B Reuf				
July 9							
July 16			M Floros/C Floros				
July 23			P Kronau/H Pelfrey				
July 30							
<b>Sunday</b>							
July 3		B House	D Pry/Anne Dodge	G House	G House		D Goergen/J Birmingham
July 10	Marina Brunch						D Goergen/J Birmingham
July 17			B Koster/G House	J Deibel	J Deibel		F Soper/S Dugan
July 24							F Soper/D Knebel
July 31							C Love/E Litman



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## Father's Day Breakfast

Thanks to Deb Tenny and Friends for making this a fun, festive, fabulous, food filled morning. A great opportunity to enjoy time with others and celebrate the dad's among us and remember those who played a pivotal role in our lives.

Oh, and the cookies were a great surprise to be enjoyed later.



Your photos could appear here in a future edition of LifeLines, just send images to Vickie.



# Happy Birthday

July

- 2 Jim Jensen
- 6 Pam Matteis
- 7 Pam Floros
- 12 Glen Schimelpfenig
- 13 Bill Brown
- 15 Claudette Givens
- 16 Kay Neeb
- 18 John Pluff
- 19 Rhonita Bisarek
- 20 Ann Looney
- 20 Janice Savarese
- 21 Barbara Curry
- 21 Jon Kowalsky
- 21 Rachel Schimelphenig
- 24 June Levora
- 26 Lou Oniga
- 27 Barbara Comshaw
- 29 Karen Bachynski
- 29 Al Geia
- 29 Duane Schiller
- 30 Judi Moenck



July

- |    |                        |          |
|----|------------------------|----------|
| 3  | Gary & Vicki Deierlein | 46 Years |
| 4  | Ron & Jo Borges        | 63 Years |
| 16 | Bill & Kay Neeb        | 50 Years |
| 17 | Glen & Debby Goergen   | 45 Years |
| 18 | Paul & Karen Sloboda   | 58 Years |
| 22 | Glen & Connie Versema  | 50 Years |
| 30 | Paul & Bev Smith       | 56 Years |

**Life Lines submissions are due July 15 for publication in the August issue. Items can be submitted by email to Vickie at [parish.administrator@christlutheranchurchffg.org](mailto:parish.administrator@christlutheranchurchffg.org)**

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