



Life Lines

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a message from our pastor

October is going to be Amy's and my month of travel! Our traveling group is heading to New England the first part of the month. This is a big deal for us because we've never been to and through New England. I tell you this for a couple of reasons. One - thanks for the time away! I think it is important to take time to recharge, renew and refresh. It is also good for y'all to hear other people preach which brings up the second point. Thanks for Pastors Reemts and Jensen for preaching and presiding at worship. It is such a blessing to have retired clergy right here in the community.

As we prepare to move into one of busier seasons in the Church Year, we're bringing back an old favorite for our worship setting. ELW setting 3 (which is the old LBW 1) until the end of November. You know this setting and we have not used it in quite a while. So hopefully, after learning ELW setting 8, this will be comfortable and familiar!!

Saturday night is finishing up a short survey about worship format. This is your music department and Worship and Music Team in action! While we are and will remain one congregation, we have two worship formats. This is a good thing. The lessons, the sermon and the Church Year remain the same. How worship is carried out is and will look (and sound) different. So, if you usually attend one or the other service, you might want to check out a different expression.

Looking ahead, Amy and I will miss one more Sunday in November. As we end the Church Year on Christ the King Sunday (November 20), Amy and I will be traveling to Chattanooga for the baptism of Abigail Beatrice. I have to tell you, one of the highlights of my ministry has been baptizing our grandchildren! When our kids were baptized, it was the Bishop who did the honors. Now it is grandpa! The grandparent business is pretty sweet.

And then it is on to Advent where we will encounter some new elements!! Our midweek worship will be Holden Evening Prayer. You've done this before, but it has been a while. I think this is a gorgeous setting of Evening Prayer to which we will add a couple of elements that Brother Haugen didn't have. We will add communion and the Bob Johnson Players!! That's right, drama is returning to Wednesday worship in Advent. Thanks to Heidi and company for making this Advent worship so special.

The first week only, we will have a meal at 4:30 and then worship at 5:30. The meal is ONLY the first Wednesday in Advent (November 30). Each Wednesday following (Dec. 7, 14, 21) we will gather for worship at 5:30. If driving in the dark is an issue, we will be live streaming the service! I think that's all the "housekeeping" items for now. Stay safe - stay healthy - and we'll see you in worship!

God's Peace—

Pr. Groce

From our President.....

September has been a very busy month. The Golf Tournament on 9/18 was very successful (see Golf article).

The Executive Team met on 9/13 and our Congregation Council met on 9/15. The following is a list of action items that we will be working on the balance of September, October and November:

- Saturday Night Service – Survey 3
- Personnel Meeting 9/21
- 3-Year Planning Meeting 9/27 – Members: Pastor Groce, Gary Deierlein, Betty House, David Irvin, and Chris Mattheis (looking for additional members)
- Surveys (Communication)
- Budget 2023 – October
- Emergency Action Plan Approval – October
- Columbarium Plan ongoing
- Blood Drive at CLC, Medic 11/6; Discussion with Lions' Club regarding a future blood drive with Red Cross
- 2023 Golf Tournament Meeting – October
- Congregation Council Meeting 10/13 at 9:00 a.m.
- Annual Meeting 11/13 at 10:45 a.m.
- 2024 Congregation Council Reorganization plan

This year has been a very busy and successful year. Your Congregation Council and Team Members have worked together to make it happen. I thank all of you and CLC Congregation Council for your help and support. This year has gone by quickly, but we still have 3 months to go with many more items to complete during the busy Advent Season coming.

I am very positive we will accomplish our goals and look forward to a great 2023 with your prayers, help, and support.

Remember, all meetings are open, you are welcome to attend and we are all about total transparency.

Have a great, safe, and healthy October.

God Bless!
Gary Deierlein



Our Gifts from God

We, as a congregation, will start our annual Intention Card Process in early October with the return to you of your 2022 cards and conclude with the blessing of your 2023 cards in November.

This past year many of us have continued to experience heartache and loss from Covid, from inflation, from storms, from flooding and from conflicts around the world. But we have also experienced vaccines and boosters that have helped millions of people avoid serious illness or death. Because of these old and new vaccines we have again been able to gather as families, friends and as a congregation bringing blessing to all of us.

So we would ask you when you think about all these things 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 2023 Intention Card.

Your Stewardship Team

Bread of Life October 9

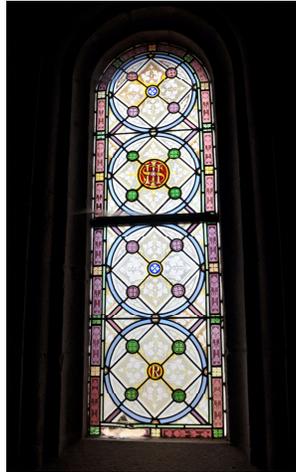
The BOL meal to serve 60 will be meatloaf, scalloped potatoes, green beans, dinner rolls and chocolate chip cookies.



Please sign up on the bulletin board for the item you could provide.

I will be gone that weekend and will need a Leader to deliver the meal.

Barbara Boyce



A fund has been established to install stained glass windows on each side of the front door and the transom above. Our very own Bev Olin has created the designs and an artist in the Knoxville area retained to make and install the windows. If you are interested in helping to fund this project, please place your gift in the offering with the memo line noting "stained glass windows"

Thank you for your consideration. The total cost is just over \$10,000 and is not part of the operating budget. One of the side windows represents our Stephen Ministry program. See Bev Olin for more information.

CHILI DINNER

Is the heat of summer getting to you?
If so, turn your thoughts to fall:
cooler temperatures, fall foliage, football and
comfort food like chili.

Join Us for a Chili Dinner
on
Saturday, October 22, 2022
at
6:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall

Cost: One can of soup to be donated to Peavine Care Center, or bring a crock pot of your favorite chili or a batch of cornbread.

See Sign up sheet on the hallway bulletin board.



Thank You!

On behalf of the Schuning Family, I would like to thank Gary Deierlein and his crew for their work in planning and organizing the 2022 Golf Tournament in memory of Ken. It took many hours and lots of work to host and carry out this event, and we appreciate that. We also appreciate Pastor Groce and his prayers for fair weather. It was a beautiful day! Ken would have loved it. Thanks again for all that you have done for our community and Fairfield Glade Resident Services.

Sincerely,
Jody Schuning

P.S. Last, but not least, I want to thank our church family for participating and supporting FGERS.



From the Health and Safety Team...

October is both National Breast Cancer Awareness month and National Domestic Violence Awareness month.

Most breast cancer is detected in women over the age of 50. In the United States, over 42,000 women die every year from breast cancer. Please consult your doctor and get a mammogram scheduled. Early detection increases your odds of beating breast cancer.



 Domestic Violence is NOT just a younger person's issue. Both women and men can be victims of domestic violence - physical violence is what most frequently comes to mind, but the category also includes sexual violence, stalking and psychological aggression. This topic is sensitive, but anyone who feels that they are in danger needs to reach out - to the pastor, a Stephen Minister, a member of the H&S team, the domestic violence shelter, the police department, a friend, a neighbor, their doctor, or anyone else that they can trust. There is help available.



November 6, 2022

Blood Drive
in the parking lot!

Sign up, we need 20 donors



For October and November, we will be collecting Coats for the Cold. If you have gently used coats, mittens, hats and/or scarves please consider giving them to those who are less fortunate! All sizes are welcome. Don't forget the Middle School sizes!

Again, thanks for your service hearts,
Your Service Team

Sunday Education Time (SET) meets following worship in fellowship room C.

Classes will resume on September 18 studying a six week series called "C.S. Lewis on Christianity."

Topics and schedule include:

- 10/02 – C.S. Lewis on Christianity 3: Enjoyment and Contemplation
- 10/09 – C.S. Lewis on Christianity 4: Prayer and the Bible
- 10/16 – C.S. Lewis on Christianity 5: Suffering and Death
- 10/24 – C.S. Lewis on Christianity 6: Heaven and Hell

Please consider attending this series.

CLC Education Team
1 John 4:1-6

Grief Share

Remember, in person group meetings meet Tuesdays at 1 o'clock at the church. If this is something you are interested in, please arrive at 12:30 or call the church office for more information



Change of Address

Our long term members and friends Bill and Jan Martin have moved to be closer to their daughters. You can send mail to them at the following address:

Bill and Jan Martin
2275 Riverway Drive, #36
Conroe, TX 77304

Stephen Ministry

Plans are underway to hold training for new Stephen Ministers early in 2023. This is a listening and caring ministry offered to our members and others in the community. Contact Pastor Groce or Beverly Olin for more information.

**Life Lines submissions are due
October 15 for publication
in the October issue.
Items can be submitted
by email to Vickie at
info@christlutheranffg.org**

Blue, Baseball, Virginia By Lorrie Davis McDonald

A story of Alzheimer's.

What it is not: clinical, frightening, and negative.

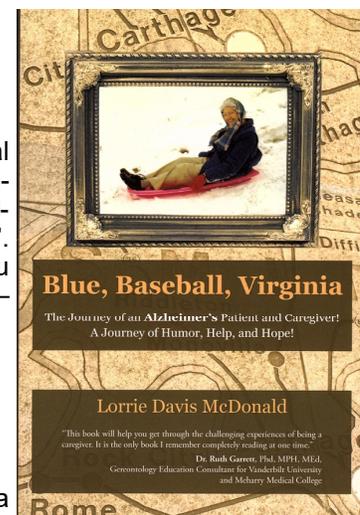
What it is: an account of one woman's trip as she helps her mother-in-law's trip through AD

It is uplifting, encouraging, and full of hope. Lorrie has written a very personal account of this journey. She tells things you might need to know. For example, there should be one primary caregiver who will most likely not be appreciated by the others involved. You can harm the patient by being "too good". And she gives many suggestions on how to solve some of the problems you might run into. This book is very positive about something many of us dread – not for ourselves but for a loved one. It is very reassuring.

I recommend it to everyone. My daughter has it on her I-Pad.

Barbara Comshaw

NOTE: A copy of this book has been donated to the CLC Library by Barbara Comshaw. Check it out!



2nd Annual Memorial Golf Tournament

The 2nd Annual Memorial Golf Tournament sponsored by CLC and FGRS in honor of Ken Schuning on 9/18/2022 at Dorchester was a great success!

Those present saw sunny weather, good golf, fan food, fun fellowship, and great community outreach. We had 108 players, 52 hole sponsors, donations from local businesses (prizes and cash) and also from CLC members.

This was a success due to a great team effort by CLC working together with FGRS. I want to thank the following CLC Team that made this happen – Pastor Groce, Glen House, Bob Brown, Pastor Jim Reemts, Tom & Denise Brown, Dick Pry, Greg Paul, Karen Sloboda, and Vickie Hodge; FGRS Team - Ed DeVries, Bruce Horn, and Patty Mooney; CLC volunteers Sunday Tournament – Joyce Reemts, Cindy Love, Betty House, Brenda Koster, and Amy Groce. I also want to thank Jody Schuning for speaking from her heart on what Ken did for FGRS. Many members of her family and friends were here to support her and the tournament.

I am very proud to announce a check in the amount of **\$11,932.71 was given to FGRS on 9/21/2022 and \$1,325.86 to the Cumberland County Playhouse.** The total raised was \$13,258.57.

It is an honor to be a part of this. It takes many to get results like we have done in 2022. I hope this may pique your interest in getting involved in 2023. We will begin planning for next year's tournament starting with an overview and kick-off meeting in October, date TBD. (Hope you can attend).

As we look forward to 2023, I want to thank all CLC members for your prayers, help and support.

God bless,
Gary Deierlein

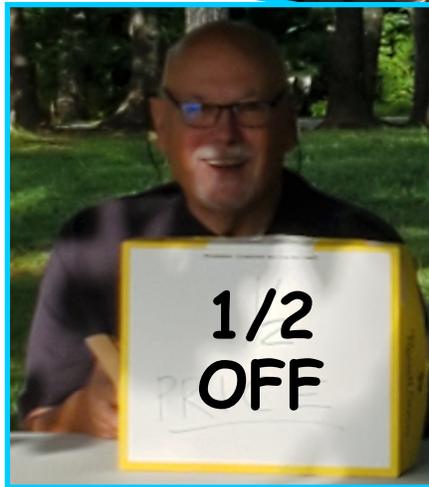




Thank you, Thank You, Thank You!



The Rummage Sale was very successful. Our ELCA Service Project will provide **\$3,300.00 to the Christian Counseling Center of Cumberland County**. Thanks are in order to our congregation members who donated items to sell, those who marked the merchandise for sale, those who arranged the sale and worked many hours during the sale and then packed up the leftovers for Habitat for Humanity. We can't forget those who carried merchandise to the truck! Again thank you all for your generous service hearts!



Your Service Team





October

- 3 Sue Henderson
- 4 Carl Hubbard
- 4 Linda Pluff
- 5 Dee McClure
- 5 Maryann Rankhorn
- 6 Bob Lallak
- 7 Mark Floros
- 8 Pam Nowicki
- 9 Marlen Sterud
- 12 Beverly Olin
- 13 Norton Strommen
- 13 Walt Tysko
- 16 Geir Bergvin
- 17 Gene Ferris
- 17 Donna Schiller
- 19 Tom Dugan
- 20 Cynthia Olsen
- 21 Dee Haberman
- 21 Marcie Loffredo
- 22 Fay Kowalsky
- 23 Nona Jensen
- 24 Leanne Hildebrandt
- 25 Dick Botsford
- 25 Carol Donelson
- 26 Wilma Emling
- 26 Kathie Whiffen
- 30 Julie Moore
- 30 Ben Welch



October

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| 1 | Bob & Jackie Lallak | 62 Years |
| 2 | Paul & Kathleen Pellek | 7 Years |
| 7 | Marlen & Doris Sterud | 67 Years |
| 10 | John & Sue Gauerke | 58 Years |
| 11 | Jim & Cynthia Olsen | 36 Years |
| 17 | Richard & Linda Queen | 52 Years |
| 21 | John & Ruth Waters | 61 Years |
| 28 | Dan & Dee Haberman | 69 Years |

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						<p>1 <i>Pastor on Vacation</i> 8:00 a.m. <i>Alcoholics Anonymous</i> 9:00 a.m. Via de Cristo Reunion Group</p> <p>5:00 p.m. Worship with Holy Communion</p>
<p>2 <i>Pastor on Vacation</i> 8:30 a.m. Coffee Fellowship 9:30 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion 10:45 a.m. Sunday Education Time</p>	<p>3 <i>Pastor on Vacation</i> 10:00 a.m. GriefShare - Via Zoom</p> <p>1:00 p.m. Stephen Minister Leaders' Meeting</p> <p>1:00 p.m. <i>P.E.O. Sisterhood</i></p>	<p>4 <i>Pastor on Vacation</i> 10:00 a.m. Knitting Group</p> <p>1:00 p.m. GriefShare—In Person Group Meeting</p> <p>7:00 p.m. <i>Upper Cumberland Jewish Community Yom Kippur Service</i></p>	<p>5 <i>Pastor on Vacation</i> 10:00 a.m. PPCUG Board Meeting</p> <p>1:30 p.m. Hand Bell Rehearsal</p> <p>4:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal</p> <p>5:00 p.m. <i>Upper Cumberland Jewish Community Yom Kippur Service</i></p>	<p>6 <i>Pastor on Vacation</i> 9:00 a.m. Finance Team Meeting 9:00 a.m. Via de Cristo Reunion Group 10:00 a.m. Health & Safety Team Meeting 1:00 p.m. <i>Kinseekers</i> 1:00 p.m. Welcome Team Meeting 4:00 p.m. Via de Cristo Reunion Group</p>	<p>7 <i>Pastor on Vacation</i> 2:00 p.m. <i>Cumberland Swing Experience Rehearsal</i></p>	<p>8 <i>Pastor on Vacation</i> 8:00 a.m. <i>Alcoholics Anonymous</i> 9:00 a.m. Via de Cristo Reunion Group</p> <p>2:00 p.m. Card Makers Meeting</p> <p>5:00 p.m. Worship with Holy Communion 6:00 p.m. Building Bridges</p>
<p>9 <i>Pastor on Vacation</i> 8:30 a.m. Coffee Fellowship 9:30 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion 10:45 a.m. Sunday Education Time 12:30 p.m. Serving Lunch at Bread of Life</p>	<p>10 <i>Pastor on Vacation Vickie on Vacation</i> Church Office Closed</p> <p>10:00 a.m. GriefShare Via Zoom</p> <p>1:00 p.m. Stephen Ministry Meeting</p>	<p>11 <i>Vickie on Vacation</i> Church Office Closed</p> <p>9:00 a.m. IT Team Meeting</p> <p>10:00 a.m. Knitting Group</p> <p>10:00 a.m. Executive Team Meeting</p> <p>1:00 p.m. GriefShare—In Person Group Meeting</p> <p>3:00 p.m. <i>Plateau PC Users Group</i></p>	<p>12 <i>Vickie on Vacation</i> Church Office Closed 9:30 a.m. <i>Machine Embroidery Sewing Society</i></p> <p>1:00 p.m. <i>Korean War Vets Association</i></p> <p>1:30 p.m. Hand Bell Rehearsal</p> <p>2:45 p.m. Worship & Music Team Meeting</p> <p>4:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal</p> <p>6:00 p.m. <i>Cumberland County Civil War Round Table</i></p>	<p>13 <i>Vickie on Vacation</i> Church Office Closed</p> <p>9:00 a.m. - Noon Pastor Groce Office Hours</p> <p>9:00 a.m. Via de Cristo Reunion Group</p> <p>1:00 p.m. Congregation Council Meeting</p> <p>4:00 p.m. Via de Cristo Reunion Group</p>	<p>14 <i>Pastor's Day Off</i> <i>Vickie on Vacation</i> Church Office Closed</p> <p>10:00 a.m. Stewardship Team Meeting</p> <p>2:00 p.m. <i>Cumberland Swing Experience Rehearsal</i></p> <p>7:00 p.m. <i>Upper Cumberland Jewish Community Service</i></p>	<p>15 8:00 a.m. <i>Alcoholics Anonymous</i> 9:00 a.m. Via de Cristo Reunion Group</p> <p>5:00 p.m. Worship with Holy Communion</p>
<p>16 8:30 a.m. Coffee Fellowship 9:30 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion 10:45 a.m. Sunday Education Time</p>	<p>17 Life Lines submissions due</p> <p>10:00 a.m. GriefShare - Via Zoom</p>	<p>18</p> <p>10:00 a.m. Knitting Group</p> <p>1:00 p.m. GriefShare—In Person Group Meeting</p> <p>6:00 p.m. <i>Lion's Club Meeting</i></p>	<p>19</p> <p>1:30 p.m. Hand Bell Rehearsal</p> <p>2:30 p.m. <i>Fairfield Glade Ladies' Club New Member Tea</i></p> <p>4:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>20 9:00 a.m. - Noon Pastor Groce Office Hours</p> <p>9:00 a.m. Via de Cristo Reunion Group</p> <p>4:00 p.m. Via de Cristo Reunion Group</p>	<p>21 <i>Pastor's Day Off</i></p> <p>2:00 p.m. <i>Cumberland Swing Experience Rehearsal</i></p>	<p>22 8:00 a.m. <i>Alcoholics Anonymous</i> 9:00 a.m. Via de Cristo Reunion Group</p> <p>5:00 p.m. Worship with Holy Communion 6:00 p.m. Chili Supper</p>
<p>23 8:30 a.m. Coffee Fellowship 9:30 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion 10:45 a.m. Sunday Education Time 10:45 a.m. Inquirer's Gathering</p>	<p>24</p> <p>10:00 a.m. GriefShare - Via Zoom</p>	<p>25</p> <p>10:00 a.m. Knitting Group</p> <p>1:00 p.m. GriefShare—In Person Group Meeting</p>	<p>26</p> <p>12:00 p.m. Staff Meeting</p> <p>1:30 p.m. Hand Bell Rehearsal</p> <p>4:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>27 9:00 a.m. - Noon Pastor Groce Office Hours</p> <p>9:00 a.m. Via de Cristo Reunion Group</p> <p>3:30 p.m. Service Team Meeting</p> <p>4:00 p.m. Via de Cristo Reunion Group</p>	<p>28 <i>Pastor's Day Off</i></p> <p>10:00 a.m. Fellowship Team Meeting</p> <p>2:00 p.m. <i>Cumberland Swing Experience Rehearsal</i></p> <p>7:00 p.m. <i>Upper Cumberland Jewish Community Service</i></p>	<p>29 8:00 a.m. <i>Alcoholics Anonymous</i> 9:00 a.m. Via de Cristo Reunion Group</p> <p>5:00 p.m. Worship with Holy Communion</p>
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