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# a message from our pastor

Alleluia! He is Risen!! He is risen, indeed. Alleluia! The joyous proclamation thunders through the Church. The lights are blazing. The hymns are rocking. The pews are packed. Easter is here and we will sail along on Eastertide until the Feast of Pentecost. 50 days of Easter. So now what?

Jesus' answer to those disciples soon to be Apostles? Stewardship. If Easter is not simply one day (Easter falls on the first Sunday after the Full Moon date, based on mathematical calculations, that falls on or after March 21. If the Full Moon is on a Sunday, Easter is celebrated on the following Sunday) but rather a season; Stewardship is not simply financial, but rather a response involving Time, Talent and Treasure.

After the Crucifixion and before the boys get a handle on Jesus' Resurrection, they attempt to go back to business as usual... the way they had always done it. Jesus would have none of that. As part of the redemption or reclamation of Peter, Jesus lays out very clearly a Stewardship campaign for the Early Church. Feed my lambs - Tend my sheep - Feed my sheep.

For people who profess love for the risen and ruling Christ, our response is given to us. The expectation of Stewardship is laid upon each of us. Feed - Tend - Feed. Stewardship is not simply an event in November, it is a lifelong response to the mind-bending good news of Jesus' Resurrection. And that response is a full-body response. Our Stewardship response involves wallets.... and hearts, minds, hands, brains, feet, mouth.... well, you get the idea. Stewardship is not simply a campaign, it is a way of life and a response of faith.

In chapter 2 of the book I mentioned last month, Thom S. Rainer talks about the second pledge of the church member. The way I read it, he is talking about Stewardship - how will I respond to the grace of God present in Christ my Lord?

Here it is: "I will seek to be a source of unity in my church. I know there are no perfect pastors, staff, or other church members. But neither am I. I will not be source of gossip or dissension. One of the greatest contributions I can make is to do all I can in God's power to help keep the church in unity for the sake of the gospel."

As we each continue through these 50 days of Easter, let us focus on how we can build up, urge on and help out our brothers and sisters in faith. Individually and corporately, we commit ourselves to a life of faithful stewardship. Individually and corporately we commit ourselves to Tend the lambs of Christ - Feed the sheep of Christ - Tend the sheep of Christ. And in doing this, our love is displayed for all to see.

Alleluia! He is Risen
He is risen, indeed. Alleluia.
God's PeacePastor Groce

# From our President.....

I hope that all of you had a very Blessed Holy Week. I would like to thank Pastor for the wonderful services from Palm Sunday through Easter. Joy and the choir for their dedication to singing praises to the Lord. Vickie for coordinating the services in print and powerpoint presentations. Everyone that ushered, the altar guild, the sound booth and fellowship for a great brunch.

I thank Pastor for allowing me to give an information talk on April 23 and 24. Thanks to all of you that attended services and allowed me to share this update with you.

In my term as council President, I told you I would give you no surprises and total transparency. I hope you see that we are doing our best to achieve that goal. If you did not attend and wish to get a copy of the slides that were shown, contact Vickie and she will get them to you. Also, I wish to make you aware that Council approved a \$10,000 salary adjustment for Pastor Groce effective May 1.

I continue to attend team meetings and as stated before, I have gotten a much greater appreciation for what each team does. We have the council and their teams; we also have non-voting team leaders and those teams. All of these dedicated people deserve thanks for what they do. CLC would not be where it is today without them.

Please remember we are one church, one body and a caring community of the baptized people of God. We are functioning church members. Membership means we are all necessary parts of the whole. We are different, but we still work together. Everything we say and do is based on a Biblical Foundation of Love.

I wish to thank all of you for your help, support, suggestions and prayers to continue to move forward in a positive way to do God's Work.

God Bless, Gary Deierlein, Council President

Special Note: With all that is going on in today's world and our own lives:

# **Just Breathe and Be**

Breathe in Peace, Breathe out Stress Breathe in Faith, Breathe out Worry Breathe in Courage, Breathe out Fear Breathe in Calm, Breathe out Chaos Breathe in Love, Breathe out Gratitude

Provided as a reminder to all by Barb Boyce

# C Upcoming Activities

#### Home Communion

Many things get blamed on COVID-19. The program of home communions is another one. Well, it is past time to get this up and running again. So, if you are interested in receiving communion in your home (and we are happy to bring it to you!), please contact Vickie at the church office (931-484-7273) and let her know.

That was the easy part. Now, if you are interested in serving as a Eucharistic Minister (someone who carries the elements from the congregation to the person's residence), let Pastor Groce know either by email (lewis111661@gmail.com) or phone (615-925-9903). He will compile a list and schedule a brief training.

I apologize for not getting a handle on this sooner. However, we are moving forward to create a new system. My goal is to have Communion out to folks

who cannot get in to worship at least once a month. Clearly, I cannot do this alone! Hopefully, breathe new life into this important congregational ministry.



# Building Bridges

Please join us on May 7 at 6 p.m. for Building Bridges. The group will be playing the "To Tell the Truth" game.

Please bring your favorite flavored popcorn. Beverages will be provided.

If you plan to attend, please sign up on the Activities bulletin board.

All are Hope to there!



welcome! see you

## CLC BREAD OF LIFE DINNER

May 8, 2022

# NEEDED:

Volunteer to prepare meat BBQ SAUCE for sandwiches Hamburger buns Coleslaw – purchased Baked beans Gelatin w/fruits desserts in 9"x13" pan

Need a LEADER to make sure all items are accounted for and delivered to BOL.

Questions? Contact me! THANK YOU! Barb Boyce, Leader, Service Team

# Stephen Ministry

Interested in becoming a Stephen Minister, but don't really know what that means?

Come to the library following services on May 21 or 22 and get answers to your questions.

Christ Lutheran continues to bloom and grow and with that growth comes members with potential life issues. Help us meet our members when they experience a life crisis by becoming a Stephen Minister.

We're hoping to begin a training class in the

## Reminder:

The next Stephen Ministers Meeting will be held on Monday, May 9 at 1 PM.



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

May 1 begins a new series. A book. From God's written word. As such it has something to say. To us.

Whereas the first book in the Bible (Genesis) begins with an idea that has been argued for centuries, the last book in the Bible (Revelation) ends with another perhaps more vociferous argument over how things end (with new beginning).

Things that have been, things that are, things that will be. Connecting Old and New Covenants. God wins ... The End. Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God, is victorious.

Bring your bible and prepare to delve into the book of Revelation, "The Revelation of Jesus Christ", the consummation toward which the whole biblical message of redemption is focused. Class format is DVD with discussion.

05/01 - Book of Revelation Intro

05/08 - No class - Mother's Day brunch

05/15 - Revelation 1-2 Vision, Ephesus

05/22 - Revelation 2 Smyrna, Pergamum

05/29 - Revelation 2 Thyatira, Sardis

06/05 - Revelation 3 Philadelphia, Laodicea

06/12 - Revelation 4-5 Throne room, scroll

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.

CLC Education Team
1 John 4:1-6

## **HELP WANTED!**

The Communications Team needs current photos of church activities, events, worship services, etc. for use in publications or for the website. If you are interested in taking photos of church activities, please contact either Joe Birmingham (jcbirm66@gmail.com) or Bill Bock (williamhbock@gmail.com).



# GriefShare

GriefShare returns in person May 17 to CLC! Sessions will be led by Pastor Groce from 2-4 p.m. each Tuesday in Room C. Please contact the church office for more information.



GríefShare continues via Zoom each Monday at 10 a.m. Contact Jude Dzibínski for details.

# **Property Team**



I am Steven Brown and the new chair of our Property Team. The Team continues to work on upkeep and property improvement projects. Please do not hesitate to contact me or any other Team member to point out any repairs or upkeep things that need to be done. Team members are David Farber, Glen House, Greg Paul, Rich Knebel, Paul Sloboda (he handles indoor lights), Rick Tenny and recent volunteer Jon Fischer. We are always looking for members to join our committee to help broaden our skill set and knowledge. We currently have a long list of projects and will prioritize work on them as time, weather, and budget permits.











Our prayers and deepest sympathy are extended to **Betty Anderson and Heidi Anderson** upon the death of their husband and father, **George Anderson**. Cards can be sent to Betty and Heidi at 115 Sugarbush Circle, Fairfield Glade, TN 38558. Please keep Betty and Heidi and their family in your prayers.

The Memorial Service for George is at CLC on Friday, May 27, at 4:00 p.m.

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.







#### **SAVE THE DATE**

Wednesday, June 8, 2022

#### Fairfield Glade Women's Ecumenical Luncheon

"IT'S ABOUT TIME"
presented by Cindy and Ken Leihkauff

## Fairfield Glade United Methodist Church 231 Westchester Drive

10 a.m. Registration

\$12/per person prepaid by May 27

We are asking each church to designate one person to take reservations and payment and submit to:

Magdalena Horstkotte, 25 Hemlock Ct, FFG 38558

For information, call Karen Saunders (931) 707-7810

# **Health & Safety Team**



Please contact me if you are interested. If you call, be sure to leave a message and include your phone number.

Graham Kneale gwkneale1@gmail.com-949-636-9700-

# 2022 ANNUAL MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

I am pleased to announce that Ken Schuning will be our 2022 Honoree. Fairfield Glade Resident Services is the organization we will be raising funds for.

The tournament will be September 18, 2022 at 1:00 p.m. with a shotgun start. We will play 18 holes with four-person teams at a cost of \$75.00 per player. You can sign up as a foursome, or sign up individually, as a twosome, as a threesome and we will match you to a foursome.

You can help by playing, making a financial donation, or sponsoring a hole. If you have a sign with pictures of grandchildren already, cost is \$100.00. If you need a sign it is \$112.00.

Please sign up ASAP

Thank you for your support!

Gary Deierlein



# Mother's Day BRUNCH

Ladies of CLC, the men of the church would like to honor you with a brunch after worship on Sunday, May 8. All (even men) are welcome. Please sign up on the board.



# Barrel Ministry for May, 2022

Plateau Pregnancy is dedicated to helping men and women of all ages overcome life's circumstances and past choices so that they can provide life for their babies and children. They are supported by donations from individuals, business partners and area churches.

Every May, around Mother's Day, baby bottles appear from Plateau Pregnancy to fill up by our members. These banks are returned around Father's Day. The bottles have slots for coins, bills and/or checks.

Project CARE is the main focus of their ministry. CARE stands for Character, Advancement, Respect and Education. This project offers: free pregnancy tests, confidential and compassionate care, material assistance, parenting, CPR, healthy pregnancy, and labor and delivery classes and education, and assistance getting connected to other resources available in our community.

Project Hope helps to facilitate healing and recovery from the hurt of loss of a child, prior abortion, drug addiction, divorce, mental, physical and/or sexual abuse, rape and past bad choices.

Project Truth is our Whole Health Sex Education program. Through this program we teach the message of abstinence, purity, healthy relationships and consequences of poor choices. The goal is to "Choose Freedon" today so one can enjoy a life with no regrets.

Non-cash donations:

baby furniture, used are fine

Diapers (especially preemie and sizes 3-6)

Wipes, baby toiletry items, baby clothes and maternity clothes

Again, thank you for your serving heart, Your Service Team



# **New TN License Plates**

Did you know that TN is issuing new regular license plates? (not the specialty plates) Now you're asking yourself what this has to do with church? The license plates have the words "In God We Trust" around the encircled stars but you have to ask for that particular plate. The clerk will not ask you and don't let them tell you can't get it.

If we can't trust in God, who can we trust?

Denise Knebel Worship & Music



# Service Team Update

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, 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!

# **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.

- Ron Borges
- Gayle Burroughs
- Ruby Carr
- Gloria Floros
- o John Garvey
- o Glen Goergen
- o Barbara Grove
- o Bill Henderson
- o Lowell Knobloch
- o Walt Mellor
- o John Morris
- o Grayce Tyszko
- o Mike Yaskanin
- o ALL MILITARY PERSONNEL
- David & Alicia Brondos, our missionaries in Mexico
- o **Kiswahili Lutheran Mission Church**, Nashville, our mission partner.
- o Pastor Jenny Barnes



# SAFETY PROGRAMS

Two safety programs are available for your use.

- The Vial of Life Kit records health concerns and medications. One vial goes in your freezer and the other in the glove box of your vehicle.
- Yellow Dot Program requires a photo and medical information. The yellow dot is on the outside of your vehicle to alert emergency personnel to the information inside.

These programs are vital when seconds count. All information and instructions are included in the packets. The packets can be found in a basket in the Narthex.





READINGS AND PSALMS MAY 2022						
	First Reading	<u>Psalm</u>	Second Reading	Gospel		
May 7 & 8	Acts 9:36-43	Psalm 23	Revelation 7:9-17	John 10:22-30		
May 14 & 15	Acts 11:1-18	Psalm 148	Revelation 21:1-6	John 13:31-35		
May 21 & 22	Acts 16:9-15	Psalm 67	Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5	John 5:1-9		
May 28 & 29	Acts 16:16-34	Psalm 97	Revelation 22:12-14,16,17.20,21	John 17:20-26		

	Worship Service Assistants—May 2022						
Saturday:	Coffee Hour	Greeters	Ushers	Lector	Communion Assistant	Audio-Video Booth	Tellers
May 7			L&D Camp				
May 14			C&M Floros				
May 21							
May 28							
Sunday							
May 1			A Dodge/B Ramstad				
May 8			D Pry/D Tenny	J Jensen			
May 15			B Ramstad	J Deibel	J Deibel		
May 22	D&L Vance						
May 28				J Deibel	J Diebel		



# May

3	Bonnie Irvin
3	Marilyn Mercer
5	Judith Hartenfeld
5	John Waters
3 5 5 7	Doreen Morris
10	Rick Comshaw
12	Sue Carter
12	Carl Johnson
12	Paul Smith
13	Barbara Christiansen
14	Tom Brown
14	Marty Garner
16	Judy Lecki
17	Robert Ramstad
17	Jan Walter
18	Terilu Christen
18	Sallie Garvey
18	Darby O'Hara
19	Irenė Paul
20	Glen Goergen
20	Greg Paul
25	Ruth Lazur
27	Richard Moreland
28	Margaret Malsack
28	Marilynn Nilsen
29	Hilton Dye
30	Don Haberman



# May

Mike & Hazel Yasanin	66 Years
Lou & Macie Loffredo	39 Years
Rick & Deb Tenny	39 Years
Erwin & Brenda Koster	35 Years
Bill & Mary Ann Brown	35 Years
Dick & Jan Walter	26 Years
Doug & Mary Cooper	51 Years
Carol & Marcia Johnson	42 Years.
Jim & Joyce Reemts	47 Years
Bill & Meĺinda Stran	59 Years
	Lou & Macie Loffredo Rick & Deb Tenny Erwin & Brenda Koster Bill & Mary Ann Brown Dick & Jan Walter Doug & Mary Cooper Carol & Marcia Johnson

Life Lines submissions are due
May 15 for publication
in the June issue.
Items can be submitted
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 8:30 a.m. Coffee Fellowship 9:30 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion 10:45 a.m. Sunday Education Time	10:00 a.m. GriefShare - Via Zoom  1:00 p.m. P.E.O. Sisterhood	3 10:00 a.m. Knitting Group	1:30 p.m. Hand Bell Rehearsal  3:00 p.m. Men's Fellowship Group Steering Team Meeting  4:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal	9:00 a.m Noon Pastor Groce Office Hours 9:00 a.m. Finance Team Meeting 9:00 a.m. Via de Cristo Reunion Group 1:00 p.m. Kinseekers 1:00 p.m. Welcome Team Meeting 4:00 p.m. Via de Cristo Reunion Group	6 Pastor's Day Off  2:00 p.m. Cumberland Swing Experience Rehearsal  7:00 p.m. Upper Cumberland Jewish Community Service	7 8:00 a.m. Alcoholics Anonymous 9:00 a.m. Via de Cristo Reunion Group  5:00 p.m. Worship with Holy Communion 6:00 p.m. Building Bridges
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