



# Life Lines

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## a message from our pastor

A brief “end of Summer” word about Stewardship. Well, maybe a couple of words about Stewardship. The first is “thank you.” THANK YOU for your financial support of the ministry which flows through Christ Lutheran Church. Through your stewardship of financial resources, this congregation is able to support local ministry options. The impact is felt right here at home by our neighbors.

You also give money through the SE Synod which then flows through the ELCA and has a global impact through agencies like Lutheran World Relief (LWR) and Lutheran Disaster Response (LDR). These gifts multiply the impact of your ministry by combining our gifts with gifts from across the country. We are able to do amazing things together, which we cannot do as well-intended individuals. So keep up the good work and good works!

You are also amazingly generous with your gifts of time and talent. I have served in four Synods and never have a seen a group of people more engaged and energetic. You are amazingly generous in giving of your time and abilities. This congregation makes a tremendous impact upon the lives of many people. So thank you for your stewardship of time and talent.

And while we are talking about gifts - we are making a slight “tweak” to the worship service which supports this notion (you notice how deftly I avoided the word “change”?). To underscore our broad understanding of Stewardship, when the Offering Plates are

presented, we will also bring forward the bread and wine for our celebration of Holy Communion. The “Presentation of Gifts” is far more than money. The bread, wine and financial gifts all come from the community and return to God, the giver of all gifts.

This symbolic act helps to underscore the fact that we gift of our time, talent and treasure. We return a portion of all that is first given to us. More than simply giving money (important though that is), we return grain and wine which God turns into a feast for us. God takes our gifts and creates a life giving meal! The gifts of God, returned to God, continue still to be a blessing and source of life and strength!

William How wrote the words many years ago - sometime in the 19<sup>th</sup> century - and they are still true today:

***We give thee but thine own,  
whate'er the gift may be;  
all that we have is thine alone,  
a trust O Lord, from thee.***

***May we thy bounties thus  
as stewards true receive,  
and gladly, as thou blessest us,  
to thee our first-fruits give.***  
(ELW 686)

God's Peace-

**Pastor Groce**

## READINGS AND PSALM AUGUST, 2021

	July 31 & August 1	August 7 & 8	August 14 & 15	August 21 & 22	August 28 & 29
<b>First Reading</b>	Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15	1 Kings 19:4-8	Proverbs 9:1-6	Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18	Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9
<b>Psalm</b>	Psalm 78:23-29	Psalm 34:1-8	Psalm 34:9-14	Psalm 34:15-22	Psalm 15
<b>Second Reading</b>	Ephesians 4:1-16	Ephesians 4:25--5:2	Ephesians 5:15-20	Ephesians 6:10-20	James 1:17-27
<b>Gospel</b>	John 6:24-35	John 6:35, 41-51	John 6:51-58	John 6:56-69	Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

### AUGUST 2021 SATURDAY WORSHIP SERVICE ASSISTANTS

Sign up Sheets are on the traveling bulletin board and the Volunteers bulletin board.

	Greeter	Ushers	Lector	Communion Assistant	Audio-Video Booth
July 31, 2021			Marion Miner		Craig Christen
August 7, 2021	Sue Henderson	Larry & Diane Camp			
August 14, 2021					
August 21, 2021					David Irvin
August 28, 2021			Bonnie Irvin	Bonnie Irvin	David Irvin

### AUGUST 2021 SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE ASSISTANTS

Sign up Sheets are on the traveling bulletin board and the Volunteers bulletin board.

	Greeter	Ushers	Lector	Assisting Minister	Audio-Video Booth
August 1, 2021		G. House & A. Love	Bill Bock	Jan Deibel	David Irvin
August 8, 2021			Ed Beckstrom		
August 15, 2021		Dick Pry	Walt Tyszko		
August 22, 2021			Ed Beckstrom		
August 29, 2021			Jan Deibel		

### 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
- Don Baassler
- Odette Cadart
- Ruby Carr
- Dennis Haberhern
- Pat Egger
- Gloria Floros
- Glen Goergen
- Bill Henderson
- Linda Kronau
- Pastor Doug MaGinn
- Jan Martin
- Walt Mellor
- Ruth Waters

- **ALL MILITARY PERSONNEL**
- **David & Alicia Brondos**, our missionaries in Mexico
- **Kiswahili Lutheran Mission Church**, Nashville, our mission partner.
- **Christy Farber**, daughter of **Dave & Linda Farber**
- **Sue Hamilton**, relative of **Jan Deibel**
- **Dani Harrison**, daughter of **Pat Bock**,
- **Annie Mrozinski**, granddaughter of **June Levora**
- **Micah Smith**, grandson of **Paul & Bev Smith**
- **Terry Vallon**, brother of **Bev Smith**
- **Joe Welch**, son of **Ben & Kathleen Welch**
- **Jay Wortham**, brother of **Evelyn Birmingham**

## EDUCATION TEAM NEWS

Please help planning for future offerings by completing a brief CLC Education Survey, available in the narthex and in the church office. Thank you.

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

Ongoing through August 1 is "The Chosen, Season One" digging deeper into the backstories and context of the people and events of the gospels, Season One introduces people such as Simon Peter, Nicodemus, Mary Magdalene, Matthew, and Jesus in a way never before seen on film. The remaining DVD episodes with discussion follow. Stay tuned for season two next year.

7/25 - Invitations (Nicodemus meets Jesus)  
8/01 - I Am He

There is no class on August 8 or August 29.

Next up is a series entitled "Confident Hope" using the Augsburg Adult Bible Study material. Participant books are available in class.

8/15 – A Persevering Faith, Hebrews 10:23-36  
8/22 – A Conquering Faith, 1 John 4-5

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

CLC Education Team

## SERVICE TEAM NEWS



Our Bread of Life Mission Meal for **August 8** will include cheeseburgers and hotdogs with buns, baked beans in crockpots, potato salad, platters of sliced onion and tomatoes and frosted brownies in 9x13 size pans.

\*The burger meat will be purchased by me and shaped for cooking so we are asking for \$10 **cash** from donors to be placed in the church office wall folder.

A sign-up sheet is on the traveling bulletin board or you may call Vickie in the office to sign up. We serve **about 45** meals.

Barb Boyce, Leader



### ANNUAL ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Sponsored by your  
Fellowship Team

SUNDAY, **August 8, 2021**  
Time: 2:00 pm

Enjoy ice cream  
with a variety of toppings.

Entertainment by Bill Kerr  
and the Cumberland Swing Experience

**Please sign the attendance sheets  
Located on the Activities bulletin board  
if you are planning to attend.**

**HELP IS NEEDED!  
PLEASE SIGN THE VOLUNTEER  
SIGN-UP SHEET IF YOU ARE ABLE  
TO HELP AT THE ICE CREAM SOCIAL!**

**DEADLINE FOR THE  
SEPTEMBER ISSUE  
OF LIFE LINES  
IS AUGUST 15!**

Join us Sunday, August 29  
10:30 a.m.  
to wish Linda Farber  
A Happy Retirement  
as we express our gratitude  
for the many years she helped us



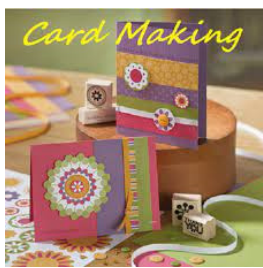


**HAPPY AUGUST BIRTHDAY**

8/1	Joe Birmingham
8/3	Dave Cyrus
8/6	Phil Tenney
8/8	Pam Morris
8/10	Don Baassler
8/10	Pat Bock
8/11	Deb Tenny
8/12	Judi Kaines
8/16	Sherry Botsford
8/16	Jackie Lallak
8/17	Jana Cyrus
8/17	Dick Simpson
8/17	Mike Yaskanin
8/18	Carrie Moulton
8/23	Ray Miner
8/23	Grayce Tyszko
8/26	Bill Martin
8/26	Dick Pry
8/28	Debby Goergen
8/28	George Seibert
8/29	Karen MaGinn
8/29	Terry Whitney
8/30	Jan Martin

**HAPPY AUGUST ANNIVERSARY**

8/6	Duane & Donna Schiller	66 years
8/7	Tom & Sue Carter	50 years
8/9	Dick & Monica Jahn	52 years
8/10	Bill & Jan Martin	58 years
8/11	Larry & Diane Camp	38 years
8/11	Mark & Kathy Hansen	48 years
8/19	Rick & Barb Comshaw	59 years
8/21	Dan & Cindy Leckvarcik	44 years
8/22	Rich & Denise Knebel	34 years
8/23	David & Susan Maruska	46 years
8/24	Jim & Joan Radcliffe	64 years
8/25	Robert & Millie Kendall	65 years
8/28	Rick & Becky Utz	50 years



*Card Making* I would like to start a group to make cards to send to those who are on the church prayer list. I have some new and easy ideas for this project. I will put a signup sheet on the Activities bulletin board for those interested.. We have an abundance of beautiful materials available for this project.

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I wish to thank the many members of Christ Lutheran for their prayers, messages of concern and cards as I was recovering from my fall several weeks ago. Your thoughtfulness was both moving and very comforting. This really is a caring community in word and deed.

Paul Smith

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 8:30am - Coffee Fellowship 9:30am - Holy Communion 11am - Sun. Ed. Time @	2 10am - Zoom GriefShare	3 1pm - Executive Team Mtg	4 9am - Golf Outing Team 1:30pm - Handbell Reh 4pm - Choir Reh	5 9am - Finance Team Mtg 9am - VdC Reunion Group 1pm - Kinseekers 1pm - Welcome Team Mtg. 4pm - VdC Reunion Group	6 2pm - Swing Exp. Reh. 7pm - UCJC Service	7 8am - AA 9am - VdC Reunion Group 5pm - Holy Communion @
8 8:30am - Coffee Fellowship 9:30am - Holy Communion 11am - Sun. Ed. Time @ 12:30pm - BOL Lunch	9 10am - Zoom GriefShare	10 3pm - Plateau PC Users	11 9:30am - M.E.S.S. 1:30pm - Handbell Reh 4pm - Choir Reh	12 9am - VdC Reunion Group 1pm - Congregation Council 4pm - VdC Reunion Group	13 9am - Book Club 10am - Stewardship Team 2pm - Swing Exp. Reh.	14 8am - AA 9am - VdC Reunion Group 5pm - Holy Communion @
15 8:30am - Coffee Fellowship 9:30am - Holy Communion 11am - Sun. Ed. Time @	16 10am - Zoom GriefShare	17	18 1:30pm - Handbell Reh 4pm - Choir Reh	19 9am - VdC Reunion Group 4pm - VdC Reunion Group	20 2pm - Swing Exp. Reh. 7pm - UCJC Service	21 8am - AA 9am - VdC Reunion Group 5pm - Holy Communion @
22 8:30am - Coffee Fellowship 9:30am - Holy Communion 11am - Sun. Ed. Time @	23 10am - Zoom GriefShare	24	25 1:30pm - Handbell Reh 4pm - Choir Reh	26 9am - VdC Reunion Group 4pm - VdC Reunion Group	27 10am - Fellowship Team 2pm - Swing Exp. Reh.	28 8am - AA 9am - VdC Reunion Group 5pm - Holy Communion @
29 9:30am - Holy Communion 10:30pm - Linda Farber	30 10am - Zoom GriefShare	31	1	2	3	4