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a message from our pastor

Philippians 2:1-4

"If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing, from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others."

In the following pages you will see the report from the last Congregation Council meeting and the changes which have come back to corporate worship. I am grateful for the thoughtful and caring manner with which Council approached the rising number of COVID-19 cases in our county and state. I am grateful for your response to these decisions.

Council is attempting to chart a middle course between responsible action and over-reaction. As the numbers improve, restrictions will lessen. Should the numbers continue to get worse, restrictions will increase. In all cases, the driving force behind the action is care for community and care for individual members. We are not all in the same boat, but we are all in the same storm. So as we move forward through this experience, let us do so with grace: grace for ourselves, grace for our neighbors, and grace for those tasked with making decisions.

I am grateful for those working to make "live-streaming" a viable, real time option for our congregation. For those who do not feel comfortable attending in-person worship, live streaming is a way to stay connected to the faith community. Is it perfect? No it is not, but it is necessary and functional. And as an

added bonus for those of you who winter in other locations, this will enable you to stay connected while you are away!!

You will hear more about this in the coming weeks (upgrades to Fellowship Hall and Sanctuary equipment), but first let me say thank you to Carl Hubbard who has worked for years to get us to this point. His efforts have created the framework upon which others are now building. While Col. Hubbard has stepped back from this work, we owe him a profound debt of gratitude.

Now - nobody likes wearing face coverings, but we do it to care for our community. If you are able to get a vaccination, please do so! The actions which we take, we take for the good of the community. Some have turned this public health issue into some type of religious issue. It is not. I want to share something written by a ministry colleague of mine. I think she states it very well.

"I trust God and I wear my seatbelt.

I trust God and I wear a motorcycle helmet.

I trust God and there are enough life jackets in my boat for everyone on board.

I trust God and I use oven mitts.

I trust God and I lock my house at night.

I trust God and I have smoke detectors in my house.

I trust God and I take my prescribed medicines.

I trust God and I will follow the best guidelines to share the task of flattening the curve.

Acting with caution and wisdom does not indicate a lack of trust in God."

God's Peace— Pastor Groce

AUGUST MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION COUNCIL

The Congregation Council met on August 12. As a reminder, the Council is composed of the leaders of the following teams: Communications, Education, Fellowship, Finance, Property, Service, Stewardship, Witness/Welcoming, and Worship & Music. In addition, the President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, and Pastor are members.

Notable items from the August 12 meeting were:

1. 2022 Planning Priorities were clarified and recommendations were made to assign responsibility for each.
2. The Facility Use Policy for COVID-19 Restrictions was reviewed. The policy will be revised to address quickly changing conditions regarding coronavirus cases. Recommendations and decisions were made that will promote safety among our members by minimizing the potential transmission of the coronavirus.
3. The salary for Joy Rachor to assume organist duties was approved at \$10,000 per year. Her title was approved as Director of Music/Organist.
4. Council authorized a retirement gift, created by donations, for Linda Farber, who will retire August 29.
5. Council approved a bid for \$6,000 to create a French drain on the north side of the building to prevent water from entering after heavy rain.
6. Due to the recent and significant surge in the coronavirus cases, potential financial liability, and possible low attendance, the 31st Anniversary Celebration will be postponed. For the same reasons, a retirement party for Linda Farber will be postponed.

The CLC Memorial Golf Tournament will be held as scheduled, as it is an outdoor event, and thus has a lower likelihood of transmission of the virus.

Joe Birmingham
Congregation Council President

Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

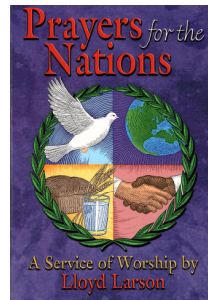
Linda Farber retired as organist for Christ Lutheran Church on August 29 after 13 years of service! We have enjoyed her beautiful music for years and appreciated her other contributions to our church. We are asking you to consider a "thank you, love, and happy retirement" contribution. A large envelope will be placed in the office on the bulletin board for this purpose.

Please make checks out to Christ Lutheran Church and place your donation in the envelope no later than September 10! Also, enter on the memo line: "Retirement Fund for Linda." THANK YOU!

Pastor Lewis Groce
Joe Birmingham, Congregation Council President

COMMEMORATING THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF 9/11

It is difficult to believe that 20 years have passed since the horrific terror attacks of September 11th, 2001, forever changed our world. Pastor Groce and the CLC Music Ministry will be leading special services of commemoration on Saturday, September 11th, and Sunday, September 12.



In lieu of our usual worship format, the cantata Prayers for the Nations will guide us in services built around prayers for the seemingly elusive goals of peace, unity, justice, healing, and hope. Narratives will lead us in prayers for world leaders, as well as for those who serve in relative anonymity in our own community.

This worship experience, which is global in scope, not nationalistic, seeks to unite us with Christians around the world in our desire to respond to a world in need.

I hope everyone will make a special effort to be present for worship on this upcoming anniversary, as we find ourselves longing for peace among the nations just as much, if not more so, than we did two decades ago. Come join with your CLC family as we renew our efforts to transcend cultural differences and pray for God's peace for all of His children!

Joy Rachor

READINGS AND PSALM SEPTEMBER, 2021

	September 4 & 5	September 11 & 12	September 18 & 19	September 26 & 27
First Reading	Isaiah 35:4-7a	Isaiah 50:4-9a	Jeremiah 11:28-20	Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29
Psalm	Psalm 146	Psalm 116:1-9	Psalm 54	Psalm 19:7-14
Second Reading	James 2:1-17	James 3:1-12	James 3:13—4:3, 7-8a	James 5:13-20
Gospel	Mark 7:24-	Mark 8:27-39	Mark 9:30-37	Mark 9:38-50

SATURDAY WORSHIP SERVICE ASSISTANTS SEPTEMBER 2021

	Greeter	Ushers	Lector	Communion Assistant	Audio-Video Booth
September 4, 2021			Linda Pluff		
September 11, 2021			Betty House		
September 18, 2021					
September 25, 2021					

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE ASSISTANTS SEPTEMBER 2021

	Greeter	Ushers	Lector	Assisting Minister	Audio-Video Booth
September 5, 2021			Walt Tyszko		
September 12, 2021			Linda Vance		
September 19, 2021			Tom Dugan		
September 26, 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.

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o George Anderson o Don Baassler o Bill Bock o Odette Cadart o UPDATE - Ruby Carr, in room 309, Life Care Center of Sparta, 508 Mose Dr., Sparta, TN 38583 o Dennis Haberhern o Pat Egger o Gloria Floros o Glen Goergen o Bill Henderson o Linda Kronau o UPDATE - Ed Litman, diagnosed with COVID-19, NO VISITORS, cards would be welcome - Good Samaritan Society - Fairfield Glade, Room T-104, 100 Samaritan Way, Crossville, TN 38558 o Pastor Doug MaGinn o Jan Martin | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o UPDATE - Walt Mellor, home from the hospital o Fran Soper o ALL MILITARY PERSONNEL o David & Alicia Brondos, our missionaries in Mexico o Kiswahili Lutheran Mission Church, Nashville, our mission partner. o Dave Brewer, FFG resident and friend of Anne Dodge o Christy Farber, daughter of Dave & Linda Farber o Sue Hamilton, relative of Jan Deibel o UPDATE - Annie Mrozinski, granddaughter of June Levora, diagnosed with stage3 Hodgkins lymphoma, starts chemotherapy 8/31 o Shelley Nowaczck, daughter of Barbara Kalmar, o Ronnie Puryear, son-in-law of Gene & Linda Ferris o Micah Smith, grandson of Paul & Bev Smith o Terry Vallon, brother of Bev Smith o Joe Welch, son of Ben & Kathleen Welch |
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EDUCATION TEAM NEWS

Librarian position filled: Thanks to Cheryl Brown for taking on the role as librarian for our church library. Be on the lookout for available items as the library room is inventoried and its content reorganized.

Please help planning for future offerings by completing a brief CLC Education Survey, available through September 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.

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

9/05 – Moses and Miriam, Exodus 15:11-21
9/12 – David Dances, 2 Samuel 6
9/19 – Glorifying God, Mark 10:46-52
9/26 – Believers Praise God, Acts 2:32-47

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

CLC Education Team

EXTRA TIME?

Do you have an extra hour every month or so? The sound booth could really use your help. Recently my husband Rich and I were trained in running the sound booth. The training took about ½ hour and the written directions are very descriptive and helpful. Please consider serving your congregation in the sound booth. Please contact Craig Christen or Dave Irvin or sign up on the serving board. *"not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others"* *Philippians 2:4*

Denise Knebel
Worship & Music Team Leader

SERVICE TEAM NEWS

Are you getting ready for Fall cleanout?

Do you have items that you don't use or need ?

The CLC Service Team is planning to hold a fundraiser in 2022. Please, consider saving your items in a corner for us. A bake sale will also be held at this event. Date to be announced in 2022.

Happy sorting through your TREASURES...

Barb Boyce
Team Leader

THE ROLE OF CONGREGATION COUNCIL

Recently, Congregation Council, or leaders authorized by policy, have made decisions regarding the safety of our members relative to Covid-19. Specifically, the Council has recommended that persons wear masks to prevent transmission of the virus. Council also recommended other actions that will limit transmission of the virus, such as not touching while sharing peace. In addition, Council made certain decisions to limit exposure of the virus during worship services and other activities, such as not passing the offering plates, minimizing crowding during entering and exiting, and taking communion at pews.

These recommendations or decisions are the work of Council---not one person, whether it be the Pastor, the Congregation Council President, or any other individual. Council is the policy-setting body for the church----individuals do not set policy.

I am writing to remind or inform members that it is the Council that makes policy decisions for our church. For members who are not pleased with those decisions, the avenue for complaints or recommended policies is to speak to a Program Team leader, an officer, or to come to a Council meeting. At Council, you will be given an opportunity to speak and propose actions if you so choose.

Even before coming to Council, I encourage you to call me personally so that we could meet to discuss your concerns. It's possible that a conversation might resolve or clarify matters for you, or we might find an avenue to address your concern.

Going forward, I ask that you please direct your concerns, complaints or recommendations about policy issues or management of our church to Council program leaders or officers. I assure you that you will be treated respectfully and with a genuine interest about your concern.

Peace and blessings,

Joe Birmingham
Congregation Council President

HAPPY SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARY

9/1	Joe & Marty Garner	60 years
9/1	Ed & Lynne Schwaberow	53 years
9/2	Pr Doug & Karen MaGinn	54 years
9/4	Tom & Denise Brown	50 years
9/4	Chris & Pam Mattheis	29 years
9/5	Buck & Bev Flankey	62 years
9/5	David & Bonnie Irvin	51 years
9/5	Donn & Linda Vance	51 years
9/7	Dave & Jana Cyrus	47 years
9/11	Mike & Linda Morgan	50 years
9/12	Dick & Margaret Malsack	41 years
9/20	Dick & Eve Pry	57 years
9/23	Bill & Janice Savarese	43 years
9/30	Jon & Judy Hammond	54 years

NEW ADDRESSES

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Thank You Notes

Dear Christ Lutheran Church Family,

We would like to thank you for supporting our ministry at Plateau Pregnancy Services by your participation in the 2021 PPS Baby Bottle Campaign.

To date, \$1,738.23 has been received from your church family. It is your support that makes it possible for us to show God's love by providing material and spiritual support to women and families, giving them what they need so they can choose life for their child and we appreciate you!

We extend an open invitation to all of you to visit us anytime! Come and enjoy a tour and let us share our ministry with you.

You are such a blessing to us!

Sheri Nichols, Executive Director
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ppscare@gmail.com plateaupregnancyservices.com

HAPPY SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAY

9/1	David Farber
9/1	Brenda Koster
9/2	John Lazur
9/2	Mary Shilling
9/2	Wanda Wojnarowski
9/3	Elaine Dawson
9/3	Sandy Frohs
9/4	Marie Carlson
9/5	Ed Litman
9/8	Odette Cadart
9/8	Bev Flankey
9/9	Dave Seaver
9/10	Jude Dzibinski
9/10	Robert Ruef
9/11	Kay Wode
9/13	Jennifer Chilcote
9/13	Kathy Hansen
9/13	Ann Sloan
9/14	Andrew Straw
9/16	Sue Straw
9/17	Bill Henderson
9/17	Paula Rehorst
9/18	Sheryl Reeser
9/20	Kathleen Welch
9/21	Bill Stran
9/22	Nancy Pierce
9/24	Barbara Grove
9/25	Ron Lecki
9/26	Sandy Behlau
9/27	Bob Mellor
9/30	Helen Shekeruk

Dear Christ Lutheran brothers and sisters in Christ,

Joe and I thank you so much for your words of comfort, sympathy, and condolences on the passing of my brother, Jay Wortham. We know he is at peace in eternal life. We also know that Christ Lutheran Church is our family and we are ever grateful to you for your love and friendship.

Evelyn and Joe Birmingham

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
29	30	31	1	2	3	4
9:30am - Holy Communion 11am - Sun. Ed. Time @			1:30pm - Handbell Reh 4pm - Choir Reh	9am - VdC Reunion Group 1pm - Kinseekers 1pm - Welcome Team Mtg. 4pm - VdC Reunion Group	2pm - Swing Exp. Reh. 7pm - UCJC Service	8am - AA 9am - VdC Reunion Group 5pm - Holy Communion @
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9:30am - Holy Communion 11am - Sun. Ed. Time @	Church Holiday 10am - Zoom GriefShare 6pm - UCJC	10am - UCJC 1pm - Executive Team Mtg.	9:30am - M.E.S.S. 1:30pm - Handbell Reh 2:45pm - W&M Team Mtg 4pm - Choir Reh 6pm - Civil War Roundtable	9am - Finance Team Mtg 9am - VdC Reunion Group 4pm - VdC Reunion Group	10am - Book Club 2pm - Swing Exp. Reh.	8am - AA 9am - VdC Reunion Group 5pm - Holy Communion @
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
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