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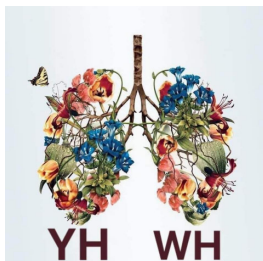
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a message from our pastor



There was a moment when Moses had the nerve to ask God what his name is. God was gracious enough to answer, and the name he gave is recorded in the original Hebrew as YHWH. Over time we've arbitrarily added an "a" and an "e" in there to get YaHWeH, presumably because we have a preference for vowels. But scholars and Rabi's have noted that the letters YHWH represent breathing sounds, or aspirated consonants. When pronounced without intervening vowels, it actually sounds like breathing.

YH (inhale): WH (exhale).

So a baby's first cry, his first breath, speaks the name of God.
A deep sigh calls His name – or a groan or gasp that is too heavy for mere words.
Even an atheist would speak His name, unaware that their very breathe is giving constant acknowledgment to God.

Likewise, a person leaves this earth with their last breath, when God's name is no longer filling their lungs. So when I can't utter anything else, is my cry calling out His name?

Being alive means I speak His name constantly. So, is it heard the loudest when I'm the quietest?

In sadness, we breathe heavy sighs.
In joy, our lungs feel almost like they will burst.
In fear we hold our breath and have to be told to breathe slowly to help us calm down.
When we're about to do something hard, we take a deep breath to find our courage.

When I think about it, breathing is giving him praise. Even in the hardest moments!
This is so beautiful and fills me with emotion every time I grasp the thought. God chose to give himself a name that we can't help but speak every moment we're alive.

All of us, always, everywhere. Waking, sleeping, breathing, with the name of God on our lips.
(Shamelessly lifted from FaceBook)

Pr. Groce

From our President.....

Greetings -

On August 27 and 28 I had the opportunity to update everyone on the actions of the council and the status of the goals set for the congregation earlier in the year. Therefore, I will leave you with the following for your consideration today and in the future:

“Christ Lutheran Church is a caring community of the baptized people of God, saved by the gift of grace, empowered by the Holy Spirit, and sent into the world to share the Good News of God’s love. “

God Bless,
Gary Deierlein, Council President

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP DINNER/SPEAKER EVENT

Thursday, September 15, beginning at 5:30pm

Dinner (by Willow Catering) consists of smoked chicken leg quarters, smoked sausage, baked beans, corn on the cob, potato salad, rolls & butter, lemonade, tea and coffee. The speaker is Jim Reemts who will talk about his walk to Ground Zero 6 days after 9/11. The cost is \$15 per person payable at the door by cash or check made out to Christ Lutheran Church with Men's Fellowship on the memo line. **Spouses are invited as well!** Please sign-up on the **Activities bulletin board by Sunday, September 11.**



CLC Sephen Ministers will meet on September 12 at 1 p.m. at the church. Please plan to attend as we kick off the fall season. Please call Linda Vance at 901.493.5529 with questions.

Don't Forget...

Golf Tournament on September 18, registration begins at 10:30, Dorchester Golf Course. For more information, contact Gary Deierlein at 386-804-2294. Stop by even if you're not a golfer.



Grief Share

The next in person group meetings will begin September 13 at 1 p.m. at the church. If this is something you are interested in, please arrive at 12:30 or call the church office for more information.

Thank you!

to everyone who made the ice cream social a great success. There were so many of you who gave of your time (and aching muscles) to set up, serve and clean up. So many hands made light work and you are very much appreciated.

A Huge thank you to the Cumberland Swing Experience who generously gave of their extreme talent and time to make this a very successful event. You make our hearts sing.

Many thanks from the fellowship team



FINANCE TEAM OBJECTIVES UPDATE

The Finance Team established three objectives for 2022. We are pleased to report that all three have been met as follows:

1. Find a replacement for Glen House as Financial Secretary – Vicki Deierlein has volunteered to fill that position beginning January 1, 2023.
2. Review Tellers' responsibilities and training – updates and training completed in May.
3. Communicate more with the Congregation on the finances of the Church – bulletin updates and *Life Lines* articles ongoing plus temple talks and town hall meetings used as required.



Chris Mattheis, Finance Team Leader



A fund has been established to install stained glass windows on each side and the transom above the front door. Our very own Bev Olin has created the designs and an artist in the Knoxville area retained to make and install the creations. 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 operationing budget. One of the side windows represents our Stephen Ministry program. See Bev Olin for more information.



Notes from the Health & Safety Team

September is Healthy Aging month (as designated by the CDC) to remind people to focus on "the positive aspects of growing older." The CDC website contains links to articles that range from the health benefits of eating blueberries to preventing caregiver burnout.

Healthfitnessrevolution.com compiled 10 ways attending church keeps you healthy. These include social support, acceptance, motivation, and stress reduction. Hope to see everyone on a weekly basis so that we all stay healthy!

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.

Please note the following!

NEW E-MAIL ADDRESS FOR THE OFFICE: **INFO@CHRISTLUTHERANFFG.ORG**

CLC Upcoming Activities

Rummage Sale

The Rummage Sale is scheduled for September 8 & 9 in the fellowship hall and surrounding area.

Our thanks to Linda Morgan, garage sale guru, for her assistance pricing the items in the sale.

Items should be brought directly to the church after services on September 4 until September 6. Contact Barb Boyce or Kay Landrus with questions.

Please no shoes or clothing.

Thanks for your generous heart!

BUILDING BRIDGES

Building Bridges will be playing Crazy Bridge on Saturday September 3rd at 6:00. We'll be playing at Linda and David Farber's home. They live at 130 Mountain View Dr. Crazy Bridge is crazy and lots of fun!!! And "no" you don't have to know how to play bridge.

Please bring a dish to pass....it can be appetizers, main dish, salad or dessert. We do need card tables and chairs. So if you do have them please contact Kathie Whiffen at 931-287-5091. We will supply the drinks, plates and silverware.

Please sign up on the Activities bulletin board across from the church office.

Thank You 

Thanks to everyone that helped provide food for our Bread of Life meal last month. The food was well received and enjoyed by nearly 60 individuals.



November 6, 2022

Blood Drive
in the parking lot!

Sign up, we need 20 donors
for the unit to come



CLC BREAD OF LIFE DINNER
September 11, 2022
Spaghetti and all the extras
Bring Food to Church by 9:30 a.m.

Please check the bulletin board to see what you can provide for the hungry in our community.

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:

- 09/18 – C.S. Lewis on Christianity 1: Good and Evil
- 09/25 – C.S. Lewis on Christianity 2: Conversion and New Life
- 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

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.

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Pastor Jenny Barnes o Sherry Botsford, Nandina 110 o Gayle Burroughs o Ruby Carr o NEW - Rick Comshaw, underwent successful outpatient surgery 8/24 for partial toe removal; o Tom Dugan o Bill Henderson o Andrea Hyde o Lowell Knobloch o Pastor Doug MaGinn o Jan Martin, Nandina 116, NO VISITORS YET PLEASE o Walt Mellor o Jim Mercer o Joe Nilsen o NEW - Paul Sloboda, serious back problems o Vicky Sproule o Grayce Tyszko o Larry Whiffen | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o ALL MILITARY PERSONNEL o David & Alicia Brondos, our missionaries in Mexico o Kiswahili Lutheran Mission Church, Nashville, our mission partner. o John Berger, friend of Larry & Diane Camp o Nancy Christopherson, friend of Linda Ferris, Cindy Love, and Lynne Schwaberow o Maddie House, 20-year-old granddaughter of Glen & Betty House o Dan Young, son-in-law of Larry & Diane Camp o Dan Young, son-in-law of Larry & Diane Camp |
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READINGS AND PSALMS SEPTEMBER 2022

	<u>First Reading</u>	<u>Psalm</u>	<u>Second Reading</u>	<u>Gospel</u>
September 3&4	Deuteronomy 30:15-20	Psalm 1	Philemon 1-21	Luke 14:25-33
September 10&11	Exodus 32:7-14	Psalm 51:1-10	I Timothy 1:12-17	Luke 15:1-10
September 17&18	Amos 8:4-7	Psalm 113	I Timothy 2:1-7	Luke 16:1-13
September 24&25	Amos 6:1a,4-7	Psalm 146	I Timothy 6:6-19	Luke 16:19-31



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



September

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



September

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| 1 | Joe & Marty Garner | 61 Years |
| 1 | Ed & Lynne Schwaberow | 54 Years |
| 2 | Pastor Doug & Karen MaGinn | 55 Years |
| 4 | Tom & Denise Brown | 51 Years |
| 4 | Chris & Pam Mattheis | 30 Years |
| 5 | Buck & Bev Flankey | 63 Years |
| 5 | David & Bonnie Irvin | 52 Years |
| 5 | Donn & Linda Vance | 52 Years |
| 7 | Dave & Jana Cyrus | 48 Years |
| 11 | Mike & Linda Morgan | 51 Years |
| 12 | Graham Kneale & Doreen Morris | 2 Years |
| 12 | Dick & Margaret Malsak | 42 Years |
| 20 | Dick & Eve Pry | 58 Years |
| 30 | Jon & Judy Hammond | 55 Years |

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Kiswahili Lutheran Mission Church brings us youth, singing and a message. We sent them home with school supplies and a monetary gift



Rev. Dr. Brondos Shares His Ministry Story



School Supplies for Martin Elementary



Ice Cream Social



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

SEPTEMBER 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				<p>1 <i>Pastor Groce Vacation Day</i></p> <p>9:00 a.m. Via de Cristo Reunion Group</p> <p>10:00 a.m. Health & Safety Team Meeting</p> <p>1:00 p.m. <i>Kinseekers</i></p> <p>1:00 p.m. Welcome Team Meeting</p> <p>4:00 p.m. Via de Cristo Reunion Group</p>	<p>2 <i>Pastor's Day Off</i> CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED</p> <p>2:00 p.m. <i>Cumberland Swing Experience Rehearsal</i></p>	<p>3 8:00 a.m. <i>Alcoholics Anonymous</i></p> <p>9:00 a.m. Via de Cristo Reunion Group</p> <p>5:00 p.m. Worship with Holy Communion 6:00 p.m. Building Bridges</p>
<p>4 8:30 a.m. Coffee Fellowship</p> <p>9:30 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion</p> <p>10:45 a.m. Sunday Education Time</p>	<p>5 <i>Labor Day</i> CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED</p> <p>10:00 a.m. GriefShare - Via Zoom</p> <p>1:00 p.m. <i>P.E.O. Sisterhood</i></p>	<p>6</p> <p>9:00 a.m. Finance Team Meeting</p> <p>10:00 a.m. Knitting Group</p>	<p>7</p> <p>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>8 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>9 <i>Pastor's Day Off</i></p> <p>10:00 a.m. Stewardship Team Meeting</p> <p>11:00 a.m. <i>Book Club</i></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>10 8:00 a.m. <i>Alcoholics Anonymous</i></p> <p>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</p>
<p>11 8:30 a.m. Coffee Fellowship</p> <p>9:30 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion</p> <p>10:45 a.m. Sunday Education Time</p> <p>12:30 p.m. Serving Lunch at Bread of Life</p>	<p>12</p> <p>10:00 a.m. GriefShare Via Zoom</p>	<p>13</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>14 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>3:00 p.m. Men's Fellowship Steering 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>15 Life Lines submissions due</p> <p>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>5:00 p.m. Men's Fellowship Dinner / Speaker Program</p>	<p>16 <i>Pastor's Day Off</i></p> <p>11:00 a.m. Golf Tournament Team Meeting</p> <p>2:00 p.m. <i>Cumberland Swing Experience Rehearsal</i></p>	<p>17 8:00 a.m. <i>Alcoholics Anonymous</i></p> <p>9:00 a.m. Via de Cristo Reunion Group</p> <p>5:00 p.m. Worship with Holy Communion</p>
<p>18 8:30 a.m. Coffee Fellowship</p> <p>9:30 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion</p> <p>10:45 a.m. Sunday Education Time</p> <p>11:00 a.m. 2nd Annual Memorial Golf Tournament @ Dorchester</p>	<p>19</p> <p>10:00 a.m. GriefShare - Via Zoom</p>	<p>20</p> <p>9:00 a.m. Finance Team Meeting</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>21</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>22 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>23 <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>24 8:00 a.m. <i>Alcoholics Anonymous</i></p> <p>9:00 a.m. Via de Cristo Reunion Group</p> <p>5:00 p.m. Worship with Holy Communion</p>
<p>25 8:30 a.m. Coffee Fellowship</p> <p>9:30 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion</p> <p>10:45 a.m. Sunday Education Time</p> <p>7:00 p.m. <i>Upper Cumberland Jewish Community Rosh Hashanah Service</i></p>	<p>26</p> <p>10:00 a.m. GriefShare - Via Zoom</p> <p>7:00 p.m. <i>Upper Cumberland Jewish Community Rosh Hashanah Service</i></p>	<p>27 10:00 a.m. Knitting Group</p> <p>1:00 p.m. GriefShare—In Person Group Meeting</p>	<p>28</p> <p>1:30 p.m. Hand Bell Rehearsal</p> <p>4:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>29 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>30 <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>	