

August 7, 2021

# The Christ COURIER



## School Supply Collection

It is happening! Check out the details on Page 1 and don't miss the chance to help.

## VBS 2021

See all the pictures from our fun and faith-filled week at VBS on pages 7 and 8.

## Events and Updates

There are lots of ads for upcoming opportunities in this issue: don't miss them!

# Church Picnic June 13, 2021

The Church Picnic was a food-filled good time. Everyone who contributed did an excellent job. The dedicated crew who manned the grills made 80 burgers and many dozens of hotdogs. Many more people helped with setting up tables, organizing food and clearing up afterwards.



The Bhutanese congregation attended regular service in the sanctuary and joined in for all the festivities. This was an excellent chance to meet and converse with others who share our church building. They also contributed new and delicious dishes to the offerings.

Pastor Andrew's 25th year at Christ Lutheran was marked with a speech after service from then Congregational Chair, Lisa Hays and a word of thanks from Pastor himself.

Children (and some adults) enjoyed a bounce castle outside. Games were enjoyed as well.



**Auxiliary** Women's Auxiliary to the Federation, a unique Cincinnati organization giving a helping hand, raising money, and planning programs, has also started planning their year 2021-2022. Scheduled on Wednesday, September 8 is a 10:00 planning meeting at St. Paul Lutheran Church by the Executive Board. That will be followed by a regular 10:00 Auxiliary meeting on Wednesday September 22. Registration will be at 9:45; the program is not known yet.

Lisa Schock is Christ Lutheran's Rep along with Deb Cropp. Lisa Schock is Chairperson of the gigantic Cookie Pack, which will be here at Christ Lutheran on Monday December 6, 2021. Deb Cropp is on the Mission Committee. Women wishing to contribute ideas and be involved are welcome to contact these two women. Also, Barb Berner is Historian, and Karen Markarian is the current Financial Secretary for the Auxiliary. Submitted by Peggy Kelm



# Women's Guild Fellowship Hall Closet Cleanup

Lois Werner and her helpers, Lisa Schock, Barb Corson, Sue Hasson, and Molly Resendes, have made a huge dent in our church's material

storage. They started with the "old kitchen" in the Fellowship Hall first on June 8, and they created some open shelves. But they knew they needed more time, so at the end of July more work was tackled. Filling the recycling bin plus two trash cans there were a few more cleared shelves to wash off and the whole area was reorganized using clear plastic bins. What we don't use has been pared down (baskets, vases) and the new bins are labelled for easy finding. Go and have a peek! It does look better and will be usable for a long time!



**Donate School Supplies NOW!** The annual collection of school supplies is **happening now** with the whole congregation invited to contribute. Kindergarten supplies through high school will be collected in the black box in the Narthex. New this year: the Bhutanese congregation has been asked to add their contributions also, so second box in the Fellowship Hall has been added. The **tax-free weekend in Ohio is August 6, 7, and 8**, so people shopping on Sunday can still contribute through mid-day on **Tuesday August 10**. Then, volunteers will start after 1pm to sort and bag the load (we do hope it is a LOAD)!

Immanuel Lutheran on Rockdale Ave. in Avondale is delighted to be the recipient again. They will distribute first to their own Saturday Kids Church participants and then offer supplies to the neighborhood kids and the nearby public elementary school. They will also



check with other specific teachers to supply extras for classrooms. So, everything will have a home at the end!

We will deliver all the supplies after August 10. Immanuel Lutheran hopes to solve their new water problem in the basement so supplies can be distributed from there. But Superintendent Arlene Brown will let us know all the details later with the clean-up and distribution.

This year's collection is being coordinated by Patty Resendes, Lois Werner, and Peggy Kelm. Please contact them with any questions.

Submitted by Peggy Kelm

# Vacation: A Message from Pastor Andrew

The end of July through the month of August are called the “Dog days”. Apparently, an old Greek guy by the name of Pliny the Elder referred to these days as the hottest days of the year, when dogs were “most ready to run mad”. Hence the name from a later translator. But for many of us, July-August is a time of a well-earned vacation.

Vacations are a good thing, not only for a chance to do something different, but also as our need to rest and get refreshed. The Psalmist notes “In vain you rise early and stay up late, toiling for food to eat-- for he grants sleep to those he loves.” (Psalm 127:2 NIV). This is a timely reminder for us all in the hectic lives we often lead.

It is so easy to get caught up in the toils and busyness of life, “What do people get for all the toil and anxious striving with which they labor under the sun? All their days their work is grief and pain; even at night their minds do not rest. This too is meaningless.” (Ecclesiastes 2:22-23 NIV). With this in mind, this is a good reminder that even if we are on vacation, we don’t want to take a vacation from God!

Remember, you can always watch the Sunday Service online, either live, or recorded. We also have our Wednesday Service specifically for those who miss Sunday.

God gave the Sabbath (Saturday) as a day for rest, to focus on Him and His good gifts. The Good News is, God doesn’t take a *rest* from loving you: “He who watches over Israel will neither slumber nor sleep. The LORD watches over you.” (Psalm 121:4-5 NIV)

The next time you go on vacation set some time aside for God, draw close to Him. Remember to thank Him that you can go on vacation and praise His Name. In the words of the Psalmist who sums up our true source of rest: “Truly my soul finds rest in God; my salvation comes from him.” (Psalm 62:1 NIV)



**Little Bud Preschool  
Registration Open**

*Learn more Today!*

email: [tsedam@christ-lcms.org](mailto:tsedam@christ-lcms.org)

Have you noticed something around the church that needs attention?

**Help the Trustees**

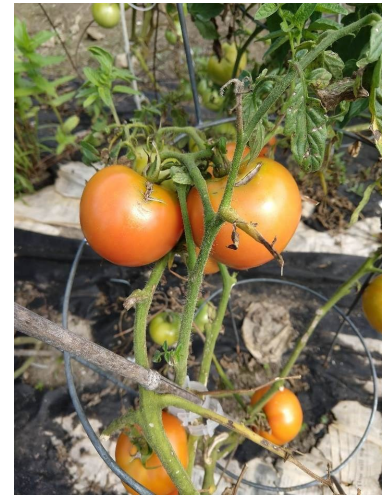
by sending a note to the office:  
[om@christ-lcms.org](mailto:om@christ-lcms.org)



# Community Garden

Submitted By: Carol Berning

All the plot preparation, planting and watering work is now paying off in a



bountiful harvest across the community garden! Tomatoes are ripening, beans are maturing, squash are hiding under their big leaves, and zucchini are making everyone ask what to do with them all! Not yet ready, but certainly coming along are corn, cabbage, okra, and more! Our gardeners from Nepal and Cameroon have rows and rows of dark green leafy crops which we aren't familiar with, but look very nutritious! Several gardeners have been taking quite a bit of produce to S.O.N. ministries for distribution to the families they serve. Others, of course, are feeding their families and extended families

fresh and healthy meals!



The gardeners often express their appreciation for the garden and to the church for making it possible.

We also thank those who support the garden via time, effort, and Thrivent Action Teams! A big thank you goes to the Dierkings for donating their tiller for garden use and to Bill Berning for his work to get it operating at peak performance, as well as keeping the other garden equipment in good condition.

We invite any CLC members who would like to get involved with the garden (which is a key outreach service project of the church) to get in contact with us. We can use additional committee members as well as occasional volunteers.



# Remembering the Saints

By: Pastor Milton Berner

**July** On July 22<sup>nd</sup>, the Church honors the blessed memory of one of the close compatriots and disciples of the Lord, Mary Magdalene. Together with Mary, the mother of Jesus, and the disciple John, she was a witness both of the crucifixion and of the resurrection of the Christ. Coming from Magdala, a small town in Galilee, the early Church fathers Clement of Alexandria and Iraneaus identified her with the woman who washed Jesus' feet with her tears. Other ancient Church tradition - though not proven from Scripture - identifies her with the woman who was caught in adultery and was a prostitute before becoming a disciple of Jesus. In France, it was ancient tradition that after the resurrection, she, together others, were expelled from Palestine, and landed at Marseilles, France where she died on this date. She is best remembered as the person who by her love and faith and to the tomb early in the morning of Easter and there saw the promise of Life Eternal in the body of her Savior.



Alexander Ivanov - Christ's Appearance to Mary Magdalene after the Resurrection

**August** On August 16<sup>th</sup>, the Church honors the blessed memory of Stephen, King of Hungary, who lived in the 11<sup>th</sup> century. Born into tribal royalty in what is now the country of Hungary, Stephen was brought up as a Christian by virtue of the fact that his father was a new convert to the Christian faith; thus, his father saw to it that he was educated under the tutelage of Adalbert, bishop of Prague. Succeeding to the throne of his father in 997, he immediately began working for peaceful relations with neighboring states. As he strove to give his people a better life-style, he saw the necessity of rooting out ancient idolatry and educating his subjects in the Christian faith. Since not all of his subjects were enthusiastic about conversion from their past, some rebelled against the throne and met Stephen's forces in battle. Though inferior in number, Stephen was victorious in battle. From this point on, with renewed vigor, many churches, monasteries and schools were founded. In the year 1000, he was crowned as King of the entire Hungarian empire (as was then the custom) by the bishop of Rome. Throughout the rest of his reign, he worked to govern his subjects with Christian humility and for the salvation of their souls. He died on this date in the year 1038.



Portrayal of Stephen I on the Hungarian coronation pall

## Women's Guild: Sewing starts Dorcas' Den with a List of Projects to Tackle

A group of five women met at 10:00 am on July 27 in Dorcas' Den to initiate the space, the large old classroom space on the west side of the Undercroft. Head Trustee Mike Hill stopped by to check on the newly installed outlets in the space. These new outlets were much needed and are going to be very helpful.

Now that the space is ready, the Dorcas Disciples will first tackle sewing a few lap-size Fidget Quilts. These will be made for dementia units so patients have activities for restless fingers to manipulate. Gadgets will be sewn on 12 or less quilt squares. They will be a labor-intensive project meant to create examples of what fidget quilts could hold. The Auxiliary is thinking of creating

more as a new project this year. Also, the sewing machines must be checked out and their mechanisms must be learned by the sewers.



A lot of questions were asked among the group at the last meeting to figure the best way to create the Fidget Quilts.

Everyone who has used the space agrees that it is a welcoming spot for sewing and fellowship. More sewers are welcome to join the group of Deb Cropp, Barb Corson, Sue Freeland, Peggy Kelm, and Sandra Lee.

## Crafters' Fellowship

*Saturday, August 28*

**Christ Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall**

**10am - 8pm**

**NOT JUST  
FOR CRAFTS!  
BRING YOUR  
PROJECTS!**

This is a come-and-go-as-you-please event. You may stay as long as you like. Work quietly or chat with others. Spend time with fellow Christians and have time to work on whatever project you choose.

Bring a snack and/or drink to share.

**Photo Memories Tutorial/Demonstration by Carrie Wagner at 10am**

Contact Carrie with any questions: [motherwagner@gmail.com](mailto:motherwagner@gmail.com)

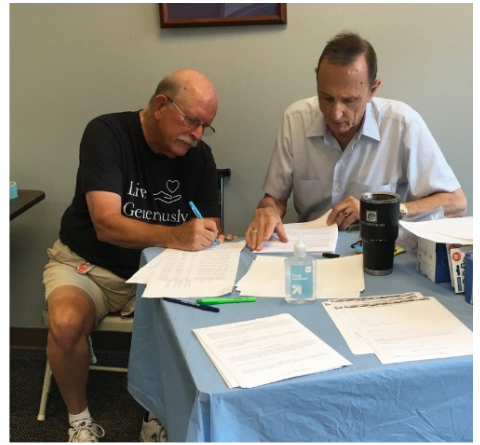
# VBS 2021 Knights of the North Castle July 12-16

74 children attended the Christ Lutheran Church *Knights of the North Castle* Vacation Bible School. For a full week, each child took on the role of a knight on a quest, searching for the king's armor. They discovered that the king in their quest was God, and learned about different armor from the sixth chapter of Ephesians. Knights were guided by their verse for the week, Ephesians 6:10 which says, be strong in the Lord and the Strength of His power. Volunteers helped teach the knights at six stations (Bible stories, recreation, science, craft, music, and snack). The week ended with a VBS Sunday church service, concert, and reception with refreshments for families. 44 different volunteers helped with VBS. During the event an average of 30 volunteers were on site. VBS was truly a group effort and everyone who helped deserves the Church's gratitude. VBS was a fantastic opportunity to share God's love and teach His word to kids from the congregation and community.





# Knights of the North Castle VBS Photos Continued



# Prayer Warriors

Submitted in Christian Love by Kathy Meinking

"Prayer is climbing into the heart of God." Martin Luther—The Prayer Warriors have done a lot of "climbing" this summer. We have prayed for health and healing for many friends and relatives. It has been a blessing

to see Trudy Hardert and Dorthea Otte back in church and to hear that Linda McBride, Doug McMullin and Sally Bunk are on the mend.

We have prayed for safe travel for all of those travelling this summer. We also have offered prayers of thanksgiving. One such prayer was for Peggy Kelm's parents, who celebrated their 75th wedding anniversary in mid-June!

We have prayed for comfort for the families of the Robbes' daughter-in-law of her father, Johnny Parker, and Tommy Thompson, a neighbor and friend of my family, at their passing into heaven. Also in our prayers was the family of Gene Siller, who was murdered in July in Georgia. Gene's mother was a niece of our beloved Doris Tepker. We prayed for comfort for the Resendes family upon the passing of Jose Resendes, Tony's father and for the loved ones of Molly Resendes' grandmother, Sandy Herron upon her passing in July as well.

"His faithfulness goes on and on to each generation." Ps. 100

The Prayer Warriors receive group emails when the need for prayers arise. Anyone who wishes to be included in the emails or who has a request, should email Kathy at [meinkingkathy@yahoo.com](mailto:meinkingkathy@yahoo.com). Prayer requests are also sent on Friday in the Church Bulletin.

## ADULT CHOIR IS SEEKING SINGERS

The adult choir is open to anyone high-school-age or older. The choir is especially in need of male voices! This is a wonderful opportunity to participate in the worship service and a privilege to use your time & talent to serve God.

Rehearsals will be held on Sunday mornings before Sunday school classes.

All choir members receive free and preferred parking, reserved seating (for member and family). Additional benefits include: outstanding music, fun, and fellowship.

New members are always welcome and can join for free\* during our fall membership drive!



See  
**Brian Schweikert**  
([brian.benchmark@gmail.com](mailto:brian.benchmark@gmail.com))  
or any choir member  
for complete details.

\*Valid for a limited time only. Not good with any other offers. Good while supplies last. Void where prohibited by law. Offer does not apply for residents of Alaska, Hawaii, or Puerto Rico.

# Women's Guild Officers will Soon be Planning

A meeting will be organized in August to start planning new programs to commence in September. Women with ideas for the programs can contact President Sandra Lee. The officers are delighted with how much continues to be accomplished, even with previous Covid restrictions. Women church members are automatically Guild members and are welcome to the meetings and contribute to the planning of various projects. A meeting schedule is not yet available, but will be impacted by Little Bud Preschool Covid precautions.

Current officers of Women's Guild are: President, Sandra Lee; Vice President, Deb Cropp; Secretary, Peggy Kelm; Treasurer, Patty Resendes; Auxiliary Rep, Lisa Schock; and LWML Reps Barb Berner and Peggy Kelm.



## New Plans and a New Year, 2021-2022

The initial Board meeting of all the Representatives from all the 18 LCMS churches in the Cincinnati Zone will be Saturday August 7 at 10:00, and it will be a

zoom meeting. But there is lots happening to be ready. The new President Arlene Brown, Immanuel Lutheran Avondale, will be making new appointments, and all volunteers should have a newly updated directory and email list. Others will be collecting facts from June's National Convention in Lexington, KY to share at an upcoming event.

If one is interested in contributing ideas for programs, please contact Barb Berner or Peggy Kelm here at Christ Lutheran. We thrive on new and different ideas to reach out and share the gospel message. The first event to be planned will be the Fall Retreat. Usually happening on the last Saturday in September, all will be made welcomed to this event. Hopefully by the end of this year, 2021-2022, we will be meeting in person. We will happily distribute the information for the Fall Retreat as soon as it is ready.

### LWML Information

#### Officers

- President**, Arlene Brown (Immanuel Lutheran)
- Vice President** (to be announced)
- Secretary**, Paula Frazier (St. Mark's Lutheran)
- Treasurer**, Wanda Allen (Christ Lutheran)
- Pastoral Counselor**, Pastor E. Green (Immanuel and Trinity-Cincinnati Lutheran)

#### Tentative Calendar

- August 7—Board Meeting, 10am (Zoom)
- September 25—Fall Retreat
- January—Board Meeting
- February—Event
- March—Board Meeting
- April 24—Missions in Motion, Meeting & Elections

Submitted by Peggy Kelm

# S.O.N Ministry Event and Thank You Message

On September 18, S.O.N. is hosting an open house for the 12 area support churches. The event will be in their parking lot at Groesbeck United Methodist Church (8871 Colerain, 45251) from 1-3pm.

Food, including Ritchie's chicken, a strong supporter of this ministry, will be provided. All church members and guests are invited. Toiletries and personal care item donations will be collected and are appreciated.

S.O.N. is thankful for all donations, and wants to share a special shout out to Aldi's Foods on Colerain Avenue. Each

Wednesday Aldi's donates hundreds of pounds of fresh food, meats, frozen food, bakery, packaged goods and the like to S.O.N. ministry. Volunteers collect the goods and take them to SON for community distribution. Thank you Carol Berning for organizing the volunteers from the area churches.



## Remembering Our Baptisms

Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit—Matthew 28:19

- Aug-05 Bruce Klettke
- Aug-09 Alexis Butler
- Aug-11 Jesse Enderle
- Aug-21 Lori Soriano
- Aug-24 John Rodencal
- Aug-25 Alexandra Hill
- Aug-26 Kim Enderle
- Aug-27 Vicki Plano
- Aug-30 Karl Dierking
- Sep-03 Annabelle Elam
- Sep-12 Barb Corson
- Sep-13 Melanie Padich
- Sep-13 Liam Dawson
- Sep-14 Samuel Noland
- Sep-25 Bill Berning
- Sep-29 Alex Schock

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