



Monthly Newsletter

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Community Lutheran Church

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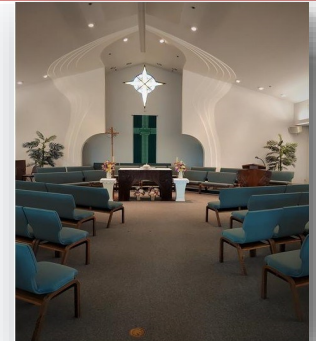
Jesus said, "Whoever believes in me, streams of living water will flow from within them." John 7:38



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Weekend Worship
Sunday, 9:30 am



*"Make a joyful noise unto the LORD,
all the earth: make a loud noise, and
rejoice, and sing praise."*

Psalms 98:4 (KJV)



Mission Statement of Community Lutheran Church:
Living Christ's love in all we do.

A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR TIM

“Don’t Worry, We’re in God’s Hands”

“So don’t worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today’s trouble is enough for today.” Matthew 6:34

A bishop from the Nebraska Synod, ELCA once said that we shouldn’t be surprised by all of the sin and suffering in the world because this was why Jesus was crucified for our salvation.

At the time of this writing, there are many crises happening with our nation and the world. The Delta variant of the COVID virus is surging especially among unvaccinated people and this variant is more contagious than the previous virus. A devastating earthquake happened in Haiti with an unknown number – possibly thousands – of casualties. The American withdrawal of troops has instigated a fast takeover by the Taliban and the future of democracy, women’s rights, and the safety of Afghans who helped Americans is in question. Huge forest fires are burning in Oregon and California leaving many communities devastated.

This is not only why Jesus died for our salvation, but it is also why the Church is called to be a healing presence in the world in Christ’s name.

I am very proud of the fact that the ELCA has several agencies that are in place to help people at this time. Lutheran Disaster Response is helping people whose lives have been devastated by earthquakes and forest fires. Lutheran Immigration Services is working on the ground in Afghanistan and being a voice for their welfare. The ELCA Global Mission is reaching out to people in other nations to bring vaccines for the COVID viruses and Lutheran Social Services is helping in the United States. And individual Lutheran congregations are reaching out and helping with all of these situations in various ways.

And as the Church, we also have the gift of prayer. Prayer is nothing less than a miraculous act from God that brings peace and well-being to people’s lives. So continually pray for the needs of our nation, community, and world. That is part of our mission as the Church.

After all, “if God is for us, who is against us?” (Romans 8:31)

IN CHRIST,

PASTOR TIM EIGHMY





A MESSAGE FROM

LINDA MILLER

*And he said to him, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart,
and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind.”*

The second like it is, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” – Matthew 22:37-39

The Two Greatest Commandments

Last week, Pastor’s message was about love...God’s love for us, our love for Him and our love for others. So, I felt it would be appropriate for this month’s message to be about the two greatest commandments. Just as a reminder...

You see the two greatest commandments above...and verse 40 goes on to say, “On these two commandments depend the whole law and the prophets.”

It’s easy for us to understand the commandment, “You shall love the Lord your God above anything else.” But, what exactly does “Love your neighbor as yourself” really mean?

Let me start by saying it is certainly important because you can find it eight times in the Bible. Yup...not once. Not twice. But eight times! God not only repeats it, but He makes it an ‘order’...one of the two greatest commandments.

It does make sense...it’s a lot like the Golden Rule, “Do unto others as you would have them do unto you.” Yet loving your neighbor isn’t always easy. Well, guess what, that’s why God made it a command. He knew we would struggle with it.

Since it is one of the two greatest commandments, we should do it—on purpose. Be intentional about it. And remember “our neighbor” means not only our friends and family and those who are easy to love...it means everyone...even those people you really don’t like all that much. Your neighbors are those whom you already love and those with whom you’ve had issues...those who may not be very loveable. (But then are you and I always loveable? I’ll answer for myself...no, unfortunately, I am not.)

And, by the way, God loves us NO MATTER WHAT! Yup, even when we’re at our most unloveable! And he loves us so much that he made the supreme sacrifice. He gave His only son to die for our sins!

I just read something recently that described loving your neighbor as yourself to include these things:

Before you can love your neighbor as yourself, you must receive God’s love. Yes, to truly love your neighbor, you need to know what love is and that you are loved. Of, course loving our neighbors means loving ourselves as well. (The commandment does say, “Love your neighbor as yourself.”)

It also means showing grace...showing compassion; and looking out for our neighbors’ well-being. Loving our neighbors also means serving them (from your heart). And loving your neighbor means recognizing that we are all human...we are not perfect...we all make mistakes. So, it also means forgiving. And finally, it means sharing both our neighbors’ joys and sorrows.

That’s kind of a lot...but, it really does just come down to treating our neighbors just like we want to be treated.

Loving Our Neighbors is Loving God

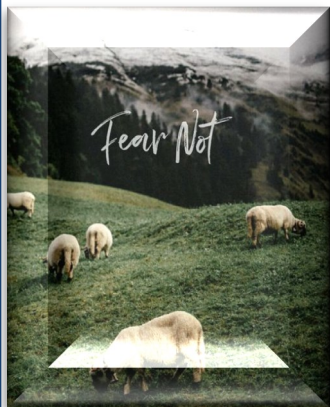


Wishing you God’s Blessings Always!

Love One Another,

Linda





Stewardship is about good priorities

Jesus taught, "Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom." -Luke 12:32

The Bible makes it clear that God has given us all that we have and all that we are. This includes not just our money and possessions, but also our relationships, our character strengths, our time, our intelligence, the special talents and skills we may possess, and so much more.

Biblical stewardship invites us to use all these gifts in God-pleasing ways -- not for God's benefit, but for ours. We are the ones who benefit when we invest ourselves, our time and our possessions in ways that are in sync with God's purposes.

The more we align our lives with God's purposes, the happier and more fulfilled we become. And why not? We are learning to live more fully as disciples of Jesus, approaching more fully the abundant life he promised us. We grow in awareness and set new priorities that bring us closer to God.

If that sounds appealing to you, why not begin? Pick an area of your life that you'd like to align with God's purposes. Maybe your relationships? Your money? How about your time?

Then, honestly and prayerfully consider: How are you using that gift? Talk it over with your pastor or prayer partner. Ask God to give you insight and to reveal your blind spots. Pray for guidance on how you can better use your gifts.

It takes time, but it's so worth it. When our priorities are in sync with God's purposes, we are not only stewarding our lives well, but also opening the door to greater personal fulfillment and joy.

--Rob Blezard

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CHOIR NOTES



"Proclaiming the Gospel with Music"

Evangelism is when we share our faith in Christ's salvation with the rest of the community and the world. And the most prominent evangelism program that CLC has is our choir.

Choir rehearsals will begin at 6 pm on Wednesday evenings on September 1. The choir will present a Christmas Cantata in December that is often attended by over 200 people per performance. And the choir also helps lead the worship service as well as proclaim a message through music during the worship services.

Music is a gift from God that is written about in the Bible. David played a lyre and sang psalms that brought peace to King Saul's troubled spirit. The Book of Psalms is filled with hymns that were sung by choirs in the ancient Temple in Jerusalem and accompanied by instruments. According to the Gospel of Luke, Jesus and his disciples sang hymns to praise God after they finished the Last Supper on that night when Jesus was betrayed.

Music is an essential part of Lutheran worship because it helps us to worship and pray more deeply from the heart. And music tells the story of Jesus' salvation on a deeper level than mere words.

We are excited that Shawn Bristle is our new choir director. He has been the director of Voices of the River community choir in the past and it is now starting it up again. These last several years, Shawn has sung with the choir in our Christmas and Easter cantatas. And now he is excited to be our new choir director.

This is a great time for us to have new people join the choir. It is fun and we help each other out. We are a mixture of professional musicians and people who sort of carry a tune. But we work together to sing “a new song unto the Lord” and proclaim the gospel in all of its beauty.

So please join us in this important evangelism program in our community. We would love to have you sing with us.



Here is what's happening this month.....

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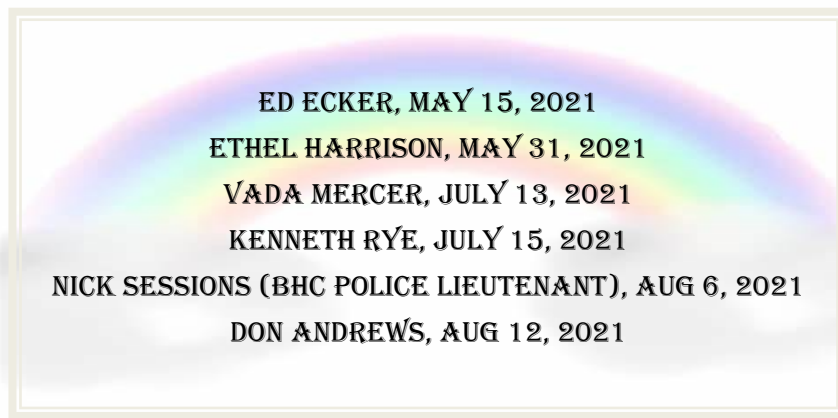
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 6 pm Choir Rehearsal	2 9:00 am Bible Study	3	4
5 9:30 am Worship Service	6 Office Closed	7	8 6 pm Choir Rehearsal	9 9:00 am Bible Study 6 pm Council Meeting	10	11
12 9:30 am Worship Service	13 Office Closed	14	15 6 pm Choir Rehearsal	16 9:00 am Bible Study	17	18
19 9:30 am Worship Service Vada's Memorial Service right afterwards	20 Office Closed	21	22 6 pm Choir Rehearsal	23 9:00 am Bible Study 10:30 am Worship Committee Meeting	24	25
26 9:30 am Worship Service Introduction of New Members	27 Office Closed	28	29 6 pm Choir Rehearsal	30 9:00 am Bible Study		



Please continue to pray for all the persons whose names have been offered up by members and friends of the congregation.

We pray for healing, comfort, guidance, strength, recovery, safe travel, and unrevealed needs, as well as for those with thankful hearts and for those who grieve.

Let us remember the ones God called home out of our midst, and keep their families and friends in our prayers:



If you know someone who would like to be included in the ongoing monthly prayer list, be it for prayer or thanksgiving, please let the office know!



SEPTEMBER
BIRTHDAYS

- 5—Dee Schneider
- 6—Linda Grumbine
- 7—Jan Parrott
- 15—Mary Pfeiffer
- 15—Dean Leuthauser
- 17—Linda Kyle
- 18—Carol Smock
- 30—Jean Thompson



SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 17—Don & Dolly Orth (54)
- 17—Chris & Tammy Lasky (15)
- 29—Don & Marlys Weyer (31)

And then, there are all these Volunteer opportunities....

THERE ARE MANY WAYS TO SERVE AT COMMUNITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

Please Indicate below What Area(s) You Would Be Interested in Volunteering. -- Please drop into offering basket or submit to the office!

NAME _____

PHONE NUMBER _____

WORSHIP

Serve During Service:

- Scripture Reader
- Communion Assistant
- Usher Greeter
- Choir Help with Music
- Help with Children's Time
- Attend the Sound System
- Assisting Minister / Cantor

- Preparation for Service: 9am 11am
- Altar Care Set Up for Communion
 - Serve with a Worship Planning Group

- Preparation for Seasonal Events:
- Work on a Banner
 - Help with Seasonal Decorating

FELLOWSHIP

- Prepare/Serve Refreshments/Coffee after Worship
- Serve Refreshments/Coffee at Special Events
- Provide Baked Goods for Activities/Special Events
- Help Coordinate for Fellowship Events
- Help Decorate for Special Fellowship Events
- Help with Lenten Soup/Salad Suppers
- Serve with a Fellowship Planning Group

BIBLE STUDY/EDUCATION

- Help Lead a Study Group
- Serve with an Education Planning Group

CHILDREN/YOUTH MINISTRY

- Teach/Assist in Learning Center
- Help with Nursery Care
- Assist with Youth Events/Projects/Fund Raisers
- Provide Transportation for Youth Events

MEN'S MINISTRY

- Interest in Men's Bible Study
- Help plan Bible Study

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

- Help with Funeral/Memorial Receptions
- Workshop/Special Projects/Study Volunteer

CARE GIVING

- Be a Member of Telephone Prayer Wheel
- Be Part of a Support Group
- Write Caring Notes / Call on Phone
- Help Provide Transportation to Worship
- Help Provide Transportation to Doctor
- Help Provide Transportation to Grocery Store/Pharmacy
- Call on Shut-ins
- Shop/ Prepare Food for Shut-ins as Needed

HELPING HANDS MINISTRY

- Deliver Collected Food to our Food Pantry
- Donate Food to our Food Pantry.

OUTREACH/EVANGELISM

- Help Contact First Time Visitors
- Help with Phone Calling
- Help with Outreach/Evangelism Planning

FACILITY NEEDS

- Help with Special Cleaning Projects
 - Baptismal Font
 - Kitchen
 - Windows (inside/out)
 - Detail Vacuuming
 - Carpet Shampooing
 - Touch up Painting
 - Polishing/Oiling Wood
- Handy Person (small repairs)
- Retrieve & Submit Water Samples for Testing
- Grounds Maintenance
 - Columbarium Garden Upkeep
 - Trees/Plants Upkeep
- Serve on Property/Maintenance Task Group

CHURCH OFFICE ASSISTANCE

- Help Count Sunday or Special Offerings
- Help in Office During Week
- Phones Filing Computer Help
- Folding/Stapling/Stuffing
- Errands (supplies, postage)

LANGUAGES SKILLS

- What other languages can you speak?

GENERAL HELP, AS NEEDED WHEN AVAILABLE

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