



## Community Lutheran Church

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



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**Pastor Tim Eighmy**



**OFFICE HOURS:**  
Tues.– Fri., 9 am to 1 pm;

**SUNDAY WORSHIP:**

Sunday, 9 & 11 am  
Last Sunday of every  
month: 10:00 am



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

### A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR TIM

#### Stewardship of Grace

Another word for 'stewardship' is 'management'. When we say we are called by God to be good stewards, we are saying we are called to be responsible managers of all that God has given us.

Often when we talk about stewardship in church, this thought occurs to us, "Uh-oh, they're asking for money again." But stewardship is far more than just money.

Stewardship is a lifestyle. Stewardship is when we take care of the Creation that God has given us. When we strive to stop polluting the environment, appreciate and maintain the balance and beauty in nature, and take care of our cities and households so others may enjoy them.

Stewardship is also a part of loving our neighbors. We are to be caregivers for those who are struggling in any way, visitors of the lonely, and we build our communities of family, neighborhoods, and our church family with forgiveness and mercy.

Stewardship involves taking care of our bodies and our own well-being, as well as of others.

And stewardship involves building up the community of faith – the church – with our "time, Talents, and treasure." Making time on a weekly basis for worship is something that we all give. And sometimes we take more time from our schedules to attend extra worship services (like during Lent and Christmas Eve) and going to Bible studies. We share our talents when we volunteer for various ministries in the church (like ushering, greeting, folding bulletins, preparing the altar, distributing communion, reading the Scriptures for worship, saying a petition of the Prayers of the People, counting the money for offering, helping serve during fellowship, etc.).

And of course, we share our treasure as a church. If we are going to have bulletins, bread and wine

for communion, the playing of music, and a pastor to serve, then we have to spend money for that. If we are going to worship in a nice facility and have nice church grounds around that facility, then we have to pay for repairs and upkeep. If we want to support the ministries of the ELCA global missions or the synod's ministries of campus ministry, outdoor ministries, youth and young adult ministries, and many more ministries, then they all need money to thrive as well.

The church is a volunteer organization and all of our income comes from people's donations. And that has always been the way the church has been since the time of the apostles.

For the church is a community of faith that trusts in God's grace through Christ Jesus and we trust that God provides us with all we need. And stewardship is how we manage this gracious giving of God.

In Christ's blessings,

Pastor Tim



### **From Our Council President**

On behalf of the church council, I would like to say Thank You to Reva Sparks for all the years of dedicated service to our church. Even though we are saddened by your departure, we are excited for you as you transition to your new home in Iowa.

We pray for a safe move for you as you begin this new chapter in your life.

God Bless you Reva

Community Lutheran Congregation President





### Choir Director

If you know of someone who would be willing to direct our choir this coming fall/winter, please let someone on the council know.



### Classroom Air Conditioner

The air conditioner for the classroom had to be replaced at the tune of \$!0,000. So, any donations to help fray the cost will be most appreciated. Thank you in advance.



### Kitchen Help & Fellowship Snacks

Brenda is looking for people to sign up for 2 Sunday's a month for fellowship. It's not hard. Includes making coffee, putting out baked goods & clean up.

Also, she has a sign-up sheet for you to pick a Sunday to bring baked goods.

She is also looking for someone to replace her full time. If you feel this might be your calling, let Brenda know.



### Food Pantry

We are running low on things like chili, soup, cereal, cup of noodles, canned chicken, snack size tuna w/crackers and dried milk packets. We also have a shortage of plastic bags. PLEASE Place your donated items on the table in the food panty room Thank You for Your Support!



## WOMEN OF THE CHURCH

The next bible study followed by a business meeting will be held on September 9, at 9:30 am. All women are invited to join in. In January, 2026, there is going to be a workshop to make posters for the next February event . So if you're creative you might like to join the fun.

### Calling New Members

A few people have shown an interest in becoming a member. The next installation will be sometime in September possibly. So, if you are interested in becoming a member indicate on your friend-slip or let the office know. (Be sure to include your name on the friend-slip.)



## **“God’s work. Our hands.” is Sept. 7, 2025!**

This day is an opportunity to celebrate who we are as the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America — one church, freed in Christ to serve and love our neighbor. Service activities offer an opportunity for us to explore one of our most basic convictions as Lutherans: that all of life in Jesus Christ – every act of service, in every daily calling, in every corner of life — flows freely from a living, daring confidence in God’s grace.

Here at Community Lutheran we will be doing our service project on September 14th

From August 10th up to September 14th we will be collecting items for Personal Care Kits to send to Lutheran World Relief. The items needed are listed below. On the 14th of September after church we will pack up the kits and share a lite sloppy Joe Lunch. Please pay attention to the size towels requested. Some of these kits will find their way to locations where hand washing and drying is done.

### **Personal Care Kits**

One light- to medium-weight, bath-size towel (approximately 52” X 27” or smaller), dark color recommended

Two bath-size bars (4 to 5 oz.) of soap, any brand, in original wrapping

One adult-size toothbrush in its original packaging\*

One sturdy comb, remove packaging

One metal nail clippers (with or without attached file), remove packaging

\*Toothbrush multi-packs may be used by sealing an individual toothbrush in a business-size envelope; no plastic bags or wrap.

Questions?: See Joann Hoffmeyer



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### **Luncheon for Reva; her house has sold**

The CLC Women's Group is planning a going away Luncheon to honor Reva & all her years of contributions to our church. Reva’s house has sold, so the decision was made to have a **POTLUCK** on the **10th of August** instead of going to a restaurant. It was difficult to find a place to accommodate very many people. Plus this way, everyone has a chance to say their goodbyes. So, bring your favorite dish and give Reva a great sendoff.



### **Living Lutheran Magazine**

The Living Lutheran Magazine is going back to printed copies. If you would like to subscribe for it, it is cheaper to do so through the church. There is a space on the back of your friend-slip to sign up. Be sure to include your name!

## **Faithfulness: The Stewardship Standard**



“Moreover, it is required of stewards that they be found faithful” (1 Cor. 4:2).

What is the standard to which a steward is held? Ask the average person, and they might talk about percentages, tithes, and commitments. Too often, the default mode of measuring stewards is by how much and how frequently they give. This is not helpful. Measuring activity without any connection to baptismal identity is a recipe for disaster. It can either breed a sense of superiority and self-righteousness or create a culture of scarcity and despair. Neither outcome is godly or helpful.

This is not to say that stewardship should be regarded as "no big deal." St. Paul, within his discussion of the ministry to which he has been called, sets the standard of accountability for the steward: faithfulness. This removes any sense of superiority or self-righteousness and dispels scarcity and despair. When a steward manages what the Lord has entrusted to them — resources and all aspects of life — for God's purposes, the focus is not on how much or how frequently they give.

This standard reflects the stewardship portrayed in the Gospels where Jesus entrusts varying amounts, each according to ability. The commended stewards were recognized for their faithfulness in their vocation, not the amounts they managed. Conversely, the condemned stewards were not castigated for their lack of performance but for their lack of faithfulness.

What does this mean for the steward in the pew? The Lord has entrusted you with various things. Luther captures them in his explanation of the First Article of the Apostles' Creed and the Fourth Petition of the Lord's Prayer. The familiar couplets of food and drink, house and home, spouse and children, land, animals and all possessions are the Lord's, and He has entrusted them to you for His purpose. This trust brings an active realization of thanksgiving.

This active thanksgiving is our stewardship. It can be distilled into two questions that the steward regularly needs to answer:

1. How has God blessed me?
2. How is He calling me to respond?

The first question is quite simple to answer: if the Lord has entrusted something to you, it is a blessing. This blessing is for God's glory and the benefit of your neighbor. The second question is more challenging to measure; it is not about percentages and charts. Instead, it is about a life of thanksgiving that flows from the mercies of God revealed in Jesus Christ. This thanksgiving starts at and flows from the cross and the empty tomb. Our stewardship of the Gospel drives our stewardship of everything else.

The standard, then, is faithfulness. Faithfulness flows from eyes focused on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith. It does not come from our efforts but through the working of the Holy Spirit in our lives, through Word and Sacrament. It begins at the altar in the Divine Service but extends into the world — from hearth and home to workplace and classroom, from commerce to leisure. The mercy of God, freely given in Jesus, leads us to demonstrate a faithfulness that reveals to others the same mercy we have received in Jesus. This faithfulness cannot be measured empirically. It is simply allowing the Holy Spirit to work in and through us for the glory of God and the benefit of our neighbor. Weekly. Daily. Faithful.

# August

2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 10:00 am Worship service w/communion	4 Office Closed	5	6	7 9:30 am Pastor's bible study	8 9:30 am Worship & Music committee mtg	9
10 10:00 am Worship service w/communion <i>Potluck for Reva</i>	11 Office Closed	12	13	14 9:30 am Pastor's bible study No Council Mtg	15	16
17 10:00 am Worship service w/communion	18 Office Closed	19	20	21 9:30 am Pastor's bible study	22	23
24 10:00 am Worship service w/communion <i>Noisy Offering</i>	25 Office Closed <i>Pastor Vacation</i>	26 <i>Pastor Vacation</i>	27 <i>Pastor Vacation</i>	28 No Pastor's bible study <i>Pastor Vacation</i>	29 <i>Pastor Vacation</i>	30 <i>Pastor Vacation</i>
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# September

2025

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	1	2	3	4 9:30 am Pastor's bible study	5	6
7 10:00 am Worship service w/communion	8 Office Closed <i>Labor Day</i>	9 9:30 am Women's bible study	10	11 9:30 am Pastor's bible study 6:00 pm Council mtg	12	13
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# Birthdays & Anniversaries

## August Birthdays

- 2—Charles Sorby
- 5—Reva Sparks
- 8—Karen Miller
- 13—John Cassan
- 14—Lowell Haas
- 15—Lynda Crawford
- 16—Debra Olson
- 17—Geline Ostgaard
- 17—Gail Shaver
- 17—Chuck Wickersham
- 19—Susan Brusby
- 20—Lesa Lock
- 23—Jean Oman
- 26—Pastor Tim
- 28—Gayle Moser
- 28—Dawn Redmann
- 29—Sharon Fulton
- 29—Rick Sletten
- 29—Sandy Sockwell



## August Anniversaries

- 3—Chad & Tori Lelm (12)
- 4—Doug & Vicky Dyr Dahl (48)
- 7—Ed & Rickie Melendez (6)
- 20—Carol & James Smock (59)



## Mark your Calendars!

### Women's Bible Study and meeting:

Tuesday, September 9th at 9:30 am

### Pastor Bible Study

9:30 am until November 6th

**Potluck:** Potluck for Reva August 10th after service.

### Worship & Music Committee

Next meeting, Friday, August 8th at 9:30 am.

**Council Meeting** No meeting until September 11th @ 6:00 pm

### Pastor Vacation

Pastor will be on vacation August 25 thru August 31st.

## Corner

# Prayer



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

## PRAYER REQUESTS

We are here to pray for you!



*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.*

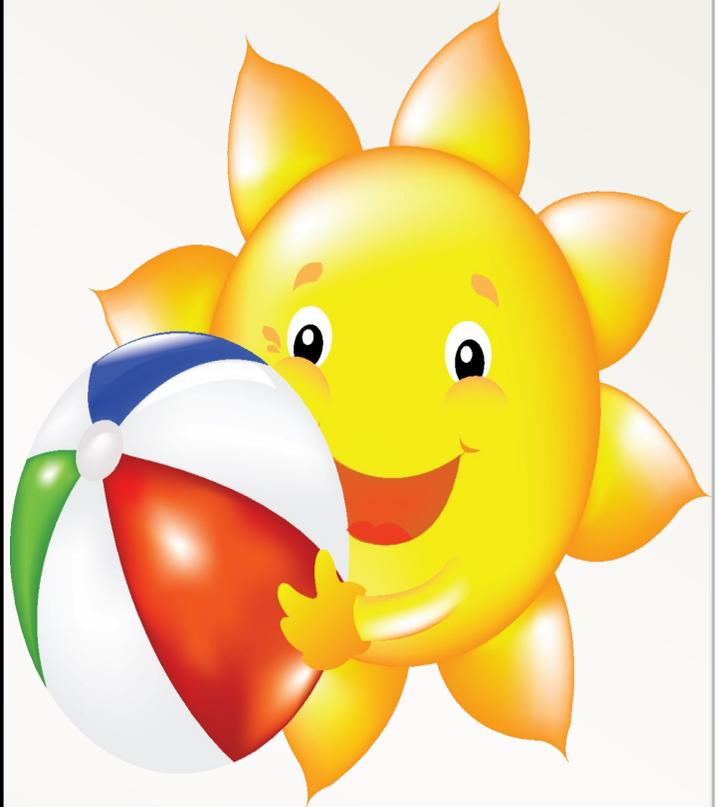


*If you know someone who would like to be included in the ongoing monthly prayer list, be it for prayer or thanksgiving, please let the office know!*



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