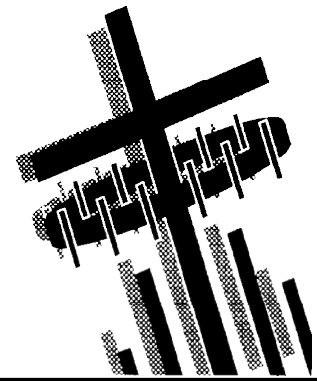


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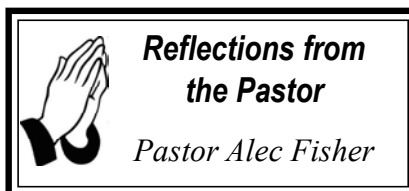
Exciting Ministry Opportunity

In Ephesians 4:11-12, Paul writes, “And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ.”

The congregations of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod raise up pastors. In addition to the residential seminary programs which demand that a prospective pastor leave home to study on campus at Concordia Seminary in St. Louis or Concordia

Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne, our seminaries also offer another program which allows a student to learn at a distance while serving in their local

congregation: the Specific Ministry Pastor (SMP) Program. These pastoral ministry students take online courses through one of our seminaries and only travel to campus once or twice a year for two-week intensive courses. The benefit is that while they are learning about the Bible, theology, and pastoral ministry in the classroom, they are also learning and serving within the real-life congregational setting. Christ Lutheran Church has some experience with the precursor to the current program, through which Richard Tucker and Glenn Roseman received their training.



Our envisioning seminar in June made it very clear that we as a congregation desire more Christian fellowship within our congregation as well as more engagement, sharing the gospel, with our broader community. Christ Lutheran Church has a wonderful ministry opportunity in that our very own Kyle Donovan has expressed a strong interest in the SMP program. Kyle and I meet once a week to discuss the Bible and Christian faith. He also serves in a variety of ways, often unseen, within the congregation. He has a heart for sharing the gospel with those who don't know Jesus and deeply values Christian

fellowship. For the last six or seven months Kyle has been working very hard studying for the difficult entrance exams required for this program (Old Testament exam, New Testament exam, Christian Doctrine exam) in hopes of being formed for pastoral ministry at the seminary level. Kyle's gifts match that desire for outreach and fellowship which are so strong here at Christ Lutheran Church. It is my prayer that we act on this opportunity and support Kyle in this program.

Kyle would serve as a pastor part-time. He would focus on 1) leading evangelism and community engagement 2) encouraging and

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supporting small group ministry within the congregation. The program is four years long. For the first two years he would serve within the congregation as a vicar. After two years he would be ordained and serve as a pastor for the remaining two years of his program and beyond.

In order for Kyle's application to be complete, the congregation must decide to support him in this program with a letter of recommendation, a promise to support him through this program, and the intention of extending to him a call as a pastor. The four-year program has a total of 16 courses, which are 2 credit hours each, costing \$1,290 per credit hour. Therefore, the program would cost a total of \$41,280 over 4 years. We would also pay Kyle as a staff member for his work in a part-time capacity. For him to begin in the Spring 2024 Cohort, his application must be submitted by the end of next month, August 31, 2023.

The church council is calling a special **Voters' Assembly on August 13th** to discuss and vote on whether the congregation would like to move forward with supporting Kyle in this program.

Jesus told his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore, pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest." (Matthew 9:37-38). The harvest is plentiful here in Hickory, and Holy Spirit is at work. I ask that you prayerfully consider this ministry opportunity over the next few weeks, and I invite any questions and concerns that you might have.

In the Love of Christ,
Pastor Alec

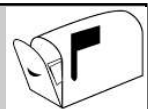
The title for VBS this year was "Stellar," and it definitely was! There were 7 junior/senior high students and 21 younger students who attended. They participated in Bible stories, songs, crafts, recreation, and snacks. There were even *Zoom* calls for the older children about space from Robie Hillhouses's sister, April Whitt, who is a retired employee from the Space Center in Atlanta, GA who taught classes who visited the center. We ended VBS with a visit from a Kona Ice truck which they ALL enjoyed! **A BIG Thank You** to all who made this such a success! — Janet Matthews

Guiding Through God's Love



In honor of
David & Kathy Ludwig
Wade & Eugenia Stockman

**Please note:
Change of address!**



Glenn & Kecia Roseman
392 Old Homestead Lane
Hayesville, NC 28904
Kecia: kwr1193@gmail.com
Glenn: glennaroseman@gmail.com

Dear Friends,

Thank you for partnering with us in ministering to the needy in our community. Generous gifts like yours make it possible for us to help meet the increasing needs of those who are hungry in our area. We depend upon faithful friends like you to enable us to continue to address their needs. Thank you for putting your compassion into action, and thanks for making all we do possible! God bless you.

*Sincerely,
Austin Pearce, Exec. Dir.
Hickory Soup Kitchen*

Homecoming is Sunday, August 6! Sign up sheets are out for Homecoming! Glenn Roseman will be preaching, and we will have ONE service that day at 10:30am. We will gather after the service for food and fellowship, so think about what you can bring to share with others. If you are bringing something hot, please make sure it is already cooked and heated before dropping it off at the kitchen that morning. It will be kept warm, but we don't have the capacity to reheat cold items. Also, please make sure that your dishes are marked with your name, and after the meal that you **take your dishes home with you**. We hope to see everyone there!

Juanita Isenhower continues to brighten our day! She has handmade bracelets for everyone to pick up at the Welcome Center. Get yours today!

On Saturday August 19th at the Hickory Fairgrounds, from 9am until 1pm, St John's Church in Conover, is hosting a fun day and school supply giveaway. Area churches (St. Stephens, St. Peters, and Trinity Hmong Lutheran) are joining together, calling the event *We Are One in Christ*. There will be carnival games, bingo, volleyball and food (hotdogs, chips, drinks, and Hmong eggrolls). All of this will be offered to everyone in the surrounding area and will be free to anyone attending. St. John's is asking for volunteers to help with handing out food tickets as people enter the gate, help with bingo prizes and games. They also ask for small donations for bingo prizes, such as Dollar Tree toys, McDonald's happy meal toys, etc. We will collect toys here and deliver them prior to the event. The donation box is located in the narthex. If you can help in any way, contact Denise Johnson, Event coordinator, at sddsjohnson@gmail.com or call 828-320-5370.



THE CHURCH FAMILY

JOYS, PRAYERS, & CONCERNS

Hospitalized: Ben Harms (7/9 father-in-law of Lauren Downs-Harms)

Surgery: Tommy Withers (TBD, friend of Rick Setzer); Jeffrey Borchardt (7/27 grandson of Bill); Justin Crooks (TBD at Duke, son of Jim & Evelyn Crooks)

Recovering: Fred Abromaitis (7/9); Kathie Albright (7/9); Judy Baker (Aug. 22); Mike King (7/23); Lisa Peck (July 24); Gaye Tucker (7/9); Janet Ford (7/9 former member); Joe Early (7/9 friend of Betsy Downs); Charlie Meadows (7/9 son of C.W. Meadows); Laura Revis (July 31 daughter of Anna Newton); Regina Fox (July 21 at Baptist, friend of Jim & Evelyn Crooks & Richard Tucker)

Undergoing treatments: Sarah Koester (7/9 niece of David Ludwig); Sandy Wall (7/9 friend of Linda Sturgill); Clayton Baker (7/9 brother-in-law of Judy Baker); Barbara Jones (7/16 sister of Lois Hunt)

Under doctors' care: Max Baker (7/23); Roger Downs (7/9), Brian Rose (7/23); John Sigmon (7/9), Windell Frye (7/9 father of a friend of Linda Bolick); Lee Ann Ward (7/9 friend of Anna Lail & Jim Hunt); Ruby Allmon (7/9 mother of Karen Sigmon); Rhett Persigner (7/16 relative of Don & Sylvia Lail); Jennifer Meyers (7/23 sister of Robie Hillhouse)

For shut-ins: Bill Borchardt at Abernethy Laurels; Juanita Isenhower at Trinity Village; Bea Kupke at Pinnacle, NC; Don Lefevre; Peggy Mays; Rita Roseman; Robert Sigmon; Carolyn Smith; Thomas Tucker at Grace Village & Memory Care, Granite Falls; Elaine Christianson in TN; Carolotta Spruill at Abernethy; Diane Urich in MI; Virginia Crew (sister of Jim Starkey)

Thanksgiving upon the birth of Lyla Donovan, born July 16, daughter of Kyle & Chelsea

Mission outreach for:

- our ministry of Guiding through God's Love
- local outreach ministers: CCM, Soup Kitchen, University Christian High School, Pregnancy Care Center
- Mid-Atlantic Lutherans in Mission (malim.org)
- Lutheran Heritage Foundation

Offerings



July 2, 2023: \$ 2,670.00

July 9, 2023: \$ 3,728.00

July 16, 2023: \$ 5,829.00

July 23, 2023: \$ 3,161.00

The average required weekly budgeted amount needed: \$6,243.00

Capital Improvement Fund published weekly in bulletin

Total: \$ 15,388.00

August 2023

Christ Lutheran Church

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 Bulletin Deadline 10:00a Zumba (FLC) 	3 7:00p CMT (FLC) 7:00p Church Council	4 10:00a Zumba (FLC) 11:00a Chair Zumba (FLC)	5
6 10 th after Pentecost HOMECOMING 10:30a ONE Service ✚ Meal following the Service	7 10:00a Zumba (FLC) 11:00a Chair Zumba (FLC)	8 9:00a Circuit Mtg. (Winkel) 	9 Bulletin Deadline 10:00a Zumba (FLC)	10 7:00p CMT (FLC)	11 10:00a Zumba (FLC) 11:00a Chair Zumba (FLC)	12 
13 11 th after Pentecost 8:15a Contemporary Service 9:15a Sunday School 10:30a Traditional Service ✚✚ 11:45a Called Voters' Assembly	14 10:00a Zumba (FLC) 11:00a Chair Zumba (FLC)	15	16 Bulletin Deadline 10:00a Zumba (FLC) 11:00a Soup Kitchen	17 7:00p CMT (FLC) 	18 10:00a Zumba (FLC) 11:00a Chair Zumba (FLC)	19
20 12 th after Pentecost 8:15a Contemporary Service ✚ 9:15a Sunday School 10:30a Traditional Service	21 <i>Newsletter Deadline</i> 10:00a Zumba (FLC) 11:00a Chair Zumba (FLC)	22 	23 Bulletin Deadline 10:00a Zumba (FLC) 1:00p A-Z Bible Study resumes	24 7:00p YMT (FLC)	25 10:00a Zumba (FLC) 11:00a Chair Zumba (FLC)	26 11:30a <i>Feed the Needy</i>
27 13 th after Pentecost 8:15a Contemporary Service 9:15a Sunday School 10:30a Traditional Service ✚✚	28 10:00a Zumba (FLC) 11:00a Chair Zumba 	29	30 Bulletin Deadline 10:00a Zumba (FLC) 1:00p A-Z Bible Study	31 7:00p CMT (FLC)	31 <i>Goodbye Summer!</i> 	

August 2023 Birthdays and Anniversaries

Congratulations and may God continue to bless you!!!

1	Julie Lawter	11	Sandra Waters
2	Alyssa Arnold	12	Olivia Lackey
	Jaiden Hamby		Patty Starkey
	Nichole McKinney	13	Jim Hamby
3	Bill Hall	16	Nadia Juerges
	Jennifer Hughes	17	Mary Ann Isenhower
4	Phyllis Kane	18	Dan Lail
	Carolotta Spruill	19	Cynthia Lail
5	Robert Sigmon		Frank McClough
	Tom Tucker, Jr.	20	Eric Abromaitis
6	Phillip Higgins		Brooke Bell
	Bruce Sigmon		Jimmy Gantt
7	Pat Powell		Chris McBride
8	Elijah Bradshaw	23	Annette Carnevale
	Tanner Parlier	23	Michelle Hamilton
10	Zackary Baker		Thomas Turner
	Jean Painter	26	Nathan Ross
11	Kim Fulbright	27	Jim Crooks
	Ruth Isenhour		Anna Newton

<i>Anniversaries</i>	
2	Mark & Kathie Albright Darryl & Dot Grater
5	Steven & Linda Campbell
8	Brad & Rebecca McClough
13	Pastor David & Kathy Ludwig
18	Jerry & Ruth Isenhour
20	Jack & Carmen Divers
22	Bill & Pat Powell
26	Richard & Jean Schwandt
29	Bill & Misty Lail

27	Alice Yount
29	Elizabeth Ross
30	Andrew Isenhower Stephen Lemaire
31	Kathryn Pingel

	August 6	August 13	August 20	August 27	
Preaching	Glenn Roseman	Pastor Ludwig	Pastor Alec	Pastor Alec	
Lector	None needed	Chris Mundy	Nancy Rinehart	Kyle Donovan	
Distributor	~*~	Linda Bolick Zach Rose	~*~	Angie Ewing Noah Lail	
Acolyte	~*~	~*~	~*~	~*~	
Elder	Tony Lail	Nancy Rinehart	Maria McKinney	Robert Kraay	
Counters	Pat Hamby Angela Watts	Jim Hunt Cam Davis	David & Shawn Terry	Darryl & Dot Grater	
Audio/Video				Cam Davis	
Media	Karla Bolch	Donovans	Rick Lail	Karla Bolch	
Host	Pat Hamby	Anna Newton	Betty Link	--	
Altar Guild	Teresa Mays	Teresa Mays	Teresa Mays	Teresa Mays	
Usher	Team #1 John Sigmon	Team #2 Rick Setzer	Team #3 Randall Mays	Team #4 Darryl Grater	
Security Team	Britt Griffith	Rick Lail	Chris Mundy	Randall Mays	

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Over the next several months, *Prayer Thoughts* will share some of the material that was covered at the Prayer Workshop held on Saturday, June 3. This month we look at the prayer life and practice of Jesus as recorded in the Gospels.

Jesus' life was one of experiencing the Father's love and responding in service to others. From His childhood experience in the temple (Luke 2:41-52), to His baptism in the river Jordan by John the Baptist (Luke 3:21-22), to His retreat in the desert before beginning His ministry (Luke 4:10-13), Jesus was opening Himself up to God. During His ministry Jesus was in continual communion with God through prayer – "*I can do nothing on my own,*" He said (John 5:30).

Read the following verses from the Gospels. What do you notice about Jesus' prayer life? Are there other things the Gospels tell us about Jesus' practice?

Matthew 14:22-23

Mark 6:30-32

Luke 11:1

Mark 1:35

Luke 5:15-16

Luke 22:39-45

Luke 6:12-13



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