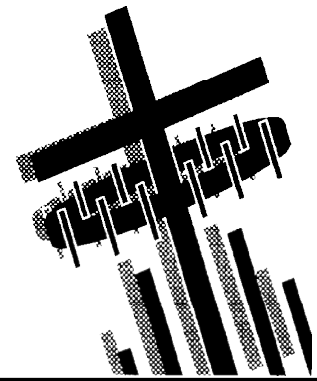


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Life Together

The fellowship of the table has festive quality. It is a constantly recurring reminder in the midst of our everyday work of God's resting after His work, of the Sabbath as the meaning and goal of the week and its toil.

– Dietrich Bonhoeffer, *Life Together*, p. 68

We don't always recognize it, but eating together is such an important part of our shared life together as Christians. The above quote is taken from Dietrich Bonhoeffer's book, *Life Together*, in which he writes about the Christian community which shares life together around the Word of God. It's no surprise that he has a whole section in the book dedicated to the importance of Christians eating together. Of course, this finds its highest fulfillment on this side of the resurrection in the Lord's Supper. However, celebrating and giving thanks for the daily bread which we receive from our Lord is also important for us as a community. Bonhoeffer also writes the following:

Not until the fellowship has been nourished and strengthened with the bread of eternal life does it come together to receive from God earthly bread for this temporal life. Giving thanks and asking God's blessing, the Christian family receives its daily bread from the hand of the Lord. Ever since Jesus Christ sat

at table with his disciples, the table fellowship of his community has been blessed by his presence. "And it came to pass, as he sat at meat with them, he took bread, and blessed it, and break, and gave to them. And their eyes were opened and they knew him" (Luke 24:30-31). – Dietrich Bonhoeffer, *Life Together*, p. 66

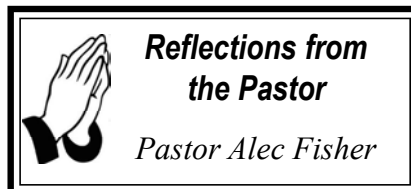
This year, we're going to try something a little different. We're going to have our usual 5:15pm Family Night meal and Bible studies on the first Sunday of the month. Instead, we're

going to move our monthly meal earlier in the day, from supper to lunch. Rather than have everyone leave after service and then come back in the evening to eat together, we're going to place our

meal directly after our worship time together. Every first Sunday of the month, after the traditional service, we're going to gather together in fellowship around a shared meal. From prayer and thanksgiving and receiving the gospel, we will immediately break bread together as a community. Bonhoeffer also writes:

It is our daily bread that we eat, not my own. We share our bread. Thus we are firmly bound to one another not only in the Spirit but in our whole physical being. The one bread that is given to our fellowship links us together in a firm covenant...The fellowship of the table

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**Reflections from
the Pastor**

Pastor Alec Fisher

CLC Notes and News

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teaches Christians that here they still eat the perishable bread of the earthly pilgrimage. But if they share this bread with one another, they shall also one day receive the imperishable bread together in the Father's house. "Blessed is he that shall eat bread in the kingdom of God" (Luke 14:15).

—Dietrich Bonhoeffer, *Life Together*, p. 68-69

We share our lives together, grounded in the Word of God, in so many ways. While we pray together, confess our sins together, hear the Gospel together, receive the body and blood of Christ, and sing God's praises, it's also important that we eat together. Growing as disciples of Christ together means coming together in so many ways, including breaking bread as a community. I pray that this regular gathering directly after service would strengthen our fellowship, bringing us even closer together as we look forward to the day when we eat together in the new creation at the wedding feast of the Lamb.

In Christ,
Pastor Alec

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 all you do to make sure our guests don't go without! God bless you!

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



The LWML will meet on Wednesday, October 2, at 11:00am in the multi-purpose room. Anna Newton will have the topic. Please bring the fall quarterly. Her topic will be on “Christ’s Steadfastness: The Apostles Creed: the second article.”

LWML Sunday will be celebrated on **October 6**. Please be generous with your offering at the door. We will collect the Door Offering for LWML mites which will help reach our mission goal of \$2,350,000 that is used for mission grants around the world. Serve the Lord with gladness!

Guiding Through God's Love

Dear CLC members:

Thank you just doesn't seem to be adequate in showing my appreciation for all the wonderful donations you have so generously contributed to St Stephens Elementary school for our new positive behavior rewards store. I wanted to let you know that this will be a school year long project that will end the last week of April. Please continue to donate as you are able, big or small is always welcome as you are able. As you clean out closets, toy boxes, book shelves, etc., we also love gently loved items also! Once again, thank you so much for your generosity and kindness shown to the students of SSE!

God bless,
Kat Pingel

October is
Pastor Appreciation
Month

This is the time we recognize the leadership and spiritual guidance of our Pastors and wives: Pastor Alec Fisher and Rachel; Pastor David Ludwig and Kathy; and Pastor Richard Tucker and Gaye. These faithful servants have been there for us both in the good times and also the difficult times. They have performed marriages, conducted funerals, cared for the sick and uplifted those in various life circumstances. To them, it is not a job, it's a living commitment to serving our Lord and us.

Let us show our appreciation through any contribution you feel moved to make to honor them. Please contribute in the offering plate and mark it "Pastor Appreciation", or make checks payable to Christ Lutheran Church, sending them to Jill Lafone in the church office and mark it "Pastor Appreciation". The deadline for contributions is Friday, October 11. We will formally recognize them in the Sunday, October 13 service. Please take a moment and reflect how these servants have supported and uplifted you.

Respectfully,
Betsy Downs
President, CLC Congregation
and Council

BBQ & Praise Night at Christ Lutheran for the *Raceway Ministry* will be on Friday, October 18, from 6:00-8:30pm in the Family Life Center. The meal will consist of brisket, beans, coleslaw, dessert, roll, ice tea, OR Hotdogs. Cost is \$15 per plate. Contact Chaplain John Abernathy (828-781-0205) for more info. Join us for an awesome night of good food and praise!

CCM Honors Long-time Volunteer

William "Bill" Powell is a faithful and devoted volunteer in the GHCCM Pharmacy. On Tuesday, July 16, he was given a surprise birthday party at the ministry as he reached his 90th birthday. GHCCM Pharmacy staff hosted a pancake breakfast. Those attending included pharmacy volunteers, family, friends and staff at GHCCM.



Bill has been a pharmacy volunteer for almost 30 years! He volunteered with CCM's first volunteer pharmacist Bill Steadman which was in Viewmont beginning in 1995. Bill continued volunteering with good friend Jerry Peppers. The two friends continue to volunteer in the pharmacy two mornings per week.

Bill has a history in pharmaceuticals; he was a drug rep for Parke- Davis before volunteering for CCM. As stated by Lisa Brown (GHCCM's Pharmacy Manager): "It is my belief that Bill's years of volunteering in the pharmacy has helped keep him youthful and sharp-witted. We appreciate Bill's years of dedication to the ministry and its patients".

GHCCM is thankful to all of our volunteers. We could not meet the needs of the ministry without our valued volunteers.

THE CHURCH FAMILY

JOYS, PRAYERS, & CONCERNS

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

Surgery: Judy Baker (9/30 outpatient); Joanne Moser (10/8)

Rehabilitation: Robert Sigmon (Mooresville Nursing & Rehab)

Recovering: Ralph Day (9/29); Britt Griffith (9/22); Tony Lail (9/29); Chris Mundy (9/29); Robert Rinehart; Jennifer Crooks (9/15 daughter-in-law of Jim & Evelyn); Rita Crotts (9/29 sister of Tony Lail)

Undergoing treatments: Teresa Mays; Doris Smith; Courtney Brown (9/8 friend of the Hamby's); Joanne Roseman Donley (9/29 sister of Marsha Day)

Under doctors' care: Fred Abromaitis (9/29); Kathie Albright (9/29); Shelly Baker; Charles Beeker; Becky Rimmer; Rita Roseman; John Sigmon; Sonya McLeod (9/15 daughter-in-law of Ken & Sue McLeod); Justin Crooks (9/15 son of Jim & Evelyn); Barbara Jones (sister of Lois Hunt); Gina Hubbard (9/29 neighbor of Rick & Glenda Setzer)

For shut-ins: Juanita Isenhower at Trinity Village; David & Donna Lumb at Serenity Family Home Care; Peggy Mays; Carolyn Smith (Autumn Care); Randy Smith; Alice Yount

For those who mourn the death of Virginia Crew (sister of Jim Starkey); Peggy Barger (friend of Sylvia Lail)

If not otherwise updated, prayer requests will remain on the Prayer List for four (4) weeks. Some dates are listed next to names to indicate when a person has been added to the Prayer List. Please update the church office with any changes within four (4) weeks to help us keep the Prayer List current.



Financial Stewardship

	Actual: August 2024	Actual: January – August 2024
Income	\$ 20,715.19	\$ 182,540.68
Expense	\$ 24,811.91	\$ 189,823.55
Net Income	\$ - 4,096.72	\$ - 7,282.87

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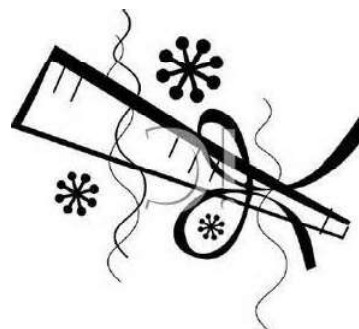
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Holy Communion † - early †† - late		1 10:30a PEEPS 6:00p Womens Bible Study-"Riches" (Zoom)	2 Bulletin Deadline 10:00a Zumba (FLC) 11:00a LWML 1:00p "Topics" w/ Pastor Alec	3 7:00p CMT (FLC) Church Council	4 10:00a Zumba 11:00a Chair Zumba (FLC)	
20th Pentecost LWML Sunday 9:00a 1 st Service/ Small Group † 9:99a Sunday School 10:00a Fellowship 10:30a 2 nd Service/ Small Group 11:45a Sunday Lunch	7 10:00a Zumba (FLC) 11:00a Chair Zumba (FLC) 1:00p "Matthew" w/ Pastor Alec	8 10:30a PEEPS 6:00p Womens Bible Study-"Satan" (Zoom)	9 Bulletin Deadline 10:00a Zumba (FLC) 1:00p "Topics" w/ Pastor Alec	10 7:00p CMT (FLC) 	11 10:00a Zumba (FLC) 11:00a Chair Zumba (FLC)	12
21st Pentecost Pastor Appreciation Sunday 9:00a 1 st Service/ Small Group 9:00a Sunday School 10:00a Fellowship 10:10a Ad. Choir Reh. 10:30a 2 nd Service/ Small Group †† 11:45a Elders 2:45p Cat. Co. Walk for Hunger	14 10:00a Zumba (FLC) 11:00a Chair Zumba (FLC)	15 10:30a PEEPS 6:00p Womens Bible Study-"Tithes" (Zoom)	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) 5:30p BBQ & Praise Night (FLC)	
22nd Pentecost 9:00a 1 st Service/ Small Group † 9:00a Sunday School 10:00a Fellowship 10:30a 2 nd Service/ Small Group	21 Newsletter Deadline 10:00a Zumba (FLC) 11:00a Chair Zumba (FLC) 1:00p "Matthew" w/ Pastor Alec	22 10:30a PEEPS 	23 Bulletin Deadline 10:00a Zumba (FLC) 1:00p "Topics" w/ Pastor Alec	24 12:00p Making Subs for HHS-JV Team 7:00p CMT (FLC)	25 10:00a Zumba (FLC) 11:00a Chair Zumba (FLC)	26 11:30a <i>Feed the Needy</i>
Reformation 9:00a 1 st Service NO Sunday School 10:00a Fellowship 10:10a Ad. Choir Reh. 10:30a 2 nd Service ††	28 10:00a Zumba (FLC) 11:00a Chair Zumba (FLC) 1:00p "Matthew" w/ Pastor Alec NO Kenworth Mtg.	29 10:30a PEEPS	30 Bulletin Deadline 10:00a Zumba (FLC) 1:00p "Topics" w/ Pastor Alec 7:00p Community Prayer Vigil at Mt. Zion	31 7:00p CMT (FLC) 		

October 2024 Birthdays and Anniversaries

Congratulations and may God continue to bless you!!!

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|--------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1 Brad Fulbright | 14 Terry Reinhardt |
| 3 Kristie Wilson | 15 Angie Ewing |
| 4 Savannah Terry | 16 Rachael Roseman-
Lowery |
| 5 Don Lafevre | |
| 7 Max Fox | 20 Don Lail |
| Lauren Goans | 24 Kathie Albright |
| 9 Mark Albright | Donna Roseman |
| Nathaniel Kraay | 25 Joey Downs |
| 10 Grace Sain | Ashley Hicks |
| 12 Josh King | Dylan McFarland |
| 13 Chris Hughes | 28 Danielle Lackey |
| Cora Milas | 31 Pastor Alec Fisher |
| 14 Allison Dockery | |
| Romona Reep | |

- ### *Anniversaries*
- 2 Brian & Camela Davis
 - 9 Brian & Elizabeth Smith
 - 14 Tim & Karla Bolch
 - 17 Billy & Kim Barnes
 - 18 Garrison & Amy Locke
 - 20 Dennis & Julie Lawter
 - 23 Rick & Janie Lail
 - 28 Britt & Glenda Griffith
 - 29 Steve & Elizabeth Bechinski



	October 6	October 13	October 20	October 27	
Preaching	Pastor Ludwig	Pastor Tucker	Pastor Fisher	Pastor Fisher	
Lector	Britt Griffith	Kyle Donovan	Karla Bolch	Tucker & Ludwig	
Distributor	~*~	Alison Matthews	~*~	Linda Bolcik	
Acolyte	~*~	Adeline Fisher	Jack Fisher	Adeline Fisher	
Elder	Robert Kraay	Bill Lail	Jim Crooks	Sadie Lail	
Counters	David & Shawn Terry	Darryl & Dot Grater	Pat Hamby Angela Watts	Jim Hunt Cam Davis	
Audio/Video		Kyle Donovan		Cam Davis	
Media	Kyle Donovan	Karla Bolch	Susan Fulbright	Rick Lail	
Host	Mary Puett	Pat Hamby	Anna Newton	Betty Link	
Altar Guild	Sadie Lail	Betty Link	Sadie Lail	Laura Fite	
Security Team	Britt Griffith	Rick Lail	Chris Mundy	Randall Mays	

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Did you know that if you google “What denomination is known as the singing church”? the answer is Lutheran! Yes, we Lutherans are known for our singing. Hymns can also be used as prayers.

As we celebrate the Church’s Reformation this month, let’s sing/pray Martin Luther’s theological “ah-ha” moment that it is by grace that we are saved as found in the words of the hymn, “By Grace I’m Saved” (LSB #566) written by Christian Ludwig Scheidt.

By grace I’m saved, grace free and boundless; My soul, believe and doubt it not.
Why stagger at this word of promise? Has Scripture ever falsehood taught?
No! Then this word must true remain; By grace you too will life obtain.

By grace God’s Son, our only Savior, Came down to earth to bear our sin.
Was it because of your own merit That Jesus died your soul to win?
No, it was grace, and grace alone, That brought Him from His heav’nly throne.

By grace! This ground of faith is certain; So long as God is true, it stands.
What saints have penned by inspiration, What in His Word our God commands,
Our faith in what our God has done Depends on grace—grace through His Son.

By grace to timid hearts that tremble, In tribulation’s furnace tried,
By grace, in spite of fear and trouble, The Father’s heart is open wide.
Where could I help and strength secure If grace were not my anchor sure?

By grace! On this I’ll rest when dying; In Jesus’ promise I rejoice;
For though I know my heart’s condition, I also know my Savior’s voice.
My heart is glad, all grief has flown Since I am saved by grace alone. (vv. 1, 3-6)



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