

*Christ Lutheran Church
Parish Messenger
September 2021*

Greetings,

It is fulfilling being here and serving Jesus with you all here at Christ Lutheran congregation. We have many good people here that together make Christ Lutheran a positive place to be. As a pastor one aspect I have always seen in pastoral ministry is I am privileged to be present for celebrations and for crisis. This includes Baptisms, Confirmation, Weddings, and more including hospital stays, issues of life, and death. In each and all I am honored to serve and sometimes to simply hold a hand in prayer. I have experienced God in our lives so often as a pastor: God answering prayers, God lifting us up, God carrying us through, God speaking to us, and God holding us. It is amazing all that God does for us from creation to heaven eternal yet it is also true that our Father God does not fix everything or do all that we would like. He never said He would, He did say and He does love us through all that life has for us. As a pastor I have no choice; I cannot fix life. I can follow the example of God: Father, Jesus, and Holy Spirit; to be present, to care, to share what I do know, to hold a hand, to pray, and more. I am privileged to be here as your pastor to help us in life and to eternal life with Jesus. I do pray for all of us here.

Shalom (which means may God's peace-joy-fulfillment be with you),
Pastor Jeff

CHRISTIAN QUOTES TO CONSIDER are from various sources the pastor has read. Many are cited; if not pastor read an idea then added so much it is no longer a source quote. Also at times the source has been lost yet the quote is still good.

Psychology has repeatedly shown that after physical needs, people most need love and hope in life. GOD HAS CREATED ALL THAT WE HAVE FOR LIFE. ALSO, OUR FATHER GOD GIVES US TREMENDOUS LOVE, HOPE, SHALOM (peace and wholeness), CHRISTIAN JOY (foundational), and more. *God makes us who we are and provides what we need to be whole and healthy.*

**God's light is more real than all the darkness,
God's truth is more powerful than all human lies,
God's love is stronger than death.**

Love, kindness, mercy is the language the deaf can hear and all people can understand.

The Christian faith, including the Bible, has been the most significant single element in our nation's history and development.

~Apple Strudel Schedule~

- **Apple washing on Sunday, Aug 29th after Worship**
- Tuesday, August 31st thru Thursday, Sept 2nd Strudel Making ~
~Dough Makers begin at 7:00 AM, ~Apple Cutters, Dough Stretchers & all others begin at 8:30 AM. All are welcome.
- Please check the Strudel Booth Schedule on the table in the Entry of the Sanctuary.

Thank you very much!!

****The Strudel Booth** will be opening on **Thursday Evening from 5:30 – 8:00 PM.** We will need Kitchen help starting at 4:30 to heat Apple Strudel, Transportation person to bring the Strudel to the booth at 5:00 and a crew, (3 or 4 people) at 5:00 to set up the Strudel Booth and serve Strudel until 8:00. There will be a schedule in the Entry of the Church for this Shift. Please check your schedule and help if you are able. Thanks!!

PASTOR VISITS are for you to better know me and for me to know you so I can better serve you and the congregation and so you are more comfortable calling me with questions or an issue etc.

For visits there is no agenda from me, yet sometimes the people I visit share something they think I should know or suggest something for us as a congregation. In calling to set up visits many people just do not see a need for a pastoral visit; you see me plenty in church. This is fine, my parents felt this way and told our pastor that a visit was not needed. So, when I call be honest, schedule a visit or just say no thank you (no explanation is needed). If I leave a message just text back no thank you (with your name, please) or call me back to set up a time. Also, if you want a visit feel free to call me and set up a time and place.

You're calling me is helpful, so please do. (Once I called a person four times because there was an illness in the family leaving messages they never answered. I had given up; then I met the person who told me just the day before she looked at an old phone and saw there were messages on it; mine. I was calling an old number and they had no idea I was calling them. Sometimes things just go wrong. So do call me for anything as I will not always get messages myself or there is something wrong with my information.) I am here to serve Jesus and our congregation.

Please help me to best serve.

COMING UP THIS FALL:

- By members request and council approval we will start a **WORSHIP SERVICE OF SCRIPTURE AND PRAYER ON WEDNESDAYS AT 10 AM** beginning on September 22. Pastor will prepare an informal worship service. We will have a scripture passage, a few comments from the pastor, and then open discussion. We will pray including a time of open or silent prayer. We will have Communion on the second and fourth Wednesdays so communion will be available most every week here at Christ Lutheran.
- **Pastor Jeff** will be leading the Sunday morning Sunday School **HIGH SCHOOL CLASS starting September 26**. We will be having topical studies and discussions with the topics selected by the students from a list of options. We will also do some Bible book studies as the students prefer. **JOIN US!**
- By members request pastor will lead a **SUNDAY 6 PM BIBLE STUDY BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 26**. Our first gathering will include selecting from a list of Christian topics you would like to discuss that Pastor Jeff has prepared overview/discussion sheets for. You may also ask for further topics for the pastor to prepare. Plus, we will select from a variety of Bible Books to consider. **JOIN US!**
- **CONFIRMATION RENEWS WEEKLY CLASSES ON WEDNESDAY AFTERNOONS FROM 3:15 TO 4:15 PM BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 15th**. Confirmation is a Christian Discipleship overview for 7th graders and older. We will also have a parent and student meeting of introduction and questions after worship on Sunday, September 12th.
- **We would like to know: DO WE WANT A TUESDAY 10:00 AM ADULT BIBLE AND CHRISTIAN TOPICAL STUDY?** Talk with pastor Jeff or a council member and we can begin in October.