



## **MISSION STATEMENT**

**Called by God to  
Worship, Learn  
and Nurture;**

**Sent to Serve and  
Tell.**

## **GUIDING PRINCIPLES**

**Jesus is Lord and  
Savior.**

**We are called to  
learn and share  
the Good News.**

**Welcome and  
serve all people.  
We are servants of  
God to others.  
Holy Spirit, mighty  
in prayer leads us  
to answer God's  
call.**

**Fellowship  
sustains each  
other**

# July

Good summer to you all,

My first draft of this newsletter covered the usual pastory topics: summer feeds the soul, and our faith doesn't take a vacation. Both are true. Then I started to think more about it (always a risky move), and this became more of a journal entry. If you count my interim time here (I do) this is my fourth summer at CLC. We're not the same church we were four years ago, and I'm not the same pastor. I'm grateful for both. Because growth comes through moments of joy and challenges. When we're engaged in what God is doing, we aren't standing on the sidelines.

A lot has changed over the past four years, both in our church and in our lives. I've introduced a few things: Magical Mystery Tour, retreats, and Presbyterian theology I noticed was lacking. But most of our growth didn't come from my ideas. It came from yours, and I've done one of the smartest things a pastor can do: stay out of the way. From the Community Prayer Box to National Night Out, and expanding ministries like Family Fun Nights, and our mission to the community; you've seen needs, imagined possibilities, and shared Christ's love. I wonder where God is leading us next?

I'm feeling hopefulistic and faithual (yes, I made those words up, they describe hopeful realism). Our biggest limits are never resources or ability; they're imagination and willingness, and we have plenty of both. We can't do everything all at once, and God never asked us to. The Spirit calls us to be faithful with what's in front of us today while remaining open to what may come tomorrow. Jesus measures us by faithfulness, not success. That's good news, because God accomplishes great things through people who keep saying, "Yes, Lord."

Right now, Council is reading "Life Without Lack", a book that explores the 23rd Psalm as more than a comforting passage, but it describes the life Christ invites us to live today. That can be hard to believe. There are days when I'm worried and wonder

what I'm missing. But when I stop and ask what I truly lack, the answer surprises me: nothing that ultimately matters. My family and I have experienced real loss over the past few years, yet I have never felt abandoned by Jesus. Instead, I keep discovering an astonishing abundance of His grace, presence, and provision. He always gives us what we need for the road before us.

My new favorite word (I created) is "Crosshope," it's hope that passes through difficulty and uncertainty, rather than avoiding it. It's a reference to what Jesus accomplished on the Cross for us, and for everyone we've ever met. As we move into the second half of the year, let's keep saying "yes" to where God is leading us, trusting that faithfulness in today's opportunities is what matters. We have everything we need in Christ and we move forward with Crosshope. It's the confidence that God's grace carries us into joy and every challenge as we share His love.

Peace,

*Pastor Chris*

## JULY CELEBRATIONS

5<sup>th</sup> *Alisa Peterson*

20<sup>th</sup> *Brad Bissell*

21<sup>st</sup> *Nalda Bryson*

25<sup>th</sup> *Gordon Koestler*



25<sup>th</sup> *Gordon & Jean Koestler*

28<sup>th</sup> *Nancy Rasmussen*

29<sup>th</sup> *Jim & Judy Sund*

### Serving Our Country

David Carlson

Luke Harper

Hannah (currently serving in Africa) & Nick Brown—USAF

Ian Dunbar—USMC

Cameron Boehmler—US Army (being deployed to the Middle East)



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| Tim Adams         | Don & Gail     | Jazlin Bowman    | Delmar Thaden     |
| Kurt Wilson       | Ron Caldwell   | Elisabeth Dunbar | Jane Peterson     |
| Hayden            | Dennis Harris  | Humberto Ybarra  | Jill Simpson      |
| Craig Ryder       | Devon Decker   | Chloe            | Lori Bushnell     |
| Jennie Brightwell | Clifford Lania | Ryker            | Joan Jangard      |
| Al Schatz         | Kikue Lugo     | Stephy Sauer     | Jeff              |
| Anita             | James          | Jay              | Floyd Butterfield |

The friends and families of Tom Moore, Earl Wickersham, Dave Bolm, and Nolan Scott Perry

(The people listed here have been on our prayer list for the past two months. If your loved one is no longer on the list and needs our continued prayers, please let Deacon Kathy know.)

## PRAYERS FOR OUR COMMUNITY



For strength of Ivan's and Olivia's marriage for the upcoming ministry that they are being called to

Strength for all those struggling with addictions and that they become closer to God

Prayers of protection and safety of all in our community

All those in desperate need of immediate cash

Guidance in making decisions that are good for their lives.



**The Christian Outreach Committee**

**Invites You to**

**A Summer Evening Meal & Worship Service**

**At**

**Red Willow Vineyard**

**Saturday, July 11th**

**Social Hour - 5:00—6:00**

**Baked Potato Feed—6:00—7:00**

**Worship Service—7:00—7:30**

**This will be a fund raiser for our Pear Place Vets.**

**Suggested donation of \$20 per person**

**Tickets and Sign-up sheet are available**



## ***“Why Give?”***

Before taking the offering, a pastor said, “I would like to remind you of four good reasons for giving.

1. What you are about to give is tax deductible.
2. You cannot take it with you.
3. The Bible says it is the root of all evil
4. If our church doesn’t pay its electricity bill, we will be singing in the dark next Sunday night.”

But there are far more positive reasons for giving than those four. The Bible does not teach us that the primary reason for generous giving is to balance the church budget. The bible tells us that we give our money because of our relationship with Jesus Christ. We give as an act of worship. We give as a signal that not only have we said yes to Christ at our baptism; we are continuing to say yes to Christ by seeking His kingdom first.

That is primarily what the offering is all about, not balancing the budget but giving to further God’s work in response to the spiritual work God has done in our lives.

*Stewardship Nuggets* by Herb Miller



*Ladies Luncheon*

*Thursday, July 16<sup>th</sup>*

**GUY'S PIZZA NIGHT**

**Thursday, July 16th**

**6:00 p.m.**

**Abby's Pizza**







God's Work. Our Hands" is Sunday, September 13th. Our project this year is to gather school supplies for Lutheran World Relief.

70-sheet notebooks wide or college-ruled



Ruler with both inches and centimeters



Pencil sharpener



Safety Scissors



Unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers



Black or Blue Ballpoint pens (no gel ink)



Box of either 16 or 24 crayons



2-1/2" eraser



14"x17" drawstring backpack style cloth bag











**TUESDAY, AUGUST 4<sup>TH</sup>**

**6:00 – 8:00**

**HOT DOGS & CHIPS**

**SHAVED ICE**

**COKE PRODUCTS**

**FACE PAINTERS**

**BOUNCY HOUSE**

**CRAFTS**

**GAMES**

**FUN, FUN, FUN**

**ABSOLUTELY FREE!!!**



# COMING TO CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH SOON

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Pippins Baseball Game, Gates open at 5:35, 1<sup>st</sup> Pitch at 6:35
- 4<sup>th</sup> Happy 250<sup>th</sup> Birthday America!
- 5<sup>th</sup> Faith, Fitness, & Fellowship, 2:00
- 8<sup>th</sup> Magical Mystery Tour, Noon, Judgment of the Nations, Chapters 13-23
- 11<sup>th</sup> Red Willow Vineyard Fund Raising Dinner, 5:00 Social Hour, 6:00 Meal; 7:00 Worship
- 12<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting, 11:00
- 15<sup>th</sup> Magical Mystery Tour, Noon, God's Final Victory Chapters 24-27
- 16<sup>th</sup> Ladies Lunch, 11:45  
Men's Pizza Night, 6:00
- 19<sup>th</sup> Faith, Fitness, & Fellowship, 2:00
- 21<sup>st</sup> Worship & Music Meeting, Noon
- 22<sup>nd</sup> "Wild Card Wednesday" Noon
- 26<sup>th</sup> Christian Outreach Meeting, 11:00
- 29<sup>th</sup> Magical Mystery Tour, Noon, Warnings & Promises, Chapters 28-35

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August 4<sup>th</sup> National Night Out, 6:00 – 8:00

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September 13<sup>th</sup> God's Work, Our Hands

October 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> - 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual All Church Retreat

October 10<sup>th</sup> Craft Fair