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All are welcome...
...no really!

SUNDAY WORSHIP
10AM

OFFICE HOURS
Monday—Thursday
9:00am to 2:00pm

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Summer

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Parish Caller

CLC's Monthly Newsletter

June 2026



Making Room at God's Table

A June Reflection on Pride, Community, and Christ

Dear Church,

Grace and peace to you in the name of Jesus Christ.

June, like every month around Christ Lutheran Church these days, is shaping up to be a busy and exciting one!

First, on every **Wednesday in June from 5:00-6:30 pm** we will be having **"Weiner Wednesday"** (Yup, you heard that right!) In which we feed the community with free hot dogs. A special Thanks to Carol Hite for providing the hot dogs. Please consider donating buns, ketchup, mustard and chips. It is a simple way to help feed our community. See the office for specific needs.

On **June 7**, we will celebrate Music Sunday (formerly hymn-sing sunday) and sing our way through worship. We are grateful for all who help lead us in worship throughout the year.

On **June 14**, we will celebrate Graduation Sunday as we honor those reaching important milestones in their educational journeys, and pray them out into their next chapter as church.

On **June 21**, we will celebrate Father's Day with a free **Ice Cream Social** following worship. Whether you're a father, remembering a father, or simply enjoy ice cream and fellowship, we hope you'll join us. Then on **June 28**, we will hold our **Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting**, where we will receive reports, celebrate what God has been doing among us, and vote on nominations for Church Council. Serving on council is an important ministry and a meaningful way to help shape the future of our congregation.

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Church Council

President: Charlie Moritz

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Edelyn Rose

Education

Stephen Cooperrider

Finance

Lisa Kargol-Stephens

Property

Hayleigh Baptista

Worship and Music

Cindy Edwards

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If you have questions about council service or the meeting, please speak with one of our current council members.

And finally, please note that our long-awaited “**Pave the Way**,” parking lot project will begin June 29 and continue through July 1st. This is an exciting step forward for our congregation, though it may create some temporary inconveniences. Thank you in advance for your patience as we continue investing in the future of our church.

Church, as we enter Pride Month, I think it's important to spend a moment talking about what Pride is - and why we do what we do as a Reconciling in Christ congregation.

For some Christians, the word *pride* can feel uncomfortable because Scripture warns us against pride when it means arrogance, self-importance, or believing we are somehow better than others. But Pride Month is not about that kind of pride.

It is not about boasting.
It is not about superiority.
It is not about elevating one group over another.

In many ways, Pride is the opposite of shame.

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In Our Prayers

Members lifted in prayer, Chuck Roller, Annie Chachich, Joan Dort, Cindy Edwards, Steve Fante, Dale Folsom, Robin Hansen, Barbara Harris, The Hess Family, Carol Hollis, Fred Jones, Nadine Keway, Pat Kinnison, Jane Madsen, Andy Nestor, Lynn Norton, Butch Reddeman, Ashley Wichtman, Rita Zettel, Sarah Apigian, Lisa Head, Jerry Scrivo, Roger Newman.

Our Armed Service and support personnel: Aaron Butora; Cole Nichols (Fred & Jill Jones), Kurtis Barney (Terry Young), Logan Head (Lisa Head).

June Wedding Anniversaries

6/8 John & Janet Barnfather
6/10 Norm & Pat Kinnison
6/16 Tom & Hanne Forbing
6/18 Mindy Kargol-Stephens
6/18 Erik & Emily Lund
6/19 Ron & Kris Goetze
6/20 Jerry & Carole Scrivo
6/26 Scott & Deborah Fahr



 **YOU MATTER HERE.** 
real people. real faith. real grace.

— CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH —

SEEN. • LOVED. • WELCOME. • ALWAYS.

Whether you ultimately agree with its conclusions or not, it offers an opportunity to learn, reflect, ask questions, and engage thoughtfully with scripture, history, and faith.

And every Wednesday evening throughout Summer, starting the first Wednesday in June,, we invite you to experience Emmaus—a different kind of church. Emmaus is a space for honest conversation, authentic faith, meaningful relationships, and spiritual exploration. It is a place where people can know and be known. A place for real people, real faith, and real grace.

Church, God is doing something beautiful here. The Holy Spirit is leading, the church is growing, and lives are being touched by the love of Jesus Christ. Together, we are becoming the kind of community we see throughout the Gospel—a place where people are welcomed, known, loved, and invited to grow. A place where questions are welcomed, healing is possible, burdens are shared, and more and more people are discovering what Jesus has been showing us all along: there is room for them at God's table.

We continue to welcome new visitors, new members, and new stories into our community. Thank you for continuing to extend the Christ Lutheran welcome to everyone who walks through our doors.

Dear ones, the world gives people plenty of reasons to feel afraid, isolated, and divided. May we continue to be the kind of church that reflects the heart of Jesus—crossing boundaries, extending grace, welcoming strangers, and loving boldly. May we continue to be a place where people find hope. May we continue to be a place where Love Makes Space. May we continue to be a place where people discover that they are fully known, deeply loved, and welcomed by Christ.

Because there is always room for one more chair at God's table. I continue to pray for you each by name, and my door is always open for prayer, conversation, or guidance. God's peace be with you.

With gratitude and hope,
Pastor Steph



It is the recognition that every human being is created in the image of God and possesses God-given dignity and worth. It is about making sure that those who have been historically told they are unworthy know they are loved by our God.

As a Reconciling in Christ congregation, our commitment is not rooted in politics, cultural trends, or taking sides. It is rooted in how we understand and live the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Throughout Scripture, God is constantly stretching people's understanding of who belongs. Abraham is called beyond what is familiar. Jonah is sent to people he would rather avoid. Peter is told not to call unclean what God has made clean. The early church wrestles with who belongs in the community of faith. And Jesus spends much of his ministry gathering people that others thought should not be there.

Again and again and again and again: God makes the circle wider than people expected.

That is why I often say that this work is not really about **us** welcoming people to our table...because the table was never ours to begin with.

It belongs to Christ.

And throughout the Gospel, Jesus shows us what it means to keep pulling up more chairs. As a Reconciling in Christ congregation, we affirm that LGBTQIA+ people are beloved children of God and are welcomed into the full life and ministry of this church.

Not because they are different from us. Not because they are the same as us. But because they are part of us.

For many LGBTQIA+ people, questions about their worth, dignity, belonging, and even their humanity have not been abstract theological conversations. They have often been lifelong experiences. Many have been told they are not loved by God. Many have been rejected by family members, communities, and even churches.

What a gift it is that we can be part of something different...a holy calling to love like Jesus.

What a gift it is that we can be a church where people hear clearly: "You matter here."

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I know that sometimes people worry that being an affirming church means that we will become "the gay church."

But that has never been our goal.

Our goal is to be Christ's church....

A church for **everyone**.

A church where people from every background, every generation, every race, every political perspective, every life experience, and every walk of life can gather around the same table.

A church where people can ask questions. A church where people don't have to have it all together.

A church where people can grow in their relationship with God and with each-other.

A church where people can disagree respectfully, but still love deeply.

A church where people can encounter the grace of Jesus Christ.

Just as we celebrate many different holidays, observances, and milestones throughout the year, we celebrate Pride Month because it gives us another opportunity to share the Gospel with people who may have been told they are not welcome, not worthy, or not loved.

And that is Good News worth sharing. In fact, we are commissioned by Christ to do so.

So, allow me to share how June also offers several opportunities to learn, grow, and worship together.

On **June 14 at 3:00 p.m.**, the **SEMI Synod Pride Service** will be at Love Rising Church in Detroit gathering Lutherans and friends from across Southeast Michigan for worship, prayer, music, and celebration. It will feature a full synod pick-up choir which you are invited to participate in. (In other words we will just gather that day and sing!)

On **June 24 at 7:00 p.m.**, we will host a screening of *1946*, a documentary that explores the history and translation of biblical passages often referenced in conversations about LGBTQIA+ people and faith. The film examines how a translation choice introduced in 1946 influenced generations of Christian understanding and shaped cultural conversations in ways many people never realized.

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WORSHIP SERVANTS

Greeters

6/7 - Tina Mitchell, Jill Jones
Ruth Korhonen, Elizabeth Nestor

6/14 - Linda Jensen, Carol Scrivo
Mary Catherine Gadany, Karen Hillestad

6/21 – Hanna & Riane Forbing
Vicki Hill, Sheri Riverd

6/28 – Mary Vatherine Gadany
Karen Hillestad, Julie Zaremba
Jill Jacobson

Coffee Hour

6/7 – Christ Lutheran Church

6/14 – Council Team #2
Julia Hanneman-Schoenbach
Hayleigh Baptista, Cindy Edwards
Lisa Kargol-Stephens

6/21 – WELCA
Cindy Edwards-chair
Erica Williams, Linda Williams
Marie Stader

6/28 – Men's Group

If you cannot be there on your scheduled day, please switch with someone or find a substitute and let the church office know of the change.

Lay Assistants

6/7 – Edelyn Rose

6/14 – Donna Butora

6/21 – Mike Mitchell

6/28 – Stepanie Radke

Ushers

6/7 – Jacen Schnitzer, Jim Austin
Sharon Morse, Kathy Roller

6/14 – Ron & Kris Goetze
Todd Cooper, Gerry Cleasby

6/21 – Hanna & Riana Forbing
Emmet Morse, Jim Austin

6/28 Jacen Schnitzer, Jim Austin
Sharon Morse, Norm Kinneson

Counters for June

Dale Folsom - Head Counter
Jackie Urbaniak
Karen Hillestad

Altar Team for June

Mary Bratun
Marsha Fante
Janet Dennis

WORSHIP SERVANTS

Tech Team May 2026

6/7

Switcher: Ole Anderson
Projection: Kerri Kinneberg
Sound Up: Charlie Moritz
Cameras: Emmet Morse
Kim Harris

6/14

Switcher: Ole Anderson
Projection: Tara Ondusky
Sound Up: Charlie Moritz
Cameras: Brian Domain
Tracey Barney

6/21

Switcher: Christopher Nestor
Projection: Krystal Edwards
Sound Up: Edelyn Rose
Cameras: Andy Nestor
Julia Hanneman-
Schoenbach

6/28

Switcher: Edelyn Rose
Projection: Tara Ondusky
Sound Up: Charlie Moritz
Cameras: Kim Harris
Tracey Barney

Communion Assistants

6/7 - Stephen Cooperrider
Paula Corrin, Phyllis Folsom

6/14 – Karen Hillestad
Mary Bratun, Vicki Hill

6/21 – Mary Jones, Phyllis Folsom,
Linda Greiser

6/28 – Pat Scott, Karen Hillestad,
Phyllis Folsom

Join Our Tech Team!

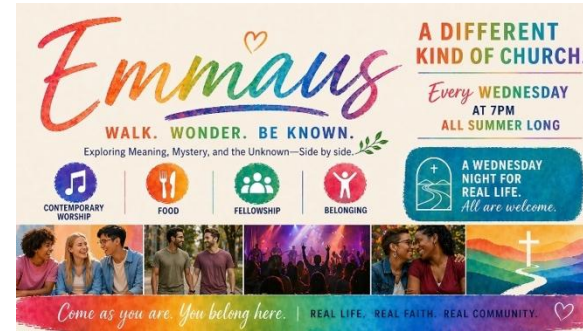
Are you looking for a meaningful way to give back to our church?

We need YOU to help us enhance our services by joining the Tech Team!

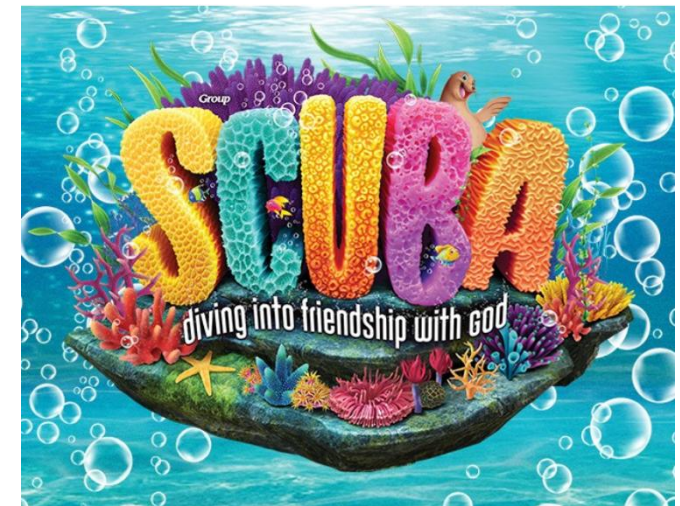
No skills or experience? No problem! We will provide all the training you need.

Your support will help us create a welcoming and engaging environment for our congregation. This is a fantastic opportunity to get involved and make a difference!

Interested? Please contact the office for more details or to sign up.



Thank you to our outgoing council members,
Judi Baptista ♥ Hayleigh Baptista.
for their commitment and service to God,
the greater church and Christ Lutheran.



**MARK YOUR CALENDARS
VBS IS COMING**

**SCUBA DIVING INTO FRIENDSHIP
WITH GOD**

Our Vacation Bible School -**Scuba Diving into Friendship with God** - will be held Monday July 27 through Wednesday July 29. And as in the past will be held in the evening beginning with a light supper for all 5:30 pm and our VBS program beginning at 6:00 pm - 8:00pm

Please register on our website at christwaterford.org. In addition there will be flyers with registration available in the fellowship area. Please return them to the Church office. Please invite family, friends and neighbors. Lets have a fun week.



JUNE 2026



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 7pm Scouts	2	3 1pm Bible Study 5 pm Weiner Wednesday 7:00pm Emmaus 7:00pm Choir 8pm AA	4 9am Quilting Group TOPS 5-6pm	5	6 10am-12pm Peace Garden 8pm AA
7 10am Service Music Sunday	8 7pm Scouts	9 7pm MS Support Group	10 1pm Bible Study 5 pm Weiner Wednesday 7:00pm Emmaus 8pm AA	11 9am Quilting Group TOPS 5-6pm	12	13 10am-12pm Peace Garden 8pm AA
14 10am Service Graduation Sunday 3pm SEMI Synod Pride Service	15 6:45pm ALS Support Group 7pm Council Meeting 7pm Scouts	16	17 1pm Bible Study 5 pm Weiner Wednesday 7:00pm Emmaus 8pm AA	18 9am Quilting Group TOPS 5-6pm	19	20 10am-12pm Peace Garden 8pm AA
21 Father's Day 10am Service Noisy Offering Ice Cream Social	22 7pm Scouts 	23	24 1pm Bible Study 5 pm Weiner Wednesday 7:00pm Emmaus "1946" Movie Screening 8pm AA	25 9am Quilting Group TOPS 5-6PM	26 412 Reunion	27 10am-12pm Peace Garden 8pm AA
28 10am Service Semi Annual Congregational Meeting	29 7pm Scouts	30 Construction 6-29 thru 7/1	1 1pm Bible Study 5:pm Weiner Wednesday 7:00pm Emmaus 8pm AA	2 9am Quilting Group TOPS 5-6PM	3	4



JUNE BIRTHDAYS
 6/2-Norm Kinnison, 6/7-Denise McLeod, 6/7-Betty Stephens, 6/8-Hanne Forbing
 6/9-Ben Schaeffer, 6/11-Kim Stephens, 6/12-Lou Seling, 6/16-Barb DeRousse
 6/18-Sue Regentin, 6/20-Roland Jakel, 6/20, Abie Pennington, 6/21-Jim Jacobson
 6/21-Jacob Hess, 6/21, Courtney Keisman, 6/22-Betty Lotan,
 6/24-Morgan Koskinen, 6/26-Jeremy Schaeffer, 6/29-Mary Russell, 6/29-Marie Stader