



Christ Lutheran Church
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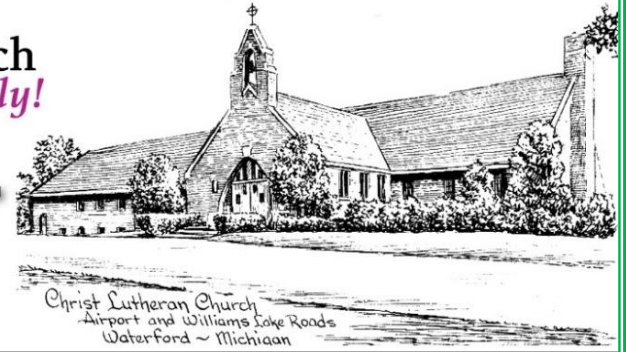


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Parish Caller

CLC's Monthly Newsletter

July 2026



Christ Lutheran Church
Airport and Williams Lake Roads
Waterford ~ Michigan

A Summer of Growth and Grace What God Is Doing at Christ Lutheran This July

Dear Church,

This July, our nation pauses to recognize a remarkable milestone: 250 years since its founding. Across the country, people will celebrate with fireworks, family gatherings, community events, and moments of reflection on the generations that have come before us.

Milestones have a way of inviting us to look both backward and forward. We give thanks for the blessings of the past, acknowledge the challenges and imperfections that have shaped our journey, and consider how we might continue growing into the people God calls us to be.

As Christians, we know that our ultimate hope is not found in any nation, institution, or moment in history, but in the God who has been faithful through every generation. We give thanks for the freedoms and opportunities we enjoy while remembering that our deepest identity is found not in citizenship, but in belonging to Christ.

And so as we celebrate this anniversary, let us also pray. Pray for our leaders. Pray for our communities. Pray for wisdom where there is uncertainty, compassion where there is division, justice where there is inequity, and peace where there is conflict. May God continue to guide us as we seek to love our neighbors and serve the common good.

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While history is often remembered through great events and milestones, faith is most often lived in ordinary moments.

Perhaps that is why I love summer in the life of the church.

Summer has a way of bringing us back to the simple and beautiful things.

Children laughing. Families gathering.

Shared meals. Worship under bright skies. New friendships. New beginnings.

And there is so much happening at Christ Lutheran this month.

Throughout the summer, our

Wednesday evenings continue to be filled with opportunities for fellowship and faith. Every Wednesday from 5:00-6:30 p.m., we gather for **Weiner**

Wednesdays, offering free hot dogs and community for anyone who would like to join us. Sometimes ministry looks like a sermon. Sometimes it looks like a hot dog and a conversation. Both matter.

Then at 7:00 p.m., we gather for **Emmaus**, our relaxed and conversational midweek worship experience.

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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).

July Birthdays

7/1	Willa Behnkendorf	7/3	Cindy Edwards
7/5	Jackie Urbaniak	7/6	Axel DiCarlantonio
7/7	Dale Folsom	7/13	Jacquelyn Dew
7/18	Craig Butora	7/19	Lee Stader
7/21	Janet Dennis	7/23	Dave Kane
7/23	Ruth Korhonen	7/23	Trudi Koskinen
7/26	Ole Anderson	7/28	Jamie Schutt
		7/31	Chuck Roller



— CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH —

SEEN. • LOVED. • WELCOME. • ALWAYS.



This month, we joyfully mark the third anniversary of Pastor Stephanie Newman's leadership at Christ Lutheran Church. Over the past three years, Pastor Steph has guided our congregation with compassion, wisdom, and steadfast faith. Through inspiring sermons, pastoral care, and a clear commitment to community outreach, they have strengthened our spiritual life and helped deepen our connection to one another and to God.

As we give thanks for these three years, we look forward with hope and excitement for what God will do through Pastor Steph and our congregation in the years ahead. We invite everyone to join in a time of gratitude, prayer, and celebration to honor this important milestone. Congratulations, Pastor Steph, may God continue to bless your ministry richly.

Named after the story of the disciples who encountered the risen Christ on the road to Emmaus, this gathering includes Scripture, prayer, discussion, and fellowship. It is a place to ask questions, share insights, and discover that Christ still meets us on the journey.

This month, we are excited to welcome children and families to Vacation Bible School, July 27-29. Each evening begins with a light supper at 5:30 p.m., followed by VBS. Together we will dive beneath the surface and discover God's love in new ways. VBS is always one of the highlights of our year—not only because of the fun, games, music, and crafts, but because it reminds us that faith is something we pass from generation to generation. We plant seeds, tell the stories, sing the songs, and trust that God is at work in hearts both young and old.

I also want to extend my gratitude to Pastor Sarah Mayer-Flatt, who will be serving as our guest preacher on Sunday, July 12th, while I am away on vacation from July 12-18. Thank you, Pastor Sarah, for sharing your gifts with our congregation. I know you will be a blessing to us.

One of the highlights of the month will be our annual church picnic on Sunday, July 26, at Jayno Heights Beach. The picnic is more than just good food and fellowship. It is a reminder that the church is not simply a place we attend; it is a family with whom we share life. We celebrate together, grieve together, laugh together, pray together, and walk together through all the joys and challenges life brings.

A special thank you to the Nestor family for helping make this year's picnic possible. We are grateful for your generosity and hard work behind the scenes.

We currently have **five baptisms scheduled** for that day.

Five baptisms.

Five reminders that God is still calling people by name.

Five visible signs that grace is alive and well.

Five reasons to say, "Glory to God!"



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Baptism is one of the church's greatest gifts and greatest reminders. It tells us that before we ever chose God, God chose us. Before we ever accomplished anything, God claimed us as beloved. In a world that often tells people they must earn their worth, baptism proclaims the Good News that we are loved by grace.

Life can seem nonstop and overly busy sometimes, yet in the midst of it all, God continues to give us reasons for joy.

Sometimes those reasons come in the form of a child's laughter at VBS.

Sometimes they come in the waters of baptism.

Sometimes they come in a Wednesday night conversation.

Sometimes they come in a hot dog shared with a neighbor.

Sometimes they come in a church picnic surrounded by people who care about one another.

So wherever this month finds you, may you take time to notice those moments. Give thanks for them. Celebrate them. Share them.

And above all, remember that through every season, every generation, and every chapter of life, God remains faithful.

I look forward to seeing you what God is doing at CLC this Summer!

Grace and peace,

Pastor Steph

July Wedding Anniversaries

- 7/5 Linda & Anthony Williams
- 7/11 Chuck & Cathy Roller
- 7/13 Mike & Anna Findley
- 7/17 Jacquelyn & Spring Dew



WORSHIP SERVANTS

Greeters

7/5 - Tina Mitchell, Jill Jones
Ruth Korhonen, Elizabeth Nestor

7/12 - Linda Jensen, Carol Scrivo
Mary Catherine Gadany, Karen Hillestad

7/19 – Anna Findley, Jill Jones
Vicki Hill, Sheri Riverd

7/26 – Mary Vatherine Gadany
Karen Hillestad, Julie Zaremba
Jill Jacobson

Coffee Hour

7/5 – Linda Jensen & Co.

7/12 – Council Team #1
Charlie Moritz, Edelyn Westwood
Stephen Cooperrider
Kathy Reddeman

7/19 – WELCA
Linda Jensen-Chair
Phyllis Folsom
Joan Kossman
Lisa Head

7/26 – Men’s Group

Altar Team for July

Krystal Edwards
Cindy Edwards

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

7/5 – Edelyn Rose

7/12– Pat Scott

7/19 – Mike Mitchell

7/26 – Stepanie Radke

Ushers

7/5 – Jacen Schnitzer, Jim Austin
Sharon Morse, Kathy Roller

7/12 – Ron & Kris Goetze
Todd Cooper, Gerry Cleasby

7/19 – Hanna & Riana Forbing
Gerry Cleasby, Jim Austin

7/26 Jacen Schnitzer, Jim Austin
Sharon Morse, Norm Kinneson

Counters for July

Norm Kinnison - Head

Counter 248-467-2061

Mary Bratun - 248-623-6178

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WORSHIP SERVANTS

Tech Team May 2026

7/5

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

7/12

Switcher: Christopher Nestor
Projection: Tara Ondusky
Sound Up: Charlie Moritz
Cameras: Brian Domain
Tracey Barney

7/19

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

7/26

Switcher: Ole Anderson
Projection: Tara Ondusky
Sound Up: Charlie Moritz
Cameras: Kim Harris
Tracey Barney

Communion Assistants

7/5 - Stephen Cooperrider
Paula Corrin, Phyllis Folsom

7/12 – Karen Hillestad
Mary Bratun, Vicki Hill

7/19 – Marianne Jones, Phyllis
Folsom, Linda Greiser

7/26 – Pat Scott, Karen Hillestad,
Phyllis Folsom

Join Our Tech Team!

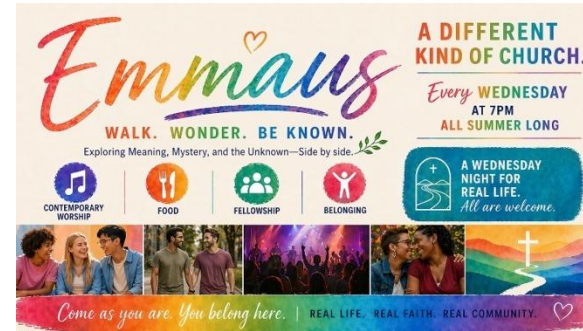
Are you looking for a meaningful way to give back to our church?

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.

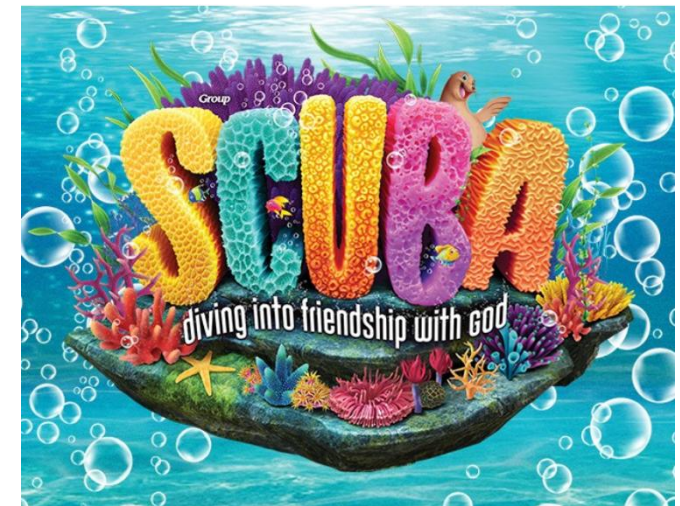
Your support will help us create a welcoming and engaging environment for our congregation. This is a fantastic opportunity to get involved and make a difference!

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



Thank you, Jo Naylor, for donating a beautiful composter to the Peace Garden. And to Eddie Delbridge for coordinating to get it! Also, Lisa Kargol-Stephens for getting it to the garden! We'll really crank out some good stuff for soil enrichment!

Peace Garden workdays: Sat. July 11 & 18 (maybe the 25th...)



**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.

July 2026



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
 July 15th – 16th			1 1pm Bible Study 5 pm Weiner Wednesday 7:00pm Emmaus 8pm AA	2 9am Quilting Group TOPS 5-6pm	3	4  8pm AA
5 10am Service	6 7pm Scouts	7	8 1pm Bible Study 5 pm Weiner Wednesday 6pm SCSA 7:00pm Emmaus 8pm AA	9 9am Quilting Group TOPS 5-6pm	10	11 8pm AA
12 10am Service	13 7pm Scouts	14 7pm MS Support Group	15  1pm Bible Study 5 pm Weiner Wednesday 7:00pm Emmaus 8pm AA	16  9am Quilting Group TOPS 5-6pm	17	18 8pm AA
19 10am Service Noisy Offering	20 6:45pm ALS Support Group 7pm Council Meeting 7pm Scouts	21	22 1pm Bible Study 5 pm Weiner Wednesday 6pm SCSA 7:00pm Emmaus	23 9am Quilting Group TOPS 5-6PM	24	25 8pm AA
26 10am Service 12pm CLC Annual BBQ & Picnic	27 7pm Scouts	28	29 1pm Bible Study 5:pm Weiner Wednesday 7:00pm Emmaus 8pm AA	30 9am Quilting Group TOPS 5-6PM	31	
						