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The Communicator

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE LIVING CHRIST

Mission Impossible

Yesterday I saw that the most recent Mission Impossible movie became available on our TV streaming service. I started it and now recall a part where the whole series started. They explained that it began in order to accomplish those things that couldn't be done under the systems and teams in place, in order to take on the hardest, most difficult, and highly important tasks that no one could imagine doing.

During Tuesday Morning Bible Study this week, the unimaginable was accomplished in our text. We read the account of Acts 2:37-42. This section follows Peter's inspired address to the people gathered during Pentecost, when the Holy Spirit took over to reveal the will of God. When God came into the public places and directed the attention where it needed to be in order to fulfill God's purpose. God did "Mission Impossible" and created a growing, inspired, and thriving church and worldwide faith.

Directing attention and assets toward where they need to be in order to accomplish God's purposes. When this happens, it always has a God-given result that we have come to know as "Church". This is what God wants to do in our churches and in our lives. Following Peter's address, it reads:

- *Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, "Brothers, what should we do?" Peter said to them, "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him." And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation." So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added. They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.*

Hearing God's words cut them to the heart, like a divine heart surgeon freeing up the heart to sustain life in a way the damaged heart couldn't maintain. The broken hearts made right. Upon the Holy Spirit's work, the people asked "*what should we do?*" and they listened with hope, ready to take action.

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Weekly Gatherings

SUNDAY WORSHIP

9:15am, in-person/Facebook live

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

10:30am, in-person

TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY

10am, in-person

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12:30PM

Articles Due 21st of each
month

Peter simply says “*Repent*”, along with telling them what that looks like. The result turns out to be a life-altering affect, not only upon the those present, but also for their children, people far away, and everyone God calls. This is what happens in churches when God’s Word cuts to the heart, in worship, in preaching, during Bible Study, and everywhere else the apostles’ teaching is present.

Many of us have lamented over declining participation and involvement in church. We pray, “Lord, please show us the way turn the tide. We don’t understand, we need your help, and we don’t want this to continue in this direction.” In this reading from Acts 2, God answered that prayer for the early church.

Result 1: They were cut to the heart by God’s Word.

Result 2: They Repented, were forgiven, and lived into God’s ways.

Result 3: They welcomed the honest answer given and were filled with the Holy Spirit.

Result 4: The devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching (Bible Study and preaching), fellowship (close association together in faith), breaking of bread (Lord’s Supper in worship), and prayers (praying with and for the church together).

This seemed to work in the early church. It would be a good thing for everyone to more fully devote ourselves to these things as a church. This is our mission, should we choose to accept it...

Peace,
Pastor Matt

**PLEASE CHECK WITH THE CHURCH
OFFICE WHEN PLANNING EVENTS.
ALL ACTIVITIES MUST BE ON THE
CALENDAR.**

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Randy Henning



August 2024 Treasurer's Report

As you know, we have been planning for the time after the current version of LCLC comes to an end in early 2026. Our financial condition necessitates that we look different, but still maintain the mission of LCLC. As such, for those of you that weren't in church or on Facebook on September 15, I announced the first step the council approved and is taking. We will be listing the church property and putting it up for sale. We have met with the realtor to make the arrangements to do that. We are doing this now because we have been told it could take as long as a year to sell property like ours. That being said, any actual sale of the church property can only occur with a vote of the congregation. We don't know what offers we may get, but rest assured, certain things will be done to protect the members of LCLC and to be a benefit to our neighbors and community. Any offer we receive will only go through if the congregation approves it, even if it is for the full asking price or greater. Our goal is to preserve the mission of LCLC. So, until we know what form of LCLC will exist after a sale, no sale will be presented to the congregation for approval. If we decide to sell the property before that happens, we have the option of holding services at Atonement or Good Shepherd in Hazelwood, both of whom have graciously agreed to let us use their space if we need to. Let me make sure you understand one thing: this is not a step we are taking because LCLC is going to go away. Will it be different? Certainly. Will we maintain the same and expand our mission in the future? Also, certainly. So, bear with us and continue to pray for LCLC. We will survive and be even better than we are today.

<u>Category</u>	<u>August Actual</u>	<u>YTD Actual</u>
INCOME	\$11,588	\$91,850
EXPENSES	\$14,454	\$116,579
Congregation Coord	\$0	\$300
Cong Vitality Team	\$0	\$0
MISSIONS	\$835	\$8,998
OFFICE	\$143	\$2,764
OUTREACH	\$0	\$250
PASTOR FUND	\$0	\$0
PROPERTY	\$4,914	\$28,263
STEWARDSHIP	\$0	\$225
SUPPORT	\$1,681	\$15,699
WAGES	\$6,881	\$59,494
WORSHIP	\$0	\$586

Total YTD Income	\$ 91,850
Total YTD Expenses	\$ 116,579
Total YTD Difference	-\$ 24,729

The expenses for the month of August were \$14,454 and the income for the month was \$11,588. Expenses for the month were again greater than income; by \$2,866 this month. The year-to-date expenses of \$116,579 exceed year-to-date income of \$91,850 by \$24,729. Our monthly deficit is still averaging about \$3,100 per month. We are on pace for a deficit of \$35,000 to \$40,000 by the end of the year. With your help; we still have four months this year to help minimize this deficit.

2024 General Funds paid to missions are as follows:

Central States Synod	\$ 5,500
Outreach/Local Missions	\$ 3,498

If you have any questions, please feel free to call or email me. Thanks.

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NURSE NOTE OCTOBER 2024 PREVENTING FALLS...



Doggone. We've had too many falls with injuries among our church family (speaking from personal experience). The risk is no respecter of persons of all ages from children to seniors. What can we do to minimize risks?

PERSONAL: ask your doctor. Do you have problems or symptoms that put you at risk Low blood pressure, poor balance. Are your medications affecting your ability to walk safely? Do you need knee braces, a cane, walker, rollator? Keep in shape. exercise to keep muscles and joints strong and limber. You can find programs (for seniors) on the computer and on DVD's for purchase, or come to LCLC on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Atonement also has exercise programs every week. For balance, Tai Chi has an excellent reputation. I went to one at FV Community College. Tai Chi is also available on the computer and DVD's. Changing position is a critical time. Getting up from lying down or sitting can make you dizzy; tense the muscles in your legs to pump the blood, then get up slowly. Keep your cell phone handy so you call call for help when needed. If you live alone, arrange for family/friend/neighbor to check on you regularly during the day. Above all. be focused when you are changing position and walking. Your one and only job is getting from here to there (just like driving).

ENVIRONMENT: make and keep a safe environment. There are lots of things you can do to decrease the risk of falling. Install railings on steps and stairs, preferably both sides. If steps are bare, put rubber strips. Install grab bars in tubs and showers; where possible, also by entry steps; get a bath bench. Get rid of throw rugs (maybe use only thick ones with a full rubber backing) Stay away from ladders, step stools; get a "grabber" for picking up or getting from high.

Keep areas well lighted; don't wander around in the dark.

More information: Search "FALL PREVENTION" on the computer

Bill Kaepfel



Dear Living Christ Family,

*Thank
You*

What a summer we've had. Me with my poison ivy issues and Dave with his back surgery.

We thank you all for your prayers, phone calls, comforting words and thanks to Pastor Matt for his visit. In grateful gratitude, we wish you all peace and joy.

Toby and Dave Barnes

Stewardship 2024

Matthew 6:21 “Where your treasure is, there will be your heart also.”

October’s Theme “Talent” by Kathy Endorf

It was good for me to look up the definitions of “STEWARDSHIP” - ‘careful and responsible management of something entrusted to one’s care,’ and “TALENT” - ‘a special ability for doing something.’ In my opinion, the traditional definition of stewardship in the Lutheran Church has been “time, talents, and money.” It takes time, talents and money for a church to survive. Today I am talking about Talents-a special ability for doing something. Each of us has talents that we use in our lives every day. We do things with our special abilities for our families, church and other places and entities. In my years at Living Christ, I have used my talents to teach Sunday School, VBS, youth group, national youth gatherings, Bell Choir, bake sales, Girl Scouts and the Lutheran World Relief Quilt Project, Lutheran School of Theology classes, Bible classes, and Mission Trips. The Mission Trips were in Biloxi, MS after Hurricane Katrina, Greensburg, KS after an EF5 tornado, and Cedar Rapids, IA after major flooding. In each of these disaster areas, I used my talents to clean, pick up trash, paint and whatever else needed to be completed. I also learned new skills that I now have talents for :). In Biloxi, I learned how to put (spline) new screen in windows and Paul Beins taught us how to use a “come-along” to fix a chain link fence. In Greensburg, I was taught by the expert, Cecil, how to mud and tape drywall. I used those mudding talents later in Cedar Rapids to finish a basement that had been flooded. All of the homeowners were very thankful that we were there to help them put their lives, homes and property back together. We use our physical talents in our church settings and to help people in other places. Working in each of the disaster cities, the talent that was much needed and most important was “listening.” Listening to the homeowners tell their stories was so important to them and to us. Each one of us, at one time or another, needs to tell our story. Other times we need to just listen. God walks with us through our suffering and struggles as in those disaster places. After all of my life-long church experiences and giving of my talents, I know God has been and is with me. God encourages me and inspires me with compassion to others. What are your talents? What has been entrusted to us and our care? How can we use our talents in the world? What is your special ability that God has given you, to do something in this church, in this world?

Included in this issue of the Communicator is an “Offering Our Time and Talents” form. Forms are also available on a table in the hallway. You are invited to fill out a form and bring it to church by October 27.

Offering Our Time and Talents

Name: _____ Email Address: _____

Please indicate your preferred method to receive written communication from LCLC:

US Mail _____ Email _____

Please check the areas of service and participation in which you would be willing to assist in the mission of our congregation.

In recognition of God's love and gifts, I am gratefully willing to serve in the following ways:

Service and Fellowship

- _____ A. Holiday/special occasion decoration
- _____ B. Meal preparation for special occasions
- _____ C. Funeral lunch preparation
- _____ D. Provide meals for those in crises
- _____ E. Provide driver/transportation assistance for church members
- _____ F. Provide household cleaning assistance for church members
- _____ G. Provide lawn maintenance assistance for church members
- _____ H. Provide help with miscellaneous household chores for church members as requested (garbage containers taken to and from curb, light bulbs changed, smoke detector battery change)
- _____ I. Run errands for church members

Leadership

- _____ A. Church Council
- _____ B. Committees:
 - _____ Congregation Vitality Committee (CVT)
 - _____ Mutual Ministry Committee (MMT)
 - _____ Outreach Committee
 - _____ Stewardship Committee
 - _____ Worship Committee
- _____ C. Alter Guild
- _____ D. Assist with counting Sunday donations

Worship Assistance:

- _____ A. Assisting Minister
- _____ B. Greeter
- _____ C. Lector
- _____ D. Usher
- _____ E. Zoom and slides

Music:

- _____ A. Choir member
- _____ B. Handbell Choir member
- _____ C. Play a musical instrument

Office Support:

- _____ A. Assistance with mailings
- _____ B. Computer Support

Technical Support:

- _____ A. Website development and management

Property

- _____ A. Carpentry
- _____ B. Cleaning inside church
- _____ C. Electrical work
- _____ D. Lawn maintenance
- _____ E. Painting
- _____ F. Plumbing

Using our gifts of time and sharing our talents enriches service to God and service to others

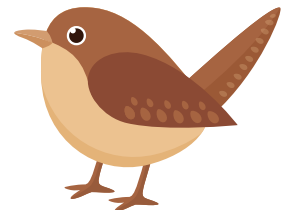
Congratulations



CONGRATULATIONS to Pastor Elizabeth Carr!

Pastor BJ was called to preach and present Elizabeth for ordination. Elizabeth was ordained on Sept. 6 in Iowa. She is called to serve @ St. John's Parish in Lancaster and Bendena KS

COUNCIL WOMAN SHALONDA WEBB will be here @ LCLC for a Wedgewood Meeting on Thursday, October 24 starting @ 6:30pm in the Upper Level.

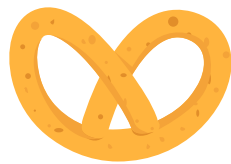


BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

Saturday, October 5 @ 1pm.
Ice Cream social to follow.
This is a public event open to all.

COUNCIL BULLETS

- The Strategy Team continues to meet regarding the future of LCLC. The team has made a recommendation to the congregation to list our property for sale. The congregation has been notified and will be kept informed as the process progresses.
- Blessing of the Animals is on Saturday, October 5, 1:00 pm at LCLC.
- A joint worship service (LCLC and Zion) will take place on Sunday, October 6, at 9:30 am at Zion, Ferguson. No worship will take place at LCLC on October 6.
- Worship Committee meeting is on Tuesday, October 15 2:00 pm at LCLC. All interested members are invited to attend.
- Trunk or Treat is on Saturday, October 26, 3:00 - 5:00 pm at LCLC.



50+ Oktoberfest

Fifty Plus is having an Oktoberfest! It will be on Wednesday, October 16 on the lower level at 10:30 a.m. There will be trivia and games and a German style meal of brats, sauerkraut, potato salad, desserts, beer, soda and pretzels. \$5.00 for members and \$10.00 for non members. Please pay on the day. Please sign up on the sign up sheet posted on the bulletin board. Everyone is welcome!!

50 + September Outing RECAP

Fourteen 50 + members toured the Powder Valley Conservation Center in Kirkwood on September 18 and some walked on the trails. Lunch followed at PJ'S Tavern in Kirkwood. Thanks to everyone helping out with this event and lending a hand wherever they were needed.

Boat trip in August a fun time for 50+ RECAP

35 brave souls met at Grafton harbor for a 2 hour boat ride on the Mississippi River. We enjoyed a view from the boat of the bluffs along the river road and even a light rain towards the end. Several under 50s joined our group including children to make for a lively time. We ate afterwards at the Oyster Bar Restaurant on the dock. The oyster delivery was late so most missed out on the delicious oysters but other options were good as well.

TRUNK or TREAT is October 26 @ 3pm.

CANDY NEEDED - Please help by donating large quantities of single wrapped candy.

Place donations in the bucket in the great.



October Lunch Bunch

Lunch Bunch will be dining at Ferguson Brewery on October 10 located at 418 S. Florissant Rd, Ferguson, MO at 11:30 am.

Lunch bunch is a nice way to enjoy a meal and enjoy fellowship.

We welcome everyone to attend. For reservations contact Joyce Meyer at 314-374-4135 or email @ jameyer46@charter.net



September Lunch Bunch RECAP

Fourteen diners enjoyed lunch together on Sept. 5 at Irma Jeans in Florissant. We had a private room for the luncheon and service was good. Anyone is welcome to attend.

Fund Raiser

Mark the Date - Sunday, October 20

Fall Craft Sale, before and after church. What is your special talent? Sewing? Quilting? Knitting? Crocheting? Embroidery? Tied throws? Wood working? Baking? Canning? Donations of items will be sold with funds raised going towards paying church expenses.

Please price your own items.

A Sign Up Sheet is posted on the bulletin board.

Any questions can be directed to Jeanne Calderwood, 314-307-4391



Celebrate October!

Birthdays & Anniversaries

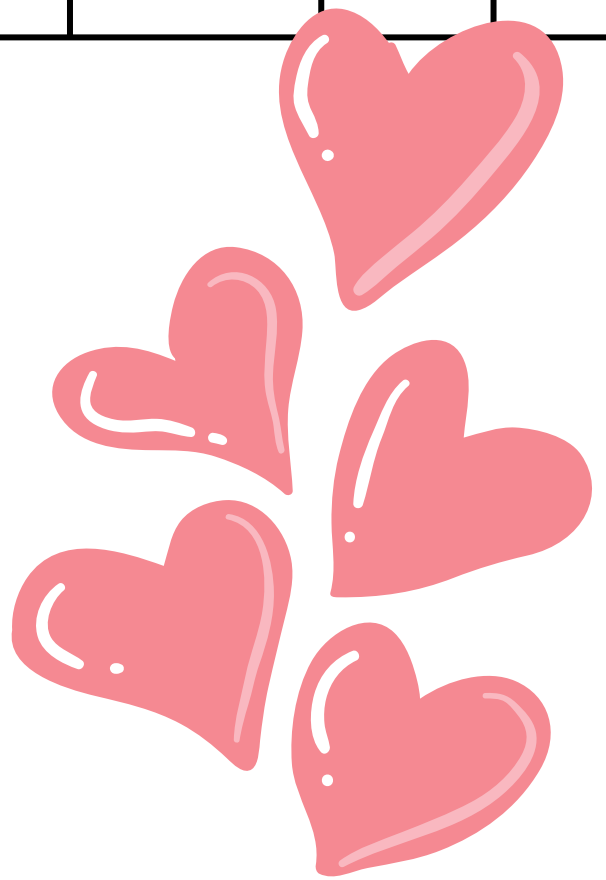
Birthdays

David	SEBASTIAN	1
Angela	BENNETT	2
Judy	HOLMES	14
Kathleen	ARTHUR	15
Toby	BARNES	22
Jack Louis	BESSERMAN	31

Wedding Anniversaries



Irene and Ryan	Desmond	22nd	8yrs
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October Worship Assistants

October 6, 2024

**NO Worship Assistants Needed. We worship with
Zion Lutheran Church @ 9:30AM
123 Carson Rd
Ferguson, MO 63135**

October 13, 2024

Preaching/Presiding: Pr. Matt
Assisting Minister: Angela Bennett
Lector: Angela Bennett
Live Streaming: Erle Craig
Musician: David Eggers
Ushers: Gloria Broderick & Cathie Lehr
Greeter: Jeanne Calderwood
Altar Guild: Karen Haynes & Sheila Smart

October 20, 2024

Preaching/Presiding: Pr. Matt
Assisting Minister: Randy Henning
Lector: Dave Endorf
Live Streaming: Gary & Laurie Brown
Musician: Greg Ott
Ushers: Jann & Glenn Mueller
Greeter: Gloria Broderick
Altar Guild: Joyce Wolf & Ann Schultz

October 27, 2024

Preaching/Presiding: Pr. Matt
Assisting Minister: Bill Kaepfel
Lector: Randy Henning
Live Streaming: Rod Wallace
Musician: David Eggers
Ushers: Glenn Albers & Ann Schultz
Greeter: Levaughn & Sheila Smart
Altar Guild: Doris Stoechner, Bill Kaepfel & Marilyn Wiley



*****If you are unable to serve on your assigned date,
please swap with someone or find a replacement*****

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1 10am Bible Study 11am Exercise 6:30pm Wedgewood	2	3 11am Exercise Class	4 9:00am Create Day 11:00am Bells	5 1pm Blessing of the Animals
6 9:30am WORSHIP WITH ZION 11am True Vine Church	7	8 10am Bible Study 11am Exercise Class	9	10 11am Exercise Class 11:30am Lunch Bunch 6:30pm Girl Scouts	11 11:00am Bells	12 9am Girl Scouts
13 8am Vocal Choir 9:15am Worship 10:30am Adult Forum 11am True Vine Church	14 6:00pm CVT 7:00pm Council	15 10am Bible Study 11am Exercise Class 6:30pm Chelsey Manor	16 10:30am Oktoberfest	17 11am Exercise Class 7pm NCOTC- (LL)	18 9:00am Create Day 11:00am Bells	19 8am Baby Shower _Wallace
20 BAKE & CRAFT SALE 8am Vocal Choir 9:15am Worship 10:30am Adult Forum 11am True Vine Church	21	22 10am Bible Study 11am Exercise Class	23	24 11am Exercise Class	25 11:00am Bells	26 9am Girl Scouts 3pm Trunk r Treat
27 8am Vocal Choir 9:15am Worship 10:30am Adult Forum 11am True Vine Church	28	29 10am Bible Study NO Exercise Class	30	31 NO Exercise Class		

Zoom links for events can be found on our website:
www.lc-livingchrist.org/calendar

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