

THE MESSENGER

September Messenger 2021

“If you can?” said Jesus. “Everything is possible for the one who believes.” Mark 9:23

AH! The beautiful smells of autumn are here! The temperatures will begin to slowly drop and we shall see some changing of the colors of the trees. Even in Florida, we do get to see a little change in the leaves. We look forward to getting a reprieve from the oppressive heat and we can think of things like pumpkins and spices. But there is one thing that does not, and will not change, no matter what else may change. That is God’s love for all of us. God is with us. No matter what happens in our lives- God is right there with us.

We, the members of Christ Lutheran Church have had our shares of problems and we are to expect these. Our God never said that we will never suffer, but Jesus does tell us in Matthew 28 “and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.” The wonderful thing is that we gather in His house and worship our Lord and we believe and have faith. God our Father has been with us through COVID, hospitalizations, sickness and our faith has never wavered. This is the beautiful aspect of Christian love, our faith and belief in God and His promise to be with us always.

I pray that we may all look around and see, “what is it that I can do to help others?” How can you bring some degree of peace and comfort to someone else who may be suffering? When we focus only on what we think are problems that we are unhappy with, what we feel God has done to us that we don’t like, we fail to see people who have been dealt far worse to deal with. We should seek to help our brothers and sisters. Who knows, by doing this we may even help ourselves. Go out in Peace and serve the Lord, and in doing so you may very well strengthen your relationship with our loving God and Father.

God’s Peace and Grace to you all, Pastor John

Dear Members and Friends of CLC,

Almost September and I am wondering if it will ever get cool. It has certainly been hot. I am excited that we have been able to go back to having coffee hour and an Ice Cream Social. It is good seeing people and having time with them..

At the same time, we have certainly had our fair share of members that are ill. We miss them and wish them all to recover and be back with us. Pastor John has been very busy keeping in touch with all our members and visiting them when possible. We have been very blessed to have Pastor John. He certainly gives us way more than 15-20 hours a week.

September is the time of year when we start looking at the budget and preparing for the next year. Phyllis and I started this last week. We printed out the budget and are starting the process of looking at line by line to see how we are doing.

Last year we presented a very “tight” budget. There was very little money allocated for many items. We had based that budget on the previous year’s giving. Little did we anticipate some of the extra bills we have had this year. Air conditioners repair, computer failure, projection problems, and other repairs. Looking back, I am happy with our decision not to hire a part-time secretary. We have depended on volunteers to do everything needed. It was a hard decision, but certainly needed and has really helped us this year.

With COVID and the times we were closed and with people not wanting to be in groups, our giving is down. We are OK and all bills are paid. We haven’t once used any of the money in savings. Donations from our members have been incredible. Little things here and there have made it all possible. When we were faced with purchasing a new computer, a member donated one. When we needed computer repairs a member used their plan. Volunteers have helped in everything we have needed. We have also had some very generous extra donations, during the year. We have an amazing congregation.

I am looking forward to Fall and cooler weather. We are hoping to have some other events for all of us to attend. A picnic is one idea we have for the fall. We are all hopeful that we will be able to remain open and worship together. We will do whatever is needed to keep our congregation safe.

Thanks for all you do – Be safe and well.

Pat Ganster

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Dear Members and Friends:...

In order to ensure the safety of all, Christ Lutheran Church is taking careful precautions to keep the building clean and safe and sanitized. Once again we will be wearing masks in church until we are seated.

In an emergency, please contact Pastor John at: 386-503-9933.

Be safe and well. God Bless each and every one of you.

Pastor John and Church Council

The Ladies of Christ Lutheran Church-

Mary Martha Circle

Mary-Martha Circle will resume in September. We meet the third Tuesday of the month, September 21st at 1:00 p.m. at church. New members are always welcome. Please join us.

Crafters

Just a reminder that the Crafters will be starting in September; please mark you calendar for September 15, 2021.

Quilters:

The quilters have been busy working on their quilts at home during the summer. In September we will again be meeting here at the church on the 15th. In preparing for our group meetings, we are in need additional fabric. Also, you may, of course, donate money so we can purchase supplies. Thanks for all your help. All are welcome to join us. No sewing skills needed, just a desire to help.

School Supplies

Thank you to all of the congregation for their very generous donations of school supplies for the children of Bunnell Elementary School. And, thank you... Carmen, Jody and Phyllis for organizing this fundraiser.

Prayer Concerns

Al Spitz, Paul Julch and Judy Julch, Larry Phillips and Theora and George Bertish. Also, please pray for the family of George Hagel due to his passing on August 24th.

Long Term Prayer Concerns

In Our Prayers: Marjorie Matthews, Rosemarie Robinson, Theora and George Bertish.

Flowers In Honor Of or In Memory Of

If members wish to place flowers In Memory Of, or In Honor Of a loved one, the member may purchase and place a rose in a vase on the altar. Please let the office know, via e-mail if possible, at least one week in advance that you are doing this so it can be entered in the bulletin. If you do not have e-mail you may call the church office (437-4113).

September

16 Laura Phillips
28 Charlie Taylor
30 Jim Strawser

During September we will be praying for all medical personnel and first responders dealing with the increased Covid patients.



VOLUNTEERS for September, 2021

2021	5th	12th	19th	26th
Altar Care	Erika Roach		Erika Roach	
Lay Minister	Joan Irwin		Jody Hitz	
Lector		Tracy Halcomb		Don Roach
Ushers	Pete Ganster Bill Streett	Pete & Carmen Seidel	Mike & Harriet Hinson	Don & Erika Roach
Sound Board	Don Roach	Pete Ganster	Don Roach	Pete Ganster
Computer	Linda Dyer	Pat Ganster	Don Roach	Phyllis Lytle