



CLC CHURCH CHATTER

Notes & News from Christ Lutheran Church

Shrewsbury, PA



From Pastor Brian's Pen...

The apostles returned to Jesus from their ministry tour and told him all they had done and taught. Then Jesus said, "Let's go off by ourselves to a quiet place and rest awhile." He said this because there were so many people coming and going that Jesus and his apostles didn't even have time to eat. (Mark 6:30-31)

These two short verses from Mark's Gospel tell us three very important things about how the apostles lived: They went out into the world to do ministry, they returned to Jesus, and they rested. In the verses preceding the selected text, Jesus sends his disciples out to share the Good News with everyone in the surrounding area. They did so with joy, and they were so busy they even forgot to eat. However, the time came when they had done what they were sent to do, and they returned to Jesus. They did this because they understood being in Christ's presence was important for their ministry; they knew they needed to return to Jesus to continue to learn from him and be empowered by his presence. And when they did return, Jesus reminded them that they also needed to rest, so Jesus took them away to a quiet place. If we read on in Mark's Gospel, we see that the crowds followed Jesus, even as he tried to rest, but it was always Jesus' intention that his workers should find rest for themselves.

This pattern of doing ministry, returning to Jesus, and resting is one we could learn a lot from. It is, in fact, a pattern for sustainable discipleship. We, like the apostles, are sent by Christ to share his

Good News in our communities and to be his presence in the world. Yet, if we stay too long without returning to Jesus, we will become burned out. This, then, is why we must constantly return to him in prayer and worship, so that we might be renewed and refreshed by his teaching and presence. Also, we must rest. We can't work ourselves to death, jumping back and forth between our 40-hour work week and the ministry of the Church, never taking a break. Jesus reminded his first disciples of this, and his message is for us as well.

During the summer months, we are presented with a unique time, one in which many of us take vacations. But we often fill our "vacations" with so many things that we never actually take time to rest. Some of us even drift farther from Christ than at any other time of the year, because in our endeavor to "take a break" we remove ourselves from worship and the life of the Church altogether. This summer, let's try a different pattern of life. Let's not put all the ministry God calls us to on hold. Let's not remove ourselves from Christ's presence by forgetting to pray and gather together for worship. And let's take time to really rest in Christ. If we do, I suspect we will truly be refreshed, and perhaps this pattern of life will help shape what we do during the other seasons of our lives.

In Christ,
Pastor Brian

WELCOMING, WORSHIPING, WORKING FOR CHRIST...TOGETHER!



DWELLING IN THE WORD

*Suggested readings for
The summer are:*

June 25	✦	Matthew 10:24-39
July 2	✦	Matthew 10:40-42
July 9	✦	Matthew 11:16-30
July 16	✦	Matthew 13:1-23
July 23	✦	Matthew 13:24-43
July 30	✦	Matthew 13:44-52
Aug. 6	✦	Matthew 14:13-21
Aug. 13	✦	Matthew 14:22-33
Aug. 20	✦	Matthew 15:10-28
Aug. 27	✦	Matthew 16:13-20

FAITH5™ (Faith Acts In The Home) is a simple, easy-to-implement faith practice, perfect for incorporating into your bedtime routine for five to fifteen minutes a night. When done over time, the FAITH5™ carries the power to enrich communication, deepen understanding, aid sleep, and promote mental, physical and spiritual health. The five steps are:

- **SHARE** your highs and lows
- **READ** a Bible verse or story
- **TALK** about how the Bible reading might relate to your highs and lows
- **PRAY** for one another's highs and lows
- **BLESS** one another "God loves you and you are blessed!" Have the children bless the adults and vice versa.



Jim Walker, family & friends of
Austin Davis, family & friends of
Mickey O'Shea, Gail Stevens,
Family & friends of Gladys
Burton, Adam Trout, Jon Frey,
Tim Harberts, Deena Myers,

Jessie Zak, family & friends of Jean Paladino,
Helen Grimes, family & friends of Rich Revely,
Pam Vasilow, Barbara Dentzer, Stella Walmer,
Megan Keller, Ken Cronise, Ron Hammond,
family & friends of JJ Harvilicz, Doris Wilhelm,
Darla Evans, Mark Stone, Ava Daniels, Karen
Spicer, Lois Meli, Jerry Adey, Wilma Mackoviak,
and the men and women who are serving our
country overseas and also for their safe return
home. **For prayer requests, call or email
Kelly in the church office at 717-235-
2053 or admin@clcshrewsbury.org.**

What's Happening

Sundays

Worship - 9 am, Sanctuary
No Sunday School during the summer
Wiggle Worship - 11 am, Sanctuary

June 25 - Blessing of the Graduates

July 2 - Enjoy some patriotic hymns

July 9 - Band Sunday

July 16 - Special music from Cora & Ellie Dunaja

July 23 - Youth Group at the Gillispies

July 30 -

Aug 6 -

Aug 13 - Band Sunday

Aug 20 - Youth Group at Gifford Pinchot

Aug 27 -

Mondays

Office Closed

July 10 - Council Meeting, 6 pm

August 14 - Council Meeting, 6 pm

Tuesdays

No Choir during the summer
AA - 7:30 pm, Parish Hall

Wednesdays

No Yoga for summer. Resumes on 8/30

Thursdays

Praise Band practice - 7 pm, Sanctuary

Fridays

Office Closed

Saturdays

Office Closed



The Bulletin Board

VBS WAS A HUGE SUCCESS!!!



Thank you to Chris Watts for directing again this year, and to Becky Stevenson for assisting. Thanks also to the many volunteers, especially the younger generation, who joyfully gave of their time during their first week off of school! You all are amazing! What a team we are at CLC! Together, we brought laughter, smiles and the love of God to over 90 children.

In addition, we worked together to support the "Clean Water for Peru" project. With the contributions from all of the VBS families and our congregation, we were able to raise a total of \$681.46. That is 136 children who will have clean drinking water for one year! God was definitely at work during this faith filled week!

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES!



Hayden Folfas, Ami McLaughlin, Sam Steines, Eric Stevenson

A Blessing of the Graduates will be held on Sunday, June 25 to honor these young people and send them off to a bright future!



The Youth Group is planning two summer get together events.

Sunday, July 23 - Swim party & cookout at the Gillispies. Pool, games, food and fun!

Sunday, August 20 - Trip to Gifford Pinchot State Park. There will be an opportunity for swimming in the lake, games, hiking and a picnic.

Siblings are welcome to come along! Stay tuned for more details.

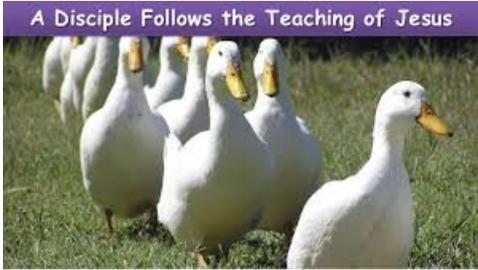


The Long Range Planning committee is hard at work taking care of our needs at CLC! All are welcome to get involved with this ministry. Stay tuned for upcoming meeting dates.

In the meantime, the LRP committee has put together a list of items that are needed by the church. USED items are accepted, but make sure they are very serviceable please. If you have extra just sitting around and would like to share, we would be appreciative. New gifted items will also be accepted.

Please see the list of needed items on the flyer attached to this newsletter. Thank you!

FUN VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY!



Do you enjoy making kids smile? Do you enjoy helping to bring the message of God's love to little ones in our congregation? Then we have the job for you! Volunteers are needed to play "Disciple Duck" during our 11 am Wiggle Worship service. The ability to put on a costume, quack enthusiastically, and have a big heart are the only requirements. Participants will be assigned on a rotating basis. If interested in being on this schedule, please email or call Kelly in the church office.



Let's make a joyful noise to the Lord this summer!!! We are looking for young people who enjoy singing or playing an instrument to provide special music during our summer services. If your

child, or someone you know, would like to participate, please contact the church office or let Judy Wertz or Laurie Kotter know. Thank you!

I would like to thank all the guys who helped serve food, or donated food to the Annual CLC Mother's Day Brunch. I hope everyone enjoyed the fine food prepared by the men of the congregation. I would like to thank the following guys who helped. Eddy Sheerer, Phil Attig, Andy Suthko, Bob Bancheire, Larry Dubel, Rich Steines, Ken Cronise, Kelly Gillispie, and Denny Wertz. I would also like to thank the "Younger Generation of Men" who pitched in. They are Michael Fisher, Ben, Conner and Evan Gillispie, and Brandon and Brody Cain. Thanks again for all the help.

~ John Harvilicz

NEWS FROM OUR CALL COMMITTEE



The Call Committee would like to let the Congregation know that the Committee is up and running, and has the started the Call Process to get a new permanent Pastor here at Christ Lutheran. We have completed the Mission Profile, and are waiting to get Pastor Richard Jorgensen's thoughts on our profile. The Profile was presented to Council during their May 8th meeting, and has been approved. The next step would be to post it on the internet. The Call Committee consists of the following members. Judy Wertz, Chris Watts, Jennifer Osterhaus, Rich Steines, Larry Dubel, and John Harvilicz. I would like to thank every member on the committee for their help in this important mission.

Thank You,
John Harvilicz - Committee Chairperson

The Harvilicz Family would like to thank everyone in the congregation for JJ's monument dedication and cook out in memory of our special guy on Sunday, June 4th. It has been six months since he passed away, and we miss him every day. To see everyone come out and help keep his memory alive is priceless. In his short 8 1/2 years on this earth, he touched a lot of a lives, and made so many friends. He is GREATLY missed by his family, his church family, his school family, and in the community. Thank You again for your continued support and prayers.



The servant schedule for July, August, and September has been posted on the triangular bulletin board. Please feel free to take a copy. Just a reminder...if you are scheduled to serve at church on a Sunday you will not be here, please try to find a replacement and notify Kelly in the church office of the change. Thank you!





	June 25	July 2	July 9	July 16	July 23
Acolyte	Michael Fisher	Ben Gillispie	Matt Stevenson	Ellie Stevenson	Conner Gillispie
Announcer	Judy Wertz	Charlotte & Larry Dubel	Charlotte & Larry Dubel	Charlotte & Larry Dubel	Charlotte & Larry Dubel
Chancel	Carrie & Jade Reall	Dawn & John Harvilicz	Dawn & John Harvilicz	Donna Sheddy	Donna Sheddy
Communion	Andy & Kathy Suchko	Rich Steines & Scott Watts	Phil Attig & John Harvilicz	Bev Cronise & Laura Wagner	Denny & Judy Wertz
Counters	Burnetha R., Todd O., Ken C.	Dan S., Kelly G., Madeline M.	Dee B., Charlotte D., Bev C.	Dagmar R., Mike S., Evelyn R.	Burnetha R., Todd O., Ken C.
Greeters/ Ushers	Dan & Becky Stevenson	Scott & Chris Watts	Bob & Kim Martin	Gregg & Donna Sheddy	Jim & Kathy Shifflett
Hospitality	Kathy R. & Judy W.	Kim Martin	Don & Gigi Hauk	Charlotte Dubel	Kelly G. & Karen F.
Open/Close	Bev Cronise	Carrie Reall	Evelyn Rehmeyer	Ron Rohrbaugh	Kathy Shifflett
Reader	Kelly Gillispie	Charlotte Dubel	Pastor	Bev Cronise	Walt Bird
Prayer	Kelly Gillispie	Charlotte Dubel	Pastor	Bev Cronise	Scott Watts
AV System	Scott W., Kelly G., Ben G.	Denny W. & Robyn B., Michael F.	Andy S. & Ron R.	Mark W., Becky S., Eric S.	Scott W., Kelly G., Ben G.
Wiggle Treats	Arpin	open	open	open	open

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Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday
8 am until noon



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Pianist: Phil Attig

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Youth Group Leader: Dan Stevenson

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