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Cross Crosslet

This cross is formed of four smaller Latin crosses joined at their overlapping bases. The cross as a whole represents the spreading of the gospel to the four corners of the earth. This cross is often used in connection with missions.

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Chapel News

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CHRIST EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH'S MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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Outdoor Worship Service Beginning September 6th



Our first Outdoor Worship Service took place on Sunday, August 23rd. The weather was perfect for the 20 congregants who brought their own chairs and met in a shady area on our property to worship our Lord for the first time in months.

Individual Communion wafers/plastic cups of grape juice were placed on a table to pick up, along with the bulletin. While it was certainly different, the response was great and the decision has been made to continue until the weather

gets too chilly to remain outdoors.

Beginning on September 6th at 10am, we will begin weekly Sunday service outdoors. Bring a chair and enjoy the socially-distanced fellowship as we give thanks to almighty God.

In case of bad weather, an email will go out, and a message will be available on the church office telephone, if the service is canceled.

Looking forward to seeing you again soon!



When God Crosses Our Paths

Pastor and martyr Dietrich Bonhoeffer wrote, "God will be constantly crossing our paths and canceling our plans by sending us people with claims and petitions." Last spring, the whole world had plans canceled, first by Covid-19 and then by God "sending us people with claims and petitions." Some needed prayers for healing or for coping with grief. Medical staff, teachers, pastors and others serving long hours needed support: meals, check-in calls, "thinking of you" cards. Parents working remotely while helping kids with distance-learning

needed encouragement. Crucial nonprofit work still required donations.

Pre-pandemic, you may not have realized that staying home or wearing a face mask could be a ministry. Or that sending a card expresses love in Jesus' name. Or that buying takeout from a local restaurant can be a gift to the owners. When our calendars empty, God "crosses our paths" in new ways — both to be with us and to nudge us toward others (even if virtually, or 6 feet apart!).

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Job Description for a Christian

As a follower of Jesus, you'll share his love and gospel with everyone. Kindness and humility are vital as you speak about your hope in him. To battle evil, you'll receive a complete set of armor. Use it to defend against attacks by a prowling lion or the temptation to place self above others.

Preferred qualifications:

- complete surrender to God

- a desire to follow his commandments
- a servant heart
- courage to face fiery furnaces or shipwrecks

Everyone's welcome, and training and support are provided. Though you can expect persecution and adversity, the rewards are life-changing — and eternal!

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God is Love

-1 John 4:16

Bible Quiz



Which of these was not one of the 10 plagues God brought against Egypt to persuade Pharaoh to let the Hebrew people go?

- A. an abundance of frogs
- B. the Nile River turned to blood
- C. the collapse of the pyramids
- D. thick darkness

Answer: C (See Exodus 7:14-12:32.)

A Prayer for Uncertain Times

An hour before the 9/11 terrorist attacks, pastor and author Stan Purdum was reading Psalm 66, which includes the words, "We went through fire and through water; yet you have brought us out to a spacious place" (v. 12, NRSV). After watching the destruction, Purdum composed a prayer that remains relevant today, as terrorism and threats often make peace seem more "spacious" than "spacious":

O God of heaven and earth, who's bigger than nations and factions, be with us as we live through times of

terror, despair and danger. Be the strength of people who've been touched personally by disaster. Come with healing to those who are injured. Be the eternal rest of those who've died. Be the energy, compassion and fortitude of those who must pick through the wreckage. Grant our leaders courage and a double portion of your wisdom. The day of universal brotherhood seems farther off than ever, O God, but help us not despair of trying to accomplish it. Strengthen our faith. In Jesus' name. Amen. © newsletternewsletter.com

Please Pray for These Loved Ones

Donna Archer, Karen Bartholomew, Kathleen Bhargava, Maggie Brower, Young Hee Choi, Lillian Cooper, Ron DePue, Rich Dugan, Nora Edwards, the Fernandez Family, Al Frielink, Krista Fuchs, Mark Hallwell, Mary Carolyn Harrison, Diane Hesse, Jae Hee Kim, Nadine Kohn, Soon Hoi Koo, Dennis and Jennifer Kruk, Anna and Walter Kruk, Bill Kyritz, Rich Lindeberg, Renee Lomelino, Kaethe Lorch, Marie Lupinski, Dennis Marinkovich, Dorothy Mulroe, Emma and Richard Murphy, Amy Nywening, Lionel Ortega, Shepard Palance, Carol and Sam Ralston, Karen Richardson, Doris Robinson, Cathy and Roger Schramm, Evelyn Schramm, Yorg Schultheis, Michael Siekmann, Nancy Sweet, Marge Tomaselli, Jaime Battaglia van Dam, Lenny van Dam, Jennifer Viehmeyer, June Ward, Irma Weishaupt, Louis Wernick, Robert Wiederschall, Elenor Witte, Paul Witte and Claire Zimmerman

And those serving in the military...

Ryan Coiley, Bryant Rodriguez Cyriax, Greg Flintall, Daniel Jaichner, Devin Vega and Rachel Zarnke


And those who can't always be with us...

Al Frielink, Grete Potts and Irma Weishaupt

If you would like someone to be added to or removed from the prayer lists, please contact the Church Office at 201-262-0138.

CHRIST EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH'S CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SEPTEMBER 2020

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2	3		5
 <p>6 Outdoor Worship Service (Lawn) 10:00am <i>Park in back lot and please bring your own chair.</i></p>	 <p>7 Labor Day Church Office closed</p>	4	9	10	11 Patriot Day	12
 <p>13 Outdoor Worship Service (Lawn) 10:00am <i>Park in back lot and please bring your own chair.</i></p>	<p>14 Lectionary Bible Study (Virtual) 11:00am</p>	15	16	17	18	19
 <p>20 Outdoor Worship Service (Lawn) 10:00am <i>Park in back lot and please bring your own chair.</i></p>	<p>21 Lectionary Bible Study (Virtual) 11:00am</p>	 <p>22 First Day of Autumn</p>	23	24	25	26
 <p>27 Outdoor Worship Service (Lawn) 10:00am <i>Park in back lot and please bring your own chair.</i></p>	<p>28 Lectionary Bible Study (Virtual) 11:00am</p>	29	30			<p>(CH) Church (FH) Fellowship Hall (FR) Family Room (OB) Office Building (PA) Parsonage</p>