



CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

ANNOUNCEMENTS

July 14, 2019



ALTAR FLOWERS THIS MORNING
are given by John and Carrie Carlson
in celebration of Doug Urie's 84th
birthday.



**CLC offices will be closed
Monday, July 15 through
Friday, July 19!!**

In an effort to spring clean and organize the church
offices, they will be closed the week of July 15-19.

Phone messages will be checked periodically
throughout the day. However, Pastor Andy,
Catherine, Kristin, Diane and Sara will be unavailable
during this week, except for emergencies.

We appreciate your patience and understanding
during this time.

CLC Financial Summary January 1, 2019 - June 30, 2019

Total Income:	\$211,200
Total Expenditures	(\$245,700)

Net Deficit	(\$34,500)
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Stub Year 1/19-6/19 Budget	\$235,200
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Sanctuary flooring update: There are
samples of the flooring that have been
selected on an easel in the atrium. Mem-
bers of the Sanctuary Renewal Team will
be on hand during fellowship time on
Sunday, July 14 for any questions you may
have. The project is scheduled to start on
Monday, August 12 and be completed
before Sunday, August 25. We will plan to
worship in a tent in the parking lot on Lake
Elmo Avenue on Sunday, August 18.

IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

Kendra Tatro

Prayer Chain requests: If you would like to put
yourself or someone else on the CLC Prayer Chain,
please contact Diane or Sara in the office and your
request will be forwarded to the Prayer Chain.

YOUTH DROP-IN CENTER support
needed. This mission project of the St. Croix
Valley is reaching many youth in need. See
the flyer and shopping lists on the narthex
bulletin board for the items especially
needed. Financial donations would also be
very welcome. Make checks to CLC with
memo: YOUTH DROP-IN CENTER. Thank you
for your generosity and concern.



Women's Book Club will meet
on **Thursday, July 25** at 6:30

p.m. at the home of Meg
Corrigan to discuss *Where the
Crawdads Sing* by Delia Owens.

Tanzania Mission Trip Garage Sale – Do you
have items at home that you would like to
get rid of? We are holding a garage sale to
help offset costs for the Tanzania Mission
Trip next year (June 2020). If you have items
that are in good condition and would like to
donate them to the garage sale, please
contact Terry Lohmann, 651-270-3751/
tlohmann512@gmail, or Becky Mazzara,
651-271-0001, by July 28th. Thank you!



Summer office hours

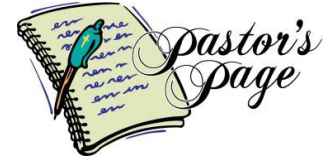
**Monday - Thursday
9:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m.**

**Friday
9:00 a.m. - noon**



Rally Day is Coming

By Pastor Andy



Food trucks. A bounce house. Ministry showcase. Worship. Fun. Rally Day is coming **Sunday, September 8**. And there's a lot to rally around.

We will be launching two new initiatives beginning in September:

1. **Small Groups:** We've launched some small groups in the past for short periods of time studying a specific topic. This Fall we'll be launching affinity groups, groups that share a hobby, interest, or season of life and come together for mutual support, growth, and prayer. Small groups are not Bible Studies but will spend some time in God's Word.

Primarily, small groups are about changing lives. We will grow together in love for one another and for God. On Rally Day you'll have the opportunity to sign up for a small group. The group might start off with a plan to meet for 8 sessions, but then decide to continue indefinitely.

Over time I see small groups being a main thread that unites CLC into a common fabric. We all seek community and relationship. We need a good way to welcome new members and quickly integrate people into our life together. We need a good way to bring long-time members together and help us all to grow. Small groups are essential to our thriving in God's mission.

2. **Wednesday evening dinner, worship and faith formation experiment:** Another new initiative will be kicking off dinner church on Wednesday evenings. It's long been a goal here at CLC to offer a non-Sunday worship alternative, so starting in September, we'll try Wednesday evenings. We'll gather around 5:00 or 5:30, have dinner and worship together (at the same time in the lower level), and then continue learning together through a project, service idea, or other creative way of helping us all grow in love and knowledge of God.

Every Wednesday we'll finish this gathering by 7:00 PM to leave time for music groups to rehearse and to allow everyone to get home for bedtimes. Children's music groups will continue to meet prior to 5:30. Confirmation students will meet from 6:15 – 7:00 PM every evening and will also worship and eat together during dinner church.

Why are we doing this? Our mission as a church is to make disciples for Jesus – to teach people God's way of faith and love. For many, Sunday mornings no longer fit as a good time to do that. We think Wednesday evenings will work well, but are embarking on this experiment to test that idea. Many say, "Wednesday is the new Sunday." Time will tell. We're not looking to recreate what we do on Sunday mornings, but to offer an alternative way of worshiping and learning together for the sake of growth.

In short, I look forward to seeing you on Rally Sunday when we launch another exciting year of ministry together. Until then, smell the roses, count the butterflies, journey safely, take in the sunsets, and live in peace.

