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I'm not ready for September magazine issues yet.

If you subscribe to any fashion, pop-culture, or health magazine, September is a month filled with heavy magazines. *GQ* and *Glamour* are filled to the brim with advertisements for clothes, accessories, trips and health needs. The magazines are so dense; it's hard to even find the articles inside. Ad after ad reminds us that fall is coming, new clothes need to be purchased, and that we should kiss summer goodbye. Change is here and let's just embrace it already.

For the church, September can feel like our September magazine issue too. We're returning to our two worship services on Sunday (returning September 20), kicking off Sunday School, choir rehearsals, Confirmation and other programs. We share all the amazing things we have planned for the year to build our faith, our lives and our community. We're trying a few new things, experimenting with intergenerational education programs and helping feed our neighbors with 40,000 meals during our God's Work. Our Hands. Sunday service event on September 13. We're heading into fall, firing on all cylinders, and we can't wait to see where the Spirit takes us.

But even in the middle of change, we're reminded that we're part of something that's timeless. New programs and experiences are being launched, but our readings in worship will remain the same. We're still in the season after Pentecost. We're still digging into the Gospel of Mark. We're still printing "15th Sunday after Pentecost" on our bulletins, and our altar cloths are still the green we've seen all summer. It might feel like we're only in the middle of change, but we're still rooted in what always feeds and sustains us: God's love and Jesus' presence in this place and in our community. We're here to love the world like God loves us. That's been our job since CLC was founded in 1959 and Jesus walked the earth 2000 years before. So let's keep doing what we've always done, finding new, challenging and authentic ways to share God's love with Woodcliff Lake and beyond.

Pastor Marc

President's Message

Welcome Back! For most of us summer has gone by too quickly. It seems like only yesterday we were enjoying our graduation Sunday. Now the high school grads are packing up to head off to college.

The next big event at church is **God's Work. Our Hands. Sunday on September 13th**. NOW is the time to sign up to join us and help pack 40,000 meals for hungry children and families in Bergen County. We are very excited that we have found a project that people of all ages can participate in! Plus, it is right here at our own church! Join us between 12:30-5:00 pm on September 13th here in the Opsal Room. Just sign up for your time slot on the signupgenius.com site or see Pastor Marc.

Thanks to the Dominick Ricci Foundation and the positive vote during our June 21st Special Congregational Meeting, we have the first \$5,000 to put towards our goal of raising \$10,000 to fund the 40,000 meals we are packing. We will be joined by church members from around the county as well as friends and families from the area. We are still looking for more help to pay for the materials. If you, your family or friends would like to sponsor a box, it is only \$54. You can always donate more or less. Checks should be made out to *Outreach, Inc.*, and "Christ Lutheran Church" should be written down on the memo line of your check. If your company matches gifts made to charities, then this may qualify. See the bulletin for more details.

So, sign up for the time slot you want and bring your friends!! Read the rest of the *Messenger* and the bulletins for more information.

Can you help? Since Crystal Ramhorst moved away, we are now in need of a Council Rep for the Youth Committee. Ideally, you are a parent of a child/children in 4th-12th grade and have a vested interest in the programs and support we want to provide to our youth as they grow up, become confirmed and continue as active members of our church. We only meet once a month (and not in July) . . . so the time commitment is not too much. PLEASE think about it, and let me or Pastor Marc know if you are interested in helping.

Stay tuned for more details on exciting events here in October . . .

Yours In Christ,
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*~ Welcome Back to Sunday School ~
Looking Forward to Seeing You Soon!
September 20 ~ 9:40 am - 10:20 am*

Hope you have had a blessed and restful summer and are ready for a little faithful competition! We will kick off our Sunday School year with another scavenger hunt. This year we will work in teams of families and friends. When all the clues are collected, who will be the first team to figure out our Sunday School theme for the Fall? Your first clue is **“Trust God Completely.”** Bring this clue with you on September 20th, and you will already be in the lead!

Please join us for worship before or after Sunday School
Contemporary Service at 9 am and Traditional Service at 10:30 am

Janet Post

~The Care Committee~

Ladies of the congregation! Are you available on September 8th?

The Care Committee will resume its regular meeting schedule on Tuesday, September 8th at 9:30 am in the Sonshine Room. We would like to have you join us at that time to help us continue our work helping those in our congregation and community who are going through difficult times. Remember the date of September 8th. Pay us a visit; enjoy a cup of coffee and fellowship with each other.

October 4th has been designated as **Care Sunday**. The committee has arranged with the Center For Food Action to have one of its staff speak to us about hunger and their efforts to help fight it. We ask that on October 4th you bring a loaf of sliced bread to the church narthex that will be delivered to the CFA. We will be hosting a coffee in the narthex on October 4th. Please join us.



Mae Hulburt

~Christ Lutheran Church Women~

Summer is almost over, and fall planning will be here before you know it. Mark your calendars now:

October 2nd to 4th Christ Women's Annual Retreat At Camp Koinonia



It is open to all women of the church and is a nice opportunity to meet other women and enjoy the peaceful surroundings of Koinonia. Come join us for a weekend filled with fun, food and fellowship (along with time for individual pursuits). The cost is very reasonable and includes food. See Kim Kearns if you are interested in attending or have any questions. Carpooling is easily arranged. If you can only make part of the weekend, that's ok too. More details will be provided once the fall arrives!

Save the Date – Save the Date – Save the Date

~Worship Committee~



- The 6th Summer service with Holy Communion, 9:30 am
- The 13th Summer service with Holy Communion, 9:30 am
(We will be using the worship liturgy in the green hymnals, LBW.)
God's Work. Our Hands service event beginning at 12:30 pm
- The 20th 9:00 am contemporary worship with Holy Communion
10:30 am traditional worship with Holy Communion
- The 27th 9:00 am contemporary worship with Holy Communion
10:30 am traditional worship with Holy Communion



Help Needed to Make a Change!

Help change the outdoor message sign! We could use someone who's able to spend 30 minutes twice a month (and as needed) to change the message board along Pascack Rd. We're known as a church with great signs, and we need your help to keep that going. Please contact the church office (clc4u2@verizon.net or 201-391-4224) if you can help out.

Walk Thru the Bible Event

SAVE THE DATE: Saturday, October 24th Live Bible Event.

An interactive exploration of the Old Testament.

You don't want to miss this. Visit www.walkthru.org to see what this event will be like. More information coming soon.

We Get Letters

It's only been a few short months that we've been away, but when people are missed it seems like a long time. The love and genuine care from the CLC congregation will always be remembered by our family. We thank you for that love and care and for all the memories we have. We know God will continue to bless our family with new people and experiences and that Christ Lutheran will welcome and bless many other families like we were.

Love and thanks to all,
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