

AMAZING NEWS



LDR Carolinas



God's work. Our hands.



Clean up Buckets

Please plan on being with us on September 8th, God's Work Our Hands Sunday. We will build Cleanup buckets for the Lutheran Disaster Relief truck and take a few minutes to make new label for the buckets. Of course there will be coffee, juice and maybe a sweet treat to reward the hard workers!

Many thanks to all who placed Amazon orders or purchased locally and brought items into church! It was like Christmas in August, everyday I was receiving boxes on my porch! We will take inventory this week and use designated donations to purchase the rest of the supplies need to complete 20 buckets!

AN INVITATION FROM CROSSROADS

Adult Sunday School will resume in Sept. 28 at 9:50 am in the EAB. Will study the Book of Numbers, using the Book of Faith series

Please let Karen Kasting know if you are interested so you can get a book at kkasting@ymail.com



Back to School

We had two Blessing of the BackPacks this year! Our Students received blessing as the school year begins. We give thanks for their chance to learn and grow, and pray that students will have a safe and healthy year! Go Be Amazing!



"By the grace of God, I am what I am."



Media TEAM

The Media team is in Action!

This past month your media team has installed speakers, wireless mics and updated standard mics for Amazing sound Upgrades! The speakers have been mounted and look beautiful! Some are really "getting into" the Church!

We recorded and posted 5 Sunday Services, kept you in the loop with your bulletin, week at a glance, webpage update, Facebook and Instagram platforms and our Sunday Spash!

Join us! We are happy to show you how to record the service, work the sound board or help as needed during the service!

We could always use your news input! Send us photos or updates of church events, outings, fellowship and all the Amazing news you have to share!



Common Heart Update THANK YOU

To everyone from Amazing Grace and Crossroads who came to help with our pantry We had a great turnout!

153 Households Served.

Total people 539! children 180, adults 240 and seniors 119.

This is the last pantry scheduled but if anyone has a connection with Jaars we might be able to schedule a pantry in December.

Please let me know if you have a contact. Thank you

Barbara Lopez



JOIN US

Good Grief

Sharing and Caring Grief Group

What's good about grief? Why talk about grief? Come explore with Pastor Christi

Date: Beginning Tuesday 8/20, continues for 11 weeks. This class will meet in the Crossroads Education and Admin Building.



Ladies Lunch Bunch



Join the fun! These ladies meet at 12:00 PM the third Wednesday of each month for lunch, fellowship, Bingo or a fun activity! Watch the bulletin or facebook as some days we meet off site



SAVE THE DATE



Men in Mission build and deliver sub sandwiches
for Indian Land HS band 10/5
Crossroads October Fest 10/5

Amazing Kids

Childrens Church Starts back September 8th during the sermon!

Check out our Amazing Kids! #Kidsconnect and our Youth Confirmation class dates , lessons and activities have been planned!

They will meet from 3:30-5:30 on the designated Sundays and enjoy dinner all together!

Please contact us if you have any questions and if you know any of your children's friends who would like to join the youth groups. These kids are Amazing, as sign ups come out please make time for showing them we are as excited about faith as they are!

FALL CALENDAR - 2024

Sept 8 - "The Chosen"

Sept 15 - The Helmet of Salvation

Oct. 6 - Family Fun at the Farm - cookout for the whole family!

Oct 20 - Rain date for Family Fun at the Farm- Good News Shoes

Nov 3 - The Sword of the Spirit - God's word makes us strong

Nov. 17 - Let's Celebrate

Dec 8 - How God talks to us

Dec. 15 - God makes a Hero

Dec. 24 Live nativity service(time TBA)



Confirmand and Parent:

The time has arrived for Confirmation class to begin!

What exactly is Confirmation? Confirmation is an intense study of the Bible, Lord's Prayer, the Creeds (Statements of Faith), the Lutheran Church Doctrine (why we believe what we believe) and the Church Sacraments, Holy Communion and Holy Baptism. All of this will be accomplished utilizing "The Divine Drama" curriculum. Assisting with the class is Tim Stanton.

Confirmation will start on Sunday September 8 at 3:30pm in the lower level of Amazing Grace. All parents/guardians are invited and encouraged to attend all the classes, but this is not required. At our first meeting, we will review the teaching plan and expectations. At the conclusion of the first session, each Confirmand will be required to sign the Learning Covenant. Confirmation will meet whenever Kid's Connect is scheduled to meet. Additionally, we will follow or mirror the school calendar.

The class/instruction time is very important; however, we will have fun and fellowship together. We look forward to working with you and your student. Please feel free to contact me with any questions, concerns or to discuss any part of the program.

May God Bless us as we begin this learning adventure to increase our knowledge and strengthen our relationship with God.

Serving Jesus.
Pastor Christi L. Pursey





One Size fits all

from the Desk of the Pastor

"One size fits all" is a phrase we often hear. It's usually in reference to the fit of clothing, but this is not always true. There are times when the label reads "One Size Fits All", that I wonder who "All" is because it does not fit my bodyshape at all. Can the same be said of our thoughts and actions?

Is what we say and do for one another a "One Size Fits All" kind of statement or action? If you think about it, I suspect most would agree with me that "One size fits all" doesn't work. Each individual situation requires individual consideration. How we speak and act with each other counts. What are some of the best ways to determine the useful words or actions necessary in any given situation? Listed below are a few ideas of how we may better serve one another.

1. Ask what is needed or how you may help?
2. Try to put yourself in the shoes of the person with whom you are speaking (be empathic). How would "I" feel if "I" was experiencing what they are experiencing? What would I want someone to say me?
3. If you are still unsure of how the person may feel or the person does not have a request for help, then offer to pray for the person. If possible, say a prayer with them in that moment but if the timing is not good, pray for them daily wherever you may be. Prayer is always a kind, compassionate, and loving response to someone who is living through a difficult time.
4. Take your concern to the pastor and ask what may be helpful in this type of situation.

In most situations, people attend church seeking love, healing, and compassion. Worship may even be a time to leave the worries of the world behind and grasp again the promise of resurrection from God.

When we notice differences, it may not be appropriate to offer up questions or comments about those differences. What would be appropriate and helpful is to tell them how grateful you are to see them; to tell them you love them or offer the person a hug.

Our words, even when we mean the very best, can be misunderstood and hurtful to others, so why not take action. Show your love through acts of love. Offer to sit with them, pray with them, or help them in whatever way they wish. Try to remember, oncie a word escapes our lips it may never be retrieved. It would be much better to say nothing than to harm someone with words which are meant to be helpful but instead are hurtful.

God bless you all as you journey to the cross of Jesus Christ.
Pastor Christi



Step back and take it in from a far—don't look close and dwell on the mistakes or the not perfect strokes!



A current and thoughtful estate plan guarantees that your values and priorities will be honored, giving peace of mind to you and your loved ones. In honor of National Make-a-Will Month, this issue of "Insights" is full of information and tools to help you feel confident in documenting your estate plans. This month serves as a reminder for all of us to review those plans and ensure that they align with the people and ministries nearest to our hearts.

I encourage you to dig into the resources below and share them with friends, family and your fellow ELCA members. As always, I am here to help you navigate the estate planning process with confidence.

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AUGUST IS NATIONAL MAKE-A-WILL MONTH!
Now is the perfect time to reflect on your estate plans. The ELCA Foundation offers several helpful resources to guide you through every stage of the estate planning process. Here are some of our favorites:

- Save time and set yourself up for estate planning success with "[Estate Planning Starters.](#)"
- Get a handle on your estate plan with "[Estate Planning You Can Do at Home.](#)"
- Learn what goes into a will – and who should be involved – with "[A Guide to Making Your Will.](#)"
- Write your will at any time with [Giving Docs](#), our online will-writing tool. Free, secure access is yours for life.



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Unlock your inner superhero and make a lasting impact with a simple tool: a beneficiary designation on your retirement account or life insurance policy. By including an ELCA ministry, you can support our church's mission far into the future, ensuring that your legacy of generosity will continue to inspire others.

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DO I NEED A TRUST?

Wondering if a trust is right for you? A will is essential for distributing your assets, but a trust can offer additional benefits such as avoiding probate, protecting your privacy and providing for beneficiaries in specific ways. Explore whether a living trust could enhance your estate planning and provide peace of mind for the future.

[EXPLORE YOUR OPTIONS](#)



Our visit from
Stephanie Burke
August 25

