

Christ Connections



july/august 2026



FAITH IN ACTION

(formerly 8 Days of Service)

**STARTS
AUGUST 1**



SPOTLIGHT SUMMER CAMP presents



PERFORMANCE DATE:
Friday, August 7th
6:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall

CENTERSTAGE SUMMER CAMP presents



PERFORMANCE DATE:
Friday, August 7th
7:00 p.m. in The Pit



SUNDAY SUMMER SCHEDULE

9:00 a.m. **Traditional Worship**
10:45 a.m. **Contemporary Worship**



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upcoming virtual events, bulletins,
ChristKidsTV and more:
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PASTOR SCOTT SUSKOVIC

Kick-Off Sunday is September 13 Come to the County Fair!

I know, I know. You are thinking, "Summer has just begun. We haven't even taken our vacation, yet. Why are you talking about the fall already?" OK. I feel your pain, but I wanted to give you a heads up with just a couple of bullet points. (Relax, you are going to be fine!)

- On Kick-Off Sunday, we will (almost) return to our regular fall worship schedule except for one twist. Traditional will resume at 8:45 a.m. and Contemporary will resume at 11:00 a.m., but on September 13 only there will be no Bridge Service.
- For the children, there will be an Open House format. For adult classes, most are starting class on that day. (You might want to check with your leader.)
- During that gap between Traditional and Contemporary, we want to encourage everyone to:
 - Mill around the Lower Commons to check out the Ministry Fair and how you can get involved this year.
 - Go to your child(ren)'s Sunday School Open House to find the room, meet the teachers and see the other students.
 - Work your way to the Fellowship Hall to pick up some walking "Fair Food."
 - Head into Spirit Hall to eat, talk with friends, listen to the music and play all sorts of Fair Games.

OK. Go back to enjoying your summer. Just know that when the fall begins, we have a County Fair planned to welcome everyone back home. When September 13 comes, it will be time for a party, to get reconnected with friends and celebrate the community of faith we enjoy here at Christ Lutheran.

**Peace,
Pastor Scott**

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ALPHA Course Beginning in the Fall

Pastor Scott will teach a course called ALPHA this fall for Wednesdays Ablaze. ALPHA is for those who are new to the faith. ALPHA is for long-time members who need a refresher course. ALPHA is for those who are asking tough questions. ALPHA is for those who want to grow in their understanding.

ALPHA is for anyone who has ever had questions about Christianity:

- How do I know the Bible is true?
- What happens when we die?

- Who is Jesus and why did he have to die?
- Who is the Holy Spirit?
- How do I pray?
- How can I live each day in faith?

Do you have questions? This is a safe place to ask the hard ones and to explore together the answers that the Bible provides. Pastor Scott will teach this course in Forum A & B. And don't just come by yourself, invite that skeptic in your life who wants some answers.

TALES FROM THE

CHRIST

Secrets of the Kingdom of God

SERMON SERIES
July 12 – August 30

Overview: Jesus' favorite method of teaching was with the use of parables. This word literally means to "throw alongside." These unique stories are meant to merge with our lives in a way to reveal the secrets of the Kingdom of God.

July 12 • What Kind of Soil Are You?

It is a parable that makes us reflect on the soil of our own hearts. Is it rocky, shallow or hard; or is it that good, dark loamy soil that produces abundantly? After this parable, it will make you wonder.
Matthew 13:1–23

July 19 • Keep Your Lamps Trimmed

What does that mean, keeping your lamps trimmed, and how does that teach me about my life of faith? In this parable of the ten virgins, Jesus reminds us that because no one knows the time or date of his return, we should always be ready. Trim your lamps!
Matthew 25:1–13

July 26 • Forgive Us Our Sins as We Forgive

It is a dangerous prayer. To pray to God to use us as the standard and norm by which forgiveness is given. "Forgive me, O Lord, no more and no less than I forgive those who sin against me." Be careful what you pray for!
Matthew 18:23–35

August 2 • The Ways of the World

You know how this world works. You know how to get ahead, get the best deal, get what you want. It's rough out there in the real world. But how does this street-wise shrewdness apply to your faith? *Luke 16:1–13*

August 9 • With Friends Like This...

How far would you go for a friend? How far out of your way would you help a friend in need of a small favor? It depends on what is being asked, how it is being asked and when it is being asked. *Luke 11:5–13*

August 16 • Matters

The "Parable of the Talents" is a head scratcher. Is this an allegory in which Jesus is the wealthy master... or is it a lesson on how to invest wisely... or is it a warning about living in this world? It depends on how this parable is "tossed alongside" our lives. *Matthew 25:14–30*

August 23 • Lost and Found

In Luke 15, Jesus describes several different ways that people can get lost. However, in each instance there is a deep desire for the lost to be found and returned home. This is true for the lost coin, the lost sheep and the lost son. How were you lost? Better yet, how were you found?
Luke 15:1–32

August 30 • The Kingdom of God is Like...

Today we celebrate Confirmation, the rite in which our rising ninth graders affirm their faith publicly. As their faith continues to blossom, Jesus likens the Kingdom of God as something small like a mustard seed or yeast that grows in ways that surprise everyone.
Matthew 13:31–33

READ MORE ABOUT THE CURRENT SERMON SERIES AT:
christelca.org/sermon-series





FALL KICKOFF

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

NEW WORSHIP TIMES

8:45 a.m. Traditional • 11:00 a.m. Contemporary

Adult Classes Resume 10:00–10:45 a.m.

**Bridge Service resumes Sept. 20 (10:00 a.m.)*

SUNDAY SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

Children & Youth Sunday School Classes will be open-house style from 10:00–10:45 a.m. Parents can find their child's assigned classroom, meet the teachers and see the other students.

LUNCH (FREE!)

Fair-style food served 10:45 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall

**Please RSVP for lunch in REALM*

MINISTRY FAIR & ACTIVITIES

Stop by the Lower Commons between 9:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. to learn about fall programming for all ages. Enjoy live music, games & activities inside Spirit Hall and outside (weather permitting) around the Plaza Fountain.

SAVE THE DATE!!

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In observance of
Independence Day,
church offices will
be closed on
Friday, July 3.

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Christmas in July Lunch

Thursday, July 30

11:15 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

in the Lower Commons

Cool off from the summer heat and enjoy
christmas-themed music, decorations
and lunch including turkey, dressing,
mashed potatoes & more.

Kids & adults of all ages are welcome!

\$12 • Scan/Click QR Code to Register



Fall Dates to Know

Church Offices Closed • Sept. 7
In observance of Labor Day

Kick-Off Sunday • September 13
Traditional 8:45 a.m. • Contemporary 11 a.m.
Sunday School Classes 10–10:45 a.m.

Wednesdays Ablaze Resumes • Sept. 16
Dinner 5–6 p.m. • Activities & Classes 6–7:30 p.m.

Bridge Service Resumes • Sept. 20
10 a.m. in Christ Chapel



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Altar Flowers

\$75 • SIGN UP IN REALM>>



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ADULT 40+ Open Court Basketball

Find your old high-tops & join us for some
exercise, fun & fellowship. Throughout the
summer months, Spirit Hall will be open

Wednesdays • 7–9 p.m.

for adults 40+ to shoot, play a game of horse
or join a pick-up game. Join in to relive the
glory days & remember—no dunking allowed.



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FAITH IN ACTION

(formerly 8 Days of Service)

Christ Lutheran has always been very active in serving our
neighbors, communities, city, and McClintock Middle School. This
year, Outreach is revamping 8 Days of Service. Introducing....

Faith in Action:

Serving Our Neighborhood, City and School PROJECTS START AUGUST 1!!

Faith is more than what we believe – it is how we live – it is Faith
In Action! This fall, Christ Lutheran invites every member of
our congregation to participate in Faith in Action, three weeks
dedicated to serving others through meaningful acts of service.

Starting August 1st, we will focus on opportunities to serve in our
neighborhoods, throughout Charlotte, and alongside our long-
standing partners at McClintock Middle School. There is a place for
everyone to participate!

Week 1: Serving Our Neighborhoods

What needs exist in your neighborhood, school, park or community
gathering place?

- Collect clothing for Crisis Assistance Ministry. Every neighbor has something they want out of their closet! Drop items at the Outreach office.
- Organize a neighborhood prayer walk. If this is on your list, email Angela Davis (adavis@christelca.org) a list of all the people, places & things you prayed for on your walk with friends and neighbors.
- Purchase needed items from Roof Above's Amazon Wish List (<https://t.ly/buaFw>). Items are delivered directly to Roof Above.
- Clean up a local school campus, park or waterway. Take before and after photos!
- Writing notes of encouragement to neighbors, first responders, McClintock teachers and staff, or local workers. A great opportunity for children to thank those who support us and keep us safe.
- Collect needed supplies for McClintock students and staff and drop at CLC's Outreach office before August 20th. Find supply list on McPIE's Amazon wishlist (<https://t.ly/Wh0z6>).

Get your neighbors involved! These are all family friendly! If you
are interested in leading a clothing drive, a neighborhood prayer
walk, collecting supplies, etc, please email Angela Davis (adavis@christelca.org). We would love to document all the positive projects
that happen. Be sure to take pictures and send those, too.

Week 2: Serving Our City

During the second week of Faith in Action, we invite you to serve
alongside some of our community partners:

- Participate in our Hunger Fight meal-packing event on Aug. 9th
- Make sandwiches for A Roof Above on August 11th
- Volunteer at the Habitat ReStore on August 14th
- Serve meals at A Roof Above's Soup Kitchen on August 16th
- Build beds for children through Sleep in Heavenly Peace on Aug. 22nd
- Support food pantry operations
- Assist other local nonprofits with special projects. We would love to hear of projects you know of that Christ Lutheran and our congregants can support!

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Ryan Hays graduated from USC with a Bachelor of Science in Sport & Entertainment Management.



Dr. Garrett Hays graduated from Parker University in Dallas, Texas and will be working as a functional neurology chiropractor.



Cecilia A. Zoutewelle graduated from Embry Riddle Aeronautical University in Daytona Beach, Florida with a Bachelor of Science in Aerospace Physiology and minors in Chemistry and Human Factors. After graduation, Cecilia will be pursuing her master's degree in Motorsport Management at Belmont Abbey while working full time.



Megan Weisenberger graduated with a Master of Fine Arts from Academy of Art University. She is hoping to find a job in 3D texture, painting or animation.



Drew Watne graduated from Purdue University with a degree in Aviation. After finishing his flight hours, he plans to fly for the airlines one day.



Parker Dalrymple graduated from the University of Georgia with a B.S. in Consumer Economics. After graduation, Parker will work for Keach Construction as a project estimator.



Caroline Stowe graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in Kinesiology from DePauw University in Indiana. She has begun work at the Charlotte Fire Department as a member of Recruit Class 137.



Drew Henry Tenzer graduated with a Bachelor of Arts from the University of Richmond in Virginia. He majored in International Economics with a minor in German and Entrepreneurship.



Grant Martin graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in History from Western Carolina University. After graduation, he's been working on creating his own business.

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Week 3: Serving McClintock Middle School

This year is especially meaningful as Christ Lutheran and McClintock Middle School enter 20 years of partnership through McClintock Partners in Education (McPIE).

During Week 3, we will focus our service efforts on helping the school prepare for a successful new year with:

- Campus beautification projects
- Creating and installing welcoming bulletin boards
- Collecting school supplies
- Delivering school supplies to McClintock on August 21st
- Assembling teacher welcome boxes on August 20th
- Providing copy and administrative support
- Organizing classrooms and workspaces
- Other projects identified by school administrators

We Need Your Ideas!

Faith in Action is designed to be flexible and community-driven. Do you know of a need in your neighborhood? Is there a service project your family, small group or ministry team would like to lead? Submit any ideas by July 24th to Angela Davis (adavis@christelca.org).

We invite everyone to join us in putting faith into action. Together, we can create future stories, build community, support families and inspire volunteers—one project at a time. Watch for registration details and project sign-ups in the coming weeks through REALM, our website (christelca.org/faith-in-action) and in the CLC weekly E-News. We hope every member of Christ Lutheran will find a way to participate!



McPIE 20-Year Celebrations!

McPIE entered our 20th year of programming this past April! Since then, we have spotlighted a program we provide each month.

May was a big success with our Freedom School fundraising (thanks again to all who donated). In June, we provided a table with science activities to showcase Science Camp.

July will display our important Feed-A-Family ministry! This ministry began out of a necessity during COVID when families were struggling to provide food for their children. McPIE continues to distribute 28-40 bags per week to McClintock families! Find our table in Lower Commons on July 12th and see what goes in a grocery bag and ways you can support this ministry. We will be taking donations throughout July of 10-count boxes of granola bars, 1-lb bags of rice, Spaghettios, toilet paper and canned tuna! Donations can be dropped at the Info Desk in the Lower Commons or the Outreach office. Monetary donations can be made through [REALM giving](#)—please select the Feed-A-Family fund from the dropdown. If you want to get more involved in supporting this ministry, contact Lisa (Lheirigs@christelca.org)

August 9th is Back-to-School Sunday! This month will highlight ways McPIE supports McClintock students and teachers. This will include our student and teacher supply drives (also included in our Faith in Action projects)! We strive to ensure McClintock students and teachers are set up for success each day with the proper items for learning and teaching!

Out of the Ashes

Out of the Ashes is an organization that empowers the community to compassionately embrace those who are grieving the loss of a pregnancy, infant or fertility with the love of Christ as a foundation for healing. Christ Lutheran will host dinner and a worship service to remember and honor those lost. This will be part of our Faith in Action service projects on Monday, August 10th. Dinner will be served from 6:00–7:00 p.m. and worship from 7:00–8:00 p.m. If you have experienced the loss of a pregnancy, infant or going through infertility, this is a great way to meet others encountering the same.



Delaney Martin graduated from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill with a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology, and a Bachelor of Arts in Human Growth and Family Studies. Delaney will attend graduate school for occupational therapy at UNC Chapel Hill.



Abby Brincefield is graduating from the University of Tennessee with a Master's in Elementary Education. She plans to come back this way to teach.



Jacob Parker graduated with a Master's in Vocal Performance from Florida State University.



Freedom School is Underway June 22 – July 30

Freedom School is back for another summer of fun, reading and activities! This summer, we will welcome 80 Scholars ages K–8th grade! They will be enjoying a fun, safe summer. This class of Scholars will build Something Inside So Strong in hopes of breaking the cycle of poverty. Through the tools they receive in Freedom School, Scholars foster a love of reading and learn that they can make a difference in themselves, their families, and the world.

Ways to Continue Support:

1. Please continue to pray for our Scholars, their families, Freedom School team leaders and volunteers. We hope that the Holy Spirit touches them daily and blesses and empowers them to make a difference this summer!
2. Volunteer. Contact DeeDee Petronis (dpetronis@christelca.org) with any questions. There are opportunities to lead afternoon activities, be a DEAR (Drop Everything And Read) buddy, chaperone a field trip, etc. Freedom School Partners is using a new platform to register and sign up volunteers. You need to create an account in Bloomerang (see ad to the right) and then choose the activity/day you want to volunteer.

Thank you to everyone who donated toward our fundraising efforts! Due to your generosity, Freedom School is FULLY FUNDED and will make a real impact on these Scholars. If you are still interested in making a donation, the McPIE general fund accepts donations year-round to support Family Night and other initiatives.

Thank You for Your Generosity!

THANK YOU to all who donated to support Freedom School this summer at Christ Lutheran. Your generosity will have a great impact on the Scholars who will be within our walls for six weeks! Every dollar matters and no donation was too small! Thank you for every penny!

Freedom School Finale

Thursday, July 30 at 1:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary

Come watch the culmination of these Scholars' hard work! It's a celebration filled with energy and emotion. Each class will give a presentation through song, dance, spoken word, video and more!

Thrivent Presentation

Thrivent Financial members: are you aware of all your benefits? Thrivent representatives will be at Christ Lutheran on Sunday, August 23 to present ways that members can fully utilize their benefits to connect generosity and service with the ministries and outreach they care about most within the church.

There will be a short presentation on August 23 in The Forum right after the Contemporary service from 12:00–1:00 p.m. Join us to learn how you can maximize the dollars Thrivent makes available to its members.



**American
Red Cross**

NEXT BLOOD DRIVE:

**Sunday, July 19
in Spirit Hall**

SIGN UP TO DONATE at redcrossblood.org

FREEDOM SCHOOL volunteer opportunities

Freedom School runs from June 22 – July 30 & there are lots of volunteer opps available.

To access them, scan or click the QR Code (or go to t.ly/wVFxt).

After you create a volunteer profile you will be able to sign up.

Come and join the fun this summer!



**McPIE
20 YEARS
2007-2027**

DAYTIME OPPORTUNITY:

Teacher Partners

Brighten a McClintock teacher's day by sending monthly notes of encouragement and prayers.

While some Teacher Partners opt to send small gifts or spend time with their assigned teacher, there is no obligation or expectation to do so. Small gifts can be left at the Info desk in the Lower Commons.

If you would like to be a Teacher Partner, contact Jeanne Hunt: huntjeanne961@gmail.com

**SCIENCE CAMP
showcase**

Thursday, July 2 • 1:00 p.m.
at McClintock Middle School

JOIN STUDENTS FROM THE SUMMER SCIENCE CAMP AS THEY SHOWCASE ALL THEY HAVE LEARNED, ENGINEERED & INVENTED!



McPIE Amazon Wishlist

Items from this list will benefit MMS teachers & students, fulfill our Family Night incentives, snacks & supplies, and help with our weekly grocery bags. This list will be updated frequently! You can decide which supplies you want to donate, pay for the items and they will be shipped straight to the church!

Scan/Click for Amazon Wishlist
or go to <https://t.ly/zxmcZ>



Science Camp is Underway!

Science Camp is in full swing this summer! Rising 6th–8th graders will explore science, technology, engineering, arts and math with engaging science modules followed by a Friday field trip to tie it all together! Eighty Summer Science Camp students will have the opportunity to participate in camp from June 22–July 3 and learn exciting concepts in Chemistry, Forensics, Everyday STEAM, (SMart) Science, Math in Art, Engineering, Innovation and more. We also have Mindfulness Matters returning. Students will engage in hands-on activities, group discussions, and real-world simulations designed to build essential life skills such as communication, time management, conflict resolution, etc. Those soft skills are important!

All modules are interactive and relevant, allowing students to practice and reflect on science as a college or career path and learn skills they can immediately apply in everyday life! A Friday field trip will include a tour of UNCC for our rising 6th grade participants and the STEM module at Beat the Bomb for rising 7th and 8th graders!

Science Camp Showcase

Campers spend two weeks participating in hands-on learning and we want YOU to check out their creations, engineering feats and inventions! Come to McClintock on Thursday, July 4th at 1:00 p.m. to see their hard work!

This is a great opportunity for students to improve their public speaking skills as well as showcase all they have learned.

Back to School Supplies

Student and Teacher Wishlists

Teacher Supplies:

- Gum/mints
- Hand sanitizer
- Tissue
- Lotion
- Dry erase markers
- Sticky notes
- Inspirational sayings
- Wipes
- Nice pens
- Mechanical pencils
- Tide stick
- Room spray
- Gift card would be amazing!
- Over-the-head headphones
- Large power strips
- Hall Passes (<https://tinyurl.com/56tscf7m>)
- Broom and Dust Pan
- Chromebook Chargers (<https://shorturl.at/EmZqI>)
(We need/would like a lot of chromebook chargers)
- Tissue / kleenex

Student Supplies:

- Pencils
- Hand-held sharpeners
- Over-the-Head headphones
- Composition Books
- Single-subject notebooks

These lists can be found on McPIE's Amazon Wishlist at <https://t.ly/Wh0z6>



Family Night Volunteer Opps

The 2025–26 year of Family Night programming was amazing – let's see if we can top it for this upcoming school year! Family Night will return on Tuesday, September 29th.

CLC's Tuesday night programming at McClintock Middle School is the church's largest outreach. Our mission to support the students, families and staff at McClintock is welcomed by all who participate. There are opportunities to greet students and families with a smile, serve dinner, distribute school supplies, assist a club leader, or even lead a club of your choice. We heavily rely on volunteers to share their passions and careers with students, so they can begin envisioning a future story for themselves, geared toward college or career.

Do you work in the medical field? Are you an engineer, have science experiments to do, teach yoga or crochet? All of these are possibilities for new Family Night clubs! Materials will be supplied! We also have programming for elementary school aged siblings and offer parent classes. Leaders are needed for all age groups.

There are also possibilities during the afternoon hours right after school (3:45–5:00 p.m.). Family Night meets 10-12 Tuesdays per semester. Dinner is served 5:30–6:00 p.m. and classes and clubs meet from 6:00–7:15 p.m.

If you have questions or need clarification on anything to consider volunteering for this awesome program, please do not hesitate to reach out to Sara Rentmeester (srentmeester@christelca.org)! We look forward to several new faces this coming year and new offerings for our students and families to explore!

McPIE Daytime Volunteer Opps

Tutors

Consider tutoring a student at McClintock this fall! You can choose the subject and grade, as well as the day of the week and time! The teachers and students are appreciative of the help. If interested, contact Emma (emma.n.lesaint@gmail.com) to get placed with the proper teacher and student.

Teacher Luncheons

Support teachers and staff at McClintock Middle School with lunches or breakfasts during the school year. Early Release days are gone, but there are other opportunities to serve teachers a delicious meal. Volunteers are needed to shop for ingredients, prepare dishes and help serve! If you are interested in joining this team, contact Melinda Dale at melinda28226@hotmail.com.

Fall Family Retreat, October 17–18

by PASTOR ADRIENNE

Come away to the mountains for a family-centered retreat at Lutheridge Camp and Conference Center! The Family Ministry Team is excited about offering this opportunity for families. The leaves will be changing colors and it will be a great time for a fall get-away! Families with preschoolers, families with elementary school students, families with middle school students and families with high schoolers are all invited. Everyone is welcome! We will have programming for all families in their stage of life. We deeply hope you will leave everything aside for this overnight trip in October and put family time first. Along with fun and activities, we will explore the theme of following Jesus.

We will start on Saturday, October 17th at 1 p.m. and will head back after we have early morning worship on Sunday. Cost is \$185 per adult and \$90 per child. This includes lodging in Thornburg Hall (a hotel-style set up), dinner on Saturday evening, and breakfast on Sunday morning. Scholarships are available!

Registration is now open in REALM. Scan the QR Code located to the right or go to <http://t.ly/2JXE4>. Please register by September 1.

If you have any questions or would like additional information, please email me at aladd@christelca.org.

Wednesdays Ablaze Transportation Available for Middle Schoolers

by PASTOR ADRIENNE

Wednesdays Ablaze is a great opportunity for our students to grow in faith and community. If afternoon traffic, schedules or distance prevent your student from attending, please let us know! With your permission and planning, we can pick up your student from their school and bring them to church for dinner and programming. Parents can pick up their student at the church at 7:30 p.m.

If you are interested or would like to learn more, please email me at aladd@christelca.org.

Child Protection Training

Over the past year, church staff has been hard at work updating our Child Protection Policy. This policy exists to ensure that anyone involved with our children or youth is equipped to minister in ways that are healthy and appropriate for everyone involved.

Our protection policy, developed by our staff and approved by Council, requires volunteers to attend training each year and receive background checks every three years. This requirement is for any volunteer who has in-person interactions with children or youth, including through McPIE, VBS, Sunday School, youth group, Wednesdays Ablaze, and many other programs.

We will be offering one training opportunity this fall. It will be on Wednesday, September 2nd in Forum A&B, from 6:00–8:00 p.m. with dinner included. If you have any plans to work with our children and youth during the upcoming school year, please mark this very important date on your calendars. Stay tuned for updates via our weekly E-news and Sunday bulletins.



FALL FAMILY RETREAT

October 17-18, 2026

Come to the mountains as a family for a fun weekend to grow together as disciples of Jesus!

\$185 per adult • \$90 per child
(scholarships available)

Scan/Click for Details & RSVP
REGISTRATION DEADLINE: SEPTEMBER 1

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Baptismal Class

Sunday, August 2
10 a.m. in Lackey Chapel

**THIS CLASS IS
IN PERSON ONLY**

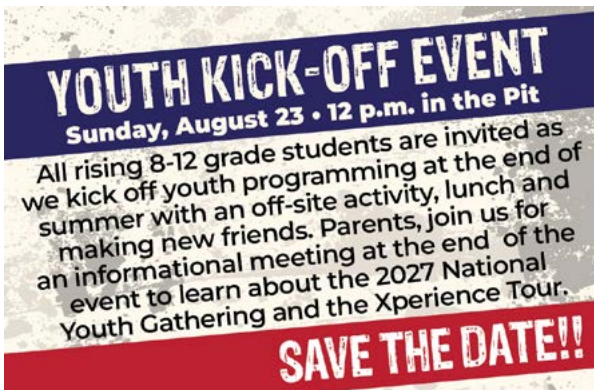
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(nlegvold@christelca.org)



YOUTH KICK-OFF EVENT
Sunday, August 23 • 12 p.m. in the Pit

All rising 8-12 grade students are invited as we kick off youth programming at the end of summer with an off-site activity, lunch and making new friends. Parents, join us for an informational meeting at the end of the event to learn about the 2027 National Youth Gathering and the Xperience Tour.

SAVE THE DATE!!



Save the Date

**RITE OF
CONFIRMATION**
Sunday, August 30

The congregation is invited to the Rite of Confirmation during both services. Reception between services in the Lower Commons.

Quillows

Christ Lutheran celebrated 19 of our high school graduates this June with the Quillow Stepping Stone Blessing and Sending. A quillow is a quilt that folds into a pillow and is a visible reminder that they are covered in love. Graduates Rebekah Switzer and Avery Youse gave part of the message during this moving service. We continue to lift these young people in prayer as they begin this new chapter. Congratulations to the high school graduating class of 2026!!



VBS 2026 is a Wrap!

We had a wonderful week of VBS as we learned about the true nature of God! He is our Creator, knows everything, is our safe place, is love and is forever!

A HUGE thank you to the many volunteers who make this fun and faith-filled week happen!





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*Submit stories or other news items at christelca.org/jotform

CENTERSTAGE SUMMER CAMP August 3-7



Rising 6th - 12th graders are welcome to register for this all-day summer camp featuring singing, drama & choreography, led by Aj Calpo & Lamar Davis.

Performance: Fri., Aug. 7th • 7pm (The Pit)

\$300 • Click/Scan QR Code for More Info & RSVP

SPOTLIGHT SUMMER CAMP August 3-7



Rising 2nd-5th graders are welcome to register for this all-day summer camp featuring singing, drama & choreography, led by CJ Michael & Jessica Luedeman.

Performance: Fri., Aug. 7th • 6pm (Fellowship Hall)

\$300 • Click/Scan QR Code for More Info & RSVP