

SEPTEMBER 2025

# DAYS PRING

MONTHLY  
NEWSLETTER

God's Work. Our Hands



2025  
Community Service Projects



- Habitat Hellertown Restore Retail day Sept 12th.
- Senior Yard project, September 13th.
- Breakfast Buffet/GWOH Volunteer lunch, donations to Cay Galgon Center
- Care Packages for Wilkes Barre VA hospital
- Family Meal Kits for the church Blessing Box
- Hospitality Kits for Family Promise
- Military service gratitude notes
- New "stuffie" collection for St. Luke's Pediatric Hospital
- Pet Food Drive for Animal Food Bank of Lehigh Valley
- Senior Bingo Front Street apartments
- Senior Bingo Northampton Street apartments
- Soup preparation for New Bethany
- SVM Hymn sing and communion

*Want to participate?*

**Contact GWOH Coordinator, Enid Rank [nurse@clcht.org](mailto:nurse@clcht.org)  
for Volunteer Assistance and/or Questions**

Interested volunteers or to donate for service projects follow this link:

<https://tinyurl.com/2chw649n>



Children's Learning Center

610.838.9790

Monday - Friday 7:00am - 5:00pm



Church Office

610.838.0400

Monday - Friday 10:00am - 4:00pm

Closed for Lunch Noon - 1:00pm



# Connections for the Journey...

## Pastor Phil

What type of faith community are you looking for?

This happens to be one of my favorite questions I ask to our New Comers when I sit down and talk to prospective members. I phrase it a bit differently, “What are you looking for in a church?”

This Summer Sabbatical has allowed me to visit a variety of churches. I am amazed at my judgements about a church, from the smell, appearance, and conversations I overhear before worship even starts. Judgements. What is the bulletin like, are people friendly, do they recognize me as visitor, what is the age of the congregation, any kids around? So many things go through my mind as I sit trying to prepare for worship.

I realize I can overlook lots of things on my first visit to a church, if they have a great Coffee Hour... only joking! If they have friendly people who not only say “Hi”, but take the next step, “Are you new here?”, “Where are you from?”, “How did you hear about our church”, “Are you able to stay for coffee hour?”.

I can sense, and I’m sure you can to, a community that is warm and welcoming. The one I have attended a few times is not even Lutheran, but they have a warmth and spirit that is attractive.

Let me be clear, it’s not the pastor who is warm and spiritual, it’s the people. It’s the people who take the initiative to welcome, invite, and converse. I’ve yet to talk to the pastor!

So, think about this and your role here at Christ Lutheran. You may not be into committee meetings, or baking goodies for coffee hour, but I hope you challenge yourself not only to say “hi” to all your friends, but also to seek out someone you don’t know, or someone you have never seen, and take the risk to start a conversation.

I can tell you why some churches are dying. The members are not versed in hospitality and welcome.

Challenge yourself to get out of your comfort zone. It just might change someone’s life. And the life it might change just might be your own.

**Know God loves you!**  
**Pastor Phil**



## Council Corner

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Your Church Council last met on August 19th to discuss an agenda including but not limited to:

- Strategic Planning/Mission Discussion
- Begin Budget Process-Liaisons request Team Leaders' Goals
- Team Leaders and Council Budget Discussion
- Review Fall Faith Formation Program
- Liaisons to contact Team Leaders for Volunteer Sunday
- Update Council and Team Leader Terms List
- Establish Council Dates for 2026
- Schedule Leadership Retreat/Workshop (last Sat in Feb)
- Schedule Annual Congregation Meeting (first Sun in Jan)
- Membership Roster Update (Connections with Each Other) Nominating
- Team Reports
- GWOH Planning
- Approve Memorial Donation List
- Distribute Annual Planning Calendar (Aug – July)

Your Church Council will meet next on September 16th.

	Church	Learning Center	TOTAL	Year to Date thru July 2025	
Receipts	\$393,419	\$518,162	\$911,581		
Expenses	<u>-\$358,886</u>	<u>-\$518,964</u>	<u>-\$877,850</u>	Budgeted Giving	\$248,702
TOTAL	\$ 34,533	-\$ 802	\$ 33,731	Actual Giving	\$281,621

SEPTEMBER VOLUNTEERS	7	14	21	28
COFFEE HOUR	FCN Grandparents Day	Congregation Brunch GWOH Volunteer Lunch	Claire K, Carol D, Louise W	Men's Group
SOUND TECH	Kurt Rank	Kurt Rank	Kurt Rank	Kurt Rank
A/V TECH	Ken Doremus	Mark Stana	Kevin Gough	Ken Doremus
COMMUNION	Claire Kostbar Sheryl Caliguire			Quiet Communion Enid Rank
GREET/USHER	Kim & Corky Blake	Barb & Bob Pasternak	Carol Dishmon Leeanne Weirback	Louise & Lee Wagner
READING(S)	Louise Wagner	April Rose	Dave Kubisek	Mary Ann Horvath
PRAYERS	Mary Ann Horvath	Carolyn Raudenbush	Judy Chernikovich-Clemens	Tiffany Wilten



# NORTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA SYNOD MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



## Spirit-Led Summers at Bear Creek Camp

*Written by: Stacey Burke, Communications and BCC NEPA Synod Representative*

"I'm always struck by the simple but profound technologies that camp employs to build healthy, loving, Christ-centered community: silly songs and deep conversations, skits and games, shared meals and rituals." These words from Pastor Inge Williams of Friedens Lutheran in Shartlesville, a 2025 summer chaplain at Bear Creek Camp, reflect the deep joy and quiet transformation that unfold in the woods each season.

All Together was the theme this summer, focusing on growing stronger through love and service, grace-filled faith, and belonging and community. Pastor Inge witnessed this connection firsthand early in the summer when she served as one of the camp chaplains during Family Camp. Pastor Inge shared, "On one of the first nights, I saw one of the former youth synod council representatives, now serving as a counselor this summer, give a high five to a toddler from Ireland who was running all over the field during a kickball game. The kindness and connection across ages, and even international borders, really exemplified what Family Camp is about."

While chapel time and worship services are typically led by the young adult summer staff, camp chaplains provide spiritual support throughout the week, leading devotions and Bible studies for campers and staff. They offer encouragement, listening ears, and join in the fun that camp has to offer. Throughout the summer, three Northeastern PA Synod pastors brought their time, energy, and Spirit-led presence to Bear Creek Camp as chaplains. Pastor Inge Williams and Pastor Jennifer Heaver of Star of Bethlehem Lutheran Church served during Family Camp, while Pastor Liz Koerner of St. John Lutheran in Stroudsburg closed out the season as chaplain during the final week.

The partnership with Bear Creek Camp, shared with the Southeastern PA Synod, is especially meaningful to our synod, as the values of camp and synod closely align. Both are deeply committed to building relationships and belonging across congregations, generations, and diverse communities. As synod, we continue to search for ways to raise leaders who serve with compassion, creativity, and courage in the church and the world, which is why our partnership with Bear Creek Camp is so important. It is prioritizing youth and allowing them space to search for ways to serve others as a natural response to God's love.



Serving others was the theme of one of Pastor Liz's Bible studies during her week as chaplain. When she met with the Junior campers (grades 2-4), she asked how they might take the ways they serve others at camp and apply them at home and in their school communities. Helping others at camp can seem second nature, especially after a full week of being together. However, campers are not only learning how to be kind to one another. They are learning life skills that will stay with them long after the week ends.

Throughout the week, they are learning how to be confident and independent through overnight tent camping experiences. They are learning about teamwork and communication as they encourage each other on high rope activities. They grow spiritually through the guidance of our chaplains, who are a daily presence within the camp schedule and help shape campers' understanding of faith and their connection to God.

We are extremely grateful for the passion and dedication of Pastor Inge, Pastor Jennifer, and Pastor Liz, who devoted their time this past summer, and for the ongoing work of Bear Creek Camp as it builds inclusive community, nurtures faith, and develops leaders who carry their experiences into the world with empathy, joy, and purpose. This certainly could not be accomplished without the hardworking, compassionate summer staff and the leadership of Executive Director Collin Grooms, Program Director Kallie Handlong, and all the other camp leaders who contribute and put youth first.



Camp doesn't end when the summer does. In addition to summer camp, Bear Creek Camp offers retreats and camps outside of the summer timeframe including the upcoming Labor Day Family Camp, Fall Women's Retreat, and Winter Camp. The camp is also open to hosting congregations, committees, or organizational retreats through their facility rentals. All this information and more can be found at [bearcreekcamp.org](http://bearcreekcamp.org). All together, Bear Creek Camp and our synod continue to walk hand in hand, creating space for love, service, and faith to flourish in every season.

**DID YOU KNOW** that your Mission Support helps fund areas of the synod like this one and many other important initiatives? Your contributions are making a significant impact and helping others grow in faith, supporting the synod's lanes of Growing Young, Gaining Strength, and Going Beyond Death to Life, along with the directions of loving like Jesus, healing like Jesus, and engaging like Jesus. To learn more, visit [godsover.org/missionsupport](http://godsover.org/missionsupport). Looking to give to Bear Creek Camp directly? Visit [bearcreekcamp.org](http://bearcreekcamp.org)

## REGISTRATION IS OPEN

### 5K TRAIL RUN & WALK

@ BEAR CREEK CAMP

9/27/25

BECOME A SPONSOR!



[bearcreekcamp.org/5k](http://bearcreekcamp.org/5k)

This family-friendly BCC event is open to all ages, and every step you take helps support our amazing campers.

Make an Even BIGGER Difference by Becoming a 5K Sponsor!

Whether you're a business, family, or individual, your tax-exempt gift directly supports our camp programming and resources.



# Faith Community Fellowship Friday Oktoberfest

Freitag, Oktober 10<sup>th</sup>

5:30 - 7:30pm  
Church Gazebo

Interested in volunteering  
your time and talent?

BYOBeer & Schnapps  
German Potato Salad  
Grilled Brats  
Wieners & Kraut  
Pickles, Pretzels, Polka!



Contact Angela Drake  
angeladrake1225@gmail.com



SignUpGenius

<https://tinyurl.com/yeuc97bs>



- Volunteer Sunday • October 5<sup>th</sup> • 11:15am •  
• lite lunch • no sign-up • just show up •

**Come check us out;  
meet people,  
and get involved!**

- anyone interested in volunteering •  
• anyone interested in any activity •  
• meet our team leaders and group coordinators •

• **Worship & Music** •

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# Hellertown Community Day Dimmick Park August 16<sup>th</sup> 2025





Community Day was held on Saturday, August 16 in Dimmick Park in Hellertown. The weather was sunny and warm and there was a good turnout of individuals and families. There are numerous churches among the booths. Christ Lutheran Church stood out with its welcoming atmosphere, friendly volunteers, free raffles, and Children's Learning Center attractions for kids.

Special thanks to everyone who supported Christ Lutheran at Community Day:

Elaine Snyder; Teresa Mackey; Peg and Tim McCoy; Regina Sands-Corl; Fran Corl; Mary Barwick; Rachel Whitesell; Lisa Weingartner; Brad Wagner; Ken Doremus; Cheryl Lawler; Carol Dishmon; Marie Frey; Nancy DeVogel; Ed Alosi for meeting and greeting at our booth.

Teresa Mackey for preparing signage of the church calendar with dates and times of all programs and activities.

Nancy DeVogel for preparing a special flyer about the church's Yoga, Chair Yoga, and Reiki ministries.

Enid Rank for setting up the volunteer booth assignments.

Barry Stauffer for preparing, staging, and managing all the equipment and supplies for the church and learning center booths.

Kevin Gough for up the equipment and supplies from the church, setting up the booth, and lending his truck to return items to the church.

Josh Gulotta and Ken Doremus for assisting with the teardown and returning items to the church.

Josh Gulotta for his presence at the entire Community Day, from set-up to teardown.

Christ Lutheran is always looking for ways to create more differentiation, engagement, and impact at Community Day. If you have any ideas or suggestions for next year, please send an email to the Church Office, and Barry will route it to the appropriate person or team.

With appreciation,

Dave Willard for the Connections with the Community Team

# Maureen DeBellis Spiritual Director

email: [spiritdirect@clcht.org](mailto:spiritdirect@clcht.org)

Due to donations from church members, Spiritual Direction sessions will be offered to members of Christ Lutheran at a very discounted rate of \$10. Sessions can be held in-person or online (limit 6 sessions/2025).



- ★ Wondering where God is in your life?
- ★ Struggling to see God's presence in daily activities?
- ★ Feeling a holy disconnect?
- ★ Desiring a deepening life of prayer?

**When these kinds of questions and interests begin to stir,  
Spiritual Direction may be what you are looking for.**

*Maureen DeBellis is a spiritual director, inter-spiritual companion, a teacher of Heart Rhythm Meditation (HRM) and a retreat guide for the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius. She has a BA in Marriage and Family Studies from DeSales University and a Graduate Level Certificate in Spiritual Direction from Moravian Theological Seminary in Bethlehem, PA.*

## Holiday Bazaar



## Quilt Show

**Christ Lutheran Church**

69 Main Street  
Hellertown

610-838-0400  
[www.clcht.org](http://www.clcht.org)

**Saturday  
November 15, 2024**

**9am to 2pm**

Multiple vendors featuring... Handcrafted Goods, Bake Sale, Concession Stand, Quilt Raffle, Soup Sale, Tricky Tray, and more...

## Harvest Home Sunday October 12th

*Celebrate Our Abundance  
Help Those Less Fortunate*

Donations of dry goods (flour, sugar, rice, beans, pasta),  
canned goods, and hardy produce (apples, onions, potatoes)  
collected Sunday, October 12th thru Sunday, October 19th

**Thank you for your bountiful generosity!**



# MEN'S GROUP

## TUESDAYS AT NOON

### IN THE CHURCH LIBRARY

### OR VIA ZOOM

# BIBLE

## STUDY

### THURSDAYS

### 12:15-1:15 PM

### IN THE CHURCH LIBRARY

### OR VIA ZOOM

## Food Bank • Collection

*Specially Requested Items in September:*

# Mac & Cheese

# Toilet Paper

RED WAGON  
Drop-Off  
*in the Volunteer Room*



# DUNGEONS & DRAGONS

*THE WORLD'S GREATEST ROLEPLAYING GAME!*

## 2<sup>ND</sup> & 4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAYS

FOLLOWING WORSHIP

[SAMUEL.RAUP@GMAIL.COM](mailto:SAMUEL.RAUP@GMAIL.COM)

# Quilters

**Wednesdays 8:30am**

**Thursdays 5:30pm**

## Come Join Us!

**All Skill Levels Welcome**

# Chair Yoga

**with Nancy D**

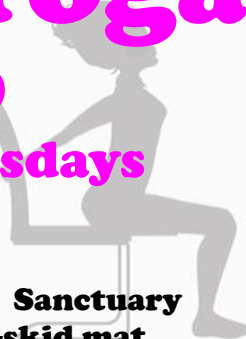
**Tuesdays & Thursdays**

**10:30 - 11:30am**

**Free Will Offering**

**Sanctuary**

**Bring your own non-skid mat**



## Adult Christian Education

**Every Sunday  
with Pastor Phil  
9:00-9:45am**

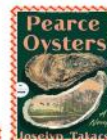
**In the  
Church Library  
or via ZOOM**

**September 7th**  
Conclusion of "Judaism"  
Speaker, Martina from  
Keneseth Israel Synagogue

**September 14th**  
Beginning of "Beyond Belief"  
by Marcus Borg

## CHRIST LUTHERAN BOOKCLUB

**APR 28<sup>th</sup>: Pearce Oysters**  
by *Joselyn Takacs*



**JUN 2<sup>nd</sup>: Yellowface**  
by *R.F. Kuang*



**SEPT 29<sup>th</sup>: The Women**  
by *Kristin Hannah*



**OCT 27<sup>th</sup>: The Girl with the Louding Voice**  
by *Abi Daré*





Featuring Evelyn Stewart,  
Guest Artist



# Get On Board, Little Children:

*African-American Spirituals*

Directed by Susan L. Frickert

Sunday, September 28, 2025 at 4:00pm

Union Lutheran Church

5500 Rt. 873 Schneeksville, PA

610.767.6884

**Ticket Donation \$10**

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Here I s an excerpt from One5c, a newsletter chock full of information and articles on a wide variety of topics and issues that are relevant to our environment and how we affect it.

What can Americans do to halt the desecration of the rainforest from farming and development? This eco-system constitutes the 'lungs of the world,' and is a crucial carbon sink. —Judith H.

This is one area where we can put our purchasing power as consumers to work by not supporting businesses and industries that profit from deforestation. The top three drivers of tropical rainforest loss are the production of beef, oil-producing plants, and paper- and wood-based products. Beef cattle alone are responsible for 41%, which is twice the deforestation rate of the number two contributor, oil-producing plants, which account for about 18%.

We're less dogged about avoiding things like palm oil than we are about putting down the burgers, though. That's because replacing palm oil—which is cheap, versatile, and dense—with a combo of the three top oil alternatives would put an additional land area the size of Spain at risk. Demand for palm oil is going to continue to grow, but this is a conversation about progress as opposed to perfection. Environmental groups and companies have made steps towards codifying what responsible palm-oil production looks like (you can learn how to spot products that use these practices here), whereas there's no such thing as "green" beef.

The best way to address tree-felling for paper and wood is also fairly straightforward. Whenever possible, opt for products made from recycled materials over virgin stock. (It's why our toilet paper recommendation is recycled.) Around 68% of paper in the U.S. finds a second life. Rapidly growing crops like bamboo might seem like a panacea here, but only if you know what to look for. Demand for the wood-y grass has jumped so much that some farmers clear forests to grow it or create monocultures, so look for products bearing a Forest Stewardship Council certification to make certain proper steps have been taken when sourcing materials.

Beyond those everyday actions, you can also stay involved with advocacy organizations focused on stemming deforestation. The Rainforest Action Network is a good place to start; they organize campaigns telling brands and leaders to clean up their acts.

*Angela Drake, ECO Team Editor-at-Large*



# Thirsty Thursday & THEOLOGY

Join Pastor Phil for a discussion of  
*Empathy in Our Culture*

*"The fundamental weakness of Western Civilization is empathy."  
- Elon Musk*

September 18th, 7pm

*Third Thursday of the Month*

*Braveheart Highland Pub Lowlands Bar*

# MARCUS BORG Beyond Belief

New Adult Christian Education Series beginning mid-September...

**"Beyond Belief" with Marcus Borg**  
will be a video discussion series on  
faith, the church, and our beliefs  
in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.

How does Christianity help us with our living? What is real and true?  
Does our faith call us to live in certain and distinct ways?

The **Stewardship Team** would  
like to remind you of our  
ongoing, month-long  
**Special Offering Option**

## September 2025

*supporting the position of*

**Youth & Family Minister**  
Josh Gulotta

Please ensure your giving envelope and/or check  
is clearly marked with your intentions.  
Electronic giving is also available online through Vanco.

Christ Lutheran Church  
69 Main Street, Hellertown  
brings its Congregants *AND* Community...

# Reiki



*COMPLIMENTARY* Half-Hour Sessions

with a Reiki Master

*APPOINTMENTS* highly recommended and greatly appreciated

Monday, September 8<sup>th</sup>, 4:30 - 7:00pm

Contact Judy Chernikovich-Clemens for details and to schedule your appointment today!

☎ 610-657-2607 ✉ [jbird1952@yahoo.com](mailto:jbird1952@yahoo.com)

# September Birthdays

Lawrence Achey 1st  
Kelly Meyer 1st  
Christine Sem 2nd  
Lainey Gutshall 3rd  
Kimberly Kemmerer 3rd  
Louis Zavacky 3rd  
Jane Wachinski 4th  
Josue Davila 5th  
Deborah Martin 5th  
Brett Gawronski 6th  
Randy Rotondo 7th  
Ted Arnold 8th  
Jillian Werbisky 8th  
Conner Pierce 9th  
Aaron Harley 10th  
Caitlin McNeish 10th  
Lesley Sa 10th  
Courtney Snyder 11th  
John Sagrati 12th  
Isabelle Zellers 13th

Gregor Ivenz 14th  
Iris Kubisek 15th  
Lilian Kubisek 15th  
Maile Lentz 15th  
Lee Wagner 15th  
Sharon Harley 16th  
David Mayer 17th  
Diane Ackerman 18th  
Michael Kinker 18th  
Amanda Raup 18th  
Joslynn Rose 18th  
Nicole Spirk 18th  
Maya Stoeckley 18th  
Ryan Homa 19th  
John Jacoby 19th  
William Nagy 19th  
Richard Smith 19th  
Joe Tarulli 20th  
Addison Anthony 21st  
Francene Drake 21st

Janette Moyer 21st  
Bonnie Wismer 21st  
Donna Jenny 22nd  
Sandy Moran 22nd  
Rick Weirback 22nd  
Adyson Staruck 23rd  
Adam Benza 24th  
Heidi Rotondo 24th  
Dianne Herstich 26th  
Ethan Braxmeier 27th  
Drew Hamman 27th  
Colin Harley 27th  
Glenn Riegel 27th  
Robert Rogers 27th  
Ronald Weirbach 27th  
Drew Kmetz 29th  
Donna Miller 30th

## SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

David & Mandy Mayer 9/1/2012

Bob & Chris Uttard 9/8/1973

Glenn & Mariah Butterfield 9/10/2011

David & Kathy Jackson 9/16/1994

Cliff & Kay Cole 9/18/1993

Tim Brown & Kelly-Anne Suarez 9/20/2017

Tim & Leigh Feather 9/20/2003

Chris & Ali Myers 9/20/2014

Jason & Ashley Viegas 9/23/2023

Mike & Ursula Merriman 9/24/1994

John & Gail Varady 9/28/1968

Zach & Bre Barket 9/29/2018





**Atrial Fibrillation  
Awareness Month**  
SEPTEMBER

Visit our Information Room off the Narthex for Educational Materials

# Enid Rank

Faith Community Nurse

If you have any questions or would like any additional information on anything listed on this page, please don't hesitate to contact me.



[nurse@clcht.org](mailto:nurse@clcht.org)  
610-349-2970



**Meal Ministry  
Monday**  
**September 22nd**  
*Lite fare delivery to the homebound*

**Communion Service**  
**Saucon Valley Manor**  
1050 Main Street Hellertown, PA 18055  
**Thursday September 18th**  
**2:00pm**

Parishioners welcome to join Josh, Bonnie, and Enid for some worshipping, singing and mingling!

**GIGGLES** Women's Group  
Girls In God Growing Loving Eating Sharing

**September 3rd**

God's work. Our hands. Service Project  
**Military Gratitude Notes**

**September 10th**

September Book Offering

**"More Beautiful Than Before"**  
**by Steve Leder**



**Wednesdays with Enid**  
**10:00am in the South Lounge**



**SPEECH & DEBATE**

directed by Rae Labadie

**Sunday, September 7<sup>th</sup> @ 2:00<sup>pm</sup>**  
**Civic Theatre 514**  
(Small theatre across from main Civic Theatre building)

Wickedly funny and surprisingly profound, Stephen Karam's *Speech & Debate* is a sharp, smart comedy that dives headfirst into the awkward, angsty world of adolescence—and the fierce need to be heard. When three misfit teens in Salem, Oregon, discover a scandal involving one of their teachers, they form an unlikely alliance through their school's Speech & Debate Team. What starts as a mission for justice quickly spirals into a wild, witty rollercoaster of secrets, identity, and the power of speaking your truth. With razor-sharp dialogue and a deeply human heart, *Speech & Debate* is a bold, timely play that's as hilarious as it is heartfelt. Come see why Stephen Karam is one of the most exciting voices in American theater—this is one debate you won't want to miss!

**Tickets \$31 available in the Church Office**  
*Physical tickets received day of performance prior to show*

**A Faith Community Fellowship Event**

# SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

SUNDAY


MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

	<b>1 LABOR DAY</b>  	<b>2</b> 10:30am Chair Yoga Noon Men's Group	<b>3</b> 8:30am Quilters 10am GIGGLES	<b>4</b> 10:30am Chair Yoga 12:15pm Bible Study 5:30pm Quilters	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 9:30am Yoga
<b>7 KICK-OFF</b> 9am Adult Christian Education 9am Sunday School 10am Worship w/Communion 11am Conf Class #1 2pm Speech & Debate <i>Civic Theatre</i>	<b>8</b> 4:30-7pm Reiki	<b>9</b> 10:30am Chair Yoga Noon Men's Group	<b>10</b> 8:30am Quilters 10am GIGGLES 5pm Learning Center Open House	<b>11</b> 10:30am Chair Yoga 12:15pm Bible Study 5:30pm Quilters	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> 9:30am Yoga
<b>14 GWOH</b> 9am Adult Christian Education 9am Sunday School 10am Worship 11am Brunch GWOH Volunteer Luncheon 11am D&D	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> 10:30am Chair Yoga Noon Men's Group 7pm Church Council	<b>17</b> 8:30am Quilters 10am GIGGLES	<b>18</b> 10:30am Chair Yoga 12:15pm Bible Study 2pm Communion <i>SV Manor</i> 5:30pm Quilters 7pm Thirsty Thursday <i>Braveheart</i>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> 9:30am Yoga
<b>21 BAPTISM</b> 9am Adult Christian Education 9am Sunday School 10am Worship	<b>22</b> 11am Meal Ministry	<b>23</b> 10:30am Chair Yoga Noon Men's Group	<b>24</b> 8:30am Quilters 10am GIGGLES 10am-1pm Lunch Prep & Serve <i>New Bethany</i>	<b>25</b> 10:30am Chair Yoga 12:15pm Bible Study 5:30pm Quilters	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> 9:30am Yoga
<b>28 ANNIVERSARY BIBLE SUNDAY</b> 9am Adult Christian Education 9am Sunday School 10am Worship 11am Quiet Communion 11am Conf Class #1 11am D&D	<b>29</b> 7pm BookClub	<b>30</b> 10:30am Chair Yoga Noon Men's Group				



# Youth & Family Minister

Email: [yfm@clcht.org](mailto:yfm@clcht.org)

Josh Gulotta

Office Hours: Monday thru Friday, 9am to 2pm



## Get Your Bible Here!

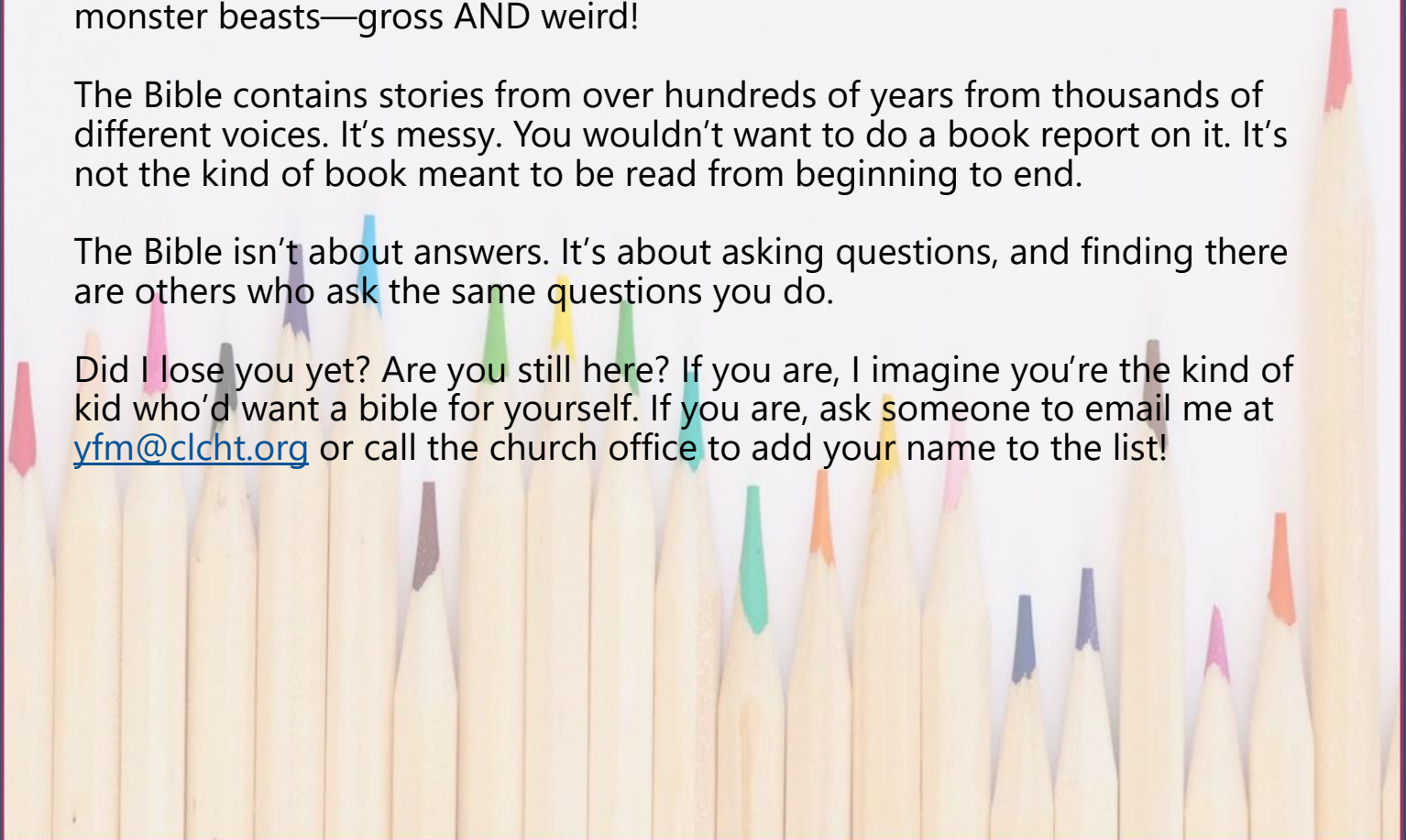
September 28th is Bible Sunday, the day when Christ Lutheran gifts Bibles to our Third and Fourth Graders.

If the Bible wasn't the Bible, there's no way grownups would let you kids read it. There are stories in the Bible that would knock your socks off! There's a man who kills a thousand people with a jawbone of a donkey—gross! There's a bear that attacks a bunch of kids for calling someone bald—weird! And the angels in the Bible aren't pretty winged humans in robes; they're terrifying monster beasts—gross AND weird!

The Bible contains stories from over hundreds of years from thousands of different voices. It's messy. You wouldn't want to do a book report on it. It's not the kind of book meant to be read from beginning to end.

The Bible isn't about answers. It's about asking questions, and finding there are others who ask the same questions you do.

Did I lose you yet? Are you still here? If you are, I imagine you're the kind of kid who'd want a bible for yourself. If you are, ask someone to email me at [yfm@clcht.org](mailto:yfm@clcht.org) or call the church office to add your name to the list!



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