

# CHRIST CHRONICLE

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Dear Friends in Christ,

I write these words as our country experiences the total solar eclipse. It dawned on me (pun intended) that even in the areas of totality, as the moon passed between the earth and the sun, the light of the sun never completely disappeared! The account of creation in Genesis reminds us that He created the sun, the moon, and the stars to number the days, the seasons, and the years. What a beautiful creation our Lord has made.

We know the Lord has used His heavenly creation to mark important events and to serve as poignant reminders of His sovereign presence in our world. He worked through Joshua to make the “sun stand still” so the Israelites could finish a battle. He set a star in the sky to announce to the world the birth of His only Son, our Savior and Lord!

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REFORMATION  
1517-2017

Save  
the  
Date!

Celebrate the Reformation  
Worship Service  
Sunday, October 29  
\* 5:00 PM \*

Sandia Circuit  
Christ Lutheran Church

Pre-Service Music  
Reception Following Service  
District President Anderson

Bring a  
Friend

## Christ Lutheran Church Officers & Board Members

Chairman - Jerry Shroff  
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We need to be reminded again and again that when our lives are eclipsed by trials, tragedies, tribulations, temptations, and tempests – when the darkness comes, The Son is always there. The Son is so much bigger than our trials... all of those things that get in the way and block our view. What an awesome Son He is!



As our Lord used the heavens with Joshua and Yeshua (Jesus) I believe He can also use an eclipse to remind people that our world, indeed our universe, is fearfully and wonderfully made. While our world tries to eclipse the truth of the Gospel, and deny the reality of God, Jesus Christ is always there. Nothing in all of creation can separate us from His incredible, life-saving love. (Romans 8). The Light of Life is a Light that no darkness can overcome. (John 1).

The challenge for all of us, is to remind people in the midst of the eclipses they face in their lives, and those living in darkness and denial, that there is a God who loves them unconditionally. There is a Son who cannot be hidden – a Savior who shattered the darkness of sin with the gift of forgiveness, the power of death with life, and despair with hope.

Let the Light of Christ shine through you! Let people see the hope and joy you have in the promises of forgiveness and salvation that come by Him!

In Christ,

Pastor Neal Groeling



## BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC

Beginning September 10th, blood pressures will again be taken during the time between services. There are three nurses who will alternate, advise you about the numbers, and give you a note for your doctor for your records. There is **NO CHARGE** for this service. Barbara Mason, Susan Lund and Eunice Hoeft will be the nurses with the equipment, next to the donut table.

This will be offered every second Sunday of the month.



**From the Principal**

*Kim Rasmussen*



Change. It's a six letter word meaning to make or become different. It seems so simple, yet it's so complex. We've had a lot of change here at Christ Lutheran Church and School in the past few years. As a lifelong (or at least since the third grade) Lutheran, I have to say, I'm not always comfortable with change. It can be scary. Let's face it, we like things familiar, comfortable, understandable and predictable.

We started school this year with some new staff. We welcome Tallie Elbert and Kimery Doyle, as well as Rasa Bernota, Myranda Anderson, Renee Garcia, Dennae Keryte, and Leticia Guyer. We also welcome Mr. Bruce back. As of right now, we have 160 students, 2 year old through 8<sup>th</sup> grade. Wow – that's 160 opportunities to share God's love with his children. 160 chances to let the Holy Spirit work through us to serve. 160 opportunities for service, ministry, and love.

Our school theme this year is "It's Still All About Jesus." This is also the National Lutheran School's Theme this year and it's apropos in light of all of our changes. Hebrews 13:8 says, "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever." Changes don't have to be scary with the promises of Jesus. He saved us, loves us, and will take us to live with Him in Heaven someday. Trusting in Him, we can look at change as an opportunity to share His love with everyone He sends our way.

**CHRIST LUTHERAN SCHOOL**

## From the Congregation President

*Jerry Shroff, Congregation Chairman*



## WE ARE SO BLESSED!!!

This is always one of my favorite times of the year. With the start of a new school year, new mission and ministry, new faculty and Boards it is a great time to re-energize ourselves. It is a great time to also reflect on all the great things God did this last year in our Mission and Ministry.

I shared many of these celebrations at our recent Congregation Meeting. It would take me the whole Chronicle to share again. So instead I am just going to give a snap shot of God's many Blessings this past year.

Substantial support was given to our school, God Cares About You, Benjamin Helge, District/Synod Support, Velarde Mexican Mission, Matske Mission, St. Andrews, The Navajo Nation, Vacation Bible School, Food Pantry, Isleta and much more.

In our school 169 children (55 pre-school, 114 K-8) were able to hear about Jesus on a daily basis while receiving an exemplary education. Families joined our family of Faith. We were blessed with a committed teaching and administrative staff.

At God Cares About You the Back to Work Tuesday morning program impacted 60 people monthly; Thursday Bible Study 186; Food and clothing support to over 500 people a month. There were over 3,000 shares of Jesus Love to individuals during each month. GCAY received grants for upwards of \$65,000 with an additional \$33,000 donated at the Sunday offering of the National LWML Convention.

God used us as workers to make many hospital visits, and countless meals for support. Our Quilters quilted hundreds of quilts. Thousands of bottles of water, clothing items, health necessities, and school supplies were donated. Our food pantry was continually stocked. Our first class of Stephen Ministers completed well over 50 hours of training and have begun to put the gifts God has given them into action.

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## TREASURY REPORT

Our Mission and Ministry financial status for the fiscal year ending July 31, 2017

As of July 31st we received \$489,753 in offerings out of \$545,879 planned for the FY 16/17. We averaged \$9,418 per week in offerings. Our planned average was \$10,094 per week. We were \$676 per week below our planned average.

Our approved expenses were \$1,387,066. As of July 31st, we spent \$1,391,115, which was \$4,049 more than planned for the fiscal year.

### APPROVED BUDGET FY 16/17

|   |                    |
|---|--------------------|
| Planned Expense                           | \$1,387,066        |
| Planned Income:                           |                    |
| Offerings                                 | \$545,879          |
| Non-Offerings Income                      | \$13,500           |
| Special Offerings                         | \$23,000           |
| Thrivent Choice                           | \$7,000            |
| School Income                             | \$801,381          |
| <b>TOTAL PLANNED INCOME</b>               | <b>\$1,390,760</b> |
| <b>PLANNED SURPLUS (+) OR DEFICIT (-)</b> | <b>+\$3,694</b>    |

### ACTUAL INCOME AS OF JULY 31st

|                                |                    |
|--------------------------------|--------------------|
| Offerings                      | \$489,753          |
| Non-Offerings                  | \$10,955           |
| Special Contributions to M & M | \$27,867           |
| Thrivent Choice                | \$4,432            |
| School Income                  | \$725,402          |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                   | <b>\$1,258,408</b> |

### ACTUAL EXPENSES AS OF JULY 31st

| BOARD               | FY PLANNED         | FY ACTUAL          | LARGEST EXPENSE  |
|---------------------|--------------------|--------------------|------------------|
| Administration      | \$5,250            | \$5,952            | Admin. Supplies  |
| Church Council      | \$14,188           | \$16,006           | Synod Support    |
| Christian Education | \$50,250           | \$44,704           | K-8 Materials    |
| Human Care          | \$2,250            | \$3,342            | Stephen Ministry |
| Lay Ministry        | \$5,550            | \$4,906            | Sunday School    |
| Missions            | \$19,600           | \$19,600           | Helge            |
| Fellowship          | \$1,000            | \$353              | Kitchen Supplies |
| Marketing           | \$12,000           | \$19,751           | Online Marketing |
| Stewardship         | \$450              | \$466              | Envelopes        |
| Youth               | \$5,300            | \$2,586            | CLY & JoY        |
| Compensation        | \$1,030,878        | \$1,042,505        | Salaries         |
| <b>TOTAL</b>        | <b>\$1,387,066</b> | <b>\$1,391,115</b> |                  |

### FY 16/17 FINANCIAL SUMMARY

|                         |                   |
|-------------------------|-------------------|
| Total Income            | \$1,258,408       |
| Actual Expenses         | \$1,391,115       |
| Actual FY 16/17 Deficit | <b>-\$132,707</b> |

As we start a new Fiscal Year, Together with the Grace of God, we can meet the challenge He has placed before us to further His Mission at Christ Lutheran Church and School.

### Christ Lutheran Chronicle

The *Chronicle* is published for members and friends of Christ Lutheran Church & School. News items and articles are due in the church office on the 15th of the month prior to the month in which you wish to be published. Your submission may be edited for content or length. Thank you for your participation and cooperation! ☺



## FROM THE BOARD OF YOUTH

It has been a while since our last installment. The youth group has still been active. We had an event at Gravity Park in June where we welcomed the incoming sixth graders. In August, the youth attended an Isotopes game and also went to the Big Daddy Weave concert.

We lost two members from our youth program due to graduation. We wish them good luck and they will be truly missed. We eagerly anticipate the incoming sixth graders to take their place.

We also welcomed new board members that are bringing a new enthusiasm to the program. We can't wait to get back in the swing of things now that school has started.

Thanks for all your support,  
CLY and JoY



### Fellowship Meal

The Fellowship Board is happy to announce the start-up of Fellowship Meals!

The first Fellowship Meal of the year, as always, will be sponsored by the Fellowship Board.

**When:** Wed. September 6th at 5:45 p.m.

**Where:** Parish Hall

**What:** Build your own Frito Pie/Nachos/Taco Salad

We look forward to  
seeing you all at the meal!

Look for the poster board in the Narthex to sign your group up to host a meal.



## NOTES FROM YOUR MUSIC DIRECTOR

By Beth Shroff

*Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth;  
Break forth into joyous song and sing praises! (Psalm 98:4)*

Welcome back!

Our choirs will resume rehearsals in September after Labor Day!

We are in need of new voices and faces and smiles!! Join us!!

Being a member provides the opportunity to get to know a few more people at Christ Lutheran. We enjoy our time together. It gives you the means to add to our worship services on a regular basis. It lets you make music with joy for our Lord!

Choir meets on Wednesday evenings starting September 6 at 7 p.m. in the sanctuary. The Bell Choir meets on Thursday evenings starting September 7 at 7-8 p.m. in the balcony. We can teach you how to play bells, if you have never played before.

Looking ahead to October, Christ Lutheran will be hosting the Circuit-wide Reformation 500 Service at 5 p.m. on Sunday, October 29. I will be looking for voices and ringers to participate in special music for that day. Maybe you'd like to make a short-term commitment until then. I would like to add hymnody by Martin Luther in our Sunday services leading up to that day.

Do you know Luther's famous quote? **Next to the Word of God, the noble art of music is the greatest treasure in the world.**

I love sharing the gift of music with you, and leading you in praises to our God! Thank you for being a "singing congregation!" It is so wonderful that you join together in singing hymns! Please consider joining a choir and further offering your gifts and thanks to God in music.

*Speak to one another with psalms, hymns and spiritual songs. Sing and make music in your heart to the Lord, always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. (Ephesians 5:19-20, NIV)*

Newsletter for God Cares About You, a Ministry of Christ Lutheran Church,  
7701 Candelaria Rd. NE, ABQ NM 87110 (505.884.3876)

**OPENING BIBLE VERSE:** Matthew 7:7-8  
Jesus said, “Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; he who seeks finds; and to him who knocks, the door will be opened.”

**DEAR PARTNERS IN CHRIST:** Below is the God Cares About You goal and primary focus as to why we do what we do... God Cares About You Goal: To share God's Word from the Bible and the Gospel of Jesus Christ in new outreaches and to strengthen believers in those outreaches in order to build up the body of Christ to the glory of God.

**Focus:** Our primary focus is evangelism and discipleship near East Central Avenue in Albuquerque, using both Spanish and English. We also are sharing the love of Christ by helping with food, clothing, teaching English, our Back to Work Program, Children's Bible Club and Life Recovery programs.

Why we do what we do: The words of Jesus in Matthew 28: 19-20 “Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

Because of our main goal and focus, we have a devoted team member that recently changed her life and was baptized at the mission by Pastor Groeling of Christ Lutheran Church. Due to her devotion and life change, she inspired her friend and her friend's son to come to the mission and volunteer. We also recently encountered a mother of a 9-year-old little girl who came to us for help. In tears, she explained to us that her daughter is bipolar and suicidal. We all helped to encourage her with trust and faith in Jesus and Lionel gave her a referral to an agency that helps with these types of deficien-

# MISSIONS



across the street & around the world

cies. She thanked us because we gave her hope in her time of need. These are just a couple of examples of why we do what we do at the mission!

**THANKS FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT:**  
If you would like to support us financially, please make your check payable to Christ Lutheran:

Mark “God Cares About You” on the memo line  
Mail to: Christ Lutheran  
7701 Candelaria Rd. NE ABQ, NM 87110

We thank you in advance!

**CLOSING PRAYER:** Lord, thank you for being our hope and our joy, our peace and our salvation. Thank you for binding our wounds and for never tiring of our prayers. Thank you for your consistent, unconditional love that never changes whether we fail, fall, or stay on track on our journey. Thank you for all the times that you have stood by us... while people let us down and disappoint us, you never do. How great you are Father and how great is your loving compassion towards us. In Jesus' precious name we pray, Amen!

Liz

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We shared our facilities with outside groups including Alcoholics Anonymous, Al-Anon, Gamblers Anonymous, Life Ring, Cribbage Club, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Neighborhood associations – even the Turtle and Tortoise Club.

We were able to grow together and in our journey to better serve our Lord through 8 plus Bible Studies and youth classes on Sunday morning and throughout the week. Our Sunday school grew substantially with not only more children hearing the message of Jesus but a very active group of volunteers facilitating it.

We had Fellowship Meals almost every Wednesday from September through May supporting many great causes. Other fellowship events including Church Picnic, Bunco and more bunco, Chili Cook-off, Caroling, Ladies Luau, Meat, Meat Meat, Easter Egg Hunts, Senior Banquet, 4<sup>th</sup> of July Barbeque, Ice Cream Social, and Luther Movie Night (took up two theatres) enabled us to share the love of Christ.

Youth activities including Chili Cook-Off, Chris Tomlin, VBS support, middle school fun nights, bowling, hanging out, sardines, building burritos, Easter Breakfast, Senior Banquet and more. Our seniors had many fun fellowship outings including the Albuquerque Museum, a visit to Chimayo, the

Police Department Museum, the Aeronautics Museum, Channel 4, a winery, and a brewery!

We enjoyed music through our Choir, Bell Choir, Joyful Noise, Sunday School Concert, Christmas Concert, School Choir and Band Concerts, The Weeping Tree Cantata, and so much more.

Our grounds aren't so beautiful by accident. So much love and attention is given to them by so many volunteers.

Our capital campaign for our chancel area and sanctuary air conditioning raised \$515,410 toward our goal of \$590,158 through the end of June. With no significant funds outside of Mission and Ministry our Board of Church Properties and volunteers repurposed our old church offices with a band room, general office and large conference room. Our extended care room in our school facilities received a substantial face lift through mostly sweat equity.

It is humbling to see God's hand in the servant hearts of this congregation. It is at times like this it is easy to say THANK YOU LORD JESUS.

God's Peace,  
Jerry

## Scrip (Gift Cards) at Christ Lutheran Church & School

Karen Kolke, Coordinator

We sold \$22,590.29 worth of gift cards during the month of August.

We gave out \$874.01 of "free" money that went to the many distribution groups available for you to choose from:



Capital Improvement Fund earned \$77.40 with 14 families participating  
 School Scholarship Fund earned \$12.82 with 5 families participating  
 School Tuition distributed \$92.07 with 6 families participating  
 Extended Care distributed \$19.53 with 2 families participating  
 Playground Fund distributed \$32.40 with 4 families participating  
 Youth Accounts distributed \$50.93 with 3 families participating  
 God Cares About You Mission distributed \$4.69 with 1 family participating  
 The Technology Fund received \$584.17 with 40 families participating. Some families put all their distribution toward technology.

If you have questions on how the program works or how to make purchases online, see Karen Kolke or call her at 206-0906.



## September Celebrations!

**“Happy Birthday”** to the following members of who were born in September:

|          |                      |
|----------|----------------------|
| Sept. 1  | Jaycee Klein         |
| Sept. 2  | Doug Rickers         |
| Sept. 5  | Emily Hunter         |
| Sept. 8  | Sandra Barton        |
| Sept. 10 | Barbara Gunderlach   |
| Sept. 15 | Catherine Wertz      |
| Sept. 16 | Jessica Nixon        |
|          | Robert Smalley       |
| Sept. 17 | Viola Johnson        |
|          | Noah Klein           |
| Sept. 18 | Matthew Steinke      |
| Sept. 19 | Marjorie Bowling     |
| Sept. 22 | Ben Ballengee        |
|          | Christopher van Dyck |
| Sept. 23 | Karey Mitchell       |
| Sept. 24 | Michael Handrock     |
|          | Morgan Marchand      |
| Sept. 26 | Mason Saavedra       |
| Sept. 28 | Brian Lund           |



**“Happy Anniversary”** to the following members who were married in September:

|          |                             |
|----------|-----------------------------|
| Sept. 1  | Roger & Grace Buelow        |
| Sept. 2  | Wayne & Donna Muenster      |
| Sept. 4  | Gordon & Renae Postenrieder |
| Sept. 7  | Danny & Lana Thomas         |
| Sept. 10 | Bill & Ellen Larsen         |
|          | Ron & Anne McBrayer         |
|          | Steve & Deborah Schneider   |
|          | Lee & Betty Swanger         |
| Sept. 12 | Donald & Nancy Brul         |
| Sept. 13 | Jerry & Karen Kolke         |
| Sept. 18 | DuWayne & Joy Branscombe    |

*Happy  
Anniversary!*



(Please let the church office know if we missed your special date)

## Worship for Shut-Ins



Watch Sundays at 12:30-1p.m. on the following stations:

Local station - KAZQ-TV 32,  
Comcast Cable - Channel 22,  
Direct TV - Channel 119,  
Dish Satellite Channel 110 & Channel 8817,  
OR at 9:30 a.m. on Direct TV-Channel 377  
(Total Christian Television), OR

Visit the website: [www.worshipforshutins.org](http://www.worshipforshutins.org) and click on the “Online Worship” button. You can watch any recent broadcasts, anytime, day or night!

### September 3, 2017 - Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

#### (Proper 17)

**Psalm:** 26; **Old Testament:** Romans 12:9-21; **Gospel:** Matthew 16:21-28 **“Taking Up a Cross”** - **Sermon Text:** Matthew 16:21-28 - Rev. Dr. Daniel J. Brege. Jesus here states His goal as the Christ: He must die and then rise from the dead. In this work we have an exchange for our souls. As His saved people, we are now empowered to take up our cross and follow Him.

### September 10, 2017 - Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

#### (Proper 18)

**Psalm:** 32; **Epistle:** Romans 13:1-10; **Gospel:** Matthew 18:1-20 **“God’s Economics of Grace”** - **Sermon Text:** Matthew 18:1-20 - Rev. William E. Mueller. Forgiveness is a wonderful thing. Yet it can be very hard to practice. Why should we be so ready to forgive each other? It’s because of what our God has done for us. God’s economics of grace begins at the cross of Jesus!

### September 17, 2017 - Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

#### (Proper 19)

**Psalm:** 103:1-12; **Old Testament:** Genesis 50:15-21; **Gospel:** Matthew 18:21-35 **“Forgive”** - **Sermon Text:** Matthew 18:21-35 - Rev. Dr. Walter A. Maier III. When someone wrongs us, the world says, “Get revenge!” But Christ tells us to respond in a different way: to forgive. We can actually do this, motivated by the Gospel.

### September 24, 2017 - Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

#### (Proper 20)

**Psalm:** 116:12-13, 15-16; **Old Testament:** Isaiah 55:6-9; **Gospel:** Matthew 20:1-16 **“First and Last”** - **Sermon Text:** Matthew 20:1-16 - Rev. James L. Elsner. Waiting your turn was tough when you were a child. And it may not be any easier now! Who wants to be “last”? We’d rather be “first.” Jesus show us the difference.

# September 2017

| Sunday  | Monday  | Tuesday   | Wednesday  | Thursday   | Friday  | Saturday  |
|---|---|---|--|--|---|---|
| <b>27</b><br>8:15 AM Worship with Joyful Noise<br>9:45 AM Sunday School & Bible Class<br>11:00 AM Worship with communion<br>4:00 PM Church & School Picnic        | <b>28</b><br>5:30 PM PTL Meeting  | <b>29</b><br>6:00 AM Men's Bible Study  | <b>30</b><br>8:45 AM Chapel<br>9:15 AM Cherub Choir  | <b>31</b><br>9:30 AM Thursday Bible class<br>7:00 PM Thursday Gambler's Anonymous  | <b>1</b><br>7:00 PM Friday Gam- bler's Anonymous  | <b>2</b><br>9:00 AM Cribbage<br>7:30 PM AA & Al-Anon  |
| <b>3</b><br>8:15 AM Worship with communion<br>9:45 AM Sunday School & Bible Class<br>11:00 AM Worship   | <b>4</b><br>Labor Day<br>NO SCHOOL  | <b>5</b><br>6:00 AM Men's Bible Study<br>6:00 PM Cub Scouts   | <b>6</b><br>8:45 AM Chapel<br>9:15 AM Cherub Choir<br>10:00 AM Kids Love to Dance<br>5:45 PM Fellowship Meal<br>7:00 PM Choir  | <b>7</b><br>9:30 AM Thursday Bible class<br>7:00 PM Bell Choir<br>7:00 PM Thursday Gambler's Anonymous   | <b>8</b><br>7:00 PM Friday Gam- bler's Anonymous  | <b>9</b><br>9:00 AM Cribbage<br>7:30 PM AA & Al-Anon  |
| <b>10</b><br>8:15 AM Worship with piano<br>9:45 AM Sunday School & Bible Class<br>11:00 AM Worship with communion<br>12:20 PM Board of Youth Parent/Youth Meeting | <b>11</b><br>School Pictures<br>6:00 PM Board of Missions mtg.              | <b>12</b><br>School Pictures<br>6:00 AM Men's Bible Study<br>8:45 AM Early Childhood Chapel<br>6:00 PM Stephen Ministry Meeting<br>7:00 PM Board of Fellowship<br>7:30 PM Board of Lay Ministry | <b>13</b><br>School Pictures<br>8:45 AM Chapel<br>10:00 AM Kids Love to Dance<br>5:45 PM Fellowship Meal<br>7:00 PM Choir      | <b>14</b><br>School Pictures<br>9:30 AM Thursday Bible class<br>7:00 PM Bell Choir<br>7:00 PM Thursday Gambler's Anonymous   | <b>15</b><br>9:00 AM Chronicle items due to church office<br>7:00 PM Friday Gam- bler's Anonymous | <b>16</b><br>9:00 AM Cribbage<br>7:30 PM AA & Al-Anon |
| <b>17</b><br>LWML Sunday<br>8:15 AM Worship with communion<br>9:45 AM Sunday School & Bible Class<br>11:00 AM Worship   | <b>18</b><br>3:30 PM Girl Scouts<br>7:00 PM Board of Church Properties mtg. | <b>19</b><br>6:00 AM Men's Bible Study<br>6:30 PM Cub Scouts  | <b>20</b><br>8:45 AM Chapel<br>9:15 AM Cherub Choir<br>10:00 AM Kids Love to Dance<br>5:45 PM Fellowship Meal<br>7:00 PM Choir | <b>21</b><br>9:30 AM Thursday Bible class<br>7:00 PM Bell Choir<br>7:00 PM Thursday Gambler's Anonymous  | <b>22</b><br>7:00 PM Friday Gam- bler's Anonymous   | <b>23</b><br>9:00 AM Cribbage<br>7:30 PM AA & Al-Anon |
| <b>24</b><br>8:15 AM Worship with piano<br>9:45 AM Sunday School & Bible Class<br>11:00 AM Worship with communion   | <b>25</b><br>5:30 PM PTL Meeting  | <b>26</b><br>6:00 AM Men's Bible Study<br>6:00 PM Stephen Ministry Meeting  | <b>27</b><br>8:45 AM Chapel<br>9:15 AM Cherub Choir<br>10:00 AM Kids Love to Dance<br>5:45 PM Fellowship Meal<br>7:00 PM Choir | <b>28</b><br>9:30 AM Thursday Bible class<br>2:30 PM God Cares About You Communi- ion<br>5:45 PM Fellowship Meal<br>7:00 PM Bell Choir<br>7:00 PM Thursday Gambler's Anonymous | <b>29</b><br>3:30 PM Fall Festival<br>7:00 PM Friday Gam- bler's Anonymous                        | <b>30</b><br>9:00 AM Cribbage<br>7:30 PM AA & Al-Anon |

## Services during September

| Date | Time  | Sermon         | Children's      | Lay Minister       | Comm.Ast.     | Ushers   | Counters               | Lector             | Acolyte            | Music           | Sound          |
|------|-------|----------------|-----------------|--------------------|---------------|--|------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|-----------------|----------------|
| 3    | 8:15  | Neal Groeling* | Neal Groeling   | Kelley Burmeister  | Brandon Klein | David Hommel<br>Doug Bickel<br>Bob Dragan<br>Tim Klein             | Lishelle Burmeister    | Aubrey Burnmeister | Beth Shroff        | Linda Groeling  |                |
|      | 11:00 |                |                 | Jerry Shroff       | —             | Ralph Hughes<br>D'Lorah Gothard<br>Warren Henry<br>James Cheek     | Swanger & Postenrieder | Eunice Hoeft       | —                  | Beth Shroff     | Phil Pelzman   |
| 10   | 8:15  | Neal Groeling* | Sarah Handrock  | Matt Helge*        | —             | Bill Larsen<br>Lee Swanger<br>Chris van Dyck<br>Glen Postenrieder  | Bennett & Ricard       | Cheryl Frazine     | Gabe Yoder         | Joyful Noise    | Ben Groeling   |
|      | 11:00 |                |                 | Tim Klein          | Jason Wertz   | Angie Bischoff<br>Dan Curtiss<br>Grace Curtiss<br>Ted Paulat       | Jason Wertz            | William Wertz      | Beth Shroff        | Juanita Steinke |                |
| 17   | 8:15  | Neal Groeling* | Jerry Shroff    | Randy Bennett      | LWML Members  | McBrayer & Oetting   | LWML                   | Calvin van Dyke    | Beth Shroff        | Avery Pelzman   |                |
|      | 11:00 |                |                 | Marty Rasmussen    | —             | LWML Members   | —                      | —                  | Beth Shroff        | Cody Nemitz     |                |
| 24   | 8:15  | Neal Groeling* | James Gruetzner | Jerry Shroff       | —             | Bill Larsen<br>Lee Swanger<br>Chris van Dyck<br>Glen Postenrieder  | Paulat/ Amindyas       | Ron McBryer        | Aubrey Burnmeister | Joyful Noise    | Linda Groeling |
|      | 11:00 |                |                 | Cornelius Amindyas | —             | Barb Gunderlach<br>Dan Curtiss<br>Grace Curtiss<br>D'Lorah Gothard | Kelly Gruetzner        | Athena Amindyas    | Beth Shroff        | Phil Pelzman    |                |

\* Leading liturgy; Greeters: Board of Stewardship    Altar Society: Danielle & Kevin Lukow, Henderson    Flowers: Barbara Wertz

☺ Thank you to James Gruetzner for compiling this worship schedule each month. ☺

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## Fall Festival

7701 CANDELARIA  
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SEP 29  
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3:30pm  
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6:30pm

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**ALL ARE INVITED!!!**

The poster features a large orange maple leaf graphic. The text "CHRIST LUTHERAN" is written in a serif font above the leaf, and "Fall Festival" is written in a large, stylized, cursive font below it. A banner with orange and yellow triangular flags is positioned above the leaf. Below the leaf, the address "7701 CANDELARIA ALBUQUERQUE, NM" is listed with a right-pointing arrow to its left. To the right of the date "SEP 29 2017" is a small orange butterfly graphic. To the right of the time "3:30pm until 6:30pm" is another small orange butterfly graphic. Below the address, a large orange and yellow striped pumpkin graphic is positioned next to a right-pointing arrow. To the right of the pumpkin is a list of activities: "Games • Jump Houses • Food" and "Cake Walk • Races • High Striker". Below this list is the phone number "Questions? Call 884-3876". The entire poster is framed by a decorative border of brown dots.

# CHURCH & SCHOOL STAFF SPOTLIGHT



**Talitha Elbert**

**MIDDLE SCHOOL TEACHER - 6th GRADE HOMEROOM TEACHER – SCIENCE AND SPANISH**

Hello! Miss Elbert, here! As a pastor's daughter and a military brat, I've learned that God causes us to be fruitful wherever He plants us and because of that- every place can grow to be a home. This will be my first year teaching at Christ Lutheran School and I couldn't be more excited to call this place my home and see what the Lord has in store for me and my middle schoolers this year. I received my B.S. in Education just recently in December 2016 from Concordia University, Nebraska. My focus was on middle through high school education with endorsements in Biology, Spanish, and credits towards my Lutheran Teacher's Diploma (LTD). I spent this past spring as a long-term substitute in teaching sixth grade Reading and Language Arts. With my new experience and a new set of ideas, I'm ready to embrace my new set of subjects and work with the Christ Lutheran family. As a "science nerd," I have enjoyed soaking in the field of science ever since I was a young girl. From the creative innovation of science fair projects, to the in-class discoveries of abstract topics, I have always been in favor of connecting the concepts and nitty-gritty details of the science world to the real world. By implementing the students' interests and personalities, my hope is that they grow to love the limitless wonders of science! The Land of Enchantment is also the perfect setting for hands-on learning and experience in the Spanish language. With more time spent in this elective this year, I'm looking forward to seeing the students branch out of their comfort zones in both language and perspective! I pray that the kids this year become just as "enchanted" with the Spanish language as I am! I'm ready for a year of culture and inquiry, growth in the Lord, and all of the joys and adventures that come along with middle school! Ready or not, Albuquerque, here I come!

**Kimery Doyle**

**3RD GRADE TEACHER**



Kimery Doyle earned her Bachelor of Arts in Interdisciplinary Studies (K – 8) at Western Governors University, completed her student teaching at Christ Lutheran Schools, and is licensed to teach in the states of New Mexico, North Carolina, and Virginia. She is beginning her fifth year in teaching and fourteenth year in education.

Her experiences in education include: four years of middle school English, a year of kindergarten through eighth grade P.E., eighth grade Technology, high school Assistant Athletic Director, middle school Truancy Officer, middle school Administrative Assistant, and high school and collegiate Pole Vault Coach. Mrs. Doyle's adventurous and fun loving spirit is evident in the classroom where she is a proponent of Project Based Learning (PBL). PBLs are used to encourage students to be inquisitive and imaginative while problem solving, which in turn creates an atmosphere where learning takes place. When Mrs. Doyle isn't encouraging students to discover and develop their interests, she can be found spending time with her family, which includes three grandsons. She feels blessed to be back home at Christ Lutheran where she began her teaching career

Proverbs 3:5-6 New King James Version (NKJV) *Trust in the Lord with all your heart, And lean not on your own understanding; 6 In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He shall direct[a] your paths.*



**Jennifer Hurt**

**SCHOOL SECRETARY**

Originally from Troy, Michigan, I attended school at Western Michigan University where I studied accounting. From there, I've lived in quite a few places – Dallas, Texas, where I worked as a bank teller, then I moved to Southern California where I worked my way up from a data entry clerk to Assistant to the CFO for an electronics company. After spending 7 years in SoCal, I moved to Atlanta where I worked as a property tax associate for a year before moving to Connecticut where I met my husband, Steve. While in Connecticut, I worked as an Accounts Receivable Clerk then becoming the Assistant Controller of a Marriott in southeastern Connecticut. We lived in Connecticut for 7 years. And in those seven years we had 2 beautiful boys, Ethan and Samuel. We are a military family (my husband is a Submariner in the Navy) and in 2013 we were transferred from Connecticut to San Diego, California. After spending 3 years in San Diego, we were transferred here to Albuquerque. We've only been here a year and we absolutely love it! We have met so many wonderful people and made so many great friends that it will be hard to say goodbye once it's time to move again. In the meantime, I am incredibly excited to serve as your school secretary!

**Are you in need of a Stephen Minister?  
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## HONOR CIRCLE

### Honor Circle

Welcome back after a busy summer! I am sure we all have lots about which to share. We decided a long time ago in May to try Vick's Vittles at 8810 Central this month. It is east of the ART project so we can get there easily from Wyoming. It is on the south side of the street and parking is in the back. I will make a reservation for 11:45 a.m. for all of us. Please let Eunice Hoeft or Marcia Koschmann know if you can come and if you need a ride. If any interested lady turned 55 this summer, please feel free to join us... or even if you didn't, come anyway. We spend the whole time chatting and eating.

# Senior *fellowship*

It is September so it is time to start the CLC-S Senior Fellowship monthly activities again! Our outing this month will be on Friday, September 22th. We will meet in the church parking lot at 10:45 a.m. and car pool to the Shark Reef Café for lunch. After lunch we will tour the Botanical Garden. The cost for the Botanical Garden is \$5.50 for NM seniors. The Botanical Garden is 100% handicap accessible with plenty of places to stop and rest. Items on the Shark Reef Café menu run from \$9-\$14. If you would like to join us, give Lee Swanger (294-6752) or Eunice Hoeft (889-9705) a call.

## YOUTH NEWS

### CLY - Christ Lutheran Youth (9<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> Graders)

#### Up-Coming Events:

**Sun. Sept. 10:** Parent/Youth Meeting @12:20 in the Parish Hall. **Fri. Sept. 15:** Help with Middle School Event 7-9:30.

**Teacher for High School Bible Class:** Noah Rasmussen

### JoY - Jesus and You with nOthing in-between (6<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> Graders)

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## Christ Lutheran Women's Guild/LWML

As I write this, children are preparing for the first day of school. Summer is over and Fall has arrived, even though the temperature is still nearly 90. During the summer, Christ Lutheran Women's Guild elected new officers. I'm the newly elected president, Debbie Yocky. Karen Kolke is Vice President, Lois Postenreider is Treasurer and Betty Swanger is Secretary.

The Woman's Guild is our congregation's LWML society. (Ask me sometime why we are called a Guild). Our society has two monthly Bible studies: New Beginnings meets on the second Friday morning of each month; Vespers meets on the fourth Tuesday night of each month. This year both groups will be studying Deb Burma's book "Sip, Savor and Drink Deeply". Choose the time that works for best for you. If your schedule changes you can easily transition to the other group. All women are welcome. Stay tuned for information about a joint kick-off event. Contact Debbie Yocky or Beth Shroff for more information. We will be ordering materials soon and would like to have a book for everyone prior to New Beginnings first meeting on September 8<sup>th</sup>.

Our congregation will be celebrating LWML Sunday on September 17<sup>th</sup>. This service will celebrate the LWML's 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. The women of the congregation will serve as readers, ushers and greeters. Volunteers are still needed. Put on your purple and come celebrate.

Please ask me how you can become involved with the LWML and Christ Lutheran Women's Guild. We gather for Bible study, fellowship, fun and to gather mite offerings to support mission grants. I can't wait to meet new people and welcome back familiar faces. Contact information: Debbie Yocky 822-0767 or dyocky@comcast.net

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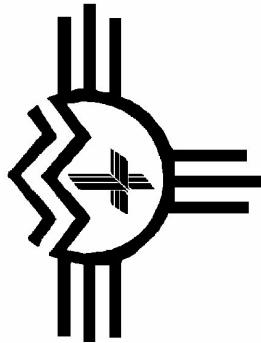
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