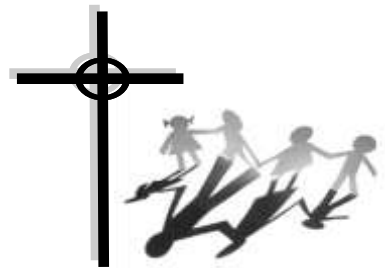


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SEPTEMBER DATES TO REMEMBER

Sept 10	Crazy Pancake Breakfast
Sept 11	Rally Day
Sept 16-18	SES- WELCA Convention
Sept 25	Youth Group and Confirmation begins

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Welcome Katherine Museus!

Katherine is our new Youth Minister! Katherine is a second year Divinity student at Vanderbilt. She has worked in youth ministry as a camp counselor in outdoor ministry as well as taught Sunday School for children of all ages. She has degree in theater arts and religion, with a minor in music. We are so blessed to have you join us here at Christ Katherine!



Hello everyone!

My name is Katherine, and I'm a second-year Master of Divinity student at Vanderbilt Divinity School. I'm a proud Minnesotan, but I also lived in Michigan and Wisconsin before moving down to warm, warm Nashville last year. I love playing music, playing games, and playing with lightsabers (it had to come out sometime). I'm very excited to be joining what already seems like a wonderful, warm community, and I look forward to meeting everyone!

A note from Pastor Gordy

Greetings everyone!

Back in June we gathered for a conversation about mission and ministry here at Christ. We talked about where we felt God was calling us and using our gifts in our community. In those conversations many of you voiced hopes and dreams for an active youth program and lots of kids!

This July we witnessed some of that hope fulfilled with our VBS program. 59 youth attended our VBS from our neighborhood, San Matias, NEKC, and our Swahili Worshipping Community!! It was wonderful!!!

We plan to reprise this event quarterly with a mini –VBS type event with the first one being the Crazy Pancake Breakfast this month. We hope that the children in our neighborhood will come to know us as Christ's place – where one can come and be loved and accepted and learn about the love of Jesus.

We also have made strides toward the dream for an active youth program. We have added to our staff Katherine Museus, who will work with our youth of all ages. Youth group and confirmation classes are beginning again. In addition to our school aged youth, infant – toddlers – preschoolers will also have a special faith formation program on Sundays. New guidelines have been developed for the nurture and safety of our youngest members and the use of the nursery.

I encourage all parents to bring their children and youth to church to take part in all the wonderful things happening and so that their faith may grow through encountering God's Word in fun and creative ways. It is so important for them as they grow in a rapidly changing and complicated world. Jesus said "Let the children come to me". Let it be so. God's love, *Pastor+*

CLCW News

Well, were geared up for convention 9/16-18 in Guntersville,AL. We have over 200 school kits and layettes to be shipped. Saturday, Sept. 10th at 9am we need volunteers to help load the stuff and take to the LWR truck at Advent Lutheran in Murfreesboro. Muscled men welcomed. We also have over 200 chocolate hearts to wrap and ready for convention...they'll be centerpieces (dibs on the one on my table). We'll also be taking our pop tops and soup labels. Our thanks for all your support.

We still don't have final dates but babysitting for the Jewish Holy Days is coming up quickly. Please volunteer...all members, friends, relatives..we need you!!! Don't make Maggie cry.

Our Women's Retreat will be October 21-22, with the place to be announced. We'll gather Friday evening at 5pm with supper at 6pm. Devotions and worship will follow, then games and craft. Saturday after breakfast, Sandra Braasch will give a presentation on preserving God's universe by "going green". Watch for further details.

Ladies, keep Thursday evening 6pm, November 17th open as this will be our annual Thanksgiving meal and business meeting. Turkey and ham will be provided by the board...everyone else please bring a side dish [and soap, of course]. Our business meeting includes voting in 2 members for the board. Clara and Loretta are going off. We will be gathering nominations so please consider serving.

Remember, we would appreciate help Saturday, September 10th, 9am to load our donations to LWR.

Thank you.

Namaste, Kris

Sunday School and Christian Formation Opportunities

- Infant-Toddler-Preschool Sunday School will be offered during the 10:30am worship in the nursery for our youngest youth group, those age 5 and under. We will use the SPARK! Lectionary curriculum specially designed for 2-3 year olds.
- Elementary aged through High School Youth Sunday School will also follow the SPARK Lectionary curriculum and will meet in the Art Room on Sunday mornings between 9:15-10:15.
- *The Lutheran Course* will be offered in the Cry Room for adults on Sundays between 9:15-10:15.

Youth Group and Confirmation

Youth Group will meet after worship from 12-1pm on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month.

On the 4th Sunday we will also have Confirmation class and meet from 1pm-3pm.

Adult Bible Study Opportunities

7am Tuesdays The Greatest Story - Jesus

6pm Weds *Jesus in the Gospels – video course* by Professor Luke Timothy Johnson. This study was offered on Sunday mornings now moves to Wednesday nights.

9:15a Sundays *The Lutheran Course*
[great for new Lutherans, old Lutherans, and anyone in between!]

Music Notes

It's always nice when the choir comes back after its break. The rehearsals are such a fun break in the week, and I have the best seat in the house on Sunday morning. And it just feels like things are back to normal.

Having said that, we've been very lucky this summer to have so many talented people fill in for the choir. A million thanks to Dianna Kroeger, Shirley Pohl, Arvis Wright, Joan Odom and the Omasambo family, Anna Wilson (related) as well as the Ding-a-Lings: Marleen Finney, Andi Regg, Shirley Pohl, Ed Pohl, Mary DuBois, Paulette Krebs, Ken Krebs, Dianna Kroeger and Dian Luffman. And thank you to Brenda Kerr, Randi Perkins and Clark Perkins, who will be helping out this Sunday, Sept. 4, to Marci Wilson-Boggs, who will be singing on Sept. 18, and to Mark Olsen, who will be playing with the choir in October.

While the choir is the mainstay of the music program, I hope that we'll continue to expand our musical offerings (pun intended) to include everyone who has something to share. With the deep pool of talent we already have, imagine what it will be like as our congregation grows! Please continue to let me know if you or someone you know would like to be involved in music at CLC.

Ted Wilson

Home Eucharistic Ministers Commissioned

Wilma Prince and Kris Rabon have been commissioned to serve as Home Eucharistic Ministers bringing the sacraments to those who are homebound in our community. Kris and Wilma, thank you for serving!

Hope to see you there!

September is National Preparedness Month – Being a ReadyChurch

By Sandra L. Braasch, Diaconal Minister

September is National Preparedness Month which focuses on inspiring individuals, families, businesses, and organizations to take meaningful action to make themselves and their communities more prepared. Preparedness is about the “whole community”.

As Tennesseans, we know what it means to be hit by disaster. Whether it is floods along our rivers, or tornadoes that randomly strike areas, or severe storms and straight-line winds that create power outages, we know that when disaster strikes, lives are changed. In 2011 alone, Tennessee had 5 federal declared disasters associated with severe storms, tornadoes, flooding, and straight-line winds. Disasters vary in size and magnitude in the loss of life and destruction of property. Long after the disaster has occurred and faded from the public awareness, the disaster continues to impact those affected in real and challenging ways.

The “whole community” concept includes many components: ReadyAmerica, ReadyKids, ReadyBusiness, and ReadyChurch. As an active part of our community, the church has an opportunity and responsibility to prepare for and respond to a disaster. The church’s preparedness and response is a shared ministry of learning and working together.

The church is called to respond in these difficult and confusing times. Our faith tells us that we are called to be good neighbors to those in need as in the parable of the Good Samaritan [Luke10:30-37]. In Matthew [25:40] we hear our Lord tell us that “Whatever you do to the least of these you do unto me.” The church is called to respond. To respond well and effectively means we need to prepare.

Often, the strength of response is girded by the strength of preparedness. What does it mean to be a ReadyChurch? Practically speaking, it means developing and implementing our congregational disaster plan. Key components of a congregational disaster plan include:

- Identifying potential disasters in our community
- Asset mapping of our congregation
- Preparing your church facility for a disaster
- Evacuation of the facility
- Developing a disaster response team
- Continuity plan to resume worship services
- Preparing to serve our community
- Assisting neighboring communities

These components cultivate a culture of resiliency, readiness, and preparedness.

Being ready includes preparing as individuals and families, our communities, and our congregation. As a ReadyChurch, we are called to model Christ’s compassion for people by providing hope, healing, and wholeness for those affected by disaster.

More information about being a ReadyChurch is available at www.ldr.org/ready.

YOGA Tuesday nights at 7pm in the Nave

Come and join us for an hour of Yoga on Tuesday nights. Katie Noss teaches our class for a small fee. It is a wonderful way to care for your whole self! Dress comfortably, bring a mat and a blanket and join us!

For more information about the yoga class please contact the office 833-0476.

Around the Parish

Vacation Bible School!



Around the Parish continues....

The Glory Bugles are opening two weeks from tonight in TPAC's Johnson Hall! It's a really funny show that lampoons the southern gospel music scene, and I've been playing piano for them for the last 4 years under the alias of Bro. Roland G. Chord, VII. Our run is for five shows Sept. 8-11, with a matinee *and* evening show on Saturday, and matinee on Sunday. Details and tickets can be found [here](#). The ticket price is \$35, and unfortunately, there's no group rate being offered. If you'd like to know more about them, you can check out their [website](#) or Facebook page.

I realize that the ticket price will be too steep for some of you, as it would be for me. But if you have the time and the bankroll to spare, it'll be an evening well spent. *Ted*



Sandra Braasch represents ELCA Diaconal Ministry Community at the 12th conference of DIAKONIA of the Americas and Caribbean (DOTAC)

DOTAC is one of the regional groups of DIAKONIA, the World Federation of Diaconal Associations and Diaconal Communities. The purpose of DOTAC is to encourage ecumenical relationships among diaconal associations, sisterhood and orders in this region; to strengthen a sense of community among associations, sisterhood and orders; to reflect on the nature and task of diakonia in the Old and New Testaments; to provide a forum for discussion of issues of mutual concern; to render mutual assistance and undertake common tasks; to further the understanding of diakonia in the church of Jesus Christ; and to be a prophetic voice for peace and justice.

Congratulations!!!

Baby Mark Allen Soucy was born at August 17, 2011 weighing 6 lbs. and 7 oz. Mark is the grandson of Clara Chesebro. Congratulations Clara! And Congratulations to the Dau Nyanda family at the birth of baby Sarah!

Council Updates

Congregational Meeting 7/31/11
Council meeting 8/28/11

Approved establishing a \$150,000.00 line of credit

- Approved submission of grant proposal with \$3,000.00 per year match for Swahili Worshipping Community to become a Synodically Authorized Worshipping Center. This would provide funds for staffing and programming to support the development of this ministry.
- Approved submission of a GREAT COMMISSION GRANT FOR MUSIC MINISTRY OUTREACH which will require 1:1 match if awarded. This grant will fund music outreach by our staff musician for quarterly events with neighborhood youth and possibly a neighborhood choir.
- Approved use of building and piano for music instruction by Ted Wilson, Jr. as an independent contractor of space.
- Approved position description for Youth Minister
- Approved initiation of Line of Credit with lender

Stewardship News

Stewardship as a way of life

Sandra L. Braasch, Diaconal Minister

You are about to enter into an important journey that is *stewardship as a way of life*. Over the coming months, I will be sharing biblical and confessional perspectives about stewardship that I hope will help deepen your understanding of stewardship, to help develop a new view of reality that enhances how we view the world, ourselves, and our relationship with God, and to help our church community grow more fully into its calling to be a community of faithful stewards of God's gifts.

What is stewardship? Stewardship sums up the meaning of Christian life. That is, understood in its biblical context, stewardship calls Christians to a highly significant relationship with God, with our neighbor, with the world, with the church, and with all creation. Another definition of stewardship is the free and joyous activity of the child of God and God's family, the church, in managing all of life and life's resources for God's purposes.

Stewardship begins and ends with Scripture. It begins when we are encountered by the living Christ as revealed by the Holy Spirit in the pages of Scripture and it ends when our response to that call is evaluated

Stewardship as a way of life [continued]

on the basis of Scripture (the only norm for faith and life). In summary, stewardship flows from a Christ-centered and Gospel-centered understanding of God's Word.

If stewardship is to be based on the biblical witness, it is necessary to be clear about what that means. The Word of God cannot simply be equated with the Bible. There is the living Word, Jesus Christ; there is the written word (the Bible); and, there is the proclaimed (or taught) word. The written word and proclaimed word both are grounded in, and point to, the living Word. The writer of the fourth gospel says that "the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth; we have beheld his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father" (John 1:14). Our response, then, is to a Person, not a book, institution, or a theology.

The good news is that in Jesus Christ a new age has begun. Through the power of the Holy Spirit we have power to live a life in response to the Father who says, "I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. You shall have no other gods before me: (Exodus 20:2-3). Our stewardship is to be a total response of our entire lives.

The message of the Scripture is that God has given. God has given a Savior (John 3:16) and a task (2 Corinthians 5:19). Our response is based on our realization of what God has done and on what we are called to do. The only valid response to what God has done and continues to do for us, is a stewardship of life itself, serving and ministering in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

Thanks be to God!

Next month we will look at stewardship through Luther's Small Catechism – Part 1.

Many, Many, Thank Yous!!!!

- *To Trevor Moyo for putting up the bulletin boards and white boards in the nursery and art room!*
- *To Jim McKanna for putting latches on the doors and hanging the new blinds!*
- *To Dick Edwards for washing the mildew off the front of our sanctuary building! And for fixing the shower handle!*
- *To the office volunteers who make the routine work of the church continue week after week!*
- *To San Matias for painting the nursery and art room!*

Many, Many, Thank Yous!!!! [continued ☺]

- To NKEC for the gift of \$500.00 to replace the toys for the playground and nursery!
- To Diana Revell and Maggie Sanders for hanging the border in the nursery!

- To Diana Revell and Wilma Prince for countless hours of cleaning and organizing the Sunday School classroom areas!
- To Dave Revell for conducting our financial audit!
- To Susan Kelton and Diana Revell for coordinating this years' VBS and to all those of you, and there were many, who served during VBS, thank you, thank you, thank you!

Thank you for giving Mark Olsen and me the opportunity to go to AFFIRM. We both had a wonderful experience. This was my first year, so I was in the Genesis group. We were in charge of Communion, and it was very special for me to serve Communion there. Again, thanks very much for helping us attend AFFIRM this year.

Victoria Bolstad

Dear Friends in Christ,

I am extremely grateful for the blessings of love and friendship so many of you shared with me after my Mother's passing. Thank you for the cards you sent, for all who came to the visitation and the funeral, and for the calls I received just to see how I was doing. God has blessed me with a wonderful church home and church family! Many thanks also to Pastor Gordy for her support through this difficult time and the wonderful funeral service that brought great comfort to all my family.

In Christ's love,
Maggie

Dear members of CLC,

Thank you for giving me and Tori the opportunity to go to AFFIRM. We both had an incredible experience there. This year I was in the group known as Worshiptivity, we were in charge of planning every service for that day. The planning meant we had to build slide shows, write skits and plan communion and music. Wow there were so many different ways that you could do it. Once again thank you very much for helping us go.

Thank you,
Mark Olsen

Please remember in your prayers:

Deployed Military: Tony Bollin, Daniel Hawkins, Richard Lewis, Justin Whitley.

Home Bound: Arlyne Krebs, Alvin & Ursula Rayburn, Elizabeth Major, Lou Johnson, Wayne Sweet, Vera Best, Randall Travis

Members: Mary Regan, Kay Culver

Relatives & Friends: Mary Quinlan, Jerry Wong, Howard Parman, Sharon Smith, Carol Burhop, Dale Lee, Sara Walker, Carol Dietrich, Joe Jupin, Vickie Jupin, Norma Beal, Eleanor Flores, Tom Cullen, Doug Ward, Laura Thurber, Traci and Michael Daniel, Art Edwards, Roland Herbold, Mabel Harden, Arcana Dedman.

In Memoriam: Marlyn Krebs

Altar Flowers for September

Sept 4 in honor of Robert Graves' birthday by Wilma Prince

Sept 11 in honor of granddaughter Lindsey's 19th birthday by Bob and Marleen Finney

Sept 18 in memory of Frank by Audrey Townsend

Sept 25 in honor of Teresa Hultz's birthday by Wilma Prince

Thoughts from Churchwide Assembly from Pastor Gordy

I have attended the prior two Churchwide Assemblies as an observer. This Assembly was different and not because of where I was sitting this time as a voting member.

I was struck by the spirit of unity and a spirit of ease that permeated this Assembly. There was a felt clarity on our common life in mission and ministry-and much excitement!! The church was at work! The focus was centered on being God's hands in the world. We kicked off the campaign to eradicate Malaria, passed a memorial speaking strongly about just and humane treatment for people without papers, we celebrated and heard about increased efforts through world hunger initiatives in the Horn of Africa as well as in our own country. I was struck at the depth of conversation that surrounded the Genetics social statement as well as the memorial concerning the impact on world hunger and the role of Ethanol. Thoughtful, well articulated comments were offered as the church wrestled with issues of faith in light of the complexities of our world.

Important work was done to reshape the structure of the organization of ELCA and the Churchwide organization through LIFT [Living into the Future Together] lifting up the partnerships between Synod, Churchwide, and congregations supporting the church as a whole and congregations as they live into being centers of evangelical outreach.

I was also very proud and most impressed by my colleagues from the Southeastern Synod who made articulate and important comments on many of the issues at hand throughout the course of the Assembly. Not to mention a very talented and gifted videographer who sent video blogs that you can still see on the synod web site!!

It was an honor to go as a voting member from the Southeastern Synod! I came home excited about the church, our life and work together and very proud to be a pastor in the ELCA!

Swahili Worshipping Community News



Pastor Esther and Dr. Robert Mushi will be attending the ELCA Annual African National Leaders Summit September 8-10 in Chicago, IL. The theme of the summit is **“One Lord, one faith, one baptism”** Ephesians 4:5 **“United We Stand, Divided We Fall”**. The objectives of the summit are:

1. To empower and encourage ELCA African Nationals Leaders in their respective ministries and in God's mission.
2. To network African Nationals Leaders in the ELCA for more effective partnerships in ministry.
3. To engage ELCA African Nationals Leaders with new development and opportunities in mission.

We are excited to be invited to this important gathering as we seek to reach out in our community!

Join us for our monthly Swahili Worship Service on the 4th Sundays at 4pm

September Weekly Lessons

Lessons for Sept 4	Lessons for Sept 11	Lessons for Sept 18	Lessons for Sept 25
Ezek 33:7-11	Gen 50:15-21	Jonah 3:10-4:11	Ezek 18:1-4;25-32
Psalm 119:33-40	Psalm 103:[1-7] 8-13	Psalm 145:1-8	Psalm 25:1-9
Romans 13:8-14	Romans 14:1-12	Phil 1:21-30	Phil 2:1-13
Matt 18:15-20	Matt 18:21-35	Matt 20:1-16	Matt 21:23-32

Happy Anniversary September 21st to Mark and Dawn Elson !!!

Happy Birthday to You!!

Sept 6 Cathryn Formichella
 Sept 14 Allison Fisher
 Sept 19 Brenda Kerr
 Sept 23 Christopher Elson
 Sept 26 Eldora Mushi

Sept 3 Chris Olsen
 Sept 10 Warren Wozencraft
 Sept 15 Thorun Olsen
 Sept 19 Dian Luffman
 Sept 25 Roger Kelton
 Sept 27 Andie Regg
 Sept 28 Robert Finney

Serving Saints for September

Altar Guild	September 4	September 11	September 18	September 25
Set Up	Wilma Prince	Wilma Prince	Kathy Fankhauser	Wilma Prince
Between Services				
Counters	Sarah Burger	Dian Luffman	Mike Kerr	Dian Luffman
		Paulette Krebs	Sarah Burger	Maggie Sanders

September	Assisting Minister	Acolyte	Lector	Usher	
4	8:00	Casey Krebs	Tori Bolstad	Roberta Edwards	Dick Edwards
	10:30	Maggie Sanders	Elijah Curry	Dianna Kroeger	Dennis Schutt / Bob Behnke
11	8:00	Wilma Prince	Tori Bolstad	Tori Bolstad	Duane Herbold
	10:30	Dian Luffman	Tommie Elson	Kathy Fankhauser	Dick Fankhauser/ Frank Regg
18	8:00	Jim McKanna	Gary Glass	Gary Glass	Casey Krebs
	10:30	Mary Dubois	Elijah Curry	Ron Regan	Pete Anderson/ Richard Burger
25	8:00	Casey Krebs	Tori Bolstad	Dick Edwards	Kris Rabon
	10:30	Sandra Braasch	Tommie Elson	Thorun Olsen	Mike Kerr/ Ron Regan



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Worship: Sundays 8:00 am & 10:30 am
Sunday School: 9:15 am

Rally Day and Potluck Sunday, Sept 11th

Join us as we kick off our new year of Sunday School and Christian Formation Events. Register for youth group and Sunday School, and confirmation classes and meet the teachers and leaders for this year. We will have a sandwiches – salads – dessert potluck following the late service.

Bible Studies and Classes for all ages!

Crazy Pancake Breakfast

Saturday, Sept 10th

9am-11am

It's time to kick off the new school year and get together with our friends in the neighborhood! We will have music and sing our favorite VBS songs, thanks to Ted and Joan, also visit Mary's house again for another story about Jesus. There will be games and fun and PANCAKES! Come and join us!!!!



