



Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Three years ago, Apple TV took a chance on a comedy show based on an unlikely premise...What if an American Football Coach (Ted Lasso) was unexpectedly hired to coach an underperforming British Football (Soccer) Team? Would the essence of what made the coach successful at a Division II college football team translate to the other kind of football?

Even though the original intent of the owner was to ruin the team and to get back at her ex-husband, Ted begins to make progress. In the locker room, he mounts a blue and yellow sign above the locker room exit with one single word in all capital letters: BELIEVE. Believe in oneself, believe in the team, believe in ideals and goals, and, as the 1980 US Olympic hockey team made famous, "believe in miracles".

The sign isn't fancy. It looks homemade. When Ted mounts it on the wall, someone points out that the sign is a little askew. But after some attempts to straighten it, it remains a little crooked. Belief doesn't need to be perfect. It just matters that it's there.

Believe. It sounds so simple. I believe. We believe. They believe. Even at U.S.A. Soccer events, where crowds rhythmically chant, "I believe that we will win!", we instinctively know that some days, it's harder to believe than others.

June Readings

June 1

Psalm 8;
Job 38:1-11;
2 Timothy 1:8-12a

June 2

Psalm 8;
Job 38:12-21;
2 Timothy 1:12b-14

June 3

Psalm 8;
Job 38:22-38;
John 14:15-17

June 4

Genesis 1:1--2:4a
Psalm 8
2 Corinthians 13:11-13
Matthew 28:16-20

June 5

Psalm 29;
Job 38:39-39:12;
1 Corinthians 12:1-3

June 6

Psalm 29;
Job 39:13-25;
1 Corinthians 12:4-13

June 7

Psalm 29;
Job 39:26-40:5;
John 14:25-26

June 8

Psalm 33:1-12;
Genesis 13:1-18;
2 Peter 2:17-22

June 9

Psalm 33:1-12;
Genesis 14:17-24;
Acts 28:1-

June 10

Psalm 33:1-12;
Genesis 15:1-20;
Matthew 9:27-34

In the Gospel reading for Trinity Sunday from Matthew 28, the eleven remaining disciples meet Jesus in Galilee, where he gives what has come to be known as "The Great Commission". In verse 17, it says of the disciples, "When they saw him, they worshipped him; but some doubted." What a great sentence that it is! Belief is not perfect, even for the disciples.

The Greek word translated as "doubted" can also be translated as "hesitated". Like Ted Lasso's BELIEVE sign, it doesn't need to be perfect or instant. It just matters that it's there.

I also love the reading from Mark where the father of a son in need of healing says to Jesus, "I believe; help my unbelief!" (Mark 9:24b). Our minds want to shout back, "Which is it? Belief or unbelief?" To which Jesus says, "Exactly!"

I remember hearing a story from Susan Briehl, a campus pastor at Pacific Lutheran University in the 1980's and early 90's that she shared at a youth convention. A student came up to her and asked, "What do I do if I come upon a part of the Apostle's Creed in worship that I'm struggling with? Do I still say it?" Her response was, "There are times in our lives when we can say it and other times when we just need to allow others to help us out and say it for us." I believe. Help my unbelief.

If you follow Ted Lasso, you know over three seasons that sign goes through a lot. (I promise, no spoilers!). How members of the team view the sign evolves too. There are ups and downs and the sign even disappears for a time as the team works to embody the sign in their play and in their trust and in their friendships.

The Latin word for "I believe" is "credo". It's where we get the word "creed" from. But a creed doesn't mean our faith has reached its Zenith. There are creeds that begin, "I believe". And others that begin, "We believe". There are days when we worship easily and others when we doubt or hesitate and need help. The words of Jesus still ring true. "Go and make disciples...and I will be with you always, even to the end of the age." Helping us to BELIEVE!

Peace!

Pastor Craig



June 11

Hosea 5:15--6:6
Psalm 50:7-15
Romans 4:13-25
Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

June 12

Psalm 119:41-48;
Genesis 16:1-15;
2 Corinthians 6:14-7

June 13

Psalm 119:41-48;
Genesis 17:1-27;
Hebrews 13:1-16

June 14

Psalm 119:41-48;
Genesis 18:16-33;
Matthew 12:1-8

June 15

Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19;
Genesis 21:1-7;
Hebrews 3:1-6

June 16

Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19;
Genesis 24:1-9;
Acts 7:35-43

June 17

Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19;
Genesis 24:10-52;
Mark 7:1-13

June 18

Exodus 19:2-8a
Psalm 100,
Romans 5:1-8
Matthew 9:35—10:8 [9-23]

June 19

Psalm 126;
Genesis 23:1-19;
1 Thessalonians 3:1-5

June 20

Psalm 126;
Genesis 25:7-11;
2 Thessalonians 2:13-3:5



Undie Sunday

“Undie Sunday”: A few years back, Cathy Flachsbart at North Marion Schools asked if we could help supply new underwear and socks for kids in need. We would set aside one Sunday a month, calling it “Undie Sunday”, to take an underwear and sock offering. We did this for a number of years.

We have had another request this year from North Marion for similar items. Elbia Espanoza manages a clothes and supply closet at North Marion Middle School for kids in need. There is a special need for Girls underwear and sports bras (s, m, l), Boys underwear (s, m, l), Boys t-shirts (large), and boys and girls socks. As the regular school year is coming to an end and with summer school just around the corner, her supplies are running low.

It's time to resurrect “Undie Sunday”. (Get the play on words. “Resurrect”. Un-die?) I would like to invite CLC members and friends to bring some of the above-mentioned items on the 2nd Sunday of each month to help as we can. A box or container will be placed in the narthex to receive donations and delivered monthly to the school. We will mark the second Sunday of each month “Undie Sunday” on the calendar as a reminder. North Marion Fellowship has agreed to sponsor a similar program at their church.

June 21

Psalm 126;
Nehemiah 9:1-8;
Luke 6:12-19

June 22

Psalm 86:1-10;
Exodus 12:43-49;
Hebrews 2:5-9

June 23

Psalm 86:1-10;
Genesis 35:1-4;
Acts 5:17-26

June 24

Psalm 86:1-10;
Ezekiel 29:3-7;
Luke 11:53-12:3

June 25

Jeremiah 20:7-13
Psalm 69:7-10 [11-15] 16-18
Romans 6:1b-11
Matthew 10:24-39

June 26

Psalm 86:11-17;
Genesis 16:1-15;
Revelation 2:1-7

June 27

Psalm 86:11-17;
Genesis 25:12-18;
Revelation 2:8-11

June 28

Psalm 86:11-17;
Jeremiah 42:18-22;
Matthew 10:5-23

June 29

Psalm 13;
Micah 7:18-20;
Galatians 5:2-6

June 30

Psalm 13;
2 Chronicles 20:5-12;
Galatians 5:7-12



Service Helpers June

6/4

Greeter: Dick Kaegi

Ushers: Dale & Susan
Williamson

Reader: Dale Williamson

Donuts: Marie Gunther

6/11

Usher: Lance Lyon

Reader: Lance Lyon

Coffee Host: Helen David

6/18 Father's Day

Ushers: Dan & Lonnie Harms

Reader: Dan Harms

Coffee Hosts: Marvis Gilnett &
Susan Williamson

6/25

Ushers: Burt & Judi Aus

Reader: Burt Aus

Coffee Hosts: Lynn Bloomfield &
Lonnie Harms

Constitutional Update

One major piece of business at the annual meeting will be to review and vote on a proposed update to our congregational constitution. Council has been working for many months to bring our existing document into alignment with the model constitution of the ELCA. It's an important document for both everyday guidance (Chapters on Confession of Faith, Statement of Purpose, Membership) and special situations (calling of a rostered minister--that is, pastor or deacon--questions of property ownership, etc.). One of the advantages of our affiliation with the larger church is that we are able to learn from others' experience.

We will be making available electronic versions of the current constitution, from 1990, and our draft update. We'll also have a few hard copies. Please take some time to read them, and plan to attend the discussion session after service on June 11.

Lynn Ries, Council President

Click Here for the June 2023 Draft

<http://clcaurora.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/05/Reader-Model-Constitution-for-CLC-draftJune2023.docx.pdf>

Click Here for the 1990 Adopted Revision

<http://clcaurora.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/05/CLC-Constitution-1990.pdf>

Deadline For Annual Reports

Once again it is time to start compiling the annual report. We are asking that each committee team or group give us 4-6 bullet points that summarize what your group is all about and what you have accomplished this past year. If you want you can include members names and any goals that you may have for the coming year.

If you have a financial report that you normally share submit that too. We will then create a power point presentation using your information that can easily be shared at the annual meeting. You will be asked to make any oral presentations but if possible it would be good if someone from your committee team or group could be at the meeting on June 25th to answer any questions.

Please submit your information to the church office by Sunday morning June 4th.

In Our Hearts & Prayers

Prayers for	Requested by
Amy Elliott	Barb B.
Angela Thompson	Cindy C
Anna (Grider) Westcott	Jim & Doris Grider
Barb Bannister	PC
Beth Brandt	Mary W.
Betty	Lisa
Betty Gerhardt	Kenton and Mary Wolfe
Bob and Sally Boonstra	Doris Grider
Brant Popma Family	PC
Brian Wolfe	Kenton & Mary
Brooke	Heather W
Burt Aus	PC
Carol Smith	Helen D
Colin Brown	Heather W
Dave Stegmeier	Dan and Lonnie Harms
Dexter Walter Family	Kay
Elaine Bloomquist, family of	Helen D
Eric Wechter	PC
Evie Berg	PC
Glen Nelson	PC
Greg and Sheryl	Michelle R
Heidi Daniel and family	PC
Helen D	PC
Howard & Kathy Brandt	Mary W.
JoAnn Caufield	Cindy C
John Ries	Pastor Craig
Joyce Colvin	Susan W
Kate	PC
Kylie McMinimee	Barb B.
Larry Marnella	Ilene Marnella
Laurie Boyce and Family	PC
Lawson Roberts	PC
Linda Bradley	Barb
Lynn Bloomfield	Lonnie and Dan Harms
Mankin family	Julie
Margaret Schultz	Marie Gunther
Matt H	PC
Mike McCue	Heather Wechter
Norman Colvin	Nancy
Piper	Heather W
Roy Steven	Joyce
Sandi & Robbie Helman	Terri Weatherly
Shirley Ann Andreason	Ilene Marnella
Stetson McMinimee	Barb B.
Steve Grider	Doris Grider
Sylvia Peter	PC
Teresa Condon	Michelle R
Tom & Joy Nelson	Mary W.
Traci	Barb B.
Vi Anderson	Judi
Victims of violence	Lance
God's love for us all	Lisa

- Those with memory care issues and those who care for them.
- Those receiving radiation or chemotherapy.
- Those who are in hospice care.
- Our loved ones serving in the armed forces especially those serving overseas.



Gonna Party Like it's 1899!

In the spring of 1899, Christ Lutheran Church in Aurora held its first official worship service. That means that next year, 2024, will mark our 125th year anniversary as a congregation.

How should we mark this important milestone?

Pastor Craig would like to put together a small planning team this summer to begin preparations for a day of celebration, festival worship, and hopes for the future.

If planning a 125 year celebration of ministry sounds like your jam, please contact Pastor Craig and we will start to plan this event for the spring of 2024!

Burt Aus	6
Julie Parcelli-Milnetti	15
Kimi Ring	19
Ryan Popma	22
Bob Bannister	28
Fred Netter	30
Heather Wechter	30



Wildfire Preparation Kits for Farmworkers

If the last few years have taught us anything, we can never be too prepared for emergencies. Wildfires, ice storms, and heatwaves have changed the way we look at the world. The prospect of a Cascadian Earthquake looms large too.

The Oregon Synod Disaster Response Team has partnered with farmworker union leaders to help some of the most vulnerable in our community put together emergency kits. Immanuel Lutheran Church in Woodburn and Christ Lutheran have been invited to help support this project. With our increasing focus on disaster preparedness and community connection, this project seemed right up our alley.

More information will be coming soon about how you can help. It is still not certain if the need is more monetary or for items to put in the kits. A sample kit will be sent to us soon. Look to your midweek messages and church bulletins for more details.

Pastor Craig & Karen Johnson	1
Monty & Kristi Zwicker	7
Kenton & Mary Wolfe	10
Tom & Sylvia Peter	14

June 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
4 10 am Worship 11:15 am Endowment Team 7 pm AA Meeting	5	6 6 pm AA Meeting	7 7pm Council Meeting	8	9	10
11 10 am Worship "Undie Sunday" 7 pm AA Meeting	12	13 10 am Backpack Buddies 6 pm AA Meeting	14	15	16	17
18 10 am Worship 7 pm AA Meeting	19	20 6 pm AA Meeting	21	22	23	24
25 10 am Worship 7 pm AA Meeting	26	27 6 pm AA Meeting	28	29	30	

The Creatives Gathering

The Creatives Gathering met in May to "create" 30 food bags for distribution when a request is made at our door. This endeavor was made possible with the generosity of a JOYFUL SERVICE GRANT.

The bags are stored behind a purple curtain on shelves on the landing to the back basement stairs for everyone to give away as a need arises.

The Creatives Gathering group will take a summer break. Please stay connected spiritually with CHRIST IN OUR HOME devotional and we will meet again physically, Friday, September 15th. Love and prayers, Kay

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