



# ONE IN CHRIST

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## WORSHIP IN AUGUST

Worship in August will continue with the hymn version of the liturgy. On August 13, the service will be led by Pr. Mark Roock with Rev. Tom Schoenherr preaching. It is also the Sunday before most schools start and backpacks and children will be blessed. School children will be invited to come with their backpacks for a blessing.

Worship continues with one service only at 9:30 a.m. through September 4.

### New Member Dinner

Jodi and Steve McCarty with the Inreach Committee are hosting a welcome dinner event for new members and First Friends at their home on August 20. More details to follow.

### Wehrs Sculpture Show

Rev. Richard Wehrs, a former pastor at Christ Lutheran, will be having a show of his clay sculpture in Edwardsville, IL. The show opens with a reception from 7 to 9 p. m. on August 11 at Sacred Grounds Café, 233 N. Main St. Call 314-368-7365 for information. Pr. Wehrs is currently serving at Salem Lutheran Church, Peoria, IL.

### Confirmation Class Meeting August 27

Seventh and eighth graders and their parents are asked to attend a 2017-18 confirmation class orientation meeting on Sunday, August 27, after worship. The meeting will be in the Conference Room. Plans and goals for the year will be outlined. Families should bring school and sports calendars to the meeting.

## 120<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Christ Lutheran SAVE THE DATE!

CELEBRATE CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH'S  
(CLC's) 120<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY  
ON SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2017

Mark your calendars! In honor of CLC's 120<sup>th</sup> anniversary in Webster Groves, we're throwing a **free community celebration on Saturday, September 30**. Held on CLC's parking lot, front yard, and Mead Center, this festive party will feature fun activities for people of all ages, including:

- The "Bubble Bus"
- Petting Zoo
- Musical entertainment
- Bingo and other games and activities throughout the day in the Mead Center
- Webster Groves firetruck
- Free hot dogs, burgers and soft drinks
- And more!

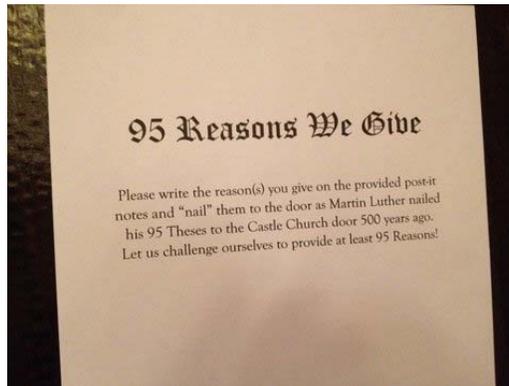
We encourage all CLC members to attend and invite their friends, family, and neighbors to join in the fun. More information and details to come. In the meantime, we look forward to celebrating 120 years of faith, fellowship and service at this exciting event!



# LIFE AROUND CHRIST

## Christ Lutheran Stewardship Theme Featured by Synod

The Christ Lutheran stewardship theme this spring, "95 Ways to Give Back to God" was featured in a recent weekly email message including pictures to the synod. We give thanks for the committee's inspired idea and execution of the plan, for gifts pledged, and for this way to be creative with the year's emphasis on the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Lutheran Reformation.



## A Way Forward: Statement of Affirmation

How does the welcoming and loving face of Jesus become the welcoming face of Christ Lutheran for those who have felt unwelcomed by the church as a whole? The Inclusion Committee faced that question and worked hard to create a Reconciling in Christ affirmation statement. As a group, we concluded such a statement should:

1. Include words beyond welcome, letting people know they would be accepted for who they are, and not be forced to change.
2. Include scripture supporting the idea of inclusivity in the church.

Be brief enough to be easily integrated into our Christ Lutheran materials, but robust enough to be meaningful.

With much prayerful consideration, hours of work, and input from diverse parties, our draft statement is:

***Welcome to Christ Lutheran! We are a growing church community that welcomes and affirms all who seek God's grace. The world is often an unloving place, but, as Christ has shown his love for us, we pledge to show love to one another. Members of Christ Lutheran humbly strive to create wholeness, inclusion, justice, understanding and healing in a world divided.***

***We affirm that in Christ, "there is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female" (Galatians 3:28). Christ has made us one.***

***People of all sexual orientations, gender identities, ethnic and racial backgrounds, economic conditions, people who are differently abled, and all who have been unfairly excluded are embraced and celebrated at Christ Lutheran.***

Now, we are looking for your input. If you have ideas or proposed changes, please contact Katie Ciorba at [ciorbafamily@gmail.com](mailto:ciorbafamily@gmail.com) or 314-775-9517. If you would like to talk over some of your thoughts, we will be holding three listening sessions this late summer/early fall with different committee members. Our first listening session will be **Sunday, August 20<sup>th</sup>**. Katie Ciorba will be in the chapel, next to the sanctuary from **9:00-9:20** and again **10:30-11:00** to listen to your ideas, hopes, and concerns. In October, we hope to present the congregation with the statement with changes based on congregational input. The statement will go before the congregation for a vote. Thank you for walking on this journey with Christ!

## Write a Letter, Save a Life! Sunday, August 6



One letter may not save a life, but many letters can! On Sunday, Aug. 6, after worship, members of Christ will have an opportunity to write letters to Congress. The federal 2018 budget proposal includes deep cuts to critical anti-

hunger and anti-poverty programs. The goal of this year's Offering of Letters is to urge Congress to adequately fund hunger-fighting programs which have proven to reduce hunger like WIC, SNAP (formerly known as food stamps), tax credits for low-income workers and international development assistance. These programs are helping millions of people escape from hunger.



Christ Lutheran members are invited to the Fellowship Hall where information, writing materials, sample letters and addresses of Congressmen and women will be available. The letters will be collected and mailed to the appropriate Congress members.

There is also a new way to contact Congress using your laptop, electronic notebook or smartphone. Go to [bread.org/eol](http://bread.org/eol) You will input your name, address and zip code, add a line or two to personalize the e-mail and the system will automatically email both your senators and representative. Three contacts with the push of one button!



International relief programs make a difference. According to Bread for the World, extreme poverty – living on less than \$1.90 a day - has been cut in half over the past 30 years. Unfortunately, the young and vulnerable still suffer. Right now 20 million people are at risk of starvation due to extraordinary famines in South Sudan, Nigeria, Somalia and Yemen. Our government recently allocated funding to help these countries but cutting funding for the rest of the world puts people at risk of disease and starvation and increases the chance of political instability which gives rise to war and terrorism.



Domestic relief programs are greatly needed. Our congregation helps a number of the working poor who can't make ends meet because rents are high, public transportation is limited and they have real health issues.

The Offering of Letters is an annual event sponsored by Bread for the World, a collective, bi-partisan, Christian voice urging our nation's decision makers to end hunger at home and abroad. The director of Bread for the World is David Beckmann, and ELCA pastor and classmate of Pastor Keith's. Bread for the World was established in 1972 under the leadership of Rev. Arthur Simon, son of a Lutheran pastor.

# Welcome New Members!



**Annika and Joe Bartek and sons Graham, Leon, and Reid.**

Annika grew up in Missouri and Iowa and while she earned a degree in journalism has found that she loves teaching fitness classes which she did for several years. At present she is home with Graham, who will be a third grader, Leon, age two, and Reid, who was born in June. In her spare time Annika enjoys reading and outdoor activities. As time allows she is interested in being involved in choir, VBS and Sunday school at Christ.

Joe grew up in the St. Louis metro area and is a certified public accountant (CPA). After working for others, Joe recently began his own accounting business Tillman PES, LLC. Joe enjoys hunting, carpentry and soccer and is looking forward to serving in various volunteer roles during worship. The Barteks live in Crestwood and their First Friends are Karen and Brent Wood.

**Jeff Bloese and Sarah Keifer**

Jeff grew up in St. Charles, Missouri, and is a mechanical engineer at Universal Air Filter. He enjoys gardening, brewing his own beer and has just started doing 3D printing. Sarah grew up in New Jersey and worked for two years with Americorps before she took her current job in



information technology support at Roeslein & Associates, Inc. Sarah enjoys reading, watching TV and art projects. She looks forward to serving in various volunteer roles during worship and in using her skills in planning, decorating and organizing at Christ.

Jeff and Sarah will be married next year and they live in south St. Louis City. Their First Friends are Becca and Peter Jordan.

**Mark and Linda Smith**

Mark grew up in Jackson, Missouri and is an optician and manager at Mercy Eyecare. He enjoys astronomy, martial arts and bird watching. He looks forward to serving in various volunteer roles during worship. Mark has been part of the Christ community for several years through his relationship with Linda, then Elkin, to whom he became married last year. Mark and Linda live in Rock Hill. Mark's First Friend is his wife, Linda.



## LET'S CELEBRATE AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES AND BIRTHDAYS!



Congratulations and Best Wishes!  
Your Christ Lutheran family wants to celebrate you!  
Every month we will honor anniversaries and  
birthdays with a special cake, party fun, and  
decorations after the service. This month we will  
celebrate on Sunday August 6, 2017.

### ANNIVERSARIES:

08/17 Karen and Brent Wood  
08/20 Carol and Richard Emery  
08/22 Sylvia and Mark Rogers

### BIRTHDAYS:

08/01 Charles Schneider  
08/03 Katie Schneider  
08/07 Emily Knapp  
08/07 Susanne Reimer-Fey  
08/09 Harrison Ringkor  
08/12 Harry Brightman  
08/12 Janet Roock  
08/15 Bill Scholle  
08/18 Cheri Fortney  
08/19 Marc Horn  
08/20 Alan Richter  
08/21 Carol Arrington  
08/22 Sylvia Rogers  
08/22 Graham Bartek  
08/25 Jacey Joern  
08/28 Keith Lissant  
08/29 Ray McIntyre

**Our apologies if we missed anybody!  
Please let us know if we did.**

*Help Spread  
the Word!*



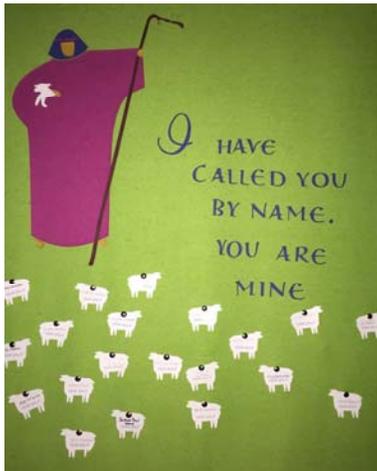
Christ Lutheran Church  
water bottles, travel  
coffee mugs and  
reusable bags are  
on sale now.

*Get yours today!*

**Get your new Christ Lutheran gear!  
Available in the Fellowship Hall.**

Travel coffee mug: \$10 each  
Nalgene water bottle: \$10 each  
Reusable grocery bag: \$5 each

Make your checks payable to  
Christ Lutheran Church,  
and include "CLC gear" in the memo line.



## Pastoral Acts

**Joshua Paul Wood** was baptized on July 23.  
He is the son of Brent and Karen Wood,  
and brother to Jack and Jessie.

**Violet Alexandra McMullen** was baptized on July 30.  
She is the daughter of Greg and Caitlin McMullen.

May they flourish in the Kingdom of God.

## August Member Spotlight

Each month the Inreach Committee will highlight a member of Christ Lutheran so we all can get to know each other better. Please send member and question suggestions to Jodi McCarty at [jodimccarty@outlook.com](mailto:jodimccarty@outlook.com).

### Renwood “Woody” Erickson

**Hometown:** Fairview, Montana

**Profession:** IT Manager (Retired)

**How long at CLWG:** Member for one year. Attended while visiting St. Louis for several years.

**Why do you still choose CLWG:** Our daughter and son-in-law and their girls are very active at

Christ Lutheran so it was an easy decision to join CLWG. And the people are so friendly and welcoming it would be our chosen place to worship regardless of our family connection!

**Favorite Bible Verse/Story:** John 3:16 “For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life.”

This verse tells us that in our chaotic world we can always turn to Christ, our creator, and he will take care of us. There is such a promise of peace and everlasting love in these words that all people deserve to hear.

**Hobbies:** Spending time with my grandchildren here and in CA, tinkering with my old computers, writing programs for new computers, working on the yard and the house, volunteering & traveling.

**Fun Fact:** I worked my way through college by measuring water flows in rivers for the U.S. Geological Survey.



Woody is pictured with his wife of 54 years, Betty, and their granddaughters Aishlyn, Kahlie, and Seannah McCarty.



# Pastor's Word

## Living Out the Vision of Jesus

This is probably my 12<sup>th</sup> time through Year A of the lectionary which features the Gospel according to Matthew. I'm noticing how over the years the commentators who are finding out more about the history of the first century when Matthew was written are finding again and again how difficult it was for the early Christians.

It is presumed that Matthew was with a community of Christians who were devoted to the Lord, but who needed encouragement to not give up and to stay with Jesus and the Christian religion. More and more commentators are seeing the really tough time they had as they dealt with persecution from Romans and Jews for bearing the name of Christ. Matthew reads a little differently when you see the book and the words of Matthew and Jesus against a background of enmity, not just as a personal challenge against the devil and one's own tendency to wander away and do sinful things.

Even in the first century the relations between the Christian church at the governmental authorities went back and forth. Sometimes they were friendlier. Different Roman emperors saw some good in Christians; others didn't. Over the years since then, Christians have had a variety of relations with the culture at large and government. Sometimes they have been quite cozy, and sometimes there has been persecution and groups needing to flee such as early Christians to Syria, Pilgrims from England to America, and some Lutherans from Germany to Perry County, MO.

In the United States the relationship between religion and Christianity has been a kind dance with some times being like close-together slow dances, and other times being like fast dances with no touching and lots of foot work dancing around each other. Over the past 75 years the dance has continued. Sometimes, especially earlier on, there was much closeness, and patriotism and Christianity went closely together. In time when issues have arisen and Christians have expressed concerns about issues such as racism, quality of health, poverty, participation in war, gender rights, immigration, and sanctuary, the dance has been more lively, with not so much close touching and with some creative tension between the partners.

We are reminded by Matthew that this is nothing new for Christians. Living out the vision of Jesus is never easy in the world, and often it is counter to the values around it. We see in the Matthew the encouragement to the faith that while it receives its signals from a source beyond the earth, and it's success isn't always seen in terms of earthly values, there is a promise that comes from the resurrection of Jesus, that new and good life emerges and can be lived out in the midst of times of change and even times of repression.

It is a hope that we are called to, and it requires encouragement from every direction—gospels and scripture, worship, prayer, hymns, the saints before, and each other to maintain it, to keep it, and to grow in it. May we be encouraged by our church life together to keep hope and to live as Christ calls us to be his presence in the world.

Peace in Christ,  
Pr. Keith

## July Council Highlights

At the July meeting of the Christ Lutheran Church Council:

- Another chapter of the book Crucial Conversations was discussed.
- The treasurer reported receipts through June of \$217,683 against expenses of \$233,124 and a budget of \$240,900. June and late spring receipts are behind previous years. A gift from the estate of Lucille Murray was received.
- Inreach Committee announced a supper at the McCarty's for recent new members and First Friends planned for Aug. 20.
- Outreach Committee reported work towards the 120<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration of the congregation on Sept. 30. They will be advertising to the community and in church bulletins and newsletters. They are working with WRHM for a food drive, planning activities, reaching out to other Lutherans and other denominations in the area for the anniversary. They are also looking to improve signage in the building and to make sure the grounds are in good condition.
- Worship Committee reported that Diane Drollinger communicated that the Worship and Music Festival and Workshop she attended was excellent. Some expense matters related to that were discussed. The committee will meet on Aug. 6.
- Youth Committee reported that the Youth Trip to Potosi was successful with good engagement with the leaders by those who attended.
- There was a report on the Renovation Committee listening meeting with the congregation.
- A request from Judy Koepke to transfer First Lutheran in Lincoln, NE was granted.
- New members to the congregation were received: Annika and Joe Bartek and sons Leon, Graham, and Reid; Jeff Bloese and Sarah Keifer; Carola Gloyd; and Mark Smith.
- Property Committee is looking into the replacement of the "elevator door" and "back entry door." Livestreaming of church services is being checked into. The need for volunteers to assist those using the elevator was mentioned.
- Pastors reported that Christ Lutheran will be hosting Rev. Bradn Buerkle, missionary to Russia, for an area Companion Synod event open to anyone on Sunday, July 30 at 6 p.m. at the Mead Center.
- The health status of Office Administrator Susan Hunt was discussed.
- Next meeting is scheduled for August 15.

## WOMEN'S GROUP

*To get wisdom is better than gold; to get understanding is to be chosen rather than silver. Proverbs 16:16*

School days are upon us and soon many will return to formal education—preschool, elementary and secondary, and college. For many, there are few problems encountered in obtaining the necessary tools for an education, but for some the cost is daunting. Church Women United has a program to provide "Readin' & Writin' packs" for students in the state who need new materials for the second semester. (Seems all of the sales and easy way to obtain supplies occur at this time of year instead of later). Our Women's Group will meet in Sept. to plan for the coming year and to assemble these packs for the Festival of Sharing in Sedalia in Oct. We hope you will mark Sept.13 on your calendar and join us. More information will be in the Sept. newsletter.

Although not all wisdom comes from attending school, it does aid in obtaining an education. We wish all students a great school year. God will be with you. See you in church!



# THE SHARING TREE

from your Christian Service Ministry Team

## PROJECT PEANUT BUTTER

Malnutrition is a critical, global problem that impacts millions of vulnerable children each year. It kills more than twice as many children as HIV/AIDS and malaria combined. Yet, there is a cost effective and proven solution that can eradicate severe malnutrition in our lifetime. Project Peanut Butter, a revolutionary therapeutic program founded by Dr. Mark Manary (Dr. Manary and his wife Mardi of St. Louis, is the most effective method to treat severely malnourished kids all over the world. Help us save millions of children!

Project Peanut Butter produces RUTF in local factories in Malawi, Sierra Leone, and (soon to be) Ghana that are internationally accredited. Their produce adheres to strict nutritional, microbiological, chemical, and organoleptic standards. PPB distributes this RUTF at their own mobile clinics and also sells a large amount at the cost of manufacture to multiple governments and aid organizations in order to reach more children in need of treatment. Learn more about Project Peanut Butter at their website: [www.projectpeanutbutter.org](http://www.projectpeanutbutter.org).

You can help fight this major world-wide problem with a donation to Project Peanut Butter this month. A gift of any amount will greatly improve the life of a child in this battle against poverty and hunger. Your check should be made payable to Christ Lutheran Church with "Peanut Butter" written on the memo line. Christ Lutheran will send a check to Project Peanut Butter from all of us. May God bless you for sharing the gift of an enhanced life with the young children of the world!



**COLLECTIONS:** Did you know Christ Lutheran has a number of ongoing collections to benefit local charities that you can participate in ANY time of the year?! Here is the list as a refresher; feel free to drop off items anytime at their designated spots in fellowship hall:

- Box Tops for Education — local schools
- Gently used and new shoes — Get the Word Out
- Meal-a-Month food items — WRMH & Feed My People



## GIVE-A-MEAL-A-MONTH

### AUGUST

- Canned chicken
- Brown rice
- Canned, low sodium soup
- Canned corn (low sodium) & fruit (in own juices)
- Tea bags, iced tea mix or lemonade

**Return to Church by AUGUST 27, 2017**

### SEPTEMBER

- Beef stew
- Canned Carrots, low sodium/no salt
- Cornbread mix
- Canned fruit in light syrup or own juices
- Powdered milk/shelf stable boxed milk/soy milk

**Return to Church by SEPTEMBER 24, 2017**



**A meal a month for you, a meal a month for your neighbor.** Please fill a yellow shopping bag or two (available in the Fellowship Hall) with food items and return them to CLC. Any donation is appreciated! Peanut butter, jelly, fruit rolls, and tea bags are always welcome. And donations of disposable diapers, feminine products, and hygiene products are always appreciated. Thank you for remembering your neighbors!

# Save the Date

## 500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Reformation



Save the date for commemoration of the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Lutheran Reformation. Join Lutherans and Catholics from the St. Louis region for:

**An ecumenical prayer service** Sunday October 29 at 7:00 pm at the Cathedral Basilica of St. Louis, 4431 Lindell Blvd, St. Louis, MO 63108. The Rev. Dr. Charles Maahs, Bishop Emeritus, will represent the Central States Synod and give closing remarks.

**A panel discussion** the following morning Monday October 30 at 9:30 am at Aquinas Institute of Theology, 23 S Spring Ave, St. Louis, MO 63108 with Bishop Denis Madden of the Archdiocese of Baltimore & Bishop Donald McCoid of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. Please RSVP for the panel discussion by contacting James Comminellis at 314-792-7177 or [jamescomminellis@archstl.org](mailto:jamescomminellis@archstl.org).

### **Reformation 500 Lutheran Build in Tiffany Neighborhood in September**

Ideas for the whole congregation to join in the commemoration!

The St. Louis ELCA Lutheran and Catholic congregations have come together to commemorate the 500th anniversary of the Reformation by partnering with Habitat for Humanity Saint Louis in building affordable housing in our community. \$30,000 has been donated to support this effort for a matching fund base as well as committing volunteers to build new homes in the Tiffany neighborhood this fall. Everyone can't be on the build site, so to try to involve the whole congregation, the following activities are offered where leaders and planners in your congregations can jump-start brainstorming. It is not an exhaustive list, but may help you choose or create new ideas on your own, depending on your resources and what makes sense for you. Most of the activities can be adapted to a variety of situations and scaled to nearly any size of congregation. Feel free to use your creativity and passion! When you have chosen an activity or two, please contact Beckie Fingland at [beckie@habitatstl.org](mailto:beckie@habitatstl.org) or 314-371-0400 so we can track what is happening with our projects and plan appropriately. Thank you!!

# Save the Date

## Reformation 500 Lutheran Build in Tiffany Neighborhood in September

Ideas for the whole congregation to join in the commemoration! (continued)

### Learning activities

Perfect for hosting a congregational Reformation/Habitat Day, include ideas into a Sunday School class or for a youth group activity!

- Lutheran/Catholic Reformation resources: One Hope, From Conflict to Communion (Study Guide), Declaration on the Way; <http://bit.ly/2sQTmzc> ; <https://www.elca500.org/resources/planning-resources/>.
- Habitat resource ideas at: <https://www.habitat.org/volunteer/near-you/youth-programs/resources> or [https://www.habitatstl.org/files/1114/7577/0525/Youth\\_Program\\_Activity\\_List.pdf](https://www.habitatstl.org/files/1114/7577/0525/Youth_Program_Activity_List.pdf)
- Reformation Rock Video: <http://lutheranreformation.org/resources/for-teachers/reformation-rock-video/> written by Michael Bridges and performed by Lost & found, 3:47
- Opening the Door to Luther with Rick Steves: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3GkryptKvtKQ> 27:39
- Select Learning Study Materials: free resources- <http://www.selectlearning.org/study-materials>
- ELCA Resources - <https://www.elca500.org/resources/service/> o Read and discuss Habitat Saint Louis information on affordable housing – Go to [www.habitatstl.org](http://www.habitatstl.org) or flyers / coloring pages provided by Habitat Saint Louis upon request
- Read and discuss one of the children's books produced by Habitat for Humanity International: Grandpa's Hammer, Raising the Roof, Doorway to the World, Building Friends, If I Had a Hammer, The Carpenter's Gift. Available at: [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com) or contact Habitat to borrow a copy.
- Watch Habitat videos on YouTube.com and discuss with groups, search [www.youtube.com/user/HabitatForHumanity](http://www.youtube.com/user/HabitatForHumanity)
- Play Habitat Bingo –Learn about tools and parts of a home when building a home. Go to <http://www.habitat.org/youthprograms/resources/habitat-bingo>

### Service Activities

- Pray regularly for Habitat homebuyers and volunteers.
- Make a quilt for a Habitat family.
- Create thank you cards for volunteers and homebuyers. Habitat Card Creation Packet resources can be found at: <https://www.habitat.org/volunteer/near-you/youth-programs/resources>
- Make snack bags for build site volunteers.
- Donate buckets of cleaning supplies for homebuyers.
- Make a picnic table.
- Provide lunch for the ELCA Lutheran and Catholic build site volunteers.
- Complete a Calendar of Blessings – Upon request, Habitat will provide a house bank for each participant.
- Letter writing campaign! Habitat needs YOUR voice to save funding streams that are so vital to Habitat Saint Louis's work with local families seeking a brighter future. Contact your members of Congress and urge them to defend federal programs that benefit affordable home-ownership.
- Sing a song at the build site kick off or at dedication.
- 95 Acts of Service Challenge: Ideas from Mount Olivet Lutheran Church <https://www.mtolivet.org/filerequest/25245>

Please contact Beckie Fingland if interested in fulfilling a special request/need from a homebuyer:  
Beckie@habitatstl.org or 314-371-0400.

# Help Christ Lutheran's Finances Stay Predictable

Your financial contribution to Christ Lutheran is an important part of what enables our church to thrive. Just like you, the church benefits from a predictable cash flow. You can help by choosing to make your giving electronic. The "Simply Giving" program by Thrivent Federal Credit Union enables you to give a set amount on a weekly or monthly basis using your credit/debit card (Christ Lutheran pays a small fee for this service) or your checking or savings account (this option is free to Christ Lutheran).

To set up electronic giving, you can either fill out a form and leave it on the offering plate or go to our website. You can see instructions for the online option below, and the paper form is on the adjacent page.

Thanks for helping Christ Lutheran be a good steward of its finances by setting up electronic giving!

## Setting Up Electronic Giving Via the Christ Lutheran Website

1. Go to Christ Lutheran's electronic giving page at [christwg.org/giving](http://christwg.org/giving)
2. Click on "Give Now" Enter the amount you wish to give under "-GENERAL OPERATING." Select your donation frequency (weekly or monthly) and select a donation start date.

The screenshot shows the "Online Donation" page. On the left, under "Donations", there are two input fields: "-GENERAL OPERATING:" with a value of 0.00 and "-MAJOR RENOVATIONS:" with a value of 0.00. A blue arrow points to the first field. Below this is the "Special Assistance Fund" section with "-ROOCK FAMILY:" set to 0.00. A "Total:" field shows \$0.00. The "Donation Frequency:" dropdown menu is open, showing options: "Choose One", "One Time", "Weekly", and "Monthly". A blue arrow points to the "Weekly" option. Below the frequency menu, there is a "Donation Start Date:" field with the value "08/01/17" and a blue arrow pointing to it. A "Continue" button is at the bottom left. On the right side, there is a "Log In" section with fields for "Email Address:" and "Password:", a "Log In" button, and a link "Forgot your Email Address or Password?". Below that is a "Create Your Online Profile" section with a "Create Profile" button. At the top right of the page, there are links for "View Mobile Site" and "Return to our Home Page".

3. Enter your name and contact information, select your payment method, and enter your payment information.
4. Optional: select a password to save your profile so you can easily make changes in the future.
5. If you're not a robot, select the "I'm not a robot" box.
6. Carefully review all the information you have entered and make any necessary corrections.
7. Click "Process" to submit.

# Help Christ Lutheran's Finances Stay Predictable

## Setting Up Electronic Giving Via the Simply Giving Form

### AUTHORIZATION FORM

The **Simply Giving** Program  
endorsed by

Name of the organization: Christ Lutheran Church, Webster Groves, MO

 Thrivent Federal Credit Union®

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY	ENVELOPE/DONOR #	DATE
Effective date of authorization: ____/____/____		
Type of authorization: <input type="checkbox"/> New authorization <input type="checkbox"/> Change donation amount <input type="checkbox"/> Change donation date <input type="checkbox"/> Change banking information <input type="checkbox"/> Discontinue electronic donation		
Last Name		First Name
Address		
City		State      Zip
Email Address		
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# AUGUST 2017 "WHO-DO" LIST

## August 6 **9:30 a.m.**

<b>Key Person</b>	Keith Lissant
<b>Assisting Minister</b>	Emma Austin
<b>Acolyte</b>	Paige Lauer
<b>Ushers</b>	Jadee Lauer / Ray McIntyre
<b>Lector</b>	Roger Rose
<b>Presenters</b>	Gale Nunn / Sylvia Rogers
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Nancy Lissant / Harriet Scholle
<b>Flowers</b>	Nancy Lissant / Harriet Scholle
<b>Nursery</b>	Lynnae Ruff
<b>Counter</b>	Susan DeBusk / Andrew and Tiggerr Schleicher
<b>Refreshments</b>	Suzie McIntyre / Janet Rook / Judy Wessler

## August 13 **9:30 a.m.**

<b>Key Person</b>	Matt Bender
<b>Assisting Minister</b>	John Hoffmann
<b>Acolyte</b>	Hanna Lauer
<b>Ushers</b>	Mike and Colleen Wagner with Peter and Becca Jordan
<b>Lector</b>	Matt Bender
<b>Presenters</b>	The Bender Family
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Matt and Sarah Bender
<b>Flowers</b>	Sarah Bender
<b>Nursery</b>	Lynnae Ruff
<b>Counters</b>	Sarah Bender / Jessica Gunther
<b>Refreshments</b>	Ellen Mead / Sharon Hornbeck / Carolyn Lange / Flo Saeger

## August 20 **9:30 a.m.**

<b>Key Person</b>	Mike Hoyer
<b>Assisting Minister</b>	Sandra Hoyer
<b>Acolyte</b>	Sam Allen
<b>Ushers</b>	Jessica Hopper / Mike Hoyer
<b>Lector</b>	Joan Rivas
<b>Presenters</b>	Mike and Kristin Hill
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Harriet Scholle / Sandy Hoyer
<b>Flowers</b>	Sandy Hoyer
<b>Nursery</b>	Lynnae Ruff
<b>Counters</b>	Dave Austin / Tore Stole
<b>Refreshments</b>	Melissa Allen / Katie Ciorba / Kate Dopuch / Jodi McCarty

## August 27 **9:30 a.m.**

<b>Key Person</b>	Jerry Kuziel
<b>Assisting Minister</b>	Carolyn Crowe
<b>Acolyte</b>	John Hoffmann
<b>Ushers</b>	Dad's Group
<b>Lector</b>	Dad's Group
<b>Presenters</b>	Dad's Group
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Kathy Kuziel / Angela Bratcher
<b>Flowers</b>	Ellen Mead / Joan Rivas
<b>Nursery</b>	Lynnae Ruff
<b>Counters</b>	Joan O'Brien / Ed Mansour
<b>Refreshments</b>	Carolyn Crowe / Sandra Hoyer / John Hoffmann / Tiggerr and Katie Schleicher

# August 2017

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		1	2	3	4	5
		10a Pastor's Text study—Conference Room	10a Adult Bible study 6p Fitness Group			
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 TUESDAY-FRIDAY  
 9:00 A.M. — 4:00 P.M.

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## August 2017 Highlights

- 08/06 9:00a.m.—12:00p.m.:** Childcare available.  
**9:30a.m.:** Worship with Holy Communion.  
**10:35a.m.:** Fellowship time. Celebrate August anniversaries & birthdays.  
**10:45a.m.:** Offering of letters.
- 08/13 9:00a.m.—12:00p.m.:** Childcare available.  
**9:30a.m.:** Worship with Holy Communion and blessing of backpacks.  
**10:35a.m.:** Fellowship time
- 08/15 7:00p.m.:** Church Council meeting in Conference Room.
- 08/20 9:00a.m.—12:00p.m.:** Childcare available, RIC Conversations  
**9:00a.m.—9:20a.m.:** CLC Mission Statement Listening Session  
**9:30a.m.:** Worship with Holy Communion.  
**10:30a.m.—11:00a.m.:** CLC Mission Statement Listening Session  
**10:35a.m.:** Fellowship time.
- 08/27 9:00a.m.—12:00p.m.:** Childcare available.  
**9:30a.m.:** Worship with Holy Communion.  
**10:35a.m.:** Fellowship time.  
**10:35a.m.:** Confirmation meeting in Conference Room.