



ONE IN CHRIST

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MAY 2018

WORSHIP IN MAY

The themes of the Sundays in May will inform us about life after Easter. The Sundays of Easter leading up to Pentecost will help us learn from the disciples how to live in the light of our Lord's resurrection.

On May 6 Paige Meadows, daughter of Megan and Colin and sister to Sybil, will be baptized. We will also be honoring those graduating this spring or in months earlier or in the coming summer. Please let us know the names of those in your family graduating, and let us know the degree and where it is from. If they are present, they are invited to rise and be recognized. We will be honoring the high school graduates, Ayanna Askew-Sunkara, Anna Bussler, and Dave Hill during morning worship.

Mother's Day

Mother's Day is May 13. On this Seventh Sunday of Easter we give thanks to God for the gift of motherhood and remember all mothers in the service. Those receiving First Communion will be recognized and welcomed to the Table.

Christian Education Leaders will also be honored that day. They will be recognized during worship at both the 8:00 and 10:30 services on May 21.

May 20 is Pentecost Sunday

One Service Only at 10:30

We will receive the Spirit and give God thanks for working in and through us. It will be the final Sunday for Pastors Penny and Keith to lead worship before their retirement. The members of Christ Choir will be recognized for their service during the year under the direction of Diane Drollinger and the accompaniment of Mark Ruff.

Worship Time Change Begins May 27

The summer worship schedule will begin on Sunday, May 27. There will be one service only at 9:30 a. m. The schedule will remain through September 3rd, the Sunday of Labor Day weekend. Rev. Mark Roock will lead worship and Rev. Tom Schoenherr will be the preacher on May 27.

Bon Voyage Brunch and Retirement Reception

Held on May 20 for Pastors

Immediately following the service single, 10:30 service on May 20, there will be a Bon Voyage Brunch in the Fellowship Hall featuring Chris's Pancakes for Pastors Penny and Keith. The congregation will present the pastors with gifts that morning. Members who want to contribute to the gift may make checks payable to Christ Lutheran and write "Holste gift" in the memo. Please return to church by Sunday, May 13.

There will also be a Retirement Reception held on May 20 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. in the Arden Mead Youth and Community Center. Please contact Jadee Lauer or Jodi McCarty with questions regarding these events.

The planning team is requesting digital photos from throughout Pastor Penny's and Keith's tenure at Christ Lutheran (from services, fellowship events, etc.). The pastors don't have to be in the photos. Please email them by Thursday, May 10 to Dave Fey at davefey@me.com and put "Photos for Pastors" in the email subject line. You can also drop a flash drive with photos in Susanne Reimer-Fey's box at church. No specific resolution or dpi is needed. The committee is just looking for good/decent quality digital pho-

Sunday School Teachers to be Honored Sunday, May 13



Sunday school teachers will be recognized at both services on Sunday, May 13. Our Sunday School staff this year is: superintendent: Brent Wood, music leader: Jesse Helton, teachers: Melissa Allen, Matt Bender, Sarah Bender, Katie Ciorba, Bryan Dopuch, Kate Dopuch, Rachel Helton, Alena Horn, Kersten Horn, Jodi McCarty, Steve McCarty, Dave Ringkor, Sarah Ringkor, and Lynnae Ruff, with assistants and substitutes: Luke Bruns (music), Matt Ciorba, Mike Hoyer, Jadee Lauer, Sylvia Rogers, and Danielle Uy

Pastors Penny and Keith Announce Retirement

Pastors Penny and Keith announced their upcoming retirement from pastoral ministry to the congregation the week of April 17. Their last Sunday at Christ Lutheran is May 20 with their last day of employment May 31. Pastor Keith has served six congregations over 44 years and Pastor Penny two congregations over 23 years.

Rev. Keith Hohly of the Central States Synod-ELCA met with the Church Council on April 29 to discuss the time of interim and next steps.

Pastors Penny and Keith plan to remain in the St. Louis area for the foreseeable future and continue their leadership with Lutheran School of Theology.

New Office Administrator

Lisette Kreitler began as Office Administrator on April 30. Lisette comes to us with 17 years of office administration experience. She is married and the mother of two children. Her hours at the beginning will be Monday through Friday, 8:00 a. m. to 4:00 p.m. with Mondays being shorter days. Stop by the office and meet her.

We thank Ginelle Bess who has been the temporary office administrator since last December. Ginelle has been most helpful and done very well during the time of transition. Her last official day was April 27, but she will be available for transitional training April 30 and beyond as needed.

Seven Children to Receive First Holy Communion on May 13

On May 13, seven children will receive Holy Communion for the first time after attending classes with their parents. The children are Thomas Allen, Luke Dopuch, Isaac Helton, Seannah McCarty, Xavier Ruff, Nessiah Yee, and Shalom Yee.

In their sessions they learned the meaning of Holy Communion and they also baked the bread to be used the Sunday of their First Communion.



VBS To Be Held at Emmanuel Episcopal May 30-June 1

Sunday Noon Service Project Is Open to All



From Wednesday, May 30 to Friday, June 1, children ages 3 (potty-trained) through 10 are invited to come to Vacation Bible School. This year it will be located at Emmanuel Episcopal church and will be held from 9 a.m. to noon Wednesday and Thursday and from 9 a.m. through lunch on Friday when a lunch of grilled hotdogs and root beer floats will be served.

Helpers are needed to guide the children from one activity to another, help with crafts, service projects, singing, games or snacks. Please let Alena Horn or Pastor Penny know of your interest or call the church office (962-6011).

The Bible stories this year are "The Youngest One" (1 Sam. 16:1-13), "The Faith of A Woman." (Matt. 15:21-28) and "The Burning Bush" (Ex. 3:1-4:17).

On Sunday, June 3, all families are invited to participate in a service project. Details will be announced soon.

There is no charge to attend VBS.

Please register by May 20th either through Christ Lutheran's website (christwg.org) or by going to : <http://bit.ly/VBS-Webster2018>.

"Build a VBS Night" Will be Held on May 23

All adults from Christ Lutheran and Emmanuel Churches are invited to enjoy wine and cheese and help prepare craft projects to be used for VBS. "Build a VBS Night" will be Wednesday, May 23, 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Emmanuel Episcopal church.



The World Is
Yours To Conquer

“Some Things Change. Some Things Stay the Same.”

I suppose the topic this month had to be “transitions.” Yes, Keith and I are retiring and at the same time many others are in the process of moving from something familiar to something new as well. Children are coming to the end of the school year knowing they will be saying good-bye to teachers and maybe even schools. High school seniors are preparing for a far more independent life ahead. Parents are headed for uncharted territory with their oldest child, whether that child is going into kindergarten next year, becoming a teenager, getting a driver’s license or going off to college. Some couples are downsizing and may be transitioning to a smaller home. For many of us, things will be different.

With our retirement, things will be different at Christ Lutheran also. There will be different faces at the pulpit and altar but at the same time, so much will be the same. The same people will greet you at the door, read the lessons, pass the offering plates, teach the children, and make the decisions that govern the community. The same smiling children will be running up to the children’s sermon and singing from the front. The same choir and director will be heard from the loft. The same musical style will be heard on the organ and piano. The same people will shake your hand at the passing of the peace and remember you in prayer when you’re sick. The congregation remains the same and it is the congregation, after all, which calls pastors and from whom they come and go. Congregations are so stable that some experts have said it’s like a congregation has a certain DNA which doesn’t change from ordained leader to ordained leader.

What makes transitions hard is our need for control. We want to know what will happen in the future and be assured that it will be good. While it’s good to plan how you will respond to various situations, life is full of surprises. We can’t plan surprises. We can’t control surprises. But will they be good?

Imagine a young child anticipating a birthday. Presents from parents are wrapped and piled on the table. While their content is a surprise the child is most likely anticipating that they will be good because the child knows the parents bought them with love.

God has ultimate control of our future. Easter reminds us how far God’s love for us will go. So, like a child, we can have confidence that our Heavenly Parent has good things in store for us. We may not be able to control the future and it may be full of surprises, but they will be the surprises of a loving God. May we look forward to “unwrapping” our future with the same eagerness a child unwraps presents, knowing they come with love.

----Pastor Penny

**In grateful recognition of your continued and
generous support, please join the IPM Family for a
complimentary Luncheon**

Thursday, May 10, 2018

12:00-2:00 p.m. Luncheon & Program

At Christ Lutheran Church, 1 Selma Avenue, Webster Groves, MO 63119

Presentation of the Mayer-Strege Award to 2018 Honorees:

The Reverends Keith & Penny Holste

Diane Schroeder

For their extraordinary commitment and support of IPM's mission fostering justice, peace, & hope
around the world.

Please RSVP by May 4th to the IPM Office at: 1.866.932.4082 (toll free)

ADULT FORUM

May 6—The Rise of Secularism and the New Atheists. Second of two Sundays. Matt Schunke received his Ph.D. in Religious Studies from Rice University before moving to St. Louis, where he has been a member of the philosophy department at SIUE since 2009. His teaching and research focuses on philosophy of religion and Christian Thought. During these two sessions, he will discuss what it means to live in a secular age, the consequences and implications of this for religious individuals and communities. We will also discuss the links of these ideas to New Atheists.

May 13—Mother's Day; Nurses for Newborns. Cynthia Danley, RN and Enisa Pehlic of this agency that provides nurses for home visits for at-risk newborns will tell us how their agency works.

May 20—Dealing with Political Division. We've spent two earlier sessions analyzing political division, now how do we deal with it? Three members whose professions involve making personal connections with people across the political spectrum, Jesse Helton, Mark Roock, and Sherry Mitchler, will share experiences and answer questions.

May 27—Memorial Day weekend, no Adult Forum

LET'S CELEBRATE!



CELEBRATING MAY ANNIVERSARIES & 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, fun and decorations* after EACH WORSHIP service.

ANNIVERSARIES

05/04	Becca & Peter Jordan
05/07	Jessica & Dan Gunther
05/08	Harriet & Bill Scholle
05/22	Kim & Jack Joern
05/27	Sandra & Mike Hoyer

BIRTHDAYS

05/03	Anna McIntyre
05/05	Sarah Ringkor
05/05	Robert Swanson,
05/05	Claudia Trautmann
05/08	Mae Hoerchler
05/10	John Fortney
05/11	John Hoffmann
05/13	Carol Emery
05/13	Elsie Johnson
05/15	Matthew Ely
05/16	Beverly Thompson
05/17	Vic Saeger
05/18	Daniel Hopper
05/20	Jacob Swanson
05/23	Andrew Bennett
05/23	Harriet Scholle
05/24	Jessica Hopper
05/25	Penny Holste
95/25	Gary Knubley
05/27	Kelley Truss
05/28	Lisl Clerk
05/31	Anna Deck

Lutheran School of Theology Class at Christ Lutheran

A WORLD TURNED UPSIDE DOWN: The Reformations in Europe, Part 2

When Martin Luther posted his 95 Theses on the evening of Oct. 31, 1517, he had no idea that his protest would turn the Church, the European political landscape and much of the Western world upside down. Dr. Ruff, having covered the German Reformation in a previous class, in this class will examine the upheaval created by the English Reformation and Catholic Reformation. It will focus on the English Civil Wars as well as the Thirty Years War on the European continent.

Dr. Mark Ruff

Instructor: Dr. Mark Ruff, Professor of History at Saint Louis University

3-WEEK CLASS DATES: Thursdays, May 3 through 17, 7:00 – 9:30 p.m. at Christ Lutheran Church, Webster Groves. Register for course **PD 139. Tuition is \$42.**

Register online at www.lststl.org/courses, by mail to LST, 475 E. Lockwood Ave., St. Louis, Mo 63119, or by phone message to 314-918-2556, or by email to registrar@lststl.org.



NOTES:

April Council Meeting



On April 17 the Christ Lutheran Council met for an informal dinner, brief meeting, and retreat.

At the meeting:

--The treasurer reported income to the end of March as \$92,209 and expenses of \$106,343 compared to budget to date of \$117,100.

--Christian Education noted the upcoming Sunday School teachers appreciation Sunday.

--Christian Service reported on a new emphasis on the Meal a Month food collection program.

--Fellowship noted the need for volunteers on the 4th of July.

--Outreach reminded about the upcoming Trivia Night.

--Properties noted the discounted multi-year contract with Waste Management that is proposed. It was approved by the council. Lawn service has been contracted for the season.

--Stewardship reported that some 55 of a usual 65 pledge forms have been received, and it is seeking the outstanding pledge forms.

--Youth reported that registrations have been received for the ELCA Youth Gathering this summer, and that funds are sought to help an additional young woman attend.

--Pastors reported on the proposed Iftar meal and information session offered by local Muslims in conjunction with Holy Redeemer Catholic. Holy Redeemer is not available in the time frame and Christ Lutheran pastors will not be available, so it is postponed indefinitely. Pastors Penny and Keith with Christ Lutheran are to receive a service award from International Partners in Mission at its May meeting and meal at Christ Lutheran on May 10.

--Renovation Committee reported that a draft is available of the new plan with an elevator at the southeast entrance of the church and with an expanded narthex. Financial approaches will begin this spring.

--A revised fee schedule for non-member use of the Mead Center was approved.

--it was noted that Lisette Kreidler is to begin as office administrator on April 30. A parting bonus for Ginelle Bess was approved.

--Pastors Penny and Keith announced their plan to retire from Christ Lutheran at the end of May with their last Sunday being May 20. Pr. Keith Hohly of Central States Synod is to meet with the council on April 29.

--Steve McCarty led the council in a retreat considering new ideas, priorities, and approaches for community involvement by the congregation.

SAVE THESE DATES!

Sunday, June 10—The annual outdoor worship service, 9:30 a.m. The Fellowship Committee has set June 10 as the day for outdoor worship and picnic in the church front yard. Be watching for more details, and let us pray for good weather.

Wednesday, July 4—the Fourth of July parade— Watch the parade with others in the church front yard and stay for the BBQ also in the church yard as you are able. Watch for more details—we'll need volunteers to help set up, to be hosts for our visiting neighbors and more.

Adult Mission Trip to South Dakota

The trip begins early one Saturday morning, June 2, work/play/create community for 5 busy days and return late the following Saturday.

Stay in the luxurious Rosebud Mission dorm, eat fine cuisine with dinner companions - both known and unknown - and experience the American panorama of the Midwest as we travel through picturesque MO, IA and NE.

Each trip is very different -each one has some common themes.

For a look at past events, check [Emmanuel Episcopal/Christ Lutheran Adult Mission Trip](#)

Scrap those vacation plans for the beach and come join us!

If you want to come, let Donna Erickson know at Emmanuel Episcopal.

Total cost will be \$250.00 - payable in full or w/\$50.00 non refundable deposit to Emmanuel church office by May 21st; full payment before leaving.

Reserve your spot in the van now! Aisle or window! 😊

It's been a LONG cold winter on Rosebud - ALL the firewood collected and chopped last summer has been distributed. We are not sure what jobs Mother Lauren will have for us - but starting to replenish the wood supply will definitely be one component!

If you feel compelled to join us, we'll find a way for you to contribute - many ways to be Christ's hands and feet - not all the same!





Metro Singers Concert

Saturday, June 2nd at 7:00 p.m.

Affton High School Auditorium

8309 Mackenzie Road, Saint Louis, MO 63123

General Admission Tickets: \$15

For more information or to obtain tickets call 314-995-1262

The St. Louis Metro Singers is a nonprofit, volunteer, civic chorus born of love— love of music and of people. They perform a varied repertoire in seasonal classical concerts, holiday concerts, and civic, social, church and community performances.

Do you like to sing? We are currently seeking singers in all voice parts.

The Properties committee has designated June 2nd as Work Day at Christ Lutheran to freshen the landscape around the church & the Mead Center. We will work from 8-12 a.m. and would be delighted to see many volunteers as many hands make light work.

If you own any of the following items please bring them along with you:

- Gloves
- Pruning Shears
- Rake for spreading mulch— small or large
- 2 wheelbarrows for moving mulch to where it 's needed
- 1 or 2 shovels to land mulch into wheelbarrows



-Thank you in advance for your participation. If God decides to send rain that morning we'll reschedule.

DO you have medical equipment that is not being used? Do you need medical equipment? Now there is HELP...

MEDICAL EQUIPMENT DONATION DRIVE

Saturday, May 5th 9:00 a.m.– 2:00 p.m.

We accept donations of manual and power wheelchairs, electric hospital beds, shower chairs, canes, crutches/walkers, grab bars, elevated toilet seats, portable commodes, lift chairs, seating cushions, back supports, folding ramps—every type of item except oxygen and medications. St.

Louis HELP loans the donated home medical items to anyone in need, at no cost or fee.



St. Louis HELP (314) 567-4700—www.stlhelp.org



TRIVIA NIGHT

**Thank you to all those
who came out to be a part!**



We're having a baby shower!

Nurses for Newborns will be speaking at the Adult Forum on Sunday May 13, 2018 and we will be collecting needed baby items for them to distribute to the families they serve. Items needed include:

- larger sized diapers (4 & 5)
- Diaper wipes
- Baby lotion
- Baby shampoo and baby wash
- Digital thermometers
- Canned food
- Bottle brushes
- Newborn baby clothing



Please bring donated items and place them in the pack and plays that will be in the fellowship hall on Mother's Day Sunday 4/13/2018. Green envelope offering donations will be designated for May will also be donated to Nurse for Newborns.

May Who-Do

DATE: May 6

8:00 a.m.

10:30 a.m.

Key Person	Jerry Kuziel	Matt Bender
Assisting Minister		Flo Saeger
Acolyte		Aishlyn McCarthy
Ushers		Brett Bussler & Ray McIntyre
Lector	Larry Hill	Joan Rivas
Presenters	Larry Hill	The Bender Family
Altar Guild		Kathy Kuziel & Angela Bratcher
Flowers		Ellen Mead & Joan Rivas
Nursery		Tanner Lynnae Ruff
Counters		Sarah Bender
Refreshments	Sarah Keifer, Suzie McIntyre, Janet Roock and Judy Wessler	

DATE: May 13

8:00 a.m.

10:30 a.m.

Key Person	Vic Saeger	Keith Lissant
Assisting Minister		Carolyn Crowe
Acolyte		Sam Allen
Ushers		Jim Bennett & Alan Richter
Lector	Vic Saeger	Danielle Uy
Presenters	Larry Hill	Vic & Flo Saeger
Altar Guild		Nancy & Keith Lissant
Flowers		Sarah Bender
Nursery		Tanner Lynnae Ruff
Counters		Susan DeBusk & Dave Fey
Refreshments	Melissa Allen, Katie Ciorba, Kate Dopuch and Jodi McCarty	

May Who-Do continued..

DATE: May 20

10:30 a.m.

Key Person

Bill Griffith

Peter Jordan

Assisting Minister

Mark Roock

Acolyte

Kahlie McCarty

Ushers

Peter & Becca Jordan

Lector

Kim Donermeyer

Presenters

Diane Deck & Tom Palazzolo

Altar Guild

Sally Watchman & Sandy Hoyer

Flowers

Diane Deck

Nursery

Tanner Lynnae Ruff

Counters

Austin Dave & Tore Stole

Refreshments

Carolyn Crowe, John Hoffman and Sandy Hoyer

DATE: May 27

10:30 a.m.

Key Person

Bill Scholle

Joan O'Brien

Assisting Minister

John Hoffman

Acolyte

Marc Horn

Ushers

Joan O'Brien & Roger Rose

Lector

Kersten Horn

Presenters

Mike & Kristin Hill

Altar Guild

Matt & Sarah Bender

Flowers

Sandy Hoyer

Nursery

Tanner Lynnae Ruff

Counters

Sarah Keifer & Joan O'Brien

Refreshments

Sharon Hornbeck, Carolyn Lange, Ellen Mead and Flo Saeger

May 2018

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		10 a.m. Bible Study 10 a.m. Pastors' Text Study	10 a.m. Bible Study @ Laclede Groves 7:30 pm Choir practice	6 pm The Fitness group- Mead 7-9:30 pm LST Class		
6 Children's Sunday 8 & 10:30 a.m. Worship Baptism of Paige Meadows High school graduates will be honored.	7 12pm Senior Fellowship @ Laclede Groves 6 pm The Fitness group	8 10 a.m. Bible Study 10 a.m. Pastors' Text Study	9 10 a.m. Bible Study @ Laclede Groves 6:30 p.m. Worship Committee Meeting 7:30 pm Choir practice	10 6 pm The Fitness group-Mead IPM Luncheon 12-2p.m. 7-9:30 pm LST Class	11	12
13 8 & 10:30 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m. First Communion, Sunday school teachers honored. 11:30 a.m. Carolyn Crowe, RN, BSSN will be taking blood pressure	14 12pm Senior Fellowship @ Laclede Groves 6 pm The Fitness group	15 10 a.m. Bible Study 10 a.m. Pastors' Text Study 7:00 p.m. Council Meeting	16 10 a.m. Bible Study NO Choir practice	17 6 pm The Fitness group-Mead 7-9:30 pm LST Class 7-9:00 p.m. Stephen Ministry	18	19
20 ONE SERVICE ONLY 10:30 a.m. Worship Pastors Keith & Penny's last service. Musicians honored.	21 12pm Senior Fellowship @ Laclede Groves 6 pm The Fitness group	22 10 a.m. Bible Study 10 a.m. Pastors' Text Study	23 6:30 p.m. Build-a-VBS @ Emmanuel Episcopal	24 6 pm The Fitness group- Church	25 5 p.m. Room at the Inn	26
27 Begin summer schedule: one service @ 9:30 a.m.	28 12pm Senior Fellowship	29 10 a.m. Bible Study 10 a.m. Pastors' Text Study	30 VBS 9-12p.m. @ Emmanuel Episcopal	31 VBS 9-12p.m. @ Emmanuel Episcopal		



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Worship Schedule

Sunday at

8:00 & 10:30 a.m. (Through May 13)

10:30 a.m. ONLY May 20

9:15 a.m. ONLY May 27-Sep. 3rd

CHILDCARE

7:45 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. through May 20th

9:15 a.m.-noon May 27-Sept. 3rd

Church Office Hours

Monday 9 a.m. - noon

Tuesday-Friday

8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Pastors

Penny and Keith Holste

Council President

Brett Bussler

Pastoral Assistant

Mark Roock

Southside Cluster shared youth coordinator

Aaron Elliott

DIRECTOR OF SENIOR ADULT MINISTRIES AND FAITH COMMUNITY NURSE

Carolyn Crowe

Director of Choirs

Diane Drollinger

Organist

Mark Ruff

Office Administrator

Lisette Kreitler

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May 2018 Highlights

05/06- Children's Sunday, Baptism of Paige Meadows, celebration of May Birthdays and Anniversaries and High school graduates will be honored.

05/09- 6:30 p.m. Worship Committee meeting

05/10- 12- 2:00 p.m. IPM Luncheon

05/13- First Communion, Sunday School teachers honored and Carolyn Crowe, RN, BSN will be taking blood pressure.

05/15- 7:00 p.m. Council meeting

05/20- One service only, Pastors Keith and Penny's last Sunday and musicians will be honored.

05/23- 6:30 p.m. Build-a-VBS @ Emmanuel Episcopal

05/25- 5:00 p.m. Room at the Inn

05/27- Begin summer schedule: one service at 9:30 a.m.