



ONE IN CHRIST

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Connecting with Christ

December Worship Schedule

Sunday worship services at 8:00 am and 10:30 am. Sunday School, youth group and Adult forum is held between services at 9:15 am. Coffee fellowship is held after the 10:30 am service.

Sunday, December 1, First Sunday of Advent - 8:00 am & 10:30 am Worship: Stephanie Doeschot, preacher, Phil Doeschot, presider. Readings: Isaiah 2:1-5; Psalm 122; Romans 13:11-14; Matthew 24: 36-44

Wednesday, December 4, 6:00 pm Advent Supper, 7:00 pm Advent Worship, Holden Evening Prayer. Phil Doeschot, preacher, Mark Roock, cantor.

Sunday, December 8, Second Sunday of Advent - 8:00 am & 10:30 am Worship: Stephanie Doeschot, preacher and presider. Readings: Isaiah 11:1-10; Psalm 72: 1-7,18-19; Romans 15:4-13; Matthew 3: 1-12

Wednesday, December 11, 6:00 pm Advent Supper, 7:00 pm Advent Worship, Holden Evening Prayer. Stephanie Doeschot, preacher, Diane Drollinger, cantor.

Sunday, December 15, Third Sunday of Advent - 8:00 am & 10:30 am Worship: *Christmas Cantata: The Incarnation*, Jim Bennett, presider. Readings: Isaiah 35:1-10; Psalm 146: 5-10; James 5:7-10; Matthew 11: 2-11

Wednesday, December 18, 6:00 pm Advent Supper, 7:00 pm Advent Worship, Holden Evening Prayer. Phil Doeschot, preacher, Liz Drollinger, cantor.

Sunday, December 22, Fourth Sunday of Advent- 8:00 am, Stephanie Doeschot, preacher, Roger Ruff, presider. **10:30 am,** Children's Christmas Program, *The Gift of Christmas*, Roger Ruff, presider. Isaiah 7: 10-16; Psalm 80: 1-7,17-19; Romans 1:1-7; Matthew 1: 18-25

Tuesday, December 24, 5:00 pm Christmas Eve Family Service with Holy Communion, Stephanie Doeschot, preacher, Phil Doeschot, presider. **11:00 pm** Christmas Eve Candle Lighting Service with Holy Communion. Stephanie Doeschot, preacher, Phil Doeschot presider. Readings: Isaiah 9:2-7; Psalm 96; Titus 2:11-14; Luke 2: 1-14 [15-20]

Sunday, December 29, One service only at 10:30 am, First Sunday of Christmas- Baptism of Richard Mudd. Jon Heerboth, preacher, Stephanie Doeschot, presider. Readings: Isaiah 63:7-9; Psalm 148; Hebrews 2: 10-18; Matthew 2: 13-23



Pastor's Word²

Happy New Year!

You read that correctly. In another month we can greet others with words of well-wishing for the new calendar year, wear silly hats and wait for midnight to bring in 2020.

But a new year greeting is also appropriate now. The season of Pentecost has concluded and the season of Advent begins.

Advent means arrival or coming. It's a season filled with expectancy and hope, since it heralds the coming of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ as a baby born to usher in something very new.

How appropriate! Christ Lutheran is preparing for lots of newness itself. As you are becoming aware, Meagan McLaughlin has been identified and approved by Council as your pastoral candidate after this long transition period. You will soon have the opportunity to meet her in person. I hope you take advantage of the meet and greet opportunities being planned.

Along with that newness that is in the air, we as the people of God have the opportunity each week of Advent to hear the familiar readings, sing the familiar songs, and hear the familiar story of Emmanuel, God with us. That never gets old. May we always hear, sing, pray and celebrate the familiar with a new zest for appreciating God's unparalleled gift to us in the Christ child.

Please organize your weekly schedule around the worship services, both on Sunday and Wednesday to stay deeply connected with your church family and to keep the gifts of God for all of us central in your hearts and minds.

I've appreciated the 18 months I will have spent with you by the end of December when I conclude my service to you as Resident Interim Pastor. Yours is a vibrant congregation, brimming with growing possibilities and exemplifying deep commitment to loving God and others in ever-expanding ways.

You continue to be in my prayers and will remain in my heart.

Now, let's get ready to celebrate the new year that God has in store for all of us!

Pastor Stephanie



Call Committee Update

Brief timeline of how we got here:

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| May 2018 | Pastors Penny and Keith retire |
| August 2018 | Transition Team begins their work |
| August 2019 | Call Committee is formed |
| September 2019 | Christ Lutheran profile on the ELCA job board goes live |
| October 2019 | Call committee began interviewing Pastor Meagan McLaughlin |
| Nov 2-4, 2019 | Pastor Meagan and her wife Karen visited Christ Lutheran and the Call Committee over a three-day weekend. |
| Nov 19 th , 2019 | The Call Committee recommended Pastor Meagan to the Council, who voted unanimously to affirm and recommend her to the congregation. |

Who is Pastor Meagan?



Meagan studied at St. Olaf College (English major), Luther Seminary, and obtained her Master of Divinity from United Theological Seminary. She currently lives in Minneapolis and has been under assignment in that synod for five years ministering to several congregations, most recently Bethel Lutheran Church in Little Falls. She just completed her assignment there as a Synodically Authorized Minister. Previous to Bethel, she was a pastoral assistant at Holy Trinity and Vicar Intern at Mount Olive. Before this, she was a Christian Life Assistant at the Basilica of Saint Mary in Minneapolis for 9 years. Before her work in ministry, she was an instructional designer, technical writer, and a teacher. Although she is a First Call candidate, she has lots of experience in pastoral care, preaching, worship planning, youth programming (including leading confirmation), church administration, and community work.

The Call Committee has spent considerable time with Meagan—interviewing her, sharing meals, touring the church and community, and attending Chapel at Eden Seminary. We have had extensive conversations with her bishop, mentors and colleagues, and current members of her congregation. Meagan is relatable, approachable, qualified, and experienced. With her warm, calming, and collaborative leadership style, the call committee believes she is an excellent fit for Christ Lutheran and our greater community.

We appreciate the congregation's understanding of the confidential nature of the call process to this point. Now that we have a candidate, it's time for everyone to get to know her. You can start by reading her sermons, which can be accessed here:

<https://pastormeaganmclaughlin.wordpress.com>.

We are planning to have Pastor Meagan and Karen return to Webster Groves to meet the congregation **December 6th through the 9th**. A tentative schedule is below:

Friday December 6th: Praise and Pizza in Fellowship Hall from 5:30 to 7:00. Everyone is welcome. This is a great event for families and will be informal. Jesse Helton will lead us in singing and then the Sunday School children will help us all get to know Pastor Meagan a little better with a Q&A session. Food and drink will be provided.

Saturday December 7th: Pastor Meagan and Karen will attend the **Advent Brunch** at 10:00am Pastor Meagan will meet with Council, staff, and the Worship team in the Fellowship Hall from 3:30 to 5:00 pm for afternoon **Cookies and Tea**.

Sunday December 8th: Pastor Meagan will be introduced to both **8:00 and 10:30 services** and lead a prayer. She will stop by **Sunday School** to say hello to kids and parents for 15 minutes between services. She will be available between services (there is no adult forum) and after the 10:30 service in the fellowship hall for a **Meet and Greet** with the congregation.

Monday December 9th: Pastor Meagan will be in the fellowship hall from 6:30-8:00 pm for **Dessert and Tea** for any member who was not able to meet her during the weekend.

December 10th through the 14th, the Call Committee will host several listening sessions during the day and in the evening at church. This will be a time to come ask additional questions and share your reaction to the previous weekend's festivities. We will alert the congregation to specific times and dates in an upcoming email.

December 15th – Congregational meeting to vote on Pastor Meagan's candidacy.

The call committee is excited to talk to parishioners about Pastor Meagan and her credentials. Please do not hesitate to reach out to any of us with questions.

Jon Heerboth
Flo Saeger
Katie Ciorba
Kate Dopuch
Dave Ringkor
Jesse Helton

GIVE-A-MEAL-A-MONTH

DECEMBER

- Canned ham
- Instant mashed potatoes (plain, no flavors)
- Canned asparagus, low sodium/no salt
- Canned fruit in own juices or light syrup
- Powdered milk or ground coffee



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!

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Keith and Nancy Lissant



This month we feature Keith and Nancy sharing their answers to questions posed to them to help you get to know them better:

Background information you are willing to share:

1) *Keith grew up in Des Peres and went to school in Parkway. He has a degree in chemistry from the University of Missouri Rolla. He is retired after working in various chemical companies. Nancy grew up in Clayton. She has a BA from Washington University and worked in administrative positions for various organizations. She is retired.*

2) Hobbies and areas of interest you pursue:

Keith's areas of interest include woodworking, fishing, stained glass and home repair. Nancy is interested in photography, crafts, and flower arranging. Both of us love to travel and were visiting a friend in England this

year as well as spending time in Colorado.

3) How long have you been members at Christ and what do you most value about being part of this community of faith?

We both have been members of Christ since the merger of Living Word and Christ Webster. We value the community here and the friends we have made over the years.

4) What are the current areas where you serve at the church?

Nancy is presently Council secretary and is part of the altar flower team, which is really fun. Keith and Nancy are both part of the altar guild and the choir. Keith has been treasurer and on the properties committee.

5) What are your hopes for the future of Christ Lutheran Church?

A smooth transition to a new pastor so we don't lose the community we have.

Treasurer's Report – Financial Results Through September 2019

Treasurer's Report for the 9 Months through September 2019

So far this year contributions to Christ Lutheran for general operating purposes are less than what was received over the same period last year by 16% (\$49,000). Our budget for this year conservatively reflected an expectation of some decline in contributions, but even with that the total of contributions through the year's first 9 months is trailing what had been anticipated by \$27,000. Please consider doing whatever you are able to help make up our revenue shortfall, particularly as we see higher impending costs both to maintain and repair our properties and to successfully complete the next phases of our pastoral call process. As always, we are most grateful for your generous giving to Christ Lutheran. Thank you!

Tore Stole, Treasurer

ADULT FORUM

Adult Forum is held on Sundays in the fellowship hall between services, at 9:15 to 10:15am.

With the Chorale Cantata, the Sunday School Christmas Drama, and people traveling to be with family, December is not the best time for outside speakers to address Adult Forum. Instead we draw on resources within the congregation to enrich our Advent and Christmas.

December 1 -*Intergenerational Lunch Preparation*. As in past years the kids from Sunday School and the grownups at Adult Forum will put together lunches for Gateway 180, a homeless shelter.

December 8 -The call committee will introduce Pastoral candidate, Meagan McLaughlin, and give those present a chance to meet her.

December 15 -*Stories and Stollen*. Many scholars believe the Christian Church began as groups of people met to eat meals and share stories of faith, joys, and concerns. The Christ Movement grew and spread from these gatherings. With a few questions to get us started and some Christmas Stollen to share, we'll re-enact those meals.

December 22 -*Intergenerational Carol Sing*. Again Jesse Helton will lead us and the kids in singing our favorite Christmas Carols.

December 29 -No Adult Forum.



Sunday School Christmas Program "The Gift of Christmas" Sunday, December 22 at 10:30 a.m. Christmas Party for all after Worship

On Sunday, December 22, during the 10:30 a.m. service, the Sunday school children will perform a fun play. Rehearsals are Dec. 15th and Dec. 22nd during the Sunday School hour, 9:15am-10:15am. Following the 10:30 service, the Sunday school will sponsor a Christmas party for the congregation. We appreciate Jesse's help with music again! The kids will sing a finale at the end of the program, "Joy to the World." The rest of the songs are going to be with the congregation.

Christ Lutheran First Friends Program

Interested in helping new members acclimate to Christ Lutheran? Have you been a First Friend in the past and want to remain so? Send an email to CLC.inreach@gmail.com for more information!

CLC Suggestion Box

Have an idea for how Christ Lutheran Church can make your experience better? Submit an anonymous note at <http://freesuggestionbox.com/pub/stwuunh> and we will do our best to help! Thanks very much!



Women's Advent Brunch

'Tis the season to be jolly, so why do I feel so overwhelmed? While we are told that Christmas should be the "most wonderful time of the year" many of us struggle with many competing demands on our time from holiday parties to sending Christmas cards and making cookies to buying and wrapping the perfect gifts for our loved ones all while reflecting the love of Christ. It's exhausting! So, how do we take care of Christmas, but also take care of ourselves? Katie Ciorba will weave together research on happiness and well-being with personal reflections to help us intentionally create a Christmas Season that will nourish our souls and prepare us for Christ's birth.

Christ Lutheran's 20th Annual Women's Advent Brunch
 Saturday, Dec. 7, 2019
 10:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

This year we'll be collecting donations for Crisis Nursery. Donations can include any of the following: snacks (individually wrapped packaged crackers, cookies, etc.), twin size fitted sheets, canned fruit or individually packaged applesauce, LEGOs, Gel dishwasher detergent, large black trash bags, toilet paper, tissue, paper towels and Clorox wipes.

Advent Wednesday Suppers

Soup, sides, beverages, and desserts will be served on Wednesday evenings during Advent: December 4, 11, and 18. There is a sign up sheet in the fellowship hall if you would like to help with a meal or just come and enjoy! The "Together in Advent" brief devotional services will follow the dinners.

Wednesday Night Advent Services Bring Us "Together in Advent"

In this busy time, this worship series helps singles, couples, and families focus on the real reason for the season. We will take time to think about the deeper meaning behind the traditions of presents, cards and cookies. The 35-minute service will use the Holden Evening Prayer setting. Each Wednesday night, the Isaiah reading for the week will be as follows:

- December 4 Isaiah 2: 1-5
- December 11 Isaiah 11:1-10
- December 18 Isaiah 35: 1-10

Take a break from the hectic nature of the season and be nourished by God's word and the meditative music of Holden Evening Prayer. Children are welcome as always.





RECYCLING FOR THE HOLIDAYS

With all the extra entertaining and gift giving around Christmas, most households generate additional trash. Some things will need to go to the landfill, but there are recycling options for many of the items that are part of the holiday celebration. See below for some of the most common items:

Electronic recycling is available for "anything with a cord" the attached link will take you to multiple options for community based recycling events for the St. Louis metropolitan area. (You can also

bring items to our box in the Fellowship Hall.)

<https://mrcrecycling.squarespace.com/electronics-recycling-events>

Do NOT put holiday lights in your recycling bin.

Holiday lights are accepted at the following locations:

Central city/county locations

**Earth Circle Recycling: 1660 S Kingshighway Blvd., 63110

**Lowe's: 2300 Maplewood Commons, 63143 by the front door South city/county locations:

**Lowe's: 1212 Kirkwood Rd., 63122 by the front door

*Earthbound Recycling: 25 Truitt Dr., 63025

*Scrap Mart: 145 W Outer Rd., 63088 (10 cents/lb)

*Midwest Recycling Center: 11139 S Towne Sq., 63123 Illinois locations:

**Lowe's: 6211 N Illinois St., 62208 by the front door

*This location accepts lights year round

**This location accepts lights for a limited time

Or bring lights to the January Recycling Extravaganza event on January 12th from 11am-2pm For more information visit: RecycleResponsibly.org

Paper wrapping paper and cardboard packaging can be recycled in your curbside container. (They do not accept tissue paper, foil or plastic based wrapping paper.) Bubble wrap or other plastic bags used for packaging can be placed in grocery store plastic bag recycling bins.

Confirmation Preparation Classes

Confirmation classes for 7th and 8th graders from the partner churches of the Southside Cluster (Christ Lutheran, St. Mark's, St. Thomas Holy Spirit and Trinity Kirkwood) meet at 12:30 pm at St. Thomas Holy Spirit, 3980 S. Lindbergh Blvd, Sappington. Classes occur every two weeks, the final class this year is Dec.1.



HELP DECORATE OUR MITTEN TREE!

Where is "Merle's Office?" you ask. It's where our Mitten Tree is stored until December each year, when it is set up in the Fellowship Hall.



Those of us who were privileged to have known and worked with Merle and Lydia Reischauer have fond memories of their leadership at Christ Lutheran. Many years ago, Merle designed and built the Mitten Tree, and every year we decorate it with mittens, gloves, warm hats and mufflers that are then shared with local charities.

Through the years, we've also collected hundreds of disposable diapers, wipes and baby formula.

We'll publish a photo of our decorated Mitten Tree in next month's newsletter, along with a picture of the Reischauers. Watch as our tree is filled with life-saving donations throughout the month of December!

Encountering Meaning



Intergenerational Lunch Packing

December 1st at 9:15 in the fellowship hall, we'll continue our Thanksgiving weekend tradition of the Adult Forum and Sunday School working together to pack lunches that will be taken to Gateway 180, a homeless shelter in north Saint Louis.

Women's Group

What: Women's Group White Elephant Gift Exchange

Who: All women of Christ Lutheran!

When: Friday December 13th from 6:30-10:30 pm

Where: Becca Jordan's house: 2 Sedwick Dr, St Louis, MO 63124

Please bring a snack and/or drink to share and a wrapped gift if you want to participate in the gift exchange.

RSVP to Becca at 314-580-0277 or beccajedwards@gmail.com



POINSETTIAS ON SALE FOR CHRISTMAS

This year we again have beautiful multi-bloom poinsettias, in six-inch pots, for sale. You can purchase one or more plants for \$7.50 each, which the church will use for decorating the altar on Christmas Eve (Tuesday, Dec. 24). You may take home your plant(s) after the 11pm service. Or, you can give your plants to our homebound members, to be distributed during Christmas week. Return this form to the office with your payment by Dec 23rd.

Your name: _____ Number of poinsettias: _____

In Honor of _____

In Memory of _____

I will be taking _____ home with me. I will be leaving _____ for the homebound.

Cost \$7.50 per plant TOTAL \$ _____

LADY GREY'S



Thank you to all who assisted at the Lady Grey's Holiday Boutique! It was a good turnout and over \$800 dollars was raised to support Lutheran World Relief, ELCA Good Gifts, and Lutheran Immigration & Refugee Services.

ANNIVERSARIES AND BIRTHDAYS!

LET'S CELEBRATE DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES AND BIRTHDAYS!

Congratulations and Best Wishes!
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
December 1, 2019.

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| 12/22 | Christopher Lindquist |
| 12/24 | Lynnae Tanner Ruff |
| 12/24 | Loralie Blaser |
| 12/24 | Jodi McCarty |
| 12/25 | Jesse Wood |
| 12/30 | Pastor Stephanie Doeschot |
| 12/31 | Joe Bartek |

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

ANNIVERSARIES:

12/26 Joan and Bob O'Brien

BIRTHDAYS:

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| 12/01 | Gloria Richardson |
| 12/02 | Luther Ciorba |
| 12/05 | Martin Allen |
| 12/07 | Michael Bude |
| 12/07 | Liz Drollinger |
| 12/10 | Catherine Gunther |
| 12/13 | Paige Meadows |
| 12/14 | Thomas Ely |
| 12/17 | James Gilliland |
| 12/17 | Rachel Helton |
| 12/18 | Linda Elkin |
| 12/19 | Brett Bussler |
| 12/20 | Jeffrey Kuziel |



BLOOD PRESSURE AND BLOOD SUGAR SCREENINGS

Carolyn Crowe, Faith Community Nurse and Director of Senior Adult Ministries, will do blood pressure and blood sugar screenings on **Sunday, November 10th**. You can find her in the Fellowship Hall at 11:45 am. You can also make an appointment with Carolyn for a blood pressure or blood sugar check up, by calling her at either the church, 314-962-6011, or her cell phone 314-277-2164.



DECEMBER 2019 "WHO-DO" LIST

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| December 1 | 8:00 a.m. | 10:30 a.m. |
| Key Person | Bill Griffith | Mike Hoyer |
| Assisting Minister | | Rachel Helton |
| Acolyte | Shalom Yee | Hanna Lauer |
| Ushers | | Mike Wagner / Jadee Lauer |
| Lector | Larry Hill | Mike Wagner |
| Presenters | Linda Elkin & Mark Smith | Bob & Joan O'Brien |
| Altar Guild | | Carolyn Lange/ Angela Bratcher |
| Flowers | | Sandy Hoyer |
| Counters | | Susan DeBusk /David Fey |
| Refreshments | Alena Horn/Jadee Lauer/Sarah Ringkor/Lynnae Tanner Ruff | |

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| December 8 | 8:00 a.m. | 10:30 a.m. |
| Key Person | Jerry Kuziel | Keith Lissant |
| Assisting Minister | | Carolyn Crowe |
| Acolyte | Nesiah Yee | Luther Ciorba |
| Ushers | | Jim Bennett/Brett Bussler |
| Lector | Vic Saeger | Sandy Hoyer |
| Presenters | Vic & Flo Saeger | Dianne Deck/Tom Palazzolo |
| Altar Guild | | Keith & Nancy Lissant |
| Flowers | | Dianne Deck |
| Counters | | Joe Bartek/Joan O'Brien |
| Refreshments | | Melissa Allen/Katie Ciorba/Kate Dopuch |

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| December 15 | 8:00 a.m. | 10:30 a.m. |
| Key Person | Alan Richter | Mike Hoyer |
| Assisting Minister | | Katie Ciorba |
| Acolyte | Shalom Yee | Luke Dopuch |
| Ushers | | Mike Hoyer/Roger Rose |
| Lector | Flo Saeger | Donna Munger |
| Presenters | Linda Elkin & Mark Smith | Dan & Jessica Gunther |
| Altar Guild | | Harriet Scholle/Angela Bratcher |
| Flowers | | Faith Moore/Nancy Lissant |
| Counters | | Jessica Gunther |
| Refreshments | | Erin Eftink/Sarah Keifer/Janet Rook/Judy Wessler |

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| December 22 | 8:00 a.m. | 10:30 a.m. |
| Key Person | John Hoffmann | Peter Jordan |
| Assisting Minister | | Kersten Horn |
| Acolyte | Nesiah Yee | Micah Ruff |
| Ushers | | Bob & Joan O'Brien |
| Lector | John Hoffmann | Carolyn Lange |
| Presenters | Jim & Sally Wachtman | Mike & Kristen Hill |
| Altar Guild | | Sandy Hoyer/Sally Wachtman |
| Flowers | | Harriet Scholle/Nancy Lissant |
| Counters | | Sarah Keifer |
| Refreshments | Annika & Joe Bartek/Angela Bratcher/Harriet Scholle/Sally Wachtman | |

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| December 24 | 5:00 p.m. | 11:00 p.m. |
| Key Person | | Peter Jordan (10:30 p.m.) |
| Acolyte | | John Hoffmann |
| Ushers | | Becca & Peter Jordan |
| Presenters | | |
| Altar Guild | | |
| Flowers | | Poinsettias |

There will be no Assisting Minister, Lectors, Counters, or Refreshments.

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| December 29 | | 10:30 a.m. |
| Key Person | There is no 8 a.m. service. | |
| Assisting Minister | | Joan O'Brien |
| Acolyte | | Flo Saeger |
| Ushers | | TBA |
| Lector | | Becca Jordan & Mike Wagner |
| Presenters | | Kersten Horn |
| Altar Guild | | Donna Munger/Gale Nunn |
| Flowers | | Carolyn Lange/Janet Rook |
| Counters | | Poinsettias |
| Refreshments | | Susan DeBusk |
| | | Carolyn Crowe/John Hoffmann/Sandy Hoyer |

MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN OUR COMMUNITY



Christian Service is sponsoring a giving tree during the month of December. This year we are buying lanyard wallets for the 67 ladies at the Mary Ryder Home. This organization recently joined with Provident Counseling and provides residential care and support services to ladies aged 55 and older. The lanyard wallets can be bought on-line for about \$10-20 dollars (they are somewhat hard to find in stores). Pictures of what the lanyard wallets look like can be found on the giving tree in the Fellowship Hall. Or you are welcome to visit Amazon and type in "Vria zip id case with lanyard," and you will see multiple styles pop up that offer free shipping for Prime Members. Please wrap your gifts if possible and place them underneath the giving tree by Sunday, December 15th. If you have any questions, please contact Erin Eftink at 314-603-2947. Thank you!



90th + Birthdays celebrated at Laclede Groves on November 4th
Helen Hedderig, Thelda Bertram, Gloria Richardson, and Bob Rivas

"With long life I will satisfy you and let you see my salvation"

Psalm 96:16



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Presiding bishop statement on Israeli civilian settlements

The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America is very disturbed by the November 18 announcement by Secretary of State Michael R. Pompeo that the Administration unwisely is changing current U.S. policy by stating that the “establishment of Israeli civilian settlements in the West Bank is not per se inconsistent with international law.” Our church has consistently called for an end to the Israeli occupation of the Palestinian territory, the cessation of all settlement activities and withdrawal from settlements on Palestinian territory to the 1967 boundaries, a negotiated, final status agreement between Israel and the Palestinians and the establishment of and international support for a viable, contiguous Palestinian state. We will continue to work with ecumenical and inter-religious partners who share these commitments. In the long term, we wish to see Israelis and Palestinians co-existing in justice and peace, as citizens of viable and secure Israeli and Palestinian states.

The Administration’s announcement makes the realization of these outcomes to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict more difficult and distant, rather than advancing the cause of peace. The announcement, like earlier ones on the conflict, gives no evidence of having been developed in consultation with those who will be most adversely affected by this policy, namely the

Palestinians in the occupied territory. Instead, it will give a “green light” to further settlement activity and a worsening of the conditions of occupation, including intensified military and police measures and the further diversion of natural and other resources that benefit only settlers.

By reverting to the policy of the Reagan Administration, the new policy ignores facts that have been created on the ground since 1989 (from a settler population then of close to 200,000 to an estimated more than 700,000 at present in the West Bank and East Jerusalem). It also discredits international law such as various provisions of the Fourth Geneva Convention -- to which Israel is a party -- about the obligations of an occupying power as well as the prevailing international consensus about settlements, most recently articulated in Security Council resolution 2334 of 2016 (to which all UN member states are bound according to the UN Charter).

Our distress with this announcement is primarily its impact on the daily life of Palestinians, especially our sisters and brothers in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land, but also their Christian and Muslim neighbors. We are also concerned with policy changes that further distance the United States from the prevailing international consensus on the path toward a negotiated solution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, including respecting human rights standards and international law.

God’s peace,

The Rev. Elizabeth A. Eaton
Presiding Bishop
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

One Day in the Life of a Room at the Inn Client

Daytime

- Clients arrive at day site 7:00 am
- Shower and grooming
- Start laundry
- Get ready for daily activities
- Get children ready and off to school
- Case management/approved activities for Parents
- Lunch
- Resume activities - follow up on references, look for jobs, meet with staff, follow up on referrals for areas of need
- Volunteers help with children while the parents are doing their activities
- Return for curfew at 4:00 pm
- Do chores and prepare to go to the night site
- We call night site coordinators to tell them who their clients are and communicate any special needs



Nighttime

- At 5:00 pm clients are picked up by coordinators and transported to a different night site each evening
- Each night site has their own coordinator who takes care of all activities at the night site
- Volunteers at night site serve dinner
- Do activities
- Bedtime
- Wake up and eat breakfast
- Clients brought back to day site by 7:00 am



If you know someone in need of services, please have them call:

St. Louis County Homeless Helpline: **(314) 802-5444** or **(866) 802-7155**

**VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED NOW!**

Do You Have Time to Help Out at Room?

We welcome your help! We have many needs requiring many different talents. Even a small amount of time can make a big difference. If you're interested, please call our Volunteer Coordinator, Cindy Warren at **314-209-9181**, or go to **roomsfl.org/volunteer** to submit a volunteer application. We hope to hear from you!



Christ Lutheran Church is selling the **2020 Entertainment Coupon Books** again this fall, Cost is still \$30 per book, \$15 dollar profit per book will go toward our church budget. Please support our efforts, contact Joan O'Brien or Gale Nunn to get your discounts!

Buy for yourself, friends, or as gifts – think Birthday or Christmas.

The 2020 Entertainment Book contains buy one get one free and 50% offers on the following and others: Candiccis, Chocolate, Chocolate-Chocolate, C.J. Muggs, Joe Boccardi's, IHOP, Qdoba, Papa Johns, Papa Murphys, Racanellis, Rosalitas, Sams, ChuckECheeses, Golf at Sunset Hills, Melting Pot, Ice Rinks of Brentwood, Kirkwood, Webster Groves, Magic House, Museum of Transportation, OmniMax & Planetarium at Science Center, Red Box Movie Rental, Red Bud Winery, SHOPPING/SERVICES at Ace Hardware, Costco, Dick's Sporting Goods, JC Penny Portraits, Macy, Play It Again Sports and EVEN SAVE ON VACATION at many car rentals and hotels.

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December 2019

Sun**Mon****Tue****Wed****Thu****Fri****Sat**

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| 1 9:15a Lunch pack in fellowship hall 11:45a BP Screen, Hanging of Greens 12:30p Confirmation class @STHS | 2 | 3 10a Bible Text Study-Conference Rm 10a Bible Study-Fellowship hall | 4 6p Advent Supper in Fellowship Hall 7p Advent worship | 5 | 6 | 7 8:30a Choir Rehearsal 9:30a Women's Advent Brunch in Mead Center |
| 8 7:45a Childcare 8:00 & 10:30a Worship 9:15a Sunday School (Mead), Youth group and Adult forum 11:45a Coffee fellowship | 9 12p Community birthday Party and Sr. Fellowship at Laclede Groves 6p Fitness Group | 10 10a Bible Text Study-Conference Rm 10a Bible Study-Fellowship hall | 11 7:30p Choir practice 6p Advent Supper in Fellowship Hall 7p Advent worship | 12 6p Fitness Group 6p Stephen Ministries holiday party at Linda Griffith's House | 13 | 14 8:30a Choir Rehearsal |
| 15 7:45a Childcare 8:00a Worship 10:30a Worship with Choir Cantata 9:15a Sunday School (Mead), Youth group and Adult forum 11:45a coffee fellowship 12:30p Confirmation class @STHS | 16 12p Sr. Fellowship at Laclede Groves 6p Fitness Group | 17 10a Bible Text Study-Conference Rm 10a Bible Study-Fellowship hall 7p Church Council meeting in Conference room | 18 7:30p Choir practice 6p Advent Supper in Fellowship Hall 7p Advent worship | 19 6p Fitness Group | 20 | 21 |
| 22 7:45a Childcare 8:00a Worship 10:30a Worship, Kids Program 9:15a Sunday School (Mead), Youth group and Adult forum 11:45a coffee fellowship | 23 12p Sr. Fellowship at Laclede Groves 6p Fitness Group | 24 Christmas Eve 5:00p Worship 11:00p Worship | 25 Christmas Day 7:30p Choir practice | 26 6p Fitness Group | 27 | 28 |
| 29 10:30a Worship, Richard Mudd baptism No SS or Adult forum | 30 12p Sr. Fellowship at Laclede Groves 6p Fitness Group | 31 New Year's Eve | | | | |



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