Connecting with Christ

October 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, October 6 Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost- 8:00 am & 10:30 am Worship:

Stephanie Doeschot preaching and presiding. Readings: Hab 1:1-4,2:1-4; Psalm 37:1-11; 2 Tim 1:1-14; Luke 17: 5-6

Sunday, October 13 Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost– 8:00 am & 10:30 am Worship:

Healing service for those who wish to participate Stephanie Doeschot preaching and Roger Ruff presiding.

Readings: 2 Kings 5:1-3,7-15c; Psalm 111; 2 Tim 2:8-15; Luke 17: 11-19

Sunday, October 20 Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost- 8:00 am & 10:30 am Worship: Tom Schoenherr preaching and Mark Roock presiding. Readings: Gen 32: 22-31; Psalm 121; 2 Tim 3:14-4:5; Luke 18:1-8

Sunday, October 27 Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost, Reformation Sunday- 8:00 am & 10:30 am Worship: Stephanie Doeschot preaching and Jim Bennett presiding. Jeremiah 14: 7-10, 19-22; Psalm 84: 1-7; 2 Timothy 4: 6-8, 16-18; Luke 18:9-14



From Central States Synod

Tim Anderson, Central States Synod Communications Director, recently included the article referenced below in his synodwide communication. It comes with the gentle and loving reminder to take precautions before responding to messages that are from "wolves in sheep's clothing." For years now, we have been warned against giving out personal information to sources that are posing as something other than they really are. These scam artists are getting more sophisticated in their attempts. Recently, one set up an email address with Pastor Stephanie's name, that would at first glance seem legitimate when sent to the church office email. But it was bogus, so we blocked any further communication from coming in. Since it is becoming more prevalent it seems, we are sharing this helpful information for protecting yourselves from becoming victims of fraud.

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Pastor's Word

Greetings Friends of Christ Lutheran Church,

Recently I've been reading a lot about the concept of liminality. I even purchased a book recommended for church leaders entitled <u>How To Lead When You Don't Know Where You're Going: Leading in a Liminal Season</u>, by Susan Beaumont. I like the groundedness of this book, as none of us really knows where we are going because of changing conditions, but we can still lead and live out of our centeredness in God's faithfulness.

Liminality is living in between. It's a stage that you and I have been in together these past 15 1/2 months. We have also called it Transition, because you are transitioning from the leadership of the former pastors to the leadership of a future called pastor. So that is a part of it. Certain functions have needed to happen to move through this process and so far they seem to be on track. Thanks be to God for the leadership of your members!

But deeper than the structured details of Transition is what is being formed as the congregation has lived in the state of liminality. Some have labeled church liminality as a heightened experience of "already/not yet." That kind of language reminds us of Jesus' teaching of the Kingdom of God. The Kingdom is already here, yet continuing to be more fully revealed and experienced. You are already the people of God and in my estimation, living into that identity and mandate quite noticeably, yet you are traveling on to something new, with ever more significant ways to live into that on the horizon.

I am confident that CLC has a bright future. I assure you that I pray daily that what God is doing to bring that into fruition for you will be revealed clearly, both in the pastor who will be called AND in the shape the congregation continues to take as people who understand your own calling as God's beloved children and community of faith.

Thank you for your prayers for me and for your thoughtfulness in inquiring how I am doing in this time of liminality. Your support, encouragement and love have been extraordinary and are so much appreciated. While I am also in a state of liminality, I am confident that when my season of serving God through Christ Lutheran has passed, that God's guidance and care will be not only sufficient but abundant. As it will be for you.

With Gratitude for being on this journey with you, Pastor Stephanie



Calling of Pastoral Candidates

Do you know someone you think would be a good candidate to be pastor?

The call committee is ready to receive the names of people who would be interested in becoming pastor of Christ Lutheran Church. If you know of someone you feel would be a good candidate, please read the letter which is referenced in the email or in the church office and fill out the referral form. Please note the list of the congregation's priorities as determined by the transition team. Please mail your referral to the call committee care of the church. The committee will forward your material to the bishop's office. That office handles all candidate referrals. They will contact the person you suggest to see if he or she is interested and take it from there.

CLC Call Committee

Meet Pastor Kendra Nolde, DEM for Central States Synod

Council recently approved a request for Pastor Kendra to use a small office upstairs at Christ Lutheran so she has moved in and is ready to serve in her new position with Central States Synod.

These are Pastor Kendra's words when interviewed by Pastor Stephanie:

"I have come out of retirement to take on a half-time position as Director of Evangelical Mission (DEM) for Central States Synod. As DEM I will have responsibility for accompanying new mission starts, supporting the congregational vitality emphasis of the synod and working with area ministry strategies in Missouri. My plan is to be in the office on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, except when I will be on-site with various area ministries."

Pastor Kendra served congregations in Chicago, northern IL, and the St Louis area for over 36 years, including her most recent pastorate with Gethsemane Lutheran Church. Her husband, Jeff Lindgren, is a retired ELCA pastor.

Pastor Kendra appreciates having the office space to use as home base for her work. Her presence also provides an opportunity for CLC to grow in awareness and support of synod ministries.

Please welcome Pastor Kendra when you see her.



ADULT FORUM

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

October 6—Madeline Seefeldt, Outreach Coordinator of L'Arche St. Louis will explain the community's philosophy, mission, and way of life. L'Arche St. Louis, which rents space in the Mead Center, is an interfaith community of people with and without disabilities who live and work together. It is one of 19 L'Arche communities in the United States.

October 13—A panel consisting of **Detective Fred Bell** of the Webster Groves Police Department and **Officer Peter Jordan** of the Olivette Police, moderated by **John Hoffmann** will answer questions about police practices and training and will discuss how the police interact with the community. They have asked to see questions before hand, especially ones that involve statistics.

October 20—Dale Kreienkamp, President of Human Capital Partners and author of How Long, O Lord, How Long, a book of devotions for the unemployed, will speak on the Journey of Unemployment. He will tell the challenges and emotions of being unemployed so we can better help a friend or family member through this transition. He will tell how God uses the time of unemployment to draw people closer to Him.

October 27—Jesse Helton, Professor of Social Work at Saint Louis University, will speak on **Justice**, specifically how people's view of what is just and fair depends on their world view. And how understanding those differences can enable us to speak constructively to each other.

God's Work. Our Hands

Central States Synod to Serve as Lutheran Disaster Response Affiliate

<u>Lutheran Disaster Response</u> (LDR) has partnered with the <u>Central States Synod</u> of the <u>Evangelical Lutheran Church in America</u> allowing the Central States Synod to serve as the LDR affiliate for Missouri and Kansas. Previously LDR had partnered with social ministry organizations such as Lutheran Family and Children's Services of Missouri and Lutheran Social Services of Kansas.

LDR is providing the funding and resources necessary to make this partnership possible. As a result, the Central States Synod has hired Mr. Ben Perrin to serve as the new Director of Central States Synod Disaster Response. Mr. Perrin previously served as the Manager of Disaster Services for Lutheran Family and Children's Services of Missouri (LFCS). Mr. Perrin will office in St. Louis, MO, however, he will report directly to Bishop Candea at the Synod office. In his role, Ben will communicate with congregations and conferences across the entire synod to share how they can best be involved in active disaster work.

Mr. Perrin has built a career in disaster-related work and as a Licensed Professional Counselor in the state of Missouri working with children and families on a variety of issues. Combining those experiences has proven advantageous when addressing the needs at all stages of disaster response and recovery. Mr. Perrin currently serves as the chair of the St. Louis City/County Community Organizations Active in Disaster (COAD), the Vice Chair of the Governor's Faith-Based and Community Service Partnership in Disaster Recovery in Missouri, as a member of the Executive Committee for the St. Louis Area Regional Coalition of COADs, and as a member of numerous COADs and Long Term Recovery Groups (LTRG) throughout the state of Missouri. Additionally, he is involved regionally through the LDR Midwest Region group as a member of the Midwest Consortium for Disaster Services (MCDS), a consortium through LDR working with Lutheran Social Services of Minnesota, North Dakota, and South Dakota. As the Director of Central States Synod Disaster Response, Ben will expand this network to include service to Kansans.

Known as the church of "**God's work**. **Our hands**.," the ELCA emphasizes the saving grace of God through faith in Jesus Christ, unity among Christians and service in the world.

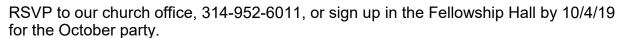


It's Oktober, do you know where your lederhosen are? We do, and we hope you come join us in celebration for Oktoberfest, formerly known as wurstfest, Sunday, October 13th – 4:00 p.m. at Larson Park. Come and enjoy traditional German beer, food & fun! Bratwurst, beer and water provided. Sign up in the fellowship hall & bring a dish to share for this annual potluck. Dinner served at 6:00 followed by fellowship around the bonfire. There will be yard games for all ages. Prost!

THIS YEAR'S COMMUNITY BIRTHDAY PARTIES

During the fall of 2014, sixteen members of Christ Lutheran Church were 90 years of age or older, and many of them had birthdays in October and November. Our first "Community Birthday Party" was held on October 6, 2014, and eleven more have been celebrated since then.

This year, all are invited to join us on Monday, October 7, and Monday, November 4, 2019. Both parties will be held at noon in the Laclede Groves Senior Living Community, 701 South Laclede Station Road in Webster Groves.





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. The classes will study the 10 Commandments for the first half of the coming year. Classes will occur every two weeks, so please mark the following dates on your calendar: Oct. 6, Oct. 20, Nov. 3, Nov. 17, Dec.1.

Encountering Meaning



FMSC MOBILE FOOD PACK

Your help is needed!

Please consider volunteering to fill some spots at the Feed My Starving Children Mobilepack event at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Manchester (327 Woods Mill Rd, Manchester, MO 63011) on Wednesday, October 16 from 2:15 to 4:30 p.m. **Over 60 people are still needed to help!**

If you are interested in helping contact Suzie Everingham severingham@gslcelca.org, 636-391-6685 636-391-6685 or visit www.goodshepherdlutheran.com

ANNUAL INTERFAITH FUNDRAISER DINNER

"Embracing Diversity without Division" Thursday, October 24th, 2019. Please save the date and join us at Wool Ballroom at Saint Louis University. Doors open at 6pm, Dinner at 7pm. Additional information is available at www.interfaithSTL.org. To sponsor, please contact davidmehl@interfaithstl.org

Social Media Springboard for Congregations

Location: Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 327 Woods Mill Rd., Ballwin, MO 63011 **Time**: October 10, 2019, 9am-noon **Cost**: \$35

Do you wish you had the time and skill to use social media effectively? Would you like to show the people in your community what your congregation does? How they serve, teach and learn, their joy at worship and their care for one another? This workshop will introduce you to the basics of connecting with your community by maximizing social media such as your website, Facebook, Instagram, Snapchat, etc. and help you use photography to catch the eye of viewers. Learn to prioritize and master social media with limited time and resources. More details on LST website. To register visit: Iststl.org/courseregistration or call 314- 918-2556.

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!

Christ Lutheran First Friends Program

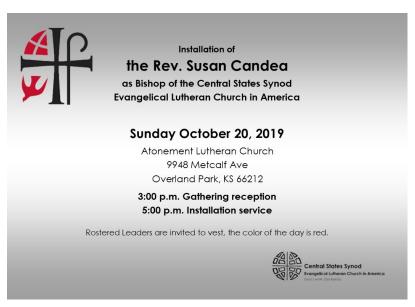
Interested in helping new members acclimate to Christ Lutheran? Have you been a First Friend in the past and want to remain so? Send an email to CLC.inreach@gmail.com for more information!



Save the date Saturday, November 23, 2019 for our 5th annual Lady Grey's Holiday Boutique! Come shop locally & share globally.

Come one, come all and bring a few friends and neighbors as well. Here is a unique opportunity for community outreach and it isn't as scary as inviting someone to church! This is a chance to show our community just what kind of Christians we are. This year our bake sale and amazing raffles prizes will support Lutheran World Relief, ELCA-Good Gifts and Lutheran Immigration & Refugee Services. We will have three different Fair Trade vendors, including The Bridge, which our very own Pastor Stephanie helped to start. There will also be some fabulous local artists.

How can you help? Please see Lynnae Tanner Ruff for flyers to share. Share the Facebook event on your pages (when it is ready). Put up a few flyers around town. Invite your social circles. See Rachel Helton for bake sale donations. Volunteer to be a greeter at the door on Nov 23rd, staff the bake sale table, set up & take down the boutique. Attend and have some festive fun.





Creation Care Tip

When driving into a parking lot, look for a spot that you can exit forward when leaving. Your car uses more gas if you back up.

ANNIVERSARIES AND BIRTHDAYS!

LET'S CELEBRATE OCTOBER 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
October 6, 2019.

ANNIVERSARIES:

10/01 Jim & Sally Wachtman 10/11 Kelley & Tim Truss 10/14 Ted Christner& Claudia Trautmann

10/15 Philip & Kate Hoerchler

10/17 Matt & Sarah Bender

10/27 Tom & Megan Holmes

10/28 Martin & Melissa Allen

10/29 Steve & Sherry Mitchler

BIRTHDAYS:

10/01 Annika Bartek 10/03 Ted Christner 10/06 Ayanna Askew-Sunkara 10/08 Cletus Romay

10/09 James Bennett

10/10 Shelby Bolhafner

10/10 Leah Eftink

10/10 Larry Neeb

10/10 Shelby Bolhafner

10/11 Linda Armstrong

10/14 Sybil Meadows

10/17 Robert O'Brien

10/17 Karen Wood

10/17 Shalom Yee

10/18 Mark Lewis

10/23 Tim Truss

10/25 Jim Wachtman

10/29 Jadee Lauer

10/30 Peter Jordan

10/30 John Uy

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

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, October 6th**. 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.



OCTOBER 2019 "WHO-DO" LIST

8:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m. October 6 Bill Scholle **Key Person** Matt Bender **Assisting Minister** John Hoffmann Shalom Yee Acolyte James Gilliland Ushers Becca Jordan / Roger Rose John Hoffmann Lector Carolyn Lange Linda Elkin / Mark Smith **Presenters** Matt & Sarah Bender **Altar Guild** Ellen Mead/ Joan Rivas **Flower Team** Nursery Lynnae Ruff Counter Jessica Gunther

Refreshments Carolyn Lange / Ellen Mead / Flo Saeger / Brianna Schmidt

October 13 8:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m. John Hoffmann **Key Person** Keith Lissant **Assisting Minister** Rachel Helton Acolyte Nesiah Yee **TBA** Ushers Mike Wagner / Jadee Lauer Donna Munger Vic Saeger Lector Jim & Sally Wachtman Donna Munger / Sylvia Rogers **Presenters** Keith & Nancy Lissant Altar Guild **Flower Team** Sandy Hoyer Nursery Lynnae Ruff Counter Susan DeBusk

Refreshments Melissa Allen / Katie Ciorba / Kate Dopuch

October 20 8:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m. **Key Person** Jerry Kuziel Mike Hoyer **Assisting Minister** Carolyn Crowe **Acolyte** Shalom Yee **TBA Ushers** Mike Hoyer / Brett Bussler Lector Flo Saeger Brett Bussler **Presenters** Vic & Flo Saeger Mike & Kristen Hill Carolyn Lange / Janet Roock **Altar Guild Flower Team** Harriet Scholle / Nancy Lissant Nursery Lynnae Ruff Counter Dave Fey / Sarah Keifer Refreshments Annika Bartek / Angela Bratcher / Harriet Scholle / Sally Wachtman

October 27 8:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m. **Key Person** Alan Richter Joan O'Brien **Assisting Minister** Katie Ciorba **Acolyte** Nesiah Yee TBA **Ushers** Bob & Joan O'Brien Lector Larry Hill Kersten Horn **Presenters** Larry Hill Dianne Deck/ Tom Palazzolo Kathy Kuziel / Angela Bratcher Altar Guild

Flower Team

Flower Team

Dianne Deck

Nursery

Lynnae Ruff

Counter

Joan O'Brien

Refreshments Erin Eftink / Sarah Keifer / Janet Roock / Judy Wessler

MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN OUR COMMUNITY

CROPWALK October 6, 2019

Together, we can help end hunger in our community and around the world!

CLC is putting together a team to participate in the 2019 St. Louis CROP Hunger Walk that will take place



at Eden Seminary in Webster Groves. The walk is sponsored by Church World Service (CWS), and helps area organizations combat poverty and hunger. Check-in begins at 4:30 pm, with the walk at 5:00 (1-mile or 3-mile routes), and a concert following at 7pm. It is a great opportunity to get some exercise, support a great cause, and hopefully make new friends. Anyone interested in walking will need to register at http://www.crophungerwalk.org/saintlouismo. From there you can join the Christ Lutheran WG Team, make a donation, and invite others to do the same. Please also either e-mail Erin Eftink at erineftink@sbcglobal.net or add your name(s) to the sign-up sheet in the fellowship hall, so we can get an idea about how many people are interested.

Those in the congregation who wish to support the CLC team through a donation can do so on-line at https://www.crophungerwalk.org/saintlouismo/Donate/, and from there choose an individual person or the Christ Lutheran WG Team. Those who wish to do so via the church offering can use the green envelopes with CROP Hunger Walk labeled on the front, checks payable to CWS/CROP. Thank you so much for your support!

For more information visit www.crophungerwalk.org/saintlouismo

Local beneficiaries again this year are Operation Food Search, Circle of Concern, and Webster-Rock Hill Ministries. Help us celebrate 50 years of walking for CROP!

Location: Eden Theological Seminary, 475 E. Lockwood Ave., Webster Groves, MO 63119

Walk Time: 5:00 p. m., Walk Distance: 1 Mile and 3 mile routes

GIVE-A-MEAL-A-MONTH

October 2019:

- Low Sodium canned Chicken and Dumplings
- Whole Wheat Flour
- Canned Green Vegetable
- No Sugar Applesauce in Plastic
- Powdered milk or shelf-stable boxed milk or soy milk

Return to Church by Sunday, October 20, 2019

Optional Kid friendly foods: Macaroni and cheese, dried fruits, peanut butter and real fruit jelly

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! Optional donations of disposable diapers, diaper wipes, formula, feminine products, and hygiene products are always appreciated. Thank you for remembering your neighbors!





October 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		10a Bible Text Study- Conference Rm 10a Bible Study- Fellowship hall	7:30p Choir practice	3 6p Fitness Group	4	5
7:45a Childcare 8:00 & 10:30a Worship 9:15a Sunday School (Mead), Youth group and Adult forum 11:45a coffee fellowship, BP Screen 12:30p Confirmation class meet @ St.Thomas Holy Spirit	7 12p Community birthday Party and Sr. Fellowship at Laclede Groves 6p Fitness Group	8 10a Bible Text Study-Conference Rm 10a Bible Study- Fellowship hall	9 7:30p Choir practice	10 6p Fitness Group	11	12
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27 7:45a Childcare 8:00 & 10:30a Worship 9:15a Sunday School (Mead), Youth group and Adult forum 11:45a coffee fellowship Reformation Day	28 12p Sr. Fellowship at Laclede Groves 6p Fitness Group	29 10a Bible Text Study– Conference Rm 10a Bible Study- Fellowship hall	30 7:30p Choir practice	31 6p Fitness Group		



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WORSHIP SCHEDULE: SUNDAY AT 8:00 A.M. AND 10:30 A.M. CHILDCARE: 7:45 A.M. - NOON

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS: TUES/THUR 8:00-3:00. WED/FRI 8:00-4:00

RESIDENT PASTORAL MINISTER: STEPHANIE DOESCHOT OFFICE HOURS: MON-WED & FRI 9:00-4:00, APPTS BY ARRANGEMENT

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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-Choclate, 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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Christ Lutheran Church Mission Statement

Deepening people's connection to Christ, Bringing meaning to daily life, and Making a difference in our community.