



ONE IN CHRIST

Week of August 17-23, 2020

PASTOR'S WORD



Christ Lutheran Family, peace to you all today! As the school year approaches, we hope you can join us for our next couple of Sundays. August 23, we will take time to bless and celebrate all who are starting back to school, including parents! August 30, we will celebrate all of our children in Worship in some special ways—watch for details to come, but it will be fun!

In the meantime, a word of wisdom from Reverend Metta Herrick Carlson, in her book *Ordinary Blessings*.

For Rest

The world hustles and benefits from a cruel lie—
Idleness must be earned.

It is reserved for the privileged who have achieved some success.
A reward only after everything has been given or taken.

But our bodies and souls know better.
They remember the seventh day of creation,
The generation of rest,
The rhythm of a holy pause
Before there could be more living.

When we rest we call out the lie
For the sake of those fooled
Into thinking they are too powerful to rest,
For the sake of those who are unsafe
When they pause for peace.

When we rest we can remember
It is not a reward but an essential beat,
For in our stopping, we witness
What God is doing inside and way beyond us.

--Reverend Metta Herrick Carlson, *Ordinary Blessings*



Donation Drive

Hello! We would like to help Webster Groves-Rock Hill Ministries with an end-of-summer donation drive. This can include anything from paper products, toiletries, non-perishable food, to even school supplies. If you have extra items on hand you can donate, we would be happy to see you! The collection will take place **Saturday, August 29th from 10am-12pm in the CLC parking lot.** Thank you so much for helping families in the local community!

Erin Eftink

Finding A Faithful Response to Racism in Our World

Join a small group from Christ Lutheran to explore the intersection of faith and race. We will meet every three weeks to discuss what we have read, and to encourage and hold one another accountable in our efforts to learn about and counter racism in ourselves and the world around us. We will begin by reading *Stand Your Ground* by Kelly Brown Douglas

Our next meeting will be Wednesday, August 19, at 8:00pm, via Zoom.

***Stand Your Ground* by Kelly Brown Douglas**

A mother with a teenage son, Kelly Brown Douglas feels the shooting of 17-year-old Trayvon Martin as an immediate family danger, an all-too-familiar story in the black community. In *Stand Your Ground*, the theologian and Episcopal priest traces white exceptionalism in American history from the Massachusetts Bay Company to Manifest Destiny to the Stand Your Ground laws in Florida that protected the “watch captain” who shot Trayvon from criminal charges.

Consider purchasing the book from a local bookstore! Here is information about a few.

<https://www.riverfronttimes.com/stlouis/st-louis-best-bookstores-a-complete-guide/Content?oid=15037926>

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! You



CLC Member Survey

Christ Lutheran Members, we want your feedback! The following letter was included in an email sent July 31.



As the COVID-19 pandemic continues to impact our lives and ability to safely gather in-person for worship services, **we hope you will take this important 10 - 12 minute online survey by Friday, August 25.**

The survey can be accessed online through the following link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/576W8JD>

Members who have indicated they prefer mailed communication, will receive the survey in the mail to complete and mail back. While completing the survey online is the fastest way to respond, a mailed copy of the survey can also be requested by any Member by calling the Church office.

Your input will help CLC's COVID-19 Response Team as they continue to evaluate:

- the pandemic's risks to our members, staff, visitors, Mead Center leasers, and community;
- how we continue to 'be the Church' and support our family of faith at this time; and when and how we will safely re-gather in our Church building.

Supported by resources from the CDC, Missouri Department of Health, our Synod, and the ELCA Church-wide, the team is prioritizing our congregation's and community's health and wellbeing, utilizing four C's to guide any decisions including:

- **Caution**—ensuring we meet in person in the safest way possible when virus transmission risk is at a reduced level
- **Creativity**—coming up with ways to enhance ministry and worship while remaining safe
- **Concern** – our actions will be guided by concern for our family of faith and our larger community

Communication—listening to members as well as keeping members informed

Having our members' input is especially important at this time. While we do not know when we will safely re-gather, we do know that CLC's re-opening of our Church building and in-person services will happen in a phased approach, helping to minimize the number of people in the building and risk of transmission. Given this, we would appreciate your feedback on:

- **The Current** – Your thoughts on our online services, educational offerings, and fellowship opportunities, as well as what additional support or communication may be needed.
- **The Upcoming** – Your feedback on some of the ideas we are thinking about.

CLC's Future Phased Re-Opening – Your feelings on re-gathering and your preferred method for engaging with the Church for the foreseeable future.

Please note: more than one person in a household can complete the survey, but different devices will be needed. For example, if one person completes the survey on the family computer, another person would need to complete the survey on a mobile phone.

We look forward to your feedback and suggestions, so please let us know if there is something you feel can help us to continue 'being the Church' at this challenging time. Thank you for your support!

- CLC's Covid-19 Response Team

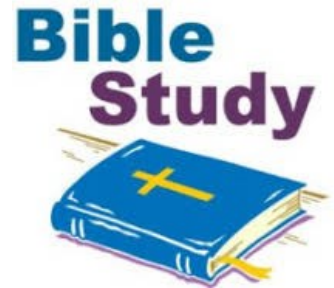
Fellowship at CLC

[Zoom Bible Study, Tuesday August 18th, 10:00 am](#)

“David was a man after God’s own heart.”

What does it mean to be someone “after God’s own heart”? David, Old Testament shepherd, king and psalmist, offers an answer in the shape of his own life.

The Tuesday morning Bible study group is using a study guide by Charles R. Swindoll, “David: A Man of Passion & Destiny.” We meet at 10 am via Zoom each Tuesday. The long-time participants in this group have each received a copy of the book, and if others would like to join us for this discussion, please let us know so that additional books can be ordered. All are welcome to join us!



Join Zoom Meeting

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Call in From Any Phone: 312 626 6799

Meeting ID: 826 4394 5421

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[Zoom Fellowship, Tuesday August 18th, 12:00 pm](#)

Join us to check in with your Christ Lutheran family, share what is happening in your lives, and pray together!

Join Zoom Meeting

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[Thursday, August 20th, 5:00pm—Zoom Fellowship](#)

Join us to check in with your Christ Lutheran family, share what is happening in your lives, and pray together!

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Youth Zoom Hangout, Sunday September 6 at 12:30 PM

If you have been confirmed and are interested in connecting with other youth, join us for discussion the 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month at 12:30 PM.

Join Zoom Meeting

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Stewardship & Offerings

We continue to worship and reach out to people in different ways than we're traditionally accustomed. Staff and members are reaching out proactively to make sure everyone in our congregation is cared for, and connected, as much as possible. We are re-imagining ministry! Now more than ever, it takes all of us to make that happen.

We can continue to fund our church and the important work we're doing with a few easy clicks:

1. Visit [our donation website](#) directly or go to www.christwg.org and scroll down to the 'Give Now' button.
2. You may make a one time or recurring gift. There are NO FEES to withdraw directly from your bank account. Fees do apply for debit/credit card transactions.
3. Optional: set up a profile to be able to change your recurring gifts at any time or view your giving history.
4. Want to walk through the steps with someone? Contact Kate Hoerchler, 314-805-1751, katehoerchler@gmail.com

If you prefer to make your offering by check or cash, there are mailing envelopes included in your offering envelope package.

Joan O'Brien and Lynnae Ruff, Stewardship Chairs

WORSHIP

Sunday, August 23, 9:30 am — Zoom Worship

Access Online Bulletin

Follow the Zoom link or call the number noted in the bulletin to join us!

OR

Join Zoom Meeting

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Call in From Any Phone: 312-626-6799

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Password: 971744



YOUTH GROUP COORDINATOR

Hello,

Are you looking for a way to get involved? Do I have the opportunity for you!!!

We are putting a call out for an adult to join Sharon Hornbeck and Pastor Meagan in coordinating and leading our Sunday morning youth group. As we have made the COVID shift we were meeting on Zoom every Sunday afternoon at 12:30 for a Youth Hang Out. With all the uncertainty we continued meeting twice a month this summer. Typically, we meet for about 45 minutes to an hour for a check in to talk about what is going on in their world.

As we head into the school year, we hope to find ways for the youth to come together, as we can, safely and grow in our faith, engage in the Christ Lutheran Family, and live out our faith in in the community around us. The youth are open to guest speakers, a bible study, community service projects, puppet shows, and other ideas.

Sharon Hornbeck

ANNIVERSARIES AND BIRTHDAYS!

CELEBRATING AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES & BIRTHDAYS

Congratulations and Best Wishes!

ANNIVERSARIES:

08/17 Karen and Brent Wood
08/22 Sylvia and Mark Rogers
08/28 Brian & Kate Dopuch

BIRTHDAYS:

08/02 Kate Dopuch
08/05 Ann Steinbrueck
08/07 Emily Knapp
08/07 Susanne Reimer-Fey
08/09 Harrison Ringkor
08/12 Janet Rook
08/13 Tammy Pryor
08/15 Bill Scholle
08/18 Cheri Fortney
08/19 Marc Horn
08/20 Alan Richter
08/21 Carol Arrington
08/22 Graham Bartek
08/24 Bob Trautmann
08/25 Jacey Joern
08/28 Jesse Helton
08/28 Keith Lissant
08/28 Jesse Helton
08/29 Ray McIntyre



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



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**ZOOM WORSHIP SCHEDULE:
SUNDAY AT 9:30 A.M.**

**RESIDENT PASTOR: MEAGAN
MCLAUGHLIN OFFICE
HOURS: MON-THUR 8:30-4:30
APPTS BY
ARRANGEMENT**

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT:
KEVIN DROLLINGER**

**DIRECTOR OF SENIOR
ADULT MINISTRIES AND
FAITH COMMUNITY NURSE:
CAROLYN CROWE**

**DIRECTOR OF CHOIRS:
DIANE DROLLINGER**

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KELLY LAKIES**

**WEBMASTER:
PERRY YEE**

Christ Lutheran Church Mission Statement

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