



ONE IN CHRIST

Week of August 31-September 6, 2020

PASTOR'S WORD



As we begin the school year with all the new changes take a moment to enjoy this blessing "For a New Beginning" by John O' Donohue from his book To Bless the Space Between Us.

In out-of-the-way places of the heart,
Where your thoughts never think to wander,
This beginning has been quietly forming,
Waiting until you were ready to emerge.

For a long time it has watched your desire,
Feeling the emptiness growing inside you,
Noticing how you willed yourself on,
Still unable to leave what you had outgrown.

It watched you play with the seduction of safety
And the gray promises that sameness whispered,
Heard the waves of turmoil rise and relent,
Wondered would you always live like this.

Then the delight, when your courage kindled,
And out you stepped onto new ground,
Your eyes young again with energy and dream,
A path of plenitude opening before you.

Though your destination is not yet clear
You can trust the promise of this opening;
Unfurl yourself into the grace of beginning
That is at one with your life's desire.

Awaken your spirit to adventure;
Hold nothing back, learn to find ease in risk;
Soon you will be home in a new rhythm,
For your soul senses the world that awaits you.



Volunteer needed to run remote worship services in September

We need someone to run the Sunday September 20th service for Mike Wagner and be backup if needed. Some proficiency with Zoom required. Also plan on running the Sunday September 13th service as a test run with Mike available for support. Please reach out to Pastor Meagan or Mike if interested.

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 September 16 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



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

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/924665200?pwd=OWYvT0Z5MmdoVG84R3dDUmJXVXd5dz09>

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Dial by your location

+1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)

Meeting ID: 924 665 200

Password: 271433



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

Dear Family of Faith,

The Covid-19 Team met August 26th, we focused on two things. First, we reviewed the results of the survey we put out recently, and we want to thank all who filled that out for taking the time to do so! Your responses and ideas were so helpful to us, and will be helpful to the Council members and Committees as we move into fall. More information on what we learned will come to you from Council soon, but there are a couple of things I will share with you now.

One thing that was very clear in the responses to the survey is that by far the majority of the congregation will not plan to return to in-person indoor Worship at this time, as case numbers remain high. **At this time, given those responses and the information we have about the virus, our primary way of Worshipping together will be online for the time being.** Please know that we on the Covid Team remain committed to planning for our full return to in-person gathering.

The other thing that was very clear in the survey results was just how deeply we are all missing being together in person, and wish for the normalcy of not needing to consider the virus in our decisions. And, we hear the challenges of Zoom and other online ways of connecting, and know the school year is only adding to that. **We recognize the very real need to begin to meet in person, as we can safely.**

In light of all of that, you will see a variety of opportunities, starting with the collection we held for Webster-Rock Hill Ministries in the parking lot, for us to gather outside while weather allows. Although full Worship will remain online for now, music and prayer time will certainly be among them! There is room for creativity here—several great ideas were shared in the survey comments, and all of the committees, and indeed individual members, are invited to share any additional ideas you have. Details on how we can do these events safely are attached to the church email sent Monday Aug. 31st.

I will also be doing “porch visits” with a few of our members who are not able to connect to Worship on Zoom next week, and would truly welcome the chance to meet outside with any of you, so, please reach out!

Thank you all for hanging in with us. I am so grateful for your commitment, and flexibility, and energy and passion, that have enabled us to continue being church together, and indeed are helping to discover in new ways what that means.

Please come to me or any member of the Covid Team with any joys, concerns, frustrations, and questions you have. We want to be in conversation with you, and we are attending to all of the ideas and thoughts you shared in the survey.

If you or anyone you know needs something from us, please let us know! With variable hours in the office for all staff, the best way to reach us is by our e-mails or my cell phone, as responding to office voice mail may take a few days at times.

Peace in Christ,

Pastor Meagan McLaughlin

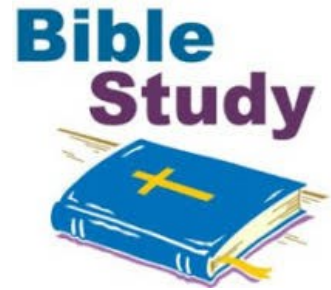
Fellowship at CLC

[Zoom Bible Study, Tuesday September 1st, 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 September 1st, 12:00 pm](#)

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

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[Thursday, September 3rd, 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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Call in From Any Phone: 312-626-6799

Meeting ID: 181 613 273

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WORSHIP

Sunday, September 6, 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

Meeting ID: 278 217 453

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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 SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES & BIRTHDAYS

Congratulations and Best Wishes!

ANNIVERSARIES:

09/01 Andrew and Lauren Bennett
 09/04 Brett and Deanne Bussler
 09/04 Steve and Jodi McCarty
 09/14 Joe and Annika Bartek
 09/14 Michael and Kristin Hill
 09/15 Robert and Carol Brockelmeyer
 09/15 Keith and Nancy Lissant
 09/16 Dave and Sarah Ringkor
 09/17 Mark Smith and Linda Elkin
 09/24 Tore Stole and Rosemary Kunz Stole
 09/29 Jeff Bloese and Sarah Keifer

BIRTHDAYS:

09/02 Janna Langholz
 09/05 Eric Deck
 09/07 Bryan Dopuch
 09/10 Becca Jordan
 09/12 Jacob Joern
 09/13 Dave Eftink Jr.
 09/14 Bill Wischmeyer
 09/15 Mary Ann Hatlelid
 09/16 Will Zempel
 09/17 Alexa Gunther
 09/17 Laura Swanson
 09/19 Ian Bennett
 09/22 Kate Hoerchler
 09/24 Levi Hassler
 09/25 Micah Ruff
 09/25 Anita Trautmann
 09/26 Michael Hill
 09/26 Rosemary Kunz Stole
 09/27 Doug Austin
 09/29 Gege Brightman
 09/29 Bryn Stole
 09/30 Emma Austin



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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MARK RUFF**

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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.**