



ONE IN CHRIST

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February 2020

Connecting with Christ

February Worship Schedule

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

Sunday, February 2, Fourth Sunday after Epiphany- 8:00 am & 10:30 am worship with Holy Communion: Jon Heerboth, preacher and Mark Roock, presider.
Readings: Micah 6:1-8; Psalm 15; 1 Corinthians 1: 18-31; Matthew 5: 1-12

Sunday, February 9, Fifth Sunday after Epiphany – 8:00 am & 10:30 am worship with Holy Communion: Kendra Nolde, preacher and Jim Bennett, presider.
Readings: Isaiah 58:1-9a[9b-12]; Psalm 112:1-9 [10]; 1 Corinthians 2:1-12[13-16]; Matthew 5: 13-20

Sunday, February 16, Sixth Sunday after Epiphany- 8:00 am & 10:30 am worship with Holy Communion: Karen Scherer, preacher and presider.
Readings: Deuteronomy 30:15-20; Psalm 119: 1-8; 1 Corinthians 3: 1-9; Matthew 5: 21-37

Sunday, February 23, Transfiguration of Our Lord– 8:00 am & 10:30 am worship with Holy Communion: Rachel Helton, preacher and Mark Roock, presider.
Readings: Exodus 24:12-18; Psalm 2; 2 Peter 1: 16-21; Matthew 17: 1-9

Ash Wednesday, February 26
6pm Supper, 7:00 pm worship including Imposition of Ashes, Pastor Meagan McLaughlin, preacher



Pastoral Update²

A Month of Transition

As worship ended on Sunday our time of interim ministry drew to a close. Christ has been fortunate that Pastor Stephanie and Pastor Phil Doeschot have been among us for the past year and a half. While we wait for the arrival of Pastor Meagan our worship services will be led by several of our members and two retired pastors.

Pastor Kendra Nolde was pastor of Gethsemane Lutheran Church. She presently serves as Director of Evangelical Mission for our Central States Synod. She operates out of an office here at Christ Lutheran Church.

Pastor Karen Scherer retired as pastor of Unity Lutheran Church in Bel Nor. You will remember that Pastor Scherer preached at Christ one Sunday in Pastor Stephanie's absence. She also recently co-taught a Pastoral Care class through the Lutheran School of Theology—St. Louis at Christ.

Parish Ministry Associate student Jon Heerboth and Seminarian Rachel Helton will preach on two of the Sundays during February.

We also appreciate that Rev. Jim Bennett and Rev. Mark Roock will serve as presiding ministers on three of the Sundays in February.

Pastor Meagan McLaughlin will take up her ministry at Christ Lutheran Church on February 24. Ash Wednesday will be her first service at Christ. Pastor and Karen sold their house in Minneapolis, purchased a home in St. Louis, and are preparing to move. We pray that their move and that this time of transition will go smoothly for them.

Pastor Meagan Ordination

Pastor Meagan was ordained into the holy ministry at her home church in Minneapolis. She sent a few pictures from the service as well as the following website addresses for the online video of the service.

Preaching and the Ordination Rite are in this video: <https://youtu.be/06KHR-YL0Mg>

Part 2 <https://youtu.be/R6LC-vqtOmk>





Reducing To-Go Waste...

Most of us have heard of bringing your own coffee mug to a coffee shop to reduce waste, but why not bring your own food containers to restaurants to reduce waste as well? Smaller containers can be brought along to restaurants for leftovers instead of using the single-use containers provided. A large storage container such as a pie carrier or cake pan with lid can be used when you go to the donut shop or bakery to bring home baked goods or treats. Enjoy your Valentine's Day, and don't forget to bring along your own doggie bag!

"Freecycle" Items Available

If you or anyone you know is interested in any of the following free items, contact alena@umlauter.com:

- Large stroller
- Umbrella stroller
- Small step stool
- Breast pump
- Six small, red traffic cones

GIVE-A-MEAL-A-MONTH

FEBRUARY

Canned Tuna or Salmon in water
 Tuna or Hamburger Helper
 Soups (cream of mushroom, vegetable, etc.)
 Any canned vegetable
 Any canned fruit/Applesauce
 Powdered Milk or Soy Milk (shelf stable)
 Return donations to church by **FEBRUARY 16, 2020**



Optional items: Baby food and cereal, baby formula with Iron, baby diapers/wipes, Boost, Adult diapers. 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.



The Women's Group is revving up for 2020 and all are invited to join!

Who: All women of Christ Lutheran

When: Tuesday, February 11, 2020 at 7:00 - 9:00 pm

Where: Fellowship Hall

What: Discussing pages 1-38 of Slightly Bad Girls of the Bible by Liz Curtis Higgs. It is available on Amazon and there are a few copies at the Library.

Bring a snack and/or drink to share!

ADULT FORUM

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

February 2 *The Other Son*—Roger Rose looks at the story of the Prodigal Son from the brother's point of view. We all know about the "prodigal son" -- repentant sinner, graciously forgiven by his generous, loving father. But what of the dismayed elder brother: "I have obeyed you and slaved for you all these years, and you have never given me so much as a young goat to celebrate with my friends!" What's his story?

February 9 *Valentine's Day*—How did a legendary third century saint become a boon to the greeting card, floral, and chocolate industries? Or in the words of Tina Turner, "what's love got to do with it?"

Feb 16 *Moving Ahead with Stewardship*—A panel of Mark Roock, Kate Hoerchler, and Lynnae Ruff will discuss national trends in charitable giving, the impact of tax laws, the vision of stewardship at Christ Lutheran Church, and the congregation's current financial situation.



Feb 23 *Child Abuse and Neglect*—Jesse Helton, faculty in the School of Social Work at Saint Louis University will lead a discussion of Child abuse and neglect, which is a pervasive public health concern in the United States. And even though parenting practices have become less punitive than even 20 years ago, today, it is estimated that 1 in 4 children will be maltreated at some point in their childhood. How have we allowed this? What can be done to prevent it? What happens to children after the abuse or neglect occurs?

Spring Confirmation Classes 2019-2020

January

29: Confirmation Class at 12:30 St. Thomas Holy Spirit in Room 205

February

9: Confirmation Class at 12:30 St. Thomas Holy Spirit in Room 205

23: Confirmation Class at 12:30 St. Thomas Holy Spirit in Room 205

March

8: Confirmation Class at 12:30 @ St. Mark

22: Confirmation Class at 12:30 @ St. Mark

April

5: Confirmation Class at 12:30 @ St. Mark



Please note that on confirmation days we will feed confirmands lunch and there will be snacks.

Don't miss this free Bracke Lecture!

Friday, February 7

10:30am-12:30pm, Eden Theological Seminary Wehrli Chapel

10:30am Worship

11:00am Lecture with Q&A

12:30pm Lunch

Lecture Topic: Ministers Also Deserve a Plate: Addressing the Economic Challenges Facing Ministers

Guest Lecturer: Rev. Darrell Goodwin



Register at <https://www.eden.edu/events/bracke-lecture-darrell-goodwin/> Lunch available for a fee.

About the Topic:

Rising theological costs, reductions in scholarship funding, and lower-than-average pastoral salaries are just some of the factors leading to financial challenges among ministers today. Leading a church and managing educational debt along with other personal financial obligations can be overwhelming for ministers. In 2016, Eden Seminary, in partnership with the Association of Theological Schools and the Lilly Endowment began a three-year project to help students reduce their educational debt through the Economic Challenges Facing Future Ministers (ECFFM) Initiative. Around the same time, the Pension Boards-United Church of Christ (PBUCC) launched the Ministers' Financial Vitality Initiative (MFVI), intended to increase and improve financial wellness among UCC authorized ministers.

Although these combined efforts have been successful, it has become apparent however that economic justice and financial vitality conversations with authorized ministers must occur earlier in their experience to be effective. As a result, the PBUCC and Eden are partnering in their efforts to connect some of this information to current students to plant a seed in their financial wellbeing.



Flower Sign Up

The 2020 sign up chart for the altar flowers is posted on the bulletin board in the narthex to the left of the doors into the sanctuary. If you wish to underwrite cost of the altar flowers for a particular week, please write your name next to the date and take a form from the pocket below to be completed and turned in with your check. The cost is \$40 per Sunday; it can be shared with someone else if you wish.

LUTHERAN CAMPUS MINISTRY - ST LOUIS

We're hosting a Trivia Night on Saturday, Feb. 1, 2020 at Bethel Lutheran Church, 7001 Forsyth, University to benefit our ministry with St. Louis University and Washington University students. Your help is really appreciated!

Doors open at 5:45 pm

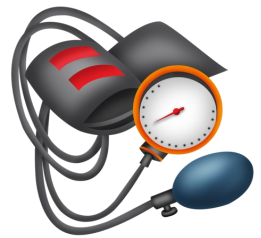
Play begins at 6:30 pm

\$20/person with tables of 8



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, February 2nd**. 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 the church, 314-962-6011, or her cell phone 314-277-2164.



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!

ANNIVERSARIES AND BIRTHDAYS!

LET'S CELEBRATE FEBRUARY 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 February 2, 2020.

ANNIVERSARIES:

2/14 Joan & Robert Rivas
2/14 Mari & Travis Roberts

BIRTHDAYS:

2/01 Calvin Ciorba
2/01 Gloria Higginbotham
2/01 Shirley Wolf
2/02 Julia Bruns
2/02 Helga Hayes
2/03 Kevin Drollinger
2/03 Larry Hill
2/04 Aishlyn McCarty
2/06 Kathy Kuziel
2/07 Sarah Keifer
2/09 Carol Brockelmeyer
2/09 Patty Hopper
2/10 Hanna Lauer
2/10 Mark Roock
2/13 Julia Wood
2/13 Sylvia Rogers

2/19 Christine Austin
2/19 Henry Knapp
2/20 Robert Crowe
2/22 Irene Kalnins
2/23 Bob Brockelmeyer
2/25 Caitlin McMullen
2/27 Chloe Bolhafner
2/28 Sally Wachtman

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



FEBRUARY 2020 "WHO-DO" LIST

February 2	8:00 a.m.	10:30 a.m.
Key Person	Jerry Kuziel	Mike Hoyer
Assisting Minister		Rachel Helton
Acolyte	Shalom Yee	James Gilliland
Ushers		Bob & Joan O'Brien
Lector	Larry Hill	Jim Bennett
Presenters	Jim & Sally Wachtman	Bob & Joan O'Brien
Altar Guild		Carolyn Lange/ Janet Roock
Flowers		Joan Rivas
Counters		Sarah Keifer /Joan O'Brien
Refreshments	Angela Bratcher/Harriet Scholle/Sally Wachtman	
February 9	8:00 a.m.	10:30 a.m.
Key Person	John Hoffmann	Peter Jordan
Assisting Minister		Sandy Hoyer
Acolyte	Nesiah Yee	TBA
Ushers		Alan Richter/Roger Rose
Lector	Vic Saeger	Kersten Horn
Presenters	Vic & Flo Saeger	Peter & Becca Jordan
Altar Guild		Nancy & Keith Lissant
Flowers		Sandy Hoyer
Counters		David Fey/Jessica Gunther
Refreshments	Melissa Allen/Katie Ciorba/Kate Dopuch	
February 16	8:00 a.m.	10:30 a.m.
Key Person	Alan Richter	Keith Lissant
Assisting Minister		Carolyn Crowe
Acolyte	Shalom Yee	TBA
Ushers		Mike Wagner/Mike Hoyer
Lector	John Hoffmann	Kim Donermeyer
Presenters	Linda Elkin & Mark Smith	Gale Nunn/Sylvia Rogers
Altar Guild		Harriet Scholle/ Nancy Lissant
Flowers		Harriet Scholle/ Nancy Lissant
Counters		Dave Austin/Susan DeBusk
Refreshments	Alena Horn/Jadee Lauer/Sarah Ringkor/Lynnae Tanner Ruff	
February 23	8:00 a.m.	10:30 a.m.
Key Person	Bill Griffith	Matt Bender
Assisting Minister	John Hoffmann	John Hoffmann
Acolyte	Nesiah Yee	Micah Ruff
Ushers		Peter & Becca Jordan
Lector	Larry Hill	Donna Munger
Presenters	Larry Hill	Dan & Jessica Gunther
Altar Guild		Matt & Sarah Bender
Flowers		Faith Moore/Nancy Lissant
Counters		Joan O'Brien/Susan DeBusk
Refreshments	Carolyn Lange/Ellen Mead/Flo Saeger/Brianna Schmidt	

Encountering Meaning



RESERVE YOUR SPOT NOW!

The EMC Strategy Team is excited to offer details about the upcoming EMC Academy!

The Academy will be held at Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 13014 Olive Blvd, Creve Coeur, Missouri 63141. The workshops are scheduled from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m.

The doors open at 8:30 a.m. Please come early and enjoy a cup of coffee or tea and a bagel before your session starts!

Lunch is provided. The cost for the Academy and lunch is \$15 per person attending. Tickets available at: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/emc-academy-tickets-88181014789>.

Workshops

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**Dwelling in the World:
 Looking for People of
 Peace in the World
 (Congregational Vitality
 Workshop)**
 Led by Pr. Aimee Appell

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**Dismantling Racism:
 Intro and Examining and
 Challenging Biases**
 Led by Terry Freeman

—
**Boundary Training for
 Lay Leaders**
 Led by Pr. Dale Kuhn and
 Pr. Karen Scherer

(Half-day, morning
 session)

—
ShareShop
 Led by Pr. Jill Seagle

(Afternoon only)

Congregations will earn
 "learning community
 credits" for each attendee
 from their congregation and
 will be entered into a
 drawing for an attendance
 prize!

Room at the Inn invites you to Region 1 Night Site Meeting.

We at Room at the Inn want our volunteers to have a chance to connect with one another, have a voice, and keep informed of updates and happenings. We are hosting 3 Regional Meetings. If you can't come to your Region's meeting, join us at one of the other meetings. David Weber, director of Room, and myself, Cindy Warren, volunteer coordinator, will be leading the meetings. We hope to see you there. Please RSVP to cwarren@roomstl.org or call 314-209-9181 and ask for Cindy. Together we do make a difference!

Region 1

- **Date:** Thursday, March 19, 2020
- **Location:** Central Reform Congregation - 5020 Waterman Blvd, St Louis, MO
- **Time:** 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm

It was a blessing to see so many members turn out at the Annual meeting January 26th!
If you have not obtained a copy of the annual report please let the office know and we can mail one to you! 314-962-6011.



With a grateful heart we thank the Council members who completed their 2019 term: Vice President –Dave Austin, Secretary– Nancy Lissant, Fellowship - Jadee Lauer and Alena Horn, Properties– Sylvia Rogers. Christ Lutheran Church has been blessed by your service.

We'd like to welcome the new 2020 Council Members: Vice President: Steve Mitchler, Secretary: Sandy Hoyer, Fellowship: Becca Jordan, and Properties: Brent Wood. Thank you to all our council members for dedicating your time and talent to CLC.

2020 COUNCIL MEMBERS

Name:	Position:
Kevin Drollinger	President
Steve Mitchler	Vice President
Tore Stole	Treasurer
Sandy Hoyer	Secretary
Becca Jordan	Fellowship Chair
Mike Wagner	In-Reach Chair
Susanne Reimer-Fey	Outreach Chair
Melissa Allen	Christian Education Chair
Jon Heerboth	Worship Chair
Sharon Hornbeck	Youth Co-Chair
Erin Eftink	Christian Service Chair
Brent Wood	Properties Chair
Joan O'Brien	Stewardship Co-Chair
Lynnae Tanner Ruff	Stewardship Co-Chair



February 2020

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2 7:45a Childcare 8:00 & 10:30a Worship, BP Screen 9:15a Sunday School (Mead), Youth group and Adult forum 11:45a Coffee fellowship	3 12p Sr. Fellowship at Laclede Groves 6p Fitness Group	4 10a Bible Text Study-Conference Rm 10a Bible Study-Fellowship hall	5 7p Choir practice	6 6p Fitness Group	7	8
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16 7:45a Childcare 8:00 & 10:30a Worship 9:15a Sunday School (Mead), Youth group and Adult forum 11:45a coffee fellowship	17 12p Sr. Fellowship at Laclede Groves 6p Fitness Group	18 10a Bible Text Study-Conference Rm 10a Bible Study-Fellowship hall 7p Church Council meeting in Conference room	19 7p Choir practice	20 6p Fitness Group	21	22
23 8:45a Childcare 9:30a Worship 10:45a Annual Congregational meeting and coffee fellowship 12:30p Confirmation class @ St. Thomas	24 12p Sr. Fellowship at Laclede Groves 6p Fitness Group	25 10a Bible Text Study-Conference Rm 10a Bible Study-Fellowship hall	26 Ash Wednesday 6p Supper, 7 p worship 745p Choir practice	27 6p Fitness Group	28	29



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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 8:30-3:30.
WED/FRI 8:00-4:00**

**PASTORAL CARE:
CAROLYN CROWE
APPTS BY
ARRANGEMENT**

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT:
KEVIN DROLLINGER**

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FAITH COMMUNITY NURSE:
CAROLYN CROWE**

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LISETTE KREITLER**

**FINANCIAL SECRETARY:
TAMMY PRYOR**

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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.**