



ONE IN CHRIST

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Connecting with Christ

January 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, January 5, Epiphany of Our Lord - 8:00 am & 10:30 am worship with Holy Communion:

Stephanie Doeschot, preacher and presider. Marking of the front door following the 10:30am worship service.

Readings: Isaiah 60:1-6; Psalm 72: 1-7, 10-14; Ephesians 3: 1-12; Matthew 2: 1-12

Sunday, January 12, First Sunday after Epiphany: Baptism of Our Lord – 8:00 am & 10:30 am worship with Holy Communion:

Stephanie Doeschot, preacher and Jim Bennett, presider.

Readings: Isaiah 42:1-9; Psalm 29; Acts 10:34-43; Matthew 3: 13-17

Sunday, January 19, Second Sunday after Epiphany- 8:00 am & 10:30 am worship with Holy Communion:

Stephanie Doeschot, preacher and presider.

Readings: Isaiah 49:1-7; Psalm 40: 1-11; 1 Corinthians 1: 1-9; John 1: 29-42

Sunday, January 26, Third Sunday after Epiphany– 9:30 am worship with Holy Communion:

Stephanie Doeschot, preacher and Roger Ruff, presider.

Please note: There will be one service this day with the hope that all members will be in attendance at both worship and at the Annual Congregational Meeting following worship.

Readings: Isaiah 9:1-4; Psalm 27: 1, 4-9; 1 Corinthians 1: 10-18; Matthew 4: 12-23

We celebrated the baptism of Richard Peden Mudd, son of Philip and Sarah Mudd on Sunday, December 29. Thanks be to God!



Pastor's Word²

Dear Christ Lutheran Church Congregation,

As I write this to you on the last day of 2019, it's appropriate to look back in gratitude for what God has done through you in the past year. It's also appropriate to look forward with anticipation of what God will do in 2020.

Here are just a few of the strengths that I have witnessed while with you:

- Worship attendance has remained consistent which is not always true during transitions. I take that to mean that the congregation keeps its focus on God's presence and the vibrancy of its community life and fellowship and remains faithful to both. Fellowship events and celebrations have been well-attended. Music has been well-planned and inclusive of more people sharing their gifts. Those are positive signs.
- Support for Christian Service projects is generous and loving. Signs of showing love for God by loving neighbors is present in many ways.
- Families with young children continue to value the nurture the congregation provides and to take responsibility to care for each other's children well. If the number of children present for the 5 pm Christmas Eve service is any indication, there are many more children and their families to welcome into the congregation in 2020.
- Support, care and honor for senior adults is superb in this congregation. Thanks to the Faith Community Nurse and Stephen Ministers, regular conversations occur at Senior Fellowship, eucharistic visits supplement those made by the pastor, advice is shared when seniors and their families need additional care services, prayer shawls are made and given with love and prayers, birthday parties are given for those celebrating 90+ years of life.
- The Renovation Team has continued to work and refine plans according to the mandate given at the Jan 2019 Annual Congregational Meeting. More updates will be shared at the Jan. 26, 2020 Congregational Meeting

And there is more. So many teams being led by dedicated servants of Christ have made a difference in the ministry of Christ Lutheran Church. Please plan to attend the meeting on Jan 26, to learn more about what has been happening in Christian Education, Stewardship, Inreach, Outreach, Youth, Properties and every other ministry within the church. You will be inspired and invited to join in because the involvement of everyone is needed for the church to reach its potential in sharing the light of God's presence in ever-widening circles.

There are still many needs to be addressed. I hope you are as convinced as I am that 2020 can be a break-out year for Christ Lutheran Church as you continue to discern the unique mission God has for you, and as you see more and more people offer their exceptional gifts to accomplish the mission.

We have learned that Pastor Meagan will be starting her ministry at Christ Lutheran in mid-February. Therefore, I have been asked to continue with you through January 26, when we will have one worship service at 9:30 am, followed by the congregational meeting. I look forward to the coming weeks with you to be able to express my admiration and hopes for you, and finish up my call with you, as you transition to new pastoral leadership. Thanks for your partnership in ministry these past 18 months!

Blessings in the New Year!
Pastor Stephanie





HELP THE MAGIC HOUSE STOCK ITS MAKERSPACE

Children will be able to turn recycled items into their own spaceship, birdhouse, wind chime or other creations! These items and others will be welcomed by the Magic House Children's Museum:

- *Paper towel rolls
- *Plastic caps
- *Plastic containers
- *Egg cartons
- *Ribbon
- *Flattened cereal boxes
- *Wrapping paper tubes

They can be dropped off at The Magic House Member Entrance or the Lower Level Desk, 516 South Kirkwood Road, 63122.



GIVE-A-MEAL-A-MONTH

JANUARY

- Boxed whole grain pasta (penne, spaghetti, etc.)
- Canned spaghetti sauce w/ or w/o meat
- Canned green vegetable, low sodium if available
- Canned fruit in light syrup/own juices

Return donations to church by **JANUARY 19, 2020**

Optional items: Breakfast cereal, oatmeal, and sugar free juices. 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 always welcome.



MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

This feature is meant to help members and friends of Christ Lutheran Church get better acquainted with each other. Here are Kevin's and Diane's responses to questions on describing their backgrounds, hobbies and pastimes, areas of involvement at the church and their hopes for Christ Lutheran Church.



The Drollinger Family

Diane:

I grew up in Sidney, Ohio, a town of about 12,000. I am a cradle Lutheran. I graduated from Capital University in Columbus, Ohio, where I worked as a professional musician, (voice teacher, singer, conductor) and began my career in nonprofit before I founded my own company specializing in community affairs. I met Kevin in Columbus and then married and moved with him to St. Louis in 1994. We promptly started our family which includes Andrea, mother to our three grandchildren, Kate, a cyber security professional, Liz, in grad school studying voice, and Ben, in school in Springfield MO. For the last seven years, I have led Network for Strong Communities, a nonprofit that provides business consulting to other nonprofits in Missouri, Illinois and Indiana. My work is predominately based in community strategy, but, with 40 years of experience, I offer support in all areas of nonprofit work.

I enjoy nesting- working on our house. I also like to write and I am interested in learning about spiritual practice. I also love to play euchre! I have been known to dance at the drop of a hat.

I am mostly in the loft at Christ Lutheran, but over the years I have led the Sunday School singing program, written and directed the children's Christmas play, facilitated a strategy many years ago, directed bells, started the Christ Crooners and provide worship support.

My hopes for Christ Lutheran include the wish that the closeness we feel as a community of faith translates to those outside our doors, regardless of privilege, ethnicity, gender, ability, age or sexual orientation. I pray that we can live our aspiration for inclusiveness, making a real change in the lives of others. I hope that we navigate generational differences and welcome wisdom at our table, regardless of the voice that shares it. And may God continue to bless us on our journey of faith!

Kevin:

I was born in Marion, Ohio, just about 35 miles north of Columbus. When I was 14 my Dad took a new job in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and I completed high school there. I then went to the University of Wisconsin where I obtained a bachelor's degree in Psychology and a Master's degree in Social Work. Ten years later I earned an MBA, also from the University of Wisconsin. We moved to St. Louis in 1994 for the Executive Director role at Epworth Children and Family Services, and three years ago I became the President and CEO of Provident Behavioral Health. Much of my work time these days is spent in management, fundraising, program development and advocacy. We have four kiddos ranging in age from 20 to 36, and three grandchildren ranging from age 3 to age 10. We're immensely proud of all of them.

I think my genetic predisposition toward engineering steers a lot of my hobbies. My Dad, my Grandfather and Great-Grandfather were all mechanical engineers. Diane refers to me as "gadget man", and that's probably fair. I enjoy figuring out new technology and making it more accessible to the rest of the family. I enjoy politics beyond what I do in my work environment, and am a special fan of Presidential history. My grandmother knew Warren Harding before he was President, and shared very interesting stories about him as I was growing up.

Areas of Involvement: I'm currently serving on Church Council, the Renovation Task Force, and the church choir.

Hopes for Christ Lutheran: My dream is that Christ Lutheran becomes known as one of the most spiritually enriching, inclusive and accessible congregations in the region. In addition, I think our congregation has a great opportunity to expand its youth ministry and connections with the "boom" of young families in our area.

ADULT FORUM

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

January 5 **Pastor Kendra Nolde**, Director of Evangelical Mission for the Central States Synod. Pr. Nolde will tell us about her position with the Synod. She will also discuss the opportunities and challenges that may be in store for our congregation as we welcome a new Pastor.

January 12 & 19 **Dr. Clint McCann**, Evangelical Professor of Biblical Interpretation at Eden Seminary, will speak to us about "Greening the Bible: The Biblical Basis for Creation Care." Dr. McCann's work has inspired Christ Lutheran's Creation Care Team.

January 26 **No Adult Forum.** The annual Congregational Meeting will be held after the 9:30am worship service.



Encountering Meaning



Thanks to members of the congregation including the Sunday School students who helped pack lunches for Gateway 180 Homeless shelter on December 1st. Following preparing the lunches, we had the chance to talk to fellow members about the things we are thankful for. Thanks especially to Thrivent for the funds to purchase the supplies and make this intergenerational project possible!

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.

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 JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES AND BIRTHDAYS!

1/20 Christine Heerboth
1/28 Alex Bennett
1/29 Nina Wright

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
January 5, 2020.

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

ANNIVERSARIES:

1/13 Kim & Dave Donermeyer
1/19 Jadee & Steve Lauer

BIRTHDAYS:

1/03 Joyce Pederson
1/05 Sharon Hornbeck
1/08 Brian Hornbeck
1/11 Flo Saeger
1/13 Nancy Lissant
1/15 Deanne Bussler
1/15 James Knapp
1/15 Alex Lindquist
1/15 Carson Glascock
1/16 Susan Hunt
1/18 Isaac Helton
1/19 Kate Drollinger



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, January 5th**. 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.



JANUARY 2020 "WHO-DO" LIST

<u>January 5</u>	<u>8:00 a.m.</u>	<u>10:30 a.m.</u>
Key Person	Jerry Kuziel	Peter Jordan
Assisting Minister		Carolyn Crowe
Acolyte	Shalom Yee	Micah Ruff
Ushers		Peter & Becca Jordan
Lector	Larry Hill	Roger Rose
Presenters	Larry Hill	Peter & Becca Jordan
Altar Guild		Kathy Kuziel/Angela Bratcher
Flowers		Poinsettias
Counters		Susan DeBusk /Dave Austin
Refreshments	Alena Horn/Jadee Lauer/Sarah Ringkor/Lynnae Tanner Ruff	

<u>January 12</u>	<u>8:00 a.m.</u>	<u>10:30 a.m.</u>
Key Person	Bill Griffith	Keith Lissant
Assisting Minister		John Hoffmann
Acolyte	Nesiah Yee	James Gilliland
Ushers		Bob & Joan O'Brien
Lector	John Hoffmann	Harriet Scholle
Presenters	Linda Elkin & Mark Smith	Bob & Joan O'Brien
Altar Guild		Carolyn Lange/ Janet Roock
Flowers		Ellen Mead/Joan Rivas
Counter		Dave Fey
Refreshments		Carolyn Lange/Ellen Mead/Flo Saeger/ Brianna Schmidt

<u>January 19</u>	<u>8:00 a.m.</u>	<u>10:30 a.m.</u>
Key Person	Alan Richter	Mike Hoyer
Assisting Minister		Kersten Horn
Acolyte	Shalom Yee	Micah Ruff
Ushers		Mike Wagner/Roger Rose
Lector	Vic Saeger	Daniel Uy
Presenters	Jim & Sally Wachtman	Dianne Deck/Tom Palazzolo
Altar Guild		Keith & Nancy Lissant
Flowers		Dianne Deck
Counter		Sarah Keifer
Refreshments		Erin Eftink/Sarah Keifer/Janet Roock/Judy Wessler

<u>January 26</u>	<u>9:30 a.m.</u>
Key Person	Matt Bender
Assisting Minister	Katie Ciorba
Acolyte	Nesiah Yee
Ushers	Mike Hoyer/Jim Bennett
Lector	Sarah Bender
Presenters	Dan & Jessica Gunther
Altar Guild	Matt & Sarah Bender
Flowers	Sarah Bender
Counter	Joan O'Brien
Refreshments	Carolyn Crowe/John Hoffmann/Sandy Hoyer

MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN OUR COMMUNITY

THANK
YOU

Thank you for all the generous donations that were made to our mitten tree this year.



THANK YOU!

Thank you to those who helped support the Giving Tree by donating or buying lanyard wallets for the ladies at the Mary Ryder House. This gift will allow them to carry keys, cash, and other personal items more easily around the residential facility. Because of the generous Christmas spirit at Christ Lutheran, we were able to buy one for all 67 of the ladies!



Office of Ecumenical and Interreligious Affairs
20 Archbishop May Dr.
St. Louis, MO 63119

What: Ecumenical Prayer Service and
Reception to Follow

Who: You, Family, Friends, Coworkers
All Are Welcome

When: Jan 26, 2020 from 7 to 9pm

Where: St. Monica Catholic Church
12140 Olive Boulevard
Creve Coeur, Missouri 63141
Phone: (314) 792-7177

More Info: archstl.org/ecumenical

LST Class

The Lutheran Confessions and the History that Formed Them. Against the background of a Turkish invasion of Europe and feuding German princes, Emperor Charles V called for a statement of Lutheran beliefs to restore unity. The result was The Augsburg Confession, based on writings of Martin Luther, which remains the basic definition of what it means to be Lutheran.

By studying this Confession and the other credal statements contained in *The Book of Concord*, the class will examine the Lutheran response to such questions as: Who is God? How does God work in the world? What does God expect of people? Who or what is responsible for evil? How can people overcome the bad within themselves and in the world? **Instructor:** The Rev. Dr. Robert Kolb is a professor emeritus of Systematic Theology at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, Missouri. His major contributions include an edition of *The Book of Concord*, 2000 ed., and an introductory book of Lutheran theology. Kolb is also the director of the Institute for Mission Studies in St. Louis.

6-SESSION CLASS

Thursdays, Jan. 16, 23, 30, Feb. 6, 13, 20, 7:00 – 9:30 p.m.

Bethel Lutheran Church

7001 Forsyth Blvd

Corner of Forsyth and Big Bend

St. Louis, MO 63105

PM 88 - Tuition:

Non-credit students \$96

PMA and SAM students \$175

Register one of following ways:

- 1) Online at: lststl.org/courses
- 2) By phone: 314-918-2556 (leave a voicemail)
- 3) By e-mail to registrar@lststl.org



January 2020

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5 7:45a Childcare 8:00 & 10:30a Worship, BP Screen 9:15a Sunday School (Mead), Youth group and Adult forum 11:45a Coffee fellowship	6 12p Sr. Fellowship at Laclede Groves 6p Fitness Group	7 10a Bible Text Study-Conference Rm 10a Bible Study-Fellowship hall	8	9 6p Fitness Group	10	11
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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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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.**