



ONE IN CHRIST

Week of July 20- July 26, 2020

PASTOR'S WORD



Christ Lutheran Family! A few notes for you, as summer continues

We are so excited to be celebrating with four of our young people, Jack Wood, Ruthie Helton, Megan Eftink, and Maggie Ringkor, who have been learning about the sacrament of Communion together viz Zoom this summer! Please join us as we remember our baptisms, give thanks for our family of faith, celebrate the sacrament of Communion, and recognize our young people this coming Sunday, July 26th!

Even in the time of Covid, summer is the time of vacation. One of you shared with me this week the connection they feel with God in nature, and I shared with them that we watched the lightening storm from our sun porch last night, and I felt as if I had a front row seat to an amazing divine sound and light display. In the midst of our physical distancing, I have been so grateful for the many opportunities to be outside in creation, when our options in other respects are limited. Where are you finding connection with God in these days? I hope you are finding places of rest and renewal and connection with God, as balm for spirits weary from challenging news and important decisions for yourselves and your families.

Lisette has been working very hard to keep things running smoothly, and I have been so grateful for her role in our ministry! Tammy hasn't missed a beat with respect to accounting and finances, Kelly has been regularly checking on the buildings and keeping things clean, Carolyn has been an incredible gift in supporting our communities health and wellness and pastoral needs, and Mark and Diane have continued to think creatively and provide amazing music for our Worship the last few months. All staff have been caring for themselves this summer by taking vacation, or will soon be doing so! Lisette and her family will be enjoying vacation August 3-8, and Susan DeBusk will be covering critical administrative tasks that week in her absence. I will be on vacation July 28-August 3, and Lisette will respond to and route any administrative needs, and Carolyn Crowe will respond to any pastoral needs in my absence. Thanks to all of you for the support you give your hard working staff!

As always, if there is anything you need, please do not hesitate to reach out. We are here to support one another in community, and encourage one another as we share God's love and mercy with the community around us as well. Peace to you in these days!



Webster Groves Presbyterian Church Offering Free Notary Services

Webster Groves Presbyterian Church will offer free mail-in ballot notarization services on Sunday, July 19 from noon to 3:00 p.m. and on Sunday, July 26 from noon to 3:00 p.m. The notary services will be held on the parking lot on the east side of the church, 45 West Lockwood in Webster Groves.

All Missourians will be able to vote by mail for the August 4 and November 3 elections. Except for those age 65 and older or those with specific health-related exemptions, most voters will need to have their ballot notarized before mailing it in.

Participants will need to sign their ballot envelope in front of the notary, present an ID and sign the notary's log. All voters and participants will be required to wear a mask. If you do not have a mask, one will be provided for you. Social distancing will be maintained. The activity will take place outdoors, rain or shine.

For more information, call: Janice Seele 714-642-3376

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 Tuesday, July 28, 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



Room at the Inn during Covid-19 - Caring for our homeless neighbors

As most of us have been sheltering in place at home and finding new ways of living, Room at the Inn found a way to continue to serve their clients. When the volunteer night sites at various area churches became unavailable, the RATI day site became the night site too. Clients, in family units, are all in their own rooms and prepare their own meals each evening (meal items are purchased through donations). Because most churches are not yet ready to host clients, there are a few ways that we can help:

If you are able to help in the evenings in the role of innkeeper at the Bridgeton shelter, there are special steps taken to ensure the safety of both clients and innkeepers: masks are required, minimal contact or no contact with clients, building is sanitized each night, roll out cots & bedding are provided and the time commitment is from 5PM to 7AM.

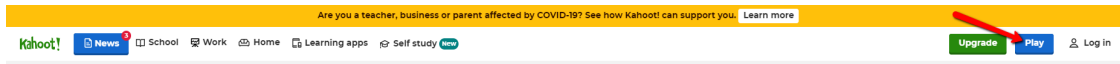
If you are able to volunteer during the daytime, please consider helping by answering the phone for a morning or afternoon. If you feel you could help, please contact Cindy Warren at 314 209-9181 or by email at cwarren@roomstl.org.

Monetary donations are also appreciated, as **Christ Lutheran is scheduled to "host" an evening on July 24, 2020. Donations may be sent to Room at the Inn, 3415 Bridgeland Drive, Bridgeton, MO 63044 (noting the donation is for July 24th weekend).**

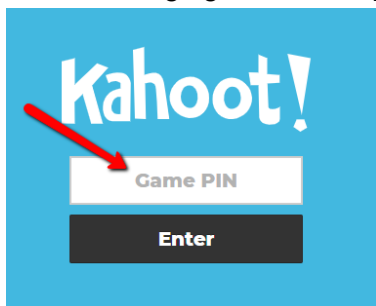
CLC Zoom Trivia, July 25th 8:00pm – 10:30pm

Join us for a fun night of trivia! CLC members will need to have access to an additional device beyond their Zooming device. For example, if you're Zooming on your laptop or computer, a tablet, iPad, or smartphone would be the perfect pairing option. If your household has multiple devices, each user can enter on their own device should they desire to play individually. If you don't have a second device, feel free to tune in and watch the fun!

Smartphone users can download the free app (available for both Android and iOS), but you don't have to download anything if you don't want to! Simply open your browser, go to the Kahoot website (<https://kahoot.com/>), and click the blue "Play" button in the upper right corner of the screen.



A color-changing screen will prompt you to enter the Game PIN, which I will provide when I share my Zoom screen.



Once you enter, you will be prompted to enter your name in the virtual lobby. Once everyone has joined in the lobby, the game can begin! Each question will be displayed on your Zooming device and answered on your additional device,

If this seems too daunting, I am more than happy to walk through this process the night-of. Please let me know if you have any questions!

Becca Jordan (314) 580-0277

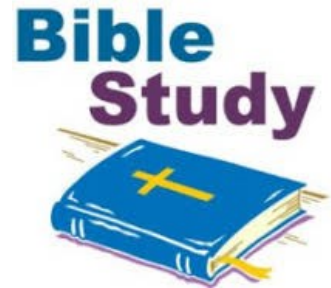
Fellowship at CLC

Zoom Bible Study, Tuesday July 21st, 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

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Zoom Fellowship, Tuesday July 21st, 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, July 23rd, 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

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Youth Zoom Hangout, Sunday August 2 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.

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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.

An email was sent July 9th, regarding 2020 Pledges. If you have not received it please contact Lisette at office@christwg.org.

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, July 26, 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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Virtual Adult Forum

Immediately after worship service this Sunday we will hear from Rika Tyler, the St. Louis Organizer of Missouri Faith Voices. On July 12 Ed Johnson of Webster-Rock Hill Ministries told us how that agency is working to provide direct assistance to people in our neighborhood.

The next step, as we work for a more just society, is to reimagine existing institutions and structures. That's what Missouri Faith Voices is about. Right now the effects of inadequate healthcare, unequal justice, and entrenched poverty are in the forefront of the news. In response, MO Faith Voices sees itself as a prophetic voice acting to inform and lead the ecumenical community to a world where opportunities are equal and everyone is cared for.

ANNIVERSARIES AND BIRTHDAYS!

CELEBRATING JULY ANNIVERSARIES & BIRTHDAYS

Congratulations and Best Wishes!

ANNIVERSARIES:

07/03 Erin & Dave Eftink, Jr.
 07/13 Luke & Karen Bruns
 07/21 Alena & Kersten Horn
 07/22 Matt & Katie Ciorba
 07/30 James & Leslie Bennett
 07/30 Jon & Chris Heerboth

BIRTHDAYS:

07/02 Edith Cooper
 07/03 Leslie Bennett
 07/04 Taimika Askew-Sunkara, Gregory McMullen
 07/06 Susan DeBusk
 07/12 Stephanie Lenhart, Mike Wagner
 07/13 Carolyn Crowe, Matthew Hoyer,
 07/14 Dane Stole
 07/16 Dianne Drollinger, Lauren Bennett
 07/17 Luke Dopuch
 07/18 Kim Joern
 07/21 Maggie Ringkor
 07/23 Jason Kuziel
 07/27 Megan Eftink, Kahlie McCarty
 07/28 Thomas Allen, Roger Rose
 07/29 Scott Glascock
 07/30 Sherry Mitchler, Rev. Kenneth Haugk
 07/31 August Bennett
 07/31 Matt Ciorba
 07/31 Steven McCarty



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**

**ORGANIST:
MARK RUFF**

**OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR:
LISETTE KREITLER**

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TAMMY PRYOR**

**CUSTODIAN:
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.**