



# ONE IN CHRIST

WEEK OF JUNE 15-21, 2020

## PASTOR'S WORD



Hello, Christ Lutheran Family! As we continue to get to know each other, I am reminded of the power of stories. As we work together to re-imagine what it means to be church together, in an age of Covid-19 and in the midst of the very profound need to recognize and counter racism, stories can help us in that sacred work of following the call of Jesus to embody the good news. So, what does it mean to be church?

Two stories come to mind for me. Throughout my childhood, my family belonged to the same church, for over three decades. I recall joining the choir when I came back home from college, and becoming re-acquainted with people who had known me since I was a baby. One of the choir members shared that many years before, the church school music teacher told her about teaching our class, and the joy they had in watching us come alive as we sang. They described a particular lesson I had forgotten about, in detail that took my breath away. And I realized . . . music had always, from the time I was little, been a way that I experience God. This fellow church member helped me to see that. **Church can be a place where we discover how we, as unique beings, experience the divine!**

Some years later, as I went through seminary and entered the call process, I experienced the very real challenge of church—the ways in which we try and often fail to embrace God's people for who they are. The ways in which LGBTQ people and others who are marginalized are excluded within the church, as well as the world. And in the midst of it, I experienced the best of church, as well, as I encountered people, in congregations and in the Proclaim community, willing to take stands even when it meant sacrificing their own comfort, and stand with those, including myself, who were wounded. I found myself, as a member of Proclaim, part of a community that would meet me in my most painful moments, and would also call me out in love and grace when I myself caused pain for others whose experiences and identities differ from my own. **Church is a place where we can be vulnerable, bring our pain and find healing, and grow in our capacity to acknowledge our own sinfulness, and learn to show up differently—not perfectly, but differently.**

**What does it mean to you to be church?**



## Remembering the Emmanuel 9

Wednesday, June 17<sup>th</sup>, 6:30pm

Join Zoom Meeting

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Dial by your location

312 626 6799

Meeting ID: 824 2670 8786

Password: 361357

They were doing what we are called to as they engaged in bible study. It was Wednesday night— a stranger walked in to Mother Emmanuel AME Church, and the people welcomed him and prayed together.

This stranger, a man baptized, formed, communed, and Confirmed in the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America, wanted to ignite a “race war,” he said, after he shot and killed them, denying them the very humanity he claimed for himself, claiming rights and privileges associated with “whiteness.”

Today, we mourn their deaths, and the deaths of all black and brown people who have died since at the hands of those who didn’t see their humanity. We acknowledge our failure as people of God to stand up against the lies and destruction and death of racism and white supremacy. We ask for God’s healing. We commit ourselves to do the work necessary to end this evil.



**Central States Synod**  
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America  
God's work. Our hands.

A note from Bishop Susan Candea and the Synod Council of the Central States: The recent murders of Ahmaud Arbery, Breonna Taylor, Dreason (Sean) Reed, and George Floyd have jolted many to action. For more than a week, individuals around the world have taken to the streets to express their pain, anger, and frustration over the dehumanization being experienced by black and brown people due to individual/systemic racism. The anguish endured by people of color in this country because of the actions or inactions of other citizens is real, and it cannot be ignored. Racism and racist notions have no place in Christianity. They are antithetical to our core beliefs. We believe God made all of humanity in God’s image (Gen. 1:27). We believe Jesus Christ lives in each one of us (1 John 4:13) and tears down the dividing wall of hostility between us (Eph. 2:14). And we believe we are all members of the Body of Christ; hence, “if one member suffers, we all suffer with it” (1 Cor. 12:26). Despite our relationship with God, we are sinners. We consciously and unconsciously sin against God and each other in thought, word, and deed. We love neither God nor our neighbor with our whole heart. Instead, we give in to temptation and seek to satisfy our own desires. The Synod Council of the Central States encourages its congregations and their members to use this time of national self-examination as an opportunity to engage in courageous dialogue to tackle the sinful issue of racism. We invite our faith communities to listen to the experiences and perspectives of those who have endured racism and aggression at the hands of individuals and institutions, including our own ELCA. We also ask members to reflect on what actions they have taken or missed to reduce racism and lift up the dignity of all people. The Council understands that discussions about race are difficult. Some participants may feel uncomfortable and even vulnerable. But what is hard should not stop us from doing what is right. The Synod has tools available (<https://www.css-elca.org/workshops>) to facilitate positive, courageous dialogue. Therefore, we encourage congregations and members to be brave and examine their own attitudes and conduct. Each person, regardless of background or age, can help to advance the eradication of racism, disrupt systemic inequality and inequity, build a more inclusive community, and live out Christ’s teaching to love our neighbor.



# Stewardship & Offerings

We've taken our worship all digital and are reaching out to people in different ways than we're traditionally accustomed. So many have already joined us in video conference worship, fellowship, Sunday School, and youth hangout. 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](http://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](mailto: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

## 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



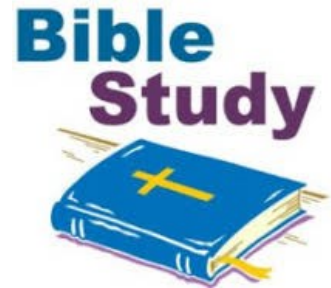
# Fellowship at CLC

## Zoom Bible Study, Tuesday June 16<sup>th</sup>, 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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### **One tap mobile**

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**Call in From Any Phone:** 312 626 6799

**Meeting ID:** 826 4394 5421

**Password:** 127284

## Zoom Fellowship, Tuesday June 16<sup>th</sup>, 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**

<https://zoom.us/j/614165078?pwd=SDE3czRWbFZaZHMMyK3JnOTNISFRTZz09>

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## Thursday, June 18<sup>th</sup>, 5:00pm—Zoom Fellowship

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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**Call in From Any Phone:** 312-626-6799

**Meeting ID:** 181 613 273

**Password:** 123456

## **Youth Zoom Hangout, Sunday June 21 at 12:30 PM**

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

### **Join Zoom Meeting**

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

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## **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 first meeting will be Tuesday, July 7, at 8:00pm, via Zoom. We will discuss the 1st chapter of *Stand Your Ground*.

### ***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>

# WORSHIP

**Sunday, June 21, 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**

**One tap mobile**

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**Call in From Any Phone:** 312-626-6799

**Meeting ID:** 278 217 453

**Password:** 971744



## VIRTUAL VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Christ Lutheran Families,

Together with Emmanuel Episcopal, the first joint virtual VBS will be held this summer, **July 13-17, 10-10:30am**. Each day will consist of one 30 minute zoom session that will include a prayer, Bible reading, follow up questions, craft and song. (Meeting link and additional info to come! )

If you are interested in volunteering, sign up for a slot here:

[https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/13EtsOsbonMSuPn2COhOI4seR3pVOevfLaVvWO7pN4\\_Y/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/13EtsOsbonMSuPn2COhOI4seR3pVOevfLaVvWO7pN4_Y/edit?usp=sharing)

# ANNIVERSARIES AND BIRTHDAYS!

## CELEBRATING JUNE ANNIVERSARIES & BIRTHDAYS

Congratulations and Best Wishes! Your Christ Lutheran family wants to celebrate you!

### ANNIVERSARIES

06/07 Carole & Mark Lewis, Perry Yee & Szu Ching Fu  
 06/10 Larry & Kathy Hill  
 06/11 Bill & Linda Griffith  
 06/20 Ronni & Gary Knubley, Megan & Colin Meadows  
 06/23 Kathy & Jerry Kuziel  
 06/25 Susanne & Dave Fey  
 06/27 Paul & Stephanie Lenhart  
 06/28 Janet & Mark Rook  
 06/30 Betty & Woody Erickson

### BIRTHDAYS

06/01 Katherine Mudd  
 06/02 Emma Schulte  
 06/04 Sarah Bender, Joan Rivas, Joshua Wood  
 06/06 Megan Pickett  
 06/08 Ward Holmes, Carolyn Lange  
 06/10 Reid Bartek, Erin Eftink  
 06/12 Anna Bussler, Luke Bruns  
 06/15 David Ciorba  
 06/17 Sam Allen  
 06/18 Evan Deck  
 06/19 David Cramer, Jordon Joern  
 06/22 Carole Lewis  
 06/23 Dave Austin, Wyatt Bussler  
 06/24 Kristin Hill, Kaia Chelgreen  
 06/27 Lauren Dopuch  
 06/28 Nesiah Yee  
 06/29 Kersten Horn  
 06/30 Hamise Askew-Sunkara, Sandy Hoyer



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.  
SUNDAY SCHOOL 11:30 A.M.**

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

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT:  
KEVIN DROLLINGER**

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ADULT MINISTRIES AND  
FAITH COMMUNITY NURSE:  
CAROLYN CROWE**

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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.**