



ONE IN CHRIST

WEEK OF JUNE 8-14, 2020

PASTOR'S WORD



“Are we there, yet?” We are clearly entering into summer this week, as more schools finish for the year, summer activities (adapted and truncated though they may be) begin, and the famed St. Louis heat that we have been warned about has started to build. Meanwhile, our journey with Covid-19 continues, loneliness growing ever heavier, our economic challenges are daunting and so many are struggling with the impact of the pandemic on their businesses and employment, the reality of racism daunting. What we all hoped would be a short hiatus from gathering in-person is now showing itself to be a longer-term shift in how we live our lives. “Are we there yet??”

Jesus sent the disciples on a journey, and as he did, he seems to have known it wouldn't be easy. He tells them they will be like “sheep among wolves,” facing challenging times and barriers along the way. He talks of needing to be ready to face demons. He prepared them to be turned away, at times. They will see illness, and poverty, and death. And as they travel, they are to *bring the good news*.

As we walk the journey, this is our task, too: bring healing, and life, and most of all, proclaim the good news: God is with us, even in those moments that have us wishing this trip was over, already! God's peace, God's shalom in the midst of the trials of this world, will always come back to us, surrounding us and strengthening us so we can take the next step. Reminding us of why we are on this road, in the first place.

“**Are we there yet?**” No, we are not there yet. But we are walking the road together, and God is with us, and that is indeed good news.





A note from Bishop Susan Candea and the Synod Council of the Central States: The recent murders of Ahmaud Arbery, Breonna Taylor, Dreasjon (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.

Remembering the Emmanuel 9 Wednesday, June 17th, 6:30pm

Join Zoom Meeting

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312 626 6799

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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.

Let's Talk About Race . . .

Our Synod, Central States, has invited clergy to do some reading, conversation, and reflection on race and racism. As the fires continue to burn in several parts of our country, it is a call to all of us to do this work, and learn how we can better understand how racism has impacted all of us, and what we can do to make a difference. If you are interested in doing a book study around this topic, please let Pastor Meagan know.



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.christwq.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

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



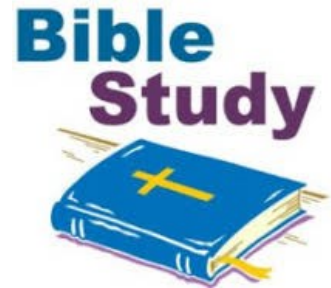
Fellowship at CLC

Zoom Bible Study, Tuesday June 9th, 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 June 9th, 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, June 11th, 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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Women's Zoom Group, Thursday June 11, 7:00pm

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Youth Zoom Hangout, Sunday 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

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WORSHIP

Sunday, June 14, 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

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

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 Flo & Vic Saeger, 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**

**DIRECTOR OF SENIOR
ADULT MINISTRIES AND
FAITH COMMUNITY NURSE:
CAROLYN CROWE**

**DIRECTOR OF CHOIRS:
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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.**