## **Connecting with Christ**

#### **March 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.

# March 1, 1st Sunday of Lent - 8:00 am & 10:30 am worship with Holy Communion:

Meagan McLaughlin, preacher and presider. Readings: Isaiah 58: 1-12; Psalm 32; 1 Romans 5: 12-19; Matthew 4: 1-11

# March 8, 2nd Sunday of Lent – 8:00 am & 10:30 am worship with Holy Communion:

Meagan McLaughlin, preacher and presider. Readings: Gen 12:1-4a; Psalm 121; Romans 4:1-5, 13-17; John 3:1-17

# March 15, 3rd Sunday of Lent - One service at 9:30 am, worship with Holy Communion,

Installation of Meagan McLaughlin. Bishop Susan Candea, preacher and presider.

Readings: Exodus 17:1-7; Psalm 95; Romans 5: 1-11; John 4: 5-42

# March 22, 4th Sunday of Lent – 8:00 am & 10:30 am worship with Holy Communion:

Meagan McLaughlin, preacher and presider. Readings: 1 Sam 16:1-13; Psalm 23; Eph 5: 8-14; John 9: 1-41

# March 29, 5th Sunday of Lent – 8:00 am & 10:30 am worship with Holy Communion:

Meagan McLaughlin, preacher and presider. Readings: Ezek 37:1-14; Psalm 130; Romans 8: 6-11; John 11: 1-45



Lenten Season is upon us! Please join us for a meal at 6pm, fellowship, and service at 7:00 p.m. the following Wednesdays: March 4, March 11, March 18, March 25, and April 1. A sign - up sheet for main dishes, salads, sides, and desserts is located in the fellowship hall. Thank you, in advance, for your generous donation of food, time and talent.

# Pastor's Word

As Karen and I and our three feline fur babies made the journey south, we had many encounters. We encountered our moving team, who carefully wrapped each piece of furniture before loading it to the truck. Our anxious cat, Dewey, had an encounter with his kennel, and scraped skin off his nose in his attempt to escape. We encountered a neighbor and her ninety-pound puppy, who enthusiastically welcomed us to the neighborhood. We have encountered city workers, county workers, and even auto care professionals, who have helped us navigate becoming "official St. Louisians." We encountered Christ Lutheran members, who welcomed and cared for us by bringing us meals so we have not had to cook yet, helped us acclimate to our new city, taught me about Christ Lutheran, and inspired me as we prepared for Lent! And along the way, we have witnessed God at work in the world around us, in the joy, openness, passion, and patience that has been extended to us!

This Lent, as we begin our ministry together, we are going to explore the theme of Encountering God in the World. We will see Jesus, God with skin, having an encounter in the desert that helped him understand who he was called to be in the world. We listen to his conversations with Nicodemus, and the woman at the well, inviting them into relationship with God. We witness the blind man, healed and challenged, as he claims Jesus is God. And we will reflect on our own encounters with God.

And ultimately, we will walk with Jesus as he faces arrest, torture, and even death because of his commitment to embody the unconditional love of God in a world of brokenness and sin. Jesus does not shy away from any part of the human experience—he shows us that no matter what we go through, God understands. You might say that, in Jesus, God has some skin in the game! And Jesus shows us how to be our best selves, calling us to recognize where we have sinned, and grow in our capacity to embody God's love and mercy. In the end, we will stand with Mary at the tomb, as she encounters Jesus, alive again, and hears him call her name.

Where have you encountered God in the world? Where have you seen healing? Where have you experienced reconciliation? Where have you been fed and nourished when you were most hungry? Where have you witnessed life in the midst of what seemed to be only death? Where do you most need healing, forgiveness, nourishment, and new life, today?

We begin our ministry together with the Lenten journey, and we can expect God to do a new thing. In the coming weeks, I hope to hear many stories, learn many things, and begin to explore where God is leading the Christ Lutheran family as we journey forward, together. I can't wait to get to know all of you, and see the Spirit at work among us! *Open our eyes and hearts and prepare us to Encounter God in the World.* 

Pastor Meagan



#### **New Beginnings**

So It's Beginning!

I am so excited to begin ministry among you, to see where God is leading us as we journey together! And to be honest, I am nervous, too, and I am guessing many of you may be also. Change is hard, right? Here are a few things to know about me as we start walking together!

- My vision of ministry is closely tied with our Lenten theme: "Jesus has skin in the neighborhood, and so do we." It is about relationship, about walking together, and particularly about being willing to be vulnerable and take risks in commitment to embody the love of God for all people, and all of creation.
- Change is inevitable! I am a new pastor, and a new-to-you-pastor, and you are a new-to-me family of faith. Things may already feel different. My commitment to you is that we will walk through change together, we will talk a lot along the way, and see where God is leading us as a community.
- My door is always open. My day off will be Friday, and I will be in the office or on visits or meetings the other days of the week. Whether you have concerns, questions, or just want to talk, I want to hear from you! Please feel free to call, e-mail, or come by the office, and set up a time to connect. And I will be reaching out to you also over the coming months.

You will be in my prayers, people of Christ, and please keep my family and I in your prayers as well! Pastor Meagan

#### **ADULT FORUM**

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

March 1 Webster Groves Police Department—Detective Fred Bell and Captain Greg Perks of the Webster Groves Police Department will explain Community Policing and answer the questions we sent their way.

March 8 Creation Care: Making Real World Choices—People generally agree that life on Earth as we know it is stressed. Resources like potable water and pollinators are more scarce while pollution, average temperatures, and the human population increase. As Christians we are called to care for the natural world God has given us but how do we make individual and collective choices that will sustain the planet? A panel of members, Brett Bussler, Carolyn Crowe, and Kate and Phil Hoerchler have all studied and thought about these issues. They will lead a conversation about the challenges and opportunities we will face in the next decades.

March 15 No Adult Forum—Pastor Meagan McLaughlin will be installed at 9:30 service.

March 22 **Setting the Lord's Table for Worship**—Every Sunday members of the Altar Guild and Flower Team set the Altar. The colors of the paraments are guided by the liturgical seasons while floral displays echo the Sunday morning readings. Sarah Bender who leads the Altar Guild and Nancy Lissant who heads the Floral Team will give us background and details of all they do.

March 29 A Conversation with Pastor Meagan—Here's an opportunity for Pastor Meagan and us to become better acquainted. As she begins her Ministry at Christ Lutheran, she will share some of her background and priorities. And we, in turn, can tell her how we see ourselves. Together we can start to build a vision for the future.



Sunday March 15th will be Pastor Meagan McLaughlin's Installation at Christ Lutheran Church. There will be only one service that day. Bishop Candea will be presiding. A reception will follow the service.



#### **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, March 8th**. 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.



#### **Creation Care Collection**

Christ Lutheran's Creation Care Committee is collecting empty pill bottles. Most local recycling programs do not accept pill bottles, so they often end up in the landfills. These bottles are used by Matthew 25:Ministries to include with shipments of medical supplies for areas affected by natural disasters and developing countries. Please place clean, empty bottles (with lids) in the bin near the Creation Care bulletin board in Fellowship Hall. Both

prescription and over the counter pill bottles will be collected through April 4, 2020. If you have any questions, please contact Sherry Mitchler.

#### **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 <a href="http://freesuggestionbox.com/pub/stwuunh">http://freesuggestionbox.com/pub/stwuunh</a> and we will do our best to help!" Thanks very much!

# **Encountering Meaning**

#### The Dinners of Six are back!

#### What are the Dinners of Six?

The Dinners of Six are dinners between three families, once a month, at a different house. The families plan and share a meal and fellowship. It's a great way to get to know other Christ Lutheran families outside of Sunday services.

#### How are the family groups picked?

All families who sign up are randomly paired with two others, so you never know whom you'll be dining with.

#### How many times should our group meet?

Ideally, the trio of families all meet once a month at a different house over the course of three months.

#### When does it start, and how can I sign up?

The pairings will be sent out at the beginning of April, so the families can plan the meals for April, May, and June.

#### Sounds great! Where do I sign up?

If you want to participate, send an email to <a href="mailto:clc.inreach@gmail.com">clc.inreach@gmail.com</a>, or talk to Mike Wagner no later than the March 29<sup>th</sup> service.

## **GIVE-A-MEAL-A-MONTH**

#### **MARCH**

Canned Beef or Chicken Meals (hearty stews, chili, soups)

Any Low sodium canned vegetable

Canned Fruit/Applesauce in light syrup

Gelatin (Jello), Pudding mix (any flavor) Powdered Milk or Soy Milk, (shelf stable)

All Purpose Flour, Sugar

Return donations to church by MARCH 20, 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.





#### What Is a Stephen Minister?

"Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ" (Galatians 6:2, NRSV).

Stephen Ministers are lay people—Christian men and women—trained to provide one-to-one confidential care to people experiencing a difficult time in life, such as grief, divorce, job loss, chronic or terminal illness, relocation, or separation due to military deployment.

Stephen Ministers come from all walks of life. Their commonality? A passion for bringing Christ's love and care to people during a time of need.

Since 1975, more than 600,000 people from more than 13,000 congregations and other organizations have been trained as Stephen Ministers. At Christ Lutheran, the first group of Stephen Ministers was commissioned on September 25, 2003. Linda Griffith and Carolyn Crowe are Stephen Leaders, and the group meets regularly for support and professional growth.

Our current and former Stephen Ministers include Anita Trautmann, Sue Hearty, Deanne Bussler, Karen Bruns, Leo and Linda Armstrong, Leslie Bennett, Flo Saeger, Carolyn Lange, Harriet Scholle and Sandra Hoyer.

To Learn more you can visit stephenministries.org

#### Interested in learning more?

The next workshop is being held: March 28, 2020

(Saturday)

9:00 AM-1:00 PM

Messiah Lutheran Church

925 E Seminole St Springfield, MO 65807

#### **SESSION 1: Ministering to Those Experiencing Grief**

- Sample the quality of Stephen Minister training firsthand
- Develop grief ministry skills you can put to use right away

#### **SESSION 2: An Introduction to Stephen Ministry**

- Explore the life-changing value of this ministry
- Discover how to bring Stephen Ministry to your congregation

#### **SESSION 3: How to Care in a Distinctively Christian Way**

- Learn to integrate faith into everyday caring and relating
- Experience the Christ-centered nature of Stephen Ministry

Who Should Attend: Pastors and church staff, Lay leaders and decision makers, Caregivers and caregiving teams.

Cost: \$15 per person or \$50 for a group of four or more from your congregation

#### **Spring Confirmation Classes 2019-2020**

#### 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.



#### IN MEMORY

On January 29th, Susan Hunt, who served for almost fifteen years as Office Manager at Christ Lutheran, passed away.

A memorial service will be held at CLC on April 4, at 11 am, with a luncheon reception in the parish hall to follow. Her brother Larry Hunt who lives in Peachtree City, Georgia, will be attending with members of her family.

#### **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

# **ANNIVERSARIES AND BIRTHDAYS!**

03/22

03/22

03/23

03/25

03/28

03/29

03/29

03/30

### LET'S CELEBRATE MARCH 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 March 1, 2020.

Our apologies if we missed anybody!

Please let us know if we did.

Natalie Bruns

Jack Wood

Elmer Bibb

Carol Mansour

Claire Holmes

Ronni Knubley

Sophia Bude

Matt Bender

#### **ANNIVERSARIES:**

03/04 Christine & Dave Austin 03/29 Regina & Bill Wischmeyer

#### **BIRTHDAYS:**

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03/01	Nadia Roberts
03/04	Aja Hornbeck
03/05	Julia Ely
03/07	Leon Bartek
03/07	Jon Heerboth
03/08	Jeff Bloese
03/10	Dave Ringkor
03/11	Mike Hoyer
03/13	Ellie Zempel
03/14	Alex Hill
03/14	Faith Moore
03/16	Caroline Fortney
03/17	Xavier Ruff
03/19	Elsa Hoyer
03/20	Regina Wischmeyer



## MARCH 2020 "WHO-DO" LIST

10:30 a.m March 1 8:00 a.m. Bill Griffith **Key Person** Mike Hoyer **Assisting Minister** Kersten Horn **Acolyte** John Hoffmann Marc Horn Bob & Joan O'Brien Ushers John Hoffmann Lector Katie Ciorba **Presenters** Linda Elkin & Mark Smith Dianne Deck & Tom Palazzolo

**Altar Guild** Keith & Nancy Lissant

Flower Team Lent Counters Dave Austin

Refreshments Erin Eftink/Sarah Keifer/Janet Roock/Judy Wessler

March 8 8:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m. **Key Person** Jerry Kuziel Joan O'Brien **Assisting Minister** Katie Ciorba John Hoffmann Harrison Ringkor **Acolyte Ushers** Mike Hoyer/Jim Bennett Lector Larry Hill Brett Bussler Dan & Jessica Gunther Jim & Sally Wachtman **Presenters Altar Guild** Sally Wachtman/Sandy Hoyer Flower Team Lent Counter Dave Fey

Angela Bratcher/Harriet Scholle/Sally Wachtman Refreshments

March 15 9:30 a.m. **Key Person** TBA **Assisting Minister** Carolyn Crowe Acolyte **TBA** 

**Ushers** 

Alan Richter/Mike Wagner Kersten Horn Lector

**Presenters** Gale Nunn/Sylvia Rogers Carolyn Lange/Janet Roock **Altar Guild** 

**Flower Team** Lent

Counter Sarah Keifer

Refreshments Melissa Allen/Katie Ciorba/Kate Dopuch

March 22 8:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m. **Key Person** John Hoffmann Peter Jordan **Assisting Minister** Sandy Hoyer John Hoffmann **Acolyte TBA** Becca & Peter Jordan **Ushers** 

Larry Hill Mike Wagner Lector

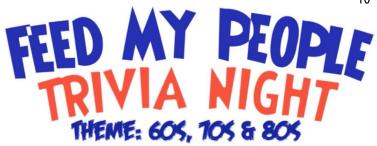
**Presenters** Vic Saeger Mike & Kristin Hill Kathy Kuziel/Angela Bratcher **Altar Guild** 

Flower Team Lent Nursery Lynnae Ruff Counter Joan O'Brien

Refreshments Alena Horn/Jadee Lauer/Sarah Ringkor/Lynnae Tanner Ruff

March 29 8:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m. Key Person Alan Richter Matt Bender **Assisting Minister** Rachel Helton **Acolyte** John Hoffmann **TBA** Ushers Roger Rose/Brett Bussler Lector John Hoffmann Carolyn Lange **Presenters** Larry Hill Bob & Joan O'Brien **Altar Guild** Matt & Sarah Bender Flower Team Lent Nursery Lynnae Ruff Counters Susan DeBusk

Refreshments Carolyn Lange/Ellen Mead/Flo Saeger/Brianna Schmidt



Saturday April 18th Doors Open 6 PM Trivia starts 7 PM

Immaculate Conception Church 2300 Church Road Arnold MO 63010

\$20 per person (\$160 per table) CASH BAR

Premium table \$240 (2 drinks tickets per person)

PRIIZE for Best Decorated Table!

FREE water, soda, popcorn a pretzels!!

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...for I was hungry, and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me. Matthew 25:35

 ${\it Make reservations online at } \underline{{\it www.feed-my-people.org/current}} \ events \ {\it OR \ return this form with payment to:}$ FMP Trivia Night, 171 Kingston Drive, St. Louis MO 63125 or call Sara at 314-631-4900 ext 313 Please make checks payable to "Feed My People" - Single tickets available, call Sara for info

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Standard Table, up to 8 people # x \$160 each = \$ _			
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Additional support for our programs: \$ _			
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## LST Registration: Spring Term 2020

( ) PG 66 Christian Decision-Making Non-credit: \$95, PMA/SAM: \$150

( ) PM 90 Old Testament Preaching \$60 by April 28, \$65 after

#### Mondays, April 20, 27, May 4, 11, 18 & 25

Final project for PMAs/SAMs due June 8

On the above dates the instructor will post the lecture, assignment, and

questions and the students will respond online. **Required readings**: The Pastor in a Secular Age by Andrew Root, Crucial Conversations: Tools for Talking when the Stakes are High by Patterson,

Grenny, McMillan, and Switzler.

## Visit Iststl.org/courses

#### **ONE-DAY WORKSHOP**

Thursday, May 7

Holy Cross Lutheran Church 13014 Olive Blvd Creve Coeur, MO 63141-6152

**Tuition (lunch included):** \$60 by April 28, \$65 after



# March 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
7:45a Childcare 8:00 & 10:30a Worship 9:15a Sunday School (Mead), Youth group and Adult forum 11:45a Coffee fel- lowship	2 12p Sr. Fellowship at Laclede Groves 6p Fitness Group	3 10a Bible Text Study-Conference Rm 10a Bible Study- Fellowship hall	4 6p Lenten Supper 7p Lenten worship 745p Choir practice	5 6p Fitness Group	6	7
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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/FRI 8:00-3:30 WED/THUR 8:00-4:00

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

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FINANCIAL SECRETARY: TAMMY PRYOR

> CUSTODIAN: KELLY LAKIES

WEBMASTER: PERRY YEE

In the event that Christ Lutheran Church leadership determines that Sunday morning worship and Education Hour need to be cancelled or delayed, we will make that information known as early as possible via the following means:

- 1) An email blast will be sent out to all on the list, so please inform us of your current email address at <a href="mailto:office@christwg.org">office@christwg.org</a> if you need to be added to that list.
- 2) The church's website (www.christwg.org) will be updated.
- 3) Our information will be added to the weather closings shared on Channel 5 KSDK and Channel 4 KMOV (will appear if there is room)

#### **PLEASE NOTE:**

The most reliable way to receive notification will be through email or by consulting the church's website. If you are unable to access either, please call a friend in the church to find out if a cancellation notice has been sent out because your safety is paramount to us!

## **Christ Lutheran Church Mission Statement**

Deepening people's connection to Christ, Bringing meaning to daily life, and Making a difference in our community.