



ONE IN CHRIST

WEEK OF MAY 25-31, 2020

PASTOR'S WORD



And just like that, the weirdest Easter Season most of us have ever experienced is over! Jesus has risen from the dead, the disciples have seen and spoken to him many times. Jesus ascended into heaven, leaving the disciples and us a promise that he would send a comforter, a guide, to be with us forever. This Sunday, we will celebrate Pentecost, the day when the Spirit descends, surrounds and fills us, and sends us out to proclaim the radical news of God's abundant love, and grace, and justice to the world. In other words, this is the day we are cut loose, freed from our upper rooms, to be the church in the world!

Many of you have I am sure been following the news of the last week. We have heard declarations that the church is essential. Yes, it is, family of faith! The sharing of the Gospel, the claiming of the truth of God's promises, the embodiment of God's love for all people, is absolutely essential. This good news is what sustained Noah and his family and all of the animals in the ark for all those days, while they waited and watched and probably despaired as well as hoped for land to appear, for the world to be safe again. The promise of God's presence and care is what brought Moses and the Israelites through their 40 year journey as exiles in the desert, searching and wondering where they would end up at the end of the road. And it is what brings us as people through the challenges of our lives, what carries us through these days of Covid-19 as we listen and study and pray for guidance, waiting for signs that it is safe to gather physically again. The church is essential. And nothing can stop us from being the church!

Like the disciples, we too are set free to embody the promise of God in new ways, we too are being transformed, to be the church in our place and time, in ways we couldn't fathom 3 months ago, and are still discovering as we navigate our way forward together. Sustained and inspired and strengthened and blessed by the Holy Spirit, we will watch and wait with faith and hope for signs that it is safe to return to our common spaces, while staying physically distant to keep one another, especially those most vulnerable, safe. And in the meantime, we are cut loose to be the church, and we will faithfully embody the love and justice and promise of God, that essential work that we as people of God have always been called to do.

Note: This Sunday I invite our members and friends to wear red for Pentecost.



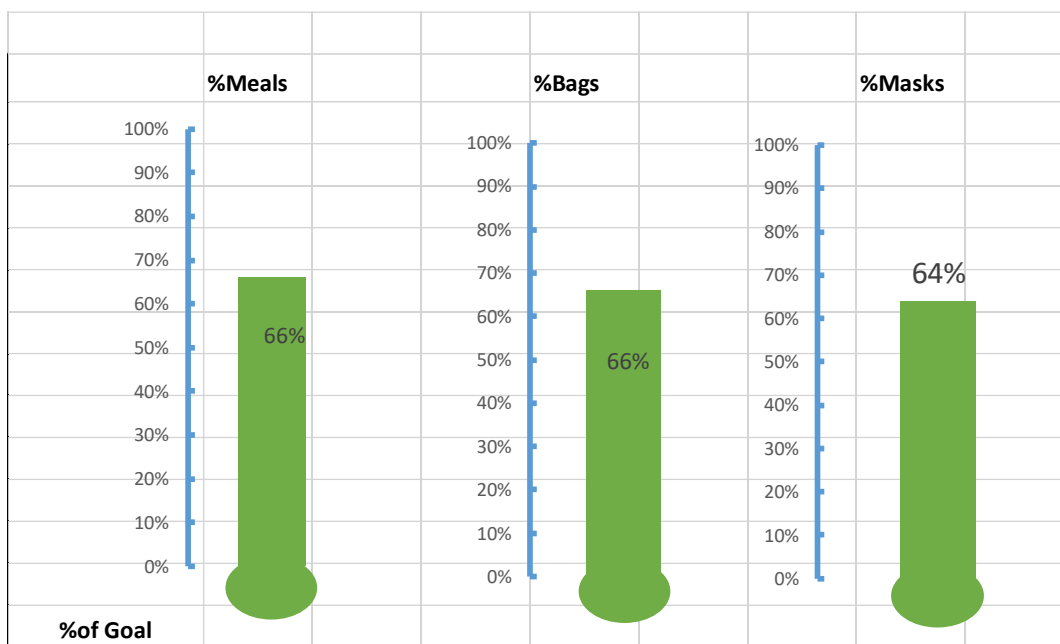
Christian Outreach

Christ Lutheran Church – Let’s Make May our Best Month of Giving Yet!

Thank you to everyone who has made donations in honor of Give StL Day on May 7th. We are in our last week of the challenge, if you can add to our donations this week please do! These donations are a way we can give back to our local community and unite together to help during this time. Each option below has information about how to give as well as the goal we hope to reach.

Please choose one or more of the options below. **When you have made a donation or contribution, please e-mail Erin Eftink at erineftink@sbcglobal.net or text her at (314)603-2947. The final results will be reported next week, as well as on the CLC Facebook Page.** Thank you for your generosity!

CLC Goal Progress



1. Meals for Meds

<https://www.mealsformeds.info/>

You can go to the website above and click on the button of the restaurant where you wish to make the donation. The restaurant then uses this donation to provide meals to health care workers on the front lines of the Coronavirus pandemic. There are two WG restaurants participating (Balkan Treat Box and Guerrilla Street Food) which also gives us a chance to support the local community.

**** **CLC Goal = \$500 or approx. 50 meals for health workers**

2. Webster - Rock Hill Ministries

W-RH Ministries is looking for donations of toilet paper, personal hygiene items, hand soap, hand sanitizer, canned meat and vegetables, and dry food items. Donations can be delivered to Webster Groves Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) 1320 W. Lockwood, 63122. Donors are asked to remain in their cars while volunteers unload the donations. Donations are accepted at the following times: Tuesdays between 10:00 AM and 2:00 PM, Thursdays between 10:00 AM and 2:00 PM, and Fridays between 10:00 AM and 2:00 PM. Monetary donations can also be given in person at drop-off or also on their website.

**** **CLC Goal = 50 boxes and/or bags of donated items delivered to WG Christian Church**

3. Masks for the Rockwood Senior Living Community in Webster Groves

The Rockwood offers senior care for retired individuals, and is requesting cloth adult-size masks. Directions for sewing masks with elastic can be found in many places on-line including:

<https://www.deaconess.com/How-to-make-a-Face-Mask/>

Please drop off finished masks at the Allen house, 408 Belleview Ave., Webster Groves (there will be a bin on the porch). There are some steps leading up to the porch so if it is easier, please contact Erin Eftink and the masks can be picked up directly from your house.

****** CLC Goal = 50 Masks (Please sew these masks as soon as possible. Thanks!)**



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 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



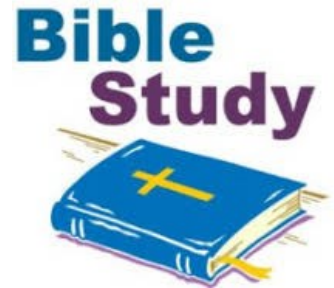
Fellowship at CLC

Zoom Bible Study, Tuesday May 26th, 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

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82643945421?pwd=V3dxdWY0YkZsRFptWkE2dDBCM3VLUT09>

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Call in From Any Phone: 312 626 6799

Meeting ID: 826 4394 5421

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Zoom Fellowship, Tuesday May 26th, 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, May 28, 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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Women's Zoom Group, Thursday May 28, 7:00pm

Join Zoom Meeting

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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, starting June 7, at 12:30 PM.

Join Zoom Meeting

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Congratulations Graduates!

Natalie Bruns, Graduating from Kirkwood High School. Congratulations Natalie on being selected in the Scholar Athlete Program: **Best on the Field and Brightest in the Classroom!**, by the St. Louis Post-Dispatch. She will be attending New York University for Engineering.

Jessica (Jessie) Hopper, Graduating Kirkwood High School and will be attending University of Missouri, Columbia to pursue a health-related profession.

Laura Elizabeth Swanson, Graduating from Ladue High School and will be attending Indiana University in the fall.

Julia Bruns, Graduating from American University in Washington DC with her Journalism and Justice and Law degrees, and will be attending New York University Law School in the fall.

Erica Donermeyer, Graduating from the University of Indiana with a major in Spanish and a minor in English.

Tim Donermeyer, Graduating from St. Louis Community College with an Associates Degree.

Masey Lane Hoyer, Graduating from Maryville University. She will continue her post-graduate studies at Maryville University in the physical therapy doctoral program.

Alicia Lewis, Graduating college with her Interior Design Degree.



WORSHIP

Sunday, May 31, 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

Sunday, May 31, 11:30 am — Zoom Sunday School

Join Zoom Meeting

Call in From Any Phone: 312-626-6799

Meeting ID: 322 262 197

Password: 102206



VIRTUAL VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Christ Lutheran Families,

Together with Emmanuel Episcopal, the first joint virtual VBS will be held this summer on **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 MAY ANNIVERSARIES & BIRTHDAYS

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

ANNIVERSARIES

05/04	Becca & Peter Jordan
05/07	Jessica & Dan Gunther
05/08	Harriet & Bill Scholle
05/22	Kim & Jack Joern
05/26	Angela Bratcher
05/27	Sandra & Mike Hoyer
05/29	Jess & Rachel Helton

BIRTHDAYS

05/03	Anna McIntyre
05/05	Sarah Ringkor
05/05	Mark Smith
05/05	Robert Swanson
05/05	Claudia Trautmann
05/08	Mae Hoerchler
05/10	John Fortney
05/11	John Hoffmann
05/12	Barrett Chelgreen
05/13	Elsie Johnson
05/15	Matthew Ely
05/16	Beverly Thompson
05/16	Colleen Wagner
05/17	Vic Saeger
05/18	Daniel Hopper
05/20	Jacob Swanson
05/21	Betty Erickson
05/22	Frederick Lenhart
05/22	Tom Palazzolo
05/23	Andrew Bennett
05/23	Harriet Scholle
05/23	Violet McMullen
05/24	Jessica Gunther
05/24	Jessica Hopper
05/25	Gary Knubley
05/28	Lisl Clerk
05/31	Anna Deck





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WWW.CHRISTWG.ORG**

**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:
DIANE DROLLINGER**

**ORGANIST:
MARK RUFF**

**OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR:
LISETTE KREITLER**

**FINANCIAL SECRETARY:
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.**