



ONE IN CHRIST

Week of September 28 - October 4, 2020

PASTOR'S WORD



Reflecting with the Synod: September – Love of Neighbor

The Central States Synod Council has identified several topics of focus for our collective ministry as a Synod, and they are inviting all congregations to reflect along with them on where God is calling us as a Synod. Each month, they are sharing one topic. For September, it is Love of Neighbor.

Read the following Scripture:

Matthew 22:34-39

When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, 35and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest? He said to him, " 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.'

1 John 4:7-21

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us.

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us. Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

Allow some silence to reflect on the text and then discuss the following questions:

1. In what ways has your congregation lived out the commandment to "love your neighbor?"
2. In what ways has the pandemic and focus on racial justice in our country changed how you view and live out this commandment?
3. How might God be calling us to "love our neighbor" in the future?

If you are willing, we invite you to [share your responses](#)

Close with the following prayer by St. Francis:

Lord, make us instruments of your peace. Where there is hatred, let us sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is discord, union; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

Amen.





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.

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



Lend a hand!

Webster-Rock Hill Ministries
 is seeking office and program
 volunteers.

If you have a few hours to give
 each week or time to help with
 specific programs, we would love
 to have you. No prior experience
 necessary. We will provide all the
 training you need to help meet
 our clients needs.



For more information, email us
 at wrhm@wrhm.org or
 call 314-961-5082.



Blessing of the Animals

This Sunday bring your pet for a blessing during Sunday worship.

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 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 are reading ***Stand Your Ground*** by Kelly Brown Douglas

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>

Our next meeting will be October 7 at 8:00pm, via Zoom.

Join Zoom meeting here:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86580403018?pwd=eTZpcU1xeWs4QmpPK1RYLzRyb09CUT09>

Dial by your location

+1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)

Meeting ID: 865 8040 3018

Passcode: 201806

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



People of Faith Seeking Change for Justice and Community in Webster Groves

Every Friday evening at 6pm, people of faith from several neighboring churches are standing vigil for half an hour on Lockwood, all of us claiming that racism and white supremacy in our communities cannot continue. I plan to be there each week and hope you can join me.

Facebook event: <https://www.facebook.com/events/2788520631432433>

CDC guidelines will be followed. Please wear a mask and practice social distancing.

Pastor Meagan

ADULT FORUM

The Adult Forum for September was a look at racial justice as seen by members of the Christ Lutheran Community. Katie Ciorba led us as we discussed racial issues—what troubles us and what are the paths forward. We talked about dealing with our own racist attitudes, confronting racism in the community and how, as in the case of Breonna Taylor, a court decision can be lawful but yet unjust.

The members who have been discussing, *Stand Your Ground* by Kelly Brown Douglas shared the African American understanding of the Exodus story that emphasizes God leading people to freedom as opposed to the more familiar interpretation of God's chosen people.

Kate Dopuch and Mark Ruff shared resources they have found helpful.

From Kate:

<https://brenebrown.com/podcast/brene-with-austin-channing-brown-on-im-still-here-black-dignity-in-a-world-made-for-whiteness/>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?reload=9&v=dbKZISwAS3M> American Son

<https://womensvoicesraised.org/>

Unraveling Whiteness

From Mark:

Here is some of Wilentz

<https://www.theatlantic.com/ideas/archive/2020/01/1619-project-new-york-times-wilentz/605152/>

<https://www.nytimes.com/2019/12/20/magazine/we-respond-to-the-historians-who-critiqued-the-1619-project.html>

Here is the link to Katie's presentation:

<https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1eoA2q1s4ZAO16zPumpNere3OhxAdYjVs4W0rzhYsLUc/edit?usp=sharing>

Our plan is for adult forums to happen twice a month and feature both members of the congregation and outside speakers. If you have ideas or suggestions contact Harriet Scholle. Email:

hscholle3@gmail.com.



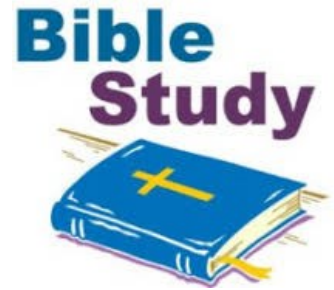
Fellowship at CLC

Zoom Bible Study, Tuesday September 29th, 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 September 29th, 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, October 1st, 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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WORSHIP

Sunday, October 4, 9:30 am — Zoom Worship

Access Online Bulletin

Follow the Zoom link or call the number noted in the bulletin to join us!

OR

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Youth Zoom Hangout, Sunday October 4 at 3:30 PM

If you have been confirmed and are interested in connecting with other youth, join us for discussion during our normal time on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month at 3:30 PM.

Join Zoom Meeting

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/924665200?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/924665200?pwd=OWYyT0Z5MmdoVG84R3dDUmJXVXd5dz09)

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ANNIVERSARIES AND BIRTHDAYS!

CELEBRATING OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES & BIRTHDAYS

Congratulations and Best Wishes!

ANNIVERSARIES:

10/01 Jim & Sally Wachtman
 10/4 Ted Christner & Claudia Trautmann
 10/11 Kelley & Tim Truss
 10/15 Philip & Kate Hoerchler
 10/17 Matt & Sarah Bender
 10/27 Tom & Megan Holmes
 10/27 Dianne Deck & Thomas Palazzolo
 10/28 Martin & Melissa Allen
 10/29 Steve & Sherry Mitchler

BIRTHDAYS:

10/01 Annika Bartek
 10/03 Ted Christner
 10/06 Ayanna Askew-Sunkara
 10/08 Cletus Romy
 10/09 James Bennett
 10/09 Maleyah Hassler
 10/10 Leah Eftink
 10/11 Linda Armstrong
 10/11 Isabella Blasser
 10/14 Sybil Meadows
 10/17 Robert O'Brien
 10/17 Karen Wood
 10/17 Shalom Yee
 10/18 Mark Lewis
 10/23 Tim Truss
 10/23 Henry Hoyer
 10/25 Jim Wachtman
 10/29 Jadee Lauer
 10/30 Peter Jordan
 10/30 John Uy
 10/31 Kelly Lakies



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:
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ADULT MINISTRIES AND
FAITH COMMUNITY NURSE:
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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.