



# ONE IN CHRIST

Week of September 7-13, 2020

## PASTOR'S WORD



Family of faith, as you may be aware, this past week white supremacist symbols were spray painted on several sidewalks and doors around churches in our neighborhood, showing us that the evil of racism is present in our community. As Moses was called and empowered to walk toward the pain of God's beloved, as Ezekiel proclaimed God's desire that all should be beloved and redeemed, as Jesus taught his disciples that faithful relationships of love and justice and mercy require commitment and action, so we as people of faith are also called and empowered and sent to embody God's love and justice everywhere we go. Edmund Burke said, "All it takes for evil to triumph is for good people to do nothing." Let us not be inactive and silent, but follow Jesus' lead and embody God's love and justice in our community of Webster and beyond.

I invite all of us to consider actions that we can take in the next month to learn about and begin to dismantle racism in our communities. Here are four possibilities, among the many options:

1. **Read "Dear Church"** by ELCA pastor Lenny Duncan. It is a heartfelt personal sharing by a pastor who is a person of color in our church. If you would like to talk with other Christ Lutheran members about the book, please let me know.
2. **Have a courageous conversation** with a friend or family member about racism and white privilege. Challenge a biased or discriminatory statement or joke when you hear it. Ask a person of color with whom you are in relationship what their experience has been—and simply listen to their story.
3. **Vote!** We are called by our faith to be engaged in our community, to seek the well-being of the city, as it says in Jeremiah. So, please make your plan to vote, and bring your faith with you to the poles. MO Faith Voices is doing incredible work to ensure that voting is safe and accessible as possible for especially those who are marginalized, and they report that many especially in the north part of St. Louis experienced difficulties in accessing voting this spring. To find out the best way for you to vote, and to find ways to help others vote, please see the information later in the newsletter, and contact me if you have questions.
4. **Follow faith-led community racial justice organization Expect Us** on social media, or keep up on their website to know the work they are doing and choose to participate if you can. **Read this article** <https://www.rd.com/article/small-ways-you-can-fight-racism-every-day/> for more ideas, or contact me if you would like to talk about how you can make a difference.



## Park Clean-up

We are working with the Webster Parks Department to coordinate a **park clean-up Saturday, September 12th, from 9:30-11:30 am - all ages are welcome!** We are doing this event in recognition of "God's Work. Our Hands," which is a day for ELCA members to do service activities that make our community a better place.

**We will plan to meet at Lorraine Davis Park, meeting/parking location 145 E. Waymire, Webster Groves.** This area is adjacent to the park (see diagram attached). We will be removing invasive species along the creek, helping with trash removal, and pulling vines and weeds. **Please bring garbage bags, gloves, rakes, hedge clippers, and masks if you desire.** We will also follow social distancing protocols. It will be wonderful to see each other in person and help make a difference! If you have any questions please contact Erin Eftink at [erineftink@sbcglobal.net](mailto:erineftink@sbcglobal.net)

## 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 next meeting will be September 16 at 8:00pm, via Zoom.

### ***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>

## 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



## Youth Zoom Hangout, Sunday September 13 at 3:30 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>

### One tap mobile

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### Dial by your location

+1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)

**Meeting ID:** 924 665 200

**Password:** 271433



## 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](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

### Central States Synod Service of Lament

Our nation, and the world, are grieving. We are grieving. Join Central States Synod for Service of Lament for all of those who have died from Covid-19. The service is collaborative, involving ELCA clergy from across the Synod, including Pastor Meagan. Follow the link below.

<https://youtu.be/QorKNhc4AxQ>



### Voter Registration Day

With Covid-19 and so many changes to voting processes, we want to be sure everyone has the information they need to vote safely this November.

**On September 22, Voter Registration Day, Christ Lutheran will host a parking lot voting registration station.** The purpose is strictly to provide information about voting registration, and options for voting safely, in person or by mail. No partisan or issue-related information will be provided.

We need 1-2 volunteers to be at the table in the parking lot for 2-2.5 hours, to talk with people in their cars and get them the information they need. All information will be provided by MO Faith Voices. Any time of day works, for 2-2.5 hours. Please let Pastor Meagan know if you are interested!

### Do You Have Your Voting Plan Ready?

If you are not already registered to vote, register! And, be talking to your friends and neighbors and colleagues about the need to vote! If you aren't sure how to vote safely this year, visit the Secretary of State Office website or call them to find out your options. More information to come!

### ADULT FORUM

Nancy Price from the League of Women Voters will be our first speaker as we resume adult forums this month. Nancy will guide us through the unique voting issues we confront as we have a general election while observing COVID-19 precautions. She will also give us background on Proposition 3, a state-wide Constitutional Amendment.

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](mailto:hscholle3@gmail.com).

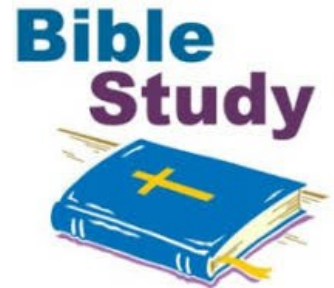
# Fellowship at CLC

## Zoom Bible Study, Tuesday September 8<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**

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

### **One tap mobile**

+13126266799,,82643945421#,1#,127284# US (Chicago)

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

**Meeting ID:** 826 4394 5421

**Password:** 127284

## Zoom Fellowship, Tuesday September 8<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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**Meeting ID:** 614 165 078

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## Thursday, September 10<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**

<https://zoom.us/j/181613273?pwd=WUZMKzA0M25SWE1nYWl2MVVvUUtoZz09>

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**Meeting ID:** 181 613 273

**Password:** 123456

# WORSHIP

**Sunday, September 13, 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**



## YOUTH GROUP COORDINATOR

Hello,

Are you looking for a way to get involved? Do I have the opportunity for you!!!

We are putting a call out for an adult to join Sharon Hornbeck and Pastor Meagan in coordinating and leading our Sunday morning youth group. As we have made the COVID shift we were meeting on Zoom every Sunday afternoon at 12:30 for a Youth Hang Out. With all the uncertainty we continued meeting twice a month this summer. Typically, we meet for about 45 minutes to an hour for a check in to talk about what is going on in their world.

As we head into the school year, we hope to find ways for the youth to come together, as we can, safely and grow in our faith, engage in the Christ Lutheran Family, and live out our faith in in the community around us. The youth are open to guest speakers, a bible study, community service projects, puppet shows, and other ideas.

Sharon Hornbeck

# ANNIVERSARIES AND BIRTHDAYS!

## CELEBRATING SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES & BIRTHDAYS

Congratulations and Best Wishes!

### ANNIVERSARIES:

09/01 Andrew and Lauren Bennett  
 09/04 Brett and Deanne Bussler  
 09/04 Steve and Jodi McCarty  
 09/14 Joe and Annika Bartek  
 09/14 Michael and Kristin Hill  
 09/15 Robert and Carol Brockelmeyer  
 09/15 Keith and Nancy Lissant  
 09/16 Dave and Sarah Ringkor  
 09/17 Mark Smith and Linda Elkin  
 09/24 Tore Stole and Rosemary Kunz  
 09/29 Jeff Bloese and Sarah Keifer

### BIRTHDAYS:

09/02 Janna Langholz  
 09/05 Eric Deck  
 09/07 Bryan Dopuch  
 09/10 Becca Jordan  
 09/12 Jacob Joern  
 09/13 Dave Eftink Jr.  
 09/14 Bill Wischmeyer  
 09/15 Mary Ann Hatlelid  
 09/16 Will Zempel  
 09/17 Alexa Gunther  
 09/17 Laura Swanson  
 09/19 Ian Bennett  
 09/22 Kate Hoerchler  
 09/24 Levi Hassler  
 09/25 Micah Ruff  
 09/25 Anita Trautmann  
 09/26 Michael Hill  
 09/26 Rosemary Kunz  
 09/27 Doug Austin  
 09/29 Gege Brightman  
 09/29 Bryn Stole  
 09/30 Emma Austin



**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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FAITH COMMUNITY NURSE:  
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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.**