



ONE IN CHRIST

Week of July 25 - July 31, 2022

Pastors Word



"I hope reading this book can help those of us who are white to be honest about our indoctrination into the lies of white supremacy, particularly around the racist criminal justice system, and be willing to examine them. I hope those of us who are church members can be honest about the ways that the white church has failed by cozying up to the empire, staying silent in the face of oppression, refusing to take action, and decontextualizing and depoliticizing the gospel in a way that diminishes its power in the world.

And I hope this honesty makes space for transformation for all of us together into something powerful and beautiful and better than we could ever imagine."

Elle Dowd, *Baptized in Tear Gas: From White Moderate to Abolitionist*, p XXIV

The CLC Race Book Group recently met to discuss the first four chapters of Elle Dowd's *Baptized in Tear Gas: From White Moderate to Abolitionist*. It is the second book we've read now calling for direct and immediate actions to change our church and actively rid out the sin of white supremacy from our hearts and our institutions.

For those that haven't read along with us or aren't intentionally on a journey toward justice, that may sound like a confusing call. We aren't the KKK or neo-Nazis. At Christ Lutheran, we're simply just worshipping God, learning together, doing service work and being in fellowship together, right? Unfortunately, systemic racism is at play in all facets of our lives including church, allowing white people to have greater access, privilege and comfort than black and brown people. There is work to be done in our church along with the rest of our society.

This book is particularly relevant to our congregation because the author became most involved in justice work locally during the uprising in Ferguson after Michael Brown's death. She is also an ELCA candidate for ministry. During our book group zoom meeting, we all took time to reflect back upon Michael Brown's death, Dowd's firsthand account of the protests and the distorted media portrayal of them.

There are serious considerations in this book about how we can better be the church and how our criminal justice system needs reform. I invite you to pick up a copy of this book and see how it might challenge you. Join the book group to discuss on August 2nd at 8 pm via zoom or at an adult forum in the fall (date TBD) or over a cup of coffee with me or a friend.

Can we move from the complacency of white privilege to open our hearts and minds to make real change in our church, in our community, and in ourselves? Can we let go of our desire to reduce tension and find the words to deepen and expand our conversations regarding antiracist work? How will we change how we welcome? How will we change how we serve?

In partnership, learning, and God's love,
Kate Hoerchler



WORSHIP

Sunday, July 31, 9:30 am Worship

Access Online Bulletin

Join us for Worship in the Sanctuary. Childcare available in the nursery at 8:30am.

OR

You may also attend virtually using the Zoom link or call the number noted in the bulletin to join us!

Join Zoom Meeting

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/278217453?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/278217453?pwd=azE2dkNHVE9WSzdaeDM5Yzh4RGRvdz09)

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Call in From Any Phone: 312-626-6799

Meeting ID: 278 217 453

Password: 971744



NOTA BENE! NOTE WELL

Beginning September 11, 2022, Sunday School and Adult Forum will be at 9:00 AM and Worship will be at 10:00 AM.

There will be a 15 minute break between Sunday School, Adult Forum, and Worship.

Staff Vacation

Mark Ruff will be out of office through Sunday August 7, and we will have pre-recorded organ, Roger Ruff as guest organist, Jesse Helton on guitar, and one service without music during that time.

Carolyn Crowe will be out of town August 4-7.

Pastor Meagan will be with the youth at Camp Tomah Shinga July 23-27, and on vacation July 31-August 6. Pastor Karen Scherer will preside July 24, and Pastor Jim Bennett will preside and Jon Heerboth will preach July 31. Contact Carolyn Crowe for Pastoral needs, she will reach out to on call pastor as needed. Contact Lisette for any other needs.

Lisette will be on vacation July 25-29 (Sarah Bender will cover essential duties), and August 15-17.



A multi-faith Meditation Exploring the Adventurous Landscape of the Soul
through the Transformative Spirit of Jazz, Storytelling and the Arts.

Sunday, August 7, 2022 at 5:00 pm

FREE

Everyone welcome, young and old

Theme: Sankofa: Moving Forward While Glancing Back

Featuring the Oikos Ensemble

Kim Fuller (vocal), Tim Osiek (trumpet), Cliff Aerie (sax)
Jim Owens (piano), Glen Smith (bass), David True (drums)

Join us in a Coffee House setting in Memorial Hall

Free coffee/tea and homemade baked goods

BYOB (wine/beer) or a picnic basket

**Jazz for the Journey is an Inner Jazz exploration created by MICA
(Ministry of Imagination, Creativity and the Arts).**

Stewardship & Offerings

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.

If you prefer to make your offering by check or cash, there are mailing envelopes included in your offering envelope package.



On June 3, 2022, the CDC changed the Community Level for St Louis County to High, and advises wearing masks indoors. **See the CDC site here for more information.** [COVID-19 by County | CDC](#)

Please plan to wear masks when you are inside our building until the Community Level has returned to Medium.

Masks will be available at entrances if needed. If you feel unwell, please care for yourself and others by staying home, and we will be happy to see you when you return. Thank you for your commitment to caring for one another!

Vigil For Black Lives

Every Friday from 6:00-6:30, congregations on Lockwood join together to stand for black lives, in our community and beyond. We take a short half an hour each week to be visible on Lockwood with signs of solidarity with our black siblings. It is a small way for us to make it known that we stand against racism in all the ways it impacts all of us. Please join us!



TECH TEAM VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

If you have any interest in joining the Tech team to help set up Sunday Zoom worship we are in need of additional volunteers. Training will be provided and the average time commitment is approximately one Sunday worship a month. Please contact Pastor Meagan if interested.



CLC 125th Birthday

Christ Lutheran Church is 125 years old this year! Plans are underway to celebrate 125 years of the Spirit moving in this place with Worship with Bishop Candea and a grand party on September 18. How can you help us mark 125 years? Contact Sarah Ringkor and follow the newsletter for details!

Women's Group

The women of Christ Lutheran are invited to join our meetings taking place the second Thursday of each month at 7pm. More details to come! Any questions? Reach out to Becca Jordan at beccajedwards@gmail.com.



In person Adult Forum will be held in the Fellowship Hall and will also be available on Zoom. If you choose Zoom just stay connected after the Sunday morning service. We anticipate a 10-15 minute break between the end of the postlude and the beginning of Adult Forum.

There will be no Adult Forums this summer but sessions will resume after Labor Day.

Bible Study

The Tuesday morning Bible study group will take a summer break until September.

When we resume, anyone is welcome to join us at any time. Just have one or more of your favorite Bibles with you, and prepare to enjoy our time together.





Harrison Ringkor, James Gilliland, and Marc Horn, with adults Pastor Meagan and Margaret Skouby, will join a bus full of youth from the St Louis area in traveling to Camp Tomah Shinga near Junction City Kansas for five days of service, learning, Worship, and fun. They will be there from July 25-27. Keep our youth, and all youth participating, in your prayers!

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please include the following people in your prayer life during this week.

ONGOING HEALTH CONCERNS: Those who are suffering from chronic pain & diseases, Shelly Madden, Linda Armstrong, Gege Brightman, Christine Austin, Kate and Brian Bates (John Hoffmann's sister and brother-in-law), Evan Deck, Helga Hayes, John Hoffmann, Bev & Al Marcus (friend of John Hoffmann), Michael McMullen (Greg McMullen's brother), Christy Monson (Step-daughter of Carolyn Lange), Donna Munger, Betsy Nielson (Nancy Lissant's sister), Doris & Harry Rahlfs (Karen Wood's parents), Joyce Traxler (Friend of Susan DeBusk), Shirley Wolf, Mary Stough (Sharon Hornbeck's aunt), and Wayne Wellman (Susanne Reimer-Fey's brother).

IN BLESSED MEMORY: For all of those who have died especially Thelda Bertram, Flo Saeger and all of those who grieve, that they may know the presence of God who grieves with us.

IN MILITARY SERVICE: Josh Duncan, Chris Hudson, Jesse Proctor, Scott Warr.



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!



ANNIVERSARIES AND BIRTHDAYS!

LET'S CELEBRATE JULY ANNIVERSARIES AND BIRTHDAYS!

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

ANNIVERSARIES:

07/03	Erin & Dave Eftink, Jr.
07/13	Luke & Karen Bruns
07/21	Alena & Kersten Horn
07/22	Matt & Katie Ciorba
07/30	James & Leslie Bennett
07/30	Jon & Chris Heerboth

BIRTHDAYS:

07/01	Steve Donaubauer
07/03	Leslie Bennett
07/04	Taimika Askew-Sunkara
07/04	Gregory McMullen
07/06	Susan DeBusk
07/08	Lisette Kreidler
07/12	Lis Erickson Meyer
07/12	Stephanie Lenhart
07/12	Mike Wagner
07/13	Carolyn Crowe
07/13	Matthew Hoyer
07/13	Phil Doeschot
07/14	Dane Stole
07/16	Dianne Drollinger
07/16	Lauren Bennett
07/17	Luke Dopuch
07/18	Kim Joern
07/21	Maggie Ringkor
07/23	Jason Kuziel
07/27	Megan Eftink
07/27	Kahlie McCarty
07/28	Thomas Allen
07/28	Roger Rose
07/29	Scott Glascock
07/30	Sherry Mitchler
07/30	Rev. Kenneth Haugk
07/31	August Bennett
07/31	Matt Ciorba
07/31	Steven McCarty

Our apologies if we missed anybody! Please let us know if we did.



July 2022



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 9:30a Worship	4  10a WG Parade 12p Sr. Fellowship at Laclede Groves 4pm Fitness group	5	6	7 4p Fitness group	8	9
10 9:30a Worship 2pm Tilles Park CLC outing	11 12p Sr. Fellowship at Laclede Groves 4pm Fitness group	12 8pm Race Book Group Zoom	13 7p Worship team meeting	14 4p Fitness group	15	16
17 9:30a Worship	18 12p Sr. Fellowship at Laclede Groves 4pm Fitness group	19 7p Church Council meeting in Conference room	20	21 4p Fitness group	22	23
24/31 9:30a Worship	25 12p Sr. Fellowship at Laclede Groves 4pm Fitness group	26	27	28 4p Fitness group	29	30



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**WORSHIP SCHEDULE:
SUNDAY AT 9:30 A.M.**

**RESIDENT PASTOR: MEAGAN
MCLAUGHLIN OFFICE
HOURS: MON-WED, FRI 8:30-
4:30
APPTS BY
ARRANGEMENT**

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT:
JESSICA GUNTHER**

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

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DIANE DROLLINGER**

**ORGANIST:
MARK RUFF**

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TAMMY PRYOR**

**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.**