



# ONE IN CHRIST

Week of April 11 - 17, 2023

## A NOTE FROM PASTOR MEAGAN



Once upon a time, there was an ogre who lived in a swamp by himself, and seemed to like it that way. An evil king sent him on a mission to rescue a beautiful princess, and in the process he became friends with a donkey, and fell in love with the princess—but he was still an ogre. He discovers that the princess is actually an ogre too, they marry, and they live . . . happily ever after.

Most fairy tales—Cinderella, Sleeping Beauty, even Shrek—start with that iconic beginning, “Once upon a time . . .” And after many twists and turns, challenges and losses, they end with the equally iconic ending, “And they lived happily ever after!” And today, we celebrate Easter by proclaiming the truth that after the violence, suffering, and death of Good Friday, and the despair of Holy Saturday, Jesus is alive! Christ is alive . . . truly, a happily ever after ending!

And the same is often true in our own lives. We all know that “happily ever afters”—graduation, the birth of a child, moving to a new place, starting a new job—are more complicated than they seem. Even Shrek’s happily ever after took three more movies to tell!

The truth is, our Easter story doesn’t begin with joy and unbridled hope, but with the wondering, doubting, fear, and confusion the disciples felt when they heard the news that Jesus had risen from the dead. The Easter story begins in the barren places in our lives, acknowledging death and profound loss.

The women who went to the tomb that morning, bearing spices, were there when Jesus died. They were drawn to the tomb that morning not by the thought that Jesus might be alive, but by the call of their faith to honor one they had loved and followed by anointing the body that was left. They were there because they were not afraid to face the grief and reality of the tomb.

That first Easter morning, the women faced the grief, approached the tomb, and there in the place of death they saw evidence of the miracle. An angel appeared and moved the stone, large as it was, and sat there in the otherwise empty tomb, waiting to tell them the good news: Jesus is alive!

As all of us who have been through wounded-ness, death, and grief know, resurrection does not erase the tomb. The tomb is real, and resurrection carries us through it. Today we celebrate the miracle that they found when they went to the tomb that first Easter morning. We tell again of how God brought life out of death, and continues to bring life out of death every day. Jesus who has died is now alive again among us! In baptism, we claim God’s promise in Christ: in the midst of death and grief, death will never have the final word. We remember Jesus’s baptism, God claiming Jesus as beloved child, and we know we too are beloved children of God, called to embody God’s love and justice in the world. On the other side of horror, loss, and grief, Jesus has come, and we discover hope and joy!

Today, we celebrate the truth that in the midst of the brokenness and sin of this world, despite the doubts and fears we may feel, no matter how long it takes us to trust and embrace, in Christ God’s promises of justice, healing, mercy, and love will be and have been fulfilled. Alleluia! Christ is Risen!



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# WE WORSHIP....

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## **Sunday, April 16, 10:00am Worship**

### **Access Online Bulletin**

Join us for Worship in the Sanctuary. Childcare will be provided in the nursery each week.

### **OR**

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

Masks are optional to enter the building, and 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!

**Join Worship Virtually (via Zoom)** → <http://tiny.cc/clcworship>

### **One tap mobile**

+13126266799,278217453#,1#,971744# US (Chicago)

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

Meeting ID: 278 217 453 | Password: 971744

## **Worship Signup**

At Christ Lutheran, our children and youth are part of our church, and we encourage people of all ages to take on leadership roles during our worship service. If you would like the opportunity to serve in worship, visit: <http://tiny.cc/worshipsignup>

For more info visit the Children's Google Drive: <http://tiny.cc/children-drive>

### **TO SERVE AS ACOLYTE:**

Please visit <https://bit.ly/CLCacolytes> Contact Kersten Horn ([horn.kersten@gmail.com](mailto:horn.kersten@gmail.com)) if your child needs acolyte training.

### **TO SIGN UP AS A LECTOR OR ASSISTING MINISTER:**

Please contact Mark Roock.

Please reach out to Kate Hoerchler with questions and suggestions you have about the children and youth ministries at Christ Lutheran.

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# SPECIAL NOTICES

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**A COMMUNITY  
CONCERT & CELEBRATION**  
**Emmanuel Episcopal Church**  
**Sunday , April 23 | 2 - 4 pm**

**FREE**

Your Friendly Neighborhood “Webster Creative Community”  
 Invites You to Rejoice and Attend **GOSPELFEST**, a Community Concert  
 & Celebration of Joyful & Inspirational Gospel Music & Song

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**Emmanuel Episcopal Church**  
 at the corner of Lockwood Ave. & Bompert Ave.  
 in the Main Sanctuary  
 Sunday Afternoon, April 23  
 2 pm - 4 pm

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- Concert performers are open to all ages, soloists, singing groups, Webster church choirs, and all other singers in our community.
- Maximum of 2 songs per performer.
- Sign up by Saturday, April 15, please text Dave Buck at **314-952-0910** or email him at: **dave@buckstl.com**. Please provide your name and the titles of your songs.

**GOSPELFEST is FREE & Open to the Entire Community.**

Please, no food for drink in the Main Sanctuary. Come gather in Parish Hall immediately following **GOSPELFEST** for light refreshments and community time.

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MINISTRIES

# TRIVIA NIGHT

**\$30 Donation per person**

Form a table of 8 or join with others!  
Bring your own snacks, beer, wine or soft drinks.

**Heads/Tails  
Mulligans**

**50/50 Raffle  
Attendance Prizes**

## SILENT AUCTION

**Prizes To Winning Team**

**FRIDAY MAY 12<sup>TH</sup> 2023**

**FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF  
WEBSTER GROVES**

10 West Lockwood Ave. Webster Groves, 63119

Doors open at 6:15pm

Game begins 7:00pm

**To Register: Call WRHM office 314-961-5082**

Prepayment is required for reservation of tables

\*Please bring canned goods to help the Ministries\*



# AND LEARN....

## Bible Study

The Tuesday Morning Bible Study will meet each Tuesday morning at 10:30am, in the fellowship hall. All are welcomed to join us!



## Women's Group — Lenten Devotional Study

Please join the "Dwelling in the Word" women's group as we read, reflect, share, and pray using a study written by Kate Bowler. We will meet upstairs in the Youth Room at 11am on Sundays through the end of April, taking off Easter Sunday. No reading or prep work needed prior to each week's meeting. Join us each week or just drop in when you can!



**Adult Forum meets on Sundays at 9am, in the Conference Room or on Zoom. We hope you can join us!**



### Upcoming Sessions

April 16 — Jesse Helton & Alena Horn — Intergenerational Adult Forum/Sunday School. We will talk about Passover and do a Hebrew decoding activity. We will also look at some examples of word art in the Jewish tradition and create some word art of our

own.

April 23 — Author and Pastor, Elle Dowd, will present "Public Faith and Discipleship" where she will focus on why we should be engaged in justice work as Christians.

April 30 — Katie Ciorba — Social Justice Now

May 7 — Jesse Helton — Learning About God through Science Session 4. The Sunday school children and adults perform science experiments together.



### Community Events Featuring Author and Pastor Elle Dowd

Elle Dowd (she/they) is a campus pastor in Chicago at South Loop Campus Ministry where she ministers to students, staff and faculty. She is also an ordained pastor in the ELCA. CLC's Justice Book Group recently read her book, *Baptized in Tear Gas*, where she describes her experience during the Ferguson uprising in 2014 as a pivotal moment in moving from white moderate to abolitionist.

#### Elle Dowd Workshop - "Spiritual Imagination as a Tool for Social Change"

Saturday, April 22 | 7:00 pm | Christ Lutheran Church

We are excited to host Elle Dowd in April, as she presents a workshop entitled, "Spiritual Imagination as a Tool for Social Change." Join us for this free community event where Rev. Dowd will focus on how we can best take action to support those who are oppressed and marginalized in our communities through a faith lens. The workshop will take place in the Sanctuary and will be followed by a reception in the Fellowship Hall. RSVPs encouraged, please click here — [tiny.cc/elleRSVP](https://tiny.cc/elleRSVP)

We are looking for volunteers to bring food and drink for the reception and also manage the refreshment table the night of the event. Refreshments would need to be dropped off by 6:00 pm on that Saturday.

Click here to volunteer for this workshop — [tiny.cc/elleSERVE](https://tiny.cc/elleSERVE)

#### Adult Forum - "Public Faith and Discipleship"

Sunday, April 23 | 9:00am | Christ Lutheran Church

Join us in the Fellowship Hall for adult forum led by Elle Dowd where she will focus on why we should be engaged in justice work as Christians.

#### Worship

Sunday, April 23 | 10:00am | Christ Lutheran Church

Join us for Sunday morning for worship in the sanctuary where Rev. Dowd will preach on the gospel, On the Road to Emmaus.

Questions? Contact Kate Hoerchler, 314-805-1751, [katehoerchler@gmail.com](mailto:katehoerchler@gmail.com)



## SO WE CAN WELCOME....

### Updated Draft: Reconciling in Christ Affirmation Statement

The social justice committee created a draft updated statement to be in line with our values, commitments and with the updated requirements of [ReconcilingWorks](#), the non-profit that supports RIC churches. We are seeking feedback from YOU on our updated statement in a number of formats including at an adult forum on April 30th. We ask that you read the updated statement several times and notice your reactions. What are some words that stand out for you? Where is God calling our congregation?

If you have feedback on the statement you'd like to share immediately, please contact Katie Ciorba at [ciorbafamily@gmail.com](mailto:ciorbafamily@gmail.com) or 314-775-9517 or Kate Hoerchler at [katehoerchler@gmail.com](mailto:katehoerchler@gmail.com). Thank you!

### **REVISED STATEMENT 2023**

Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves. (Romans 12:10)  
 Christ Lutheran is a growing church community that welcomes, and affirms, all who seek God's grace. As Christ has shown his love for us, we pledge to show love to one another. Members of Christ Lutheran humbly strive to create wholeness, inclusion, understanding and healing to end oppression in our hearts, in our church, in our structures, and in our world. We commit to the work of anti-racism, social, and environmental justice for all of God's beloveds.  
 People of all ages, sexual orientations, gender identities, gender expressions, ethnic and racial backgrounds, economic conditions, people living with mental health challenges, people who are disabled, and all who feel excluded, are embraced and celebrated at Christ Lutheran.

### Refreshment Volunteers Needed!



We're looking for volunteers to bring refreshments to be served following Sunday church services.

**SIGN UP SOON!**

We're looking for refreshment volunteers to help provide food and snacks after church services. You may use the [online sign up form](#) to choose the date(s) you'd like to volunteer. We have dates available now through June! To sign up, just visit:

<http://tiny.cc/refreshments>



# AND SERVE !



## Feed the Need STL

***A special thanks to those who volunteered!***

*Thanks to everyone who has volunteered to help pack food on Sunday 04/16 in support of Feed the Need STL. With your support we have filled all the volunteer slots we signed up for! Please watch for additional volunteer/donation opportunities through Christian Service in the coming weeks!*

*Thanks for all you do to support our mission to serve others in our community!*

## Please Consider Supporting “No Mow April”

The City of Webster Groves is asking for our help in a new initiative the City is undertaking this Spring. "No Mow April" is designed to support pollinators in our community. This initiative, championed by our Green Space and Sustainability Commissions, requires not action but inaction on the part of churches in Webster Groves. During the month of April, the City of Webster Groves will support a temporary exception to the requirement that grass not exceed ten inches. The City is encouraging homeowners and community members to limit or forgo lawn mowing practices during April to provide early season foraging resources for pollinators that emerge in the spring. The city will also limit its mowing by limiting it to areas that require it for specific recreational and sports activities.



**[Register here for participation in the program and request your NO MOW APRIL yard sign.](#)**



# LET US PRAY . . . . .

## **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, Joan (friend of the Roocks), John Hoffmann, Bev & Al Marcus (friend of John Hoffmann), Michael McMullen (Greg McMullen's brother), Anna McIntyre, Donna Munger, Doris & Harry Rahlfs (Karen Wood's parents), Shirley Wolf, and Wayne Wellman (Susanne Reimer-Fey's brother), Kerry Munger (son of Donna Munger).



**IN BLESSED MEMORY:** For all of those who have died 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.

# ANNIVERSARIES AND BIRTHDAYS!

## LET'S CELEBRATE APRIL ANNIVERSARIES AND BIRTHDAYS!

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

### ANNIVERSARIES:

04/13 — Scott & Kirsten Glascock  
04/14 — Bob & Carolyn Crowe  
04/16 — Kevin & Diane Drollinger  
04/21 — Wayne & Faith Moore  
04/23 — John & Sue Zempel

### BIRTHDAYS:

04/01 — Anne Marie Kettler  
04/01 — Bradley Kuziel  
04/02 — Bill Griffith  
04/02 — Chris Zempel  
04/03 — Linda Griffith  
04/03 — Daniel Gunther  
04/04 — Kaia Askew-Sunkara  
04/04 — Phillip Hoerchler  
04/05 — Suzie Benedum  
04/05 — Woody Erickson  
04/05 — Joan O'Brien  
04/06 — Joe Zempel  
04/07 — Mattis Horn  
04/08 — Adrienne Christner  
04/09 — Katie Ciorba  
04/10 — Dave Fey  
04/10 — Lena Helton  
04/11 — Steve Mitchler  
04/13 — Emmy Bender  
04/13 — Luke Bender  
04/13 — Kaylee Glascock  
04/14 — Barbara Rose Hughes  
04/14 — John Zempel



04/15 — Kim Donermeyer  
04/16 — Anne Marie Wischmeyer  
04/19 — Alex Cramer  
04/20 — Richard Mudd  
04/22 — Erica Donermeyer  
04/22 — Garth Stole  
04/23 — Ben Drollinger  
04/23 — Thomas Hopper  
04/26 — David Hill  
04/26 — Joseph W. Miller  
04/27 — Timothy Donermeyer  
04/27 — Paige Lauer  
04/28 — Melissa Allen  
04/28 — Ella Knapp  
04/29 — Seannah McCarty  
04/30 — Paul Lenhart

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

# April 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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<b>2</b> <b>Palm Sunday</b> 9a Education Hour 10a Worship	<b>3</b> 12p Sr. Fellowship at Laclede Groves 4p Fitness group 7p Justice Group	<b>4</b> 10a Text Study 10:30a Bible Study	<b>5</b> 7:30p Choir Practice	<b>6</b> 4p Fitness Group 7p Maundy Thursday Service	<b>7</b> 6p Vigil for Black Lives 7p Good Friday Service	<b>8</b> 7:30p Holy Saturday Service
<b>9</b> <b>Easter Sunday</b> 9a Education Hour 10a Worship	<b>10</b> 12p Sr. Fellowship at Laclede Groves 4p Fitness group	<b>11</b> 10a Text Study 10:30a Bible Study	<b>12</b> 6:30p Worship Team Meeting	<b>13</b> 4p Fitness Group	<b>14</b> 6p Vigil for Black Lives	<b>15</b>
<b>16</b> 9a Education Hour 10a Worship 1p Feed the Need STL Packing Event	<b>17</b> 12p Sr. Fellowship at Laclede Groves 4p Fitness group	<b>18</b> 10a Text Study 10:30a Bible Study 7p Church Council Meeting (Hybrid)	<b>19</b> 7:30p Choir Practice	<b>20</b> 4p Fitness Group	<b>21</b> 6p Vigil for Black Lives	<b>22</b> 7p Rev. Elle Dowd Workshop
<b>23</b> 9a Education Hour 10a Worship	<b>24</b> 12p Sr. Fellowship at Laclede Groves 4p Fitness group	<b>25</b> 10a Text Study 10:30a Bible Study	<b>26</b> 7:30p Choir Practice	<b>27</b> 4p Fitness Group	<b>28</b> 6p Vigil for Black Lives	<b>29</b> Saturday 30 Sunday 9a Education Hour 10a Worship

**Facility Use Calendar:** The above calendar shows congregational events for CLC. To view when areas of the building may be in use, visit <http://tiny.cc/facility-cal>.

**Needing to Use the Building?** Please contact the office to reserve your space. We have a busy season approaching and want to ensure there are no conflicts with the use of our building.

## 2023 Pledge Card: Stewarding Our Gifts

Thankful for God's abundance and continuing to worship and serve with fellow members of Christ Lutheran Church, we pledge to use our spiritual gifts to be stewards of God's love.

Print name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

I/We celebrate our spiritual gifts of:

Skills/Knowledge:

Passion:

And, therefore, pledge to be stewards in the following ways :

Including, joyfully planning to give \$ \_\_\_\_\_ in calendar year 2023

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact info: \_\_\_\_\_

Check here if you'd like to continue receiving paper offering envelopes.

**Please return your pledge card by 12/18/2022.**

You may mail this pledge card to the church office, put it in the offering basket or email your pledge form to [office@christwg.org](mailto:office@christwg.org)



***Keep this portion for your records as reminder of your planned giving.***

### 2023 Pledge for Christ Lutheran Church

I/We plan to give a total of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ by December 31, 2023, to support our Lord's mission and ministry through Christ Lutheran Church – Webster Groves, and to be stewards in the following ways:



## **Christ Lutheran Church, ELCA**

**TELEPHONE:** 314-962-6011

**E-MAIL:**  
OFFICE@CHRISTWG.ORG

**WEBSITE:**  
WWW.CHRISTWG.ORG

**WORSHIP SCHEDULE:**  
SUNDAY AT 10:00 A.M.

**REV. 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

**DIRECTOR OF CHOIRS:**  
DIANE DROLLINGER

**ORGANIST:**  
MARK RUFF

**OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR:**  
MAHLIK GOOD

**FINANCIAL SECRETARY:**  
TAMMY PRYOR

**WEBMASTER:**  
MIKE WAGNER/STEPHANIE  
LENHART

### **Christ Lutheran Church Mission Statement**

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