



ONE IN CHRIST

Week of August 22 - 28, 2022

Pastors Word



Yesterday, while at my polling place to vote, there was a young woman whose parents announced that she was voting for the first time. Everyone applauded and smiled. One of the poll workers took a picture of her in front of the voting sign as it was a **celebration**! Even though there was a glitch with some of the machines and we had to wait a bit for it to be worked out, no one was grumpy or complaining. The poll workers thanked us for coming to vote and we thanked them for their work.

It seemed like such contrast to the divisiveness and negativity that surrounds the election process, especially when there are contentious issues on the ballot. In Kansas, we were voting on a constitutional amendment that would allow the legislature to put a ban on abortion. It did not pass to the relief of some and the disappointment of others.

That experience at the polling place made me realize that exercising our rights and responsibilities as citizens is something to **celebrate** for it is one of the ways in which we honor and use the gift that God has given us. The ELCA Social Message on [Government and Civic Engagement in the United States: Discipleship in a Democracy](#), reminds us that,

"... government remains God's gift because it is intended to do what churches, families, individuals and businesses cannot do on their own: protect and coordinate the well-being of individuals, communities, and creation. Some people object to the church involving itself in matters related to government, in 'politics.' Taking partisan stances is not the church's role but 'politics' has to do with negotiating how the benefits and burdens of living in a society are shared."

Through the gospels we hear invitations for people to not just be thankful for but to **celebrate** God's gifts. Think about the stories of finding the lost sheep and the lost coin. When we participate in the government process we are *protecting and coordinating the well beings of individuals, communities, and creation*. That is something to **celebrate** as the people of God. That doesn't mean we will all agree or vote the same on every issue or candidate. But we can be examples of civic engagement that acts out of love for neighbor and trusts in God. Again, that is something to **celebrate**!

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Bishop of Central States Synod

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WORSHIP

Sunday, August 28, 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)

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

One tap mobile

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

Call in From Any Phone: 312-626-6799

Meeting ID: 278 217 453

Password: 971744



Fall is coming!

Sunday School, Communion Class, Confirmation class, Adult Forums, and more will be getting started soon! Sunday School and Adult Forums kick off at 9:00am on September 11, followed by Worship at 10:00am! More details to come!



Save the date!

We Welcome & Serve at Christ Lutheran! Here's your opportunity to do both! On Saturday 9/24 and Sunday 9/25 Christ Lutheran will join other local LGBTQIA affirming churches to host a booth at [TowerGrove Pride](#). We will need Christ Lutheran members to help staff the booth. Details to come soon! Questions? Contact Katie Ciorba at 314-775-9517.

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.christwq.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.



The CDC has lowered the Community Level for St Louis County. **See the CDC site here for more information.** [COVID-19 by County | CDC](#)

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!

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!



Bible Study

The Tuesday morning Bible Study group meets at 10:30 in the Parish Hall. Following summer break, they will resume weekly meetings on September 27. The group has recently enjoyed reading and discussing many of the minor prophets in the Hebrew Bible, and they expect to continue that in the Fall.



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.



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.



Adult Forum will begin September 11, from 9:00-9:45am with Worship at 10:00am

Adult Forum begins the Fall by looking at Christ Lutheran Church: What we have been, what we are; and what, under God's leadership, we will become. We start on September 11 with Jon Heerboth looking back over the 125 year history of congregation to show how CLC has been a unique presence from the beginning. There will be no Adult Forum September 18 as the congregation celebrates its 125th anniversary. Then September 25 and October 2 Jess Gunther, congregational President, will lead a discussion of how we see Christ Lutheran going into the future.

We continue in October with David Weber of Room At The Inn, one of our social ministry partners. Mark Ruff will talk about Reformation celebrations over the past 505 years on Oct 23 and then on Reformation Sunday, Oct 30, we will look forward. We will take on the question: What kind of Reformation does the larger church need today?

125TH CELEBRATION

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

SUNDAY
SEPTEMBER 18TH

FROM
11:30AM-
1:30PM

PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR 125TH BIRTHDAY PARTY
CELEBRATING OUR PAST AND WELCOMING THE FUTURE

1 Selma Ave, Webster Groves | Outdoor Church Yard

DJ, Balloon Animals, Face Painting, Glitter Tattoos,
Airbrush Tattoos, Petting Zoo and Pony Rides!

Fried chicken meal provided. Sides and Salads appreciated.
Gluten free and vegetarian burrito bowl bar.

RSVP preferred, not required. Sign up at www.christwg.org.

Archives in the 2nd floor upper conference room.

Christ Lutheran Dreams BIG and Gives BIG for our 125th Anniversary

Celebrating our past and welcoming the future—Welcoming and Serving as Jesus Did

Help our community partners from Humanitri dream about their future by providing gift cards for groceries and bedding items.

We suggest \$125 to honor Christ Lutheran's 125 years with a goal of raising \$1250.00. Any increment of \$25.00 will be celebrated! Gift card suggestions include: Aldi, Wal-Mart, Schnucks, or Save a Lot. We will collect the cards at church that day and at our party.

We also have an amazon wish list from Humanitri. Items purchased from the list will be delivered directly to the organization.

<https://a.co/1nk3Srb>

Humanitri is an organization providing services in the Lutheran tradition and working to bring TRANSFORMATION to the families they serve through housing, moderately intensive case management and skill development. Humanitri believes that every individual created and loved by God deserves to be treated with dignity and given the opportunity for a new start. To learn more go to: <https://humanitri.org/>.

Please contact Sarah Ringkor to join the party planning effort!

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 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!



Lutheran School of Theology Fall 2022 Class Offerings

Starting soon (please register asap)

Introduction to Preaching, taught by Rev. Kristen Koch via Zoom on Saturdays from 9:00 am - 12:00 pm on Sept. 10, 17, Oct. 1, 15, 29, Nov. 19. Cost: \$75 to audit, \$150 for PMA credit

Gospel of Matthew, taught by Dr. Troy Troftgruben via Zoom on Thursday mornings, 9:00 - 11:00 am on Sept. 22, 29 and Oct. 6. Cost: \$45

When Theologies Fail (And World Fall Apart), taught by the Rev. Dr. Fred Niedner via Zoom on Thursday evenings, 7:00 - 9:00 pm on Oct. 13, 20, 27, Nov. 3 and 10. Cost: \$75 to audit, \$150 for PMA continuing ed credit

Recordings for all classes are available for missed sessions by requesting at administrator@lststl.org. See complete class descriptions and register for all classes at <https://lststl.org>

LUMIN ST. LOUIS INVITES YOU...

COMMUNITY BURGERS & S'MORES AUGUST 24

THIS IS A FREE EVENT

ALL ARE WELCOME

5-7 PM RAIN OR SHINE

VEGGIE BURGERS AVAILABLE

LUMIN ST LOUIS CAMPUS HOUSE

7019 FORSYTH BLVD, 63105

PARK AT BETHEL LUTHERAN

ANNIVERSARIES AND BIRTHDAYS!

LET'S CELEBRATE AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES AND BIRTHDAYS!

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

ANNIVERSARIES:

08/17 Karen and Brent Wood
08/22 Sylvia and Mark Rogers
08/28 Brian & Kate Dopuch

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

BIRTHDAYS:

08/02 Abraham Butz
08/02 Kate Dopuch
08/05 Ann Steinbrueck
08/07 Emily Knapp
08/07 Kate Densford
08/07 Susanne Reimer-Fey
08/09 Harrison Ringkor
08/12 Janet Roock
08/13 Tammy Pryor
08/15 Bill Scholle
08/15 Mark Ruff
08/15 Judy Koepke
08/19 Marc Horn
08/20 Alan Richter
08/21 Carol Arrington
08/22 Graham Bartek
08/25 Jacey Joern
08/28 Jesse Helton
08/28 Keith Lissant
08/29 Ray McIntyre



August 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 12p Sr. Fellowship at Laclede Groves 4pm Fitness group	2	3	4 4p Fitness group	5	6
7 9:30a Worship	8 12p Sr. Fellowship at Laclede Groves 4pm Fitness group	9	10 7p Worship team meeting	11 4p Fitness group	12	13
14 9:30a Worship	15 12p Sr. Fellowship at Laclede Groves 4pm Fitness group	16 12p Stephen Ministry Meeting at Bistro in Laclede Groves 7p Church Council meeting in Confer- ence room	17	18 4p Fitness group	19	20
21 9:30a Worship	22 12p Sr. Fellowship at Laclede Groves 4pm Fitness group	23	24	25 4p Fitness group	26	27
28 9:30a Worship	29 12p Sr. Fellowship at Laclede Groves 4pm Fitness group	30	31			



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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**

**DIRECTOR OF CHOIRS:
DIANE DROLLINGER**

**ORGANIST:
MARK RUFF**

**OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR:
LISETTE KREITLER**

**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.**