



ONE IN CHRIST

Week of August 15 - 21, 2022

Pastors Word



Luke 13:10-17

¹⁰Now he was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. ¹¹And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. ¹²When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, "Woman, you are set free from your ailment." ¹³When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God.

The woman, when she entered the synagogue, was bent over and quite unable to stand up straight. For 18 years, she had been pulled down, as if by an unseen weight. Have you ever felt that way? Physically, emotionally, spiritually weighed down? The weight can come in many forms—illness, grief, transition that is just too much, financial stress, broken relationships. Whatever the form, we struggle to move. We can't seem to even raise our heads to see what is around us. Often when we hear this story, we hear one miracle, the physical healing that restored the woman's body and straightened her spine. But there is a second miracle, one that is not at all unusual for Jesus.

When we are weighed down, our view becomes limited, our head bowed and face toward the ground. We feel invisible, and all too often, we are. When the woman entered the synagogue, Jesus saw her. He knew her pain. Whatever held her down, he understood it. And Jesus called out to her, and lifted the weight. After 18 years, she could raise her head and look around her. After 18 years, she finally knew she was not alone. The second miracle.

And that, for Jesus, is what community is all about. Bearing the challenges of life together. Raising each other up. Seeing one another, exactly as we are. Knowing we are not alone.

For 125 years, Christ Lutheran Church has been a community, together. We have followed the Spirit, embodied the love of Christ for one another and the community around us, been a presence of God's healing in the midst of pain, continued to open the doors wider, welcoming and serving in many ways over the years.

This fall, we celebrate Christ at work in and around us for a century and a quarter. Like the woman in our Gospel, we will tell the stories, so everyone will know the abundance of God. And, like the woman, we will lift our hearts to see where the Spirit is leading in the years to come. We may not know where we are headed yet, but we do know there are so many miracles to come. Join us as we celebrate and follow the Spirit to welcome and serve!



WORSHIP

Sunday, August 21, 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

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Call in From Any Phone: 312-626-6799

Meeting ID: 278 217 453

Password: 971744



Join us for worship on August 21, where we will be blessing all of the students going back to school!



Staff Vacation

Lisette will be on vacation August 15-17.

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!



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!



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.

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, and will be from 9:00-9:45am with Worship at 10:00am



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

Our 125 Anniversary Party, **“Celebrating our Past, Welcoming our Future”**, on Sunday, September 18th from 11:30-1:30 p.m. will be a dream! 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. You may use this link to purchase items <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/>. To learn more about our party [here](#).

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**

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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.**