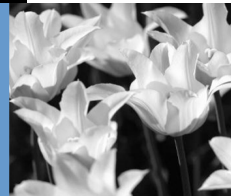




ONE IN CHRIST

Week of August 29 - September 4, 2022

Pastors Word



In case you hadn't noticed yet, fall is here! And the Spirit is busy, moving and creating among us in our first full program year post-Covid. Whether you gather in the sanctuary or on Zoom for Worship, you will notice much happening at Christ Lutheran! Read on in the newsletter for details!

- **New Schedule this Fall:** Education Hour 9:00am, Worship 10:00am, starting September 11
- **Celebrating our 125th Anniversary!** September 18, we will celebrate 125 years! In gratitude, we will be supporting Humanitri with a collection of gift cards and bedding items.
- **Where is God calling us?** We will take time during Adult Forum and Fellowship time to share our journeys and ideas as we ask God where we as a community are called to Welcome and Serve in the future. We need you to join in the conversation!
- **Building clean up and renovation planning:** As we organize for fall programs and make progress on our renovation plans, we are working hard to prepare our building and churchyard for everything happening this fall! Many people have been coordinating and implementing a major clean up and reorganization, to make sure all of our space is ready to go.
- **Children and Youth:** We are so excited to start Sunday School, Sunday Cool, Confirmation, and Youth Group this fall, and are planning for a full house! There will be something for children and youth of all ages to learn about our faith and embody God's love for the world this year.
- **Adult Forum:** Adult Forum begins this fall with a look at our history, expands into discussion of where God is leading us, and topics will include the Gospel of Matthew, Reformation, our community partners, and more.
- **Christ Lutheran Music:** The Christ Lutheran Choir will be leading Worship with a Cantata during Advent and Good Friday this year, as well as leading music at Sunday Worship. All are welcome to sing with us!
- **Christian Service Community Partnerships:** We are continuing to grow our partnerships with Humanitri and Webster-Rock Hill Ministries in the next year, and there will be many ways to build relationships and join in what God is doing in the community around us.
- **Christ Lutheran Justice Group:** We have been studying and growing together in our understanding of racism over the last few years, and will be carrying that work on in our congregation and with Congregations Together for Justice this year. Join us for a discussion with Reverend Elle Dowd, author of *Baptized in Teargas*, sometime this fall.
- **Worship and Prayer:** We will be celebrating a baptism and communion, Confirming four of our youth, blessing our beloved non-human companions, welcoming new members, and remembering those among us who have died, and all are welcome to prayer and Worship with us anytime.



WORSHIP

Sunday, September 4, 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

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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!



Blessings of the Animals Potluck and Praise

Saturday, October 1, 5:00pm

Christ Lutheran Churchyard

It's the Feast of St. Francis, and time for blessing of the animals! We will pray, reflect, and sing, bless our beloved non-human companions of all species and breeds, and share a meal together. This will be the first Potluck and Praise we will hold during the year. All are welcome to 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.

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.



Adult forum resumes September 11 at a new time but in a familiar place. We will now meet at 9:00 during the educational hour but still in the Fellowship Hall with the coffeepot nearby. Our first sessions will be a close look at ourselves.

September 11 Jon Heerboth—Christ Lutheran Church: The Faith of the Parents in the Language of the Children. We will look at how the founding of the congregation has influenced its history and, in some respects, its present. We have a long history and we'll take a look at several key points that led to where we are today. Bring your own memories and stories and we'll have a good time appreciating what our predecessors have left for us.

September 18 125th Anniversary celebration—No Adult Forum

September 25 and October 2 Jessica Gunther, Congregational President, will lead a discussion of how Christ Lutheran moves 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?

SAVE THE DATE

Want to Get Involved?

- 1) Attend, and bring a friend!
- 2) Contribute food goods and/or make a financial offering to the Firewood for Elders program
- 3) **Take a role in the evening**
 - A. Read
 - B. Sing with the choir
 - C. Greet Worshipers and hand out bulletins
 - D. Bring a sweet or savory treat to share
 - E. Help with cleaning up the space after the event

Contact Pastor Meagan 314-962-6012 or
pastor@christwg.org
 with questions or to sign up to help!



GIVE THANKS
Community
Thanksgiving Service
Tuesday, November 22
at 6:00 pm
 at Christ Lutheran (Selma & Lockwood)

We invite you to bring food staples & willing hearts.




Supporting indigenous ministries

Who's Who at Christ Lutheran

Do you know Christ Lutheran has an online church directory that you can see on the go? It's easy to use! Go to www.instantchurchdirectory.com

- ✦ Click on "church member sign in"
- ✦ On the sign in page go to:
 - First time signing in? Create a login now
 - Type in the email (the one you've provided for church) and create a password; retype the password.
 - You will then receive a "code" in your email that will allow you to log in to the website using your email and password. You will be able to add an up to date photo and update all of your information.
 - Want to get the app?
- ✦ The app is great for being out and about. You can open it up and look up anyone's phone number or address. Find the app "instant church directory" in your favorite app store.
- ✦ You can have more than 1 app registered per email address.

Want to change your information or picture online directory but don't understand how? Email Katie Ciorba ANYTIME at ciorbafamily@gmail.com to make changes or email Lisette at church.

- ✦ Need an up to date photo? Contact Katie to set one up!
- ✦ Questions? Contact Katie Ciorba at anytime.



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

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

Our 125th Anniversary Party will be on Sunday, September 18th from 11:30-1:30 p.m. 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](#).

Please contact Sarah Ringkor to join the party planning effort!

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.



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>

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!



ANNIVERSARIES AND BIRTHDAYS!

LET'S CELEBRATE SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES AND BIRTHDAYS!

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

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
09/15 Lauren & Kevin Butz
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
09/03 Ian Griffin
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 Hoerschler
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.



SEPTEMBER 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 4p Fitness group	2	3
4 9:30a Worship	5 12p Sr. Fellowship at Laclede Groves 4pm Fitness group	6	7	8 4p Fitness group	9	10
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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.**