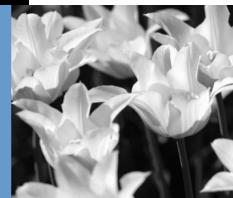




# ONE IN CHRIST

Week of February 21-27, 2023

## A NOTE FROM PASTOR MEAGAN

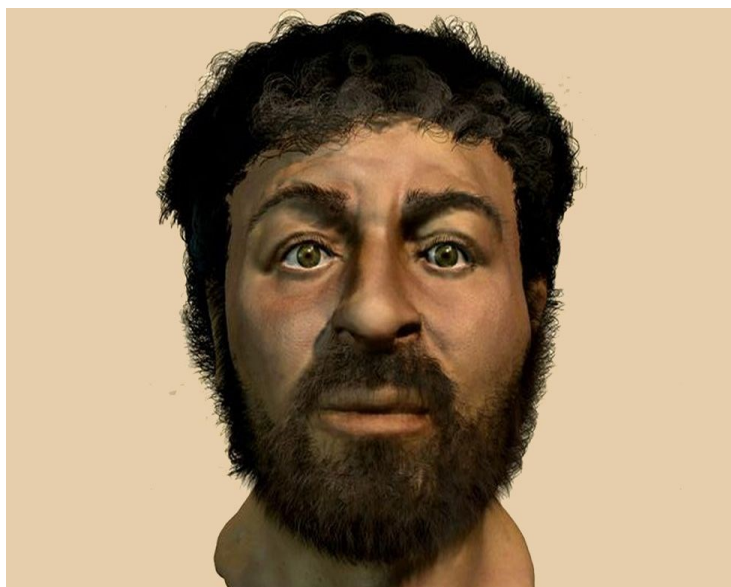


### Lent 2023: He Had a Face

Every Christmas, we celebrate the God of the universe, who made all that is, come to earth as Jesus. Jesus was God. And Jesus was fully human. He had a human body, with flesh and blood, arms and legs, fingers and toes, skin and hair.

*He had a face.*

Nowhere in scriptures does it ever tell us what Jesus looked like. As a result, for the last 2,000 years, Christians all over the world have envisioned Jesus in many different ways, represented him in art often with features and tones that reflect our own cultures. We, along with millions of followers of Christ, have seen ourselves reflected in images of Jesus. And, we can see Jesus reflected in others.



This Lent, we walk with Jesus, God in human form, who walks with us through all joys and sorrows. We walk with Jesus all the way to death on the cross. Jesus was human. Jesus was one of us. *He had a face.*

*Where do you see the face of Jesus?*



# WE WORSHIP....



## **Sunday, February 26, 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 Katie Gregston with questions and suggestions you have about the children and youth ministries at Christ Lutheran.



## Lenten Observance at Christ Lutheran Church

**Wednesday, February 22, Ash Wednesday Service, In-Person and on Zoom**

**Join us for a Pancake Supper at 6:00pm!**

7:00pm Worship with communion and distribution of ashes.

[Join Ash Wednesday Service Online](http://tiny.cc/CLCashwed) — <http://tiny.cc/CLCashwed>

Call in From Any Phone: 312-626-6799    **Meeting ID:** 886 7660 7211    **Passcode:** 63119

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**Wednesday Evening Prayer Service, In-Person and on Zoom**

6:00pm Dinner and 7:00pm evening prayer will be held each week shown below:

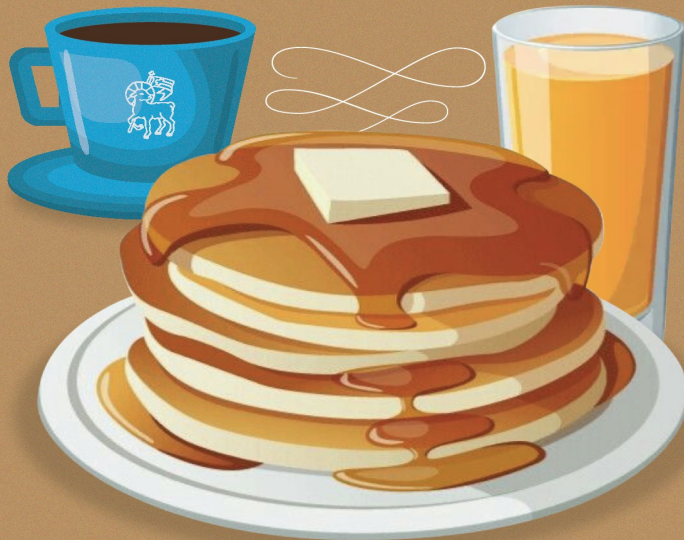
March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

[Join Wednesday Evening Prayer Online](http://tiny.cc/CLCwedprayer) — <http://tiny.cc/CLCwedprayer>

Call in From Any Phone: 312-626-6799    **Meeting ID:** 873 2098 3074    **Passcode:** 63119

Interested in providing a Lenten Wednesday evening dinner? Please contact Dave Fey at [davefey@me.com](mailto:davefey@me.com)

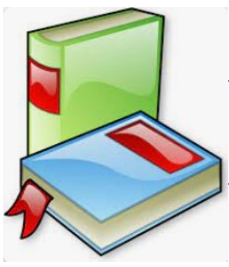
# Lenten Dinners 2023



Our annual Wednesday night Lenten Dinners begin on February 22 and go through April 5 – hope you're able to join us in fellowship.

**Wednesdays 6:00pm**

*If you're interested in volunteering to bring a dinner or to help with setup and cleanup please contact Dave Fey – [davefey@me.com](mailto:davefey@me.com)*



# 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

Come join in a time of fellowship, discussion, and sharing at 11am on the First Sunday of each month. Grab a cup of coffee and head upstairs to the "Sunday Cool" room - location subject to change depending on the group size.



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

February 26 — A panel of CLC members, Kevin Drollinger, Pastor Meagan, and Steve and Sherry Mitchler, will discuss mental health issues.

March 5 — Intergenerational Science lesson.

**Recap from 2/19/23** — Roger Rose, our resident story teller, told us two stories whose roots are found in the Hebrew Bible. The first, "King Nimrod's Tower," was a retelling of a children's book by Leon Garfield. That book is based on the story of the Tower of Babel in Genesis. Roger's second story was about Joe, the Pyramid Builder. Roger spun this story from the mistaken belief of some 16th and 17th century Europeans that Joseph, the son of Jacob, built the Pyramids to store grain. In Roger's telling Pharaoh, Joe's boss, instructed him to "buy low, sell high," without specifying the commodity.

Roger talked about how he uses both written sources and folklore but makes every story his own. And that includes imagining a physical space where it happens. One of the joys, he said, is to have children draw pictures after hearing a story and seeing the variety of images that arise.

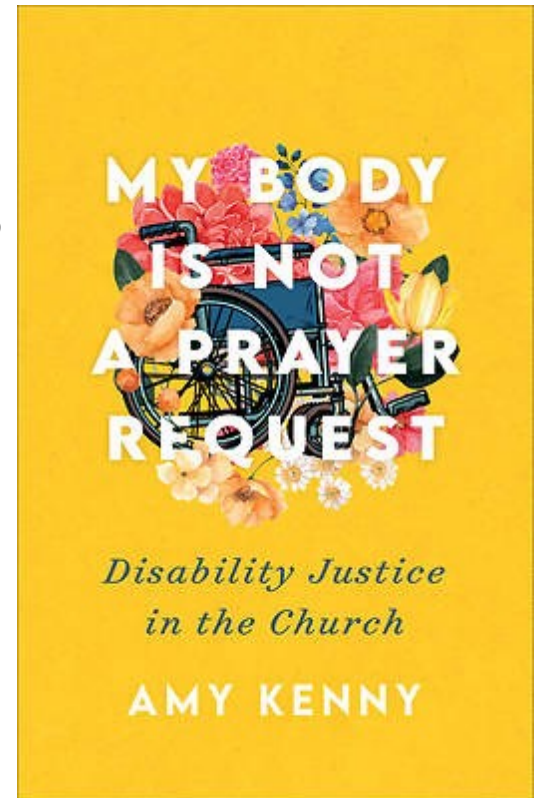


## Justice Book Group Notes

*Written by Kate Hoerchler*

"Later when Jacob was about to die, he leaned on his walking stick and worshiped. Then because of his faith he blessed each of Joseph's sons." Hebrews 11:21 CEV

Eleven CLC members met in late January to discuss *My Body Is Not a Prayer Request: Disability Justice in the Church* by Amy Kenny. In this book, Kenny questions the narrative of who society sees as normal and made in God's image similar to books we've read on racial justice. Kenny proclaims her disability as her identity and demands others to see the humanity, struggles, and triumphs of the disabled community. She calls us to understand that making our church building accessible means we are welcoming all to worship, while not making the church accessible denies entry to disabled people. She argues that using ableist language in our speech, hymns, and scripture interpretation demeans the disabled community and denies disabled people as made perfectly in God's image. This book references scripture throughout; however, her discussion of Jacob wrestling with God, leaving him with a disability and becoming one who faithfully worships God and blesses others is a particularly stirring and empowering passage for the author who walks with a limp and often uses a wheelchair.



Our group discussed ways our church has done a good job of welcoming disabled people into our church with interactions during education hour and worship as well as the installation of the old elevator. We also discussed ways we can do more such as completing the renovation, considering how we discuss bible passages dealing with disability, diversifying artwork in the church, and reevaluating ableist language in speaking and hymns. We also discussed the use of the phrase "Please stand in body or spirit." Should we consider changing this phrase to take out the word 'stand'? Rise in body or spirit, lift your hearts or bodies, or discontinue encouraging standing during worship were all discussed as possibilities. Pr. Meagan offered to talk with some of her disabled colleagues for suggestions. We also noted how disabled people experience the world differently from each other with different abilities and perspectives and how those of us who are able-bodied may only be temporarily so. We also noted how it is important to make our space accessible for disabled visitors and future disabled members rather than just considering the makeup of our current congregation.

As we think about changes to make our church more inclusive to disabled people, let us find the courage to be uncomfortable, allowing us to acknowledge our perspectives and how we might change ourselves to regard disabled people more fully in the image of God. Will this be through adding diverse artwork, changing language in the hymns we sing, spending money toward a new elevator, ramps, and ADA bathrooms or rethinking ableist words we use? Are the changes we're willing to make comfortable for us because we have disabled people in our community who could benefit from them or uncomfortable because of the cost or tradition in hymns we sing or words we use that seem to not have offended anyone yet? What other feelings arise in you as you read this summary? If you haven't read this book yet, I strongly encourage you to do so.



# SO WE CAN WELCOME....

## Refreshment Volunteers Needed!



We're looking for refreshment volunteers to help provide food and snacks after church services. You may use the [online sign up form](http://tiny.cc/refreshments) 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 !

## February is Black History Month!

Take time this month to learn about Black history, grow in understanding of racism and race relations in the US, and celebrate Black culture.

Read *Beloved* or *The Bluest Eyes* - Toni Morrison; *The Water Dancer* - Ta-Nehisi Coates; *I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings* - Maya Angelo; *The Black Christ* - Kelly Brown Douglas; *Homegoing* - Yaa Gyasi; *An American Marriage* - Tayari Jones; *Stamped From the Beginning* - Ibram X. Kendi

- Anything by Toni Morrison, James Baldwin, Maya Angelo, Langston Hughes, or Ta-Nehisi Coates

Watch Movies *BlackKkKlansman*; *Selma*; *Drumline*; *Just Mercy*

Documentaries Available on Netflix *Amend*; *Who We Are: A Chronical of Racism in America*; *13th*; *High on the Hog*, hosted by Stephen Satterfield

## Vigil for Black Lives!

**Fridays, 6:00-6:30pm**

Been meaning to join the Vigil on Fridays? Join us and people from Emmanuel, Peace, and other Lockwood congregations to stand for Black lives during Black History Month!

## Pillars of Community: A Celebration of Local Black History

Join Alliance for Interracial Dignity on February 26, 2023, for a multi-faceted Black History Month event focusing on local Black history.

The event will feature local history buffs, Kita Quinn and Ed Johnson, who will share stories of two Pillars of Community — Walter Rusan, founder of the North Webster YMCA in the 1940's, and the African Methodist Episcopal (AME) Church, whose local legacy lives on in the same YMCA building.

Alliance ~ Interracial Dignity presents

**February 26, 2023, 2-3:30 pm**  
+ family scavenger hunt beforehand

**Pillars of Community**  
A Celebration of Local Black History

Music, food, history, and more!

Eden Seminary Commons  
475 East Lockwood Ave., Webster Groves  
For more information, email:  
Hello@AllianceForInterracialDignity.org

North Webster YMCA then . . .  
Renfro Hall now

AID

There will be music from local legend, Michelle Sargent, along with a glimpse at the work the high school is doing to teach others about Black history in Webster Groves.

**This is a family-friendly event.** The event will start with an optional kid-friendly miniature scavenger hunt at 1pm. Then, at 2pm, the main event will convene with live music, snacks, and a panel of multi-generational speakers.



# 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, Betsy Nielson (Nancy Lissant's sister), 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:** Jeff Schmid, and 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 FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES AND BIRTHDAYS!

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

### ANNIVERSARIES:

02/14 – Robert & Joan Rivas  
02/14 – Mari & Travis Roberts

### BIRTHDAYS:

02/01 – Calvin Ciorba  
02/01 – Shirley Wolf  
02/02 – Helga Hayes  
02/03 – Kevin Drollinger  
02/03 – Larry Hill  
02/04 – Aishlyn McCarty  
02/06 – Kathy Kuziel  
02/07 – Sarah Keifer  
02/09 – Carol Brockelmeyer  
02/09 – Patty Hopper  
02/10 – Hanna Lauer  
02/10 – Mark Roock  
02/13 – Sylvia Rogers  
02/13 – Julia Wood



02/19 – Christine Austin  
02/19 – Henry Knapp  
02/20 – Bob Crowe  
02/20 – Elisabeth Long  
02/25 – Caitlin McMullen  
02/28 – Sally Wachtman

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

## Staff Out of Office

**Mark Ruff**, our Organist, will be attending conferences in Germany for the next several weeks. We will have music prerecorded by Mark, and Jesse Helton on guitar, and the Christ Choir, for Worship until Mark's return, February 22.

# February 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 7:30p Choir Practice	2 4p Fitness Group	3 6p Vigil for Black Lives	4
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## 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

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MAHLIK GOOD

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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.