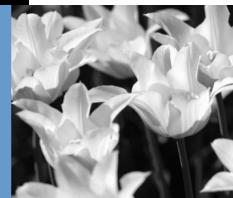




# ONE IN CHRIST

Week of February 7 - 13, 2023

## A NOTE FROM PASTOR MEAGAN



### Deuteronomy 30:15-20

[Moses said to the people:] 15See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. 16If you obey the commandments of the Lord your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the Lord your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. 17But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, 18I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. 19I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, 20loving the Lord your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the Lord swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.

### Questions for Reflection

Where do you find life? Where do you NOT find life? What role do your choices play in this?

Where have you experienced brokenness in your life, or in the church? Where have you seen God in Christ bring healing and life where it is most needed?

### Let us pray . . . .

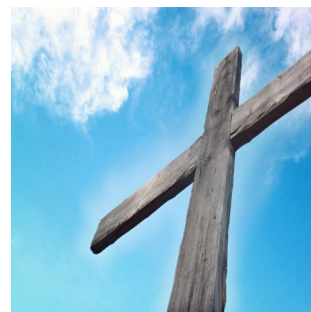
God of life, I greet this day and all that it brings. Guide me to choose what is good and walk with you in blessing. When I am distracted with worry, calm my anxiety, fill me with peace, and help me to choose the way of rest in you. In the name of Jesus, who came to bring us life. Amen!

### Stewardship & Offering

**Although the pledge deadline has passed, the Stewardship Committee is still looking for outstanding pledges.** 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](http://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.



# WE WORSHIP....



## **Sunday, February 12, 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:**

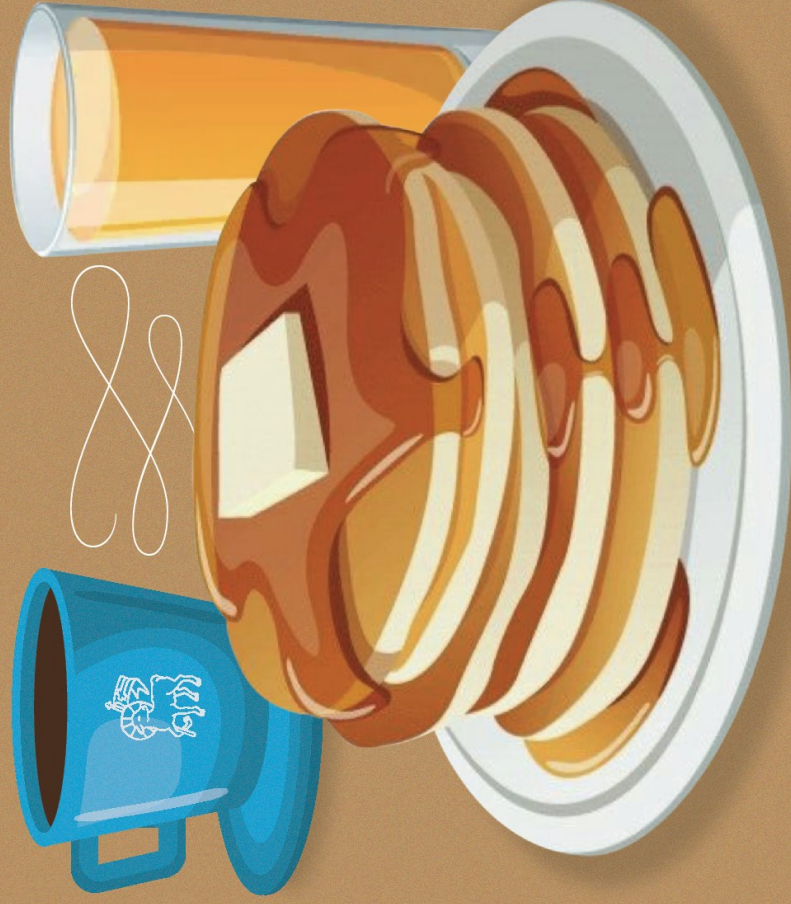
Please contact Mark Roock.

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



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

# Lenten Dinners 2023

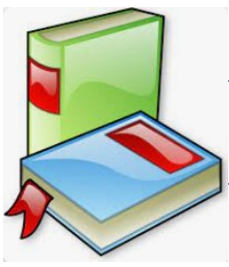


Our annual Wednesday night Lenten Dinners begin on February 22 and go through April 5 – hope you're able to join us in fellowship.

**Wednesdays 6:00pm**

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*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

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](mailto:beccajedwards@gmail.com).



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

Adult Forum on 02/05/23 featured a Question-and-Answer session with representatives from the Renovations Team. Members of the congregation as well as Sunday School students attended to learn more about the proposed construction. The Sunday School

students were shown where the new classrooms will be located. Other members asked about previous plans to improve access for the North side of the building, and exterior appearance of the addition including landscaping. Questions were also address about when the construction would possibly begin and potential impact on CLC hosting VBS in June. The Renovations team will continue to share information as it becomes available, and an additional question and answer session will be held on Sunday 02/12/23 after worship.





# 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>

# PAPUA NEW GUINEA SUNDAY

## *February 12, 2023*



*The visitation team from the Central States Synod gathered with the District Council of the Kote District during discussions about where, when, and how we can be partners in ministry*

The partnership between the Central States Synod and the Kote District of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Papua New Guinea remains strong in spite of being tested by the pandemic during the past years. Due to the pandemic there have been no visitations either to or from Papua New Guinea since late 2019 when a team from the synod participated in a consultation in Papua New Guinea together with representatives from the other three synods who have companion ties to PNG. However, we have continued to communicate and now that the Covid pandemic is easing, there are plans for a visitation to Papua New Guinea in 2024. Let me share with you the most recent communication from the president of the Kote District. Greetings to all of our friends in the USA. God be with you all. We are currently fighting a plan by a gold mining company

called Wapi/Golpu to build a pipeline that will dump mine waste in the waters of the huon gulf. Our district has joined with the national church in objecting to this plan as it would threaten the waters that are a primary source of food for a great many of our people. We appreciate the money collected by your synod to help us purchase new Sunday School materials. Our circuits are now working to raise our portion of the funds so that the materials can be printed. The covid pandemic is easing and while some of the cities and towns still have problems, we in the Kote District are doing well. Thank you for thinking of us and for your prayers. The big earthquake last September did affect our district. There were no deaths but some houses and buildings were destroyed or damaged. Our district hosted the national women's conference last September and in September, 2023 we will host the national youth conference. We send to you, all our friends, Christmas and New Year's greetings. God has given us the best present, Jesus Christ. So now we together can spread the love of God during the Christmas season and the new year. Don't think of us as being far apart. The love of Jesus Christ unites us and binds us together as one.



*This is the combined participants from the Central States Synod and the Kote district who participated in a consultation in Papua New Guinea in late 2019*

**- Pastor Erena Waraga**  
President, Kote District

Congregations are encouraged to include our companion Christians in Papua New Guinea in the prayers of the people. Please see the president's letter for prayer concerns. We also invite you to have a special offering or make a special contribution to the Companion Synod Ministry.

See the companion synod web page [www.css-elca.org/companion-synods](http://www.css-elca.org/companion-synods) for more information



# 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 for 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), Joyce Traxler (Friend of Susan DeBusk), Shirley Wolf, and Wayne Wellman (Susanne Reimer-Fey's brother), Kerry Munger (son of Donna Munger).



**FOR THOSE NEARING DEATH:** Jeff Schmid

**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 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:  
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### Christ Lutheran Church Mission Statement

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