



ONE IN CHRIST

Week of January 17 - 23, 2023

PASTOR'S NOTE



Isaiah 42: 5-7

⁵Thus says God, the LORD, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it: ⁶I am the LORD, I have called you in righteousness, I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations, ⁷to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness.

Matthew 3:13-17

¹³Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. ¹⁴John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" ¹⁵But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. ¹⁶And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. ¹⁷And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

Questions for Reflection

Read these passages slowly, and reflect on them.

Where do you feel God's breath and spirit in your life?

What does Isaiah mean when he says God has given us as a covenant to the people?

How does this connect to our baptismal promises?

Let Us Pray

God of promise, as we are renewed in our baptisms, help us to entrust ourselves to you, and embody your love, healing, and abundance for those around us. In the name of your son Jesus, who came to show us that we are beloved. Amen.



ANNUAL MEETING!

Sunday, January 29, 11:00am

Mark your calendars to join us for our Annual Congregational Meeting! We have lots of business we will cover, and your presence and participation is valued and needed!

- 2022 Financial Report
- Election of new Council Members (See below for more information!)
- Renovation Report
- Celebration of our ministry for 2022



Please reach out to Council President Jess Gunther or Pastor Meagan with questions!



WE WORSHIP....



Sunday, January 22, 10:00 am 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) 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.

Stewardship & Offerings

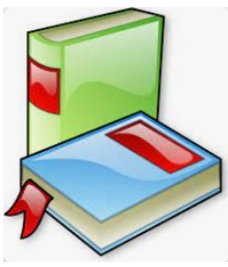
We have just begun our fall stewardship invitation. Please see the pledge form at the back of the newsletter and contact Katie Ciorba with any questions.

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.





AND LEARN....

Book Group Changes for 2023

Justice Book Group Zoom Meeting is Monday, January 30, 8pm

The Justice Book Group is broadening to study additional social issues as we consider making changes to and living more fully into our RIC welcome statement. With this in mind, our next book for study is *My Body is Not a Prayer Request: Disability Justice in the Church* by Amy Kenny. We will discuss this book January 30th at 8pm on Zoom. If you have any questions, please reach out to Kate Hoerchler, katehoerchler@gmail.com, 314-805-1751.

[Join the Group Meeting \(via Zoom\)](#) → <http://tiny.cc/justice-book-group>

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.



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

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Please join us on Sunday 01/22/23 at 9:00-9:45 in the board room for Adult Forum. We will have a presentation by our member Jon Heerboth to discuss overseas missions and his experiences as a child growing up in the mission field. Hope you can join us either in person or on Zoom.

Recap from Sunday 01/15 — The adult forum focused on the topic of Christianity in Africa with a presentation by Marc Horn. Marc discussed that most people typically focus on Europe when thinking about the history of Christianity and how it spread. He also discussed possible means of how Christianity spread to areas on the African continent and how political forces played into the expansion of beliefs in Africa. Marc also discussed the historical influence of missionaries working in Africa and the trend in recent years for the expansion of Christianity in Africa to be driven by internal forces rather than the influence of outside churches and missionaries. Thank you, Marc, for an interesting presentation!



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>

Welcome to our new Office Administrator!



I am very excited to let you know that Mahlik Good, our new Office Administrator, will start work with us on Monday, January 16! The hire team agreed that Mahlik will not only be more than able to fill the role as it exists, but over time with us will help us to improve and strengthen our processes and develop a strong vision for communication. Mahlik will join Council and Worship Team for a few minutes this week, and looks forward to putting names to faces for many of you in the coming weeks. Welcome, Mahlik!



-Pastor Meagan McLaughlin

Mahlik Good is a restorative, innovative, and strategic creative. Mahlik engages in a personal commitment to empowering and equipping BIPOC youth to activate their potential and achieve greatness. With a background in program management, business consulting, K-12 education, social work, scholar support services, and DEI consulting, Christ Lutheran Church - Webster Groves is delighted to welcome Mahlik as its new Office Administrator. In his role, Mahlik serves as the primary overseer for the church office. When asked what he believes his most significant professional accomplishment has been, Mahlik states the opportunity to combat homelessness and secure stable housing for over 140 households during the height of the COVID-19 pandemic is one of his top achievements. Mahlik will be available to assist congregants and the community Monday - Friday; he will have in-person office hours on Wednesdays and Fridays.

Men's Basketball—Billikens vs Loyola Chicago!

All CLC youth of "Sunday Cool" age (5th grade) and up are invited to the SLU Men's basketball game. Youth are encouraged to bring their families. Watch the Billikens take on Loyola Chicago at Chafetz Arena on Sat., Feb. 25 at 5pm. Tickets are complimentary courtesy of St. Louis University. (Thank you to Danielle Uy for making this possible!)



Preferably, each CLC youth would be accompanied by at least one adult, though we may be able to work something out if no adult is able to attend.

If you would like to join us, please respond by Tuesday, Jan. 17 by completing the following Google form:

<https://forms.gle/KyiQ6nMzGWTSeKXr8>

Additional details will be shared closer to the event.



AND SERVE !

Building Community: Metropolitan Congregations United (MCU)

MCU and leaders of Lockwood congregations are coming together in Webster Groves around issues that matter to our community. **Creating more affordable housing**, so those that work in Webster can also live in the community, is at the top of the list.

MCU's Annual Meeting is Thursday, January 19, 5:30-8:30pm. We will gather with people from all over the St Louis area, and people of faith in Webster Groves will have opportunity to talk with one another and plan for a year of building community in 2023. Join Pastor Meagan at this important meeting!



[Annual Meeting & Membership Assembly \(everyaction.com\)](http://everyaction.com)

2023 Council Openings: We Need You!

We have a few openings for the 2023 Church Council, which will begin meeting in late January. We would love for you to consider being a part of this special group! Each chair serves a two-year term and meets once a month with the rest of Council to discuss and decide important church issues. Below is a description of all the positions that are open. We hope that you will prayerfully consider joining the Council in continuing the good works at Christ Lutheran Church. **If you are interested, please contact Nominating Committee members Keith Lissant and Kevin Drollinger!**

Inreach: Responsible for ensuring a fulfilling experience at Christ Lutheran for current members, during and outside of the service. This involves making sure people have access to the service and soliciting ideas for possible improvement. Inreach also provides support to other committees, especially the Fellowship and Worship committees, as there is a fair amount of overlap between them. During COVID, Inreach has helped coordinate all the technology for the Zoom church services. Other jobs include planning the 4th of July festivities, welcome and birthday parties.

Outreach: Responsible for helping promote Christ Lutheran Church in the local community, raising awareness and piquing the interest of potential new members/the community in CLC services, events, etc. While each outreach chair is empowered to work with their committee to determine a plan and initiatives for their work, a few common, primary responsibilities include planning and promoting holiday services and other events open to the community.

Worship (co-chair with John Hoffman): Work with Worship committee and musicians to help to plan worship, including scheduling worship volunteers who assist with services on Sunday mornings.

Properties: Coordinate all property-related projects. Schedule repair services as needed.

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!





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), Jeff Schmid (Judy Koepke's husband), Joyce Traxler (Friend of Susan DeBusk), Shirley Wolf, and Wayne Wellman (Susanne Reimer-Fey's brother).



FOR THOSE NEARING DEATH: Jeff Schmid

IN BLESSED MEMORY: For Bob Brockelmeyer, and 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 JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES AND BIRTHDAYS!

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

ANNIVERSARIES:

01/13 Kim & David Donermeyer
01/19 Jadee & Steve Lauer

BIRTHDAYS:

01/13 Nancy Lissant
01/15 Deanne Bussler
01/15 Carson Glascock
01/15 James Knapp
01/15 Alex Lindquist
01/18 Isaac Helton
01/19 Katherine Drollinger
01/20 Christine Heerboth
01/28 Alexander Bennett
01/29 Sloane Bartek
01/31 Claire Butz



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

January 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5 4p Fitness group	6 6p Epiphany Chalking and Potluck	7
8 9:00a Adult forum, Sunday School 10:00a Worship	9 12p Sr. Fellowship at Laclede Groves 4p Fitness group	10	11 7:30p Choir Practice	12 9:30a Visitation and 10:30 Memorial for Bob Brockmeyer at Kutis Funeral Home 4p Fitness group	13	14
15 9:00a Adult forum, Sunday School 9:45a & 11:15 BP Screening 10:00a Worship	16 12p Sr. Fellowship at Laclede Groves 4p Fitness group	17 7p Church Council meeting via Zoom	18 6:30p Worship team meeting 7:30p Choir Practice	19 4p Fitness group 5:30p Metropolitan Congregations Unites Annual Meeting	20	21
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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



Keep this portion for your records as reminder of your planned giving.

2022 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, Missouri 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**

**OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR:
MAHLIK GOOD**

**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.**