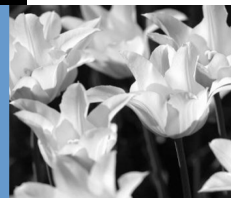




# ONE IN CHRIST

Week of January 24 - 30, 2023

## A NOTE FROM PASTOR MEAGAN



People of Christ Lutheran, it's that time of year...time to celebrate all that God has done in and through our community of faith in the last year, affirm our leaders for the next year, and reflect together on where God is leading us. We hope you can all join us as we contemplate this new beginning, and commit once again to welcome and serve as Christ did!

**Christ Lutheran Church Annual Congregational Meeting**  
**Sunday, January 29, 11:00am—right after Worship**

### **For a New Beginning**

*by John O'Donohue, To Bless the Space Between Us*

In out-of-the-way places of the heart,  
Where your thoughts never think to wander,  
This beginning has been quietly forming,  
Waiting until you were ready to emerge.

For a long time it has watched your desire,  
Feeling the emptiness growing inside you,  
Noticing how you willed yourself on,  
Still unable to leave what you had outgrown.

It watched you play with the seduction of safety  
And the gray promises that sameness whispered,  
Heard the waves of turmoil rise and relent,  
Wondered would you always live like this.

Then the delight, when your courage kindled,  
And out you stepped onto new ground,  
Your eyes young again with energy and dream,  
A path of plenitude opening before you.

Though your destination is not yet clear  
You can trust the promise of this opening;  
Unfurl yourself into the grace of beginning  
That is at one with your life's desire.

Awaken your spirit to adventure;  
Hold nothing back, learn to find ease in risk;  
Soon you will be home in a new rhythm,  
For your soul senses the world that awaits you.



# WE WORSHIP....



## **Sunday, January 29, 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](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.

## Mark Your Calendar for This Week's Annual Meeting!

**Sunday, January 29, 11:00am**

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
- Renovation Report
- Celebration of our ministry for 2022



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

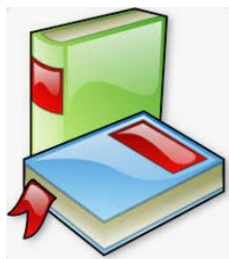
## Stewardship & Offering

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.



# 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](mailto: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](mailto:beccajedwards@gmail.com).



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

This coming Sunday, January 29, will be a virtual presentation from One Day University titled "A 400 Year History of Religion in America" by Mark Oppenheimer. Dr. Oppenheimer has a PhD in religion from Yale and has written widely about the impact of religion in society.

Adult Forum for Sunday 2/05 will be a question and answer session with members of the Renovation Team

**Recap from Sunday 01/22** — Jon Heerboth spoke on his experiences when his parents were missionaries in Japan. Jon discussed that the fundamental question was often "Why Should I become a Christian" and that the people had to decide if being a Christian would be better than what they currently had. Jon identified that if the Japanese did convert to Christianity it could often create conflicts within their family, in recognition of their ancestors, and potentially in their jobs if they worked for any type of government agency. He referenced a common Japanese saying: The Nail that sticks up gets pounded down highlighting the emphasis the culture placed on conformity. He also shared that Christianity was seen as the religion of the west, and that it was in competition with traditional beliefs and festivals as well as some influence from communism. Jon shared that the Japanese Lutheran Church has struggled to attract members and build congregations. They recently began ordaining women to help support the congregations, but this put them into direct conflict with the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod which has threatened to end their relationship. Jon expressed that this may allow those congregations to become members of the Japanese Evangelical Lutheran Church which has a more robust presence in terms of membership and congregations.

Thanks, Jon, for sharing your experiences!



# SO WE CAN WELCOME....

## Refreshment Volunteers Needed!



We're looking for volunteers to bring refreshments to be served following Sunday church services.

**SIGN UP SOON!**

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 !

## 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.**

## 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.

**Pastor Meagan** will be on vacation from January 31 to February 5. In her absence, reach out to Mahlik Good in the office with any administrative questions, and Carolyn Crowe for pastoral needs. An on-call pastor will be available if needed.

# 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 Brockelmeyer 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
22 9:00a Adult forum, Sunday School 10:00a Worship	23  12p Sr. Fellowship at Laclede Groves 4p Fitness group	24	25  7:30p Choir Practice	26 4p Fitness group	27	28
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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.

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

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.