



ONE IN CHRIST

Week of June 27 - July 3, 2022

Pastors Word



We in the Christ Lutheran community have, I know, many differing views about abortion, many differing experiences with health care in general and reproductive health in particular. We have among us those who have chosen abortion for the health and well-being of themselves and their families, who have struggled to conceive, and who have lived through miscarriage. We have health care professionals, and those who have experienced serious health concerns. As a medical procedure that ends or prevents life, abortion is of course to be taken very seriously. AND the health, dignity, and life of the human being carrying the child is also deeply impacted, and their autonomy must be respected.

No matter how we feel about abortion, the fall of Roe versus Wade is a significant and critical issue of justice. Its impacts are far-reaching, restricting access to health care, bodily autonomy, and the right of a person, their physicians, and their families to make decisions about their own health and well-being. Access to appropriate health care for non-pregnancy-related health issues has already been compromised. This decision threatens social, economic, medical, and emotional stability for many whose lives are already vulnerable. Throughout scriptures, God always hears the cry of those who are on the margins, oppressed, left aside. And it is those on the margins, without those resources, who will be most adversely affected by any restriction of access to health care. Pregnant folks will die as a result of this decision.

And we know from the published opinion that other rights are at stake in the wake of this decision. Access to contraception, privacy in our personal consensual sex lives, and right to marriage for LGBTQ people are all on the line, listed in the majority opinion written by Justice Thomas as cases needing to be reviewed and overturned.

Abortion is an issue that can touch deep places in us, bring up many emotions, and raise profound questions about faith and life. If you feel moved to talk, ask questions, present challenges, pray, act, or learn more about what our scriptures and church teaches about this, please know my door is open. I would love to hear from you. I am happy to listen, wrestle, provide resources, or pray with you.

As we reflect on this in light of the Gospel, we are called first and foremost to hear the voices of those in pain, as Jesus did, and to embody love in action, as Jesus did. As people of faith, we hold all of this in prayer, and actively seek and embody God's justice and love for all life, especially those who are marginalized and oppressed in our communities.

Let us pray

God of justice, in the wake of the end of Roe versus Wade, we yearn for what is right, and hear the cries of those who will be most impacted. We lift up all of those for whom pregnancy brings pain and crisis, emotional, social, and physical. We grieve with those whose decisions to end pregnancy come not easily, but with struggle and heartache, even when it is necessary for their life and family. We stand with those for whom access to healthcare has been threatened by this decision, and all of those whose dignity and life are jeopardized by this earthshaking denial of human rights and those that might follow. We pray for the lives of all children, including those yet unborn. Embolden and empower us to demand the resources necessary for all life, and to recognize and support dignity especially for those who are marginalized and oppressed. In the name of Christ, who came to bring life. Amen.



WORSHIP

Sunday, July 3, 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



Staff Vacation

Mark Ruff will be out of office from this Sunday, July 3, through Sunday August 7, and we will have pre-recorded organ, Roger Ruff as guest organist, Jesse Helton on guitar, and one service without music during that time.

Carolyn Crowe will be gone July 13-18 and August 4-7.

Pastor Meagan will be with the youth at Camp Tomah Shinga July 23-27, and on vacation July 4-6 and July 31-August 6. Pastor Karen Scherer will preside July 24, and Pastor Jim Bennett will preside and Jon Heerboth will preach July 31 Contact Carolyn Crowe for Pastoral needs, she will reach out to on call pastor as needed. Contact Lisette for any other needs.

Lisette will be on vacation July 25-29 (Sarah Bender will cover essential duties), and August 15-17.

As of Friday, June 3, 2022, the CDC changed the Community Level for St Louis County to High, and advises wearing masks indoors. [See the CDC site here for more information. COVID-19 by County | CDC](#)

Please plan to wear masks when you are inside our building until the Community Level has returned to Medium.

Masks 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!

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.



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.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.



Join the new Justice Group forming at CLC!

We've been reading and discussing issues of diversity, equity and inclusion at Christ Lutheran, now let's get a solid group together to affect change! The main goal of the committee will be to focus on areas where we can make Christ Lutheran a more welcoming space and affect change in our community. Duties would include reaching out to council and other committees on issues of justice in the church, brainstorming ways to be more active in local justice issues, selecting books for congregation wide book studies, etc. Please reach out to Kate Hoerchler (314-805-1751, katehoerchler@gmail.com) if you would like to join this group.

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!



Wrestling with Tough Topics in Light of Our Faith

We've all heard the adage that if we are going to get along, we should avoid talking about religion and politics, right? We live in a society that has become very divided along many different lines, and it has become more and more difficult to address topics that cause controversy or division. And yet, Jesus models for us the importance of facing head on the tough issues of his day, speaking truth wherever possible, and dismantling the walls that threaten to divide children of God from one another.

The ELCA has tools to help us practice having conversations on tough issues, and help us learn and reflect on important issues of dignity and justice in the light of our faith. The social statements on a variety of issues, including racism, abortion, gun violence, climate change, and more, allow us to come together as community to wrestle with these issues.

If you would like to take time to study one of the ELCA's social statements, join Pastor Meagan to pick a topic to study and reflect on together. Contact Pastor Meagan to let her know if you are interested, or if you have questions.

Fourth of July Celebration at Christ Lutheran

If you plan to park on the church lot the morning of July 4th, please arrive before 8am. Due to the Webster Groves Parade streets will be blocked off after that. Also, please remember that the additional spaces next to the Mead Center are no longer available. No barbecue this year, so participants are encouraged to bring food, snacks and beverages for their families or additional items to share (optional). Christ Lutheran will be offering cold water and use of restrooms again this year. We have volunteers in place for helping with that, but contact Dave Fey at davefey@me.com or 314-229-8033 if you plan to attend and would like to help with setup, cleaning of church grounds, etc.



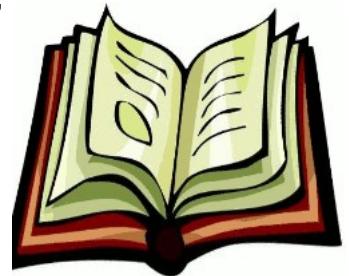
If interested, Churches Together for Justice will be participating as a group in the Webster Groves Fourth of July Parade and are looking for more candy passer-outs and folks to walk in the parade. Please contact Kate Hoerchler to participate, katehoerchler@gmail.com.

Join the race book group on July 12th, 8pm to discuss through chapter 4 of our latest book, Baptized in Tear Gas: From White Moderate to Abolitionist by Elle Dowd.

Dowd is a bisexual faith leader in Chicago, an ELCA candidate for ministry, and an activist. Her experience protesting in Ferguson in 2014 greatly shaped her work, and this book is an account of that inspiring others to act.

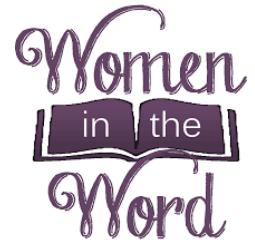
Her unique experience in St. Louis provides us a good connection. Additionally, Pastor Megan is in contact with her to potentially speak to us at the end of reading the book.

Please contact Kate Hoerchler with any questions,
katehoerchler@gmail.com.



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.



Bible Study

The Tuesday morning Bible study group will take a summer break until September.

When we resume, anyone is welcome to join us at any time. Just have one or more of your favorite Bibles with you, and prepare to enjoy our time together.



In person Adult Forum will be held in the Fellowship Hall and will also be available on Zoom. If you choose Zoom just stay connected after the Sunday morning service. We anticipate a 10-15 minute break between the end of the postlude and the beginning of Adult Forum.

There will be no Adult Forums this summer but sessions will resume after Labor Day.

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), Flo Saeger, 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 especially Timothy Tanner (Lynnae Ruff's father) 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 JULY ANNIVERSARIES AND BIRTHDAYS!

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

ANNIVERSARIES:

07/03	Erin & Dave Eftink, Jr.
07/13	Luke & Karen Bruns
07/21	Alena & Kersten Horn
07/22	Matt & Katie Ciorba
07/30	James & Leslie Bennett
07/30	Jon & Chris Heerboth

BIRTHDAYS:

07/01	Steve Donaubauer
07/03	Leslie Bennett
07/04	Taimika Askew-Sunkara
07/04	Gregory McMullen
07/06	Susan DeBusk
07/08	Lisette Kreitler
07/12	Lis Erickson Meyer
07/12	Stephanie Lenhart
07/12	Mike Wagner
07/13	Carolyn Crowe
07/13	Matthew Hoyer
07/14	Dane Stole
07/16	Dianne Drollinger
07/16	Lauren Bennett
07/17	Luke Dopuch
07/18	Kim Joern
07/21	Maggie Ringkor
07/23	Jason Kuziel
07/27	Megan Eftink
07/27	Kahlie McCarty
07/28	Thomas Allen
07/28	Roger Rose
07/29	Scott Glascock
07/30	Sherry Mitchler
07/30	Rev. Kenneth Haugk
07/31	August Bennett
07/31	Matt Ciorba
07/31	Steven McCarty

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



July 2022



Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

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3 9:30a Worship	4 10a WG Parade 12p Sr. Fellowship at Laclede Groves 4pm Fitness group	5	6	7 4p Fitness group	8	9
10 9:30a Worship	11 12p Sr. Fellowship at Laclede Groves 4pm Fitness group	12	13 7p Worship team meeting	14 4p Fitness group	15	16
17 9:30a Worship	18 12p Sr. Fellowship at Laclede Groves 4pm Fitness group	19 7p Church Council meeting in Conference room	20	21 4p Fitness group	22	23
24/31 9:30a Worship	25 12p Sr. Fellowship at Laclede Groves 4pm Fitness group	26	27	28 4p Fitness group	29	30



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SUNDAY AT 9:30 A.M.

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MC LAUGHLIN OFFICE
HOURS: MON-WED, FRI 8:30-
4:30
APPTS BY
ARRANGEMENT

COUNCIL PRESIDENT:
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PERRY YEE

Christ Lutheran Church Mission Statement

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