# Week of May 31 – June 5, 2022

#### **Pastors Word**



I know with every cell of my being that the Spirit that created all things binds us together, connecting us with one another and all that lives. In our story from Acts this Memorial Day weekend, Paul claims this truth when he calls out to the jailer, proclaiming for all to hear that our fates are intertwined.

There is so much in our world that threatens to tear us apart, so much violence that is at once born out of, and creates, a culture of deep division between "us" and "them." The murder of 19 children and 2 adults at Robb Elementary School this week is only the latest in the deep wounds that seek to make us forget that we are all human, that we are all beloved children of God.

In our Gospel from John this week, Jesus prays for us that we will know the truth: we are all connected. Jesus reminds us that our greatest hope lies in remembering the truth of who we are. Our greatest hope rests in knowing that God's promises of love, justice, and life go beyond national borders. Our greatest hope is in knowing that no matter who we are, or where we are from, we as followers of Christ stand against violence and injustice, and claim the promises of the God who gave us life.

Reflect on the words of one of our great hymns, and know this truth. Read the names of those who died, and listen, and sing it as a prayer. Then act, embodying the love of God for all people.

#### This is My Song, Hymn 887

Hymn: This Is My Song, O God of All the Nations (FINLANDIA) - YouTube This is my song, O God of all the nations A song of peace, for lands afar and mine This is my home, the country where my heart is Here are my hopes, my dreams, my holy shrine But other hearts in other lands are beating With hopes and dreams as true and high as mine

My country's skies are bluer than the ocean And sunlight beams on cloverleaf and pine But other lands have sunlight, too, and clover And skies are everywhere as blue as mine O hear my song, thou God of all the nations A song of peace for their land and for mine

This is my prayer, O God of all earth's kingdoms, your kingdom come; on earth your will be done. O God, be lifted up till all shall serve you, and hearts united learn to live as one. So hear my prayer, O God of all the nations; myself I give you; let your will be done.

#### Want to DO SOMETHING?

- Call/write your legislators, putting support for common sense gun legislation on record
- VOTE for legislators and other officials who put the dignity and well-being of all people ahead of profit and power
- Join CLC's justice group, or the Work of Lockwood Churches Together for Justice

- Makenna Lee Elrod
- Layla Salazar
- Maranda Mathis
- Nevaeh Bravo
- Jose Manuel Flores Jr.
- Xavier Lopez
- Tess Marie Mata
- Rojelio Torres
- Eliahna "Ellie" Amyah Garcia
- Eliahna A. Torres
- Annabell Guadalupe Rodriguez
- Jackie Cazares
- Uziyah Garcia
- Jayce Carmelo Luevanos
- Maite Yuleana Rodriguez
- Jailah Nicole Silguero
- Irma Garcia
- Eva Mireles
- Amerie Jo Garza
- Alexandria "Lexi" Aniyah Rubio
- Alithia Ramirez



## WORSHIP

#### Pentecost Sunday, June 5, 9:30 am, Worship Access Online Bulletin

Join us for Worship in the Sanctuary, everyone is invited to wear red for Pentecost. 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

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/278217453? pwd=azE2dkNHVE9WSzdaeDM5Yzh4RGRvdz09

#### One tap mobile

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**Call in From Any Phone:** 312-626-6799 Meeting ID: 278 217 453 Password: 971744



#### Out of Office

Please note Pastor Meagan will be out of the office from June 2-5. Pastor Karen Scherer will be preaching and presiding on Sunday June 5. Reach out to Carolyn Crowe for pastoral needs, and Lisette in the office for other concerns.



Join us Sunday, June 12, in the church yard for outdoor Worship at 9:30am! Bring chairs and a blanket (we will have some chairs available if needed), a picnic lunch if you wish, and your favorite yard games. We will have a bonfire, some yard games, a craft, and other activities on hand as well, and there will be a Kona Ice Truck coming for a special treat! We hope to see you there!

#### You may also attend virtually on Zoom to join us!

Help is needed for miscellaneous set up! If you can arrive between 8:45-9:00, we will set up games, balloons, banners, and other miscellaneous things prior to Worship.

## 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.





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.

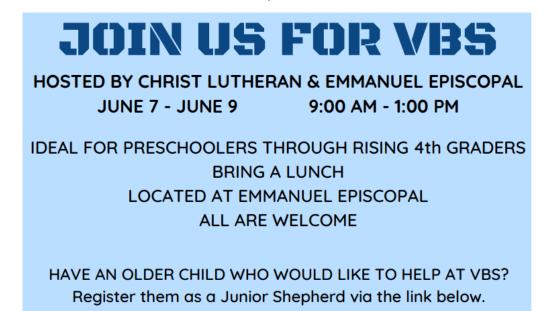
#### Join the new Justice Group forming at CLC!

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, <u>katehoerchler@gmail.com</u>) 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!

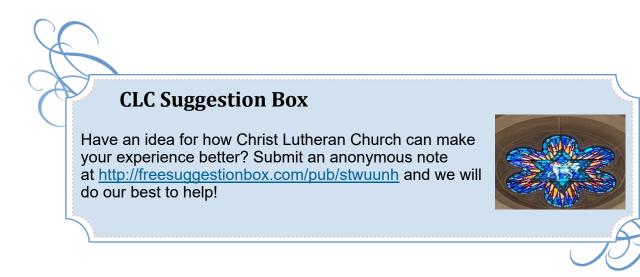






#### **Council Listening Session - June 5**

Your Council wants to hear from YOU! Council members will be available on June 5 during fellowship to hear what's on your mind and to give us all a chance to get to know each other better. Grab your coffee, stop by to say hello - and let us know what we can do to make our community even stronger. Hope to see you then.



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.

#### PRAYER REQUESTS

Please include the following people in your prayer life during this week.

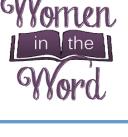
**ONGOING HEALTH CONCERNS:** Those who are suffering from chronic pain & diseases, Shelly Madden, Linda Armstrong, Gege Brightman, Christine Austin, Kate and Brian Bates (John Hoffmann's sister and brother-in-law), Evan Deck, Helga Hayes, John Hoffmann, Bev & Al Marcus (friend of John Hoffmann), Michael 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 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.







Dear family and friends of Melba,

My brother Mark and I thank you for all your compassion, condolences and outpouring of love and kindness at the passing of our dear mother Melba.

Many of you have asked about a donation in her memory. While we won't have a memorial service for her at her church, Christ Lutheran Webster Groves St. Louis until most likely next year we have decided on the perfect way to honor her memory. Many of you may not realize that not only I, but my brother Mark are extremely involved in an active music life. For me, it has been my lifelong calling and I am blessed to be on the piano faculties of Manhattan School of Music, Hoff-Barthelson Music School, & have active and vibrant teaching studios and performing life. Mark is a jazz trumpeter has been active all his life developing his skills and performing in his local jazz ensemble in the Boston area. None of this would be possible without the selflessness of our mother Melba who nurtured and organized us at a young age to succeed with our music.

Quite some time ago I created the Sassa Maniotis Memorial Precollege Scholarship at Manhattan School of Music, which is not only my alma mater, but where I am on the Precollege Faculty. Named for my "precollege" teacher in St Louis who was so instrumental & inspirational for my continued success at this developmental time in a child's musical life, I am proud that it can be given each year to 2 aspiring students in Precollege. Because it is a 'named scholarship' the chosen students are presented in an annual spring recital. It is indeed an honor to receive this award and they are most grateful for receiving it.

Because of the meaning and purpose of music in our lives Mark and I wish to honor our mother's memory with donations to the Manhattan School of Music Sassa Maniotis Precollege Scholarship.

If you are inclined to give to the memory of Melba Lucille Koen Thomsen you may contact MSM Vice President for Advancement Susan Madden at <u>smadden@msmnyc.edu</u> or visit<u>https://www.msmnyc.edu/giving/</u> .917-493-4115

180 Claremont Ave New York, NY 10027

With warm regards, Delara and Mark Thomsen

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#### **ANNIVERSARIES AND BIRTHDAYS!**

#### LET'S CELEBRATE JUNE ANNIVERSARIES AND BIRTHDAYS!

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

#### **ANNIVERSARIES:**

| 06/07      | Perry Yee & Szu Ching Fu                 |
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| 06/07      | Mark & Carole Lewis                      |
| 06/09      | Lis & Michael Erickson                   |
|            | Meyer                                    |
| 06/10      | Larry & Kathy Hill                       |
| 06/11      | Bill & Linda Óriffith                    |
| 06/20      | Megan & Colin Meadows                    |
| 06/21      | Mark & Lynnae Ruff                       |
| 06/23      | Kathy & Jerry Kuziel                     |
| 06/25      | Susanne & Dave Fey                       |
| 06/27      | Paul & Stephanie Lenhart                 |
| 06/28      | Janet & Mark Roock                       |
| 06/30      | Betty & Woody Erickson                   |
| BIRTHDAYS: |  |
| 06/01      | Katherine Mudd                           |
| 06/02      | Emma Schulte                             |
| 06/04      | Sarah Bender, Joan Rivas,<br>Joshua Wood |
| 06/06      | Magan (Lowin) Dickatt                    |

- 06/06 Megan (Lewis) Pickett 06/08 Ward Holmes, Carolyn
- Lange
- 06/10 Reid Bartek, Erin Eftink
- 06/12 Anna Bussler, Luke Bruns
- 06/15 David Ciorba
- 06/17 Sam Allen
- 06/18 Evan Deck
- 06/19 David Cramer, Jordon Joern
- 06/22 Carole Lewis
- 06/23 Dave Austin, Wyatt Bussler
- 06/24 Kristin Hill, Kaia Chelgreen
- 06/27 Lauren Dopuch
- 06/28 Nesiah Yee 06/29 Kersten Horn, Jackson
- Jordan 06/30 Hamise Askew-Sunkara,
  - Sandy Hoyer

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



## June 2022

| Sun                        | Mon   | Tue  | Wed                              | Thu                    | Fri | Sat |
|----------------------------|---|--|----------------------------------|------------------------|-----|-----|
|                            |   |  | 1                                | 2<br>4p Fitness group  | 3   | 4   |
| 5<br>9:30a Worship         | 6<br>12p Sr. Fellowship<br>at Laclede Groves<br>4pm Fitness group         | 7  | 8                                | 9<br>4p Fitness group  | 10  | 11  |
| <b>12</b><br>9:30a Worship | <b>13</b><br>12p Sr. Fellowship<br>at Laclede Groves<br>4pm Fitness group | 14   | 15<br>7p Worship team<br>meeting | 16<br>4p Fitness group | 17  | 18  |
| <b>19</b><br>9:30a Worship | 20<br>12p Sr. Fellowship<br>at Laclede Groves<br>4pm Fitness group        | 21<br>7p Church Council<br>meeting in Confer-<br>ence room | 22                               | 23<br>4p Fitness group | 24  | 25  |
| 26<br>9:30a Worship        | 27<br>12p Sr. Fellowship<br>at Laclede Groves<br>4pm Fitness group        | 28   | 29                               | 30                     |     |     |



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> COUNCIL PRESIDENT: JESSICA GUNTHER

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FINANCIAL SECRETARY: TAMMY PRYOR

> WEBMASTER: 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.