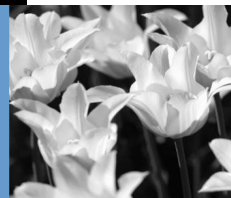




# ONE IN CHRIST

Week of November 7 – 13, 2022

## A Note from the Stewardship Committee



### Stewarding Our Gifts: 2023 Pledge Campaign

“One of my most favorite things to do is arranging flowers. It brings me so much joy.”

I was thrilled to see this Facebook post accompanied by a picture of a stunning altar flower arrangement from our Christ Lutheran sibling, Dianne Deck. Dianne is using her spiritual gifts in a way that feeds her soul, connects beauty to worship, and celebrates God’s abundance.

This year, our Stewardship campaign focuses on how we can be stewards of the gifts God has given us. Our spiritual gifts go far beyond our financial gifts (although those are necessary as well!). What feeds your soul? What are some of your skills? What knowledge do you hold? What are your passions? How can you use your gifts from God to make the world more in God’s image.

We need your energy, voices, love, carpentry skills, slime-making skills, technological know-how, patience, kindness, writing, ability to read and understand contracts, human resources, knowledge of recycling and so much more to make Christ Lutheran, Webster Groves, and our whole world a place full of God’s love and abundance. Maybe you will use your gifts to continue volunteer work you are already doing, or maybe you’ll start bringing healthy snacks to a home-bound neighbor. We can’t wait to see what Christ Lutheran members can do!

This year we are shifting the timing of our pledge campaign in order to follow the calendar year. We hope that this change will make it easier to plan your family’s charitable giving. We need your spiritual gifts beyond money, but we also need your financial contributions. As members who were large donors pass away, as members, we need to prayerfully consider increasing our financial contributions in ways that make financial and spiritual sense for our families.

Next week in service, you will be given the opportunity to write down your spiritual gifts on visual leaves and add it to our “Tree of Gifts”. This week I hope you will start to think, journal, and pray about your gifts and your possible contributions, financial and otherwise. We ask that you complete and submit your formal pledge sheet provided on the following page, by Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup>. Our goal is to have 70% participation by member families (astronomically more than last year!). Questions? Please be in touch!

Katie Ciorba, Stewardship Chair, 314-775-9517, [ciorbafamily@gmail.com](mailto:ciorbafamily@gmail.com)



## 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.***

### 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:

# WORSHIP

## Sunday, November 13, 10:00 am Worship

### Access Online Bulletin

Join us for Worship in the Sanctuary. Childcare available in the nursery from 9 -11:30am. Our faith community nurse will be providing Blood Pressure screening at 9:45a and 11:15a.

### **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 Zoom Meeting

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/278217453?  
pwd=azE2dkNHVE9WSzdaeDM5Yzh4RGRvdz09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/278217453?pwd=azE2dkNHVE9WSzdaeDM5Yzh4RGRvdz09)

### **One tap mobile**

+13126266799,278217453#,1#,971744# US (Chicago)

### **Call in From Any Phone:** 312-626-6799

Meeting ID: 278 217 453

Password: 971744



## **Youth Signup**

At Christ Lutheran, our children and youth are part of our church, and we want to encourage them to take on leadership roles during our worship service. If your child would like the opportunity to serve in worship (i.e. reading a prayer, call to worship, sign of peace, etc) please choose a date from the Sign Up Genius Link. Pastor Meagan will assign a role. She will likely meet with your child for a few minutes during the formation hour to help your child prepare. You will also receive the bulletin with your child's name marked so they can practice at home.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D48AFA829A2FDC43-kids>

For children & youth interested in acolyting, please contact Kersten Horn. For children and youth interested in lectoring or greeting, please contact Mark Roock. There are loads of opportunities for CLC kids to serve in worship.

Please reach out with questions and suggestions you have about the children and youth ministries at Christ Lutheran. I want to support our kids and our leaders to the fullest extent possible.

Peace,  
Katie Gregston



## 7th Annual Lady Grey's Holiday Boutique

Please invite friends & family for a wonderful day of fellowship and shopping. Raffle prizes & amazing bake sale hosted by the renowned bakers of Christ Lutheran will support Lutheran World Relief, ELCA Good Gifts and Lutheran Refugee Services.

**Date:** Saturday, November 19, 9:30-4:30.

**Location:** Schroer Commons 459 East Lockwood (Eden Seminary)

Email Lynnae Tanner Ruff with questions.

[LadyGreyBeads@gmail.com](mailto:LadyGreyBeads@gmail.com)

Rachel Helton (Co-chair & bake sale queen)

[rlhelton@gmail.com](mailto:rlhelton@gmail.com).

## SAVE THE DATE

### Want to Get Involved?

- 1) Attend, and bring a friend!
- 2) Contribute food goods and/or make a financial offering to the Firewood for Elders program. Requested food items:
  - cereals
  - oatmeal
  - any kind of canned beans
  - tomato sauce
  - any soups
  - Mac and cheese
  - dry pastas and/or pasta mixes
  - rice mixes
  - peanut butter and jelly
  - canned chicken
  - canned Chef Boyardee type pastas
  - canned chili

### 3) Take a role in the evening

- A. Read
- B. Sing with the choir
- C. Greet Worshipers and hand out bulletins
- D. Bring a sweet or savory treat to share
- E. Help with cleaning up the space after the event

Contact Pastor Meagan 314-962-6012 or [pastor@christwg.org](mailto:pastor@christwg.org)  
with questions or to sign up to help!

# GIVE THANKS

## Community

## Thanksgiving Service

## Tuesday, November 22

## at 6:00 pm

at Christ Lutheran (Selma & Lockwood)

**We invite you to bring food staples & willing hearts.**




**Supporting indigenous ministries**

## Save the Date for the Women's Advent Tea December 3rd at 2pm



December 3rd in the Fellowship Hall - Doors open 2pm, Program 2:15 pm to 3:30pm

Registration Fee \$15, Tables of 8 have a discount! Table fee is \$108

Register early (by Nov 20th) to be entered into a raffle for a \$25 Starbucks gift card

Cash or check, please place the form below in the offering plate with payment.  
Option to Register online at [www.christwg.org/Advent-Tea](http://www.christwg.org/Advent-Tea)

Name:

Email:

Cell:

Home Phone, if applicable:

How many single tickets \$15 :

Table of 8 \$108 :

Table mate requests?

We will try to accommodate as much as we can.

Names, if known for the table of 8 purchase.

Gluten Free, how many?

Vegan, how many?

Vegetarian, how many?

Interest in helping? Best way to reach you?

Need babysitting? Ages?

Need a ride? address?

*Scholarships available. Reach out to Pastor Meagan.*

Ladies, please consider volunteering to help with this fun Advent tradition.

Email Sarah Ringkor [snringkor@gmail.com](mailto:snringkor@gmail.com) or text

314-452-7129. Thank you!



# 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](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.



Sunday School is looking for teaching volunteers. No experience necessary and the curriculum we are using this year does not require any prep prior to Sunday mornings. You just show up in the morning, look over your teacher's instructions, and you are ready to go! If you would like to teach once in a while, we have a place for you. If you would like to just be a helper once in a while, we have a place for you. If you have any questions, Jesse is happy to talk. We are going to be doing a lot of activities outside since the theme is going to be on

"Caring for God's Creation." We will also be breaking kids up into smaller groups by ages for part of the Sunday School hour as well.

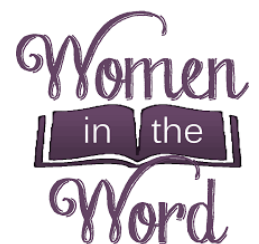
## TECH TEAM VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

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.



## 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).



### Justice Group Meeting

All are welcome to join the next meeting at church on Monday, November 14, at 7pm.

### Bible Study

The Tuesday morning Bible Study group meets at 10:30 in the Parish Hall. The group has recently enjoyed reading and discussing many of the minor prophets in the Hebrew Bible, and they expect to continue that in the Fall.



Adult forum will meet at 9:00 during the educational hour but still in the Fellowship Hall with the coffeepot nearby.

**November 13 Jon Heerboth**— Jon says: I plan to have a presentation and discussion of legends surrounding the travels of Jesus to England, to India, and to where he eventually died in Japan. We can cover what little there is in the gospels and then move to these three stories. We may even get to “meet” Jesus’

descendent and visit his grave.

**November 20 Carlos Suarez of the International Institute** will give a brief overview of the work to welcome and resettle refugees in the Saint Louis area. He will also describe the current climate for refugees and tell how we can get involved.

**November 27 Intergenerational Experience**—packing lunches for Gateway 180 shelter.

On Sunday November 6 Alena Horn showed how Christian Anarchism, unlike political anarchism is not a recipe for chaos. Rather it draws on the sermon on the mount as found in Matthew 5 to espouse a way of life that follow’s Jesus example calling Christians to a life of service and pacifism. Two prominent Christian Anarchists were Leo Tolstoy, the Russian Novelist and Dorothy Day, a mid-20th century writer and activist. The movement is relevant to us today because it reminds us to put Christ above culture, to turn towards the Gospel and away from the automatic reflexes of the right-left divide.

### Choir Practice

Join us every Wednesday for Choir practice at 7:30pm in the Sanctuary! Contact Diane Drollinger if interested in joining the Choir.



ST LOUIS/MID-MO AREA 2022 INGATHERING INFORMATION  
**LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF**

**Partnering Congregations and Key Contacts:**

**COORDINATING CHURCH**  
St. Mark's Lutheran Church  
Clayton, MO  
314-721-6974 (Office)

**INGATHERING SITE: 11/12/22**  
Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church  
4161 Cypress Road, St. Ann, MO 63074  
314-739-3222 (Office)

**MID-MO COLLECTION: 10/29/22**  
Our Savior's Lutheran Church  
1529 Southwest Blvd.  
Jefferson City, MO 65109

Eunice Halverson  
[Eunice.halverson@yahoo.com](mailto:Eunice.halverson@yahoo.com)  
314-269-7994

Pat Amick

Gloria Sharp  
[gjssharp@aol.com](mailto:gjssharp@aol.com)  
573-462-9758

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION:**

St. Mark's is coordinating the Ingathering (contact Eunice Halverson or call the church office)

Shepherd of the Hills is the drop-off site on November 12 between 9 am and 1 pm

Our Savior's is collecting boxes on October 29 between 9 am and 1 pm & will deliver to Shepherd of the Hills 11/12

**Parish Projects Needed:**

Mission Quilts, School Kits, Personal Care Kits, Fabric Kits, Baby Care Kits, School Kits

**NOTE:** For copies of LWR Quilt and Kit Ministry Guide or other information helpful in preparing quilts and kits, contact LWR at 800-597-5972 or download from [the LWR.org website](http://theLWR.org): [Quilt & Kit Ministry Guide 2022-2023 | Lutheran World Relief \(lwr.org\)](http://theLWR.org)

**Packing Tips**

**40# Maximum Weight/Box – Please! If heavier than this, it is hard for some of our volunteer crew to handle.**

Please use sturdy boxes. NOTE: It has been reported that boxes from the pet supply company, *Chewy*, were less than ideal as they have no structural support and collapse when stacked.

Please fill boxes completely. Boxes with space are easily crushed when stacked.

Pack each type of gift in separate boxes.

Do not pack any quilts or kits in plastic bags.

Use **packing tape** (no masking tape) to securely close boxes.

Use wide black markers to label each box clearly **on at least two sides** with "LWR" and the quantity and type of gift

**Ingathering Process:**

**Please contact Gloria Sharp before October 29 or Eunice Halverson before November 5** to report approximately how many boxes will be delivered (contact information above)

Complete the Inventory Sheet; keep one copy for your records and deliver one copy with your boxes.

The Inventory Sheet for St. Louis and Mid-MO Areas is on the Ingathering Map: [Ingathering \(lwr.org\)](http://Ingathering(lwr.org))

While we will have strong volunteers at the Ingathering Site at Shepherd of the Hills Church, it would be very helpful to bring individuals who can help unload your boxes into the semi.

Access to Shepherd of the Hills Church will be available for bathroom use; masks required before entering.

**Shipping Costs**

If possible, please consider making a donation to help defray the cost of shipping your gifts to our neighbors in need around the globe. Make checks payable to **Lutheran World Relief**.

Bring checks along with your Inventory Sheet for drop-off or mail directly to: Lutheran World Relief

Quilt and Kit Shipping Fund PO Box 17061 Baltimore, MD 21297-1061

**Reminders:**

Personal Care Kits and School Kits are always in great demand along with the Mission Quilts.

Do not include anything other than items listed for each kit.

LWR no longer accepts fleece blankets to help preserve fragile ecosystems and water supplies.

Bulk bar soap is no longer needed. LWR and its partners resource bar soap in-country to save shipping costs and encourage local businesses.



**2022 INVENTORY SHEET  
ST LOUIS AREA LWR INGATHERING  
NOVEMBER 12, 2022 9 AM – 1 PM**

Name of Congregation \_\_\_\_\_

Complete Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Church E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Office Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Local Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**REMINDERS:**

Follow the instructions regarding the assembly of kits and the packing instructions outlined in the Ingathering Instruction Form. Contact information is included.

Ingathering collection will be at Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran church on November 12 from

9 am – 1 pm. 4161 Cypress Road, St. Ann, MO 63074

Mid-MO gathering will be at Our Savior's Church on October 29 from 9 am – 1 pm.

1529 Southwest Blvd. Jefferson City, MO 65109

**Make copy of this form for  
your records.**

**KITS**

Note the quantity of items in each box; weighing boxes of kits is not necessary. Label boxes accordingly.

Quantity Item

\_\_\_\_\_ Quilts

\_\_\_\_\_ Personal Care Kits

\_\_\_\_\_ School Kits

Quantity Item

\_\_\_\_\_ Baby Care Kits

\_\_\_\_\_ Fabric Kits

**GRAND TOTAL NUMBER OF BOXES** \_\_\_\_\_

Reminder: If possible, consider sending a donation to help cover the cost of shipping, postage, and other expenses incurred for transporting the gifts to Minneapolis.

Make check payable to: Lutheran World Relief  
Mail to: Quilt and Shipping Fund  
PO Box 17061  
Baltimore, MD 2197-1061

## 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), 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).



**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.

## 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!



## 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 NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES AND BIRTHDAYS!

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

### ANNIVERSARIES:

11/09 Gregory & Caitlin McMullen  
11/15 Mike & Colleen Wagner  
11/30 Rev. Meagan & Karen  
McLaughlin

### BIRTHDAYS:

11/03 Dianne Deck  
11/03 Ellen Mead  
11/03 Ellen Lissant  
11/07 Margot Meyer  
11/05 Hank Borden  
11/09 Alena Horn  
11/10 Katherine Uy  
11/12 Brenda Asen  
11/12 Donna Munger  
11/13 Alicia Lewis  
11/14 Kirsten Glascock  
11/16 Jack Joern  
11/17 Graham Hoerchler  
11/17 Brent Wood  
11/18 Rich Walker  
11/18 Ruthie Helton  
11/20 John Joern  
11/20 Robert Rivas  
11/22 Gale Nunn  
11/24 Tess Rogers  
11/25 Matthew Lindquist  
11/27 Lauren Butz  
11/27 Tore Stole

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



# November 2022

**Sun****Mon****Tue****Wed****Thu****Fri****Sat**

		<b>1</b> 10:30a Bible study	<b>2</b> 7:30p Choir Practice	<b>3</b> 4p Fitness group	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> 1pm Thelda Bertram Memorial service
<b>6</b> 9:00a Adult forum, Sunday School 10:00a Worship	<b>7</b> 12p Sr. Fellowship at Laclede Groves 4p Fitness group	<b>8</b> 10:30a Bible study	<b>9</b> 6p Worship team meeting 7:30p Choir Practice	<b>10</b> 4p Fitness group	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>13</b> 9:00a Adult forum, Sunday School 9:45a & 11:15 BP Screening 10:00a Worship	<b>14</b> 12p Sr. Fellowship at Laclede Groves 4p Fitness group 7p Justice Group meeting	<b>15</b> 10:30a Bible study 7p Church Council meeting in Conference room	<b>16</b> 7:30p Choir Practice	<b>17</b> 4p Fitness group	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>
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**WORSHIP SCHEDULE:  
SUNDAY AT 10:00 A.M.**

**RESIDENT PASTOR: MEAGAN  
MCLAUGHLIN OFFICE  
HOURS: MON-WED, FRI 8:30-  
4:30  
APPTS BY  
ARRANGEMENT**

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FAITH COMMUNITY NURSE:  
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LENHART**

## **Christ Lutheran Church Mission Statement**

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