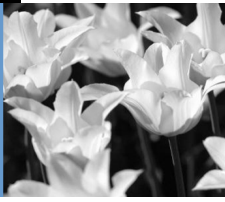




ONE IN CHRIST

Week of November 14 – 20, 2022

Pastor's Word



Happy New Year!

Don't panic, it is still November, there are still 41 days until Christmas, and 47 days until we need to break out the new calendars for 2023. But as we celebrate Christ the King Sunday this Sunday, we as Christians are turning the page to a new church year. We have spent the last year hearing from the Gospel of Luke about the life, ministry, death, and resurrection of Jesus. And now we will hear from Matthew as we enter Advent, a season of reflection on where it all began, in a stable in Bethlehem some 2,000 years ago. When God came to earth in Jesus, a tiny, vulnerable, human baby. One of us. And yet so much more than that.

We start the new year, and prepare to celebrate once again the coming of God to this world. Much has changed, as we have emerged from Covid times into a world that is familiar, and yet somehow so different from what was in the before.

Where have you encountered God-in-the-flesh in the last year? Where have you struggled the most, perhaps wondered what God was up to? Where have you felt most alive, full of hope and energy? Where do you invite God to bring healing and new life in the year to come, for you, your family, and your communities?

Beannacht – A New Year Blessing

~ John O'Donohue ~

On the day when The weight deadens On your shoulders And you stumble,
May the clay dance To balance you.

And when your eyes Freeze behind The grey window
And the ghost of loss Gets into you,
May a flock of colours, Indigo, red, green And azure blue,
Come to awaken in you A meadow of delight.

When the canvas frays In the currach of thought
And a stain of ocean Blackens beneath you,
May there come across the waters A path of yellow moonlight To bring you safely home.

May the nourishment of the earth be yours,
May the clarity of light be yours,
May the fluency of the ocean be yours,
May the protection of the ancestors be yours.

And so may a slow Wind work these words Of love around you,
An invisible cloak To mind your life.



WORSHIP

Sunday, November 20, 10:00 am Worship

Access Online Bulletin

Join us for Worship in the Sanctuary. Childcare available in the nursery from 9 -11:30am.

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)

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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.

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.

TO LEAD A PRAYER OR OTHER PARTS OF WORSHIP:

Please visit <https://bit.ly/CLCworship>

Please reach out with questions and suggestions you have about the children and youth ministries at Christ Lutheran. Peace, Katie Gregston



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 register by next Sunday the 20th or

Register online www.christwg.org/Advent-Tea

Rides available, babysitting and scholarships. See Pastor Meagan for the scholarship.

Vegan, vegetarian and gluten free menu is available

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 snrinkor@gmail.com or text

314-452-7129. Thank you!



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

Rachel Helton (Co-chair & bake sale queen)
rhelton@gmail.com.



Christian Service is sponsoring a Christmas gift card collection for Humanitri and Webster Rock Hill Ministries. Both ministries serve individuals and families who are struggling to afford basic needs. It is often difficult for them to afford the extra expenses associated with Christmas gifts and special meals. The donation of gift cards helps them offset these extra expenses. Please select a tag from the tree in fellowship hall or in the Narthex and purchase the gift card identified on the tag. **Please return the purchased gift card in the offering by Sunday 12/04/22.** If you have any questions, please contact either Sherry Mitchler or Sarah Mudd. Thank you for your support as we work to serve those in our community.

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.

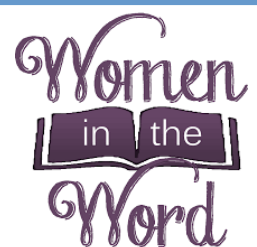
If you prefer to make your offering by check or cash, there are mailing envelopes included in your offering envelope package.



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.





Choir Practice

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





Advent Dinners 2022

We'll be observing Wednesday dinners before Advent services starting on November 30 with the final dinner being on December 21. If you'd like to prepare or contribute a meal on one of those evenings, please email Dave Fey – davefey@me.com

Any and all help with this is appreciated!

Advent Wednesday Services

Wednesday, November 30, 6:00 pm Light Supper, 7:00 pm Advent Worship, Holden Evening Prayer.

Wednesday, December 7, 6:00 pm Light Supper, 7:00 pm Advent Worship, Holden Evening Prayer.

Wednesday, December 14, 6:00 pm Light Supper, 7:00 pm Advent Worship, Holden Evening Prayer.

Wednesday, December 21, 6:00 pm Light Supper, 7:00 pm Advent Worship, Holden Evening Prayer.

Join us for worship in-person or on Zoom at 7pm:

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ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS 2022
Great Expectations



You are invited to join us for online and in-person services.

Wednesday, November 30

6:00 pm Light Supper

7:00 pm Advent Worship, Holden Evening Prayer.

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Saturday, December 3

2:00-3:30 pm, Women's Advent Tea in fellowship hall.

Sunday, December 4 Second Sunday of Advent

10:00 am Worship.

Wednesday, December 7

6:00 pm Light Supper

7:00 pm Advent Worship, Holden Evening Prayer.

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Sunday, December 11, Third Sunday of Advent

10:00 am Worship with Cantata— "The Incarnation" by K. Lee Scott

Wednesday, December 14

6:00 pm Light Supper

7:00 pm Advent Worship, Holden Evening Prayer.

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Sunday, December 18, Fourth Sunday of Advent

10:00 am Worship and the Children's Christmas Pageant.

Wednesday, December 21

6:00 pm Light Supper

7:00 pm Advent Worship, Holden Evening Prayer.

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Saturday, December 24

5:00 pm Christmas Eve Service with Holy Communion.

Saturday, December 24

9:00 pm Christmas Eve Service with Holy Communion.

Sunday, December 25, Merry Christmas!

10:00 am Worship.

Sunday, January 1

First Sunday of Christmas

10:00 am Worship.

Justice Group Meeting

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

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 Worshippers 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
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

POINSETTIAS ON SALE FOR CHRISTMAS

This year we again have beautiful multi-bloom poinsettias, in six-inch pots, for sale. You can purchase one or more plants for \$7.50 each, which the church will use for decorating the altar on Christmas Eve (Friday, Dec. 24). You may take home your plant(s) on Sunday the 25th. Or, you can give your plants to our home-bound members, to be distributed during Christmas week. Return this form to the office with your payment by Dec 22nd.



Your name: _____ Number of poinsettias: _____

In Honor of _____

In Memory of _____

I will be taking _____ home with me. I will be leaving _____ for the homebound.
Cost \$7.50 per plant TOTAL \$ _____

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 in the Fellowship Hall with the coffeepot nearby.

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.
December 4—TBD

The Unknown Years of Jesus: Legends from the Road was the title Jon Heerboth chose for his talk November 13. Over the years stories exploit the long gaps in Jesus' life to create legends that portray Jesus traveling to places far away from Palestine. One says Jesus accompanied his "uncle" Joseph of Arimathea to tin mines in England during his teen years. Another has Jesus meditating at a Buddhist Monastery in Ladaka Tibet in his twenties—backed up by documents at the site. And still another in Japan holds that Jesus ended up there, ministering to the poor, after his brother took his place at the crucifixion. Two graves at a remote town in northern Japan, one said to be of Jesus and the other containing relics of his brother, are the site of an annual festival. Jon believes that the last two legends originated from encounters with Christians.

The important message, Jon said, is the Idea of Jesus is so appealing that people imagine stories of Jesus that fit him into their lives. Those inside the Christian tradition and outside of it use legends to understand their faith.

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**

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

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

COUNCIL PRESIDENT:
JESSICA GUNTHER

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ADULT MINISTRIES AND
FAITH COMMUNITY NURSE:
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Christ Lutheran Church Mission Statement

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