



# ONE IN CHRIST

Week of October 24-30, 2022

## Pastor's Word



This Sunday, we will celebrate Confirmation for four of our youth who have been participating in Confirmation classes to learn and reflect on their faith, leading in various ways in Worship, and serving in the community, for the last two years. Marc, Harrison, John, and James will share the scripture verses they have chosen, and offer brief reflection on Confirmation and their faith.

As we remind ourselves anytime we celebrate milestones in our community, we never finish learning about ourselves, God, and our faith. We continue to learn, grow, and change, and our understanding of God changes with us. And so, while Confirmation may be an ending of sorts, it is also a beginning of a new chapter for our confirmands.

For all of us who have been confirmed, I invite us to reflect on our own Confirmations, and how our faith in God has evolved since then. Here are a few questions to consider as we prepare to celebrate Confirmation for our youth in just a few days!

- What was the most important thing you remember learning in Confirmation?
- What does Confirmation mean to you today?
- What questions do you have today about God, faith, or being church together?
- What would you say if someone asked you who God is?
- What does it mean to you to live out your faith in action?

Let us pray. Merciful God, we thank you for these siblings in Christ, Marc, Harrison, James, and John, whom you have made your own by water and the Word in baptism. You have called them to yourself, enlightened them with the gifts of your Spirit, and nourished them in the community of faith. Uphold your servants in the gifts and promises of baptism and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth. Remind us today of the promises made in our baptisms, and renew in us the faith, hope, and joy we have in Jesus. We ask this in the name of Christ. Amen.



# WORSHIP

## Sunday, October 30, 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)

### **One tap mobile**

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

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

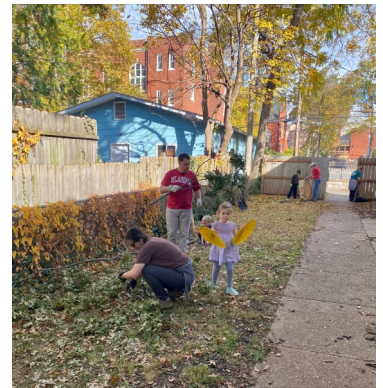
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## **Christian Service Committee**

We had a great work day cleaning up yards with Humanitri on Saturday! Thanks to all those who attended.



## **Choir Practice**

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



# 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.christwq.org](http://www.christwq.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.



## 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!



## Bible Study

The Tuesday morning Bible Study group meets at 10:30 in the Parish Hall. Following summer break, **they will resume weekly meetings on September 27**. 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.



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

**October 30 Pastor Meagan McLaughlin** will present a report on the latest Church wide gathering and lead a discussion of how the Reformation continues into the future.

**November 6 Alena Horn—Head, Hands and Heart: Reflections on the Relevance of Christian Anarchism to Us Today.** Here's Alena's abstract: In this talk I will consider what Christian Anarchism can contribute to our understanding of our call to serve Christ in an increasingly polarized and unequal country. Even as the relatively extremist positions espoused by Leo Tolstoy in the classic Christian Anarchist tract, *The Kingdom of God is within You*, may seem impractical and idealistic, I show that Tolstoy's writings, as well as the life's work of Christian Anarchists like social activist Dorothy Day are relevant to us today in that they remind us to put Christ above the Culture, to turn towards the Gospel and away from the automatic reflexes of the right-left divide.

On Sunday, October 23 Dr. Mark Ruff explained some of the nuances of the Protestant Reformation and told how it has been commemorated over the past 500 years. We set October 31, 1517 to commemorate Luther's nailing a paper with 95 theses on the door of the church in Wittenburg as the beginning of the Reformation Though in reality, Dr. Ruff said, it was just a prelude. The 95 theses were written to start an academic debate and were most likely distributed by mail. The Lutheran schism with the Catholic Church more accurately happened at the Diet of Worms in April of 1521. The Reformation was a long complex process of which Lutheranism was only one strand. Two other movements were led by Huldrych Zwingli and John Calvin. The Reformers corresponded with each other and disagreed to the extent that bloody conflicts ensued and continued for years. Commemorations have varied over years and the variations reveal the situations at the time they were held. In 1612 Luther medals, woodcut prints, and sermons were circulated as each sect of reformers sought to establish its own culture. In 1817 and 1883 (the 400th anniversary of Luther's birth) Luther was celebrated as the father of the German People. While in 1917—in the midst of the First World War—celebrations were muted. In 2017, the 500th anniversary, commemorations reflected on the meaning and consequences of the Reformation.



## WELCOME TO CLC

We welcome several new members to our community of faith, Sarah, Adam, Samuel, and Abigail Wurr, Dana, Stanley, and Caroline Ruchalski, and Leslie Byrum and Matt Aul. We welcome these new members into this community, and invite them into the ministry of welcome and service that we share.



**Leslie Byrum and Matt Aul** were both born and raised in the greater St. Louis area. They now live in Brentwood, MO and will soon be getting married at our church on December 17th! They are both excited to be a part of Christ Lutheran's congregation!

**The Wurr family**- Adam, Sarah, Samuel age 6 and Abigail age 4.

We love to go on family adventures together whether it is a family vacation, a hike someplace local, or even a walk around the pet store! ;) We spend a lot of time outdoors and we are big Cardinal baseball fans! We spend every Sunday evening with extended family having dinner together and playing board games.

We had spent the last 10 years of our church life at The Gathering United Methodist but have made our way here to Christ Lutheran and have more than enjoyed the warm welcome of everyone :)

**The Ruchalski Family**- Stanley, Dana, and Caroline (age 9 months)

We love working on house projects and going on trips. Eating at local Webster restaurants is one of our favorite things to do. We also like spending time with our two dogs, Riley and Shep!



Caroline was recently baptized at Christ Lutheran. We have lived in Webster Groves for 5 years and are so happy to call it home. We look forward to having a new church home as well.



**Join Us for Trunk/Treat Saturday at 6pm!**

Mark will be providing a music recital from 7-7:45p

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

RSVPs will start in November. Ladies, please consider volunteering to help with this fun Advent tradition. Email Sarah Ringkor [sringkor@gmail.com](mailto:sringkor@gmail.com) or text 314-452-7129. Thank you!



## 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), 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.

## 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!



## 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
- 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](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**

## COMMEMORATION OF THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

On November 6 we will remember prayerfully and with great love the saints who have died in the past year. Everyone is welcome to bring in photos to be placed on display in the fellowship hall. Please email the office or fill out the form below with names of those you would like remembered during worship.



### ALL SAINTS DAY 2022 SAINTS' NAMES

Please place your form in the offering plate.

Your  
Name \_\_\_\_\_

Saint's  
Name \_\_\_\_\_

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Name \_\_\_\_\_

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# ANNIVERSARIES AND BIRTHDAYS!

## LET'S CELEBRATE OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES AND BIRTHDAYS!

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

### ANNIVERSARIES:

10/1 Jim & Sally Wachtman  
10/4 Ted Christner & Claudia Trautmann  
10/11 Tim & Kelley Truss  
10/15 Philip & Kate Hoerchler  
10/17 Matt & Sarah Bender  
10/22 Curtis & Hannah Borden  
10/27 Tom & Megan Holmes  
10/27 Dianne Deck & Thomas Palazzolo  
10/28 Martin & Melissa Allen  
10/29 Steve & Sherry Mitchler

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

### BIRTHDAYS:

10/01 Annika Bartek  
10/03 Ted Christner  
10/06 Ayanna Askew-Sunkara  
10/09 James Bennett  
10/09 Maleyah Hassler  
10/10 Leah Eftink  
10/11 Linda Armstrong  
10/11 Isabella Blaser  
10/13 Scarlet and Zachary McMullen  
10/14 Sybil Meadows  
10/15 Mae Lenhart  
10/17 Robert O'Brien  
10/17 Karen Wood  
10/18 Mark Lewis  
10/23 Tim Truss  
10/23 Henry Hoyer  
10/25 Jim Wachtman  
10/29 Jadee Lauer  
10/30 Peter Jordan  
10/30 John Uy







### **Save the date for the 7th annual Lady Grey's Holiday Boutique**

Please invite friends & family for a wonderful day of fellowship and shopping. Word has it that it is a favorite event of one of our former mayors. She is one of the first in the building shopping the amazing bake sale hosted by the renowned bakers of Christ Lutheran. More details to follow.

**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).

# October 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						<b>1</b> 5p Animal blessing and potluck in Church yard.
<b>2</b> 9:00a Adult forum, Sunday School 10:00a Worship	<b>3</b> 12p Sr. Fellowship at Laclede Groves 4pm Fitness group	<b>4</b> 10:30a Bible study	<b>5</b> 7:30p Choir Practice	<b>6</b> 4p Fitness group	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>9</b> 9:00a Adult forum, Sunday School 10:00a Worship	<b>10</b> 12p Sr. Fellowship at Laclede Groves 4pm Fitness group	<b>11</b> 10:30a Bible study	<b>12</b> 6p Worship team meeting 7:30p Choir Practice	<b>13</b> 4p Fitness group	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>16</b> 9:00a Adult forum, Sunday School 10:00a Worship, Celebrate Communion Students 6p Wurstfest at Larson Park	<b>17</b> 12p Sr. Fellowship at Laclede Groves 4pm Fitness group	<b>18</b> 10:30a Bible study 7p Church Council meeting in Conference room	<b>19</b> 7:30p Choir Practice	<b>20</b> 4p Fitness group	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>23/30</b> 9:00a Adult forum, Sunday School 10:00a Worship <b>Oct 30-9:00a Adult forum, Sunday School, 10:00a worship, Celebrate Confirmation Students</b>	<b>24</b> 12p Sr. Fellowship at Laclede Groves 4pm Fitness group	<b>25</b> 10:30a Bible study	<b>26</b> 7:30p Choir Practice	<b>27</b> 4p Fitness group	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> 6pm Trunk or Treat in CLC parking lot



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**WORSHIP SCHEDULE:  
SUNDAY AT 9:30 A.M.**

**RESIDENT PASTOR: 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:  
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DIANE DROLLINGER**

**ORGANIST:  
MARK RUFF**

**OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR:  
LISETTE KREITLER**

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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.**