



ONE IN CHRIST

Week of October 10 -16, 2022



Pastor's Word



The Sacrament of Communion

One of the core parts of our weekly Worship together is the Sacrament of Communion. We come from all different traditions and experiences of when and how Communion is celebrated, and when and how a person receives Communion. Many of us have memories of the first time we participated in Communion. And we may have experienced receiving Communion in many different ways, from intinction, to common cup, to individual cups, to receiving only bread. That diversity of experience is part of the richness of our community!

As a result, when we look around the sanctuary, we may notice differences in how each family at Christ Lutheran recognizes First Communion, and when that takes place. One thing is sure: our sanctuary altar remains and will always remain a sacred symbol of God's presence and abundance, and our Communion table extends far beyond our sanctuary walls. Here are a few things our ELCA Lutheran tradition, and our scriptures, tell us about the Sacrament of Communion.

Jesus Christ is truly present in the sacrament of communion.

In our Gospels, at the Last Supper, Jesus says, "This is my body. This is my blood." The Augsburg Confession states: "It is taught among us that the true body and blood of Christ are really present in the Supper of our Lord under the form of bread and wine and are there distributed and received." The 'how' of Christ's presence remains as inexplicable in the sacrament as elsewhere. It is a presence that remains 'hidden' even though visible media are used in the sacrament. *Use of the Means of Grace 33*

The Sacrament of Communion and the Word of God go together in our Worship.

Communion is core to our Worship. Each week we are fed in Spirit and in body, as we hear God's promises proclaimed, are strengthened by body and blood of Christ. We are sent forth to embody God's promises and share God's abundance with the world. *Use of the Means of Grace 34*

The age of first communion may vary, for each congregation and each child.

Throughout scriptures, God always feeds God's people, without distinction. In the ELCA, congregations may choose to have a requirement of age and catechetical preparation prior to receiving Communion for the first time, or may commune children from infancy. For many families, receiving Communion for the first time is an important milestone in faith. The Communion table at Christ Lutheran will always be open to all who wish to receive. And, we will always respect the varying needs and preferences of people of all ages and experiences among us. *Use of the Means of Grace 37-38*

Catechesis and the Sacrament of Communion

Among the promises of Baptism, parents and sponsors promise to teach children about our faith as they grow. As we celebrate Communion throughout our lives, our understanding of the sacrament grows and changes, and none of us can ever say that we fully understand it! In John 16, Jesus tells his disciples that he has more to tell us, but we can't bear it yet . . . but the Spirit will continue to guide and teach us. We as a community of faith learn together so that children and adults continue to grow in our understanding of the scriptures and the sacraments. A class dedicated to learning and reflection about the Sacrament of Communion will take place at least once a year, and in Worship we will recognize the students' continued learning about our faith. ***This Sunday, we will celebrate with 10 of our children who will be receiving Communion for the first time!*** *Use of the Means of Grace 37-38*

If you wish to learn more, you can read about our sacraments in the ELCA's document *Use of the Means of Grace* [The Use of the Means of Grace \(elca.org\)](https://www.elca.org/The-Use-of-the-Means-of-Grace). You can also talk with Pastor Meagan for additional resources, or to ask any questions, or share your thoughts and experiences.

WORSHIP

Sunday, October 16, 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

Meeting ID: 278 217 453

Password: 971744



Valuing Tradition and Inclusion

Worship Team is continuing to hear helpful feedback and comments on the use of “our creator, our mother” as a preface to the Lord’s Prayer, and we recognize that there are differing opinions on this among the congregation. Recognizing that we have differing opinions on the preface to the Our Father, we will use it when the images of God as creator and mother are reflected in scriptures or the season of the church year, and not use it on other Sundays, so that our differing perspectives on this can be honored in our shared Worship.

Many value the traditional worship we share, and also value striving towards greater inclusivity in our journey of faithfulness to the Gospel of Jesus Christ together. We will continue to reflect and learn on these topics together. When change is made, particularly as it relates to our Worship, we will continue to do that with attention to the values of our tradition as well as inclusivity, and with an increased commitment to communicate the change so all can understand.

Worship Team does want to hear from you as we continue to plan, learn, and grow together. Look for upcoming ways to share your ideas, and feel free to reach out to anyone on the Worship Team anytime. Team members include John Hoffman (chair), Pastor Meagan, Mark Ruff, Diane Drollinger, Jon Heerboth, Mark Roock, and Susan DeBusk. We are seeking new members, let us know if you’d like to join!

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 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!



Save the date -Fall Workday

Please join us for a fall cleanup workday on Saturday 10/22/22 from 9:00-11:00am. We will be doing yard work, leaf pick-up and winter preparations for one of the homes supported by Humanitri. They are an agency that provides housing and services to assist families in moving from homelessness to stable housing. Christ Lutheran is partnering with Humanitri to provide financial and practical support to assist them in their mission. Please see the attached sign up genius and let us know if you will be joining us!

If you need any additional information, please feel free to contact either Sarah Mudd or Sherry Mitchler.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/805094CAAA92DA20-humanitri>

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.



Adult forum resumes at a new time but in a familiar place. We will now meet at 9:00 during the educational hour but still in the Fellowship Hall with the coffeepot nearby.

October 16 David Weber from Room at the Inn, one of the ministries supported by Christ Lutheran, will talk about the agency's mission.

October 23 Dr. Mark Ruff, Professor of History at Saint Louis University will tell us how the importance of the Reformation has been understood during the past 500 years.

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.

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 or text 314-452-7129. Thank you!



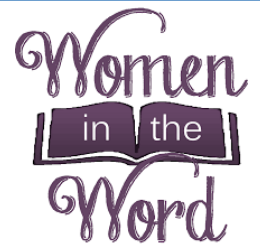
Choir Practice

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



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.



WURSTFEST 2022

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16
6:00PM

LARSON PARK

520 W Kirkham Ave.
Webster Groves, MO 63119

Join us for fellowship, fun,
bratwurst and hot dogs
hot off the grill. Bring snacks,
sides, beverages and desserts!

If you'd like to help set up, grill or
build a fire in the firepit, contact —
Dave Fey at davefey@me.com

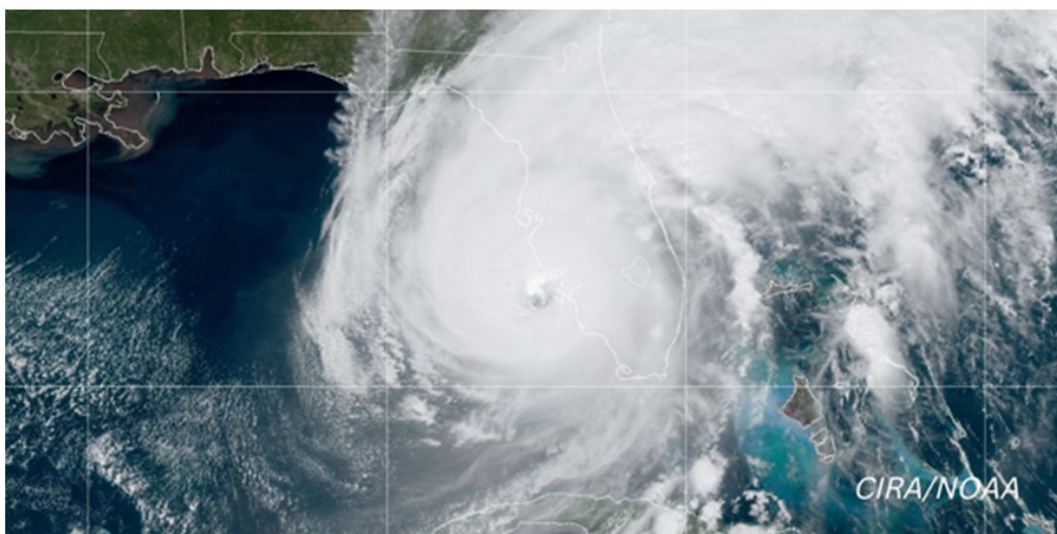
Join Christ Lutheran Church (CLC) for TRUNK OR TREAT

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29

from 6:00 - 7:00 pm on the parking lot

All ages welcome!
Costume wearing is encouraged!

Masks optional.



"For we are what [God] has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life" (Ephesians 2:10).

Friends:

Hurricane Ian made landfall in Florida yesterday with near Category 5-strength winds, dumping record amounts of rain and causing catastrophic flooding. Hurricane Ian bore down through Florida today and is expected to make landfall again in the Carolinas. Early reports indicate the potential for a substantial loss of life. Ian, as predicted, is one of the worst hurricanes to hit the United States in decades.

Gifts to [Lutheran Disaster Response](#) make it possible for the ELCA to act quickly after disasters, whenever and wherever they strike. Can disaster survivors count on your support?

Your generosity has poised Lutheran Disaster Response to be ready for times such as these – and we are equipped to accompany partners and survivors of Hurricane Ian for as long as it takes. For that, we cannot thank you enough.

Along with our partners in the region, we are prepared to respond to Hurricane Ian with immediate relief, including water, clothing, gift cards, tarps and more. Your dollars are also hard at work in communities around the world through Lutheran Disaster Response, including responses to Hurricane Fiona, the drought in the Horn of Africa, the severe storm in Alaska, the war in Ukraine – to name a few.

Such gifts make short- and long-term responses to these crises, including Hurricane Ian, possible. [Will you give now in support of Lutheran Disaster Response to accompany disaster survivors on the long road to recovery?](#)

We pray that God's presence will be felt in the midst of suffering and bring comfort to those who are hurting. Together, we can show our neighbors in Florida and around the world that they are not alone. Thank you.

In Christ's service,

Daniel Rift

The Rev. Daniel Rift
Director, ELCA World Hunger and Lutheran Disaster Response Fund
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

Street Closed

If your planning to visit the church on Saturday October 15th please be aware that some of Lockwood Ave will be closed for the Ivory Crockett 5K Run that starts at 8:30am.

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 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
 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

Who's Who at Christ Lutheran

Do you know Christ Lutheran has an online church directory that you can see on the go? It's easy to use! Go to www.instantchurchdirectory.com

- ✦ Click on "church member sign in"
- ✦ On the sign in page go to:
 - First time signing in? Create a login now
 - Type in the email (the one you've provided for church) and create a password; retype the password.
 - You will then receive a "code" in your email that will allow you to log in to the website using your email and password. You will be able to add an up to date photo and update all of your information.
 - Want to get the app?
- ✦ The app is great for being out and about. You can open it up and look up anyone's phone number or address. Find the app "instant church directory" in your favorite app store.
- ✦ You can have more than 1 app registered per email address.

Want to change your information or picture online directory but don't understand how? Email Katie Ciorba ANYTIME at ciorbafamily@gmail.com to make changes or email Lisette at church.

- ✦ Need an up to date photo? Contact Katie to set one up!
- ✦ Questions? Contact Katie Ciorba at anytime.

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



October 2022

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

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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.**