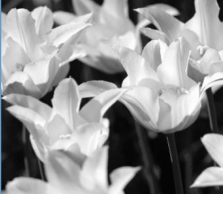




# ONE IN CHRIST

Week of September 5-11, 2022

## Pastors Word



We start this new program year, and all of us are feeling it: this year is different. For the first time since Covid began, we begin our programs in person as well as on Zoom, in September. New members, long-time members, and visitors of all ages will be gathering as we live our faith together! Our space will be different, flexibility key. Keith, Dave, Dianne, Suzie, and others have been working very hard to prepare our building, and program leaders have been busy planning for adult forum, education, choir, and events. And there is much to celebrate, as we recognize the 125 years Christ Lutheran has been a congregation. Receive this blessing for our new program year, and we can't wait to see you soon!

### 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, September 11, 10:00 am Worship

### Access Online Bulletin

Join us for Worship in the Sanctuary. Childcare available in the nursery from 9 -12 noon.

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

[pwd=azE2dkNHVE9WSzdaeDM5Yzh4RGRvdz09](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



## **Fall Schedule**

Our program year has started! Adult forum and Sunday School will be held at 9am. Worship is at 10 am in the Sanctuary or on Zoom. Choir practice is every Wednesday at 7:30pm in the Sanctuary. Please join us!



Sunday School will have a "kick off" on Sept 11th from 9:00 am to 9:45. We'll all get together in the sanctuary and have some time to sing, get kids' thoughts about the upcoming year, and have different activities. All parents are encouraged to stick around and participate. After church on the 11th, we will hold an information/ listening session for parents and anyone who would like to help with Sunday School throughout the year.

We are also 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

# 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.



## CLC Justice Group

The next meeting will be September 19 at 7pm. The main topic will be thinking of how CLC can better welcome and serve through a justice lens.

The main goal of the committee is to focus on areas where we can make Christ Lutheran a more welcoming space and affect change in our community. Please reach out to Kate Hoerchler [katehoerchler@gmail.com](mailto:katehoerchler@gmail.com) if you would like to join this group.

## Blessings of the Animals Potluck and Praise

**Saturday, October 1, 5:00pm**

**Christ Lutheran Churchyard**

It's the Feast of St. Francis, and time for blessing of the animals! We will pray, reflect, and sing, bless our beloved non-human companions of all species and breeds, and share a meal together. This will be the first Potluck and Praise we will hold during the year. All are welcome to join us!



## 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!





## Christ Lutheran Dreams BIG and Gives BIG for our 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

**Celebrating our past and welcoming the future—Welcoming and Serving as Jesus Did**

Our 125th Anniversary Party will be on Sunday, September 18<sup>th</sup> from 11:30-1:30 p.m. Help our community partners from Humanitri dream about their future by providing gift cards for groceries and bedding items. We suggest \$125 to honor Christ Lutheran's 125 years with a goal of raising \$1250.00. Any increment of \$25.00 will be celebrated! Gift card suggestions include: Aldi, Wal-Mart, Schnucks, or Save a Lot. We will collect the cards at church that day and at our party. You may use this link to purchase items <https://a.co/1nk3Srb>

Humanitri is an organization providing services in the Lutheran tradition and working to bring TRANSFORMATION to the families they serve through housing, moderately intensive case management and skill development. Humanitri believes that every individual created and loved by God deserves to be treated with dignity and given the opportunity for a new start. To learn more go to: <https://humanitri.org/>. To learn more about our party [here](#).

Please contact Sarah Ringkor to join the party planning effort!

The CDC has lowered the Community Level for St Louis County. **See the CDC site here for more information.** [COVID-19 by County | CDC](#)

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!

## 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.



## 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 September 11 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.

*September 11* **Jon Heerboth**—Christ Lutheran Church: The Faith of the Parents in the Language of the Children. We will look at how the founding of the congregation has influenced its history and, in some respects, its present. We have a long history and we'll take a look at several key points that led to where we are today. Bring your own memories and stories and we'll have a good time appreciating what our predecessors have left for us.

*September 18* **125th Anniversary celebration**—No Adult Forum

*September 25 and October 2* **Jessica Gunther**, Congregational President, will lead a discussion of how Christ Lutheran moves into the future.

*October 9* **Rev. Jerry Egel**—Blessings in the Book of Revelation: There are 7 blessings scattered through the Book of Revelation. What do they mean? Let's follow the clues and see where they lead.



## 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](mailto:beccajedwards@gmail.com).



## Save the date!

We Welcome & Serve at Christ Lutheran! Here's your opportunity to do both! On Saturday 9/24 and Sunday 9/25 Christ Lutheran will join other local LGBTQIA affirming churches to host a booth at [TowerGrove Pride](#). We will need Christ Lutheran members to help staff the booth. Details to come soon! Questions? Contact Katie Ciorba at 314-775-9517.

All are welcome  
to join the Episcopal and ELCA churches as we  
celebrate all of God's beloved people.




Sunday, September 25, 2022  
Tower Grove Park  
SE Corner of Park near Arsenal & Grand Aves.



## 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](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**

### 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](http://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](mailto: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.

## 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, 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.



## 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 SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES AND BIRTHDAYS!

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

### ANNIVERSARIES:

09/01 Andrew and Lauren Bennett  
09/04 Brett and Deanne Bussler  
09/04 Steve and Jodi McCarty  
09/14 Joe and Annika Bartek  
09/14 Michael and Kristin Hill  
09/15 Robert and Carol Brockelmeyer  
09/15 Keith and Nancy Lissant  
09/15 Kevin and Lauren Butz  
09/16 Dave and Sarah Ringkor  
09/17 Mark Smith and Linda Elkin  
09/24 Tore Stole and Rosemary Kunz  
09/29 Jeff Bloese and Sarah Keifer

### BIRTHDAYS:

09/02 Janna Langholz  
09/03 Ian Griffin  
09/05 Eric Deck  
09/07 Bryan Dopuch  
09/10 Becca Jordan  
09/12 Jacob Joern  
09/13 Dave Eftink Jr.  
09/14 Bill Wischmeyer  
09/15 Mary Ann Hatlelid  
09/16 Will Zempel  
09/17 Alexa Gunther  
09/17 Laura Swanson  
09/19 Ian Bennett  
09/22 Kate Hoerschler  
09/24 Levi Hassler  
09/25 Micah Ruff  
09/25 Anita Trautmann  
09/26 Michael Hill  
09/26 Rosemary Kunz  
09/27 Doug Austin  
09/29 Gege Brightman  
09/29 Bryn Stole  
09/30 Emma Austin

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



# SEPTEMBER 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 4p Fitness group	2	3
4 9:30a Worship	5 12p Sr. Fellowship at Laclede Groves 4pm Fitness group	6	7 7:30p Choir Practice	8 4p Fitness group	9	10
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 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

DIRECTOR OF CHOIRS:  
 DIANE DROLLINGER

ORGANIST:  
 MARK RUFF

OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR:  
 LISETTE KREITLER

FINANCIAL SECRETARY:  
 TAMMY PRYOR

WEBMASTER:  
 MIKE WAGNER/STEPHANIE  
 LENHART

### **Lutheran School of Theology Fall 2022 Class Offerings**

Starting soon (please register asap)

**Introduction to Preaching**, taught by Rev. Kristen Koch via Zoom on Saturdays from 9:00 am - 12:00 pm on Sept. 10, 17, Oct. 1, 15, 29, Nov. 19. Cost: \$75 to audit, \$150 for PMA credit

**Gospel of Matthew**, taught by Dr. Troy Troftgruben via Zoom on Thursday mornings, 9:00 - 11:00 am on Sept. 22, 29 and Oct. 6. Cost: \$45

**When Theologies Fail (And World Fall Apart)**, taught by the Rev. Dr. Fred Niedner via Zoom on Thursday evenings, 7:00 - 9:00 pm on Oct. 13, 20, 27, Nov. 3 and 10. Cost: \$75 to audit, \$150 for PMA continuing ed credit

Recordings for all classes are available for missed sessions by requesting at [administrator@lststl.org](mailto:administrator@lststl.org). See complete class descriptions and register for all classes at <https://lststl.org>

### **Christ Lutheran Church Mission Statement**

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