



# ONE IN CHRIST

Week of June 20 - June 26, 2022

## Pastors Word

### Called to Share the Good News

Millions of people, children of God, had been kept in chains, abused, worked and sold for profit, treated for generations more like animals than human beings. And then, January 1, 1863, President Lincoln signed the Emancipation Proclamation, and the slaves, at least legally speaking, were released from their chains, and after centuries of bondage, the people of African descent were free! For those living in chains, AND for those whose whole lives had been formed in a world built on the institution of slavery, this declaration required transformation at almost every level—financial, social, practical, physical, political, for everyone in the nation.

It started with the signing of the Proclamation, but it would be two and a half years before the last of the slaves were actually freed. On June 19, 1965, the Union Army finally reached Galveston, Texas, where the first order of business was to read the Emancipation Proclamation to the people of God still living in slavery there. In the midst of the wide-ranging reactions to the news, celebrations broke out, which are continued today each June 19<sup>th</sup> in a celebration known as Juneteenth.

The signing of the Emancipation Proclamation was only the beginning. The bringing of the good news to Galveston on Juneteenth was another step in the process—in order for freedom to come, the word needed to be spread. And that transformation continues. If we think about the events of the Civil Rights movement of the 1960s that took place only about 60 years ago, and remember the nine lives lost to white supremacy at Emanuel AME just 7 years ago June 17<sup>th</sup>, the death of George Floyd in May 2020, and the murders of 10 black people at a Buffalo, New York supermarket by a white supremacist earlier this month, we know there is still work to do for all of us in our nation to fully live into and embrace the good news that started with the Emancipation Proclamation.

When Jesus looked at the world around him, he knew, as we know today, that his world was hurting. Illness, death, division, poverty, hunger. And he sent the disciples, out of compassion, into this hurting world, to bring the good word. Not an empty word, but a word of promises made and kept, here and now. Healing. Life. Cleansing. Freedom.

Jesus does not promise the journey will be easy. He tells the disciples they are being sent out as sheep among wolves. He warns them they will face rejection. He invites them to let go of what they know, what makes them comfortable and secure. As the call to carry the good news continues today, as we are called to proclaim healing and freedom, we like the disciples face a daunting task. We too are asked to let go of what we know, and what makes us comfortable and secure, as we acknowledge truths of the woundedness of this world that we have been taught not to see. We are asked to confront the ways in which we have, all of us, been formed in a culture tainted with racism and white supremacy, and actively work to dismantle those lies, within ourselves, and in the world around us. When we fail to do this, we allow the suffering to continue unchecked.

The call is clear: go out, and tell the good news. Claim the promise that freedom is for all people. The Central States Synod Council, when they met last week via Zoom, said the following: “Our relationship to the shooter [of the Emmanuel 9], as well as two of the slain, reminds us of both our complicity and our calling. Together we confess that we are in bondage to the sins of racism and white supremacy and, at the same time, we rejoice in the freedom that is ours in Christ Jesus who “has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us” (Ephesians 2:14). May God continue to guide us as we seek repentance and renewal, and racial justice and reconciliation among God’s precious children.”



# WORSHIP

## Sunday, June 26, 9:30 am Worship

### Access Online Bulletin

Join us for Worship in the Sanctuary. Childcare available in the nursery at 8:30am.

### **OR**

You may also attend virtually using the Zoom link or call the number noted in the bulletin to join us!

### **Join Zoom Meeting**

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### **One tap mobile**

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

Meeting ID: 278 217 453

Password: 971744



As of Friday, June 3, 2022, the CDC changed the Community Level for St Louis County to High, and advises wearing masks indoors. **See the CDC site here for more information.** [COVID-19 by County | CDC](#)

Please plan to wear masks when you are inside our building until the Community Level has returned to Medium.

Masks 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!

## **CLC Workday Help Needed**

This Saturday, June 25, there will be a work/cleanup day at Church from 9:00am to 12:00 noon to weed and spread mulch in the front yard to clean up before the 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration. Any help you can provide would be appreciated!



# 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.



## Join the new Justice Group forming at CLC!

We've been reading and discussing issues of diversity, equity and inclusion at Christ Lutheran, now let's get a solid group together to affect change! The main goal of the committee will be to focus on areas where we can make Christ Lutheran a more welcoming space and affect change in our community. Duties would include reaching out to council and other committees on issues of justice in the church, brainstorming ways to be more active in local justice issues, selecting books for congregation wide book studies, etc. Please reach out to Kate Hoerchler (314-805-1751, [katehoerchler@gmail.com](mailto:katehoerchler@gmail.com)) if you would like to join this group.

## 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!



## Wrestling with Tough Topics in Light of Our Faith

We've all heard the adage that if we are going to get along, we should avoid talking about religion and politics, right? We live in a society that has become very divided along many different lines, and it has become more and more difficult to address topics that cause controversy or division. And yet, Jesus models for us the importance of facing head on the tough issues of his day, speaking truth wherever possible, and dismantling the walls that threaten to divide children of God from one another.

The ELCA has tools to help us practice having conversations on tough issues, and help us learn and reflect on important issues of dignity and justice in the light of our faith. The social statements on a variety of issues, including racism, abortion, gun violence, climate change, and more, allow us to come together as community to wrestle with these issues.

If you would like to take time to study one of the ELCA's social statements, join Pastor Meagan to pick a topic to study and reflect on together. Contact Pastor Meagan to let her know if you are interested, or if you have questions.

## Fourth of July Celebration at Christ Lutheran

If you plan to park on the church lot the morning of July 4th, please arrive before 8am. Due to the Webster Groves Parade streets will be blocked off after that. Also, please remember that the additional spaces next to the Mead Center are no longer available. No barbecue this year, so participants are encouraged to bring food, snacks and beverages for their families or additional items to share (optional). Christ Lutheran will be offering cold water and use of restrooms again this year. We have volunteers in place for helping with that, but contact Dave Fey at [davefey@me.com](mailto:davefey@me.com) or 314-229-8033 if you plan to attend and would like to help with setup, cleaning of church grounds, etc.



If interested, Churches Together for Justice will be participating as a group in the Webster Groves Fourth of July Parade and are looking for more candy passer-outers and folks to walk in the parade. Please contact Kate Hoerchler to participate, [katehoerchler@gmail.com](mailto:katehoerchler@gmail.com).

Join the race book group on July 12th, 8pm to discuss through chapter 4 of our latest book, *Baptized in Tear Gas: From White Moderate to Abolitionist* by Elle Dowd.

Dowd is a bisexual faith leader in Chicago, an ELCA candidate for ministry, and an activist. Her experience protesting in Ferguson in 2014 greatly shaped her work, and this book is an account of that inspiring others to act.

Her unique experience in St. Louis provides us a good connection.

Additionally, Pastor Megan is in contact with her to potentially speak to us at the end of reading the book.

Please contact Kate Hoerchler with any questions,

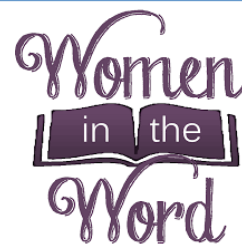
[katehoerchler@gmail.com](mailto:katehoerchler@gmail.com).



## 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).



## Bible Study

The Tuesday morning Bible study group will take a summer break until September.

When we resume, anyone is welcome to join us at any time. Just have one or more of your favorite Bibles with you, and prepare to enjoy our time together.



In person Adult Forum will be held in the Fellowship Hall and will also be available on Zoom. If you choose Zoom just stay connected after the Sunday morning service. We anticipate a 10-15 minute break between the end of the postlude and the beginning of Adult Forum.

There will be no Adult Forums this summer but sessions will resume after Labor Day.

## 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), Flo Saeger, 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 JUNE ANNIVERSARIES AND BIRTHDAYS!

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

### ANNIVERSARIES:

06/07	Perry Yee & Szu Ching Fu	06/28	Nesiah Yee
06/07	Mark & Carole Lewis	06/29	Kersten Horn, Jackson Jordan
06/09	Lis & Michael Erickson Meyer	06/30	Hamise Askew-Sunkara, Sandy Hoyer
06/10	Larry & Kathy Hill		
06/11	Bill & Linda Griffith		
06/20	Megan & Colin Meadows		
06/21	Mark & Lynnae Ruff		
06/23	Kathy & Jerry Kuziel		
06/25	Susanne & Dave Fey		
06/27	Paul & Stephanie Lenhart		
06/28	Janet & Mark Rook		
06/30	Betty & Woody Erickson		

### BIRTHDAYS:

06/01	Katherine Mudd
06/02	Emma Schulte
06/04	Sarah Bender, Joan Rivas, Joshua Wood
06/06	Megan (Lewis) Pickett
06/08	Ward Holmes, Carolyn Lange
06/10	Reid Bartek, Erin Eftink
06/12	Anna Bussler, Luke Bruns
06/15	David Ciorba
06/16	Evelyn Butz
06/17	Sam Allen
06/18	Evan Deck
06/19	David Cramer, Jordon Joern
06/22	Carole Lewis
06/23	Dave Austin, Wyatt Bussler
06/24	Kristin Hill, Kaia Chelgreen
06/27	Lauren Dopuch
06/28	Audrey Butz



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

# June 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 4p Fitness group	3	4
5 9:30a Worship	6 12p Sr. Fellowship at Laclede Groves  4pm Fitness group	7	8	9 4p Fitness group	10	11
12 9:30a Outdoor Worship	13 12p Sr. Fellowship at Laclede Groves  4pm Fitness group	14	15  7p Worship team meeting	16 4p Fitness group	17	18
19 9:30a Worship	20 12p Sr. Fellowship at Laclede Groves  4pm Fitness group	21 7p Church Council meeting in Confer- ence room	22	23 4p Fitness group	24	25
26 9:30a Worship	27 12p Sr. Fellowship at Laclede Groves  4pm Fitness group	28	29	30 4p Fitness group		





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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**

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PERRY YEE**

## **Christ Lutheran Church Mission Statement**

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