



ONE IN CHRIST

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MAY 2019

May Worship Schedule

Sunday worship is held at 8:00 and 10:30 am with Sunday School and Adult Forum at 9:15 am. Coffee fellowship follows the 10:30 am service.

Sunday, May 5, Third Sunday in Easter, 8:00 am & 10:30 am Worship: Jon Heerboth, preaching, Mark Roock presiding

Sunday, May 12 Fourth Sunday in Easter - 8:00 and 10:30 am Worship: Stephanie Doeschot ,preaching, Mark Roock, presiding

Sunday, May 19 Fifth Sunday in Easter - 8:00 and 10:30 am Worship: Stephanie Doeschot preaching and presiding

Sunday, May 26 Sixth Sunday in Easter - 9:30 am Worship: Stephanie Doeschot preaching, Roger Ruff, presiding

Worship Time Change Begins May 26

The summer worship schedule will begin on Sunday, May 26. There will be only one service at 9:30 a. m. The schedule will remain through September 1st, the Sunday of Labor Day weekend.



CONGRATS CLASS OF 2019

We will also be honoring those graduating this spring or in the summer months. If they are present, they are invited to rise and be recognized. We will be honoring these graduates: Eric Deck (WGHS) and Ray McIntyre (WGHS), college graduates: Liz Drollinger receiving a B.A. in Vocal Performance from Capital University, Columbus, OH, Tommy Hopper receiving a B.A. in Business and Finance from the University of Missouri, and Dianne Deck (MSN,RN,CCRN) during worship. Please contact Lisette at the church office, as soon as possible, if you will be celebrating a graduation.



Mother's Day

Mother's Day is May 12. On the fourth Sunday in Easter we give thanks to God for the gift of motherhood and remember all mothers in the service.

Pastor's Word²

Christ the Lord is Risen!
He is Risen Indeed!

Eastertide is here and with it comes the opportunity to see newness of life springing up all around us.

There are the obvious signs of new life displayed in the abundance of color in flowering plants and trees, and the presence of babies born to members of the congregation nearly every month now.

The post-Resurrection appearances of Jesus in our Easter season readings are meant to show us that God is always about bringing newness of life into being. The question before us is always whether we will recognize what God is doing among us.

In our busyness and in our tendencies to see things as they have always been, we often need reminders to be looking for what the ancient prophet Isaiah tells us of what God says: "Behold! I am doing a new thing! Do you not perceive it?"

Recognition of the new things God is doing does not come easily for anyone. The biblical narratives point that out quite successfully.

Mary thought that Jesus was a gardener until he spoke her name.

The disciples at Emmaus recognized Jesus only in the breaking of the bread.

Thomas recognized Jesus only by seeing his wounds and hearing the words of peace given to him.

Although Jesus had appeared to them twice before, his presence among the disciples on the shore of the Sea of Galilee was only recognized when he filled their fishers' nets to overflowing. So much depends on God's revelation to us paired with our recognition of what God is doing among us. This is certainly true regarding the transition Christ Lutheran Church is going through. As you build on the past recognitions of the kind of congregation God has formed you to be while being aware of how God is ever shaping you for the present and future, something new will be emerging.

May we all (as Jesus so frequently said) have "eyes to see and ears to hear" what God is doing.

Blessings throughout Eastertide!
Pastor Stephanie



Member Spotlight

Many have long appreciated the ready smile of Gloria Richardson as a long term member of Christ Lutheran Church, but here is a bit of introduction for those who have yet to make her acquaintance.

Gloria was born in St Louis and spent her early life there before moving to Webster Groves 65 years ago. So if you want to discuss the changes in WG, Gloria can tell you about them. She and her husband raised two adventurous children, and the family has grown to include 6 grandchildren, ages 32-50, all of whom live in other states except for one, 14 great-grandchildren ranging in age from 4-30. Gloria's first great-grandson is due to be born in June.



Gloria attended Stowe College for 1 year and St Louis University for 1 year, then worked for the IRS, SS and Department of Agriculture for most of her working years. She also served as a librarian for WG School District for 3 years, then retired in 1987. To give perspective, she added, "Pastor Mead was still preaching then."

The friendliness of Christ Lutheran Church is what she notes as giving her the most joy in being a part of the congregation.

The adventurousness of her children came from living with their parents, as Gloria says she still loves to travel and has seen many interesting places. She does crossword puzzles, watches Cardinals games and catches some of her great-grand-daughter's field hockey games. While she enjoyed latch hook for many years until her eyesight prevented her from that, Gloria clearly lives a full and vigorous life!

Cinco De Mayo Celebration at CLC

Grab your poncho and sombrero and join us for a South of the Border Fiesta! Sunday, May 5th in the fellowship hall, after the 10:30 service.



Adult Forum

May 5 Jadee Lauer—Principal of Excel Academy will update us on the progress at the school. Excel Academy, which provides High School Education for adults, started up last fall in Partnership with Mers Goodwill. Last October Jadee talked to us about starting the school, now we'll hear about what has happened since then.

May 12 Dr. Ruth Wagner, Scientist and Team Leader at Bayer Crop Science- How do you do "it all"? Today's society promotes and rewards Instagram-worthy style and perfection in multiple areas of life: having a successful career, healthy family, and spotless and well-decorated homes. People make it look easy, right? Behind the scenes, however, women and men face setbacks and challenges when trying to be successful in the workplace and at home.

Throughout her career, Ruth has taken an active role in developing skills and careers of women and men around the world. Ruth is a foster mom, adoptive mom, and a biological mom! She will be joining us to discuss her personal, unconventional journey to parenthood while trying to find success as a female scientist in a male-dominated field. You might laugh and cry hearing her stories of trying to "do it all", and will hopefully walk away from this discussion with a better understanding of why it's ok to fail, and what you can do as an individual and member of society to support women (and men!) in your family, social circles and workplace.

May 19 Dr. Mark Ruff and Dr. Jesse Helton, SLU Professors of History and Social Work respectively, will revisit the subject of political division. Particularly, in the present political climate, What is Justice? Is anyone working towards it? Can it be achieved?

May 26 No Session, summer hiatus begins.

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!"

Thanks very much!



Wednesday

May 1

Support a welcoming space for college students to experience Christ's abundant, radical love.



Our 2019 ambitious goal is... \$6,000!

Here's how you can invest in young adult ministry:

1. Log on to www.givestlday.org
2. Click "Find A Nonprofit" and type our name or search by the "Religion" category.
3. Choose your amount.

For extra help, please try and donate between **9-10 a.m.** or **12-1 p.m.** There's a matching gift!

Not by a computer on May 1? No problem! You can pre-schedule your donation today!

VBS 2019 To Be Held at Emmanuel Episcopal May 29– May 31

This year's joint Vacation Bible School will be held May 29-31 from 9-12. The theme is "May I have your attention please." All children ages 3 (potty-trained) through 11 are invited to come to Vacation Bible School. There is no fee to attend. To register, go to christwg.org/vbs. If you have any questions, feel free to email Alena at alena@umlauter.com. **Please register by May 26th**

"Build a VBS Night" on May 15

"Build a VBS Night" will be held Wednesday, May 15, 7– 9 p.m. at Emmanuel Episcopal church. Everyone is welcome to come to Emmanuel Episcopal's dining hall to help VBS leaders prepare for various craft projects and decorations. Snacks and drinks will be provided.

PARKING CHANGE AT CLC MAY 3rd & 4th

Dear Christ Lutheran Church

Webster Groves High School will be putting on the Jim Schoemehl Run, benefiting ALS, on May 4th, 2019 at 7:30 AM. The street your church is on has been selected for part of the race course, and will be blocked starting at 5:00 AM on the day of the race. We have reserved the Webster Groves School District Central Office parking lot for your staff and visitors convenience from May 3rd at approximately 5:30 PM until after the race concludes on May 4th at approximately 11:30 AM. If you have any questions please contact Parker Bont at jims5krun@gmail.com with the subject "Parking Arrangements."

Sincerely,
Public Safety Committee

The Annual Adult Mission Trip to South Dakota is planned for June 1-8th. Registration needs to be turned in by May 1 with a \$50 deposit. The balance of \$200 is due by the trip. If anyone wants to go or wants more information, they can contact Keith Lissant at 314-962-1907.

Invitation to the Central States Synod Women of the ELCA Conference

You are invited to attend the 32nd annual convention of the Central States Synod Women of the ELCA, August 16-18, 2019, at the Holiday Inn, Wichita, Kansas. Navigation to the hotel is easy, located at the corner of Kellogg (Hwy 400) and Rock Road. There is a lot of parking, a variety of restaurants, and a mall close by.

The theme is "Wonderfully Made" from Psalm 139:14: I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; that I know very well. "Sanctuary" is the hymn.



ANNIVERSARIES AND BIRTHDAYS!

Congratulations and Best Wishes! Your Christ Lutheran family wants to celebrate you! Every month we honor anniversaries and birthdays with a special cake, party fun, and decorations after the service. This month we will celebrate on Sunday May 5, 2019.

LET'S CELEBRATE!

CELEBRATING MAY ANNIVERSARIES & BIRTHDAYS

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ANNIVERSARIES

05/04	Becca & Peter Jordan
05/07	Jessica & Dan Gunther
05/08	Harriet & Bill Scholle
05/22	Kim & Jack Joern
05/27	Sandra & Mike Hoyer

BIRTHDAYS

05/03	Anna McIntyre
05/05	Sarah Ringkor

05/05	Mark Smith
05/05	Robert Swanson
05/05	Claudia Trautmann
05/08	Mae Hoerchler
05/10	John Fortney
05/11	John Hoffmann
05/13	Carol Emery
05/13	Elsie Johnson
05/15	Matthew Ely
05/16	Beverly Thompson
05/17	Vic Saeger
05/18	Daniel Hopper
05/20	Jacob Swanson
05/23	Andrew Bennett
05/23	Harriet Scholle
05/24	Jessica Hopper
05/25	Gary Knubley
05/27	Kelley Truss
05/28	Lisl Clerk
05/31	Anna Deck

Workers Needed May 11th, 9-12

On May 11th we will finish cleaning out the rooms in the Mead Center that are soon to be rented out to L'Arche (the former Superintendent's Room, Youth Room and Confirmation Room). We are looking for help taking items to donate, responsibly disposing of paint and bringing items to Holy Redeemer for electronic recycling. If you are willing to help, let Melissa Allen or Alena Horn know in person or by email: melpallen@yahoo.com, alena@umlauter.com. If you have a truck, this would be greatly appreciated!

Finally, although we are doing our best to keep and relocate items important to the church in these three rooms and have been communicating with members in this regard, please let us know if there is anything you are aware of that you think we should keep. If you have knowledge about which paint is used in which rooms, this would also be helpful as we are trying to dispose of paint not in use.

Creation Care at Christ

If you are interested in improving Christ Lutheran's role as a steward of God's creation through education, building modifications, landscaping, etc., consider joining the 'Green Team.' Contact Alena at alena@umlauter.com if you want to join, or if you have any ideas or comments in this regard that you would like us to discuss.

MAY 2019 "WHO-DO" LIST

May 5	8:00 a.m.	10:30 a.m.
Key Person	Bill Griffith	Mike Hoyer
Assisting Minister		John Hoffmann
Acolyte	John Hoffmann	Luther Ciorba
Ushers		Brett Bussler/Roger Rose
Lector	Larry Hill	Mike Wagner
Presenters	Larry Hill/Linda Elkin	Gale Nunn/Sylvia Rogers
Altar Guild		Carolyn Lange/Janet Rook
Flower Team		Faith Moore/Nancy Lissant
Nursery		Lynnae Ruff
Counters		Dave Fey
Refreshments	Carolyn Lange/Ellen Mead/Flo Saeger/Brianna Schmidt	
May 12	8:00 a.m.	10:30 a.m.
Key Person	John Hoffmann	Joan O'Brien
Assisting Minister		Katie Ciorba
Acolyte	Shalom Yee	James Gilliland
Ushers		Jim Bennett/Mike Hoyer
Lector	Flo Saeger	Sandy Hoyer
Presenters	Vic & Flo Saeger	Bob & Joan O'Brien
Altar Guild		Matt & Sarah Bender
Flower Team		
Nursery		Lynnae Ruff
Counters		Sarah Keifer/Dave Austin
Refreshments	Carolyn Crowe/John Hoffmann/Sandy Hoyer	
May 19	8:00 a.m.	10:30 a.m.
Key Person	Vic Saeger	Matt Bender
Assisting Minister		Rachel Helton
Acolyte	Nesiah Yee	Hanna Lauer
Ushers		Jadee Lauer/Mike Wagner
Lector	Vic Saeger	Jerry Kuziel
Presenters	Jim & Sally Wachtman	Matt & Sarah Bender
Altar Guild		Kathy Kuziel/Angela Bratcher
Flower Team		
Nursery		Lynnae Ruff
Counters		Joan O'Brien
Refreshments	Erin Eftink/Sarah Kiefer/Janet Rook/Judy Wessler	
May 26		9:30 a.m.
Key Person		Keith Lissant
Assisting Minister		Kersten Horn
Acolyte		Micah Ruff
Ushers		Bob & Joan O'Brien
Lector		Brett Bussler
Presenters		Dan & Jessica Gunther
Altar Guild		Nancy & Keith Lissant
Flower Team		
Nursery		Lynnae Ruff
Counters		Susan DeBusk
Refreshments	Annika & Joe Bartek/Angela Bratcher/Harriet Scholle/Sally Wachtman	

CHRIST LUTHERAN RENOVATION SURVEY RESULTS

April 2019

Number of respondents: 42

1. Are you in favor of a major renovation project for our church?

- Yes – 38 (91%)
- No – 2 (5%)
- Unsure -1 (2%)
- No response- 1 (2%)

Comments:

- Not really – I am all for renovation that makes the church more accessible (like an elevator and wheelchair accessible bathroom) but I love the beauty of this church and I would hate to sacrifice that for a more contemporary design. I don't mean to be a negative Nancy, I just believe that the church has a traditional beauty with the stained glass and stone siding that I would hate to lose.
- No – our church is a beautiful example of Gothic architecture. We need to keep what we have in good condition.
- I am conflicted. The cost is so high, but the update would be good for our welcoming mission. We will improve our giving for the renovation but are not in a place financially to increase too substantially.
- Yes if we can accomplish it without going into too much debt.
- If the money is there, sure, I'd hate for us to squeeze ourselves to do it.
- Yes as long as we raise 70% beforehand and have 80% approval/support from the congregation.
- Do it NOW!
- Emphatically YES!

2. If yes, please rank (1 = most important, 6 = least important) the following renovation elements (average of all rankings listed below)

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| 2.2 | Elevator access to all levels (basement, parking lot, sanctuary and choir loft) |
| 2.5 | More inviting and expanded narthex (main church entry way) |
| 2.8 | New bathroom accessible to those with disabilities |
| 3.5 | Expanded choir loft |
| 5.0 | Playground |
| 5.2 | Refreshed landscaping in front of church |

Comments:

- Worried about insurance liability with the playground
- Bathroom – one bathroom could have a grab bar
- Accessible bathroom – those with disabilities are generally not sufficiently active enough at church that they spend enough time to use the facilities
- Landscaping – at this time of year, the magnolia trees are beautiful
- Playground – absolutely no. High school students would tend to destroy it through usage
- Elevator – It is now possible to take the elevator to everything but the choir loft
- Choir loft – for what reason?
- I prefer not ranking since all are important to me
- What about the HVAC? Or is this a given?
- All are important!

3. Would you like to participate in the renovation planning? If so, please provide an email address.

- Yes - 5
- No - 9
- No answer - 28

4. What suggestions would you have for Church Council and the Renovation Task force to keep the congregation informed?

- Weekly emails or bulletin updates (7)
- Monthly updates (18)
- Congregational announcements (6)
- Updates at Adult Forum (3)
- Small group meetings (2)

Comments:

- Be sure you communicate the survey results
- Determine the breakdown of cost for each additional aspect of the project (narthex, elevator options, bathroom options)
- Drawings
- Maybe it would be helpful to identify the top reasons we haven't started the renovation. Cost? Loss of a pastor? Other? Let's address the hold up and then move forward with or without the renovation. I'm worried we will have renovation burnout!

SAVE THESE DATES!

Choir practice will be held at 7:30 p.m. May 8 and 15th.

Sunday, May 5 - Cinco De Mayo celebration after 10:30 a.m. worship in the fellowship hall.

Saturday May 11— 9am-noon, Mead center clean up.

Wednesday, May 15 - 7:00 p.m. VBS night at Emmanuel Episcopal Church.

Tuesday, May 29-31— VBS at Emmanuel Episcopal from 9 to noon.

June 1-8th— Adult Mission trip to South Dakota.

Thursday, July 4—the Fourth of July parade— Watch the parade with others in the church front yard and stay for the BBQ also in the church yard as you are able. Watch for more details—we'll need volunteers to help set up, to be hosts for our visiting neighbors and more.



Breakfast with the INN Crowd

Friday, May 10th, 2019 8-10a.m.
Renaissance St. Louis Airport Hotel

To benefit Room at the Inn—helping break down barriers for homeless women and families.

For more information: roomstl.org/events
maryk@roomstl.org, 314-209-9181

GIVE-A-MEAL-A-MONTH

May, 2019

Canned turkey or chicken

Brown rice or plain instant mashed potatoes

Canned corn

No sugar applesauce in plastic container

Powdered milk or shelf-stable boxed milk or soy milk

Optional kid friendly food: Peanut Butter and fruit jelly, Macaroni & cheese, dried fruits.

Please fill a yellow shopping bag or two (available in the Fellowship Hall) with food items and return them to CLC. Any donation is appreciated. Diapers, wipes, and formula are always welcome. Thank you for remembering your neighbors.





May 2019

Sun**Mon****Tue****Wed****Thu****Fri****Sat**

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5 7:45a Childcare 8:00 and 10:30a Worship 9:15a SS at Mead, and Adult forum. 11:45a South of the Border Fiesta in Fellowship hall, BP Screen	6 12p Sr. Fellowship at Laclede Groves 6p Fitness Group	7 10a Bible Text Study – Conference Rm 10a Bible Study– Fellowship Hall	8 7:30p Choir prac- tice	9 6p Fitness Group	10	11 9a Mead Center clean-up
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WORSHIP SCHEDULE:
SUNDAY AT 8:00 A.M. AND
10:30 A.M.
CHILDCARE:
7:45 A.M. - NOON

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:
TUES/THUR 8:30-3:30.
WED/FRI 8:00-4:00

RESIDENT INTERIM PASTOR
PASTOR STEPHANIE
DOESCHOT OFFICE HOURS:
TUE-THUR 8:00-4:00, APPTS BY
ARRANGEMENT

COUNCIL PRESIDENT:
KEVIN DROLLINGER

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ADULT MINISTRIES AND
FAITH COMMUNITY NURSE:
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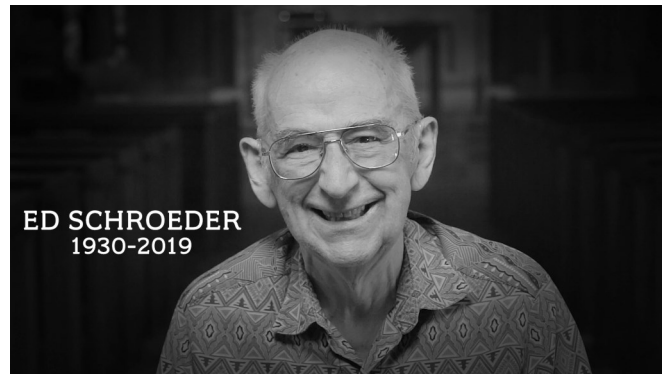
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A Thanksgiving for the Life and Ministry of Edward H. Schroeder Gospel Blazes In The Dark



Sponsored by the Crossings Community

Saturday, June 1, 2019
10:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. CDT
Christ Lutheran Church
1 Selma Ave. Webster Groves, MO 63119

Come and join us in the celebration of the life and ministry of the Crossings Community co-founder Ed Schroeder.

Ed touched the lives of many around the world. His passion for the Gospel and the mission of the Church along with his unparalleled ability as a teacher positively shaped the lives and ministries of many. We invite you to join us for this joyous celebration.

Christ Lutheran Church Mission Statement

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