

### PASTOR'S WORD



Over the last few weeks, I have had the joy of watching over Facebook as a colleague has been raising 5 tiny kittens whose mother disappeared, and has not been found. Weighing in at less than a pound when they were found, they needed help with absolutely everything. Left on their own, they would not have survived. As they have gained strength, their space has been expanded to include room to play, a designated litter box, and an increasing number of toys. They still wobble as they navigate their new surroundings, and return to the safety of their protected habitat to rest and re-group, guided by the nurturing hands and hearts of their caregivers.

"I will not leave you orphaned," Jesus told his disciples. In this time of uncertainty, this is so comforting to hear, as we may in some ways feel as helpless as those tiny kittens to know how to navigate this world that suddenly doesn't feel safe or familiar, with a virus that none of us understand. In the midst of change and anxiety and fear, Jesus promises that the Spirit of truth will be with us, that God will be present around and before and within us, bringing us together. Just as those tiny kittens have so much yet to learn about the world around them, for us, too, much is yet unknown as we feel our way forward as a community. But we can rest assured that we have not been abandoned. God is with us, and we are in this together!



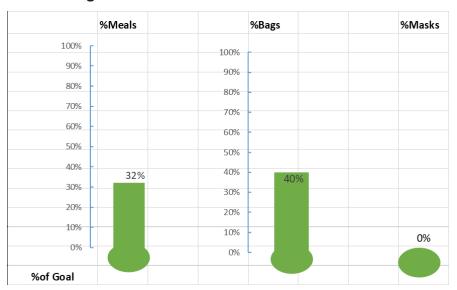
# Christian Outreach

# Christ Lutheran Church - Let's Make May our Best Month of Giving Yet!

In honor of Give StL Day on May 7<sup>th</sup> we would like to invite the congregation of CLC to participate in one (or more) of **three giving "challenges"** during the month of May. These are ways we can give back to our local community and unite together to help during this time. Each option has detailed information about how to give as well as the goal we hope to reach.

How to participate (if you are able to)? Please choose one or more of the options below. When you have made a donation or contribution, please e-mail Erin Eftink at <a href="mailto:erineftink@sbcglobal.net">erineftink@sbcglobal.net</a> or text her at (314)603-2947. The results will be tallied each week to see how we are progressing toward our goals. This will then be included in the weekly church e-mail, as well as the CLC Facebook Page. Thank you for your generosity!

#### **CLC Goal Progress**



#### 1. Meals for Meds

#### https://www.mealsformeds.info/

You can go to the website above and click on the button of the restaurant where you wish to make the donation. The restaurant then uses this donation to provide meals to health care workers on the front lines of the Coronavirus pandemic. There are two WG restaurants participating (Balkan Treat Box and Guerrilla Street Food) which also gives us a chance to support the local community.

\*\*\*\* CLC Goal = \$500 or approx. 50 meals for health workers

#### 2. Webster - Rock Hill Ministries

W-RH Ministries is looking for donations of toilet paper, personal hygiene items, hand soap, hand sanitizer, canned meat and vegetables, and dry food items. Donations can be delivered to Webster Groves Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) 1320 W. Lockwood, 63122. Donors are asked to remain in their cars while volunteers unload the donations. Donations are accepted at the following times: Tuesdays between 10:00 AM and 2:00 PM, Thursdays between 10:00 AM and 2:00 PM, and Fridays between 10:00 AM and 2:00 PM. Monetary donations can also be given in person at drop-off or also on their website.

\*\*\*\* CLC Goal = 50 boxes and/or bags of donated items delivered to WG Christian Church

### 3. Masks for the Rockwood Senior Living Community in Webster Groves

The Rockwood offers senior care for retired individuals, and is requesting cloth adult-size masks. Directions for sewing masks with elastic can be found in many places on-line including: https://www.deaconess.com/How-to-make-a-Face-Mask/

Please drop off finished masks at the Allen house, 408 Belleview Ave., Webster Groves (there will be a bin on the porch). There are some steps leading up to the porch so if it is easier, please contact Erin Eftink and the masks can be picked up directly from your house.

\*\*\*\* CLC Goal = 50 Masks (Please sew these masks by May 15<sup>th</sup> so we can get them to the

center as soon as possible. Thanks!)



# Fellowship at CLC

Bible

# Zoom Bible Study, Tuesday May 12<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 am "David was a man after God's own heart."

What does it mean to be someone "after God's own heart"? David, Old Testament shepherd, king and psalmist, offers an answer in the shape of his own life.

The Tuesday morning Bible study group is using a study guide by Charles R. Swindoll, "David: A Man of Passion & Destiny." We meet at 10 am via Zoom each Tuesday. The long-time participants in this group have each received a copy of the book, and if others would like to join us for this discussion, please let us know so that additional books can be ordered. All are welcome to join us!

#### Join Zoom Meeting

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

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#### Zoom Fellowship, Tuesday May 12, 2:00 pm

Join us to check in with your Christ Lutheran family, share what is happening in your lives, and pray together!

#### Join Zoom Meeting

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#### Thursday, May 14, 5:00pm—Zoom Fellowship

Join us to check in with your Christ Lutheran family, share what is happening in your lives, and pray together!

#### Join Zoom Meeting

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## Women's Zoom Group, Thursday May 14, 7:00 pm

#### Join Zoom Meeting

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### Youth Zoom Hangout, Sunday May 17, 12:30 pm

If you have been confirmed and are interested in connecting with other youth, join us for discussion every Sunday at 12:30 PM.

### Join Zoom Meeting

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# **WORSHIP**

## Sunday, May 17, 9:30 am — Zoom Worship

**Access Online Bulletin** 

Follow the Zoom link or call the number noted in the bulletin to join us!

OR

Join Zoom Meeting

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Sunday, May 17, 11:30 am — Zoom Sunday School

**Join Zoom Meeting** 

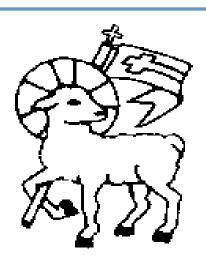
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## Ask Pastor, Ask Council!

Believe it or not, it has only been about three months since Pastor Meagan joined us at Christ Lutheran Church! Although it may feel much longer, so much has happened in that short time. What questions do you have for Pastor Meagan, as we continue to get to know one another and begin ministry? What questions do you have for your Council, as we navigate uncharted waters together? Join Pastor Meagan and Council President Kevin Drollinger for a time of question and answer this Sunday May 17, after worship, to get to know each other better and share dreams and hopes as we continue to be church together!





## **CLASS OF 2020**

Do you know a CLC member graduating from High School or College? Please send their name and school information to office@christwg.org and we will recognize their accomplishment during worship this month.



# Stewardship & Offerings

We've taken our worship all digital and are reaching out to people in different ways than we're traditionally accustomed. So many have already joined us in video conference worship, fellowship, Sunday School, and youth hangout. Staff and members are reaching out proactively to make sure everyone in our

congregation is cared for, and connected, as much as possible. We are re-imagining ministry! Now more than ever, it takes all of us to make that happen.

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 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.
- 4. Want to walk through the steps with someone? Contact Kate Hoerchler, 314-805-1751,katehoerchler@gmail.com

If you prefer to make your offering by check or cash, there are mailing envelopes included in your offering envelope package.

Joan O'Brien and Lynnae Ruff, Stewardship Chairs

# **CLC Suggestion Box**

Have an idea for how Christ Lutheran Church can make your experience better? Submit an anonymous note at <a href="http://freesuggestionbox.com/pub/stwuunh">http://freesuggestionbox.com/pub/stwuunh</a> and we will do our best to help! You may also contact Mike Wagner at <a href="mailto:clc.inreach@gmail.com">clc.inreach@gmail.com</a> or 937-416-2429.



# **ANNIVERSARIES AND BIRTHDAYS!**

## CELEBRATING MAY ANNIVERSARIES & BIRTHDAYS

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

#### **ANNIVERSARIES**

05/04	Becca & Peter Jordan
05/07	Jessica & Dan Gunther
05/08	Harriet & Bill Scholle
05/22	Kim & Jack Joern
05/26	Angela Bratcher
05/27	Sandra & Mike Hoyer
05/29	Jess & Rachel Helton

#### **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
05/16	Colleen Wagner
05/17	Vic Saeger
05/18	Daniel Hopper
05/20	Jacob Swanson
05/21	Betty Erickson
05/22	Frederick Lenhart
05/23	Andrew Bennett
05/23	Harriet Scholle
05/23	Violet McMullen
05/24	Jessica Gunther
05/24	Jessica Hopper
05/25	Gary Knubley
05/27	Kelley Truss
05/28	Lisl Clerk
05/31	Anna Deck

