



ONE IN CHRIST



WEEK OF JUNE 28 - July 5, 2020

PASTOR'S WORD



I stood last Sunday along Vandeventer, next to the Trans Memorial Garden, waiting for the Pride Care-a-Van to pass by. As we waited, I got to talking (from a safe social distance) with a couple who had driven down from Illinois to be there for the Care-a-Van. When they found out that I was a pastor, and that Christ Lutheran was going to be in the parade, they said, "that's so awesome!" Car after car passed by, and eventually, I got to wave and take pictures of the Mitchler's fabulously decorated car, representing Christ Lutheran as a place of welcome and acceptance for LGBTQIA people! As I got ready to leave, one of my new friends said, "Thank your congregation. It is so important, what you all are doing." I thought about her words as I wandered back through the Trans Memorial Garden, reflecting on how important those places of unconditional welcome and acceptance, and healing and grace, are, for all of us. Particularly for those marginalized in so many places. The sign at the garden carries a quote from Greek poet Dinos Christianopoulos—"They tried to bury us. They didn't know we were seeds." A profound reminder that in the face of pain and even death, new life will emerge. Transformation will happen. In our Gospel for Sunday, Jesus says, "come to me, all who are weary and carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest." God calls to us to continue to partner in the creative work of the Spirit, making space for God to bring new life. And when we are weary, turn to God, lay down the burden for a while, and rest, until we are ready to walk another day.





Room at the Inn during Covid-19 - Caring for our homeless neighbors

As most of us have been sheltering in place at home and finding new ways of living, Room at the Inn found a way to continue to serve their clients. When the volunteer night sites at various area churches became unavailable, the RATI day site became the night site too. Clients, in family units, are all in their own rooms and prepare their own meals each evening (meal items are purchased through donations).

Because most churches are not yet ready to host clients, there are a few ways that we can help:

If you are able to help in the evenings in the role of innkeeper at the Bridgeton shelter, there are special steps taken to ensure the safety of both clients and innkeepers: masks are required, minimal contact or no contact with clients, building is sanitized each night, roll out cots & bedding are provided and the time commitment is from 5PM to 7AM.

If you are able to volunteer during the daytime, please consider helping by answering the phone for a morning or afternoon. If you feel you could help, please contact Cindy Warren at 314 209-9181 or by email at cwarren@roomstl.org.

Monetary donations are also appreciated, as **Christ Lutheran is scheduled to "host" an evening on July 24, 2020. Donations may be sent to Room at the Inn, 3415 Bridgeland Drive, Bridgeton, MO 63044 (noting the donation is for July 24th weekend).**

Vic Saeger Memorial

A memorial service will be held for Vic Saeger, via Zoom, July 11 at 10 AM. Please keep Flo and the family in your prayers!



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 <http://freesuggestionbox.com/pub/stwuunh> and we will do our best to help! You



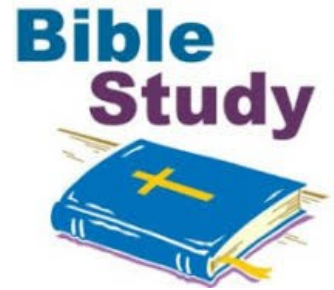
Fellowship at CLC

Zoom Bible Study, Tuesday June 30th, 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

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82643945421?pwd=V3dxdWY0YkZsRFptWkE2dDBCM3VLUT09>

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Call in From Any Phone: 312 626 6799

Meeting ID: 826 4394 5421

Password: 127284

Zoom Fellowship, Tuesday June 30th, 12:00 pm

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

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Thursday, July 2nd, 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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Call in From Any Phone: 312-626-6799

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Youth Zoom Hangout, Sunday at 12:30 PM

If you have been confirmed and are interested in connecting with other youth, join us for discussion the 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month at 12:30 PM. **Note: There will be no youth hangout July 5th**

Join Zoom Meeting

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Dial by your location

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Finding A Faithful Response to Racism in Our World

Join a small group from Christ Lutheran to explore the intersection of faith and race. We will meet every three weeks to discuss what we have read, and to encourage and hold one another accountable in our efforts to learn about and counter racism in ourselves and the world around us. We will begin by reading *Stand Your Ground* by Kelly Brown Douglas

Our first meeting will be Tuesday, July 7, at 8:00pm, via Zoom. We will discuss the 1st chapter of *Stand Your Ground*.

***Stand Your Ground* by Kelly Brown Douglas**

A mother with a teenage son, Kelly Brown Douglas feels the shooting of 17-year-old Trayvon Martin as an immediate family danger, an all-too-familiar story in the black community. In [*Stand Your Ground*](#), the theologian and Episcopal priest traces white exceptionalism in American history from the Massachusetts Bay Company to Manifest Destiny to the Stand Your Ground laws in Florida that protected the “watch captain” who shot Trayvon from criminal charges.

Consider purchasing the book from a local bookstore! Here is information about a few.

<https://www.riverfronttimes.com/stlouis/st-louis-best-bookstores-a-complete-guide/Content?oid=15037926>

WORSHIP

Sunday, July 5 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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Meeting ID: 278 217 453

Password: 971744



VIRTUAL VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Christ Lutheran Families,

Together with Emmanuel Episcopal, the first joint virtual VBS will be held this summer, **July 13-17, 10-10:30am**. Each day will consist of one 30 minute zoom session that will include a prayer, Bible reading, follow up questions, craft and song. (Meeting link and additional info to come!)

If you are interested in volunteering, sign up for a slot here:

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/13EtsOsbonMSuPn2COhOI4seR3pVOevfLaVvWO7pN4_Y/edit?usp=sharing

ANNIVERSARIES AND BIRTHDAYS!

CELEBRATING JULY ANNIVERSARIES & BIRTHDAYS

Congratulations and Best Wishes!

ANNIVERSARIES:

07/03 Erin & Dave Eftink, Jr.
 07/13 Luke & Karen Bruns
 07/21 Alena & Kersten Horn
 07/22 Matt & Katie Ciorba
 07/30 James & Leslie Bennett
 07/30 Jon & Chris Heerboth

BIRTHDAYS:

07/02 Edith Cooper
 07/03 Leslie Bennett
 07/04 Taimika Askew-Sunkara, Gregory McMullen
 07/06 Susan DeBusk
 07/12 Stephanie Lenhart, Mike Wagner
 07/13 Carolyn Crowe, Matthew Hoyer,
 Gwen Hickman
 07/14 Dane Stole
 07/16 Dianne Drollinger, Lauren Bennett
 07/17 Luke Dopuch
 07/18 Kim Joern
 07/21 Maggie Ringkor
 07/23 Jason Kuziel
 07/27 Megan Eftink, Kahlie McCarty
 07/28 Thomas Allen, Roger Rose
 07/29 Scott Glascock
 07/30 Sherry Mitchler, Rev. Kenneth Haugk
 07/31 August Bennett
 07/31 Matt Ciorba
 07/31 Steven McCarty



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



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**ZOOM WORSHIP SCHEDULE:
SUNDAY AT 9:30 A.M.**

**RESIDENT PASTOR: MEAGAN
MCLAUGHLIN OFFICE
HOURS: MON-THUR 8:30-4:30
APPTS BY
ARRANGEMENT**

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT:
KEVIN DROLLINGER**

**DIRECTOR OF SENIOR
ADULT MINISTRIES AND
FAITH COMMUNITY NURSE:
CAROLYN CROWE**

**DIRECTOR OF CHOIRS:
DIANE DROLLINGER**

**ORGANIST:
MARK RUFF**

**OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR:
LISETTE KREITLER**

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TAMMY PRYOR**

**CUSTODIAN:
KELLY LAKIES**

**WEBMASTER:
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.**