



ONE IN CHRIST

Week of September 21 - 27, 2020



PASTOR'S WORD

The Christ Lutheran group reading "Stand Your Ground" by Kelly Brown Douglas delved this week into Douglas' description of God as freedom. Douglas says that for those brought here from Africa to be enslaved, their understanding and experience of God as free, and their belief that God created people to be free, empowered them to resist the idea that they were meant to live in chains. Douglas describes the capacity of black people to claim freedom and wholeness in the face of chattel slavery and ongoing violence of racism as an un-shattered faith that comes from finding their identity as a people in a God of freedom (pgs 166-170). She identifies five core things that define identity in God.

Strength to persist in doing what is right, just, and kind

Thoughtfulness, commitment to supporting others in living into who God called them to be

Awareness of the life-giving force of God all around us, resisting anything that destroys life

Being true to ourselves, embracing our full humanity as children of God

Living into the truth of God's freedom

Do any of these things resonate with you? What does it mean to you to be a child of God?



People of Faith Seeking Change for Justice and Community in Webster Groves

Every Friday evening, people of faith from several neighboring churches are standing vigil for half an hour on Lockwood, all of us claiming that racism and white supremacy in our communities cannot continue. I plan to be there each week and hope you can join me.

This Friday, September 25, there will be a special event, a community discussion, starting at 5:30pm, on how regular people can step up and find their place in influencing further change. The topics that will be addressed are:

- **White Work- Speaker: Mimi Shipp, Emmanuel Episcopal Church.** Explain white privilege, and why it is important to enroll in a deeper understanding such as through rigorous continued education (reading/classes/seminars... and communication).
- **Our Schools- Speaker: Ezra Park, WGHS student.** Present WGSD efforts following Ivory Crockett Park event. Explain next actions people can take to improve WGSD .

Speaker: Webster University. Describe importance of the role of a Director of Diversity and Inclusion.

- **Civic Duty- Speaker: City Council member Pam Bliss.** Describe what the city is doing related to improving equity. Identify meetings to attend and provide supportive public comment (such as meetings with developers). Identify initiatives and other ways the city can be more inclusive through meetings and public comment that readily exist.
- **Voting- Speaker: TBD.** Importance of voting, and voting based on values. What needs to be done to 'Get Out the Vote' in the next two months in and beyond Webster Groves.
- **Activism- Speaker: TBD.** Discuss Black Power Blueprint (political/economic activism) and encouraging self-reliance in North St. Louis.

Speaker: Rev. Darryl Gray. Describe what specific actions have brought impact with Expect US. Relate Webster to wider issues across the Delmar Divide.

Facebook event: <https://www.facebook.com/events/2788520631432433>

After the discussion, approximately at 6:30 pm, attendees will find a place along Lockwood and silently kneel for 8 minutes and 46 seconds. Afterwards, people stand up and hold signs along the street for 20 minutes. CDC guidelines will be followed. Please wear a mask and practice social distancing.

I plan to be there, and hope you will join me!

Pastor Meagan



Stewardship & Offerings

We continue to worship and reach out to people in different ways than we're traditionally accustomed. 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



Voter Registration Day

With Covid-19 and so many changes to voting processes, we want to be sure everyone has the information they need to vote safely this November.

On September 22, Voter Registration Day, Christ Lutheran will host a parking lot voting registration station. The purpose is strictly to provide information about voting registration, and options for voting safely, in person or by mail. No partisan or issue-related information will be provided.

We need 1-2 volunteers to be at the table in the parking lot for 2-2.5 hours, to talk with people in their cars and get them the information they need. All information will be provided by MO Faith Voices. Any time of day works, for 2-2.5 hours. Please let Pastor Meagan know if you are interested!

Do You Have Your Voting Plan Ready?

If you are not already registered to vote, register! And, be talking to your friends and neighbors and colleagues about the need to vote! If you aren't sure how to vote safely this year, visit the Secretary of State Office website or call them to find out your options. More information to come!

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

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>

Our next meeting will be October 7 at 8:00pm, via Zoom.

Join Zoom meeting here:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86580403018?pwd=eTZpcU1xeWs4QmpPK1RYLzRyb09CUT09>

Dial by your location

+1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)

Meeting ID: 865 8040 3018

Passcode: 201806

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



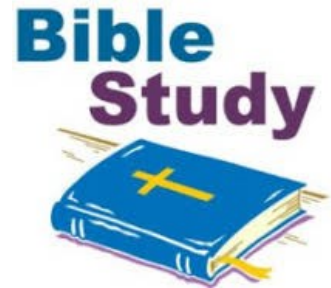
Fellowship at CLC

[Zoom Bible Study, Tuesday September 22nd, 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 September 22nd, 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, September 24th, 5:00pm—Zoom Fellowship](#)

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

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WORSHIP

Sunday, September 27, 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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ADULT FORUM

Our plan is for adult forums to happen twice a month and feature both members of the congregation and outside speakers. If you have ideas or suggestions contact Harriet Scholle. Email:

hscholle3@gmail.com.

Youth Zoom Hangout, Sunday October 4 at 3:30 PM

If you have been confirmed and are interested in connecting with other youth, join us for discussion during our normal time on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month at 3:30 PM.

Join Zoom Meeting

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/924665200?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/924665200?pwd=OWYvT0Z5MmdoVG84R3dDUmJXVXd5dz09)

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ANNIVERSARIES AND BIRTHDAYS!

CELEBRATING SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES & BIRTHDAYS

Congratulations and Best Wishes!

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
 09/16 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
 09/05 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 Hoerchler
 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.



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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

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 FAITH COMMUNITY NURSE:
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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.

LST Zoom Class

Lutheran School of Theology St Louis is pleased to offer a Zoom class on Themes in the Gospel of Mark, taught by Dr. Mark Allan Powell, Emeritus Professor of New Testament, Trinity Lutheran Seminary.

For the past few years, Lutheran School of Theology has offered a fall class in anticipation of the coming lectionary year beginning in Advent. Special care is taken to enlist scholars who are equipped to give an enlightening and well-researched overview of the key themes of the Gospel for the coming year for anyone who is ready to grow in understanding the uniqueness of the particular Gospel featured. The class is also valuable for preachers and teachers who will be challenged to see how the writer of the Gospel lifts up particular messages for the faith development of the church.

Year B begins on November 29, 2020, so in preparation this class will be conducted via Zoom on three consecutive Thursdays: *October 29, November 5 and November 12, 2020 from 9:00 – 11:00 am.*

Cost: \$50

To register there are two choices:

1) Register by Monday, October 26 here: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/themes-in-the-gospel-of-mark-tickets-118204429631>

2) Pay by check and send to: Lutheran School of Theology, 475 East Lockwood Avenue, St. Louis, MO 63119. Check and registration information (name, email address, mailing address, home church) must be received by October 26.

Contact Program Administrator Stephanie Doeschot at lststlinfo@gmail.com or 636.357.1987.