



ONE IN CHRIST

Week of October 12 - October 18, 2020



PASTOR'S WORD



October is, in many ways, about community, and this year there will be many opportunities for us to celebrate that, even as we continue to observe social distancing. We already took joy together in our animal companions, with the blessing of the animals! We'll be celebrating Sloane Bartek's baptism this Sunday. We will honor and reflect on our Lutheran identity, and lift up our Confirmands, on Reformation Sunday, October 25. And, November 1 we will remember those who have died, in our church family and beyond.

Central States Synod has invited all of us to reflect with them on the meaning of church and ministry, and perhaps coincidentally, this month the theme is Community! I invite you to take time to read and reflect on the scriptures and questions they have offered us below.

Thank you all for being part of this community!

Acts 2:43-47

43Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. 44All who believed were together and had all things in common; 45they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. 46Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, 47praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

1 Corinthians 12:14-26

14Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. 15If the foot would say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. 16And if the ear would say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. 17If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? 18But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. 19If all were a single member, where would the body be? 20As it is, there are many members, yet one body. 21The eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you," nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you." 22On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, 23and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; 24whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, 25that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. 26If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it.

Allow some silence to reflect on the text and then discuss the following questions:

1. In what ways has your congregation been a community for one another?
2. In what ways has the pandemic and focus on racial justice in our country changed how you view and live out being a community?
3. How might God be calling us into community in the future?

Close with the following prayer:

Draw your church together, O God, into one great company of disciples, together following our teacher Jesus Christ into every walk of life, together serving in Christ's mission to the world, and together witnessing to your love wherever you will send us; for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

All Soul's Day Columbarium Memorial

Mark your calendars and join us to light candles and spend time in prayer in our Columbarium for all those who have died. Sunday, November 1, 11:00am - 1:00pm, in the Columbarium



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

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 28, 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

Church Directory

A new directory will be printed in October, if you have any updates to make – address, phone numbers, picture etc. please contact Lisette at the Church office 314.962.6011 or office@christwg.org by October 16th. Also, if you would prefer a printed copy, rather than using the digital online directory, please let us know.

CLC's First Trunk or Treat!

When: Friday, October 30 at 6:30 pm

Where: Christ Lutheran and Mead Center parking lots

Trick or treating will begin at 6:30. Arrive as early as 6:00 if you would like to decorate your car.

COVID restrictions:

- Masks are required
- All food/candy must be pre-packaged
- No eating unless in the comfort of your own car
- Every other parking spot will be marked with chalk to ensure proper distancing

Bring non-perishable food donations for Webster Rock Hill Ministries! Erin Eftink will be collecting donations.

If you have any questions or concerns, reach out to Becca at 314-580-0277 or beccajedwards@gmail.com



Virtual GAME NIGHT

Zoom Virtual Game Night

The second weekend of each month will be Zoom game night for the adults of CLC! The final two game nights of 2020 are listed below:

- Friday, November 13 at 7:30 pm
- Saturday, December 12 at 7:30 pm

We will play a different game each month. A few game ideas include: trivia, Jackbox, cards, etc. More details to come!

If you have any game suggestions, send them to Becca at 314-580-0277 or beccajedwards@gmail.com.

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



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

Friday evening September 25, several Christ Lutheran members were present at the community gathering of churches to hear speakers from the Webster community share about work for racial justice that is happening in Webster, the challenges that remain, and ways we can each be involved. Below are some of the ideas presented. The weekly Friday evening vigils on Lockwood, in front of the Lockwood churches, will continue at 6:00pm—please join us when you can!

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

CDC guidelines will be followed. Please wear a mask and practice social distancing.

Share online with this hashtag once you complete an action! #VigilsToAction	Commit to the following actions for a more equitable community.		For details on these action steps and more, email the subject line #VigilsToAction to: hello@allianceforinterracialdignity.org
	White Work	<input type="checkbox"/> Join local Witness Whiteness study group (16 slots available!) <input type="checkbox"/> Read Walter Johnson's <i>The Broken Heart of America</i> to understand St. Louis' system of racial capitalism <input type="checkbox"/> Contribute to Faith and For the Sake of All to mobilize faith communities, close racial disparities in health/life outcomes <input type="checkbox"/> Spend money at black-owned businesses (Find nearby using fortheculturestl.com)	
Share online with this hashtag once you complete an action! #VigilsToAction	Our Schools	<input type="checkbox"/> Ask your teachers/schools to teach local black history <input type="checkbox"/> Attend Webster University's "Webster Speaks" series on race, equity, & inclusion <input type="checkbox"/> Hold WGSD accountable for racial and educational equity in its policy and practices	
	Civic Duty	<input type="checkbox"/> Show up for racial equity at local meetings: City Council, School Board, civic groups—wherever you can! <input type="checkbox"/> Join an Alliance for Interracial Dignity (AID) Action Team <input type="checkbox"/> Call/demand Missouri Congressional Delegation support and pass the George Floyd Justice in Policing Act (2020)	
Share online with this hashtag once you complete an action! #VigilsToAction	Voting	<input type="checkbox"/> Sign up to be a poll worker: powerthepolls.org <input type="checkbox"/> Register voters using power2thepolls.org or MapThe.Vote <input type="checkbox"/> Know your options for voting and make a plan: stlvpc.org (select Know your Options); Vote Safer Early <input type="checkbox"/> Vote NO on Missouri Const. Am. 3 (preserve fair districting) <input type="checkbox"/> Volunteer for Election Protection: protectthevote.net	
	Activism	<input type="checkbox"/> Follow 'Expect US' (facebook.com/FrontLineA1) and participate in their St. Louis area actions <input type="checkbox"/> Attend local BLM vigils: Fridays along Lockwood, Wednesdays at Laclede Station/Murdoch	

Make a Difference Day

Every year in late October Webster Groves and Shrewsbury work together to organize "Make a Difference Day." This is a day to reach out and support neighbors, businesses, community workers, etc. with a day of good deeds. This year's designated day is Sat., October 24th, and you can find more information about the event at <https://www.webstergroves.org/DocumentCenter/View/3375/Make-a-Difference-Day-Application-and-List?bidId=>

Spread
Kindness

In recognition of this day, we are challenging members of Christ Lutheran Church to think of ways (big or small) that they can help the local community with acts of kindness. Some ideas/suggestions include:

- Sending a thank you note to a current or former teacher
- Helping a neighbor rake their lawn
- Paying for the order of the person behind you in the drive-thru line
- Donating items to local non-profits such as Nurses for Newborns or Webster - Rock Hill Ministries (see link above for a list of local organizations that take donations).
- Picking up trash on your neighborhood street
- Sending a delivery of diapers to a neighbors family who just had a baby

There are so many creative ways to make a difference, so please don't be limited by the above list! If you are able to participate please post a photo and summary of your act of kindness on our CLC Facebook page, or e-mail Erin Eftink at erineftink@sbcglobal.net. From this we can compile a list of all our good deeds to share in a future e-mail and on our Facebook page. Thank you!

ADULT FORUM

At adult forum we will begin a series of programs on Health and Wellbeing in the time of COVID-19. Carolyn Crowe, our Faith Community Nurse, will tell us about her work amongst us and in the larger community on our behalf. She will be joined by Dianne Deck, who has worked as a nurse in a COVID unit and by Jesse Helton, Professor of Social Work at Saint Louis University. Jesse will describe how children are effected by the changes COVID prevention measures have brought to their lives.



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.

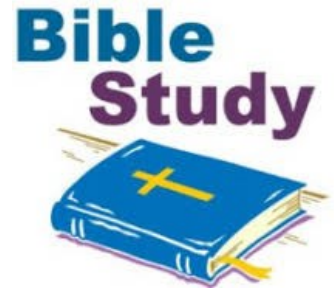
Fellowship at CLC

Zoom Bible Study, Tuesday October 13th, 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

Meeting ID: 826 4394 5421

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Zoom Fellowship, Tuesday October 13th, 12:00 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, October 15th, 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

Meeting ID: 181 613 273

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WORSHIP

Sunday, October 18, 9:30 am — Zoom Worship

Join us as we celebrate with the Bartek family and honor Sloane's baptism!

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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Youth Zoom Hangout, Sunday October 18 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 OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES & BIRTHDAYS

Congratulations and Best Wishes!

ANNIVERSARIES:

10/01 Jim & Sally Wachtman
 10/4 Ted Christner & Claudia Trautmann
 10/11 Kelley & Tim Truss
 10/15 Philip & Kate Hoerchler
 10/17 Matt & Sarah Bender
 10/27 Tom & Megan Holmes
 10/27 Dianne Deck & Thomas Palazzolo
 10/28 Martin & Melissa Allen
 10/29 Steve & Sherry Mitchler

BIRTHDAYS:

10/01 Annika Bartek
 10/03 Ted Christner
 10/06 Ayanna Askew-Sunkara
 10/08 Cletus Romy
 10/09 James Bennett
 10/09 Maleyah Hassler
 10/10 Leah Eftink
 10/11 Linda Armstrong
 10/11 Isabella Blasser
 10/14 Sybil Meadows
 10/17 Robert O'Brien
 10/17 Karen Wood
 10/17 Shalom Yee
 10/18 Mark Lewis
 10/23 Tim Truss
 10/23 Henry Hoyer
 10/25 Jim Wachtman
 10/29 Jadee Lauer
 10/30 Peter Jordan
 10/30 John Uy
 10/31 Kelly Lakies



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



Arts & Faith St. Louis Interfaith Concert "Songs of Compassion"

Sunday, October 25, 2020 at 4 pm Live-streamed on HEC-TV from The Sheldon Concert Hall. View on Cable, Website or Facebook

Our tenth annual Arts & Faith St. Louis event, "Songs of Compassion" on October 25th, will be livestreamed at 4 PM on HEC-TV from The Sheldon Concert Hall without an audience to assure the safety of our artists and audience. The program will feature powerful music sung by soloists from diverse faith communities—including Christian, Hindu, Jewish, Muslim and Sikh, The Sheldon's City of Music All-Star Chorus, renowned soprano Christine Brewer and dynamic jazz vocalist Anita Jackson. As a special feature, we will pay tribute to the many dedicated doctors, nurses and healthcare workers who are doing their works of compassion during the pandemic, through a new song by Paul Reuter entitled "Thank You" sung by Christine Brewer. During the song we will show moving photographs of healthcare workers, including Christine's own daughter Elisabeth who is a nurse. Throughout the program we will also show images of works of compassion performed by faith communities represented in the concert. Access to the live-steamed concert on HEC-TV will be on cable in St. Louis City and County on Charter/Spectrum channel 989 or channel 108.26 or 118.26 for those with digital TVs, and on AT&T UVerse. It can be also viewed live on the HEC-TV website – www.hecmedia.org and on Facebook. Arts & Faith St. Louis began in 2011 on the 10th anniversary of 9/11 and continues to bring together the faith and arts communities by using the unique power of the arts to create shared experiences and inspire thoughtful discussion among diverse audiences. For more information go to: www.artsfaithstl.org or call 314.533.9900.

ROOM AT THE INN

Shelter with a Purpose, Clients with a Future

Announcing New Referral Procedure

Room at the Inn has a new referral process. **If you know of a family with children or a single woman needing shelter (we do not take single men), please call me (Cindy Warren) at 314-209-9181.** Room requires all new referrals have a recent Covid 19 test with a negative result before entering the program. We will continue to receive referrals through the housing helpline, but this new process may help us reach more people in need. Do not hesitate to call if you discover a need.

Thank You

There are so many ways our volunteers are showing their support to Room. In just this week, Room has received a large donation of items from our wish list, donations of new household items for clients receiving housing, an offer to barbeque for our clients and a group of volunteers from SLU, gifts prepared especially to meet a need or want our clients may have, and kind encouraging words. It is a joy to see so many reaching out to help as we minister to those in need.

October Schedule

We are continuing to shelter in place for the month of October. Please consider giving a donation of \$150 to help offset the cost of food and innkeepers for your night of service. We have had great success with this model. Room is blessed by your generosity and donations.

Remember to check out our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/RoomSTL/>

If you are interested in volunteering at our day site or making a donation of any kind, please send me an email or give me a call. Currently, we have an opening for Friday afternoons (noon to 4pm) answering the phones.

Grateful,
Cindy Warren
Volunteer Coordinator, cwarren@Roomstl.org



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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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ADULT MINISTRIES AND
FAITH COMMUNITY NURSE:
CAROLYN CROWE

DIRECTOR OF CHOIRS:
DIANE DROLLINGER

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MARK RUFF

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Christ Lutheran Church Mission Statement

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