



ONE IN CHRIST

Week of October 26 - November 1, 2020

PASTOR'S WORD



Cooler weather. Colorful leaves. Early sunset, soon to become earlier as the clocks fall back on Saturday evening this week. Pumpkins, witches, gravestones, and skeletons in people's lawns. If we are looking for signs of what's to come, we seem to have them—fall is here, with so many of the things we expect and are waiting for at this time of year.

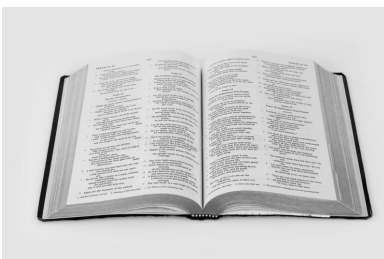
There are also many signs that it is not a "normal" year, and much remains unknown. Many of us are navigating hard decisions about how—or if—to gather with family for Thanksgiving and Christmas, as Covid cases rise again across the country. The upcoming election requires us to take action, to cast our votes and let our voices be heard, and then to be patient and wait for much longer than will feel comfortable to find out what the results of the election will be. With the coming of winter this year, we are all keenly aware that our opportunities to gather will be curtailed, as the weather brings us all indoors.

The Covid Team met last week, and wrestled with the unknowns we are facing. We all long so deeply to return to what is familiar, to open the buildings and gather physically in community. And we listen to the wisdom of the scientists, researchers, and health departments, and we know that we need to continue to care for one another by keeping physical distance, wearing our masks, and avoiding indoor gatherings.

As human beings, we long for what is familiar, and as Lutherans, we are called to wrestle with and live in the simul/et, both/and of life. Your Covid Team is committed to following the signs, navigating the information we have as best we can, committed to moving toward the time when we can gather again in person. And in the meantime, as you can see from all the events in the newsletter below, your Council and other leaders are committed to finding new and different ways to be community, to be church.

We hope you can join us for the opportunities we have coming up to be together, in different ways. And, if there is something that you can think of that we can do to be in community together through the winter months, please let us know!

The signs are clear: fall is here. Our world is changing. But one thing is for sure. God is with us in all seasons and times, and that will never change.



In an effort to make at home worship easier for those who prefer a hardcopy, please contact the office if you would like to have the ELW hymnal delivered to you, or a weekly bulletin mailed out.

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 - 12:00pm, in the Columbarium. Please send the names of those who have passed and you would like to be honored during the service to office@christwg.org.



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

Volunteer needed to help with remote worship services

We need someone to join the rotation, every 3 weeks, to help with Sunday zoom services. Some proficiency with Zoom required. Please reach out to Pastor Meagan or Mike Wagner if interested.

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



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





Praising God with Flowers

Since Pr. Meagan is presiding over Sunday services from the sanctuary now, we will resume decorating the altar. The following chart is a schedule of the remaining Sunday services for 2020, and we would like to encourage members to donate flowers and sign up for a Sunday. Please select an available date listed below and return the provided form to the office or email Lisette with your selection and date. You can specify a reason for the contribution if you wish.

Altar Flower Chart November through December 2020

Date	Name	Small (\$25)/Large (\$40) Arrangement
November 1, 2020	Nancy Lissant	
November 8, 2020		
November 15, 2020		
November 22, 2020	C. Lange	
November 29, 2020		
December 6, 2020		
December 13, 2020		
December 20, 2020		
December 27, 2020	Nancy Lissant	2 arrangements

ALTAR FLOWER SIGN-UP FORM

Name _____

Date donating flowers: _____

Reason (How it will appear in bulletin):

Please attach a check for \$25 for a small arrangement or \$40 for a large arrangement, made payable to Christ Lutheran Church with "Flower Fund" in the memo. Payments should be mailed to the church office.

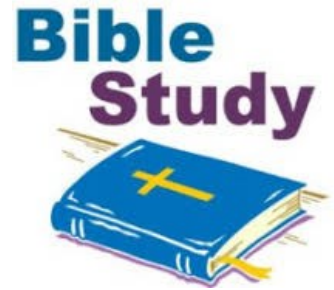
Fellowship at CLC

Zoom Bible Study, Tuesday October 27th, 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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+13126266799,,82643945421#,1#,127284# US (Chicago)

Call in From Any Phone: 312 626 6799

Meeting ID: 826 4394 5421

Password: 127284

Zoom Fellowship, Tuesday October 27th, 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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Password: 123456

Thursday, October 29th, 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

Password: 123456

WORSHIP

Sunday, November 1, 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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Call in From Any Phone: 312-626-6799

Meeting ID: 278 217 453

Password: 971744



Youth Zoom Hangout, Sunday November 1 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=OWYyT0Z5MmdoVG84R3dDUmJXVXd5dz09)

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ANNIVERSARIES AND BIRTHDAYS!

CELEBRATING NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES & BIRTHDAYS

Congratulations and Best Wishes!

ANNIVERSARIES:

11/09 Gregory & Caitlin McMullen
11/15 Mike & Colleen Wagner
11/16 Robert & Sherri Swanson
11/30 Rev. Meagan & Karen McLaughlin

BIRTHDAYS:

11/03 Dianne Deck
11/03 Ellen Mead
11/05 Thelda Bertram
11/05 Josh Bruns
11/09 Alena Horn
11/10 Katherine Uy
11/12 Brenda Asen
11/12 Donna Munger



11/13 Alicia Lewis
11/14 Kirsten Glascock
11/16 Jack Joern
11/17 Graham Hoerchler
11/17 Brent Wood
11/18 Ruthie Helton
11/19 Helen Hedderig
11/20 Karen Bruns
11/20 John Joern
11/20 Robert Rivas
11/22 Gale Nunn
11/24 Tess Rogers
11/25 Matthew Lindquist
11/25 Melba Thomsen
11/25 Perry Yee
11/27 Tore Stole

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

ADULT FORUM

At the adult forum on Sunday, we began our series of programs on Health and Wellbeing in the time of COVID-19. CLC member, Dr. Philip Mudd answered questions about COVID-19, the Corona virus, and the pandemic in general. Dr. Mudd is an instructor of Emergency Medicine at Washington University Medical School. His recent research has involved viral immunology.

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.



DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME

Don't forget to move your clocks back an hour Saturday night, October 31st.

Thank you to all of those who had a chance to participate in the annual Webster Groves/Shrewsbury "Make a Difference Day." We had multiple members choose to adopt a family through Webster Groves-Rock Hill Ministries, make donations to charity organizations such as the Animal Protective Association and Annie's Hope, and do small acts of kindness like paying for the next order in the drive-thru line. What a great way to get a head start on the holiday giving season!



Congratulations Paul and Stephanie Lenhart, on the arrival of Mae Doris Lenhart born October 15, 2020. Mom and baby are doing well.



Lutheran School of Theology

An Educational Ministry of Metro St. Louis Congregations – ELCA

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.

WEBSTER ROCK HILL

M I N I S T R I E S

Dear WRHM Adopt-A-Family Donor,

Even a global pandemic cannot stop the joy of celebrating the holidays with family. In past years, you have helped us make Thanksgiving and Christmas special for our client families. We hope you will do so again this year. It has never been more important.

Recognizing the real health and safety challenges presented by coronavirus, we are making a few changes to our holiday programs. This year, both the Thanksgiving Basket meal program and the Adopt-A-Family Christmas program will include only gift cards. While we know that this makes the program less personal, it ensures the health and safety of our clients, volunteers and donors. We hope you will understand and help us make this year's program as festive as possible under these constraints.

You will find a registration form for both the Thanksgiving and Christmas programs enclosed. You may participate in one or both programs. **Please return the registration form by Friday, November 13th.** You may mail them to 111 East Waymire, Webster Groves, MO 63119 or scan and email them to wrhm@wrhm.org.

If you are sponsoring a family at **Thanksgiving**, please be sure we have the meal gift card to our offices **by Friday, November 13th**. You will not be assigned a specific family in advance for Thanksgiving. Instead, we will match your preferred family size with a client family once your donation has been received.

For the **Christmas** program, we will match you with the appropriate family once we receive your donor registration form. You will be notified of your match via an email from wrhm@wrhm.org. **Please plan to have all gift cards for your adopted family to WRHM by Friday, December 4th at noon.** You may bring your items to us during office hours (Tuesday to Friday 9:00 am until 12:00 pm) or drop an envelope containing the meal gift card and gift cards for children's presents in our mail slot. Please be sure that the envelope is clearly marked with your name and the client family's name. We encourage you to enclose the gift cards for individual gifts in Christmas cards labeled with the recipients' name on the envelope.

If you would prefer to make a financial donation to support our Adopt-A-Family holiday programs, you may do so by visiting <http://wrhm.org/help-us/>. In the special instructions box, please indicate "holiday programs".

Thank you for your support of our community and your assistance in providing a joyful holiday season for our families.

Webster-Rock Hill Ministries



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 WWW.CHRISTWG.ORG

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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 TAMMY PRYOR

CUSTODIAN:
 KELLY LAKIES

WEBMASTER:
 PERRY YEE

Fall and Winter In Community

As the weather turns and opportunities for outdoor gatherings are reduced, we want to invite us all to be creative about how we can stay connected and continue to be in community through the winter months. If you would like to be matched with another household or two to be in intentional connection, if you have ideas for online activities, if you have ideas for outdoor winter activities, or any other thoughts about how we can stay connected, let Pastor Meagan or Council know!

Christ Lutheran Church Mission Statement

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