



ONE IN CHRIST

Week of October 5 - October 11, 2020

PASTOR'S WORD



“Do not worry about anything,” Paul writes in his letter to the Philippians. Sounds good, right? And, when I think about what is actually helpful when I am feeling worried about something, one of the last things on the list is for someone to tell me not to worry! And yet, I heard those famous words “Don’t worry!!” come out of my own mouth just this week when I was talking to a family member who was worried about something. So easy to say—“Don’t worry!”—much harder to do.

Reading a little further in Paul’s letter, we get more help with this elusive ideal. Paul tells the Philippians, in everything, by prayer, make your requests known to God. Ask for what you need, trusting that God will provide, even if it’s not what you expected. And in the middle of that, there are two little words . . . “with Thanksgiving.” One of the greatest suggestions I have gotten from mentors and friends is to focus on gratitude. I have found it miraculous, sometimes, how much my perspective can be shifted if I focus on what I do have, and where my help is coming from, rather than on what I don’t have. And Paul tells his readers here that by making this shift, a peace that surpasses understanding—a peace that may not make any sense, if you look at what is happening around you—will guard your hearts and minds in Christ. Just reading this passage, makes me take a deep breath, and I feel my shoulders drop and my mind quiet!

We’re not quite to November yet, but, there certainly seems to be plenty to worry about. We are called to action, absolutely, about many of these things, but not in this moment. In this moment, let’s take a deep breath and heed Paul’s voice. What are you worrying about today? What do you ask God for, right now? And most importantly, what are you grateful for? Take another deep breath, and let the peace of God settle on you and in you, guarding your heart and mind before you put your hand back to the plow.



Church Directory

A new directory will be printed in two weeks, 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.



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 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

ADULT FORUM

The Adult Forum for September was a look at racial justice as seen by members of the Christ Lutheran Community. Katie Ciorba led us as we discussed racial issues—what troubles us and what are the paths forward. We talked about dealing with our own racist attitudes, confronting racism in the community and how, as in the case of Breonna Taylor, a court decision can be lawful but yet unjust.

The members who have been discussing, *Stand Your Ground* by Kelly Brown Douglas shared the African American understanding of the Exodus story that emphasizes God leading people to freedom as opposed to the more familiar interpretation of God's chosen people.

Kate Dopuch and Mark Ruff shared resources they have found helpful.

From Kate:

<https://brenebrown.com/podcast/brene-with-austin-channing-brown-on-im-still-here-black-dignity-in-a-world-made-for-whiteness/>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?reload=9&v=dbKZISwAS3M> American Son

<https://womensvoicesraised.org/>

Unraveling Whiteness

From Mark:

Here is some of Wilentz

<https://www.theatlantic.com/ideas/archive/2020/01/1619-project-new-york-times-wilentz/605152/>

<https://www.nytimes.com/2019/12/20/magazine/we-respond-to-the-historians-who-critiqued-the-1619-project.html>

Here is the link to Katie's presentation:

<https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1eoA2q1s4ZAO16zPumpNere3OhxAdYjVs4W0rzhYsLUc/edit?usp=sharing>

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.



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.

#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)
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)
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

#VigilsToAction

Share online with this hashtag once you complete an action!

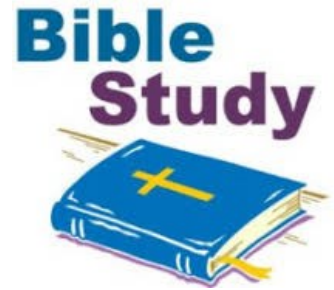
Fellowship at CLC

Zoom Bible Study, Tuesday October 6th, 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

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Zoom Fellowship, Tuesday October 6th, 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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<https://zoom.us/j/614165078?pwd=SDE3czRWbFZaZHMtYkZJnOTNlSFRTZz09>

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Thursday, October 8th, 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, October 11, 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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Call in From Any Phone: 312-626-6799

Meeting ID: 278 217 453

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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=OWYyT0Z5MmdoVG84R3dDUmJXVXd5dz09)

[pwd=OWYyT0Z5MmdoVG84R3dDUmJXVXd5dz09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/924665200?pwd=OWYyT0Z5MmdoVG84R3dDUmJXVXd5dz09)

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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.



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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

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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.