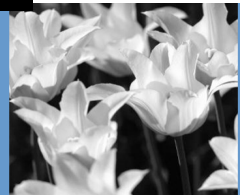




ONE IN CHRIST

Week of November 30 - December 6, 2020

PASTOR'S WORD



Each Advent Wednesday, we will gather for Holden Prayer, and my favorite part of that prayer is the Magnificat. Mary has been told she is going to give birth to the son of God, and her first reaction is to go see her cousin, Elizabeth, who is also unexpectedly pregnant. When she arrives, Elizabeth greets her, and Mary responds with this song:

"My soul magnifies the Lord, 47 and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, 48 for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; 49 for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name. 50 His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. 51 He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts. 52 He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly; 53 he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty. 54 He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, 55 according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants forever."

The thing I love about this is that clearly, Mary is not living in a world where God's work is complete. After all, if she did, why would Christ need to come at all? Mary knows the brokenness of her world, and yet, she claims the goodness and power of God, in that moment. He **has shown** strength with his arm. He **has brought down** the powerful. He **has filled** the hungry with good things.

Clearly, we too live in a broken world, and know grief, anxiety, and fear, as a people, and in our individual lives. And we, like Mary, are invited to claim the goodness and power of God, in our time and place. We see the need for God's healing, redemption, and mercy, in our families, our neighborhoods, our country, and the world. And we claim God's presence not only in the future, but right here, and now!

This Advent, we are sharing stories of Advent and Christmas, and as part of that, share your own Magnificat. What grief, anxiety, and fear are you holding in this season? What healing, justice, and redemption do you claim for our world and your lives from our faithful God? Share your personal Magnificat with Pastor Meagan!





Everyone is invited to visit the outdoor nativity in the church yard, if you wish, throughout Advent. Prayers and readings will be available and you can follow Mary and Joseph's journey to Bethlehem.

You are invited to join us for online Zoom services. Please be sure Lisette, our Administrator (at office@christwg.org) has your correct e-mail address to receive our Zoom invitations, and if you have technical questions please contact Mike Wagner at 937-416-2429 or clc.inreach@gmail.com.

Wednesday, December 2, 7:00 pm Advent Worship, Holden Evening Prayer. **Join Zoom Meeting**
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86821816784?pwd=NEdXdnRlSlId2QmVLSEFxcVptelhzdz09>
Meeting ID: 868 2181 6784 **Passcode:** 701073

Saturday, December 5, 10:00 am Women's Zoom Advent Brunch. **Join Zoom Meeting:**
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89544213306?pwd=akVPSDRjOUQydEJPWnZsTFZJWjhOQT09>
Meeting ID: 895 4421 3306 **Passcode:** 280499

Sunday, December 6, Second Sunday of Advent - 9:30 am Worship.

Wednesday, December 9, 7:00 pm Advent Worship, Holden Evening Prayer. **Join Zoom Meeting:**
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Meeting ID: 868 2181 6784 **Passcode:** 701073

Sunday, December 13, Third Sunday of Advent- 9:30 am Worship, and the Children's Christmas Pageant.

Wednesday, December 16, 7:00 pm Advent Worship, Holden Evening Prayer. **Join Zoom Meeting:**
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86821816784?pwd=NEdXdnRlSlId2QmVLSEFxcVptelhzdz09>
Meeting ID: 868 2181 6784 **Passcode:** 701073

Sunday, December 20, Fourth Sunday of Advent - 9:30 am Worship.

Wednesday, December 23, 7:00 pm Advent Worship, Holden Evening Prayer. **Join Zoom Meeting:**
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86821816784?pwd=NEdXdnRlSlId2QmVLSEFxcVptelhzdz09>
Meeting ID: 868 2181 6784 **Passcode:** 701073

Thursday, December 24, 4:30 pm Christmas Eve Service, **Join Zoom Meeting:**
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Friday, December 25, Merry Christmas! No Services.

Sunday, December 27, First Sunday of Christmas- Worship at 9:30 am.

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

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, Becca Jordan or Mike Wagner if interested.

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 December 1st, 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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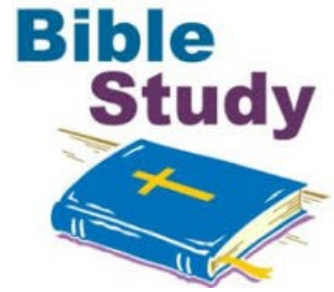
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Call in From Any Phone: 312 626 6799

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WORSHIP

Sunday, December 6, 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

Password: 971744



Women's Advent Brunch

Saturday, December 5 at 10:00 am

We are going virtual! There won't be any delicious food to eat or dishes to wash, but we will still have readings, prayers, songs, and a guest speaker to be enjoyed in the comfort of your own home.

There will be no cost but donations will be collected for Saint Louis Crisis Nursery via CLC PayPal, check, and in-person collection. Donations can include any of the following: snacks (individually wrapped packaged crackers, cookies, etc.), canned fruit or individually packaged applesauce, LEGOs, Gel dishwasher detergent, large black trash bags, toilet paper, tissue, paper towels and Clorox wipes.

More details to come!



Stephen Ministers Meeting

The next meeting will take place on Zoom, December 3, 2020 at 10am.



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CLC Congregation! Two new updates about our Holiday giving program 🌲 🌲 🌲



1) Thank you so much to those of you who bought gift cards already for our Adopt-A-Family through Webster-Rock Hill Ministries. At this time **all the Sign-up Genius slots are filled and no more donations are needed.** The mother and her four children will all receive multiple gift cards from Target, Wal-mart, Old Navy, and Kohl's. In addition we purchased gift cards from Schnucks for them to use towards a holiday meal. We wish them a very Merry Christmas!

2) **We ARE still in need of people to purchase wallet lanyards for the ladies of the Mary Ryder house.** Currently we are **in need of 26 more wallets** to make sure that each lady receives a gift to open on Christmas day. Please see the information below for how to help, and thank you for your generosity!

Last year CLC bought lanyard wallets for the ladies of Mary Ryder House, which is a residential care facility for women in the St. Louis area. They loved and used our gifts so much that they did not last as long as we hoped! We would be so happy to give the 57 ladies a brand new wallet to open on Christmas day. Because of COVID, the easiest way to do this is to attach links to Amazon where the lanyard wallets can be found and purchased (wallets are about \$10-15 apiece, so if you are able to buy a couple, that would be great!). Please wrap your wallets (if doing option "b"). **Deadline has been extended to Wednesday, December 9th.** Thank you and the Amazon links and steps are below!

1. GOX Cell Phone Bag, Travel Neck Wallet With RFID Blocking, Travel Document Holder (multiple colors)

https://www.amazon.com/gp/sredirect/picassoRedirect.html/ref=pa_sp_btf_fashion_sr_pg1_1?ie=UTF8&adId=A08343332MAX8P7ARTRLO&url=%2FGOX-Blocking-Passport-Organizer-Turquoise%2Fdp%2FB071GNKLQQ%2Fref%3Dsr_1_55_sspa%3Fdchild%3D1%26keywords%3DTravel%2Bneck%2BWallets%2Bfor%2Bwomen%26qid%3D1604686128%26refinements%3Dp_36%253A2661612011%26rnid%3D2661611011%26s%3Dapparel%26sr%3D1-55-spons%26psc%3D1&qualifier=1604686139&id=6481253769793182&widgetName=sp_btf

2. Horscrite Phone Bag Purse Wallet Crossbody Bag Lightweight Roomy Pockets Smartphone Sports Armband for Men and Women

https://www.amazon.com/Houdor-Crossbody-Lightweight-Pockets-Smartphone/dp/B07P6GL79S/ref=sr_1_18

From here you can either:

a) Buy the wallet through Amazon and ship it directly to Erin Eftink. Her Address is: 1405 Oakhall Manor Ct. Ballwin, MO 63021

- b) Buy the wallet through Amazon and ship it to you. Then please wrap it and deliver the wallet to the Mitchler's home at 320 Elm Valley Dr. Webster Groves, MO 63119 (there will be a collection bin on the porch).

- c) If it is easier, you can send a monetary contribution to the CLC office, which will then be used to buy the wallets. Please put Mary Ryder House-Erin Eftink in the Memo and on the envelope please write Attn: Tammy Pryor, Christ Lutheran Church, 1 Selma Ave., Webster Groves, MO 63119

Sorry for the complex directions! If you have any questions please contact Erin Eftink at erineftink@sbcglobal.net

POINSETTIAS FOR CHRISTMAS

Christ Lutheran is planning to give a poinsettia plant to our older members and those members who are homebound. We would invite members to contribute \$7 per plant to help cover the costs of the 24 plants we ordered. Please complete and return the form below to the church office by Dec 20th.

Thank you!

POINSETTIAS DONATION FORM



This year you can purchase one or more plants for our homebound members at \$7.00 each, which the church will use for decorating the altar on Christmas Eve (Thursday, Dec. 24) and will be distributed during Christmas week. Return this form to the office with your payment by Dec 20th.

Your name: _____ Number of
poinsettias: _____

I will be donating _____ plants for the homebound.

Cost \$7.00 per plant TOTAL \$_____

ADULT FORUM

December 6th we will hear from a group of CLC members who have been reading *Stand Your Ground: Black Bodies and the Justice of God* by Kelly Brown Douglas. They will answer questions about the book and discuss their reactions to it.

The Rev. Douglas is the Canon Theologian at the National Cathedral in Washington D.C. As the mother of a black son, she wrote the book after the death of Trayvon Martin.



Crop Walk

Although CLC did not participate as a congregational group this year, if you are interested in joining individually or donating to the 2020 CROP Hunger Walk, please see the information below as the deadline has been extended to December 2nd.



Dear Friends of CROP Walk/Church World Service:

I am writing you one final time to thank those of you who participated in any way in the 2020 CROP Hunger Walk and Concert -- thank you! Church World Service had set a goal of \$16,000.00 for the St. Louis Walk, and our current total of funds raised is \$20,535.00, so we have exceeded the goal by over 25%. Given the ongoing need created by the economic fallout of the Coronavirus pandemic, we are especially grateful for this response.

Given the ongoing need, **Church World Service has also extended the fall CROP Walk season through December 2 -- what it calls "Go the Second Mile."** This means that it is still possible to walk virtually and/or donate to the 2020 CROP Hunger Walk. If you would like to walk and/or donate, you can do so at the following:

<http://www.crophungerwalk.org/saintlouismo>

Finding A Faithful Response to Racism in Our World

Christ Lutheran's small group finished reading & discussing the book, Stand Your Ground by Kelly Brown Douglas. Our zoom gatherings fostered personal & meaningful discussions of the intersection of faith & race.

The group decided to take a different approach during the next several weeks. Each participant will watch the movie, BlackkkKlansman* and meet via Zoom on Dec. 10 at 8:00 pm. Anyone who wants to join the discussion is welcome to participate. More info will follow and questions can be directed to Pastor Meagan.

* a Spike Lee film set in Colorado Springs in 1970s & based on actual undercover events to infiltrate the white supremacist group (rated R).

ANNIVERSARIES AND BIRTHDAYS!

CELEBRATING NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES & BIRTHDAYS

Congratulations and Best Wishes!

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

ANNIVERSARIES:

12/26 Robert & Joan O'Brien

BIRTHDAYS:

12/02	Luther Ciorba
12/05	Martin Allen
12/07	Michael Bude
12/07	Liz Drollinger
12/10	Catherine Gunther
12/13	Paige Meadows
12/14	Thomas Ely
12/17	James Gilliland
12/17	Rachel Helton
12/18	Linda Elkin
12/19	Brett Bussler
12/20	Jeffrey Kuziel
12/22	Christopher Lindquist
12/24	Lynnae Tanner Ruff
12/24	Loralie Blaser
12/24	Jodi McCarty
12/25	Jesse Wood
12/30	Pastor Stephanie Doeschot
12/31	Joe Bartek



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!



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**ZOOM WORSHIP SCHEDULE:
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HOURS: MON-THUR 8:30-4:30
APPTS BY
ARRANGEMENT**

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Bringing meaning to daily life, and
Making a difference in our community.**