

# ONE IN CHRIST

Week of November 9 - November 15, 2020

### PASTOR'S WORD



As Thanksgiving approaches, we are heading into the holiday season, one which is likely to look much different from our typical celebrations. Your Worship Team, Sunday School, leadership, and Fellowship committees are already working had to re-imagine what Advent and Christmas season can look like, just as many of you may be doing the same for your family Thanksgiving and Christmas gatherings. We are all experiencing grief as we acknowledge the losses this year has brought, and the losses yet to come. In our home, our guest rooms have remained empty, and we have adapted our Thanksgiving plans to do our best to keep everyone healthy.

Mixed with the grief is gratitude. Gratitude for the neighbors surrounding us, and the support we offer one another. Gratitude for the technology that allows us to stay connected even when at a distance. For the beautiful weather that has allowed for many opportunities to see people outside, and to discover new parks and trails. For the many creative minds and hearts committed to finding treatments and a vaccine for the pandemic. For all of you who are working so hard to create different ways to celebrate and be in community while we wait. Gratitude for the ways God continues to show up and shower joy, connection, healing, and beauty all around us.

What are you grieving in this season? What are you grateful for today? Where has God shown up in your home, your family, your community, your neighborhood?

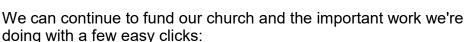




In an effort to make at home worship easier for those who prefer a hardcopy, please contact the office if you would like to have the ELW hymnal delivered to you, or a weekly bulletin mailed out.

# 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.



- 1. Visit <u>our donation website</u> directly or go to <u>www.christwg.org</u> 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 <a href="http://freesuggestionbox.com/pub/stwuunh">http://freesuggestionbox.com/pub/stwuunh</a> and we will do our best to help! You



# Fellowship at CLC

# Zoom Bible Study, Tuesday November 10th, 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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#### One tap mobile

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**Call in From Any Phone:** 312 626 6799

Meeting ID: 826 4394 5421

Password: 127284

### **November Zoom Virtual Game Night**

Friday, November 13, 7:00 pm - 10:00 pm

Log into Zoom and play a few Jackbox games! (Jackbox has a bunch of mini-games. For more info, visit /www.jackboxgames.com/games/) In order to play, you will need two screens: One for the Zoom feed where I will display the questions and another to answer the questions via a web

browser. If you only have one computer/laptop/iPad, you can simply split the screen to see both at the same time. (Note: You do not have to download anything in order to play. You will simply go to the direct link, enter the group code, and start to play. I will provide more info on Friday!)

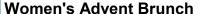
Since we will be playing multiple mini-games, people can join in whenever they are available. Hope to see you there!

For further questions, call/text/email Becca at 314-580-0277 or <a href="mailto:beccajedwards@gmail.com">beccajedwards@gmail.com</a>

**Zoom link:** https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85901044566? pwd=aG51c05zY1pLOWxxWVkzNTc2M1dJQT09

Meeting ID: 859 0104 4566

Passcode: 268830



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.

More details to come!



Bible

# WORSHIP

# Sunday, November 15, 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

One tap mobile

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**Call in From Any Phone:** 312-626-6799

Meeting ID: 278 217 453 Password: 971744



#### **Out of Office**

Pastor Meagan will be on vacation from Wednesday, November 11, through Sunday, November 15. Pastor Karen Scherer will preside and preach on November 15. For pastoral needs, contact Carolyn Crowe. For office, administrative, or communication needs, please contact Lisette.

#### ADULT FORUM

Jennifer Prinz, the ELCA's Portico Benefits regional representative, gave us ways to recharge spiritually in our homes, both the home where we live and our home community. She has sent an outline of her presentation that is attached to this weeks newsletter email.

Ms. Prinz also told us about the work of Portico in providing benefits to ELCA workers.





# **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.

<u>Date</u>	Name	Small (\$25)/Large (\$40) Arrangement
November 1, 2020	Nancy Lissant	Large Arrgmnt
November 8, 2020	Ann Steinbrueck	Small
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.

# 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 Rich Walker

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.

#### **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!

#### **Note from the Treasurer**

Dear Fellow Members,

Contribution letters were mailed last week, indicating your contributions to Christ Lutheran Church for the 39 weeks ending September 27, 2020. As always, if you believe that something is not correct, then please let us know by calling the Church office (314.962.6011), or preferably e-mailing us at <a href="https://www.christwg.org/">www.christwg.org/</a>and we will be pleased to reconcile any differences.

We sincerely need your ongoing financial support to continue to keep our operations well-funded in the months and years to come. We need to keep our lights on, our staff paid, our properties maintained, and our outreach going strong. As pointed out in recent communications to you from our Stewardship Co-Chairs, notwithstanding our successful transition to Zoom services, we can no longer rely on the physical offering plate to remind us of the centrality and regularity of stewardship. Nor can we rely on the generosity of many long-time members who are no longer with us. If you are able to do so, please prayerfully consider increasing your offerings, and for those who may be behind in giving thus far this year, please make an intentional effort to catch-up in the remaining two months of the fiscal year.

We thank you for your financial support and prayers in these very difficult times.

Sincerely, Tore Stole

\*\*\*For those of you accustomed to making donations by writing checks, we encourage you to switch to online electronic donations. For those of you already making automatic donations, please consider making a modest increase in your contributions. Both are so easy to do, and you can do so by clicking on the link <a href="https://www.christwg.org/">https://www.christwg.org/</a>. Click on the Giving button. It is really easy to use. Please reach out to Lynnae Tanner Ruff (LadyGreyBeads@gmail.com) if assistance is needed.



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ZOOM WORSHIP SCHEDULE: SUNDAY AT 9:30 A.M.

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> COUNCIL PRESIDENT: KEVIN DROLLINGER

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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.