



ONE IN CHRIST

Week of December 21 - December 27, 2020

PASTOR'S WORD



Just about every year, I feel some sense of wondering if I have done everything I needed to do to be ready for Christmas. Did I get presents and cards to everyone? Did we get everything we needed at the grocery store, or will we have to make our way through the crowds on Christmas Eve morning? Will my spouse like what I got them? And griefs and losses and family challenges are felt particularly in these days of family and celebration.

I don't know about you, but this year, the pressure seems just a little more intense. Celebrating with family at a distance means needing to make sure packages have been mailed early enough to make it though the postal service by December 24. We will especially miss my Aunt, who died this year. And with so many things being different, with so many limits as to how we can Worship together this year, I have wondered if we are doing all we can to make this Christmas a meaningful one for all us in the Christ Lutheran family.

And then I think back to what Advent is about, and remember that commitment I made on our first Advent Sunday to lean over the couch this season, spending time anticipating and hoping and waiting to see God enter this world one more time. And thankfully, it's not too late to do just that! So my Advent wish for you these last few days is that you find time in the midst of all the "last things" to sit, pray, be present with those you love in all the ways you can, and know that Christ is coming. No matter what we have done or not done, nothing can stop that miracle. Peace to you this season!





You are invited to join us for online Zoom services. Please contact Mike Wagner at 937-416-2429 or clc.inreach@gmail.com if you have technical questions.

Wednesday, December 23

7:00 pm Advent Worship, Holden Evening Prayer

Join Zoom Meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86821816784?pwd=NEdXdnRISld2QmVLSEFxcVptelhzdz09>

Call in From Any Phone: 312-626-6799 Meeting ID: 868 2181 6784 Password: 701073

Thursday, December 24—Christmas Eve Worship

4:30 pm Christmas Eve Service

Join us in the Christ Lutheran parking lot for a family-friendly, joy-filled service! We will have communion, so please bring bread and wine, or something to eat and something to drink, with you! (If you need, our parking lot attendant can provide communion as you enter the parking lot.) We will access audio via our phones by dialing in to Zoom, so have your phone with you. We will provide instructions as you enter the lot!

Please be prepared to stay in your car for the entire service, except if you are reading. If weather is too cold or it is precipitating, we will Worship fully on Zoom. We will send out an e-mail confirming how we will Worship by noon on December 24, and will also post on Facebook. Please check before you come to the parking lot that day!

You can also join the service via Zoom from anywhere!

Join Zoom Meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84439836988?pwd=RzdHd2NMS2JTWmgrQWRGMkNwb2lDdz09>

Call in From Any Phone: 312-626-6799
Meeting ID: 844 3983 6988 Password: 036137

9:00 pm Christmas Eve Service

Join us online for a meditative service of music and word.

Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87363418407?pwd=Q1oxY1pEbWxZc3EvdjZCS0hBeTJXZz09>

Call in From Any Phone: 312-626-6799
Meeting ID: 873 6341 8407 Password: 347364

Friday, December 25

Merry Christmas! No Services.

Sunday, December 27, First Sunday of Christmas

9:30 am Worship



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Following Mary and Joseph's Journey of Hope



Isaiah 40:26-31

²⁶ Lift up your eyes on high and see: Who created these?
He who brings out their host and numbers them, calling
them all by name;
because he is great in strength, mighty in power, not one
is missing.

²⁷ Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel,
“My way is hidden from the LORD, and my right is
disregarded by my God”?

²⁸ Have you not known? Have you not heard?
The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends
of the earth.

He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is
unsearchable.

²⁹ He gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless.

³⁰ Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted;

³¹ but those who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength,

they shall mount up with wings like eagles,
they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

Advent Journal Reflection

Often, when we are waiting for something, the last hours can be the most challenging. Sometimes, we might be waiting for something exciting and joyful—news that you are pregnant or the birth of a child, the arrival of a friend or relative, the offer of a job. Sometimes we may be waiting for something painful or sad or frightening—test results, the passing of a loved one who is dying. Sometimes we may be waiting for something that we know may never come. **Reflect on this in the red Advent Journal**

Think about a time of waiting that had a great impact on you. How did you feel in the time of waiting? What did you do while you were waiting? How did it feel when the waiting came to an end?

What are you waiting for today?

Children's Activities

Mary and Joseph arrived in Bethlehem arrived in Bethlehem, and now, it was time to wait!

In the red Advent Journal, draw a picture or write

What are you waiting for right now?

What do you like to do while you are waiting?

Using the finger puppet or small nativity, re-enact Mary and Joseph getting settled in the stable and waiting for Jesus to be born.

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

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



Finding a Faithful Response to Racism in our World

The Anti-Racism and Faith group will continue their journey in 2021. All are welcome to join us!

Up Next: Me and White Supremacy by Layla F. Saad

Me and White Supremacy started as a 28 day twitter challenge. After going viral Layla F. Saad turned the challenge into a published book. Each day presents a short reading followed by a few journaling questions to help you digest and respond to the material. While this book can be completed in an intense 28 days, this group will complete 1 week of the book for each meeting spaced 3 weeks apart.

You will need: a copy of Me and White Supremacy and some way to journal (a notebook, word processing program, stone tablet...)

Next Zoom Meeting: January 26, 2021 at 8pm - We will be discussing the introduction (p 1- 26) and the first week of work (p 31 - 74)

ADULT FORUM

Thank you for sending in your Christmas Stories, we will resume adult forum in the New Year!



Thank You

I am very grateful for the kindness and sympathy expressed by Christ Lutheran for my family during this time of loss, thank you.

Lisette Kreitler

Fellowship at CLC

Zoom Bible Study, Tuesday December 22nd, 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>

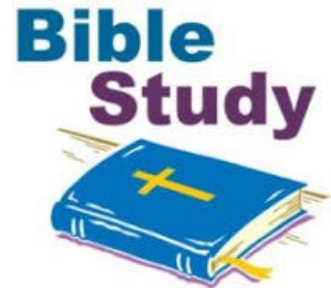
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POINSETTIAS FOR CHRISTMAS

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 22nd. 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 22nd.



Your name: _____ Number of poinsettias: _____

I will be donating _____ plants for the homebound.

Cost \$7.00 per plant TOTAL \$_____

WORSHIP

Sunday, December 27, 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



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 Congregation,

We have several openings for the 2021 Church Council, which will begin meeting in late January. We would love for you to consider being a part of this special group! Each chair serves a two-year term and meets once a month with the rest of Council (currently via Zoom) to discuss important church issues. Below is a description of all the positions that are open. If you are interested or have any questions, please contact Erin Eftink at erineftink@sbcglobal.net, or Becca Jordan at beccajedwards@gmail.com.



Property Chair: The property Chair coordinates all property-related projects and schedules repair services as needed. The Property Chair also prepares Council Reports that detail any property-related issues.

Out-Reach Chair: The Out-reach chair is responsible for helping promote Christ Lutheran Church in the local community, raising awareness and piquing interest with potential new members/the community in CLC services, events, etc. While each Outreach chair is empowered to work with their committee to determine a plan, a few primary responsibilities include assisting with the promotion of CLC Easter and Christmas services, as well as special events. Also determining / planning / promoting events such as “Views & Brews” Speaker Series, Trivia night, CLC’s 120th anniversary community celebration, promotion of Lady Grey’s holiday boutique, etc.

In-Reach Chair: The In-reach chairperson is responsible for ensuring a complete experience for existing parishioners. In-reach solicits feedback from parishioners that can accomplish that goal. In-reach also provides support to the other committees as needed. They also recognize and celebrate birthdays, anniversaries, new members, and other special events.

Christian Education Chair: The Christian Education Chair is the liaison between the adult/youth Christian Ed. programs and the Council. The Christian Ed. chair communicates all youth and adult education activities to the council and approves spending requests, including those for Sunday School and Confirmation curriculum and activities, VBS, Adult Forum, and any other Christian Ed. expenses.

Christian Service Chair: Christian Service helps organize and coordinate donation drives that help local non-profits such as Webster Groves – Rock Hill Ministries. In addition, the chair helps plan congregational activities that bring people together to serve the local community. The Christian Service chair is also responsible for working with the Treasurer and Council to determine which organizations and non-profits receive donations (benevolences) from Christ Lutheran Church.

Worship Chair: The Worship Committee meets monthly to work with Pastor and musicians to help plan worship. The committee administers a budget to support worship. At Christmas the committee members plan to put up Christmas decorations in the nave and decorate the Christmas trees at the altar. They take them down after Epiphany. The committee also schedules the volunteers who assist with worship services on Sunday mornings. The chair attends Council meetings, writes monthly reports to Council, and creates a report for the annual meeting.

ANNIVERSARIES AND BIRTHDAYS!

CELEBRATING DECEMBER 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:
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:
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**WEBMASTER:
PERRY YEE**

Christ Lutheran Church Mission Statement

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