PASTOR'S WORD

January - A Beatitude Synod

Read the following Scripture:

Matthew 5:1-16

- ₁When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. 2Then he began to _speak, and taught them, saying:
- 3"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
- 4"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.
- 5"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.
- 6"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.
- 7"Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.
- 8"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.
- 9"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.
- ¹⁰"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
- 11"Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account 12Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.
- 13"You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot.
- ¹⁴"You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. ¹⁵No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. ¹⁶In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

This is gospel that I choose for my installation as the Bishop of the Central States Synod. In her sermon on that day the preacher, Rev. Linda Anderson-Little, calls us to be a "beatitude" synod with a "beatitude" bishop. In the midst of so many changes since that event over a year ago, I continue to come back to the question of what it means to be a beatitude synod – to be "alternative" communities of blessings, where people on the fringe experience not only welcome, but respect; where there is room and space for people to be real and honest in their pain and struggles, to mourn and leap, where we do indeed see God and through our participation in God's mission, enable others to see God. How might we as congregations and ministries and the people of the Central States Synod, here in Kansas and Missouri be a "light for the world" so that all can see the amazing abundance and grace and glory of God? - Bishop Susan Candea

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Allow some silence to reflect on the text and then discuss the following questions:

How would you describe a "beatitude" synod?

What are some of the "qualities" or "values" necessary to be a "beatitude" synod?

How are we being called to let our lights shine in these days?

Close with the following prayer:

Holy God, you confound the world's wisdom in giving your kingdom to the lowly and pure in heart. Give us such a hunger and thirst for justice, and perseverance in striving for peace, that in our words and deeds the world may see the life of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen



Youth Zoom Hangout, Sunday February 7 at 12:30 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 12:30 PM.

Join Zoom Meeting

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/924665200?pwd=OWYvT0Z5MmdoVG84R3dDUmJXVXd5dz09

Meeting ID: 924 665 200

Password: 271433

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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 <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

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



Council 2021 Update

CLC Congregation:

We are still looking to fill the Outreach and Christian Service Positions for the incoming 2021 Church Council. Please see the description below, and consider being 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. If you are interested or have any questions, please contact Erin Eftink at erineftink@sbcglobal.net, or Becca Jordan at beccajedwards@gmail.com.

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.

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.

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!

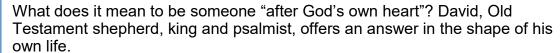
Altar Flowers

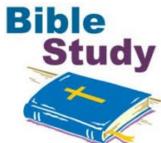
The 2021 sign-up for flowers is shown below. If you wish to underwrite the cost of the altar flowers for a particular week, please inform Lisette of the date you would like, two families may share the cost for one date. Please send your payment to the office, the cost is \$40 per arrangement. Until we meet in person, the flowers will be available to deliver to the homebound or sick.

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January 17, 2021	
January 24, 2021	
January 31, 2021	
February 7, 2021	
February 14, 2021	
February 21, 2021	Lent - no flowers
February 28, 2021	Lent - no flowers
March 7, 2021	Lent - no flowers
March 14, 2021	Lent - no flowers
March 21, 2021	Lent - no flowers
March 28, 2021	Palm Sunday - palms
April 4, 2021	Easter - lilies
April 11, 2021	Lilies
April 18, 2021	
April 25, 2021	

Fellowship at CLC

Zoom Bible Study, Tuesday January 19th, 10:00 am "David was a man after God's own heart."





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/i/82643945421?pwd=V3dxdWY0YkZsRFptWkE2dDBCM3VLUT09

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Call in From Any Phone: 312 626 6799

Meeting ID: 826 4394 5421

Password: 127284

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)

Join Zoom Meeting:

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84020544259?pwd=dFhjaHVTdWVUcWdUM0U1NG9JcVkyQT09

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WORSHIP

Sunday, January 24, 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



STEPHEN MINISTRY MEETING

The next meeting will be held Thursday, January 28 at 10 am via Zoom.

Join Zoom Meeting:

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85220553706?pwd=U05qM1licDhCQ080RVBMS1FackdjZz09

Meeting ID: 852 2055 3706

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Adult Forum Summary

Dr. Phillip Mudd and Dianne Deck gave an update on the incidence of Covid-19 and the care of the hospitalized patients who suffer from it. Dr. Mudd started with good news: the number of diagnosed cases in the Saint Louis area is beginning to decline. Moreover that number is lower than projections had predicted. But mask wearing and distancing remain vital.



Dianne Deck, a critical care nurse, is working in a special ICU at Barnes-Jewish that deals with COVID cases who have tested negative for the virus but still require intensive care. She reports that the work is both physically and emotionally draining—so much so that some healthcare providers are leaving the profession.

Dr. Mudd urged everyone to sign up for a vaccine on their county's website. Links are provided below:

Mercy Health Systems

https://www.mercy.net/forms/vaccinations/?

hcmacid=a0h4p000006cqJC&utm campaign=fy21 covid vaccine registration missouri&utm source=Media Relations&utm medium=Media PR&utm content=covid vaccinescheduling pressrelease missouri

St Louis City

https://stlouisdph.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV 08qM4vOqB5dJniR

St Louis County

https://stlhealthandwellness.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV 6usqqPn7mArUskZ

St Charles County

https://www.sccmo.org/2162/COVID-19-Vaccine-Information

Trials have shown that both the Pfizer and Moderna vaccine are 95% protective seven days after the second shot. Dr. Mudd said the recommenced intervals between shots 21 days for Pfizer, 28 days days for Moderna is bases on the data from the phase 3 trials. He added that trails are underway to determine the safety and efficacy of the vaccines on children, but at this point vaccines are not recommended for them.

Reported side effects of the vaccines are sore arm, slight headache, fever and occasionally a slight fever. Both Dianne and Dr. Mudd, who both had shots, report arm tenderness of varying degrees that lasted a day or less. Dianne offered a tip: To reduce soreness relax your arm and think peaceful thoughts during the injection.

Martin and Melissa Allen shared some information on the Pfizer vaccine. Here are those links:

1. <u>cvdvaccine.com</u>

This website provides access to the **Fact Sheet for Recipients and Caregivers** that may answer their questions.

- 2. Additional questions not addressed at the above site can be directed to the <u>Medical Information</u> portal at <u>Pfizermedinfo.com</u>.
- 3. Results from the clinical trial on the Safety and Efficacy of the Pfizer Covid-19 Vaccine were recently published in The New England Journal of Medicine. A summary of the results, as well as the full length journal article may be accessed at the link below. https://www.nejm.org/doi/suppl/10.1056/NEJMoa2034577/suppl file/nejmoa2034577 research-summary.pdf
- 4. The public presentation Pfizer provided to the FDA panel for consideration of the Emergency Use Authorization may be accessed at the link below. https://youtu.be/ fykVJuouno

ANNIVERSARIES AND BIRTHDAYS!

CELEBRATING JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES & BIRTHDAYS

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

Congratulations and Best Wishes!

ANNIVERSARIES:

1/13 Kim & Dave Donermeyer 1/19 Jadee & Steve Lauer

BIRTHDAYS:

1/05 Sharon Hornbeck

1/08 Brian Hornbeck

1/11 Flo Saeger

1/13 Nancy Lissant

1/15 Deanne Bussler

1/15 Carson Glascock

1/15 James Knapp

1/15 Alex Lindquist

1/18 Isaac Helton

1/19 Kate Drollinger

1/20 Christine Heerboth

1/28 Alex Bennett

1/29 Sloane Bartek





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