



ONE IN CHRIST

Week of January 4 - January 10, 2021

PASTOR'S WORD



Happy New Year! Many of us are glad to see 2020 in hindsight, and are hoping for a very different 2021. We have been living in history this last year, the year of the pandemic, the year of racial and political uprising, and so much damage due to fires and storms. Here at Christ Lutheran, we have navigated all of these challenges and more as we have begun our ministry together—all of us pulling together to move Worship online, support our neighbors who are living in poverty and hunger in many ways, and care for and love one another (not perfectly but well), as well as protected those most vulnerable by keeping physically distant. We are all eager to move past the events of the past year, but we also know we have a ways to go, yet. We don't know yet when the pandemic will ease enough to allow us to fully return to in-person gathering. And so many of the challenges of this last year will continue.

There is light at the end of the tunnel, Christ Lutheran Family! It is a loooong tunnel, but there is light! And in the early days of this new year, let us celebrate the hope that we have. God has been at work, even in 2020. We have worshipped, we have opened the door to hard conversations about race and racism, we have found joy and connection with one another in new and different ways, we have grieved together, we are building a new vision for our future.

Where have you seen God at work in 2020? What is your hope for the new year? Where is God leading you, your family, and our community of faith in this next year? Share your hopes and dreams as we move forward with the radical trust and hope that comes from knowing God is with us in all things. And with God in our midst, Happy New Year!

Beannacht: A Blessing for the New Year by John O'Donohue

On the day when
The weight deadens
On your shoulders
And you stumble,
May the clay dance
To balance you.

And when your eyes
Freeze behind
The grey window
And the ghost of loss
Gets in to you,
May a flock of colours,
Indigo, red, green,
And azure blue,
Come to awaken in you
A meadow of delight.

When the canvas frays
In the currach of thought
And a stain of ocean
Blackens beneath you,
May there come across the waters
A path of yellow moonlight
To bring you safely home.

May the nourishment of the earth be yours,
May the clarity of light be yours,
May the fluency of the ocean be yours,
May the protection of the ancestors be yours.

And so may a slow
Wind work these words
Of love around you,
An invisible cloak
To mind your life.



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)

Join Zoom Meeting:

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

Meeting ID: 840 2054 4259

Passcode: 536541

Dial in

+1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)

Lutheran School of Theology St Louis is pleased to announce two one-session zoom classes in Epiphany 2021. With **Dr. Clint McCann**, Evangelical Professor of Biblical Interpretation at Eden Seminary as the instructor for each one, the emphasis will be on theological and biblical interpretation of two critical issues for the church living out its faithful witness today. Beyond exploring the needs, each class will deal with practical means for equipping the church to respond.

Caring for Creation as a Christian Calling will take place on Saturday, **January 16, 2021, 9:00-11:00 am**. Cost: \$20, register by Jan 12 to receive class information.

“I Was Hungry and You Gave Me Food” (Matthew 25:35): Addressing Hunger and Food Insecurity in the USA and the World on Saturday, **January 23, 2021, 9:00-11:00 am**. Cost: \$20, register by Jan. 19 to receive class information.

Both classes are available for \$35. To sign up electronically and for more information, see www.lststl.org/courses. Checks may be sent to Lutheran School of Theology, 475 East Lockwood, St. Louis, MO 63119, with registrant’s name, address, email address for zoom invitation, home church, phone number and name of class unless taking both classes. Contact Stephanie Doeschot at registrar@lststl.org for more information.

Fellowship at CLC

Zoom Bible Study, Tuesday January 5th, 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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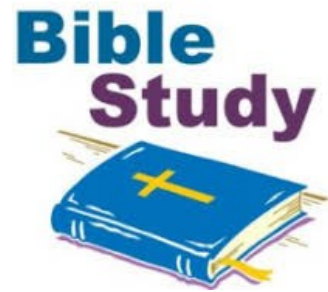
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Call in From Any Phone: 312 626 6799

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Password: 127284



WORSHIP

Sunday, January 10, 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



ADULT FORUM

Dr. Phillip Mudd and Nurse Practitioner Dianne Deck will return January 17 to give us an update on their work with COVID-19 patients. They will answer questions about the disease, the vaccines, and CLC's efforts to reduce the virus spreading among us. If you want to submit questions ahead of the session send them to Harriet Scholle at

hscholle3@gmail.com.



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 JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES & BIRTHDAYS

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

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!



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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**

**DIRECTOR OF SENIOR
ADULT MINISTRIES AND
FAITH COMMUNITY NURSE:
CAROLYN CROWE**

**DIRECTOR OF CHOIRS:
DIANE DROLLINGER**

**ORGANIST:
MARK RUFF**

**OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR:
LISETTE KREITLER**

**FINANCIAL SECRETARY:
TAMMY PRYOR**

**CUSTODIAN:
KELLY LAKIES**

**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.**