



ONE IN CHRIST

Week of April 5 – April 11, 2021

Pastor's Word



One of my favorite stories of Easter is the story of Thomas. Doubting Thomas, as he is often known, gets a really bad rap, I think! I mean, think about it. He had been following Jesus for several years, hoping to see the promises come true, possibly believing like so many others that in the end Jesus would overthrow Roman rule and restore the earthly kingdom of Israel. Jesus tried to tell them, and it wasn't just Thomas after all who was taken by surprise at how things happened: Jesus getting into more and more trouble with the authorities, arrested and taken for interrogation and ultimately executed for everyone to see. Jesus, the one they had pinned all their hopes on, was dead. And the disciples knew that they could easily be next—Jesus tried to warn them about that, too.

And then people started seeing Jesus again! Claims that he may actually be risen began to spread among Jesus's followers, and no one (except perhaps the women!) knew quite what to do about that. When Jesus appeared to the disciples in their upper room, Thomas wasn't there. Of course, he HAD to miss it! No wonder then that Thomas was a little reluctant! Thomas declares he is not going to believe it until he sees it—and feels it—for himself. How would you have felt, in his position?

Here's the thing, though. Jesus didn't leave Thomas behind. Jesus returns to the room where the disciples are still gathered, and Thomas is with them this time, and he goes straight up to him. He knows how Thomas is feeling, knows that Thomas wants to touch the wounds for himself, to be sure that this really is Jesus, the one who died such a horrific death just a few days before. Jesus extends his hands and feet to Thomas, opens his side, and invites him to trust that it really is true: Jesus who was dead is alive. Life has emerged out of death.

This invitation is for us too—the doubters, the concrete thinkers, the grieverers, the fearful, and the wonderers, the dreamers, the hopeful.
Jesus of Nazareth, who once was dead, is now alive! Christ is Risen! Alleluia!





CLASS OF 2021

Do you know a CLC member graduating from High School or College? Please send their name and school information to office@christwg.org and we will recognize their accomplishment during worship.



Featuring live and pre-recorded content throughout May, leading up to the full Breakfast with Friends event, premiering **Thursday, May 27** at 7:30 a.m. on YouTube.



This year, the Breakfast is our kick-off to celebrating our 10th Anniversary, so you won't want to miss it!



MARTIN KILCOYNE
Master of Ceremonies
Sports Director at FOX 2



MICHAEL MCDONALD
Featured Speaker
Award-Winning Filmmaker



NICK HERD
Featured Speaker
Actor, Comedian, Interviewer

Hello church family

Our neighbors at the Mead Center, L'Arche, are gearing up for one of their big fund-raising activities of the year: Breakfast with Friends. Like everything else, this year's program will be virtual. It runs at several different times during the morning and then again in the evening on May 27th. The breakfast is a really nice program that gives an overview of who L'Arche is and what they have been up to the last year. Because of our connection with church, I would like to formally invite our Christ Lutheran family to attend. All you need is a computer or smartphone, and an internet connection. A donation is not required to register or watch the program! Please follow this link <http://larchestlouis.org/breakfast> to register. Of course, if you have any questions, don't hesitate to email me (jesse.helton@slu.edu).
Jesse Helton

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

REMINDER: When dropping checks off at the church, please put them in Lisette's mailbox in the hallway for processing and she will forward to Tammy.

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



Community Assistance

This spring we are planning to have several parking lot collections to support **Webster - Rock Hill Ministries**. In particular they are in need of canned vegetables and cereal, and other non-perishable food and toiletries/household goods are always appreciated. **We will collect donations every 4th weekend of the month.** Any donations you can give will be greatly appreciated - thank you!

Youth Zoom Hangout, April 4 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

One tap mobile

+16465588656,,924665200#,,1#,271433# US (New York)

Dial by your location

+1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)



April 11—Kim Shave, the Executive Director of Humanitri will update us on the agency's work. Humanitri focuses on providing affordable housing in Saint Louis and is one of the benevolences Christ Lutheran supports.

WORSHIP

This week we welcome Pastor Tina Reyes, who will be preaching this Sunday while Meagan is on vacation April 6-9th. Carolyn Crowe will be handling any pastoral care needs in her absence.

Sunday, April 11, 9:30 am — Zoom Worship

Access Online Bulletin

Follow the Zoom link or call the number noted in the bulletin to join us!

OR

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Women's Group

The women of Christ Lutheran are invited to join our virtual meetings taking place the second Thursday of each month. We will catch up with each other and jump into some Bible study. Hope to see you there!

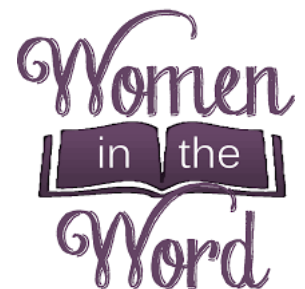
Zoom meeting information:

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Any questions? Reach out to Becca Jordan at beccajedwards@gmail.com.



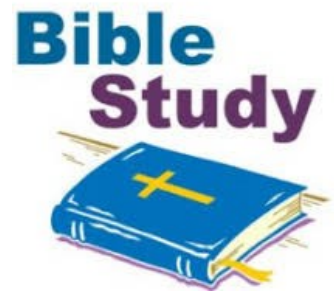
Fellowship at CLC

Zoom Bible Study, Tuesday April 6th, 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!



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Upcoming Fellowship Events

Mark your calendars for the future 2021 Fellowship events!

- Saturday, May 22 7:00 pm - 10:00 pm
- Saturday, August 28 7:00 pm - 10:00 pm
- Friday, October 1 7:00 pm - 10:00 pm
- Saturday, October 30 - Trunk or Treat!



Fellowship

We will focus on virtual game nights at this time, but (maybe, hopefully) we can look into other types of Fellowship options for the later dates. Hoping to give us all something to look forward to!

ANNIVERSARIES AND BIRTHDAYS!

LET'S CELEBRATE APRIL ANNIVERSARIES AND BIRTHDAYS!

Congratulations and Best Wishes! Christ Lutheran family wants to celebrate you!

ANNIVERSARIES:

04/13	Scott & Kirsten Glascock
04/14	Carolyn & Bob Crowe
04/16	Kevin & Diane Drollinger
04/21	Faith & Wayne Moore
04/23	John & Sue Zempel
04/27	Sarah & Matthew Ely

BIRTHDAYS:

04/01	Anne Marie Kettler
04/01	Bradley Kuziel
04/02	Angela Bratcher
04/02	Bill Griffith
04/02	Chris Zempel
04/03	Linda Griffith
04/03	Daniel Gunther
04/04	Kaia Askew-Sunkara
04/04	Phillip Hoerchler
04/04	Noah Hornbeck
04/05	Suzie Benedum
04/05	Woody Erickson
04/05	Joan O'Brien
04/06	Joe Zempel
04/07	Mattis Horn
04/08	Adrienne Christner
04/09	Katie Ciorba
04/10	David Fey
04/10	Lena Helton
04/11	Steve Mitchler
04/13	Emmy & Luke Bender
04/13	Szu-Ching Fu
04/13	Kaylee Glascock
04/13	Sherri Swanson

04/14	Barbara Rose Hughes
04/14	John Zempel
04/15	Kim Donermeyer
04/16	Anne Marie Wischmeyer
04/17	Judy Wessler
04/19	Alex Cramer
04/20	Richard Mudd
04/21	Rachel Bruns
04/22	Erica Donermeyer
04/22	Garth Stole
04/23	Ben Drollinger
04/23	Tom Hopper
04/23	David Hill
04/27	Tim Donermeyer
04/27	Paige Lauer
04/28	Melissa Allen
04/28	Ella Knapp
04/29	Seannah McCarty
04/30	Paul Lenhart

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



Weekly Altar Arrangements

The schedule for the next few months, following Easter, is below. If you would like to contribute for a particular Sunday listed, please let the office or Nancy Lissant know which Sunday and the occasion for the flowers. The cost per Sunday is \$40. Until we meet in person at Christ, the flowers will be delivered to members who are ill, recovering, or homebound.



Date	Name	Reason
April 11, 2021	<u>Lilies</u>	
April 18, 2021		
April 25, 2021		
May 2, 2021		
May 9, 2021		
May 16, 2021		
May 23, 2021		
May 30, 2021		
June 6, 2021	<u>Flo Saeger</u>	<u>Memorial for Vic</u>
June 13, 2021		
June 20, 2021		
June 27, 2021		
July 4, 2021		
July 11, 2021		
July 18, 2021		
July 25, 2021		



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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.**