



ONE IN CHRIST

Week of May 24 – May 30, 2021

PASTOR'S WORD



There is so much change happening these days, isn't there? Reuniting with family, end of school year, travel that hasn't been possible for a long time, trees full of green as the famous Missouri humidity begins to make itself known. The waning of the pandemic and the gift of the vaccine have opened up so many more options. The other day we went out and ran several errands at brick-and-mortar stores, something we have chosen not to do for a while, and I found myself thinking about how strange it felt to do something so ordinary! I have been reminded many times lately how important it will be for all of us to be gentle, and take care of ourselves and our families as we navigate these old-new waters.

Self-care can sound the opposite of Christianity, but when we look at our scriptures, there are many examples of self-care, and God-care, to be found there. And many of those examples are some of my favorite ways to take care of myself!

When Elijah is exhausted, full-up with trauma, and completely out of options, he finds his way to a secluded spot. (Remember, Jesus himself goes off alone to pray many times!) An angel from God appears, and gives him good counsel. Sleep. Eat. Sleep. Eat. And once that is done, and Elijah has regained some energy, God tells him to listen and watch for God. And then, God listens to him, and offers him help for his road forward—Elisha as a partner in ministry.

The disciples on the road to Emmaus have a very similar experience, as Jesus shows up for them, and listens to them--so many times in scriptures, God invites people to tell them things they already know, understanding that we need to share our burdens. Then, Jesus shares a perspective with the disciples that they couldn't see for themselves, and finally feeds them.

Perhaps this can be our guide in the days to come. When you are exhausted, anxious, not sure what to do next, confused by the decisions that need to be made, or just finding yourself in need of some respite, take care of yourself! Find a quiet place to be with yourself and God for a while. Write or speak or sing what is swirling inside you, giving it over to God. Find a person you can trust, and share with them. Listen to what's on your mind, and listen well to others, as they may offer a perspective you don't have for yourself. Eat. Sleep. Pray. Ask for help.

Above all, rest in that eternal promise of scripture—in all things, God is with us. As Julian of Norwich prayed, "All shall be well. All shall be well. And all manner of things shall be well."



Family of Christ Lutheran,

Following new recommendations by the CDC and lifting of restrictions by St. Louis City and County, the Covid and Worship Teams have decided to begin having in person worship each Sunday, limited to 20 people in the Sanctuary, beginning Sunday May 30!

Many of you have been eagerly awaiting this, and others, for many reasons, need to be thoughtful and discerning about in-person activities. For this reason, **we are committed to maintaining full Zoom access for Worship.**

Change is challenging, and we want to do everything we can to answer your questions and provide all the information you need. Here are some things to know as we begin this transition.

Registration will be required for in-person Worship, so that we know you are coming and can plan a space for you. Registration links will be posted for each service, both in the newsletter and e-mail, and you may also call or e-mail Lisette in the office to register. Registration for May 30 is [Worship: Sunday Worship \(signupgenius.com\)](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/278217453?pwd=azE2dkNHVE9WSzdaeDM5Yzh4RGRvdz09).

Please let us know if you are interested in Nursery services by making a note in the comments as you register. We cannot commit to when nursery will begin, but as soon as there is enough interest and TLC is ready to start, we will return to having nursery each week.

If you choose to join us for Worship on Zoom, here is the Zoom information: **Join Zoom Meeting,**
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/278217453?pwd=azE2dkNHVE9WSzdaeDM5Yzh4RGRvdz09>

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Spaces for households in the pews will be clearly designated, allowing for space between each household for social distancing.

- Masks are required, except when reading for the service.
- Vaccine is not required, but is encouraged for all who are able to receive it. While not everyone in our Worship gathering may be vaccinated, a very high number of people in the congregation have already been fully vaccinated, which makes gathering safer for everyone.
- Sanitizer will be available for use upon entry to the building.
- Please arrive by 9:15 if at all possible, to allow for time to find a space and settle in.
- We will celebrate communion! Each person/household is invited to bring their own communion for the service, but if you arrive without just let an usher know and they can provide bread and wine for you.
- We will have music, of course, and invite you to sing loudly and boldly in your heart and spirit, but refrain from singing aloud.
- Bathrooms will be available for one household at a time, and ushers will help you know when there is a bathroom available for you and your household.
- When Worship ends, all participants are invited to move outside for conversation.

As we transition into in-person gathering alongside Zoom gathering, there are many ways to participate! **Here are three immediate needs:**

- Our tech team needs a few more people to support Worship! We have an amazing team, and with summer vacations and maternity leaves we will need more people in our rotation. If you are skilled in Zoom or willing to learn, please reach out to Mike Wagner!
- Ushers will be needed to greet people as they arrive for Worship and ensure they have what they need.
- Key people will be needed to unlock doors, turn on the lights, check the elevator, and then make sure everything is closed up properly after Worship.

As we have mentioned before, a hallmark value of our return to in-person gathering will be mutual respect for the choices, vulnerabilities, and concerns of the community and its members. If it is right for you and your household to join us in person, we are thrilled to have you!

There are many reasons why joining us in person may not be comfortable, wise, or possible, and for that reason we will always have an option for you to join us on Zoom. AND we are thrilled to have you!

Please reach out to the Covid Response Team or Pastor Meagan with any questions or ideas you have, and thank you all for being part of the Christ Lutheran community!

Covid Response Team

Pastor Meagan McLaughlin, Kevin Drollinger, Dr. Philip Mudd, Mark Ruff, Diane Drollinger, Carolyn Crowe, Linda Griffith, Becca Jordan, Kate Hoerchler, John Hoffmann, Jon Heerboth

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



Memorial Chapel

Many in our congregation and our families have died this past year, and we have all experienced many losses in our lives and communities. The grief is real. As we open our building again, we are also opening a space to share that grief in community. The side chapel off the sanctuary will be a place to visit, pray, light a candle, leave pictures of loved ones, and write down the losses you carry so that we can hold them together. Those with keys are welcome anytime. The building will be unlocked and the Memorial Chapel will be open every Sunday for one hour after Worship, starting May 30, and anytime during the week by arrangement—contact Lisette or Pastor Meagan to let them know when you would like to come.



Christ Lutheran will be observing PRIDE month by participating in the Care A Van on Sunday June 6th, more info at [Pride Care-A-Van 2021 | Facebook](#). We will be decorating a vehicle and driving through The Grove neighborhood from approximately noon to 3:00pm.

Please reach out to Steve or Sherry Mitchler if you would like to be part of the planning, decorating or ride along for this event. Church members are also welcome to attend the parade to demonstrate support for the LGBTQA+ community!



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.

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).



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

WORSHIP

Sunday, May 30, 9:30 am, Worship

Access Online Bulletin

- We are so happy to welcome you back to in person worship. Please register for Sunday worship at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0C45AEA828AAF58-Sunday>

You may also attend virtually using the Zoom link or call the number noted in the bulletin to join us!

OR

Join Zoom Meeting

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Judy Wessler Memorial Service

Please join us June 18, 2021 on Zoom at 10:00am to celebrate the life of Judy Wessler.

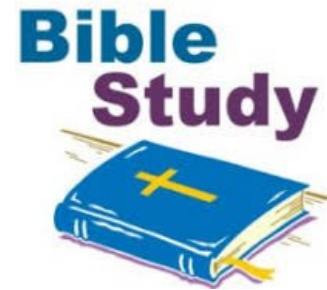


June 6 Webster-Rock Hill Ministries—New interim director, Derek Bastian, will bring us up to date on the organization's mission and programs.

Zoom Bible Study, Tuesday May 25th, 10:00 am

The Tuesday Morning Bible Study group will meet at 10 a.m. in the **church's parish hall**. A year ago, we embarked upon an in-depth study of King David, after which we've slogged our way through First and Second Kings. Now that we've reached the end of Kings, we intend to focus on several of the letters of the Apostle Paul.

All are welcome to join us. Just have one or more bibles with you, and plan to enjoy the discussion. Face masks will be required for the participants, and those who are unable to meet in person will be able to join us via the Zoom connection that is posted at the church's website.



Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82643945421?pwd=V3dxdWY0YkZsRFptWkE2dDBCM3VLUT09>

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Call in From Any Phone: 312 626 6799

Meeting ID: 826 4394 5421

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Youth Zoom Hangout, June 6 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>

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Password: 271433

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Upcoming Fellowship Events

Mark your calendars for the future 2021 Fellowship events!

- Saturday, August 28: 6:00 pm – dusk, Event TBD
- hopefully something outdoors
- Friday, October 1: 6:00 pm – dusk
◊ Wurstfest, likely in Larson Park
- Saturday, October 30: 6:00 pm – dusk
◊ 2nd annual Trunk or Treat in the CLC parking lot



Fellowship

If you have any questions or would like to help with any fellowship events, please reach out to Becca Jordan at 314-580-0277 or beccajedwards@gmail.com.



Choir Practice

All who love to sing are welcome at church, on Wednesday evenings at 7:30 pm. You must be fully vaccinated and two weeks past your final vaccine to participate. For questions, I can be contacted at dianedrollinger@gmail.com. Thanks!

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:

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86806779211?pwd=UTBDZG1EcjJtL3NUTmxBa1Z1ZG9ydz09>

Meeting ID: 868 0677 9211

Passcode: 989376

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



PRAYER REQUESTS

Please include the following people in your prayer life during this week.

ONGOING HEALTH CONCERNS: Those who are suffering from chronic pain & diseases, Linda Armstrong, Gege Brightman, Christine Austin, Kate and Brian Bates (John Hoffmann's sister and brother-in-law), Edith Cooper, Michael Cooper (Edith Cooper's grandson), Evan Deck, Helga Hayes, Mae Hoerchler, Elsie Johnson, Gerri Mac (Sharon Hornbeck's aunt), Bev & Al Marcus (friend of John Hoffmann), Doris & Harry Rahlfs (Karen Wood's parents), Edward Ruebeck (Roocks' grand-nephew), Ken Ruppert (friend of Mark Roock), Flo Saeger, Sherri Swanson, Judy Wessler, Shirley Wolf, Mary Stough (Sharon Hornbeck's aunt), and Richard Yeast (Leslie Bennett's father).

IN BLESSED MEMORY: For all of those who have died, especially Mertha Bishop (Gale Nunn's mom), Helen Hedderig, Gwen Hickman, Dolly Hoyer, Susan Hunt, Irene Kalnins, Ed Mansour, David Notley, Sr. (Roger Rose's brother-in-law), Gloria Richardson, Vic Saeger, Alex Sakonyi (Dianne Deck's uncle), Mary Lou Sakonyi (Dianne Deck's mother), Debra Schroeder (Leslie Bennett's sister), Cletus Romay, Judy Wessler and all of those who grieve at a distance in this time.

IN MILITARY SERVICE: Josh Duncan, Chris Hudson, Jesse Proctor, Scott Warr.

Weekly Altar Arrangements

The schedule for the next few months 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.



Date	Name	Reason
May 30, 2021		
June 6, 2021	Flo Saeger	Memory Vic Saeger
June 13, 2021		
June 20, 2021		
June 27, 2021		
July 4, 2021		
July 11, 2021		
July 18, 2021		
July 25, 2021		
August 1, 2021		
August 8, 2021		
August 15, 2021		
August 22, 2021		

ANNIVERSARIES AND BIRTHDAYS!

LET'S CELEBRATE MAY ANNIVERSARIES AND BIRTHDAYS!

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

ANNIVERSARIES:

05/04	Becca & Peter Jordan
05/07	Jessica & Dan Gunther
05/08	Harriet & Bill Scholle
05/22	Kim & Jack Joern
05/26	Angela & Greg Bratcher
05/27	Sandra & Mike Hoyer
05/29	Jess & Rachel Helton

BIRTHDAYS:

05/03	Anna McIntyre
05/05	Sarah Ringkor
05/05	Mark Smith
05/05	Robert Swanson
05/05	Claudia Trautmann
05/08	Mae Hoerchler
05/11	John Hoffmann
05/12	Barrett Chelgreen
05/13	Elsie Johnson
05/15	Matthew Ely
05/16	Colleen Wagner
05/18	Daniel Hopper
05/20	Jacob Swanson
05/21	Betty Erickson
05/22	Frederick Lenhart
05/22	Tom Palazzolo
05/23	Andrew Bennett
05/23	Harriet Scholle
05/23	Violet McMullen
05/23	Susan Emrich
05/24	Jessica Gunther
05/24	Jessica Hopper

05/26	Curtis Borden
05/27	Kelley Truss
05/28	Lisl Clerk
05/31	Anna Deck

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





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**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:
CAROLYN CROWE**

**DIRECTOR OF CHOIRS:
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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.**