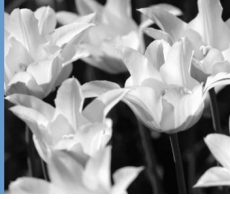




ONE IN CHRIST

Week of June 28 - July 4, 2021

PASTOR'S WORD



As we welcomed the choir back in Worship, the beautiful words and harmony of *Be Thou My Vision* filled the sanctuary. It has always been one of my favorite hymns.

“Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart” There is something about sacred choral singing that seems to clear the clouds, not only from my heart but from my spirit. Wednesday evening, as Diane directed, the choir practiced, Mark played the piano, and Mike adjusted and listened and adjusted again to get the placement of the mic just right, the distractions of the day seem to fade. Vision seemed to become just a little bit clearer as the music resonated around us, calling us into God's presence.

“Naught be all else to me, save that thou art!” So many different things can draw our attention every minute of every day. Phone calls, e-mails, meals, household tasks, work obligations And the words of this anthem remind us that as all of those things swirl around us, God is present. Simply present.

“Thou my best thought, by day or by night; waking or sleeping thy presence my light!” Everything we do and say is made better, and even possible, by the Spirit who guides us, whether we are multi-tasking our way through a day that just won't quit, or laying in bed reflecting (ruminating??) on the events of the day past or the day to come. God's presence in our lives guides our way especially when it all seems too much.

What will feed your Spirit this week? What scripture, song, poem, natural place, or soul-friend, can clear your vision, and remind you of the God we sometimes lose sight of in life's chaotic moments, but who is there all along?



WORSHIP

Sunday, July 4, 9:30 am, Worship

Access Online Bulletin

We are so happy to welcome you back to worship in the Sanctuary.

OR

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

Join Zoom Meeting

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/278217453?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/278217453?pwd=azE2dkNHVE9WSzdaeDM5Yzh4RGRvdz09)

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Call in From Any Phone: 312-626-6799

Meeting ID: 278 217 453

Password: 971744



Worship Updates

A lot of work has happened and lot of decisions have been made this week, and the best news is **The choir will be singing in the sanctuary this week!** Here is some detail about the choir's return, and more!

CHOIR RETURNS

Mike worked with the choir to establish the best way for the choir to be heard by those on Zoom, and we are now ready to go! We were so blessed to hear the choir in Worship on June 17! They will sing about once a month in Worship this summer, and plan to resume regular schedule in the fall.

For those joining us in the sanctuary, a couple of things to know . . . due to challenge for some choir members to get up to the choir loft, the choir will be singing on the main floor of the sanctuary. The Covid Team conferred about this move, and given that the choir is fully vaccinated, and given all of the data we have, the team has a consensus that the choir will remove masks while singing so that they can be heard well.

COMMUNION SERVED FROM THE FRONT

We began serving communion from the front of the sanctuary on June 27! I will thoroughly wash and sanitize my hands and serve wafers to each person, and we will have individual cups for wine and grape juice. If you wish to continue to bring your own communion, please feel free to do so, but all are welcome to come forward, remove your masks to receive the sacrament, and replace your masks to return to your seats. There will be recycling bowls for you to deposit your cup as you return to your seat.

COMMUNITY PRECAUTIONS

A word about masks and distancing . . . we are continuing to require wearing of masks by the congregation on Sunday at Worship. We are asking for all of us to take this small action of love and care for the community as a whole. Here is why we are asking that.

First, we as a congregation do have a high percentage of people in the congregation who have been vaccinated, which is awesome! We also have many children 11 and under in the congregation who are not yet eligible for vaccination, and congregational members who have suppressed immune systems and other concerns that put them at greater risk. Wearing a mask lets them know that we invite and welcome their presence with us.

Second, Covid Team and Worship Team have agreed that we are not requiring vaccination to be present at Worship, which means that although we have a very high percentage of vaccinated members, we are a mixed congregation on Sunday morning—there will be some present who will not be vaccinated, for many reasons. Those people are more vulnerable when we gather, and wearing a mask is an easy way to make it safer for all who gather.

Third, we know that there are variants that are causing surges in illness and hospitalizations in other areas of the state and country. Most of the variants are well-addressed by our current vaccines, which are highly safe and effective. And, in a situation where we are taking the steps of being in a larger group indoors, where some are not yet eligible for vaccine and some have complicating risk factors, where we love to SING, wearing a mask is a very simple thing we can do to make it a space that is safer for the whole community as we move forward together.

We as Christians are called to love one another, and care most especially for the most vulnerable among us. We thank you for loving and caring for one another!

THANK YOU!!!

We **thank you again for your patience and grace** in this two-steps-forward-one-step-back/one-step-forward-two-steps-back process.

We want to hear from you! Please do continue to share any thoughts, concerns, questions, and ideas you have as we go forward, and know we are working very hard to listen, adapt, evolve, and smooth out our glitches as well as possible.

Pastor Meagan, Kevin Drollinger, Dr Philip Mudd, Carolyn Crowe, Jon Heerboth, John Hoffman, Becca Jordan, Kate Hoerchler



Worshipping on Zoom for the last year and a half has required many hands—readers, prayer leaders, flower team, and especially our amazing technology team. All of you have made Worship in community possible! As we begin Worship in the sanctuary again, we need all of us to bring music, flowers, voices, fellowship, and unite our beloveds in-person and via Zoom together in full community. What gifts can you share in Worship?

The following list briefly describes the typical duties of worship-related volunteers under normal circumstances. However, some responsibilities are slightly different at the moment, due to covid restrictions. All new volunteers will be given instructions/training for their roles. Our goal is to have enough volunteers that a given person need only serve in a specific capacity once a month, at most. If you or your family members would like to join one of these volunteer teams, please contact John Hoffmann, Pastor Meagan, Susan DeBusk, Jon Heerboth or email the office at office@christwg.org.

Key Persons

Typically, one key person readies the church building prior to the first Sunday morning service/activity, while another closes it after the last service/activity. However, on Sundays with only one service and no Sunday School or Adult Forum, one person will usually do both. The early responsibilities include unlocking certain outer doors and inside rooms, turning on the lights in the sanctuary, hallway and fellowship hall, turning on the sound system, bringing the elevator down to ground level, and making coffee. Closing the church involves re-locking those same outer doors and inside rooms, turning off the lights and sound system, bringing the elevator back up to the sanctuary level, and emptying coffee grounds and filters from the coffee maker.

Altar Guild

Altar Guild members typically work in pairs. They replace soiled altar linens with fresh ones, maintain the candles as needed, change out the paraments as appropriate, set up the communion ware on the altar and the communion elements in the narthex prior to the service, and wash the communion ware after the service.

Ushers

Ushers typically work in pairs. They greet service attendees, hand out bulletins, pass the offering plates, direct the flow of attendees to the front of the church for communion, count total attendance, and tidy the pews after the service.

Lectors

These volunteers are assigned to read one of the designated lessons and/or the psalm during the service. This can be done either via zoom or in the sanctuary.

Presenters

Presenters typically work in pairs. They carry the communion elements from the narthex to the altar right after the offering is collected during the service.

Assisting Ministers

An assisting minister sits with the pastor near the altar during the service. Primary responsibilities include reading prayers of intercession from the altar and assisting with communion.

Counters

Counting is typically done in pairs, immediately after the last service on Sundays. It usually takes about 45 minutes. Counters are responsible for categorizing all monies from the offering plate, along with any recent checks that were mailed to the church. These include regular offerings, designated contributions (e.g., memorials, altar flowers, major renovations), payments for use of the Mead Center, etc. The totals in each category are recorded and passed to the Christ Lutheran Financial Secretary.

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



Parents of CLC

Do you have a child entering 2nd grade in the fall or who is ready to learn about the Sacrament of Communion?

If so please contact Pastor Meagan to register your child for communion class. We will hold lessons, make bread, and attendants will be recognized in worship.



Confirmation

Is your child entering 7th Grade? Pastor Meagan will be forming a class to prepare for Confirmation. Please email or call Pastor Meagan if your child will be attending class.

Women's Group

The women of Christ Lutheran are invited to join our virtual meetings taking place the second Thursday of each month at 7pm. 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.



Again this year for the Webster Groves July 4th celebration, Christ Lutheran will offer our restrooms for use before the parade!

The parade is Saturday, July 3rd at 10:00am (yes, it is NOT on the 4th) Carnival & Lions' Club BBQ at Eden Seminary (at Lockwood Ave.), and participants will start gathering at 8:00am.



We need more volunteers to provide hospitality for visitors as well as members. (No toilet cleaning necessary, but we will have hand sanitizer dispensers available.) Contact Joan ASAP – 314.991.4616 or joanobrien@altairtravel.com if you are able to help!

Our parking lot will be a perfect place for parking for our congregation, but you must arrive early. On parade day Lockwood and Selma Avenues close to traffic at 8:00am and remain closed until the last float passes our church to end the parade. So, park early and help us serve our community or “spot” a car early for easy access to the Parade and for the Carnival to follow. We will not be restricting folks from parking on our lots, so 1st come, 1st to get a parking spot!

Watch the parade!

Bring your own food, drinks, blankets/chairs and enjoy the day. We are not restricting guests/visitors but are encouraging Christ Lutheran members only for churchyard picnic. We also strongly recommend purchasing your lunch from the Lions Club, since this year they will be just a block away at Eden Seminary – cooking day and late night; from past years, you know their BBQ ribs are delicious and it is for such a worthy cause.

So, JOIN US in celebrating the 4th on July 3rd and help us serve our community!

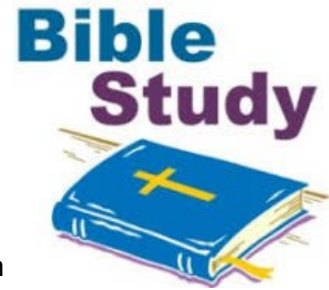
Do you love a parade?

Peace and several other Webster churches will participate in the 4th of July Parade with a focus on getting out the vote. The more, the merrier! The parade is July 3rd and we will meet at approximately 9:30am. If you would like to walk the parade route with us, please signup on the Signup Genius by [clicking here](#). contact Joni Resides (609.774.5020; resides1@gmail.com) or Sarah Webster (314.239.8461; swebster1956@gmail.com).



Zoom Bible Study, Tuesday June 29th, 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

Password: 127284

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

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.



Fellowship



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!

Vigil For Black Lives

Lockwood Ave, every Friday, 6:00-6:30pm

Last week we acknowledged two anniversaries: **Juneteenth**, the celebration of the message of the Emancipation Proclamation reaching the last of the people living in slavery in Galveston, TX, June 17, 1865, two and a half years after it was signed; and the **murder of 9 black people at Emmanuel Episcopal AME in Charleston** by a man who believed them to be a threat because of the color of their skin June 19, 2015, just six years ago. These two anniversaries taken together in June each year illustrate clearly that progress has been made. AND, the truth is that in many ways, racism and its impacts still rage today. 156 years after the last of the people living in chattel slavery were freed, access to voting rights is still restricted and threatened, and the well-being, safety, and lives of people of color are still at risk every day.

Every Friday, from 6:00-6:30, congregations on Lockwood join together to stand for black lives, in our community and beyond. We take a short half an hour each week to be visible on Lockwood with signs of solidarity with our black siblings. It is a small way for us to make it known that we stand against racism in all the ways it impacts all of us. Please join us!

Altar Flowers

If you wish to underwrite the cost of the altar flowers for a particular week, please let the office or Nancy Lissant know which Sunday and send in a check. The cost is \$40 per Sunday; it can be shared with someone else if you wish.

In Loving Memory

Sheila Rose (Roger's wife, Barbara's mother, James' great-grandmother) passed away suddenly on June 24 at the age of 89 years. She and Roger have been married for 66 years. By her choice, there will be no visitation or funeral service. Her ashes will be inurned in the Christ Lutheran columbarium at a later time. An obituary will be available on the boppchapel.org website. Friends are invited to an open house memorial on Saturday, July 10, between 1:00 to 5:00 p.m., at the family home at 527 Greeley Ave., Webster Groves, MO 63119.

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



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, Shelly Madden, 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, Elsie Johnson, Gerri Mac (Sharon Hornbeck's aunt), Bev & Al Marcus (friend of John Hoffmann), Genie Owens (Sarah Ringkor's mother), Doris & Harry Rahlfs (Karen Wood's parents), Edward Ruebeck (Roocks' grand-nephew), Ken Ruppert (friend of Mark Roock), Flo Saeger, Sherri Swanson, 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 Romain, Judy Wessler, Sheila Rose and all of those who grieve at a distance in this time.

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

ANNIVERSARIES AND BIRTHDAYS!

LET'S CELEBRATE JULY ANNIVERSARIES AND BIRTHDAYS!

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

ANNIVERSARIES:

07/03	Erin & Dave Eftink, Jr.
07/13	Luke & Karen Bruns
07/21	Alena & Kersten Horn
07/22	Matt & Katie Ciorba
07/30	James & Leslie Bennett
07/30	Jon & Chris Heerboth

BIRTHDAYS:

07/02	Edith Cooper
07/03	Leslie Bennett
07/04	Taimika Askew-Sunkara
07/04	Gregory McMullen
07/06	Susan DeBusk
07/08	Lisette Kreidler
07/12	Stephanie Lenhart
07/12	Mike Wagner
07/13	Carolyn Crowe
07/13	Matthew Hoyer
07/14	Dane Stole
07/16	Dianne Drollinger
07/16	Lauren Bennett
07/17	Luke Dopuch
07/18	Kim Joern
07/21	Maggie Ringkor
07/23	Jason Kuziel
07/27	Megan Eftink
07/27	Kahlie McCarty
07/28	Thomas Allen
07/28	Roger Rose
07/29	Scott Glascock
07/30	Sherry Mitchler
07/30	Rev. Kenneth Haugk
07/31	August Bennett
07/31	Matt Ciorba
07/31	Steven McCarty

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



July 2021

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4 Independence day 9:30a Worship 10:45a Coffee Fellowship 	5 12p Sr. Fellowship at Laclede Groves 4p Fitness Group	6 10a Bible Study – Fellowship Hall	7 7p Choir practice	8 7p Women's Group on Zoom	9	10
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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**

**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.