



ONE IN CHRIST

Week of June 7 - June 13, 2021

PASTOR'S WORD



Friday evening and Saturday, representatives from the Central States Synod of the ELCA—including myself and our voting members, Kate Hoerchler and Mark Roock—joined together for our annual Synod Assembly. We gathered to be with one another, in what will hopefully be our last online Assembly for a while! We learned, reflected, worshipped, did the “business” of the Synod, and discerned where Spirit is leading us as a larger church. Here are some of the words of Bishop Susan Candea . . .

Welcome to the Central States Synod Assembly! Yes, it will be different this year. Instead of gathering in person in one location, driving the many miles of the territory of our synod, we will be gathering from our living rooms, kitchen tables, home offices, etc. to engage with one another online as the voting members of the assembly. . . .

We will gather under the theme: **United with Christ in Baptism. One Body, Many Members**, recognizing and affirming that diversity is a wonderful gift of our creator, that diversity enhances and enriches our life together, and that diversity does not mean there are divisions because we are one body. We are all united with Christ in baptism. That is a radical message of good news in a time and culture that has experienced so much division, brokenness, hurt and violence.

We will gather on Friday night to first worship together, grounding our words and actions in the gospel, and then be challenged, educated, engaged, and inspired to wrestle with racial justice. How might we be people who both confess the sin of racism and move into actions that reflect God’s reign of justice?

We will gather again on Saturday to do the “business” of the synod . . . We will discuss and approve a budget and amendments to our synod constitution. We will receive and debate resolutions that call us into commitments and actions. . . And we will do all of this **united with Christ in baptism, as one body with many members**. We will have different perspectives and opinions. . . I am looking forward to gathering with you!

Over the coming weeks, Mark and Kate will share their experience with all of you. As we at Christ Lutheran journey through this time of transition together and seek to welcome and serve, we can be encouraged by the truth that we are not alone in the transformation we are experiencing in what it means to be church. We can be informed and inspired by the work of the Spirit in and through our Synod, knowing that God’s kingdom is so much larger than us! We are **united with Christ in baptism, as one body with many members**.



WORSHIP

Sunday, June 13, 9:30 am, Worship

Access Online Bulletin

We are so happy to welcome you back to worship in the Sanctuary. Registration is helpful but not required to attend <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0C45AEA828AAF58-sunday2>

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?pwd=azE2dkNHVE9WSzdaeDM5Yzh4RGRvdz09>

One tap mobile

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Call in From Any Phone: 312-626-6799

Meeting ID: 278 217 453

Password: 971744



Judy Wessler Memorial Service

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

Join on Zoom here:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83915041877?pwd=M3hGS1p6TIRGcFU0NHVEWmg0a2p5Zz09>

Dial by your location

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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

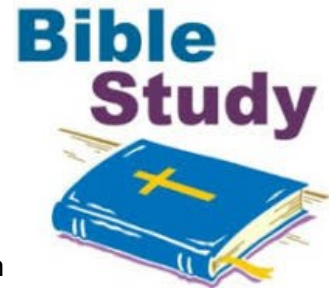
CLC Suggestion Box

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



Zoom Bible Study, Tuesday June 8th, 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

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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

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

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

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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.



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!

Adult Forum

On Sunday June 6, Derek Bastian, Interim Executive Director of Webster Rock Hill Ministry, updated us on the agency's activities over the past year during the COVID emergency. He concentrated on the six months since he began to lead the organization.

Mr. Bastian said that WRHM has narrowed its approach to a "neighbors helping neighbors" focus. It now concentrates on providing emergency relief—food, personal care items, utility assistance, and needed home repairs. He said the the Ministry is a clearing house for Christ Lutheran's ministry to the community. "It is," he said, "the hands and feet," of member congregations, helping anyone in need, regardless of zip code or income.

When asked about the best way to contribute, Mr. Bastian said that either monetary gifts or items to be distributed are useful. And he added that diapers, both infant and adult, are a particular need. WRHM gives out about two tons of assistance a month and receives allotments from the Saint Louis Area Food bank.

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.



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, 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 Ruppar (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 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 JUNE ANNIVERSARIES AND BIRTHDAYS!

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

ANNIVERSARIES:

06/07	Carole & Mark Lewis, Perry Yee & Szu Ching Fu
06/10	Larry & Kathy Hill
06/11	Bill & Linda Griffith
06/20	Megan & Colin Meadows
06/21	Mark & Lynnae Ruff
06/23	Kathy & Jerry Kuziel
06/25	Susanne & Dave Fey
06/27	Paul & Stephanie Lenhart
06/28	Janet & Mark Roock
06/30	Betty & Woody Erickson

BIRTHDAYS:

06/01	Katherine Mudd
06/02	Emma Schulte
06/04	Sarah Bender, Joan Rivas, Joshua Wood
06/06	Megan (Lewis) Pickett
06/08	Ward Holmes, Carolyn Lange
06/10	Reid Bartek, Erin Eftink
06/12	Anna Bussler, Luke Bruns
06/15	David Ciorba
06/17	Sam Allen
06/18	Evan Deck
06/19	David Cramer, Jordon Joern
06/22	Carole Lewis
06/23	Dave Austin, Wyatt Bussler
06/24	Kristin Hill, Kaia Chelgreen
06/27	Lauren Dopuch
06/28	Nesiah Yee
06/29	Kersten Horn
06/30	Hamise Askew-Sunkara, Sandy Hoyer

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**

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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.**