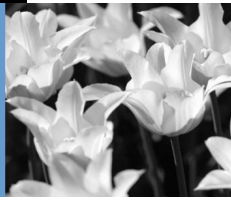




ONE IN CHRIST

Week of August 2 - August 8, 2021

PASTOR'S WORD



Central States Synod has adopted a new Mission Statement, and Bishop Candea has provided devotions to introduce the statement and invite us all to reflect on who we are as Christians.

Central States Synod Mission Statement

United with Christ in Baptism -- Traveling the way of Jesus -- Joining God's reign of justice and radical love in the world.

United with Christ in Baptism—A Reflection by Bishop Susan Candea

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not over come it. John 1:1-5

We often, without realizing that we are doing it, think of "Christ" as Jesus' last name even though we know that the word, "Christ" in Greek, and the word, "Messiah" in Hebrew mean, "the anointed one." Jesus of Nazareth, a Galilean Jewish peasant, who lived under the foreign rule of the Roman Empire from about 4 BCE (before the common era) to about 30 CE. Jesus is God's "anointed one." but anointed to do what?

Richard Rohr begins his book *The Universal Christ* by sharing a passage from Caryl Houselander's autobiography in which she describes her vision of seeing Christ in all the people around her. –

I was in an underground train, a crowded train in which all sorts of people jostled together, sitting and strap-hanging – workers of every description going home at the end of the day. Quite suddenly I saw with my mind, but as vividly as a wonderful picture, Christ in them all But I saw more than that; not only was Christ in every one of them, living in them, dying in them, rejoicing in them, sorrowing in them – but because he was in them and because they were here, the whole world was here too, here in this underground train, not only the world as it was at that moment, not only all the people in all the countries of the world, but all those people who had lived in the past, and all those yet to come . . . Realization of our oneness in Christ is the only cure for human loneliness. For me, too, it is the only ultimate of life, the only thing that gives meaning and purpose to life. (The Universal Christ, pp 2-3)

Rohr argues that this is the vision of Christ revealed in Scripture which leads him to ask:

What if Christ is a name for the transcendent within of every "thing" in the universe?

What if Christ is a name for the immense spaciousness of all true Love?

What if Christ refers to an infinite horizon that pulls us from within and pulls us forward too?

What if Christ is another name for everything – in its fullness?

And I would add:

what if Christ (the anointed one) was anointed to reveal the expanse and universality of God's love and grace, of God's light and redemption of all of creation?

What if God sent Jesus not to teach us the right things to believe and do so that after we die, we would be rewarded by going to heaven (which is often how the Christian faith is understood), but to become one with us, to dwell with us, connecting us to a love that encompasses the universe – the love of God? What might it mean to be united with Christ who is universal?

Questions for Reflection

- How would you describe Jesus?
- How would you describe Christ?
- What excites, energizes, or gives you hope when you think about the "universal Christ"?
- What makes you nervous or challenges you with that image?
- How does being united with Christ affect your perspective on the world, on others, on yourself, as well as your actions and behaviors?



WORSHIP

Sunday, August 8, 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

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Call in From Any Phone: 312-626-6799

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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.

CLC Families: Mark your Calendars!

Join us Saturday, August 7 at 5 pm for Picnic and Praise on the church lawn. This event will be in lieu of VBS, so we'll have VBS-style activities and fun. You'll just need to bring dinner for your family, blankets/chairs and your masks.



In the spirit of the "loaves and fish" Bible lesson, we will also be collecting non-perishable food items for Webster-Rock Hill Ministries. There will be a blue bin in which to place your donations that evening. Thank you very much for your generosity!

The Worship Team Needs Your Input!

As we plan for fall Worship and education and fellowship hour, we are considering adjusting the school year Sunday schedule to better meet the current needs of our congregation. We need your input to make the best decision for the community, so please take a moment to answer this ONE QUESTION survey as soon as possible. We will take responses through August 10, so that we have the survey data to consider at our next Worship Team meeting on August 11.

Complete the survey in one of the following ways:

PREFERRED: Follow this link! <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/D72BN2X>

Call Pastor Meagan or Lisette and they can read you the question and record your answer for you.

Vigil For Black Lives

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!

CLC Fellowship Event

What: Tailgating Game Night at Christ Lutheran

When: Saturday, August 28 at 6:00 pm

Where: Christ Lutheran Parking Lot

Details: Bring your favorite outdoor games (cornhole, washers, ladder toss, frisbee golf, spikeball, lawn darts, etc.) and your own drinks, snacks, chairs, s'mores supplies, etc.

- We will play games on the church parking lot. The church yard will be available as well (light permitting).
- The fire pit will be ready for s'mores.
- Open to all ages!
- No need to sign up as this will be an outdoor event with plenty of space.
- The church will be open for bathroom breaks and water refills. Don't forget to bring your mask if you plan to go inside!
- This event is weather-permitting. If needed, Becca will send a cancellation email the morning of the event.



Lost and Found

A pair of gold rimmed sunglasses were found in the Sanctuary and a key on a multicolored bracelet was found in the parking lot. If these are yours please call the office to arrange pickup.

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:

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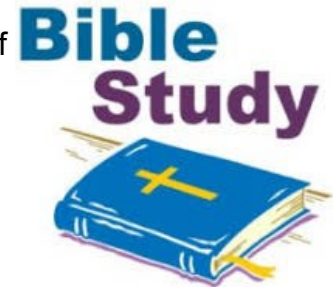
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Any questions? Reach out to Becca Jordan at beccajedwards@gmail.com.

Zoom Bible Study, Tuesday August 3rd, 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

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Upcoming Fellowship Events

Mark your calendars for the future 2021 Fellowship events!

- Saturday, August 28: 6:00 pm , Tailgating game night in parking lot
- 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 August 4, 11, and 18th 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!

New Book Group - Free books in narthex!

We're reading *Dear Church: A Love Letter from a Black Preacher to the Whitest Denomination in the US*. Pick up a free copy in the narthex and give part 1 a read (through page 74). Then join us August 11 at 8 pm on Zoom to discuss. We'll set a date for part 2 at that meeting.

Join Zoom Meeting

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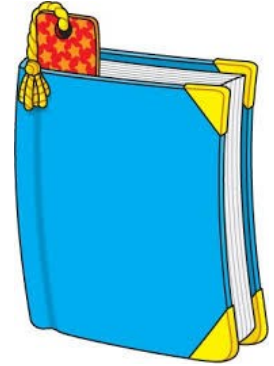
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Contact Kate Hoerchler (katehoerchler@gmail.com) with any questions.



Dear CROP friends:

The 2021 CROP Hunger Walk will be a hybrid event. For those who feel safe gathering in-person to walk together, we shall gather on Sunday, October 24 at Eden Seminary, 475 E. Lockwood Ave. in Webster Groves 63119 — check-in at 4:30 pm and Walk at 5:00. However, participants may also register for the Walk, and they may choose to walk wherever and whenever they want (like we did last year), individually or in small groups (for instance, a congregation or organization at your chosen time and location).

For more details and to register, form a team, raise funds, and/or donate, please go to the following website:

events.crophungerwalk.org/2021/event/saintlouismo

There will also be a CROP Concert again this year. It will follow the CROP Walk at 7:00 pm in the Wehrli Chapel at Eden Seminary. COVID precautions will be in place.

Questions? Contact Clint McCann at cmccann@eden.edu or 314-619-0599.

Thanks for your support of CROP/Church World Service!

Peace,
Clint McCann
Eden Theological Seminary

2021 Golf Fundraiser for Webster Groves High School Hockey

The Webster HS hockey club is hosting a golf fundraiser on Sept 19th. If anyone from Christ Lutheran would be interested in golfing, contact Melissa Allen (melpallen@yahoo.com). Golfers can register as individuals or foursomes, and food and drinks will be provided. There is also going to be a silent auction.



2021 Skatesmen Golf Tournament

September 19, 2021

Tapawingo Golf Course • 13001 Gary Player Dr., St. Louis, MO 63121

Registration – noon • Shotgun Start (Scramble format) – 1:00 p.m. • Lunch/Dinner provided

Sponsor Levels:

Birdie: \$2,500

- Recognition as Sponsor on banner, social media, and all events materials
- Tee Sign featuring company name at one hole on the course
- Opportunity to distribute company premium item in player pack
- One foursome including green fees, carts, food and beverage
- Four admissions to the lunch, dinner and awards ceremony

Par: \$1,000

- Recognition as Sponsor on banner, social media and signage
- Tee sign featuring company name at one hole on the course
- One foursome including green fees, carts, food and beverage
- Four admissions to the lunch, dinner, and awards ceremony

Foursome: \$600

- One foursome including green fees, carts, food and beverage
- Four admissions to the lunch, dinner and awards ceremony

Beverage Cart: \$200

- Company name displayed on the signage place on beverage cart

Putting Green: \$200

- Company name displayed on signage placed at putting green

Driving Range: \$200

- Company name displayed on signage placed at driving range

Special Event: \$200

- Company name displayed on signage place at Longest Drive or Closest to the pin hole

Hole Sponsor: \$100

- Company name displayed on signage place at hole on course

Individual Golfer: \$150

- One registration including green fees, cart, food and beverage
- One admission to the lunch, dinner and awards ceremony

Friend of the Team: \$100

- Recognition as Sponsor on social media

Please indicate the appropriate category and complete the sponsor/player section.

<input type="checkbox"/> Birdie	\$2,500
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<input type="checkbox"/> Foursome	\$600
<input type="checkbox"/> Beverage Cart	\$200
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<input type="checkbox"/> Special Event	\$200
<input type="checkbox"/> Hole Sponsor	\$100
<input type="checkbox"/> Individual Golfer	\$150
<input type="checkbox"/> Friend of the Team	\$100

Method of Payment

Enclosed is a check for \$ _____ made payable to:

**Webster Groves Skatesmen
Hockey Club**

Or sign up at

www.Skatesmenhockey.com

Click on the Registration tab.

All proceeds benefit the Webster Groves Skatesmen Hockey Club



Stewardship & Offerings

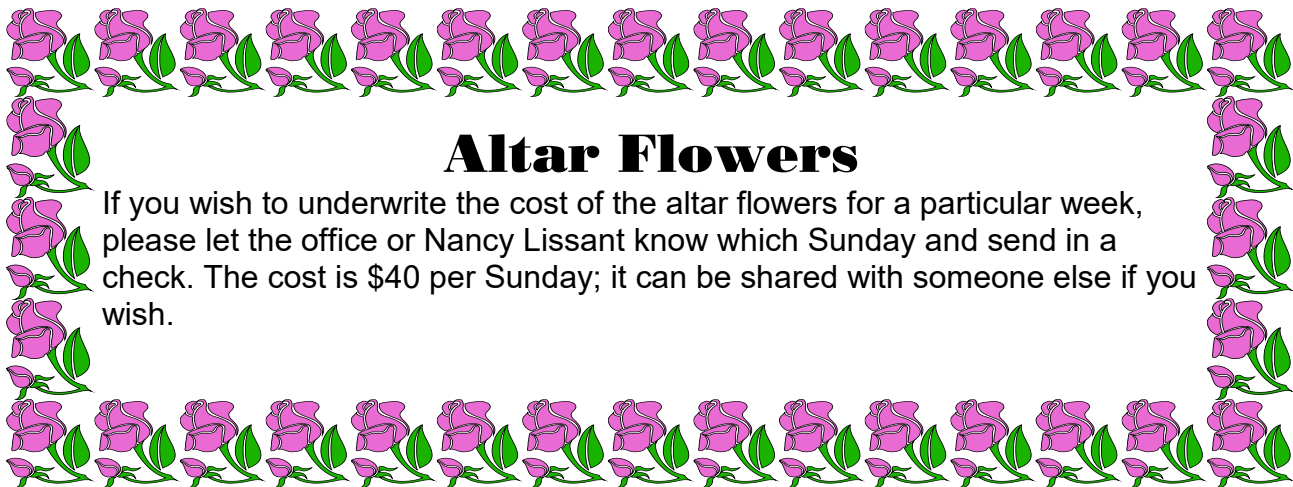
We continue to worship and reach out to people in different ways than we're traditionally accustomed. Staff and members are reaching out proactively to make sure everyone in our congregation is cared for, and connected, as much as possible. We are re-imagining ministry! Now more than ever, it takes all 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



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.

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, John Hoffmann, 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 (Rooks' grand-nephew), Ken Ruppar (friend of Mark Rook), Flo Saeger, Sherri Swanson, Shirley Wolf, Mary Stough (Sharon Hornbeck's aunt), and Wayne Wellman (Susanne Reimer-Fey's brother).

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 & Richard Yeast (Leslie Bennett's sister and father), 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.

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!



ANNIVERSARIES AND BIRTHDAYS!

LET'S CELEBRATE AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES AND BIRTHDAYS!

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

ANNIVERSARIES:

08/17 Karen and Brent Wood
08/22 Sylvia and Mark Rogers
08/28 Brian & Kate Dopuch

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

BIRTHDAYS:

08/02 Kate Dopuch
08/05 Ann Steinbrueck
08/07 Emily Knapp
08/07 Susanne Reimer-Fey
08/09 Harrison Ringkor
08/12 Janet Roock
08/13 Tammy Pryor
08/15 Bill Scholle
08/15 Mark Ruff
08/15 Judy Koepke
08/19 Marc Horn
08/20 Alan Richter
08/21 Carol Arrington
08/22 Graham Bartek
08/25 Jacey Joern
08/28 Jesse Helton
08/28 Keith Lissant
08/29 Ray McIntyre



August 2021

Sun**Mon****Tue****Wed****Thu****Fri****Sat**

1 9:30a Worship 10:45a Coffee Fellowship	2 12p Sr. Fellowship at Laclede Groves 4p Fitness Group	3 10a Bible Study – Fellowship Hall	4 7:30p Choir practice	5	6	7 5p VBS Picnic and Praise on church lawn
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HOURS: MON-THUR 8:30-4:30
APPTS BY
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LST Classes

Lutheran School of Theology St Louis is pleased to announce that we have been able to enlist Dr. Wil Gafney, Sam B Hulsey Professor of Hebrew Bible at Brite Divinity School in offering a Womanist Biblical Interpretation Colloquium. This opportunity is open to all. Attending the previous classes in the series is not a prerequisite.

Participation in this colloquium will afford individuals and small groups who want to experience engagement with biblical texts a very special opportunity to learn about womanist interpretation from a renowned biblical scholar. In Dr. Gafney's words, *"One of the principles of womanist biblical interpretation is that that experience is not just useful for black women, it's useful for anyone who engages the text."*

Zoom classes with Dr. Gafney will be held on Wednesday evenings, Sept. 22 & 29, Oct. 6 from 7:00-8:30 pm CDT. Register at <https://lststl.org/womanist-biblical-interpretation/> Cost: \$70 Scholarships may be requested here: <https://lststl.org/scholarships-for-lst-classes/>

Christ Lutheran Church Mission Statement

Deepening people's connection to Christ,
Bringing meaning to daily life, and
Making a difference in our community.