



ONE IN CHRIST

Week of August 23 - August 29, 2021

PASTOR'S WORD



Fall is a time of change, new beginnings, and adventures. Here is a blessing for all of us, as we go out into the world in different ways.

For Sending a Child Into the World

The world has waited long enough
to hear your voice,
to feel your feet treading with gentle curiosity,
to see how you wear each adventure
beyond the porchlight of home.
You are always ready before I am,
besting my instinct to keep you close.
Thank God the world beckons you anyway,
and the Spirit whispers a presence
you cannot outlast.
Go, child,
into the wild places
where you will fail and fly and
find newness of life.
My heartstrings dance behind your figure
like a kite tail rising in the wind,
rejoicing in your freedom.

Meta Herrick Carlson, ***Ordinary Blessings***



WORSHIP

Sunday, August 29, 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

Meeting ID: 278 217 453

Password: 971744



Fall Kick-off and Outdoor Worship!

September 26, 9:30am

Mark your calendars to join us in the church yard for outdoor Worship, bring a picnic and yard games, and we'll provide ice cream treats! More details to come!

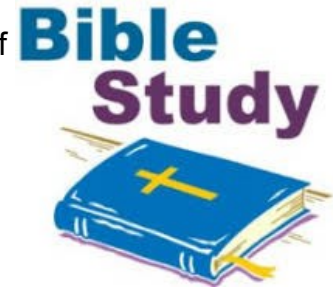
Worship Schedule Survey Follow Up

Thank you to everyone who responded to the survey in the last few weeks! Your feedback and comments were all very helpful, and we are holding on to that information as we move forward. What we realized out of the responses and conversation is that at this time it will be best for us to maintain our current 9:30am Worship followed by Forum for the time being, both available on Zoom as well as in person. Please continue to share any thoughts or ideas you have, we want to hear them!

We are busily working on plans for fall that we are really excited about and creative plans for children and youth are forthcoming as well. September and October are full at Christ Lutheran! So, watch the newsletter and Sunday announcements to find out more!

Zoom Bible Study, Tuesday August 24th, 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



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 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!

Calling all volunteers!

The Refreshment Team is looking for anyone interested in providing refreshments in the Fellowship Hall after service. Once a team has been solidified, we will discuss next steps while keeping Covid restrictions in mind.

Please email Becca Jordan at beccajedwards@gmail.com if you are interested in joining the Refreshment Team!

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.

Questions? Call, text, or email Becca Jordan at 314-580-0277 / beccajedwards@gmail.com.

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>

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

People of Christ,

Hopefully you are aware of the conversation our Council is inviting us into regarding consideration of selling the Mead Center. As we strive to live into our call to Welcome and Serve, this is a very important time of discernment for our congregation. You should have received our White Paper with all the details about this conversation in the mail and e-mail, the Q&A summary is provided below.

Please plan to review the White Paper and Q&A, and join us for one of the Q&A sessions and the Special Congregational Meeting.

As always, reach out to Pastor or your Council with any questions you may have!

Question and Answer Opportunities

Sunday, August 29, immediately following Worship, in-person only

Tuesday, August 31, 7:00pm, Zoom only

Special Congregational Meeting

Sunday, September 12, immediately following Worship, Zoom and in-person

Mead Center Potential Sale Q&A

Who are the potential buyers, anyways?

The identity of the potential buyer will be shared with the congregation when we have a detailed official offer to share. We can say that we are excited about the possibility for community relationship and partnership with either of the potential buyers.

If we sell the Mead Center, where will we have Worship while the renovation is happening?

That will depend on the phase of the renovation. This is a challenge inherent in the renovation process itself, and with flexibility and good communication we know we have options that will allow us to have Worship every Sunday throughout the process.

There will be times during the renovation when we will be able to use the majority of the sanctuary space, and can hold Worship there.

We will seek to negotiate with the potential buyer to use the Mead Center on Sundays when needed.

We can Worship in the church yard when the weather allows.

We always have the option to have Worship fully on Zoom on the Sundays when neither the sanctuary nor Mead Center are an option . . . and we hope those weeks will be minimal.

If we sell the Mead Center, where will we have Sunday School?

Before and during renovation, we will negotiate with the potential buyer to use the Mead Center classrooms on Sundays so Sunday School can happen in the current classrooms. We also have space in the office building—including the Conference Room and unused office space—that, while not ideal and not a long-term solution, will serve the needs of the Sunday School during the renovation period.

After renovation, we know from conversations with our architects that we can create the Sunday School classroom and gathering space we need within the 1 Selma church building. The Renovation Team and architects are working on specific plans to best meet these needs, and we will provide details about the plans when they are ready to be shared, BEFORE the congregation is asked to approve and commit to a sales contract with a specific buyer.

Doesn't this mean we will have a much more expensive renovation to 1 Selma?

Yes, it does. We do not have numbers for this yet, but will secure and provide an estimate BEFORE the congregation is asked to approve and commit to a sales contract with a specific buyer.

Although the renovation will be more expensive, the increased expense will be 100% covered by the proceeds from the sale of the Mead Center. It is also expected that a meaningful portion of the sale proceeds would be available to fund a portion of the originally planned renovation. We also know we have access to a loan with good terms through the Mission Investment Fund to help fund the project while contributions come in for the Capital Campaign.

Can't we wait until after the renovation before selling the Mead Center?

We certainly can.

The advantage to waiting is that we would have total use of the Mead Center during the renovation.

The disadvantages to waiting are:

- We would be passing up an offer to purchase the Mead Center that has come to us with no effort on our part.
- We would need to carry a significantly higher debt load for the renovation itself, with no guarantee that we would be able to sell the Mead Center in a timely manner at a favorable price when the renovation is complete.
- We would continue to carry the burden of financial obligations for necessary maintenance and renovation at the Mead Center with no income from a regular tenant.
- We would continue to carry the burdens of significant staff and volunteer time necessary to maintain the Mead Center, and continue struggling to "keep up" with the necessary tasks.

This feels fast! Why the rush?

There are two main reasons for the timing of the Council's invitation to consider selling Mead Center.

1. We were notified July 27 that L'Arche, our primary tenant and source of income from the Mead Center, has purchased a new building for themselves and will be vacating Mead Center and moving to that building November 1. This leaves us with minimal or no income from the Mead Center.
2. Without effort on our part, we have had two parties express interest in considering purchase of the Mead Center, and one of those parties has said they want to give us a formal offer on the Mead Center. We believe the second party remains interested.

While it does feel fast, the Council believes this is something the congregation should be informed about and invited to make a decision on.

We, your Council, commit to the following:

- We will provide you with all of the information you need to make a well-informed decision.
- We know the potential buyers have their process to go through which will take some time for them, so we do not expect pressure from them to make a decision before we are ready. If the potential buyer were to require an answer more quickly than the congregation is ready to provide one, which we believe would be unlikely, we will allow the opportunity to pass.

We ask you, the congregation, to commit to the following:

- Share how you are feeling about this possibility. The Mead Center has been an important part of the community life, and many of you have invested time and hopes in the building and its possibilities. There are many emotions within the council about the idea of selling the Mead Center, and we know there are in the congregation as well.
- Engage in the process. Read the information, attend forums when you can, and talk with your Council members. We can't make a good decision as a congregation without you!
- Ask your questions. If there is anything you need to know, please ask, and if we don't know the answer, we will do the work to find out.

If we sell Mead Center, what will the renovation look like?

The renovation team will be starting with plans already approved by the congregation, and the concerns expressed about accessibility of the approved renovations, and build from there. The renovation team is already preparing to move this process forward so we will be able to provide more information before a contract with a specific buyer is approved. There is much yet to be decided, but here is what we know.

- The elevator will access all levels, including the choir loft and fellowship hall, and will be big enough to accommodate wheelchairs and coffins.
- The choir loft will be expanded, as has been requested by the choir.
- We will have space for Sunday School classrooms and Sunday School gathering space that is separate from the Forum/fellowship space. This new space would be an integral part of the Church building, eliminating potentially unsafe crossing of our parking lot by our children to reach current classrooms at #17 Selma.
- We will likely lose a small amount of parking space to accommodate a more comprehensive renovation—architects will work to minimize that loss.

Stewardship & Offerings



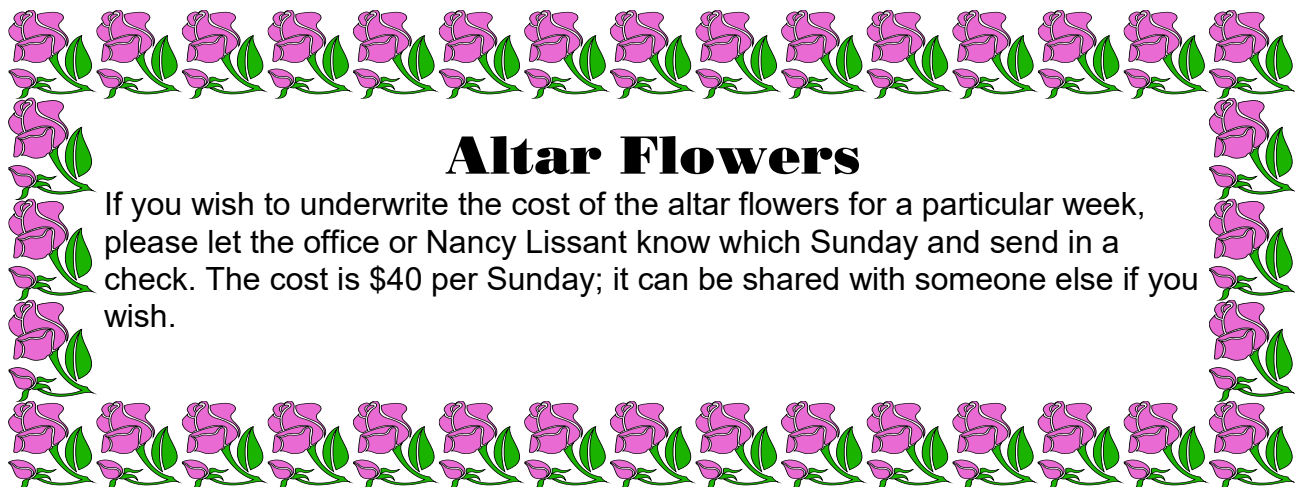
We continue to worship and reach out to people in different ways than we're traditionally accustomed. Staff and members are reaching out proactively to make sure everyone in our congregation is cared for, and connected, as much as possible. We are re-imagining ministry! Now more than ever, it takes all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

“God’s work. Our hands.” Sunday



This month we celebrate who we are as the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America – one church, freed in Christ to serve and love our neighbor.

Service activities offer an opportunity for us to explore one of our most basic convictions as Lutherans: that all of life in Jesus Christ – every act of service, in every daily calling, in every corner of life – flows freely from a living, daring confidence in God’s grace.

Church Workday

Come join us Saturday, September 11th at 9 am to enjoy some fresh air and fellowship on the church grounds as we beautify our property pulling weeds! There will also be another service opportunity at the end of September, details coming soon!

Children and Youth Ministry Coordinator!

CLC is planning to hire a Children and Youth Ministry Coordinator, to start as soon as the hire process is complete! We wanted you to be the first to know. The Job Summary is below. Internal and external candidates will be joyfully considered. To apply E-mail Resume and Cover Letter to Lisette Kreidler office@christwg.org, and contact Lisette via e-mail or phone 314-962-6011 with questions.

Do you know someone who would support Sunday School and Youth volunteers, and minister well with children, youth, and families? Pass this on to them or let us know!

Hire Team

Pastor Meagan, Kate Dopuch, Katie Ciorba, Kate Hoerchler, Danielle Uy, Jesse Helton

Job Summary

Minister alongside and provide administrative, programmatic, and spiritual support for volunteers ministering with children and youth.

Position Status

Works alongside volunteer leaders ministering with children and youth. This position is an average of 10-12 hours per week as needed, non-exempt. Comp time or overtime pay provided for special events or youth trips with prior approval from supervisor. Background check and boundaries training required.

“Dear Church” Book Study!

Eleven of us discussed Part 1 of *Dear Church: A Love Letter from a Black Preacher to the Whitest Denomination in the US* by Reverend Lenny Duncan on August 11. We are so excited about the conversation, and want to invite you to join us! We are planning to purchase additional books to be available in the Narthex, and will set another date for additional people to discuss Part 1. Please let Pastor or Kate Hoerchler know if you would like a book so we purchase enough!



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.



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!

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, and anytime during the week by arrangement—contact Lisette or Pastor Meagan to let them know when you would like to come.





Genie Owen's (Sarah Ringkor's mother) memorial service will be held Saturday, September 4, time to be confirmed soon.

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 (Roocks' grand-nephew), Ken Rupp (friend of Mark Roock), 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 Romay, Judy Wessler, Sheila Rose, Genie Owens (Sarah Ringkor's mother) 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!



Friends of IISTL,

Let us first say thank you for your outpouring of volunteer interest, financial contributions and general concern for the current situation unfolding in Afghanistan these past couple weeks. While there continues to be community support, there are many other ways you can be involved and support those who most need it.

You might ask yourself, **what can I do to help?**

1) Donate to frontline organizations here in St. Louis.

- International Institute of St. Louis - serving populations from all around the world in the St. Louis area since 1919. As the only refugee resettlement agency in the St. Louis region, IISTL on average serves 7,500 individuals on an annual basis. With deep cuts to the refugee resettlement program over the past several years, IISTL is working on building capacity in order to serve those who come to St. Louis and are in the most need. You can help by sharing current job openings. Not able to donate monetarily? Organize a donation drive for some of our most needed items. Or host a fundraising event or donation drive.
- Oasis International Ministries (314-535-3800) & House of Goods Baitulman (314-833-3300) both serve critical roles in providing goods and services to newly arrived refugees. Along with monetary donations, they both accept and distribute donated furniture and household items to refugees to start their new lives here in St. Louis. IISTL utilizes help from both organizations regularly.

2) Donate to organizations working in Afghanistan and surrounding areas to help.

- International Rescue Committee (IRC) - assisting on the ground in refugee camps as well as helping individuals and families resettle in the U.S.
- Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service (LIRS) - active in refugee resettlement across the U.S. Currently, LIRS is operating their program "Afghan Allies" lending assistance to those currently in Afghanistan.
- United Nations Refugee Agency (UNHCR) - providing on-the-ground support for those displaced and in need in Afghanistan.
- U.S. Committee for Refugees & Immigrants (USCRI) - currently providing resources and information to those in Afghanistan and around the world on SIV applications and beyond.

3) Donate to specialized service organizations here in St. Louis. We're so fortunate to live in such a diverse city where foreign-born community support organizations are plentiful. It's not just about newly arrived refugees. These organizations serve the wider immigrant populations in our region.

- Casa de Salud
- Welcome Neighbor STL
- Bilingual International Assistant Services (BIAS)
- MICA Project
- Immigrant Home English Learning Program (IHELP)

4) Prepare to volunteer your time and energy.

- We know that we at IISTL are anticipating 1,000 refugee cases this year. We don't know when they will come - sometimes we will receive as little as 24-48 hours' notice of arrival. IISTL, as well as the above-mentioned organizations, will need your help. The best things you can do right now is to prepare - fill out interest forms and applications, stay engaged and informed. We're sure other organizations will form and become more involved. New needs will formulate. Be patient and flexible with the ever-changing landscape that is refugee resettlement.

5) Advocate on any and all levels.

- Pick up the phone. Call your representatives (local, state, federal) and let them know that you want action from them now and on an ongoing basis around the issue of Afghan resettlement. Policy makers as well as shapers of public discourse need to understand that there is broad bipartisan consensus for Afghan resettlement and that - regardless of opinions on the military engagement - the United States should not abandon its allies to be persecuted.

While timelines are currently unknown, what we do know is that your help will be needed. Get involved today and stay involved. This is a tragedy we're watching unfold in real-time. We're unfortunately seeing these types of situations happen more and more on the global stage. We can help. Let them come. Let us welcome our new neighbors with open arms.

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
8 9:30a Worship 10:45a Coffee Fellowship 2p Choir Party at Drollinger home	9 12p Sr. Fellowship at Laclede Groves 4p Fitness Group	10 10a Bible Study – Fellowship Hall	11 7p Worship team meeting 8pm Zoom book group 7:30p Choir practice	12 7p Women's Group on Zoom	13	14
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29 9:30a Worship 10:45a Q&A Mead discussion	30 12p Sr. Fellowship at Laclede Groves 4p Fitness Group	31 10a Bible Study – Fellowship Hall 7p Zoom Q&A Mead Discussion				



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APPTS BY
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Christ Lutheran Church Mission Statement

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