



ONE IN CHRIST

Week of September 13 - September 19, 2021

PASTORS WORD



As we venture together into the future God has in store for us, having thoughtfully and prayerfully approved consideration of bids to sell the Meade Center, there are all kinds of emotions we are holding as a community. There is very real grief and pain, at the loss of dreams we are letting go of. There is relief as we set aside weight that others may be better equipped to carry. There is anxiety, as we encounter the unknown, and stand in that space in between where we are, and where God is leading us. And there is great joy and hope as we open ourselves up to the ministry and call that God has for us, for which our energies, passions, visions, and resources are uniquely fit. There is room for all of these emotions, and more, as we seek the next steps in our journey together, and discover how God is leading us to welcome and serve the community around us. Breathe deeply, family of faith! God is with us. Receive this blessing from John O'Donohue for our interim time.

When near the end of day, life has drained
Out of light, and it is too soon
For the mind of night to have darkened things,

No place looks like itself, loss of outline
Makes everything look strangely in-between,
Unsure of what has been, or what might come.

In this wan light, even trees seem groundless.
In a while it will be night, but nothing
Here seems to believe the relief of darkness.

You are in this time of the interim Where everything seems withheld.

The path you took to get here has washed out;
The way forward is still concealed from you.

The old is not old enough to have died away;
The new is still too young to be born."

You cannot lay claim to anything;
In this place of dusk, Your eyes are blurred;
And there is no mirror.

Everyone else has lost sight of your heart
And you can see nowhere to put your trust;
You know you have to make your own way through.

As far as you can, hold your confidence.
Do not allow confusion to squander
This call which is loosening
Your roots in false ground,
That you might come free
From all you have outgrown.

What is being transfigured here in your mind,
And it is difficult and slow to become new.
The more faithfully you can endure here,
The more refined your heart will become
For your arrival in the new dawn.



WORSHIP

Sunday, September 19, 9:30 am, Worship

Access Online Bulletin

Join us for 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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Password: 971744



Saturday Evening Service

Saturday, September 18th, 5:00 PM, on the Christ Lutheran front lawn.

Dinner will be provided!

Bring your lawn chairs and blankets to the front yard of the church. The services will be geared more towards families, but all are welcomed to attend! The service itself will feel familiar in some places but different in others - we are excited to reimagine prayer, offering, and especially communion. In fact, communion will be a shared meal that we will provide.

Please let Jess Gunther know if you plan to attend so we can order enough food (jessicalgunther@gmail.com).

We plan to make this a weekly service starting in October until it gets too cold outside.

Pastor Meagan, Alena, Kate H., and Jesse



Stewardship & Offerings

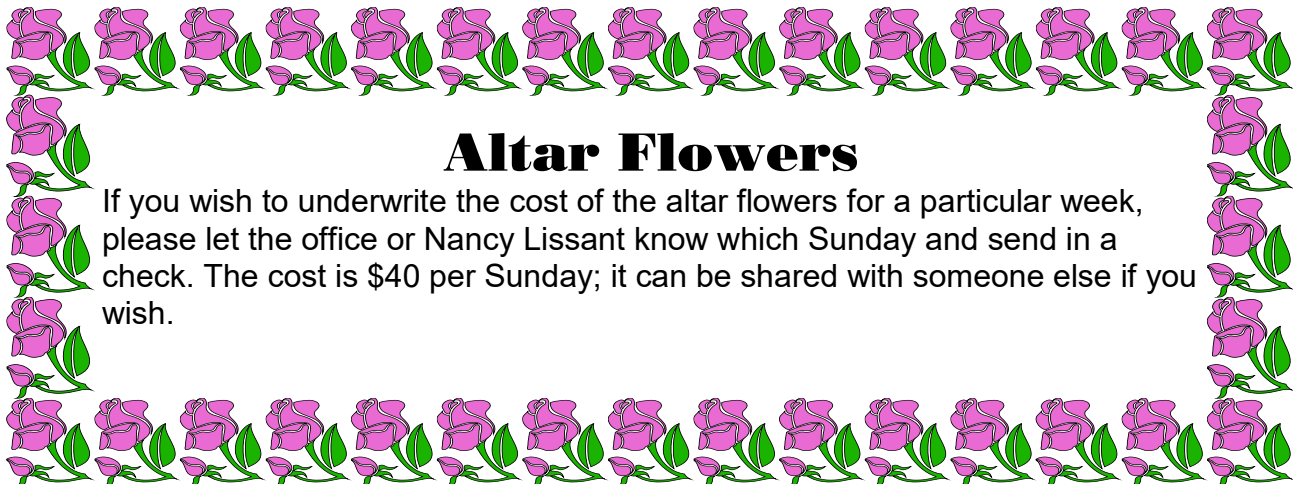
We continue to worship and reach out to people in different ways than we're traditionally accustomed. Staff and members are reaching out proactively to make sure everyone in our congregation is cared for, and connected, as much as possible. We are re-imagining ministry! Now more than ever, it takes all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

CLC "God's Work, Our Hands" - Helping Incoming Afghani Refugees

**** **Thank you** to those of you who already donated items for the incoming Afghani refugees. If you would still like to do this, please contact Erin Eftink at erineftink@sbcglobal.net to coordinate a porch pick up this week.

Donations include:

- **Toiletries:** bar soap, hand soap, toothpaste, toothbrushes, shampoo, conditioner, body lotion, baby wipes, toilet paper, paper towel, kleenex, laundry detergent (large 200+ ounce sizes)
- **Kitchen Items:** dish-washing soap, kitchen utensils (forks, knives, spoons), pots and pans, other utensils (ladles and spatulas, etc.)
- **Non-perishable food items**

*****Also - we are putting together a **volunteer group to help in-person at House of Goods - Baitulmal** next Saturday the 18th. They aid the refugee community and we would help by loading, unloading, and organizing donations. The time frame is from 9-2pm, but you can help out anytime during that period. The location of the warehouse is 5911 Southwest Ave., St. Louis, MO, 63139. Anyone age 7 and over is welcome to participate! If you are interested, please text or e-mail Erin Eftink by this Tuesday, so we can have an accurate count of those helping. Thank you!
Text: (314) 603-2947 Email: erineftink@sbcglobal.net

What: Celebration of Life Service for Irene Kalnins

When: Sunday, October 10, 2021 at 1p.m.

Where: Christ Lutheran Church; [Map](#) ; Masks required

Questions: Please call Karen at 314-327-1405

Virtual Participation: Zoom [Access Link](#)

Meeting ID: 828 9215 5436 **Passcode:** 424324

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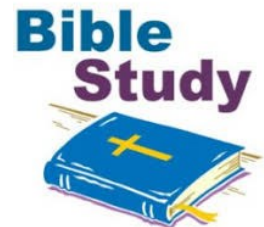
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In lieu of flowers please consider donating to your favorite 501c (3) in Irene's honor.



[No Zoom Bible Study](#)

The Tuesday Morning Bible Study group will not be meeting in September.



Upcoming Fellowship Events

Mark your calendars for the future 2021 Fellowship events!



Wurstfest, Friday, October 8, 6:00pm

Larson Park (523 W Kirkham Ave., Webster Groves, MO 63119)

Bring your own drinks, chairs, and a side dish or dessert to share. Bratwursts, hot dogs, and s'mores ingredients will be provided.

If planning to attend, RSVP to Becca at 314-580-0277 to ensure we have plenty of food and socially distant seats.

Trunk or Treat, Saturday, October 30, 6:00pm

Christ Lutheran parking lot

Bring candy to pass out to trick or treaters, decorate your trunk, wear a costume, invite friends, and wear your mask!

Questions? Reach out to Becca at 314-580-0277.



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.

Fall Kick-off and Outdoor Worship!

September 26, 9:30am

Join us in the church yard for outdoor Worship, and celebrate the beginning of the program year! Bring chairs and a blanket (we will have some available if needed), a picnic lunch, and yard games. We will have some games, a craft, and other activities on hand as well, and there will be a Kona Ice Truck coming for a special treat! We hope to see you there!



CROP Walk 2021

CROP Hunger Walks are community-based walk events held in cities and towns across the USA - raising funds to support the global mission of Church World Service, a faith-based organization transforming communities around the globe through just and sustainable responses to hunger, poverty, displacement, and disaster. Twenty-five percent of the funds raised are returned to the host community to support local hunger-fighting efforts.

Crop Walk 2021 Info

The 2021 CROP Hunger Walk in St. Louis will take place Sunday, October 24th, and be a hybrid event. Money raised will support Circle of Concern and Webster-Rock Hill Ministries. Those who feel safe gathering in-person to walk together can meet 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 choose to walk wherever and whenever they want, individually or in small groups. There will also be a concert that follows at 7:00 pm in the Wehrli Chapel at Eden Seminary.

If you are interested, you can register for the walk as an individual, or there is a local team called Churches Together for Justice WG that you are welcome to check out and support. For more details on how to register, join a team, raise funds, and/or donate, please go to the following websites:

<https://events.crophungerwalk.org/2021/page/about-the-walk> (General Walk Info)

<https://events.crophungerwalk.org/2021/team/peace-ucc-wg> (Churches Together for Justice WG Team Info)



Lutheran Convalescent Home Auxiliary

Once again it is our pleasure to share with your congregation the program for 2021-22 of the Laclede Groves Convalescent Home Auxiliary. Your members are invited to join us for our interesting monthly meetings which include a light lunch of sandwich and dessert. Please share the monthly information with your congregation via calendar, bulletin or newsletter. Also, please post the attached program schedule (pdf format) on a visible bulletin board.

Seating is limited at these programs so early reservations are advised. Contact Grace Truemper 314-544-0233 in the first week of each month of the meeting. The meetings are held in the auditorium (under the chapel) and the doors open at 11:00 a.m. For anyone who wishes to join the Auxiliary, the annual membership dues of \$15 are paid at our first meeting on Monday, Sept 27th.

Thank you for your help and support in enriching the lives of our Care Center residents.

May God richly bless you and your congregation.

Kathy Walther

Pill Bottle Collection

The Creation Care team will be concluding the pill bottle collection in the next 1-2 weeks. Our plan is to collect all pill bottles by next Sunday 09/19. We will be sorting and preparing the pill bottles for mailing on Saturday 09/18 after the outdoor family service and again on Sunday 09/26 after church service (if needed). Thank you for everyone who collected and brought their pill bottles to church. These bottles are kept out of the trash as well as being reused for mission trips by Matthew 25 Ministries.



“Lutherans for Love and Pride” at Tower Grove Pride Festival!

Saturday, September 25, 10:00am-5:00pm

Tower Grove Pride Festival is coming up soon! It is an all outdoor in-person event, and Lutherans are going to show up. Christ Lutheran Church is joining with other RIC ELCA congregations to host a booth, so we can celebrate God’s expansive love for all people. Help us carry the message of welcome to Tower Grove Pride!

Sign up to be at the booth for a one-hour shift during the festival [Gethsemane Members: Lutherans for Love and Pride \(signupgenius.com\)](#). **If you will be there, place an order at Lutherans for Love and Pride shirt—CLC will cover the cost!** [Pride T-shirt order form \(google.com\)](#)

Contact Pastor Meagan or Katie Ciorba with questions, or to get involved!



Please
Join
us

Hello! The Christian Service Committee is looking for new members to add to our group. If you are interested in helping plan donation and volunteer events that aid our local community, we would love to have you on-board! Please contact Erin Eftink at erineftink@sbcglobal.net if you are interested. Thank you!

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!

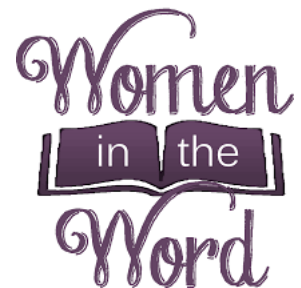
Zoom meeting information:

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.



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.

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!

Choir Practice

All who love to sing are welcome at church every Wednesday evening in September 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!



“Dear Church” Book Study!

Part 1 Discussion

Please join us to discuss part 1 of *Dear Church* on September 14 at 8pm. Contact Kate Hoerchler with any questions: katehoerchler@gmail.com, 314-805-1751.

Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83917148053?pwd=NFNCc084bURNZTlzbFBIOWpqUmpaQT09>

Meeting ID: 839 1714 8053

Passcode: 639669



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), 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 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 Romy, 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!



ANNIVERSARIES AND BIRTHDAYS!

LET'S CELEBRATE SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES AND BIRTHDAYS!

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

ANNIVERSARIES:

09/01 Andrew and Lauren Bennett
09/04 Brett and Deanne Bussler
09/04 Steve and Jodi McCarty
09/14 Joe and Annika Bartek
09/14 Michael and Kristin Hill
09/15 Robert and Carol Brockelmeyer
09/15 Keith and Nancy Lissant
09/16 Dave and Sarah Ringkor
09/17 Mark Smith and Linda Elkin
09/24 Tore Stole and Rosemary Kunz
09/29 Jeff Bloese and Sarah Keifer

BIRTHDAYS:

09/02 Janna Langholz
09/05 Eric Deck
09/07 Bryan Dopuch
09/10 Becca Jordan
09/12 Jacob Joern
09/13 Dave Eftink Jr.
09/14 Bill Wischmeyer
09/15 Mary Ann Hatlelid
09/16 Will Zempel
09/17 Alexa Gunther
09/17 Laura Swanson
09/19 Ian Bennett
09/22 Kate Hoerchler
09/24 Levi Hassler
09/25 Micah Ruff
09/25 Anita Trautmann
09/26 Michael Hill
09/26 Rosemary Kunz
09/27 Doug Austin
09/29 Gege Brightman
09/29 Bryn Stole
09/30 Emma Austin

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



September 2021

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Sat

			1 7:30p Choir practice	2 4p Fitness Group	3	4 11a Genie Owens Memorial Service 5p Outdoor Worship
5 9:30a Worship 10:45a Coffee Fellowship	6 12p Sr. Fellowship at Laclede Groves 4p Fitness Group	7	8 7p Worship team meeting <hr/> 8pm Zoom book group <hr/> 7:30p Choir practice	9 4p Fitness Group <hr/> 7p Women's Group on Zoom	10	11 9a Church Workday <hr/> 5p Outdoor Worship
12 God's Work Our Hands Sunday 9:30a Worship <hr/> 10:45a Congregation Meeting	13 12p Sr. Fellowship at Laclede Groves 4p Fitness Group	14 8pm Dear Church Zoom book study	15 7p Worship Team Meeting <hr/> 7:30p Choir practice	16 4p Fitness Group	17	18 5p Outdoor Worship
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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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 PERRY YEE

LST Classes

As you make plans for the coming months, we hope you'll consider joining us for one, two or all three of the upcoming LST classes designed to address interests and concerns of clergy and lay people alike. Until further notice, all of our classes are held via zoom exclusively. Please note that scholarships are available at <https://lststl.org/scholarships-for-lst-classes/>.

#1 Dr. Wil Gafney has recently written A Woman's Lectionary for the Whole Church. This is a brilliant contribution to biblical studies from a womanist and feminist point of view that has much to offer to the church. You will have the opportunity to learn from this renowned scholar by signing up for our **Womanist Biblical Interpretation** class.

We offer this rare opportunity on Wednesdays, Sept. 22, Sept 29 and Oct. 6 from 7:00-8:30 pm CDT. Cost: \$70. Class description and registration: <https://lststl.org/womanist-biblical-interpretation/>

#2 The final class in our Public Church series in 2021 is **Womanist Musings on Faith, Democracy and #BlackLivesMatter for the Church**, with Dr. Linda Thomas on Saturday mornings from 9:00-10:30 am CST. Dr Thomas was one of the principal leaders behind LSTCs Public Church Curriculum which seeks to unite the academic study of theology for the church with service/justice work in the world.

The titles of these timely presentations are: Oct. 23 Faith and Democracy; Nov. 6 Black Embodiment Over and Against White Supremacy, Nov. 13 Theological Education and the Future of the Church. Cost: \$30; register here: <https://lststl.org/womanist-musings-on-faith/>

Christ Lutheran Church Mission Statement

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