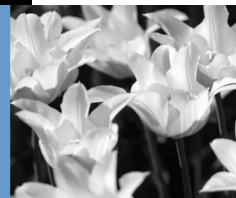




ONE IN CHRIST

Week of September 6 - September 12, 2021

PASTORS WORD



There is a lot happening these days, isn't there? School has started, in-person this year—I noticed that because, for the first time since we moved here, I ran into traffic this week! I think I actually do need to start allowing for that when planning my drive times! Families are settling into life with an infant, or preparing for the birth of a child in the next few months. Some are starting new jobs, or moving into new homes. Continual adaptations for Covid are keeping us all on our toes. One way or another, change is happening.

There is a lot happening in our community life at Christ Lutheran, also! We are planning for outdoor Worship September 26 to kick off our program year, mark your calendars to join us! Adult Forums will resume the following week. Our children and youth leaders are busily talking with families and planning creative education and Worship, and looking forward to Sunday School in familiar and new ways in the months to come. We will have communion class for five of our students, and Confirmation will begin at the end of the month. We are actively seeking a Children and Youth Ministry Coordinator to partner with leaders and families in ministry!

We will finally get to celebrate the lives of two of beloved members who passed away last year—long time coming as we have waited until we could gather safely to remember them in community.

Many of us are delving into *Dear Church*, a book written by ELCA pastor Reverend Lenny Duncan reflecting on racism and radical welcome in the church, and are finding ourselves inspired and eager to see how we at Christ Lutheran may be transformed and energized by the conversation.

And along with all of this, we are engaging in a really important conversation as a community about potential sale of the Mead Center and renovation of the church building. September 12, we will be making a decision as a congregation as to whether we want to receive an offer from a potential buyer for the Mead Center, and begin to move forward again on renovation plans, and how we can best welcome and serve.

So much is happening! God is with us, and the Spirit is moving in exciting ways, expanding our vision for what is possible for us at Christ Lutheran. And in all of this activity, ministry, and discernment, it is important that we notice God's presence, and where God is leading us as we seek to welcome and serve in the weeks, months, and years to come.

So as we plan and decide and minister, and especially as we move toward our September 12 Congregational Meeting, let's take a pause to notice. I would love to hear from you about where you see God at work, and where you see God leading us!

Where and how have you seen God at work, in your life, and especially in our community of Christ Lutheran? How have you seen us living out our call to welcome and serve?

How do you envision us growing our capacity to welcome, in Christ's name?

How do you envision us growing our capacity to serve, in Christ's name?



WORSHIP

Sunday, September 12, 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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Saturday Evening Service

Due to the positive feedback and success of the first service we have decided to meet the next two Saturdays, September 11 and 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 Alena Horn know if you plan to attend so we can order enough food (alena.horn@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

“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 a 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!

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!



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

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



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!



Stewardship & Offerings

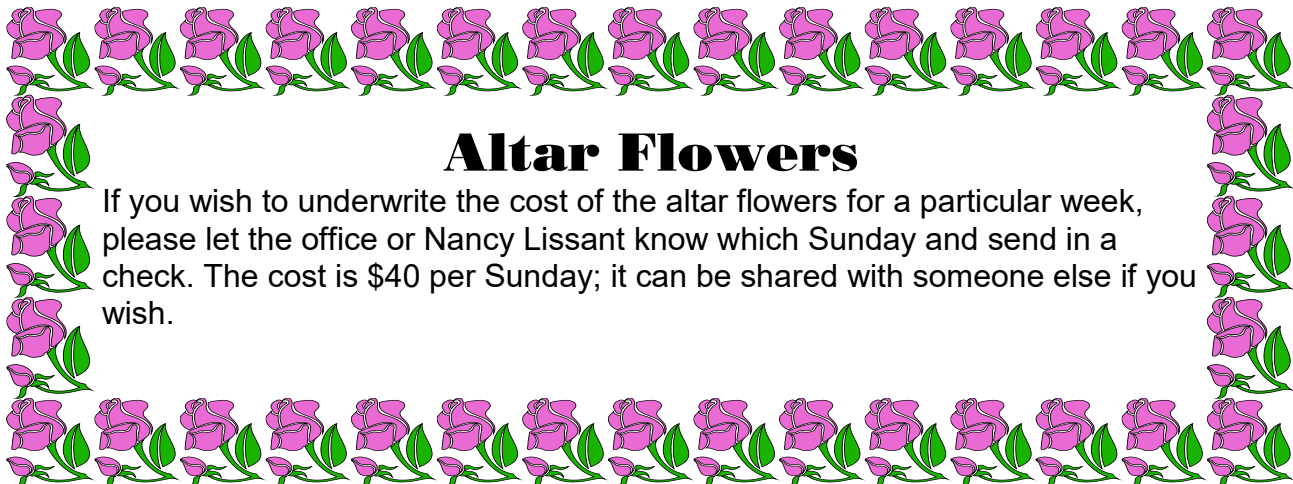
We continue to worship and reach out to people in different ways than we're traditionally accustomed. Staff and members are reaching out proactively to make sure everyone in our congregation is cared for, and connected, as much as possible. We are re-imagining ministry! Now more than ever, it takes all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

CLC Opportunity to Help Incoming Refugees:

I know many of you have expressed interest in helping new refugees from Afghanistan. An organization called House of Goods Baitulmal is seeking both donated goods and volunteers to help load, unload, and organize donations in their warehouse. We would love for the congregation of Christ Lutheran to work together to help in honor of "God's Work, Our Hands," an ELCA service day held in September.

Three Ways You Can Help:

- 1) Bring donations to the church parking lot on Saturday, Sept. 11th from 9 -10:30 am.

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.)

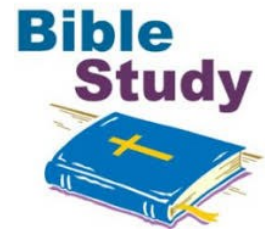
Non-perishable food items

- 2) Bring donations to church on Sunday, Sept. 12th (there will be a blue collection bin in the narthex).

- 3) Volunteer to help in-person at the House of Goods Baitulmal warehouse on Saturday, September 18th from 9am-2pm, or whenever you are available in that time frame. We will be helping load, unload, and organize donations. The location of the warehouse is 5911 Southwest Ave., St. Louis, MO 63139. If you are interested in volunteering, please email Erin Eftink at erineftink@sbcglobal.net, or send a text to (314) 603-2947 by Monday, Sept. 13th, so I can get an accurate count of how many will be helping that day. Thank you!

No Zoom Bible Study

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



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! Bring your own chairs or blankets.



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!

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.

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 Kreitler 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!

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.



“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

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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

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

			1 7:30p Choir practice	2 4p Fitness Group	3	4 11a Genie Owens Memorial Service 5p Outdoor Worship
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**RESIDENT PASTOR: MEAGAN
MCLAUGHLIN OFFICE
HOURS: MON-THUR 8:30-4:30
APPTS BY
ARRANGEMENT**

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT:
KEVIN DROLLINGER**

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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.**