PASTOR'S WORD



On Sunday, we will be celebrating the sacrament of Communion with three of our children. When we gathered to talk about what this meant, we looked at several scripture passages, and there were two things we read that all of us can keep in mind whenever we celebrate communion.

First is the promise of our baptisms. In Luke, when Jesus baptized by John, he hears God's voice saying the most important words we may ever hear: "You are my child, whom I love " These words were spoken not just to Jesus, but to each one of us. This is why we celebrate baptism! We are each and every one of us God's beloved. There is nothing that can ever change that.

Second is that, over and over in our scriptures, God feeds God's people! Everything we have has come from God. When the Israelites were hungry in the desert, God provided manna for them to eat. There was plenty of loaves and fishes for over 5,000 people, and there is plenty for everyone to share in the abundance. And the last thing Jesus did with his disciples before he died was share a meal: giving thanks to God, breaking bread, and letting them know that in that meal he was giving nothing less than his very self.

Every week when we celebrate Communion, we remember these two things. We are God's beloved children, and nothing can change that. And God feeds us . . . in Jesus, God has given God's self to us, and there is an abundance that is available for all. We are called to remember these promises every time we come together in Worship, and especially when we celebrate Communion.

So next time you celebrate Communion, hear God's words to you: You are my child whom I love! In you I am well-pleased!



WORSHIP

Sunday, October 17, 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

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/278217453? pwd=azE2dkNHVE9WSzdaeDM5Yzh4RGRvdz09

One tap mobile

+13126266799,278217453#,1#,971744# US (Chicago)

Call in From Any Phone: 312-626-6799

Meeting ID: 278 217 453 Password: 971744



All Saint's Day

November 7, we will celebrate All Saint's Day. Please send the names of those you love who have died to Lisette at office@christwg.org and we will speak their names aloud in Worship that day.

Saturday Evening Service

Saturday Evenings in October, 5:00 PM, on the Christ Lutheran front lawn, weather permitting.

We will gather in the churchyard this Saturday at 5:00pm so plan to join us! 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. Dinner will be provided!

Pastor Meagan, Alena, Kate H., and Jesse

Pastor Meagan's Sabbath Day

Going forward, Pastor Meagan will be taking Thursdays as her regular Sabbath Day. If you need something on Thursdays, please contact Lisette and she can assist you. Pastor Meagan will not be checking e-mail on Thursdays, so if you have an emergency that requires Pastor's immediate attention, please call or text her and she will respond when she can.

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 <u>our donation website</u> directly or go to <u>www.christwg.org</u> 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

Choir Practice

All who love to sing are welcome at church every Wednesday evening in October 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 Member Welcome

Now that we have returned to In-person worship we want to recognize our new members during **Worship on October 24.** Reception to be held after worship in the fellowship hall! We invite anyone interested in joining, to reach Pastor Meagan or the church office. Thank you!





In person Adult Forum will be held in the Fellowship Hall and will also be available on Zoom. If you choose Zoom just stay connected after the Sunday morning service. We anticipate a 10-15 minute break between the end of the postlude and the beginning of Adult Forum.

Up Coming Forums:

October 17 No adult forum

October 24 Welcome new members

<u>October 31</u> Mark Roock will interview Martin Luther, who started the Reformation in Germany during the 16th century. Dr. Luther will travel 500 years and 4500 miles to tell us what happened then and how the Reformation continues in the 21st century

On October 10 we heard from Sarah Unsicker, Missouri State Representative from the 91st district, who is serving her third term. She told us she serves on three committees: Children and Families, Budget, and Downsizing Government. To work in the partisan environment of the Missouri Legislature, she finds common ground with colleagues. Then she uses those commonalities to build relationships and honors those relationships by keeping her word.

A large part of Rep. Unsicker's job is helping constituents navigate various State Government agencies. Here's how to contact her: <u>Sarah.unsicker@house.mo.gov</u>, <u>573-751-1285</u> Missouri State Capital, Room 101-C



Memorial Service for Helen Hedderig

Please join us in remembrance of Helen, for a memorial service at Christ Lutheran Church on October 23, 2021 at 1 pm in the Sanctuary.

"Dear Church" Book Study!

Part 3, Group Discussion

Please join us to discuss part 3 of *Dear Church* on November 2nd and 4th at 8pm. All are welcome

to attend either or both sessions. Contact Kate Hoerchler with any

questions: katehoerchler@gmail.com,

314-805-1751.

Zoom link: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83917148053? pwd=NFNCc084bURNZTIzbFBIOWpqUmpaQT09

Meeting ID: 839 1714 8053

Passcode: 639669



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 onboard! 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

Meeting ID: 868 0677 9211

Passcode: 989376

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



Bible

Study

Fellowship

Tuesday Bible Study

The Tuesday morning Bible study group will resume their weekly meetings at 10 a.m. Tuesday, October 12, in the Parish Hall. Most recently, we've been working our way through the book of First John.

"The letter articulates important matters for disciples of all times. It underlines central affirmations and practices for faithful discipleship. It shows the importance of working to maintain the unity of the Christian community. It also raises the troubling issue of how to handle disagreements. Are there limits to diversity? Are there litmus tests for Christian identity? In what circumstances is separation the best solution?"

(from the introduction by Prof. Warren Carter)

Stephen Ministry Support (www.stephenministries.org)

Leaders Linda Griffith (314-504-1274) or Carolyn Crowe (314-277-2164).

The Stephen Ministers of Christ Lutheran Church provide individual, confidential support to congregation members during difficult times. And these are particularly difficult times. Symptoms of depression and anxiety have significantly increased during the coronavirus pandemic. Isolation has led to feelings of loneliness, sadness, hopelessness, stress, anger, and loss of employment and income. Additionally, the challenges of life such as chronic illness, loss and grief, and family and/or marital problems are always present.

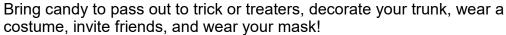
Stephen Ministers listen, encourage, and offer emotional and spiritual care to people experiencing such difficulties. If you could benefit from the one-to-one confidential support of a Stephen Minister, contact Stephen

Upcoming Fellowship Events

Mark your calendars for the future 2021 Fellowship events!

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

Christ Lutheran parking lot





Christ Lutheran Church will host its first-ever Halloween concert at 7pm. It will directly follow the Trunk or Treat taking place on the church parking lot.

Featured musicians will be Mark Ruff (piano), Liz Drollinger (voice) and Kirsten Santos-Rutschmann (organ). Works will include the Bach Toccata and Fugue in D Minor for organ, Bela Bartok's suite, Out of Doors, William Balcom's, Three Ghost Rags, and vocal selections from Kurt Weill and others.

Please come dressed in Halloween garb, including masks!

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.

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!

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' grandnephew), Ken Ruppar (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), 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!



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.

End-of-Life Planning Seminar

The Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd in Hazelwood is hosting an End-of-Life Planning Seminar. This Seminar will actually be a series of meetings of varying topics to help you prepare and plan.

The Seminar will span 5 weeks, on Wednesday at 11 am, and each session will include speakers and a Q&A.

You are invited to attend either session every week, or those weeks you can. You must have a reserved spot. For those who cannot attend a daytime Seminar, each Thursday evening at 7 pm the recordings will be played and a Q&A will follow.

When: October 6, 20, 27, November 10, and 17. Where: Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd, 7380 Howdershell Rd. Hazelwood, MO 63031

Session 1. END OF LIFE PLANNING

Session 2. SPIRITUAL & EMOTIONAL CARE

Session 3. AS YOU AGE (t

Session 4. FINAL CARE OPTIONS (Burial, Cremation, Donation of

Remains)

Session 5. LEGAL ISSUES (Wills, Trusts, Medical Directives, etc.)

We are limited to 50 people per session. Reservations can be made by contacting the church office by phone (314/837-3589) or email (church@lcgoodshepherd.org).



Churches Together for Justice

Hi!

All the Churches Together for Justice high school and middle school youth groups are invited to Webster Groves Presbyterian Church on **Sunday, November 14**. We are inviting youth groups and their mentors to dinner first at 5 pm. We are still working out logistics but plan to have a simple dinner outside on our parking lot and then go into our socially distanced sanctuary for Fahima's presentation/discussion about life in Afghanistan for a young person and how we can welcome our new Afghan neighbors when they arrive in St. Louis. We are asking that everyone wear a mask inside. The presentation/discussion will be from 6 - 7 pm.

I'll need an approximate head count of how many will be attending as we get closer to the date (the week before). I'll send out a request for this. I think this could be the start of some exciting collaborations between our youth!

Enjoy your day! Julie Burchett



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.

Saint Louis Metro
CROP Hunger Walk

October 24, 2021

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)

ANNIVERSARIES AND BIRTHDAYS!

LET'S CELEBRATE OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES AND BIRTHDAYS!

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

ANNIVERSARIES:

10/01 Jim & Sally Wachtman

10/4 Ted Christner & Claudia

Trautmann

10/11 Kelley & Tim Truss

10/15 Philip & Kate Hoerchler

10/17 Matt & Sarah Bender

10/22 Hannah & Curtis Borden

10/27 Tom & Megan Holmes

10/27 Dianne Deck & Thomas Palazzolo

10/28 Martin & Melissa Allen

10/29 Steve & Sherry Mitchler

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

BIRTHDAYS:

10/01 Annika Bartek

10/03 Ted Christner

10/06 Ayanna Askew-Sunkara

10/09 James Bennett

10/09 Maleyah Hassler

10/10 Leah Eftink

10/11 Linda Armstrong

10/11 Isabella Blaser

10/14 Sybil Meadows

10/15 Mae Lenhart

10/17 Robert O'Brien

10/17 Karen Wood

10/17 Shalom Yee

10/18 Mark Lewis

10/23 Tim Truss

10/23 Henry Hoyer

10/25 Jim Wachtman

10/29 Jadee Lauer

10/30 Peter Jordan

10/30 John Uy

10/31 Kelly Lakies



October 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 5p Outdoor Worship
Blessing of the Animals 9:30a Worship, Adult forum after service 10:45a Coffee Fellowship	4 12p Sr. Fellowship at Laclede Groves 4p Fitness Group	5	6 7:30p Choir practice	7 4p Fitness Group 7p Women's Group on Zoom	8 6p – Wurstfest, Larson Park	9 5p Outdoor Worship
9:30a Worship, Adult forum after service 10:45a Coffee Fellowship 1p Irene Kalnins memorial service	11 12p Sr. Fellowship at Laclede Groves 4p Fitness Group	12 10a Bible Study – Fellowship Hall	13 7p Worship team meeting 7:30p Choir practice	14 4p Fitness Group	15	16 5p Outdoor Worship
9:30a Worship, Celebrate Communion Students, Adult forum after service 10:45a Coffee Fellowship	18 12p Sr. Fellowship at Laclede Groves 4p Fitness Group	19 10a Bible Study – Fellowship Hall 7p Church Council meeting	20 7:30p Choir practice	21 4p Fitness Group	22	23 1p Helen Hedderig's memorial service 5p Outdoor Worship
9:30a Worship, Welcome New Members, Adult forum after service 10:45a Coffee Fellowship 31 Reformation Sunday 9:30a Worship, Adult forum after service	25 12p Sr. Fellowship at Laclede Groves 4p Fitness Group	26 10a Bible Study – Fellowship Hall	27 7:30p Choir practice	28 4p Fitness Group	29	30 5p Outdoor Worship 6p Trunk or Treat CLC Parking lot



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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.