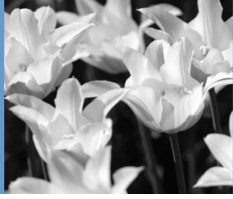




# ONE IN CHRIST

Week of October 18 - October 24, 2021

## PASTOR'S WORD



As the Spirit continues to lead us in new directions, and bring new things into being all around us, we can take courage and comfort from the truth that it is God's very Spirit that we breathe, giving us life. Take a few minutes to breathe deeply, notice the presence of God, and hear the blessing shared by Jan Richardson for another day when the Spirit blew in unexpected ways.

### **When We Breathe Together** ***A Blessing for Pentecost Day***

This is the blessing  
we cannot speak  
by ourselves.

This is the blessing  
we cannot summon  
by our own devices,  
cannot shape  
to our purpose,  
cannot bend  
to our will.

This is the blessing  
that comes  
when we leave behind  
our aloneness  
when we gather  
together  
when we turn  
toward one another.

This is the blessing  
that blazes among us  
when we speak  
the words  
strange to our ears  
when we finally listen  
into the chaos  
when we breathe together  
at last.

From *Circle of Grace*, Jan Richardson



# WORSHIP

## **Sunday, October 24, 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](mailto: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 [our donation website](#) directly or go to [www.christwg.org](http://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](mailto:katehoerchler@gmail.com)

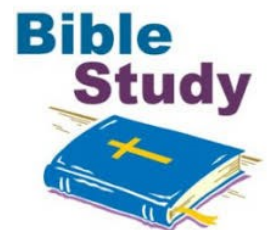
If you prefer to make your offering by check or cash, there are mailing envelopes included in your offering envelope package.

Joan O'Brien and Lynnae Ruff, Stewardship Chairs

## Tuesday Bible Study

The Tuesday morning Bible study group will meet this week only at 10:30 a.m. 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)

## 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, please reach the church office if you can attend, so we can plan accordingly. 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 24** Welcome new members.

**October 31** *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.

**November 7** *Being Christian in Secular Society*. As America becomes more secular, what can we Christians learn from the European experience? **Alena and Kersten Horn**, who have witnessed the decline of religiosity in Europe first hand, will give an overview of the phenomenon. (See below for more information.)

### **Stasis and the State: what American Christians can learn from European secularization**

While Christianity booms in the Global South, it continues to decline in North America following an even starker decline in Europe. As mainline American Christians, we seek to live in a healthy pluralistic society that is neither militantly atheistic nor theocratic. How can we strike this balance? What can European history teach us in this regard? In this presentation we consider how secularization has played out in a number of European countries, including Germany, France, and Czechia. We argue that while it may have been inevitable that the birthplace of modernism experience a decline in religiosity, this decline has been accelerated at various points by the state's support of or antagonism towards organized religion.



### 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](mailto:katehoerchler@gmail.com), 314-805-1751.

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

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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 on-board! Please contact Erin Eftink at [erineftink@sbcglobal.net](mailto: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!

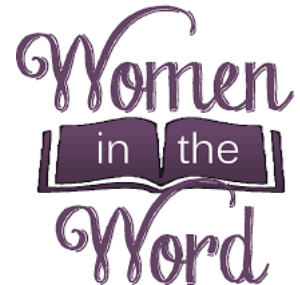
#### Zoom meeting information:

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](mailto:beccajedwards@gmail.com).



## **Stephen Ministry** ([www.stephenministries.org](http://www.stephenministries.org))

The Stephen Ministry group will meet **Thursday, October 28, 2pm**, at Laclede Groves.

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



## **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](mailto:dianedrollinger@gmail.com). Thanks!



## **Upcoming Fellowship Events**

Mark your calendars for the future 2021 Fellowship events!

### **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!



**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](mailto:beccajedwards@gmail.com).



## Churches Together for Justice

Lockwood Congregations Youth Event: An Afghani student at Webster U shares about their life in Afghanistan!

All the Churches Together for Justice high school and middle school youth groups are invited to Webster Groves Presbyterian Church on Sunday **November 14, 5:00-7:00pm**.

We'll start with 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. **Please RSVP to Pastor Meagan!**



## Ecumenical Prayer for Care For Creation

**3:00 pm, Sunday October 24, 2021**

*Join Pastor Meagan in the Garden at Our Lady of the Holy Cross*  
8115 Church Road, St. Louis, MO 63147

\* We request that all attendees be vaccinated. Masking & social distancing required.



Archbishop Mitchell Rozanski, Archdiocese of St. Louis and Bishop Susan Candea, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America will co-preside an outdoor ecumenical prayer emphasizing our shared commitment to care for the Earth and acknowledging the damage done to vulnerable communities by neglect of our common home.

**For more information:** Call James Fowlkes-Comninellis 314-792-7177

## 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)

WALK. GIVE. CHANGE THE WORLD.

*Saint Louis Metro*  
**CROP Hunger Walk**

October 24, 2021

## Committal Service for Susan Hunt

Join us at Christ Lutheran 12pm, Tuesday, October 19th in the Columbarium, followed by lunch in the parish hall.

## 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 (Rooock's grand-nephew), Ken Ruppert (friend of Mark Rooock), 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 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.

## 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 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](mailto: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@lcbgoodshepherd.org](mailto:church@lcbgoodshepherd.org)).

# 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

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3 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 <hr/> 7p Women's Group on Zoom	8 6p – Wurstfest, Larson Park	9 5p Outdoor Worship
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24 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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**WORSHIP SCHEDULE:  
SUNDAY AT 9:30 A.M.**

**RESIDENT PASTOR: MEAGAN  
MCLAUGHLIN OFFICE  
HOURS: MON-WED, FRI 8:30-  
4:30  
APPTS BY  
ARRANGEMENT**

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT:  
KEVIN DROLLINGER**

**DIRECTOR OF SENIOR  
ADULT MINISTRIES AND  
FAITH COMMUNITY NURSE:  
CAROLYN CROWE**

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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.**