



ONE IN CHRIST

Week of October 25 - October 31, 2021

PASTOR'S WORD



Halloween is fast approaching, and in the Lutheran world, that means Reformation Sunday is almost here! We often think of this as that time when founder Martin Luther started the Lutheran Church, but the truth is that Luther never actually wanted to start a whole new church. He loved the church he had grown up in and been ordained in, but saw significant problems and corruptions, and his goal when he went and posted his 95 Theses was not to write his exit papers, but to call the church to change.

And, the church did need to change! Practices of selling indulgences—preying on fears and offering the chance to buy forgiveness and a place in heaven for yourself or a loved one—were common. Grace as Luther had come to understand it was a foreign concept, leaving people to earn God's love. Lay people did not have access to scriptures, as the Bible was available only in Latin. The unquestioned authority of the pope left room for corruption to run rampant within the church, in many ways.

Luther, having had an awakening to the mysteries of God's grace and love after many years of personal struggle, wanted to start dialogue in the church he loved, and he did this in the way that academics of his day often did: posting the 95 Theses, his points of challenge and debate, on the doors of the Wittenberg castle church, on October 31, 1517.

And debate the church did, if not in the way Luther may have hoped for! Luther lost friends and mentors and was eventually cast out of the Roman Church, and even found himself hiding at Wartburg Castle for nine months as church leaders sought not to dialogue but to silence through death—which truth be told was just about the only way they could have prevented Luther from talking. A point of interest . . . he wrote *A Mighty Fortress is our God* during his time at Wartburg!

Luther has given us many gifts: hymns, an understanding of grace, a commitment to have the Bible translated into the languages of the people, and so much more. And ultimately, his challenge to the Roman Church even allowed me as a Catholic kid to grow up in a very different church from what my parents experienced, as the reformation reached even into the Vatican walls, nearly 450 years later.

But perhaps the most important lesson we can learn from Luther is that the church is made up of human beings, and ultimately we humans will never be perfect. We must, as people and a church, always be reforming. Luther himself was certainly not perfect. Most notable is his unapologetic anti-Semitism. Luther scholar Lyndal Roper points out in his book *Living I Was Your Plague: Martin Luther's World and Legacy* that Luther's anti-Semitic thought was not incidental, but "rather suffused different areas of his thought and feeling. It encompassed both gut instinct and carefully worked out argument . . ."

We need to own this part of our history not to discount the gifts we as Lutherans have received from our founder, but to remember that 500 years later we still have work to do as people of God seeking to live out our Christian faith. Anti-Semitism still manifests itself today, and racism, sexism, homo- and trans-phobia, and abuses of power are continual sins to acknowledge and repent of.

500 years ago, Martin Luther walked to the Wittenberg Church and made his stand, claiming for the world to see that God was calling God's people to reform, to recognize the human brokenness within the church itself and seek God's forgiveness and the truth of the Gospel. Today, 504 years later, we as Lutherans are called to continue reforming, in the greatest tradition of Martin Luther. So grab your hammer and nails, and let's get to work!



WORSHIP

Sunday, October 31, 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.

Bring your lawn chairs and blankets to the front yard of the church. The services will be geared more towards families, but all are welcome 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 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

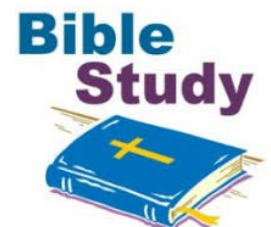


Tuesday Bible Study

The Tuesday morning Bible study group will meet at 10:00 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)





Join us for Worship at 5:00pm—costumes welcome—and plan to arrive a few minutes early to decorate your car before Worship!

Please consider a goodwill offering for the Halloween Concert.

Scan here:





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.

Upcoming Forums:

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.

“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=NFNCc084bURNZTlzbFBIOWpqUmpaQT09>

Meeting ID: 839 1714 8053

Passcode: 639669



Need Help with Fall Yard Cleanup?

Our Confirmation students have their rakes at the ready! Contact Pastor Meagan if you need help getting your yard ready for winter.



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.

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!

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).

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.



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!**

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 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 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.



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!



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 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**

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3 Blessing of the Ani- mals 9:30a Worship, Adult forum after ser- vice 10:45a Coffee Fellowship	4 12p Sr. Fellowship at Laclede Groves 4p Fitness Group	5	6 7:30p Choir prac- tice	7 4p Fitness Group 7p Women's Group on Zoom	8 6p – Wurstfest, Larson Park	9 5p Outdoor Worship
10 9:30a Worship, Adult forum after ser- vice 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 prac- tice	14 4p Fitness Group	15	16 5p Outdoor Worship
17 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 prac- tice	21 4p Fitness Group	22	23 1p Helen Hedderig's memorial service 5p Outdoor Worship
24 9:30a Worship, Welcome New Members, Adult forum after service 10:45a Coffee Fellowship 31	25 12p Sr. Fellowship at Laclede Groves 4p Fitness Group	26 10a Bible Study – Fellowship Hall	27 7:30p Choir prac- tice	28 4p Fitness Group	29	30 5p Outdoor Worship 6p Trunk or Treat CLC Parking lot

MISSING ITEMS

Have you seen or do you know where these items are? Please contact Lisette or Joan.

1) Large round pastel tablecloths in yellow, aqua and pink

(Only found 8 white round tablecloths, and 2 aqua tablecloths).

2) Round pins (Red text) like image shown



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)

WALK. GIVE. CHANGE THE WORLD.

Saint Louis Metro
CROP Hunger Walk

October 24, 2021



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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**

**DIRECTOR OF CHOIRS:
DIANE DROLLINGER**

**ORGANIST:
MARK RUFF**

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LISETTE KREITLER**

**FINANCIAL SECRETARY:
TAMMY PRYOR**

**CUSTODIAN:
KELLY LAKIES**

**WEBMASTER:
PERRY YEE**

Christ Lutheran Church Mission Statement

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