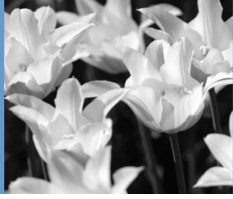




ONE IN CHRIST

Week of October 4 - October 10, 2021

UNLEASHING THE SPIRIT ON SATURDAY EVENINGS



This summer, as we were preparing for the program year, a few of us on the child education team had a meeting with Pastor Meagan. We knew it was going to be a while before kids were fully vaccinated, and we also knew (some from personal experience!) that it was almost impossible to keep kids engaged with zoom every week. And although we had some really fun fellowship-type events planned, we all felt that something was missing. We asked ourselves: how are kids worshipping? How are we, as the child education team, attending to the spiritual needs of kids and families? We decided that we needed to focus this year's Sunday School energy on attending to something other than education. What we came up with was Saturday Church.

Since early September, we have been having outdoor worship on Saturday nights at 5pm in the front lawn. The service is as "Lutheran" in order as Sunday morning, including lots of singing, a welcoming, confession and forgiveness, an alleluia verse prior to the scripture reading, a message, creed, prayer, offering, and communion. But, with input from Christ Lutheran families, we have tried to re-imagine the "what" and "how" of this liturgy. For instance, for offering, Kate Hoerchler has been asking those of us gathered to share what we have offered others by way of our selves or our time in the previous week. One week for prayer, Alena Horn has asked those of us gathered to walk in silent reflection around the church yard praying for the things and people we see. At another service, the prayers were done as we each created our own prayer labyrinth. For two of the weeks, both children and adults have been enamored with Roger Rose's storytelling. Pastor Meagan has led us in a new way of experiencing communion, not as a piece of bread and wine, but as a meal of pizza and fruit cups. That's right, we get to eat dinner together as communion, just like Jesus and the disciples. Ok, maybe not exactly like that – I doubt Jesus handed out popsicles. But, the eating of a meal together in community with others is exactly what the early church did for communion. And it is teaching us that if Christ can be found in an ordinary meal shared by friends, then Christ can be found in many other ordinary places.

It really has been a lot of fun every Saturday. And by the way, the service is not just for families. You don't even need to RSVP. Just show up. Even on a whim! The first week it absolutely poured on us, but everyone stayed for the whole service, eating communion in the back of vans and suvs. It's gotten better since then, and we're going to keep having them until it gets too cold or kids are fully vaccinated. We'll be at it again this coming Saturday. Would you join us? If so, please bring your pets for a blessing if you'd like and don't forget a blanket or lawn chairs. We will gather at 5, worship, eat, and enjoy being together.

Jesse Helton



WORSHIP

Sunday, October 10, 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?
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Call in From Any Phone: 312-626-6799

Meeting ID: 278 217 453

Password: 971744



Saturday Evening Service

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

Due to (forecasted) rain, we did NOT have outdoor Worship and Blessing of the Animals last week, but we will gather in the churchyard this Saturday at 5:00pm and will bless our animals then, so plan to join us and bring your pets LIVE to Worship with 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!

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

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



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 10 Sarah Unsicker, Missouri State Representative from the 91st district, will speak to us on legislative possibilities. Representative Unsicker is a member of Gethsemane Lutheran.

October 17 TBA

October 24 Welcome new members

October 31 Mark Roock has landed an exclusive interview with 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 Sunday, October 3, Dr. Philip Mudd gave us an update on the COVID-19 pandemic and answered questions. Here are some of the things he told us:

- The Pfizer vaccine is approved for booster shots at this time. The Moderna and J&J vaccines have not yet been approved for boosters.
- If you have been vaccinated and are not immuno-compromised there is a near zero chance of severe disease and death.
- The new pill developed by Merck to treat COVID sounds encouraging. However the scientific community has yet to review the research data on the medication.
- If COVID follows the pattern of previous pandemics we shouldn't see a large increase in cases this coming winter. Generally pandemics fade out after three or four surges, (we are at that point with COVID) but in the past the disease has remained present in the population. This is the situation with influenza, where, 100 years after the 1918 pandemic, we are still dealing with the disease.
- As COVID cases recede, incidence of flu, RSV, and other respiratory viruses is likely to increase.
- Get a flu shot. It's okay to get a COVID booster and another vaccine at the same time.
- If you are vaccinated and your Holiday plans include spending time with people who are unvaccinated, don't worry. You might get mild case but are protected from a severe case.
- If you plan to travel to places where COVID incidence is high and the health system is in crisis, be careful.
- Long COVID occurs mostly among unvaccinated but research continues.
- Asymptomatic spread of the delta virus by vaccinated people is lower than seen with the unvaccinated but it does occur.
- The Pfizer vaccine is safe and effective for Children under 12 and approval is weeks away.
- Children overall are safe from severe COVID. The serious cases that have occurred are in unvaccinated obese teenagers and kids with certain medical conditions. Healthy children under 5 are not at risk.
- Until effective vaccines are administered worldwide, the threat of a dangerous variant remains.
- Masks on the community level protect against the spread of COVID from mild and asymptomatic cases.
- N95 and surgical masks are both protective and are both better than cloth masks.
- Despite predictions that more people would get vaccinated when the Pfizer vaccine received permanent authorization from the FDA, it didn't happen. The Moderna vaccine is still under emergency authorization but will be approved eventually.
- We now know COVID is primarily transmitted by droplets through the air. The virus dies quickly on surfaces so contact transmission has ceased to be a concern.

Over the past 18 months **Dr. Mudd** has headed the CLC COVID team and has generously shared his expertise and guidance with the Christ Lutheran Community. We are exceedingly grateful to him and the entire team.

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!



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!

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!

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



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.

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.



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, please RSVP here : <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0C45AEA828AAF58-wurstfest> or contact 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!



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.

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@lsgoodshepherd.org).

Stephen Ministry Support (www.stephenministries.org)

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).



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.

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!



“Dear Church” Book Study!

Part 2, Group 2 Discussion

Please join us to discuss part 2 of *Dear Church* on October 7 at 8pm. Contact Kate Hoerchler with any questions: katehoerchler@gmail.com, 314-805-1751.

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

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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 Rupp (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 Ringor’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!



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.

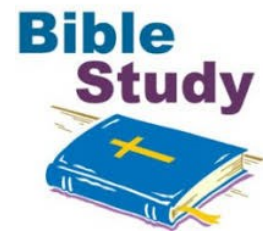
I'll need an approximate head count of how many will be attending as we get closer to the date (the week before). I'll send out a request for this. I think this could be the start of some exciting collaborations between our youth!

Enjoy your day!
Julie Burchett



Tuesday Bible Study

The Tuesday morning bible study will resume October 12th.



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

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 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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**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.**