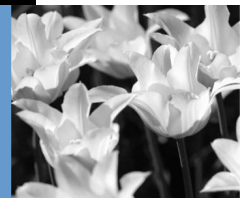




ONE IN CHRIST

Week of November 1 - November 7, 2021

PASTOR'S WORD



As we recognize All Souls Day November 2, and the joy and grief of our loved ones who have passed is close, I offer you this blessing from John O'Donohue, and his book *To Bless the Space Between Us*.

On the Death of a Beloved

Though we need to weep your loss,
You dwell in that safe place in our hearts,
Where no storm or night or pain can reach you.

Your love was like the dawn
Brightening over our lives
Awakening beneath the dark
A further adventure of colour.

The sound of your voice
Found for us
A new music
That brightened everything.

Whatever you enfolded in your gaze
Quickened in the joy of its being;
You placed smiles like flowers
On the altar of the heart.
Your mind always sparkled
With wonder at things.

Though your days here were brief,
Your spirit was live, awake, complete.

We look towards each other no longer
From the old distance of our names;
Now you dwell inside the rhythm of breath,
As close to us as we are to ourselves.

PASTOR'S WORD

Though we cannot see you with outward eyes,
We know our soul's gaze is upon your face,
Smiling back at us from within everything
To which we bring our best refinement.

Let us not look for you only in memory,
Where we would grow lonely without you.
You would want us to find you in presence,
Beside us when beauty brightens,
When kindness glows
And music echoes eternal tones.

When orchids brighten the earth,
Darkest winter has turned to spring;
May this dark grief flower with hope
In every heart that loves you.

May you continue to inspire us:

To enter each day with a generous heart.
To serve the call of courage and love
Until we see your beautiful face again
In that land where there is no more separation,
Where all tears will be wiped from our mind,
And where we will never lose you again.



WORSHIP

Sunday, November 7, 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

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Call in From Any Phone: 312-626-6799

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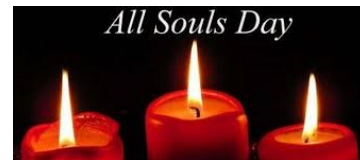
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All Soul's Day Gathering for Prayer

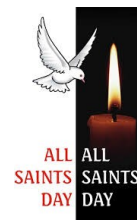
Tuesday, November 2, 12:00pm and 7:00pm

Join us in the Columbarium to light candles (if the wind allows!) share stories and prayers for those who have died.



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 by Wednesday at office@christwg.org and we will speak their names aloud in Worship that day.



Saturday Evening Service

Saturday Evenings in November, 5:00 PM, on the Christ Lutheran front lawn, weather permitting. Saturday evening Worship leadership team will be in contact with families soon as we plan for children and families for winter and spring.

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

Daylight Savings Time

Reminder, don't forget to set your clocks back this weekend by one hour.



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.

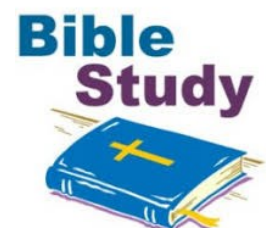
Joan O'Brien and Lynnae Ruff, Stewardship Chairs

Tuesday Bible Study

The Tuesday morning Bible study group 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)



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.

Volunteers Needed - Advent Wednesday Dinners

Before the Advent Wednesday services, we will resume the tradition of an Advent meal in the Fellowship Hall. Are you willing to coordinate with others to provide a meal to share?

Wednesdays in Advent:

Wednesday, December 1

Wednesday, December 8

Wednesday, December 15

Wednesday, December 22

Please reach out to Becca Jordan at beccajedwards@gmail.com or 314-580-0277 with any questions or if you would like to volunteer.

Thank you!



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.



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:

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.

More on 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.

November 14 *Preparing for the season of Advent in Conversation with St. Luke's Gospel.* Pastor Roger Ruff, a retired Lutheran Mission Congregation Pastor, has also served as a University Lutheran Campus Pastor, and a Chaplain, U.S.A.R.

November 21 Lisa Grazdonic will be joining us to discuss the Baitumal which translates to House of Goods. This is a ministry of the Islamic Foundation of St. Louis to provide basic goods for individuals seeking assistance. Ms Grazdonic will speak about the individuals their organization serves including the Afghani refugees immigrating to the St. Louis area.

Christ Lutheran Adult Forum was privileged to have a personal appearance from Rev Martin Luther on Reformation Sunday 10/31. Rev Mark Roock interviewed Rev Luther about the history that led to him posting the 95 thesis on the church door, and the impact of that action. Rev Luther discussed the recognition that we do not earn God's forgiveness but that it is freely given. Although Rev Luther was a little fuzzy on specific dates (he is almost 538 years old!), he was focused that the church should always reflect God's love. Rev Luther also acknowledged his writings that were hateful towards specific groups and his regret over those thoughts and words. Overall the visit was a positive experience and reignited the potential for Lutherans and Catholics to work together on common beliefs.

"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>

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LADY GREY'S

Holiday Boutique



THE ARDEN MEAD CENTER AT CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

17 Selma Ave. • Webster Groves, MO 63119

**SATURDAY
NOVEMBER 13, 2021**

9:30 – 4:00 P.M.



COME SHOP LOCALLY & SHARE GLOBALLY

Choir Practice

All who love to sing are welcome at church Wednesday evening in November 3, 10, and 17 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!



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





Congratulations to Caitlin and Gregory McMullen on the arrival of Scarlet and Zachary! Everyone is doing great!

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.

Altar Flower Sign-up

If you wish to donate flowers for a particular week, please attach a check for \$50 made payable to Christ Lutheran Church with "Flower Fund" in the memo and mail this form to the office. The cost of an arrangement can be shared by two families or individuals if you wish.

Name _____

Date donating flowers _____

Reason (How it will appear in the bulletin): _____

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.

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).

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 Rupparr (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 Romain, 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 NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES AND BIRTHDAYS!

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

ANNIVERSARIES:

11/09 Gregory & Caitlin McMullen
11/15 Mike & Colleen Wagner
11/16 Robert & Sherri Swanson
11/30 Rev. Meagan & Karen McLaughlin

BIRTHDAYS:

11/03 Dianne Deck
11/03 Ellen Mead
11/05 Thelda Bertram
11/05 Josh Bruns
11/09 Alena Horn
11/10 Katherine Uy
11/12 Brenda Asen
11/12 Donna Munger
11/13 Alicia Lewis
11/14 Kirsten Glascock
11/16 Jack Joern
11/17 Graham Hoerchler
11/17 Brent Wood
11/18 Rich Walker
11/18 Ruthie Helton
11/20 Karen Bruns
11/20 John Joern
11/20 Robert Rivas
11/22 Gale Nunn
11/24 Tess Rogers
11/25 Matthew Lindquist
11/25 Melba Thomsen
11/25 Perry Yee
11/27 Tore Stole

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



November 2021

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

	1 All Saint's Day	2 All Souls Day 5 an 7p Columbarium prayer 10a Bible Study – Fellowship Hall	3 7:30p Choir practice	4 4p Fitness Group	5	6 5p Outdoor Worship, weather permitting
7 9:30a Worship, Adult forum after service 10:45a Coffee Fellowship	8 12p Sr. Fellowship at Laclede Groves 4p Fitness Group	9 10a Bible Study – Fellowship Hall	10 7p Worship team meeting 7:30p Choir practice 8pm Zoom book group	11 4p Fitness Group 7p Women's Group on Zoom	12	13 5p Outdoor Worship, weather permitting
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MCLAUGHLIN OFFICE
HOURS: MON-WED, FRI 8:30-
4:30
APPTS BY
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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.**