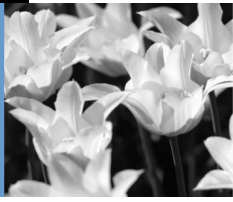




ONE IN CHRIST

Week of November 15 - November 21, 2021

PASTOR'S WORD



Next Sunday is Christ the King Sunday. What is your idea of royalty? You might picture a large, beautiful palace, with lots of gold, ornamentation, intricate carving, statues by famous artists commissioned by kings and queens past, and bustling with servants taking care of the royal family. You may imagine the grand hall, with the royal leaders sitting on their thrones, ready to make proclamations and lay down orders that no one would dream of opposing. Power. Glory. Wealth. Unquestioned rule. Perfect royal dress, food, speech, behavior.

Many thought the Messiah would be a great military leader, ready to challenge and overthrow the occupying rulers who oppressed them so badly. Jesus was not what they expected. He was given the title King of the Jews, but when Pilate asked, Jesus said his kingdom was not of this world, and left Pilate to figure out what that meant.

As we continue to rethink and re-imagine everything we are doing, it is time for us to re-imagine what it means to say Jesus is our king, and what Jesus' kingdom looks like. Jesus himself gives us a lot of clues in the parables where he tells us "the kingdom of God is like this"

As we watch and listen, we notice God's creative and redemptive acts through all of our scriptures, and begin to see that the kingdom Jesus is talking about is unlike any earthly kingdom we have ever known. Jesus tells us in yesterday's Gospel that he has not come to build palaces and monuments. They will inevitably come down. In last week's Gospel, Jesus promises not honor and glory, but life itself. Throughout the Gospels, Jesus wants his listeners—us—to know that if we are looking for Christ our King, we will find him in the eyes and stomachs and bodies and hearts of those who have nothing.

Jesus tells us his kingdom is not **of** this world, and it isn't, but it is always, and every day, **in** this world. The kingdom of God is the creative, redeeming, abundant, loving movement of God that leads us closer to who we were meant to be all along. We are entering into a season of waiting and preparing and seeking Christ in this world, and this feast that we celebrate as we end one year and prepare for the next shows us where to start!

So on the Sunday we celebrate Christ the King, we intentionally leave the palaces, and the crowns, and the money, and power behind us. We see Christ the servant, and we do the same, not because he told us to but because, in the end, we can't help it. We belong to God, and Christ's kingdom is coming. In fact it is already here! And in a world where there is so much pain, and weariness, and grief, and confusion, that is truly good news.



WORSHIP

Sunday, November 21, 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



Seeking Stories of Hope

As we enter Advent this year, our theme is Messengers of Hope. We want to collect stories of hope as we prepare for Jesus, who brings the hope of God to this world. Do you have a story to share?

Tell a story of someone who is a messenger of hope for you.

Tell a story of a situation or an event that brought you hope.



Advent Bags

This Sunday after worship, at the rear of the Sanctuary, there will be goodie bags for each family. Plan to grab your bag, they will be labelled alphabetically by family name. Please grab a few extras to deliver to those unable to attend worship in person.



Greening of the Church

Join us to prepare our church building for Advent!



Saturday, November 20, 10:00am

Gather to pull out all of the decorations and materials needed for greening the church.

Sunday, November 21, after Worship

Gather in the sanctuary to decorate the church! Needs include: carrying materials, hanging decorations (some of that includes using ladders), putting boxes away.

Many hands make light work! Please mark your calendars and join us!

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

Choir Practice

All who love to sing are welcome at church Wednesday evenings on 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!



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!



Women's Group

The women of Christ Lutheran are invited to join our meetings taking place the second Thursday of each month at 7pm. More details to come!

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



This service is presented by: Emmanuel Episcopal Church and Christ Lutheran Church, Churches Together

**We will gather at
Emmanuel Episcopal Church**

9 South Bombart Avenue, Webster Groves

Giving thanks to God,
we honor and support
the Food Ministry at Emmanuel,
asking everyone
to bring a food item
for the pantry

A love offering also will be
taken up to send to
the **Firewood for Elders** program
at the Rosebud Indian Reservation,
South Dakota

This full-service bulletin can be found online at: www.emmanuelepiscopal.org

GIVE THANKS

Community Thanksgiving Service

Tuesday, November 23 at 6:00 pm

We invite you to bring food
staples & willing hearts.




Supporting indigenous ministries



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 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.

November 28 No Adult Forum

December 5 Diane Drolliger on *Clergy Sexual Abuse* Diane writes: *It's not just the Catholics... Congregations are being called to create a safe space for those who have experienced pastoral abuse. Pastoral sexual abuse happens in every faith setting, the ELCA included. Learn what the data tells us, how the ELCA handles this issue, and ways to prevent sexual abuse in our churches. Mature content.*

December 12-January 2 No Adult Forums

January 9 Adult Forum resumes

On November 14, Pastor Roger Ruff, a retired Lutheran Mission Congregation Pastor, gave a talk, "Preparing for the Season of Advent in Conversation with St. Luke's Gospel." Pastor Ruff noted that the Church's Liturgical year begins Sunday, November 28: the first Sunday of Advent. He explained that as the liturgical seasons proceed through Christmas, Epiphany, Lent, Easter, and Pentecost the lectionary readings follow the Life of Jesus as well as the Life of the Church.

The Gospel readings of the lectionary rotate through a three year cycle and in 2022 they will be drawn from the Gospel of Luke. According to tradition, Luke was a physician and a follower of Jesus, who may have accompanied Paul on his journeys. Together the writings attributed to him, his Gospel and The Acts of the Apostles, make up 30% of the New Testament.

The themes of the Gospel of Luke include: the role of women, role of the poor, prayer, the compassion of Jesus, the role of the Holy Spirit, salvation, and universality. Though out his writings Luke shows the Christianity is a lawful religion, that is, Jesus did not violate Roman Law. (For example, in Luke Chapter 2 Mary and Joseph go to Bethlehem in response from a Roman Decree—they follow the Law.)

Pastor Ruff went on to explain how these themes are found in the first two chapters of the Gospel, the Christmas story. For example, the role of women is apparent in Chapter 1 when he begins his story with the pregnancies of Elizabeth and Mary. And the elevation of the poor is evident in Luke 1, 52 & 53, part of the Magnificat, where Mary says, "He has...lifted up the lowly; he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty."

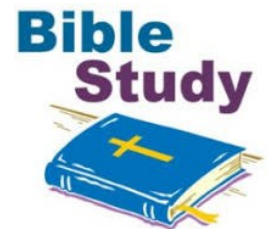
Pastor Ruff pointed out four of the great canticles of the Church are from the first two chapters of Luke: the Magnificat, spoken by Mary (1: 46-55), the Benediction, by Zechariah (1: 68-77), Glory to God, by the Angels (2: 14), and the Nunc Dimittis, By Simeon (29-32).

Pastor Ruff sent us away with the essential message of Luke to Gentile readers is found in the Magnificat: "God does in fact fulfill his promises..."

Tuesday Bible Study

The Tuesday morning Bible study group will meet at 10:15 a.m. in the Parish Hall. Most recently, we've been studying Hebrews.

There will not be a meeting on November 23rd due to the Thanksgiving holiday.



Hello CLC Congregation!

We are excited to share that for the holiday season we are again adopting a local family through Webster - Rock Hill Ministries. Due to COVID regulations we will not be providing actual gifts, but instead purchasing gift cards for the family to buy Christmas presents and enjoy a holiday meal. Please click on the Sign-Up Genius link below to help make their Christmas special! **All the donated gift cards will need to be delivered or mailed to the Donermeyer house by Wednesday, Dec. 1st.** Address and details are all in the Sign-up Genius. Thank you for your generosity!

[WRHM Adopt-A-Family](#)



ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS 2021 **Messengers of Hope**

You are invited to join us for online and in-person services.

Sunday, November 28, First Sunday of Advent - 9:30 am Worship.

Wednesday, December 1 6:00 pm Light Supper, 7:00 pm Advent Worship, Holden Evening Prayer.

Saturday, December 4, Time TBD, Women's Advent Brunch

Sunday, December 5, Second Sunday of Advent - 9:30 am Worship.

Wednesday, December 8, 6:00 pm Light Supper, 7:00 pm Advent Worship, Holden Evening Prayer.

Sunday, December 12, Third Sunday of Advent- 9:30 am Worship with Cantata—*Morning Star* by Joseph Martin

Wednesday, December 15, 6:00 pm Light Supper, 7:00 pm Advent Worship, Holden Evening Prayer.

Sunday, December 19, Fourth Sunday of Advent - 9:30 am Worship, and the Children's Christmas Pageant "Las Posadas: A Journey to Hope."

Wednesday, December 22, 6:00 pm Light Supper, 7:00 pm Advent Worship, Holden Evening Prayer.

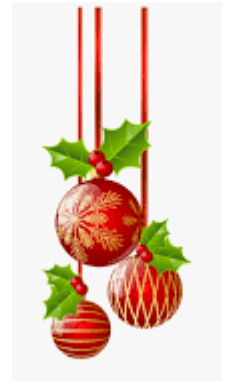
Friday, December 24, 5:00 pm Christmas Eve Service with Holy Communion.

Friday, December 24, 9:00 pm Christmas Eve Service with Holy Communion.

Saturday, December 25, Merry Christmas! No Services.

Sunday, December 26, First Sunday of Christmas- Worship at 9:30 am.

Saturday, January 1, Happy New Year!



2022 Council Openings

We have several openings for the 2022 Church Council, which will begin meeting in late January. We would love for you to consider being a part of this special group! Each chair serves a two-year term and meets once a month with the rest of Council (the past year through Zoom) to discuss important church issues. Below is a description of all the positions that are open. We hope that you will prayerfully consider joining the Council in continuing the good works at Christ Lutheran Church.

If you are interested, please contact Sandy Hoyer at hoyer.sandra60@gmail.com or Kate Hoerchler at katehoerchler@gmail.com.

President: Manage the overall Council process, prepare agendas, deal with larger issues as necessary, helps to recruit volunteers for various positions, and interface with Pastor Meagan.

Secretary: Takes notes at the monthly Council meetings, at the Annual Congregational meeting, and sends out minutes to Council members via e-mail.

Fellowship: Coordinates Christ Lutheran activities and events throughout the year. A few of those events include: Wurstfest, Trunk or Treat, Advent Brunch, Wednesday Advent and Lenten dinners, Easter brunch, 4th of July and various other activities, like Winter Wonderland carriage rides, celebrations (Pastor Meagan's Welcome party), themed parties (St. Patrick's Day, Cinco de Mayo), pool parties, etc. While you are the main coordinator, there are plenty of members throughout the congregation willing to serve on committees and offer their time and expertise.

Christian Services: Helps organize and coordinate donation drives that help local non-profits, such as Webster RockHill Ministries. In addition, the chair helps plan congregational activities that bring people together to serve the local community. The Christian Service chair is also responsible for working with the Treasurer and Council to determine which organizations and non-profits receive donations (benevolences) from Christ Lutheran Church. Some specific drives and activities we have done in the last few years include: school supply donations for WRHM, Adopt-a-Family at Christmas through WRHM, buying gifts for the ladies of the Mary Ryder house at Christmas, helping clean up local Webster Groves parks, donating masks to the Rockwood Retirement Community and participating in the 2019 Crop Hunger Walk.

Stewardship: Stewardship is the judicious management of the time, talents and money that the Lord has given each of us to use for his glory. Our committee plans an annual pledge campaign - usually early in the year to encourage members to pledge and to monetarily contribute toward our benevolences and the mission of our Church. In addition, we encourage each member to volunteer to charities and to use their talents as needed within our Church, our community and the world.

Youth: The Youth Chair is the voice for the youth and their parents, helps with getting information to the youth and families about mission trips, and gathers the money and paperwork that is due for these trips. The Youth Chair has, in the past, lead the youth group on Sunday mornings, joined by Pastor Meagan.

In-Reach: The chair is responsible for ensuring a fulfilling experience at Christ Lutheran for current members, during and outside of the services. This involves making sure people have access to the service and soliciting ideas for possible improvement. In-Reach also provides support to other committees, especially the Fellowship and Worship committees, as there is a fair amount of overlap between them. During COVID, In-Reach has helped coordinate all the technology for the Zoom church services. Other jobs include the following (with Joan O'Brien's help): monthly Anniversary/Birthday cake & balloons in Fellowship Hall (once allowed again); monthly mailings of Anniversary/Birthday/Get well/ Sympathy cards; periodic updates for the printed and web directories; planning welcome parties for new members; and organizing our 4th of July parade involvement (either IN the parade or opening our Church's restrooms for organizers and parade participants; followed by a BBQ rib picnic lunch with pot luck side dishes for church members and friends.

Outreach: The Outreach chair is responsible for helping promote Christ Lutheran Church in the local community, raising awareness and piquing interest with potential new members in the community in CLC services and events. A few common and primary responsibilities of the Outreach Chair include: Assisting with the promotion of CLC Easter and Christmas services, and special events; determining, planning and promoting events such as "Views and Brews" speaker series, Trivia Night, CLC's 120th anniversary, etc.

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@christwq.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.



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.



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): _____

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 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!



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
11/07 Margot Meyer
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 1015a Bible Study – Fellowship Hall	10 7p Worship team meeting 7:30p Choir practice	11 4p Fitness Group 7p Women's Group	12	13
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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**

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MARK RUFF**

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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.**