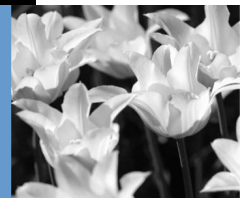




# ONE IN CHRIST

Week of November 22 - November 28, 2021

## PASTOR'S WORD



### The Advent Season: Messengers of Hope

There are many things we wait for. We wait in line at the grocery store. We wait for Covid to be over. We wait for friends or family to arrive. We wait for test results. We wait for the rain to stop. So many feelings can go along with the waiting. Anticipation. Fear. Joy. Anxiety. Curiosity. Impatience. This Advent Season, as we await the coming of Christ, we will reflect on the voices of those who waited, 2,000 years ago, for Jesus to come. Each of them longed for the mysterious Spirit of God that would reveal itself to the world in a whole new way in Jesus's birth, life, death, and resurrection. Mary, Zechariah, Elizabeth, and Simeon and Anna prophetically proclaimed the coming of the creator of the universe in the tiny, vulnerable little baby. They knew, and sang for all of creation, the promise that Christ's presence on earth would transform this world. Join us as we take time this Advent season to let these voices resound in our hearts and spirits. For their time, for all time, for us in our time, as they proclaim the truth of God incarnate, they are ***Messengers of Hope***.

We invite you to join us throughout the Advent season as we listen for ***Messengers of Hope*** in scripture and in the world around us.

We will celebrate Wednesday Evening Advent Prayer, in person and on Zoom, at 7:00pm, with a light supper at 6:00pm in the Fellowship Hall.

On Sundays we will Worship together at 9:30am.

On December 12, we will have the choir with a Christmas Cantata, Morning Star by Joseph M Martin. Sarah Bender will narrate, and Mark Ruff will play piano.

On December 19, the children will lead us in Las Posadas, a Mexican tradition recalling the journey of Mary and Joseph to Bethlehem for the birth of Jesus.

Together, we as God's people will listen for ***Messengers of Hope***.



# WORSHIP

## Sunday, November 28, 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.



## **Sunday School and Nursery**

We plan to start Sunday School in January, and are so excited to welcome the children officially back to the building! We plan to meet during the education hour after 9:30am Worship, and more details will be coming soon.

We recognize that there may be families for whom returning to the building in January will not be the right choice, and want to be sure that we meet the needs of ALL of our children and families. In addition, some parents have asked when nursery will be available again. Please let Jesse and Pastor Meagan know as soon as possible:

Will your child be joining Sunday School in January? If not, how can we best meet their needs? If nursery is available, will your child attend nursery?



# 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



## Christ Lutherans First Women's Advent Tea, 2pm

Please reserve your spot for the Christ Lutheran Church Women's Advent Tea on **December 4** at 2pm. 11 tables, 6 women per table. Tea, punch, and an assortment of tea cookies and sandwiches will be provided. Email Lisette at

[office@christwg.org](mailto:office@christwg.org) to reserve your spot, \$15 per person. Mail your check or drop off your check in the offering plate. Please note advent tea in the check memo area.

For more information, reach out to Sarah Ringkor ([snringkor@gmail.com](mailto:snringkor@gmail.com)), Jadee Lauer ([jadeelauer@yahoo.com](mailto:jadeelauer@yahoo.com)), or Becca Jordan ([beccajedwards@gmail.com](mailto:beccajedwards@gmail.com)).

Childcare is not provided this year.



## Help Volunteer and Share the Christmas Cheer!

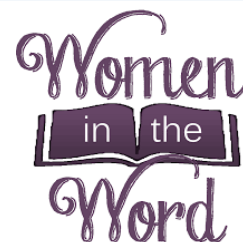
We are excited to offer an in-person volunteer event for those who wish to share in the Christmas spirit and help the local community! On **Saturday, December 11th**, we will be working with **Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Eastern Missouri** to help coordinate gifts from donors to recipients. There will be two shifts (10am-12pm and 12pm-2pm), and we are looking for about 10 volunteers for each shift. If you are interested, please arrive 15 minutes prior to your shift and make sure to bundle up and dress warm, as we will be working outside to help unload/load the presents. School-age kids are welcome to help if families would like to volunteer together! Masks will be required. The address of the BB/BS location is **501 North Grand** (right next to the Fox Theatre), and there is a covered garage across the street. (Please bring your parking stub in case parking can be validated). Please sign up for a spot below if you can make it! Any questions, please contact Erin Eftink at [erineftink@sbcglobal.net](mailto:erineftink@sbcglobal.net).

[Big Brothers/Big Sisters Volunteer Event](#)

## 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](mailto: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](http://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**



## ADVENT BAGS

This is the last Sunday to grab your bag at the rear of the Sanctuary, labelled alphabetically by family name. We will need some volunteers to deliver the remaining bags, please let Joan O'Brien or Pastor Meagan know if you can help. Thank You!



## Edith Cooper's Funeral Service

Please join us Tuesday, November 23, 2021 at Christ Lutheran  
10am Visitation  
11am Funeral Service



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 28** No Adult Forum

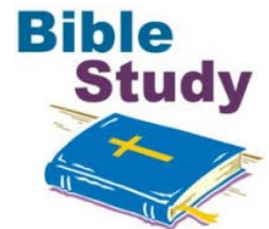
**December 5** Diane Drollinger on Clergy Sexual Abuse Diane writes: It's not just the Catholics... Congregations are being called to create a safe space for those who have experienced pastoral abuse. Pastoral sexual abuse happens in every faith setting, the ELCA included. Learn what the data tells us, 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

## 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,** 2-3:30 pm Women's Advent Tea

**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.

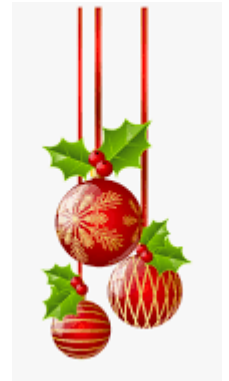
**Friday, December 24,** 5:00 pm Christmas Eve Service with Holy Communion.

**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](mailto:hoyer.sandra60@gmail.com) or Kate Hoerchler at [katehoerchler@gmail.com](mailto: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.

## Helping Afghani Refugees - Many Families are Arriving Now!

CLC Congregation:

If you have been watching the news, you are probably aware that Afghani refugees are beginning to arrive in greater numbers in St. Louis, and that this will continue for awhile. In September we collected donations and had a small group volunteer at the House of Goods - Baitulmal, a non-profit that works with the Islamic Foundation of Greater St. Louis. Representatives from the organization spoke at our Adult Forum on 11/21 and they are in emergency need of donations to help the incoming families. We will have a blue bin in the Narthex to collect donations every Sunday until the end of the year (and possibly longer). Please help if you are able - see below for more details!

1) You can mail a check, or gift cards to House of Goods - Baitulmal. Their address is 5911 Southwest Avenue. St. Louis, MO 63139. Gift cards from Walmart, Aldi, Target, and Schnucks would be greatly appreciated. If you are sending a check, please make the check out to the Islamic Foundation of Greater St. Louis and write "House of Goods - New Arrivals" in the memo line.

2) You are also welcome to drop off donations to House of Goods - Baitulmal (see address above), or drop them off in the blue bin in the church narthex. These are the donations that are needed right now:

- bottles of water
- juice boxes
- snacks (gelatin free)
- tea bags
- electric water boilers
- gift cards (Walmart, Target, Aldi, Schnucks)
- hygiene products (shampoo, conditioner, body wash, toothpaste, toothbrush)
- kid toys (gently used or new)
- winter coats

3) House of Goods is also in need of in-person volunteers to help organize donations and help in other ways. If you are interested, please reach out to Sherry Mitchler or Erin Eftink for more information. Thank you!

## 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 (Rooocks' grand-nephew), Ken Ruppert (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 Edith Cooper, 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!

## 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](mailto: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 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**

	<b>1</b> All Saint's Day	<b>2</b> All Souls Day 5 an 7p Columbarium prayer  10a Bible Study – Fellowship Hall	<b>3</b> 7:30p Choir practice	<b>4</b> 4p Fitness Group	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 5p Outdoor Worship, weather permitting
<b>7</b> 9:30a Worship, Adult forum after service 10:45a Coffee Fellowship	<b>8</b> 12p Sr. Fellowship at Laclede Groves  4p Fitness Group	<b>9</b> 1015a Bible Study – Fellowship Hall	<b>10</b> 7p Worship team meeting  7:30p Choir practice	<b>11</b> 4p Fitness Group  7p Women's Group	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>
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<b>21</b> 9:30a Worship, Adult forum after service 10:45a Coffee Fellowship	<b>22</b> 12p Sr. Fellowship at Laclede Groves  4p Fitness Group	<b>23</b> 10a Edith Cooper visitation 11a Funeral Service  6p Joint Service at Emmanuel Episcopal	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> Thanksgiving Day	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b> 9:30a Worship , 10:45a Coffee Fellowship	<b>29</b> 12p Sr. Fellowship at Laclede Groves  4p Fitness Group	<b>30</b> 1015a Bible Study – Fellowship Hall				



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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**

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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.**