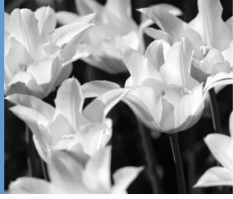




# ONE IN CHRIST

Week of December 27, 2021 - January 2, 2022

## PASTOR'S WORD



Christ is born! Hope has dawned! In Jesus, the God who is love, truth, justice, and grace is here with us, embodied in creation all around us. May we in turn be bearers of the Spirit to the world. Merry Christmas to all of you and your loved ones!

### **How the Light Comes**

Jan Richardson

I cannot tell you how the light comes.  
What I know is that it is more ancient than imagining.

That it travels across an astounding expanse to reach us.

That it loves searching out what is hidden,  
what is lost, what is forgotten or in peril or in pain.

That it has a fondness for the body,  
for finding its way toward flesh,  
for tracing the edges of form,  
for shining forth through the eye, the hand, the heart.

I cannot tell you how the light comes, but that it does.  
That it will.  
That it works its way into the deepest dark that enfolds you,  
though it may seem long ages in coming or arrive in a shape you did not foresee.

And so may we this day turn ourselves toward it.  
May we lift our faces to let it find us.  
May we bend our bodies to follow the arc it makes.  
May we open and open more  
and open still to the blessed light that comes.



# WORSHIP

**Sunday, January 2, 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



## Holiday/Vacation Hours

The church office will be closed January 3rd. The Newsletter will be emailed on Tuesday the next two weeks.

The office will be open on Wednesday, December 29. Email and phone messages will be checked and returned December 28-30.

Pastor Meagan will be on vacation December 25-30, please call Carolyn Crowe for pastoral care needs.

# 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.christwq.org](http://www.christwq.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



## New Book for the Race Book Group

***The Sum of Us: What Racism Costs Everyone and How We Can Prosper Together*** by Heather McGhee

Please join us for a communitywide book study organized by the Alliance for Interracial Dignity and the Webster Equity Bridge. McGhee's book digs into policy and people's mindsets, arguing the idea that the country has fallen into too much of a zero sum game thinking that if one racial group succeeds too much then another fails. She argues that white people in addition to minorities have suffered due to racist policies and when all races are included and supported in policies, all races benefit.

We will discuss the first set of 5 chapters and the last set of 5 chapters in late January and early February respectively with members of our church via Zoom. The opportunity to join the community discussion is at the Webster Library on February 9th at 6:30 pm.

Contact Kate Hoerchler with any questions or for help acquiring the book. [katehoerchler@gmail.com](mailto:katehoerchler@gmail.com), 314-805-1751.



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:**

**January 2** No Adult Forum

**January 9** Join with CLC members in a lively discussion as we discuss ideas from the race book group's latest book, Rev. Lenny Duncan's, *Dear Church: A Love Letter from a Black Preacher to the Whitest Denomination in the U.S.* We'll review his message on how to reimagine the church while making it a more radically welcoming and impactful institution.

### **Need Volunteer Help for Afghani Refugees!!! Meeting on Jan. 2nd at Webster Presbyterian Church**

The St. Louis Community is coordinating further to support the arriving Afghan refugees and needs our help. They have formed a coalition of partners in a Refugee Command Center. [Read and listen to the NPR's piece](#) "**As Afghan refugees face a hard landing in St. Louis, nonprofit leaders form Refugee Command Center**". Many of the refugee families are stressed here due to the lack of resources currently available to them on top of the trauma they experienced in Afghanistan.

There will be a **church presentation on January 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7pm in the sanctuary of Webster Presbyterian** about ways that Webster Presbyterian Church and other church members can support these incoming refugees. **The need for volunteer support is immediate. We would like to get a small group together from CLC who are interested in attending the meeting and helping Afghani families (see examples of volunteering opportunities below through Welcome Neighbor).** Please contact Erin Eftink at [erineftink@sbcglobal.net](mailto:erineftink@sbcglobal.net) if you are interested.

**Welcome Neighbor** is one of the Refugee Command center partners clearing volunteers and communicating needs on behalf of the International Institute, which is over-taxed finding housing and securing documentation for incoming families.

#### **If you are able to do any of the following:**

- pick up newly arriving families at the airport (background check required)
- visit a family 24 hours after their arrival. (background check required)
- arrange outings for the families.
- tutor in English
- provide food and supplies to individuals experiencing homelessness
- become a family partner with a refugee family (includes visits & helping them navigate their new life) it is a 1 year commitment, min. of 10 hrs of contact per month, \$20 background check required.
- Other. How else would you like to get involved?

**please contact Welcome Neighbor to sign up as a volunteer for specific needs.** They will notify volunteers as needs arrive. As a volunteer, you'll be able to respond that you are available or not. Background checks are required for those interacting with families (\$20) and Webster Neighbor will connect you with the background check application.

## 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.

## 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).



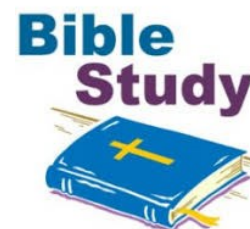
## Choir Practice

All who love to sing are welcome at church Wednesday evenings at 7:30 pm beginning January 5th. 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!



## Tuesday Bible Study

Meetings will resume in the parish hall January 11 at 10:15am.



## 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 \_\_\_\_\_



## 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), 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 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!

## 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!

## CELEBRATING JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES & BIRTHDAYS

Congratulations and Best Wishes!

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

### **ANNIVERSARIES:**

1/13 Kim & Dave Donermeyer  
1/19 Jadee & Steve Lauer

### **BIRTHDAYS:**

1/05 Sharon Hornbeck  
1/08 Brian Hornbeck  
1/11 Flo Saeger  
1/13 Nancy Lissant  
1/15 Deanne Bussler  
1/15 Carson Glascock  
1/15 James Knapp  
1/15 Alex Lindquist  
1/18 Isaac Helton  
1/19 Kate Drollinger  
1/20 Christine Heerboth  
1/28 Alex Bennett  
1/29 Sloane Bartek





# JANUARY 2022

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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**

**OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR:  
LISETTE KREITLER**

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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.**