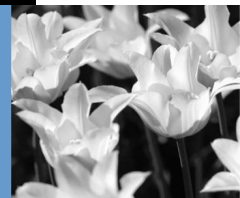




ONE IN CHRIST

Week of February 14 – February 20, 2022

A NOTE FROM THE STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE



The Joy of Giving

The generosity of spirit at Christ Lutheran pulses through our congregation. This loving community gripped my husband Matt and I almost twenty years ago when we first came to Christ Lutheran as very young parents, new to St. Louis, and hungry for a faith family. Our three sons, Calvin (19, college freshman at the University of Richmond), David (16) and Luther (12) have been baptized in the church, and our oldest two confirmed.

I am a social worker with a specialty in domestic violence and money. I teach as an adjunct instructor at Washington University, run a [consulting business](#) providing training to social workers on survivor centered economic advocacy, and work at AWARE, a hospital-based domestic violence program at Barnes Jewish Hospital.

I am thrilled to join the church council this year as the Stewardship chair and I have faith that we are entering an exciting phase of giving at Christ Lutheran. The 2022 pledge campaign, The Joy of Giving, starts soon (look at your inboxes! In the fall we will shift things up by launching a holistic pledge campaign for 2023 examining and expanding our idea of stewardship. We would love your ideas and energy on the stewardship committee! (contact Katie at ciorbafamily@gmail.com)

As we move towards the Joy of Giving and the Lenten season, I encourage you to reflect on your stewardship as you prepare your heart for your 2022 pledge.

- What does this verse mean to you? **2 Corinthians 9:6-8:**
Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.
- Think of a time when you joyfully gave money, energy, or resources. What brought you joy about that experience? Alternatively, consider a time when you begrudgingly gave money, energy, or resources. What made the giving experience difficult? What made those two experiences different?
- Think of a time where you joyfully received money, energy or resources. How did it feel to receive? What was it about the *giving that made the interaction joyful*?

Let's work together to replicate feelings and experiences of joyful giving at Christ Lutheran as we look to the year ahead with anticipation.

Cheerfully in Christ,
Katie Ciorba



WORSHIP

Sunday, February 20, 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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Tuesday Bible Study

Meetings will resume this week, February 15th at 10:15am in the fellowship hall.

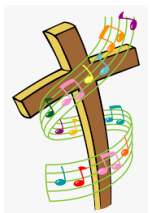


Staff Vacation

The Church office will be open limited hours between February 17-23rd while Lisette is on vacation. The office will be open 9:30– noon Feb 18 and 23rd. Thank you Sarah Bender for your help!

Choir Practice

All who love to sing are welcome at church every Wednesday 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!



Stewardship & Offerings

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 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.



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 last 5 chapters at our next meeting on February 22 at 8 pm via Zoom.

[Join Zoom Meeting](#)

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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.



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.

Adult Forum resumes Feb 20 in the Fellowship Hall after the Sunday morning service. It will also be on zoom.

Upcoming Forums:

February 20—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. There are copies of the book available in the narthex for those interested in reading ahead of the discussion.

February 27- The Christian Service committee is updating our model of partnering with community agencies to better represent Christ Lutheran's mission:

Deepening people's connections to Christ
Bringing meaning to daily Life
Making a difference in our community

In adult forum on Sunday 02/27 members of the Christian Service Committee will discuss the agencies we will be supporting, and how we plan to partner with them to serve our community. Please join us to learn more about these changes and how individual members of Christ Lutheran can be involved.

March 6—What About the Nones? Harriet Scholle will look at what we know about those who chose not to be part of an organized religion. We'll discuss how, as people of faith, we minister to them.

March 13—Dale Kuhn LCSW of Care and Counseling will tell us about his work with survivors of clergy sexual abuse as well as other sexual abuse survivors.



Congratulations to Victoria & Brandon Seitz on their bundle of Joy!

Delivery went great- Vivian Estelle Seitz was born at 10:35pm on 2/7/2022! She weighed a whopping 6lbs 1oz and was 19 3/4 inches long.



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, Bev & Al Marcus (friend of John Hoffmann), Christy Monson (Step-daughter of Carolyn Lange), Betsy Nielson (Nancy Lissant's sister), Doris & Harry Rahlfs (Karen Wood's parents), Edward Ruebeck (Roocks' grand-nephew), Ken Ruppar (friend of Mark Roock), Flo Saeger, Sherri Swanson, Joyce Traxler (Friend of Susan DeBusk), 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, Marjorie Meyer (Mark Roock's Aunt), Linda Polkinghorne (friend of Mark Roock), Elsie Johnson 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!

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.



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!



People of Christ,

The funeral for Elsie Johnson, beloved member of Christ Lutheran and mother of Sandy Hoyer, will be held February 19, 1:00pm, at their family congregation, East Side Church, 19901 MO Highway 78 (aka 23rd Street), Independence MO 64057. Visitation begins at 12:00pm at the church.



Elsie will be laid to rest near family members who have gone before her at the cemetery in Independence.

All are welcome to attend the Visitation and funeral next Saturday.

Elsie's family plan to have a celebration of Elsie's life at Christ Lutheran in May, around the time of her birthday.

Please continue to keep Elsie's family in your prayers!

This poem was featured in Garrison Keillor's "The Writer's Almanac" last week during our local snow storm. Anne Sexton struggled with mental illness, but expresses hope in these touching verses.

Snow

by Anne Sexton

Snow,
blessed snow,
comes out of the sky
like bleached flies.
The ground is no longer naked.
The ground has on its clothes.
The trees poke out of sheets
and each branch wears the sock of God.

There is hope.
There is hope everywhere.
I bite it.
Someone once said:
Don't bite till you know
if it's bread or stone.
What I bite is all bread,
rising, yeasty as a cloud.

There is hope.
There is hope everywhere.
Today God gives milk
and I have the pail.

Anne Sexton, "Snow" from *The Awful Rowing Toward God*. © Houghton Mifflin.

ANNIVERSARIES AND BIRTHDAYS!

CELEBRATING JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES & BIRTHDAYS

Congratulations and Best Wishes!

ANNIVERSARIES:

2/14 Joan & Robert Rivas
2/14 Mari & Travis Roberts

2/19 Henry Knapp
2/20 Robert Crowe
2/20 Elisabeth Long
2/23 Bob Brockelmeyer
2/25

BIRTHDAYS:

2/01 Calvin Ciorba
2/01 Shirley Wolf
2/02 Julia Bruns
2/02 Helga Hayes
2/03 Kevin Drollinger
2/03 Larry Hill
2/04 Aishlyn McCarty
2/06 Kathy Kuziel
2/07 Sarah Keifer
2/08 Amy Chelgreen
2/09 Shaun Chelgreen
2/09 Carol Brockelmeyer
2/09 Patty Hopper
2/10 Hanna Lauer
2/10 Mark Roock
2/13 Julia Wood
2/13 Sylvia Rogers
2/19 Christine Austin



Caitlin McMullen
2/28 Sally Wachtman

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

February 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 7:30p Choir practice	3	4	5
6 9:30a Worship	7	8	9 7p Worship team meeting 7:30p Choir practice	10 4p Fitness group 7p Women's Book Group	11	12
13 9:30a Worship	14 4p Fitness group	15 10:15a Bible Study-Fellowship hall 7p Church Council meeting in Conference room	16 7:30p Choir practice	17 4p Fitness group	18	19
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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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 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.

LST Classes

Registration open now - March 5, 2022. Syllabus to be sent as registration is received.

Class fee for those auditing: \$75

Class fee for those receiving PMA continuing education credit:
 \$150 (please check with your synod to verify credit approval)

Full or partial financial assistance is available by making
 application here:

<https://lststl.org/scholarships-for-lst-classes/>

Register at <https://lststl.org/hearing-a-good-sermon/>

Class sessions will be held on five Thursday nights during Lent
 2022:

March 10, March 17, March 24, March 31 will be zoom only and it
 is hoped that the session on **April 7** will be hybrid, Covid
 conditions permitting. Those able to attend in person will gather at
 Bethel Lutheran Church, University City, MO.

Time: 7:00 – 8:30 pm Central Time