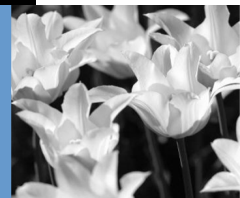




ONE IN CHRIST

Week of February 21 – February 27, 2022

A NOTE FROM THE EDUCATION CHAIR



Have you driven down Lockwood on a Friday night between 6-6:30pm? From Emmanuel Episcopal to the west past Holy Redeemer, CLC, Peace UCC, First Congregational until Webster Presbyterian. How did you feel seeing congregants from some or all of these churches standing in solidarity together proclaiming Black Lives Matter? Was anyone in front of our church? There are usually 1-4 of us out there, but sometimes none of us are able to make it.

One evening my kids and I were running late for the vigil, but we headed toward church as I needed to do altar guild anyway. I decided to drive them down Lockwood, so for the first time they could see the vigil as a passing car would. It was powerful...but no one was in front of CLC. Pastor had stood alone that night and had to leave a few minutes early, so she wasn't there anymore when we drove past at 6:28. It really energized me to try to be there every Friday that I can to help make sure passersby know that Christ Lutheran members believe in racial justice.

There might be any number of reasons you haven't joined us in the past, but that doesn't mean that you can't try it out some Friday that you're free. If you aren't ready to join us, I would ask you to drive down Lockwood during this time from Emmanuel Episcopal to Webster Presbyterian and see the strong community our church is a part of, taking a stand against racial injustice together.

Maybe Friday night BLM vigils don't work for you, did you know there is another great way to get involved in matters of justice and charity work with our neighboring churches? Folks from Webster Presbyterian, First Congregational, Peace UCC, Christ Lutheran, Holy Redeemer and Emmanuel Episcopal meet every Wednesday night on Zoom at 7 pm to discuss ways we can partner and be involved for good in our community. This is such an exciting opportunity to make change. Please ask me to tell you more about it. There's even an email list to receive the information we discuss if Wednesday nights don't fit for you.

Aside from these activities, I was so blessed to connect with many of you recently during the nominating process. Whether you told me yes, no way, not now, you could join a committee or somewhere in between, community building was happening. Even if we didn't interact, the nominating time of year is a great time to pause and think about our relationship with the church and how we are serving in it.

I am also grateful to be serving another year as your Christian Education chair. I truly enjoy working with the Sunday School team, helping to lead the Antiracism and Faith Book Group, serving on council and helping with youth and adult education as needed. I can't wait to see how our community continues to grow in creative ways.

This is where I am in our church lately. My involvement has changed so much since Phil and I joined in 2009 and will likely continue to change as time passes. I am so excited to see where this year takes us.

Peace,
Kate Hoerchler



WORSHIP



This Sunday, Camp Tomah Shinga Board President Doug Clopton will share a few minutes before Worship about the camp ministry and upcoming opportunities for our youth, and be available after Worship for questions and conversation.

Also, during Worship, we will thank and bless our outgoing Council members, and welcome and commission our new Council for 2022!

We hope you can all join us!



Sunday, February 27, 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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Wednesday, March 2, Ash Wednesday Service, In-Person and on Zoom

Join us for a Pancake Supper at 6:00pm!

7:00pm Worship with communion and distribution of ashes.

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88978047254?pwd=REVpNFNzMWNkcUZGM2JmUE8xUGdjdz09>

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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 Rupp (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), Phyllis Tirmenstein (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.

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.

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP



Summary of *Dear Church* Adult Forum Discussion – 2/20

I led a discussion of *Dear Church: A Love Letter from a Black Preacher to the Whitest Denomination in the U.S.* by Rev. Lenny Duncan, but there was really great engagement from those in attendance contributing to a full experience. I began by sharing the poem, *Invitation to Brave Space*, by Mickey ScottBey Jones. This poem challenges people to approach difficult conversations about racial justice with bravery knowing that we won't be perfect, but we can have these conversations and work at them together.

I continued by sharing more about the author, Rev. Duncan (they/them). They were a pastor at an ELCA church in Brooklyn at the time of writing the book. In 2021, Rev. Duncan resigned their call at an ELCA church in Washington state to pursue PhD work. Growing up, Rev. Duncan lived a troubled life, but found a home in the ELCA where they were welcomed with radical love and grace. They wrote this book as a challenge to racism, misogyny, and homophobia in the church.

I read several passages out of the book and then invited open discussion. Systemic racism was discussed in detail: how policy negatively affects Black and brown people and how white people experience often unrealized privilege until deeper examination. There were also criticisms of the book that Rev. Duncan makes sweeping binary pronouncements, is contradictory, and does not give enough supporting evidence for their claims. Others, however, felt that there was common ground in the book that we as a church can use to become a more inclusive church.

We finished the discussion by considering actions we can take within the congregation, within our local community and within the greater region. Smaller actions like diversifying our imagery of Jesus in the church especially as we consider renovation were mentioned as well as becoming more active in groups such as Churches Together For Justice (partnering churches on Lockwood) and Metropolitan Congregations United (engaging in regional policy work).

Thank you all for the robust conversation. I look forward to continuing this work together.

Kate Hoerchler

Opportunities for Children and Youth Coming Up!

Be Like Jesus <https://faithofallon.breezechms.com/form/BeLikeJesus2022>

Join this annual event for 2nd-8th graders, at Faith Lutheran Church in O'Fallon!

- The event is an overnight and a full day March 25-26, focused on service, Worship, and living our faith.
- If any of our students go, Pastor Meagan will plan to attend as well as an adult from CLC. Registration will be open through March 6



With the Gathering in Minneapolis cancelled, Camp Tomah Shinga is very excited to be hosting a Regional Youth Gathering alongside [Bethany College](#) and [Central States Synod, ELCA](#) this summer! This will be a chance for high school aged kids (graduates of 8th grade through 12th grade this year) to come together for a week of service, engaging speakers, small group sessions, and worship, patterned after the Gathering. We hope to have you join us July 23-27. **Registration will open February 21st.**

Leadership Lab www.leadershiplab.net

Join 250-275 high school and college youth and 50 facilitators from around the country for a week to build community and explore leadership in the context of faith!

- June 20-25 at Augustana College, in Rock Island IL
- Costs \$400 for the week. Christ Lutheran will cover the cost!

Crossroads Program for adults to develop gifts in youth ministry happens at the same time!

Position Open –

Christ Lutheran Church of Webster Groves is hiring a part-time Children and Youth Ministry Coordinator, to be part of a welcoming, growing, energetic, intergenerational community! Internal and external candidates will be joyfully considered, to start as soon as the hire process is complete.

Children and Youth Ministry Coordinator

Job Summary

Minister alongside and provide administrative, programmatic, and spiritual support for volunteers ministering with children and youth. Part time, about 10 hours/week, \$20/hour.

To Apply

E-mail Resume and Cover Letter to Lisette Kreidler office@christwg.org.



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 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.

March 20 & 27 Mark Ruff will examine the influence of Johann Sebastian Bach's keyboard music on the music of Ludwig van Beethoven.

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!



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!



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 Caitlin McMullen
2/28 Sally Wachtman

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

**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
20 9:30a Worship, 10:45 Adult forum	21 12p Sr. Fellowship at Laclede Groves 4pm Fitness group	22 10:15a Bible Study-Fellowship hall	23 7:30p Choir practice	24 4p Fitness group	25	26
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 SUNDAY AT 9:30 A.M.

RESIDENT PASTOR: MEAGAN
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 HOURS: MON-WED, FRI 8:30-
 4:30
 APPTS BY
 ARRANGEMENT

COUNCIL PRESIDENT:
 KEVIN DROLLINGER

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 FAITH COMMUNITY NURSE:
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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.

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