A NOTE FROM CHURCH COUNCIL



My confirmation verse is "The Lord your God is a merciful God, he will not forsake you" (Deuteronomy 4:31). To me, God's gift of mercy is an invitation to serve others and thus multiply this gift. I am therefore happy to serve on the Church Council again, this time in the role of Youth chair. After two years of COVID slumber, the Youth Program is ready to be awakened and filled with new life. I look forward to this work and to working with all of you.

My wife Alena and I, along with our sons Marc and Mattis, have lived in Webster Groves since 2010 and have been members of Christ Lutheran Church since 2011. We have a mischievous little dog called Schnitzel as well as eight amusing chickens (names available upon request). In my free time, I enjoy building things (latest project: a new chicken coop), walking and hiking, and watching Korean period dramas.

Peace, Kersten Horn



WORSHIP

Sunday, April 3, 9:30 am, Worship Access Online Bulletin

Join us for Worship in the Sanctuary followed by the Congregational Meeting.

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

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Call in From Any Phone: 312-626-6799

Meeting ID: 278 217 453 Password: 971744



Sunday Childcare Returns

Starting in April, TLC will be providing childcare every Sunday during worship and adult forum, starting at 8:30 am in the Nursery.



Mead Sale FAQ Session

Join Council for FAQ session on **Zoom Tuesday March 29 at 7:00 p.m**. to discuss Mead sale. We will also make an FAQ document available to review ahead of the Congregational vote on April 3rd.

Join Zoom Meeting:

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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.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.



Easter Breakfast and Egg Hunt

At 8:45 AM, preceding Easter service, there will be a light breakfast served in the Fellowship Hall. You can sign up to bring something here: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0D4EA5AE29A5F49-easter, but we hope you will attend even if you are unable to bring anything. Around 9 AM we will have an egg hunt in the church grounds.







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:

April 3 - Congregational meeting. No Adult Forum

April 10 - Jon Heerboth will guide us through the Biblical accounts of Holy Week.

April 17 - Easter, No Adult Forum

Fellowship Schedule March 30 Lenten Wednesday Lynnae Ruff April 3 Fellowship Erin Eftink April 6 Lenten Wednesday Lynnae Ruff April 10 Fellowship Janet Roock

Mayoral Candidates Forum - Thursday, March 31, 7-8 PM

Churches Together for Justice will host a forum for just the candidates for mayor in Webster Groves, MO. Join us at Peace United Church of Christ, 204 E. Lockwood. or on Zoom at https://bit.ly/WGMayorForum on the evening of March 31 from 7-8 PM.

7-8 PM, March 31 Peace UCC - 204 E. Lockwood

or on Zoom: https://bit.ly/WGMayorForum

Hosted by Churches Together for Justice

Join the new Justice Group forming at CLC!

We've been reading and discussing issues of diversity, equity and inclusion at Christ Lutheran, now let's get a solid group together to affect change! The main goal of the committee will be to focus on areas where we can make Christ Lutheran a more welcoming space and affect change in our community. Duties would include reaching out to council and other committees on issues of justice in the church, brainstorming ways to be more active in local justice issues, selecting books for congregation wide book studies, etc. Please reach out to Kate Hoerchler (314-805-1751, katehoerchler@gmail.com) if you would like to join this group.



Collaboration, Commitment and Action
Saturday, April 2, 2022

SCHEDULE & PRESENTATIONS

8:30 Registration

9:00 Worship and Introductions, Pastor Melissa Woeppel

9:30 Tara Rocque, Washington University's Interdisciplinary Environmental Clinic

Environmental Racism in St. Louis. What changes are needed?

10:30 Erica Williams,

Executive Director, A Red Circle

Promoting community betterment in North County, through a racial equity lens. How can we be involved in improving our communities?

11:15 Steve Poplawski, Environmental Law, Bryan-Cave

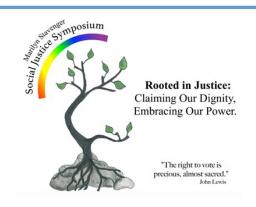
Sustainable Development in the St. Louis Region

12:00 Box Lunch and Networking

Cost \$15 per person includes lunch
Lutheran Church of the Atonement

1285 New Florissant Road, North Florissant, Missouri 63031

On-Line Registration Link: https://tinyurl.com/2p8dxkf7



Marilyn Stavenger Social Justice Symposium

Speakers:

Bethany Johnson-Javois, President & CEO, Deaconess Foundation
Denise Lieberman, Director & General Counsel,
Missouri Voter Protection Coalition

J. Clinton McCann, Evangelical Professor of Biblical Interpretation,
Eden Theological Seminary

02 APRIL 2022 | 9 A.M.- 12:30 P.M.
WEHRLI CHAPEL, EDEN THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY
475 EAST LOCKWOOD AVENUE
SAINT LOUIS, MISSOURI 63119
OR ON ZOOM

Register for in-person or online at: www.eden.edu/events/marilyn-stavenger-justice-symposium/

Join us for regular Worship every Sunday in Lent at 9:30am, In-Person and on Zoom

Join Zoom Meeting:

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Wednesday Evening Prayer Service, In-Person and on Zoom

6:00pm Dinner and 7:00pm Holden evening prayer will be held each week shown below:

March 9,16, 23, 30, and April 6

Join Zoom Meeting:

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

Call in From Any Phone: 312-626-6799

Meeting ID: 889 7804 7254

Passcode: 233122

Palm Sunday, April 10, 9:30am, In-Person and on Zoom

Join us for Worship, followed by a Palm Sunday procession down Lockwood.

Join Zoom Meetina:

https://us02web.zoom.us/i/278217453?pwd=azE2dkNHVE9WSzdaeDM5Yzh4RGRvdz09

Call in From Any Phone: 312-626-6799

Meeting ID: 278 217 453 Passcode: 971744

Choir Practice

All who love to sing are welcome at church every Wednesday at 7:45 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!



Holy Week at Christ Lutheran Church

Maundy Thursday, April 14, In-Person and on Zoom 7:00pm Worship with communion and washing of hands

Join Zoom Meeting:

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85491416289?pwd=MjBFRXIPVmgrUHNQWIJKVzFYeS9odz09

Call in From Any Phone: 312-626-6799 **Meeting ID**: 854 9141 6289 **Passcode:** 063416

Good Friday, April 15, In-Person and on Zoom 7:00pm Service of the Passion and Song

Worship with the Cantata, *Colors of Grace*, led by Christ Church Choir, Director of Choirs Diane Drollinger.

All offerings provided in Good Friday envelopes, collected in baskets at the Good Friday service will go to ELCA World Hunger. To contribute to ELCA World Hunger, direct to Christ Lutheran Church and designate for ELCA World Hunger.

Join Zoom Meeting:

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88956998393?pwd=NmxNRnI2anBXYURJSDhJM01jUnA5Zz09

Call in From Any Phone: 312-626-6799 **Meeting ID**: 889 5699 8393 **Passcode:** 743837

Holy Saturday, April 16, In-Person

7:00pm Gathering in Preparation for Easter Sunday

Bring your own chair or blanket to the church yard and gather around the firepit to hear families share the Old Testament stories of God's faithfulness since the beginning of time. We will end by bringing out the banner, so we are prepared to celebrate Jesus' resurrection on Easter Sunday morning! Masks are required.



Easter Sunday, April 17, In-Person and on Zoom 9:30am Worship with Communion in celebration of the Resurrection

We will celebrate the resurrection of Jesus as we bring back the Alleluia which has been hidden for so long!

Join Zoom Meeting: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/278217453? pwd=azE2dkNHVE9WSzdaeDM5Yzh4RGRvdz09

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Notice to Congregation of Congregational Vote April 3 Regarding Sale of Mead Center Sent by the Council March 21, 2022

People of Christ Lutheran Church,

On December 19, 2021, the Congregation approved the sale of #17 Selma (the Arden Mead Center) to the Webster Groves School District (WGSD) for the agreed-to contract price of \$875,000, subject to an appraisal to be ordered by WGSD. As the Congregation was informed at the December 19 meeting, because WGSD is a public buyer, the school district legally cannot purchase property above appraisal price.

That appraisal was completed in February and Christ Lutheran's real estate representative, King Realty Advisors, was notified of the results on March 4. Unfortunately, the appraisal came back at \$710,000, approximately 20% below the contract price. While our advisors and involved Council members (Larry Hill and Jess Gunther) believe that the results are fundamentally flawed based on the appraiser's scope, comments and comparables used, our attempts to seek a "second opinion" have been steadfastly rejected by the District. WGSD has presented their appraisal to the School Board for approval and the amount is on the record as final. As we were aware at the outset, WGSD has advised us that they are powerless under the law to consider alternative valuations.

The Congregation now has a choice to make. In order to bring these options to the Congregation, we have worked with the district to extend the contract term to allow us time to review our position and possible courses of action.

Option 1: Sell #17 Selma to WGSD for appraised price of \$710,000.

Considerations:

- Significantly lower sale price than original contract price
- No repairs need to be done on Christ Lutheran's part before sale
- WGSD will likely use the building primarily for administrative/office space and is a current community neighbor to the Church.
- Sale could close relatively soon

Option 2: Terminate the contract with WGSD and put the property back on the market.

Considerations:

- May be able to secure higher sale price for the building to a commercial buyer.
 - ◆King Realty Advisors' initial value amounts (Summer 2021) were as follows:
 - *\$850,000 (patient seller track)
 - *\$775,000 (moderate track)
 - *\$700,000 (fast sale track)
 - ♦ Mortgage rates are now substantially higher than those at the time the above market value estimates were made, potentially impairing values.
- Because of its unique nature, finding another buyer for the building may take time

 in upwards of a year based on King Realty Advisors estimate.
- Roof is in need of replacement (\$80,000 estimated cost) and with a new contract, we may incur this cost as part of sale.
- Additional staff and volunteer hours will be needed to coordinate maintenance and any needed repairs while we wait for sale.



- Ongoing water damage will need some remediation/cosmetic repair with possibly substantial costs before additional showings of the property to interested buyers
- Other repairs and upgrades (parking lot, bathrooms, etc.) are likely necessary to attract a commercial buyer
- Current zoning of this property is for a church, library or school. Any buyer wanting to use the building for another purpose (like office space) will need to secure a conditional use permit from the City of Webster Groves. In discussing with the city, King informs us that this seems like a viable option for most probable buyers.

Based on the circumstances and taking all details into consideration, Council has unanimously voted to recommend to the Congregation moving forward with Option #1 - to sell #17 Selma to WGSD at the appraised price of \$710,000.

March 29: We expect you may have questions! Join Council for FAQ session after worship in the sanctuary and on Zoom Tuesday March 29 at 7:00 p.m. We will also make an FAQ document available to review ahead of the Congregational vote.

April 3: In order for all voices to be heard, we will hold a special Congregational vote on the sale on Sunday, April 3 in accordance with the church's constitution. We'll hold the vote in the sanctuary (and on Zoom) directly after worship.

Please contact any of your Council members, or Pastor Meagan, with any questions, ideas, or concerns you may have. We look forward to hearing from you!

Pastor Meagan McLaughlin
President – Jessica Gunther
Vice President – Steve Mitchler
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Fellowship – Dave Fey
Stewardship – Katie Ciorba
Youth – Kersten Horn
Treasurer – Larry Hill
Education – Kate Hoerchler
Properties – Keith Lissant
Worship – John Hoffmann

Helping the People of Ukraine

CLC Congregation - Below are just a few ways you can help support the many organizations providing aid to those in Ukraine. Thank you for your generosity!

ELCA's Eastern Europe Crisis Response:

https://www.elca.org/Our-Work/Relief-and-Development/Lutheran-Disaster-Response/Our-Impact/Eastern-Europe-Crisis-Response

International Rescue Committee - Working in Poland to Help the Refugees: https://help.rescue.org/donate/ukraine-acq...

27 Meaningful Ways You Can Help Ukraine, from Global Citizen: https://www.globalcitizen.org/en/content/ways-to-help-ukraine-conflict/

NPR List of Ways to Help:

https://www.npr.org/.../1082992947/ukraine-support-help...



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), Evan Deck, Helga Hayes, John Hoffmann, Sharon Marshall's mother, Bev & Al Marcus (friend of John Hoffmann), Michael McMullen (Greg McMullen's brother), Christy Monson (Step-daughter of Carolyn Lange), Donna Munger, Betsy Nielson (Nancy Lissant's sister), Doris & Harry Rahlfs (Karen Wood's parents), 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, 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.



Easter Lilies for Easter Sunday

We are purchasing 35 lilies for Easter Sunday in order to re-create the heart in the Chancel. You may purchase one or more lilies for yourself or for those members who are homebound or recovering from illness. Lilies can be taken home after Easter morning service. The cost per lily is \$8.00. Please note "lilies" on your contribution. Please return this form to the office, with your contribution.

Name:	-
I will donateLily/Lilies to homebound/ill.	
I will bring Lily/Lilies home.	1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1

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!

LET'S CELEBRATE APRIL ANNIVERSARIES AND BIRTHDAYS!

Congratulations and Best Wishes! Christ Lutheran family wants to celebrate you!

ANNIVERSARIES:

04/13 Scott & Kirsten Glascock 04/14 Carolyn & Bob Crowe 04/16 Kevin & Diane Drollinger 04/21 Faith & Wayne Moore 04/23 John & Sue Zempel

BIRTHDAYS:

04/01 Anne Marie Kettler 04/01 **Bradley Kuziel** 04/02 Bill Griffith 04/02 Chris Zempel 04/03 Linda Griffith 04/03 Daniel Gunther 04/04 Kaia Askew-Sunkara 04/04 Phillip Hoerchler 04/04 Noah Hornbeck 04/05 Suzie Benedum 04/05 Woody Erickson 04/05 Joan O'Brien 04/06 Joe Zempel 04/07 Mattis Horn 04/08 Adrienne Christner 04/09 Katie Ciorba 04/10 David Fey 04/10 Lena Helton 04/11 Steve Mitchler

04/13 Emmy & Luke Bender

04/13 Szu-Ching Fu 04/13 Kaylee Glascock 04/13 Sherri Swanson

04/14 Barbara Rose Hughes 04/14 John Zempel 04/15 Kim Donermeyer 04/16 Anne Marie Wischmeyer 04/19 Alex Cramer 04/20 Richard Mudd 04/21 Rachel Bruns 04/22 Erica Donermeyer 04/22 Garth Stole 04/23 Ben Drollinger 04/23 Tom Hopper 04/26 David Hill 04/27 Tim Donermeyer 04/27 Paige Lauer 04/28 Melissa Allen 04/28 Ella Knapp 04/29 Seannah McCarty 04/30 Paul Lenhart

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



April 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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9:30a Worship followed by Congregation Meeting	4 12p Sr. Fellowship at Laclede Groves 4pm Fitness group	5 10:15a Bible Study- Fellowship hall	6 6p Dinner 7p Lenten Service 7:45p Choir practice	7 4p Fitness group	8	9
10 Palm Sunday 9:30a Worship 10:45 Adult forum	11 12p Sr. Fellowship at Laclede Groves 4pm Fitness group	12 10:15a Bible Study- Fellowship hall	7:30p Choir practice 7p Worship team meeting	14 4p Fitness group 7p Maundy Thurs- day Worship	15 7p Good Friday Worship with Cantata	16 7p Holy Saturday Church Yard Gathering
17 Easter 8:45a Breakfast & Egg Hunt 9:30a Worship	18 12p Sr. Fellowship at Laclede Groves 4pm Fitness group	10:15a Bible Study- Fellowship hall 7p Church Council meeting in Confer- ence room	20 7:30p Choir practice	21 4p Fitness group	22	23
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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: **JESSICA GUNTHER**

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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.

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.

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 Kreitler office@christwg.org,



Children and Youth Ministry Coordinator