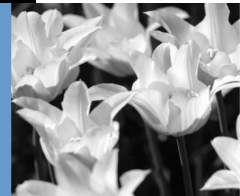




# ONE IN CHRIST

Week of March 7 – March 13, 2022

## A NOTE FROM THE CHRISTIAN SERVICE COMMITTEE



Steve and Sherry joined Christ Lutheran in 2016. They were previously in another Lutheran congregation in the area, but liked the warm inviting atmosphere of Christ Lutheran as well as the focus on Social Justice Issues. Sherry is employed as a Medical Social Worker at Ranken Jordan Hospital and works with children with complex medical needs and their families.

Sarah and Philip moved to St. Louis in 2019 as brand new parents. They visited Christ Lutheran on a weekend house hunting trip and felt immediately welcomed. Both of their children, Katie (4) and Rick (2), have been baptized at Christ Lutheran. Professionally, Sarah is a scientist at a Chicago-based pharmaceutical company where she supports the application of imaging to understand new drugs.

We are so excited to continue the work initiated in 2021 by the Christian Service committee under Erin Eftink's leadership. Our goal is to meaningfully partner with a select number of organizations for a period of one year. In doing so, we will be able to have a greater financial impact and focus our volunteer efforts. Because the COVID-19 pandemic has deeply affected the livelihoods and health of so many, we decided to focus on organizations that support basic needs in our community for 2022. Christ Lutheran Church will be partnering with Humanitri, Webster Rock Hill Ministries, and Room at the Inn. We would love your ideas on ways you are interested in contributing to these organizations this year and what themes we should consider next year.

Peace,

Sherry Mitchler and Sarah Mudd



# WORSHIP

## Sunday, March 13, 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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## 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 Kreitler [office@christwg.org](mailto:office@christwg.org).



# 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](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.



*We invite you to **study, pray, reflect** and **give** with us during ELCA World Hunger's 40 Days of Giving — for our families, our neighbors and communities around the world.*

For two years, as rates of hunger skyrocketed during the COVID-19 pandemic, the world has seemed overwhelming, like a wilderness. We have seen the number of hungry people around the world rise, watched as food pantries and soup kitchens expanded to serve an ever-growing number of guests, and longed together for God to make a way in this wilderness.

Lent reminds us that we are not alone; God promises to be with us. 40 Days of Giving invites us to share in God's promise for a future of rest from our labors, a future of wholeness and fullness — a future when all will be fed. This is not an easy journey, but your support for ELCA World Hunger brings transformational change amid the very real challenges confronting us today.

At [ELCA.org/40Days](http://ELCA.org/40Days), you'll find these downloadable resources to enrich the life of your congregation and family this season:

A [daily devotional calendar](#) with ideas for worship, prayer, study, reflection and more.

A [weekly study guide](#) inviting deep discernment and critical thinking, with inspirational stories about how your gifts to ELCA World Hunger are at work in the world.

We hope these resources enrich your Lenten season and inspire giving to the critical ministry of ELCA World Hunger, an important part of Christ's call on our church.

Thank you for journeying through the wilderness with us this Lent, toward the future God has promised.



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:

**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.

**April 3—Diane Drollinger, Katie, Ciorba, and Pastor Meagan** will lead a discussion of our role, as a Congregation and individual Christians, in dealing with clergy sexual abuse and sexual abuse in general.

Adult Forum, which meets after Church most Sundays, explores issues that confront people of faith. They may be societal topics or they may have a spiritual focus. In the past year, on the societal level, we have heard about helping those in need in our community (Webster-Rock Hill Ministry, Humanitri); helping Afghan refugees (House of Goods); grass roots efforts to curb gun violence in Saint Louis; the Missouri Legislature (Rep. Sarah Unsicker); Clergy Sexual Abuse, and being Christian in an increasingly secular society.

In addition to serving others, being Christian involves nurturing our spiritual lives and deepening our understanding of Scripture. To that end, a panel of John Hoffmann, Mark Ruff and Pastor Meagan, spoke about observing Lent; The Reverend Fred Niedner, a Professor at Valparaiso University, gave an overview of the various Gospel Passion narratives, and Roger Ruff drew on the Advent lectionary readings from the Gospel of Luke to help us move through the season.

This past year we were especially blessed by Dr. Philip Mudd, a professor of Emergency Medicine at Washington University Medical School and the head of the Christ Lutheran COVID team. At four forums over the past year Dr. Mudd told us about the status of the pandemic. He described the medical and epidemiological developments and answered questions. For two sessions He was joined by Dianne Deck who was then a nurse caring for critically ill COVID patients.



**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:*

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### **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 Meeting:*

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## **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](mailto: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=MjBFRXIPVmgrUHNQWlJKVzFYeS9odz09>

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**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:

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**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.

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**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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Christ Lutheran family,

Our Covid Response Team met last week and had some important conversation regarding recent events, and have an important update for all of you.

### Considerations

- The vaccines we have are still proving to be highly effective in preventing serious illness, hospitalization, and death due to Covid.
- Cases, hospitalizations, and deaths from Covid, which six weeks ago were at the highest level we had seen, are now at the lowest levels since last fall, and still rapidly declining.
- The CDC presented a new set of guidelines Friday, February 25. The guidelines are based on the resources available, and the resources required to respond to Covid, in the community. The metrics considered are new cases, and percentage of hospital beds occupied by Covid patients. Each county is then assigned to High, Medium, or Low level, depending on those numbers.
- Both St Louis City and St Louis County are currently in the Medium Zone. This means there is still virus circulating in the community, but it is at a relatively low level, and health system resources are adequate to care for the patients coming in. Both the city and the county have ended their mandate for masking.

### Current Covid Response Plan

- **As of Sunday, March 6, we will change our policy for Worship to “Masks Optional.”**
- At this time, we can reduce precautions, but that could change at any time. The Covid Team will be continuing to meet and evaluate, and we will return to required masking if that is necessary. We ask your flexibility and patience if and when that occurs.
- We encourage all of you to make the best decisions for yourselves and your households about how to participate in Worship and other activities at Christ Lutheran. For some, we understand that you may need to temporarily withdraw from in-person activities and commitments. **Please let us know if you need to step back from in-person commitments and know that those decisions are expected and respected, and if you have any questions or concerns.** We are grateful to have a strong and committed Tech Team supporting online access whenever possible.

**Most importantly: if you are feeling ill in any way, please take care of yourself and others by staying home, seeking Covid testing and medical attention as needed and possible, and returning to in-person activities when your symptoms are gone.**

We know this is a big change for all of us.

Some may be eagerly awaiting this decision, and are ready to start the bonfire.

Some may be feeling a bit of mental whiplash, and be reluctant to put the masks away just yet.

Some may have health concerns, or vulnerable people in their households, or other considerations that indicate wearing a mask will be a necessary part of life for the foreseeable future.

**All of these responses are valid and important. *All of these feelings were represented among the Covid Team.***

**Wearing a mask while in our buildings will always be accepted without question or judgement.**

As always, if there is anything you need, please let us know! Pastor Meagan, Nurse Carolyn Crowe, Stephen Ministers, and your church community are here for you. If you need a home visit, emotional support, spiritual support, support in navigating medical care, a hot meal, or anything else, reach out!

Peace and good health to you in Jesus Christ,

Pastor Meagan McLaughlin  
 Jess Gunther, Council President  
 John Hoffman, Worship Committee Chair  
 Jon Heerboth, Worship Committee  
 Diane Drollinger, Director of Choirs  
 Mark Ruff, Organist  
 Carolyn Crowe, Faith Community Nurse  
 Dr. Philip Mudd, viral infection specialist  
 Dave Fey, Fellowship Chair  
 Kate Hoerchler, Children's Education Chair

## Opportunities for Children and Youth Coming Up!

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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 8<sup>th</sup> grade through 12<sup>th</sup> 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 is now open.**

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### Leadership Lab [www.leadershiplab.net](http://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!



### 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, Sharon Marshall's mother, Bev & Al Marcus (friend of John Hoffmann), Michael McMullen (Greg McMullen's brother), 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.





### 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 donate \_\_\_\_ Lily/Lilies to homebound/ill.

\_\_\_\_ I will bring \_\_\_\_ Lily/Lilies home.



### 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](mailto: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 MARCH ANNIVERSARIES AND BIRTHDAYS!

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



#### ANNIVERSARIES:

03/04 Christine & Dave Austin  
03/29 Regina & Bill Wischmeyer

#### BIRTHDAYS:

03/01 Nadia Roberts  
03/04 Aja Hornbeck  
03/07 Leon Bartek  
03/07 Jon Heerboth  
03/08 Jeff Bloese  
03/10 Dave Ringkor  
03/11 Mike Hoyer  
03/11 Weston Bussler  
03/13 Hannah Borden  
03/13 Ellie Zempel  
03/14 Alex Hill  
03/14 Faith Moore  
03/15 Theodore Bennett  
03/17 Xavier Ruff  
03/18 Jerome Egel  
03/19 Elsa Hoyer  
03/20 Regina Wischmeyer  
03/22 Natalie Bruns  
03/23 Jack Wood

03/25 Elmer Bibb  
03/28 Claire Holmes  
03/29 Sophia Bude  
03/30 Matt Bender

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



# March 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 10:15a Bible Study- Fellowship hall	2 6p Pancake Supper 7p Ash Wed Service  7:45p Choir practice	3 4p Fitness group	4	5
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**WORSHIP SCHEDULE:  
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**RESIDENT PASTOR: MEAGAN  
MCLAUGHLIN OFFICE  
HOURS: MON-WED, FRI 8:30-  
4:30  
APPTS BY  
ARRANGEMENT**

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KEVIN DROLLINGER**

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ADULT MINISTRIES AND  
FAITH COMMUNITY NURSE:  
CAROLYN CROWE**

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DIANE DROLLINGER**

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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.**