



# ONE IN CHRIST

Week of May 2 – May 8, 2022

## Pastors Word



Saturday evening, many of us gathered for one last party in the Mead Center. We ate pizza, danced, had office chair races, and mostly shared stories of things remembered that have taken place in the Mead.

- Birthday parties and baptism celebrations
- Advent brunches
- Barbeques (was that Pastor Keith wearing a cheeseburger hat??)
- Valentine's Day Party with Erin Bode
- Celebration for Larry Neeb
- Family retreat with Pastor Penny
- Jesuit Retreat
- Lady Grey's Boutique
- Views and Brews
- Singing with Dr. Luke
- Talent Show
- Community conversations, especially around healing divides
- Sunday School and Confirmation, First Communion

So many emotions were shared. Joy, gratitude, amusement, connectedness. The very real sadness and grief of saying goodbye to a place that has meant so much to so many.

And hope. Kate Dopuch reminded us that in all of these memories, the common thread is us. The community of Christ Lutheran, and the neighborhood in which we live and minister. The passion of Pastor Arden Mead, who inspired this vision. Our own passion, vision, and faith lived out today in the relationships we have with one another. And in Kate's words, "That's not going anywhere!"

The Spirit is alive and moving among us, a Spirit that cannot and will not be contained, but only followed and embraced. Jesus told Nicodemus that we can't see the wind and can't tell where it comes from or where it's going. It blows where it wills, and we know it is there because we hear its sound and see the trees moving with it.

If we have learned anything in these last few years of Covid and transition, we know that God's grace and love extends far beyond the walls of our buildings. All around us, the Spirit is moving, inviting us to listen and watch and follow where she leads. The Spirit was present in the first breath God breathed into Adam, and will be present long after our life on this earth ends.

The Spirit has been unleashed! We pray God's blessings for all the ways the Spirit will continue to move in the Mead Center as students and teachers learn and grow in that beautiful space in this season. We pray God's blessings for our community of faith as we imagine how our church building can be more welcoming and more of service to our community. And we open our hearts to the Spirit as we follow how she is leading us to embody the grace and love of God in our community and our world, today and for many years to come!



# WORSHIP

## **Sunday, May 8, 9:30 am, Worship**

### **Access Online Bulletin**

Join us for Worship in the Sanctuary. Childcare available in the nursery at 8:30am.

### **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?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/278217453?pwd=azE2dkNHVE9WSzdaeDM5Yzh4RGRvdz09)

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### **One tap mobile**

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### **Call in From Any Phone: 312-626-6799**

Meeting ID: 278 217 453

Password: 971744



## **Help needed!**

The flower team needs access to their supplies! We could use your help organizing the stage storage space this Sunday after worship. If you can spare any time at all we would be very grateful!

## **JOIN US FOR VBS**

**HOSTED BY CHRIST LUTHERAN & EMMANUEL EPISCOPAL**

**JUNE 7 - JUNE 9**

**9:00 AM - 1:00 PM**

**IDEAL FOR PRESCHOOLERS THROUGH RISING 4th GRADERS**

**BRING A LUNCH**

**LOCATED AT EMMANUEL EPISCOPAL**

**ALL ARE WELCOME**

**HAVE AN OLDER CHILD WHO WOULD LIKE TO HELP AT VBS?**

Register them as a Junior Shepherd via the link below.

**[REGISTER HERE](#)**



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:

**May 8- Mark and Janet Roock** will be facilitating a discussion of *The Sum of Us: What Racism Costs Everyone and How We Can Prosper Together*. Members of Christ Lutheran, along with members of neighboring congregations, have read this book, held Zoom discussions and gained insights into how racism costs everyone. Please join us for this worthwhile presentation in person or on Zoom after church on May 8. If you haven't read the book and would like to, it is available at Novel Neighbor in Webster Groves or members may be willing to share copies.

**May 15- Diane Drollinger, Katie Ciorba, and Pastor Meagan** will lead a discussion on how we, as a congregation and as individuals, can best help survivors of sexual abuse, even when we don't know who they are.

**May 22-**A representative from **Humanitri**, one of CLC's chosen benevolences, will update us on its work and mission. Humanitri works with homeless families to find stable and affordable housing.

### Sunday May 1, Summary

Philip Mudd, MD PhD, head of Christ Lutheran's COVID-19 task force, and Jessica Gunther, Congregational President, spoke at Adult Forum and answered questions. They addressed what lies ahead for the congregation as the risk from COVID-19 lessens.

Dr. Mudd said, "It's great to not be in masks now but things will get worse next winter, We need to take care of each other." He made three main points: 1) infections of COVID-19 are low in our area and hospitalizations are the lowest since the pandemic began; 2) vaccines work; 3) but COVID-19 is not gone for good, in fact he expects another surge next winter.

He pointed out the blood tests show that about 85 percent of the population has antibodies to the virus that causes COVID-19, either through immunization or infection. That means 10 to 15 percent are still vulnerable. These people are susceptible to becoming ill when the weather cools off next winter.

Jessica Gunther agreed that taking care of each other is part of our congregational mission and so is care for the larger community—people outside our walls. She noted we are now able to reach people at home on Sunday morning through zoom. That would not have happened without the pandemic shut down. She lauded the work with Webster-Rock Hill Ministries and the leadership of the Christian Service Committee. Now with the sale of the Mead Center and the renovation gearing up, she sees Christ Lutheran building on its work as a strong Christian presence in the community.

When asked about vaccine boosters Dr. Mudd said that data shows maximum protection is achieved with three shots (two in series and a booster) and vulnerable groups, the elderly and immunocompromised individuals, benefit from a fourth shot (second booster). But for healthy adults the fourth shot does not seem necessary. That's because although the level of circulating antibodies wanes over time, the antibody making cells remember the novel Corona virus antigen and begin making antibodies when re-exposed. For that reason, he doubts there will be a need for repeated booster shots.

Dr. Mudd is hopeful that a vaccine for preschool age children will be available soon. Young children, he said, rarely need hospitalization or die from COVID- 19 but they can hasten the spread. So a pediatric vaccine is necessary to bring the disease under control.

# 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](http://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.

If you prefer to make your offering by check or cash, there are mailing envelopes included in your offering envelope package.



## Celebration of Life Service

Join us in the Sanctuary for a memorial service for Elsie Johnson Saturday, May 14 at 10:30am. Light refreshments to follow.

IN LOVING MEMORY



## Christian Service

Christian Service committee is partnering with the Sunday School classes to gather items and share them with children who are served by Humanitri. We will be collecting these items and assembling the gift bags on Sunday 05/22/22. If you would like to help participate by donating items, please refer to the sign up genius organizer at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/805094CAAA92DA20-clchumanitri>. We are requesting specific numbers of certain items to match the age range of the children Humanitri is currently serving.

If you would like to contribute but would prefer for someone else to do the shopping, you can donate to the cause by sending money to Erin Eftink at 1405 Oakhall Manor Ct, Ballwin, MO 63021, or if you prefer electronic donations, please send your donation via Venmo to @Dave-Eftink, confirmation # 6647. We are requesting that all donations be brought in by Sunday 05/15/22. We will have a blue bin at the back of church for the donated items. Questions, please contact either Sarah Mudd or Sherry Mitchler. Thank you for your continued support of our efforts to care for those in the community!

## 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!



## PARKING NOTICE

On Saturday May 7th ,Webster Groves HS will host the annual Jim Schoemehl 5k run. Selma Ave and a portion of Lockwood Ave will be closed during the run beginning at 5am. If you plan to visit the church please note the parking lot will not be accessible. The course map can be viewed at [Jims5k.org](http://Jims5k.org).



## CLASS OF 2022

Do you know a CLC member graduating from High School, College, or Grad School? Please send their name and school information to [office@christwg.org](mailto:office@christwg.org) and **we will recognize their accomplishment during worship on May 22nd.**



On Thursday, May 5, LuMin will participate in another year of GiveSTLDay, sponsored the St. Louis Community Foundation.

This fast day of on-line giving helps to make worship, meals, trips, and events possible for our students.

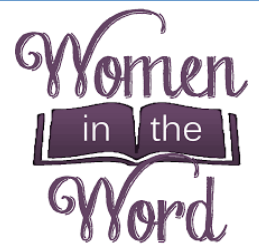
Early giving begins April 5.

Visit [www.givestlday.org/lumin](http://www.givestlday.org/lumin) to give now through May 5.

Many thanks for your continued support of this amazing program.

## 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).





Join Pastor Meagan for this important Synod Conversation!



## Conversations on Race and Racism

### Racial Justice Team Of the Central States Synod

Rostered leaders and laity alike are invited to join the Central States Synod's Racial Justice Team for a 90-minute session of listening, brainstorming, scripture study and conversation. Our goal is to better enable the synod to provide you with the resources you need to have conversations with one another and your community as we discern what God is calling us to do as individuals, as congregations and as a synod.

Choose the date and time that works best for you and join us!



*Rev. Aimée Appell, Central States Synod D.E.M.  
extends a personal invitation.*

- May 15, 1:00 p.m.
- May 15, 4:00 p.m.
- May 17, 7:00 p.m.
- May 19, 7:00 p.m.
- May 22, 4:00 p.m.

**RSVP here:** [...: Learning Stream - Standard and Plus :...](#)

We had a small but mighty group on Saturday 4/30 to help prepare the plots for the community garden at Webster Rock Hill Ministries.

Thanks to Pastor Meagan, Erin Eftink, Steve and Sherry Mitchler and Sarah and Katie Mudd.



## 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](mailto:katehoerchler@gmail.com)) if you would like to join this group.

## 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!



## 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, 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, 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 Elsie Johnson, Marie Schroeder, Sherri Swanson, Melba Thomsen and all of those who grieve at a distance in this time.

**IN MILITARY SERVICE:** Josh Duncan, Chris Hudson, Jesse Proctor, Scott Warr.

## Lutheran School of Theology St Louis invites you to join us for two events in May

Our upcoming classes are centered on ways our faith helps us to make meaning of the world around us. Especially in times that feel tumultuous and unsettled, we turn again to our scripture and theology that is rooted in God's love and brings about wholeness and life that really is life.

On Monday, May 2 from 7:00 - 8:30 pm CDT, we will be pleased to host Dr. Christopher Kempf from University of Illinois in Champaign via zoom for **An Evening of Poetry with Christopher Kempf**. Dr. Kempf uses the battlefield of Gettysburg, PA where he lived for two years, as a way to engage ongoing conversations involving race, regional identity, and ethics of memory in the United States. Cost: \$25, includes a copy of his book What Though The Field Be Lost to be sent following this event. Read more on this class and register here: <https://lststl.org/an-evening-of-poetry-with-christopher-kempf/>

Our first in-person event since early 2020 will be held at Christ Lutheran Church, 1 Selma Avenue, Webster Groves, MO on Thursday, May 26, from 9:00 am - 2:00 pm CDT. We are honored to be able to host the Rev. Kristin Johnston Largen, Ph.D., President of Wartburg Theological Seminary who has done extensive teaching in systematic theology. She will present **Hope: A Lens for Living Now And For The Future**. A description of the day's theme and registration can be found here: <https://lststl.org/hope-a-lens-for-living-now-and-for-the-future/>. The registration fee of \$60 includes coffee, tea, snacks and lunch; limited to 60 participants.

Thanks to generous donors, LST offers full or partial scholarships to enable access for all to our events. A simple form to submit can be found at <https://lststl.org/scholarships-for-lst-classes/>. Questions? Please contact Stephanie Doeschot at [administrator@lststl.org](mailto:administrator@lststl.org).

### 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 MAY ANNIVERSARIES AND BIRTHDAYS!

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

### ANNIVERSARIES:

05/04	Becca & Peter Jordan
05/07	Jessica & Dan Gunther
05/08	Harriet & Bill Scholle
05/22	Kim & Jack Joern
05/27	Sandy & Mike Hoyer
05/29	Jess & Rachel Helton

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

### BIRTHDAYS:

05/03	Anna McIntyre
05/05	Sarah Ringkor
05/05	Mark Smith
05/05	Robert Swanson
05/05	Claudia Trautmann
05/08	Mae Hoerchler
05/11	John Hoffmann
05/12	Barrett Chelgreen
05/16	Colleen Wagner
05/18	Daniel Hopper
05/20	Jacob Swanson
05/21	Betty Erickson
05/22	Frederick Lenhart
05/22	Tom Palazzolo
05/23	Andrew Bennett
05/23	Harriet Scholle
05/23	Violet McMullen
05/24	Jessica Gunther
05/24	Jessica Hopper
05/26	Curtis Borden
05/27	Kelley Truss
05/28	Lisl Clerk
05/31	Anna Deck



# May 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> 9:30a Worship 10:45 Adult forum	<b>2</b> 12p Sr. Fellowship at Laclede Groves  4pm Fitness group	<b>3</b> 10:15a Bible Study- Fellowship hall	<b>4</b> 7:30p Choir practice	<b>5</b> 4p Fitness group	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
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<b>22</b> 9:30a Worship 10:45 Adult forum	<b>23</b> 12p Sr. Fellowship at Laclede Groves  4pm Fitness group	<b>24</b> 10:15a Bible Study- Fellowship hall 7p Church Council meeting in Confer- ence room	<b>25</b> 7:30p Choir practice	<b>26</b> 9a-2p LST class in fellowship hall  4p Fitness group	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> 9:30a Worship 10:45 Adult forum	<b>30</b>  	<b>31</b> 10:15a Bible Study- Fellowship hall				



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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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## **Christ Lutheran Church Mission Statement**

**Deepening people's connection to Christ,  
Bringing meaning to daily life, and  
Making a difference in our community.**