



# Christ Lutheran Church

May 2017

The People of Christ Sharing the Love of Christ



## Pastor John



PASTOR JOHN STENNFELD

Dear Friends,

In Hebrews 10 we read these words: “Let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds. Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another – and all the more as you see the Day approaching.”

That message is as relevant today as it was when it was written, now almost 2000 years ago. As believers we are part of the body of Christ, and we are joined with other believers in a worshipping community known as a congregation, and as part of Christ Lutheran Church we are here to encourage and support each other, and to stimulate each other to live lives that reflect Christ. We are also to meet together on a regular basis for this support and to join together in worship.

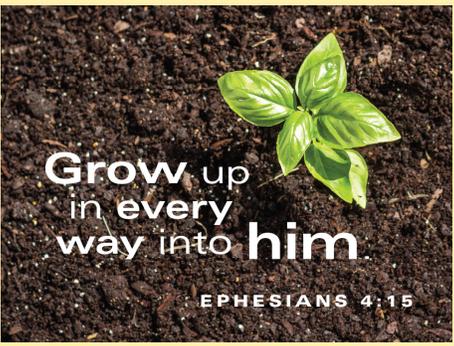
For some reason, much of this has gotten lost on many of our fellow church family members as our worship numbers have gone down. Many of us have forgotten, or ignored, the Scriptures’ call not to giving up the meeting together, and thus it is time for the rest of us to “spur them on.” That’s not merely a nice suggestion, that is the word of God. It is our duty as Christians to meet together regularly for fellowship and worship, and it is our responsibility to contact and encourage and invite back those who have started to drift away.

I pray that we might all recognize our role, and responsibility, as members of Christ’s church. We will all be the better for it and blessed by it.

In Christ,  
Pastor John

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## Letter from the President



We had a great Easter celebration, and I would like to thank all who helped out with worship, music, the choirs, breakfast, and the egg hunt. Now that Easter is over, we are starting to think about other major activities. One of these is the Pumpkin Patch project. While this happens in the fall, it is not too early to start planning. *(continued on p. 2)*



## Letter from the President

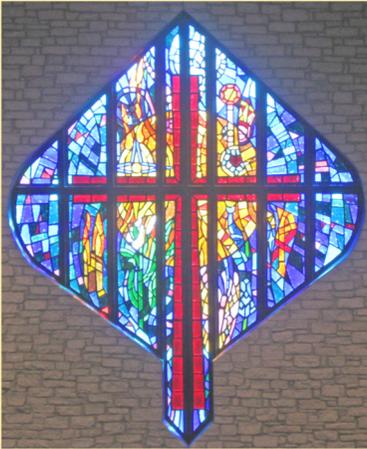
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We are looking to enlist and to equip leaders to help out with coordinating areas such as advertising, decorating, the unloading event, and scheduling sales staff. Another area of critical importance is for each of us to share the responsibility of signing up to sell the pumpkins in shifts so that we can keep the pumpkin patch open for fourteen consecutive days. Please talk to Jordan or Deborah Bynum, for more information and to get involved.

Over the last few years we have invested in more efficient LED lighting and replaced several old air conditioning units. The trustees report that we have received an energy rating of 75 for our building which qualifies us as an Energy Star building based on our energy use over the past year and our square footage. Under city ordinance, a rating is calculated annually.

Finally, June 2nd marks the last day for our church secretary, Jenny Eaton. She has done a great job, and we wish her well.

— Alan Werchan



## Secretary Position

It is with great regret that we announce that our church secretary is leaving us June 2nd. We are looking to quickly refill the position, so interested persons should contact Alice Werchan (ajwakw@sbcglobal.net) for a full job description. The position is 28 hours per week, Tuesday-Friday, and offers a retirement plan but no health benefits. Please send a resume along with any additional information as to why you would like to be considered for the position.

## Confirmation Sunday

Two of our young people, Katy Herber and Ben Ristow, will be confirmed during the 10:45 am worship on May 21. They will go through their confirmation questioning just prior, during the 9:30 am discipleship hour, in the fellowship hall. The questioning will be followed by a cake reception. Please join us for these events to show our support for these two young people and their families.

## Blind Auction

As in past years, the youth of Christ will be hosting a blind auction. It will run May 7-21. Winners will be notified and can pick up the item/s beginning on May 23. A list of items for bid can be found on the small table in the narthex next to the Last Supper display. Bid sheets and the bid box are also located there. Due to lack of donations from local businesses our item list this year only contains a few items. Your participation supports our youth traveling to Minnesota in 2019 for the National Youth Gathering.

## R&R Group Luncheon

Relaxed & Retired - but always "Rarin' to Go"!!

Red, White, and Blue Luncheon, Thursday, May 11 at 12:00 Noon  
9126 La Fauna View, Austin, TX 78737

Everybody get your R, W, & B colors on, and RSVP to:  
Roy Pietsch at 512-288-1224 or Mary Ann Triesch at 512-288-1865.  
Lunch and laughter will be provided, BYOB!

## Feed My Lambs

The sack lunch program handed out 23 lunches during the month of March, and anticipates approximately 16 lunches in April. We continue to make fresh sandwiches on the last Thursday of each month. Please contact the church office with any questions.





## Cooking with Eunice

This column is lovingly sponsored by the Eunice Guild. Each recipe includes corresponding Bible verses to use for meditation during those “down” times found in most all good recipes. God bless you as you cook “with Eunice”.



### Eunice Guild

What a beautiful Eunice Guild fellowship we have enjoyed the past nine months! **God so richly blessed us** each month with wonderful attendance, and we thank Him for this, as well as for His faithful guidance in our studies about the Reformation. We discussed the history of our Lutheran hymnody, its importance and why we sing, and Mrs. Martin Luther, Katie, showed up for an enjoyable visit with us.

We followed our church’s history, beginning with the Gutenberg Bible, through the Reformation to the establishment of the LCMS and the arrival of the Wends in Texas. We continued our history by discovering how the Lord led each of us to Christ Lutheran Church, and found that we have some amazing individual stories to share! We learned what Luther’s 95 Theses covered, read his explanation of his Rose Seal of the Gospel, discussed the events that led him to write his great hymn, “A Mighty Fortress”, and we found profound comfort and hope in the words of the Reformation motto, “VDMA—the Word of the Lord remains forever!”

Finally, we met many of the Faces of the Reformation, both for and against, and saw how the Lord used the talents, and the sins, of many people to restore and proclaim His true Gospel. It has been an amazing journey, focused on our **Savior Jesus**, His unfailing **Love**, and the **Hope** we find only in Him!

### Eunice Guild Spring Luncheon

The much-awaited Eunice Guild Spring Luncheon will be held on Tuesday, May 16 at 11:00 am. **ALL** women, your family, and friends are invited. We will be dining at Tres Amigos restaurant, located at 1807 W Slaughter Ln, Austin, TX 78748. See you there!

Everyone is asked to please arrive by 11:00 am as the wait staff will begin taking orders at about 11:15 am. This is so we can all be served by 12:00 noon. We will each select a plate from a menu prepared for us by the restaurant. Prices for plates are \$10 or \$13.99 per person plus tax and a 20% gratuity, and will be paid individually by cash or credit card at the time of the meal. To help the restaurant plan, **please sign the list** in the Narthex on the Sundays of Apr 30, May 7, or May 14, and indicate the number in your party who plan to attend. Direct any questions to Jean Linderman, 512-280-5024. Really good Tex-Mex food, a reasonable price, and **wonderful Christian fellowship** promise an enjoyable time!

† **Meditation Verse** Galatians 5:22-25 — **But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. Against such things there is no law. Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the sinful nature with its passions and desires. Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit.**

### Citrus Cakettes

Make these light and fresh tasting cakettes for a favorite Mom on Mother’s Day. Makes 6.

#### Ingredients:

- 1/2 cup + 3 Tbsp flour
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1/2 tsp salt
- 1/4 tsp baking powder
- 1/8 tsp baking soda
- 2 Tbsp butter (melted)
- 4 Tbsp oil
- 6 Tbsp milk
- 1 egg
- 1/2 tsp zest (lemon, lime, orange, or grapefruit)
- 2 Tbsp juice (lemon, lime, orange, or grapefruit)
- 1/8 tsp extract (optional)

#### Topping:

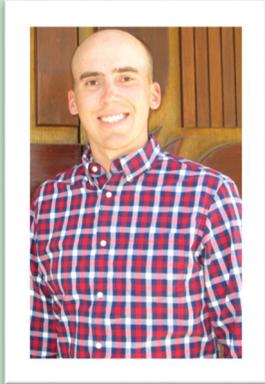
- 2 Tbsp sugar
- 1 tsp citrus zest

Preheat oven to 350°. Place 6 cupcake liners in a muffin tin and spray lightly with non-stick cooking spray. In a medium sized mixing bowl, whisk together the 1/2 c. + 3 Tbsp flour, 1/2 c. sugar, 1/2 tsp salt, 1/4 tsp baking powder, and 1/8 tsp baking soda. Set aside.

In a separate bowl, whisk together the 2 Tbsp melted butter, 4 Tbsp oil, 6 Tbsp milk, 1 egg, 1/2 tsp citrus zest, 2 Tbsp citrus juice, and extract. Add this to the dry ingredients, whisking until just combined. The batter will be thin.

Fill the 6 cupcake liners with the batter and set aside. Combine 2 Tbsp sugar and 1 tsp citrus zest, and spoon onto the tops of the unbaked cakettes. Bake for 25 minutes.





**JORDAN BOESSLING**

**Minister of  
Creative Communication &  
Community Connections**



**Creative  
Communication  
and  
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Connections**

Please contact Jordan for more information on any of the activities on pages 4-5.

Just a reminder that we often take photos, and at times, video, of ministry events to put up around Church on the screen on Sundays and to post to the web that publicizes the worship, service, fellowship, and education life of Christ Lutheran.

## Pumpkin Patch

Our first two pumpkin patches at Christ have proved to have been fruitful opportunities for us to be the people of Christ sharing the love of Christ. We've met more of our neighbors, and gotten to know each other more, as part of the process of providing a place for people to pick out and purchase pumpkins in support of **Water to Thrive**. While there are many worthwhile reasons we should consider hosting a pumpkin patch at Christ again for our community, it can't and won't happen unless each of us continues to be a piece of the puzzle in some important way.

Perhaps, that is to pray for and to tell others about a potential pumpkin patch, to bring things for it, to decorate it, to unload it, and to cook and bake things for an unloading fellowship event.

In particular, as we determine in May if we are able to re-commit ourselves for October 2017, we need to get an idea of who might be able to coordinate and lead things this Fall for a pumpkin patch, and those to sit out at the stand and say hi to guests and to sell pumpkins during shifts. Please talk to Jordan, or Deborah Bynum, for more information and to **get involved**.

## Central Texas Food Bank

Volunteer with the Food Bank in their new Product Recovery Warehouse (6500 Metropolis Dr., Austin, TX, 78744) on Saturday, June 10 from 9:00 am to 12 noon.

Volunteers must be 8 years or older. Please contact Jordan for details, and to sign up to serve.

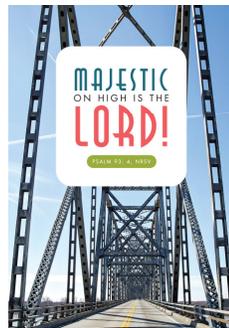
## Visual Arts Camp

Some spots remain for the July 24-28 Art Camp. Sign up today. Registration forms are available in the Narthex and via [www.christaustin.org](http://www.christaustin.org).

Please contact Jordan for more information.



## Men's Discipleship Class



On Tuesday, May 2, at 7:30 pm, in the Christ's Workshop, we have the opportunity to be encouraged by The Lord, and by each other, as brothers in Christ.

**Thank you** to Tim Ristow for guiding us through the book of Ecclesiastes, and reflecting on it in a way that's relevant to our lives today. We will be concluding the study of Ecclesiastes that we started in September 2016.

**"As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another."**

**Proverbs 27:17**





## Passport to Peru

On Sunday mornings at 9:30 the last two summers, we've been to Thailand and Norway. For this summer, let's get packing for **Passport to Peru**, and for what promises to be an unforgettable three-month, faith-filled and fun journey with Jesus and our Church Family of traveling to Machu Picchu and through the Amazon.

Our KQ Kids (age 3 - Grade 5) will get to eat snacks, make things, play games, and take part in Bible expeditions that teach us that the God of the universe gives us comfort, patience, peace, love, and joy. There are opportunities for youth to help with activities. Please contact Jordan for details and to get involved in this cross-cultural Vacation Bible School about **God's eternal love for the world**.



## Kingdom Quest & Lutheranism 101

We continue to walk in the footsteps of Jesus on Sundays at 9:30 am during Kingdom Quest.

In May, our KQ kids will engage in activities about the post-Resurrection appearances of Jesus, and His ascension into heaven. Be there this month to celebrate that we have new life because **Jesus Lives!**, and to be sent forth to share the love of Jesus.

Teens are currently studying how **God gives us grace** through Holy Baptism and the Lord's Supper.

## Thank You

A huge "thank you" to all who gave of their time and talents to volunteer in the Easter Choir. You did a tremendous job enhancing our worship services and I was extremely proud of you!  
— Phyllis Trautner



## Community Connections





# Sharing the Love of Christ

Lutheran World Relief Quilters



Rev. Ziehr's Thursday Bible Class



Holy Baptism



Wheelchair Ramp Build Service Project



**Celebrations!**

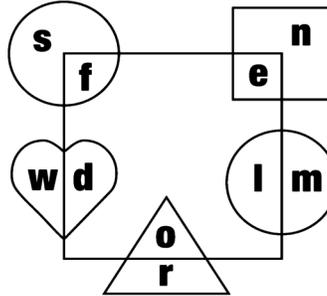


**GOD CARES FOR YOU!**

Jesus tells his followers not to worry about their daily needs. What example does he give of God's care for his creation?

**Directions:**

To complete Luke 12:27 (NIV), match the shapes under each blank with the letter shapes shown to the right.



“Consider how the wild \_\_\_\_\_  
grow. They do not labor or spin.

Yet I tell you, not even \_\_\_\_\_  
in all his splendor was \_\_\_\_\_  
like one of these.” Luke 12:27, NIV

Answer: “Consider how the wild flowers grow. They do not labor or spin. Yet I tell you, not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these.” Luke 12:27, NIV



Make this craft to display a bit of springtime year-round!

**What you need:**

- An old shirt
- Tempera paint (brown, dark pink, light pink and white)
- Paintbrush
- Light blue or white construction paper
- A paper plate
- Q-tips
- Paper towels



**What you do:**

1. Roll up one sleeve and paint your arm and the palm of your hand brown.
2. Lengthwise on the paper, carefully place your painted arm and hand, with fingers spread apart. (This is the tree trunk and branches.)
3. Place the other paint colors on the plate.
4. Using Q-tips, place dots of paint (blossoms!) all over the branches.
5. When dry, display your tree — or give it as a Mother's Day gift.

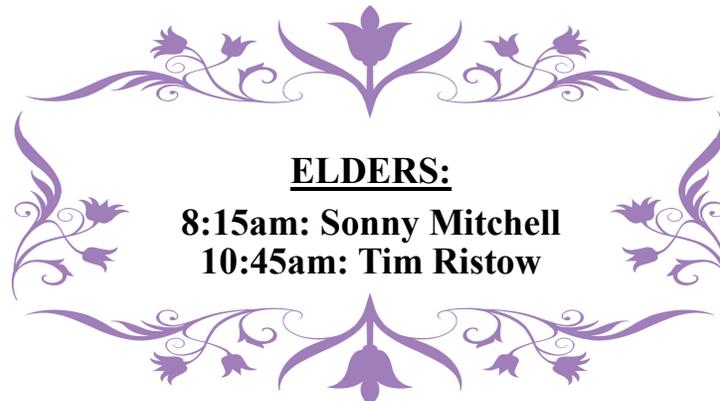


- Julian Campos 5/2
- Mark Herber 5/6
- Teresa Kirby 5/6
- Betty Shaw 5/6
- Katherine Richter 5/7
- Carl Mensing 5/8
- Kasey Hentschke 5/13
- Jena Carpenter 5/14
- John Mitchell 5/14
- Taylor Harrison 5/15
- Norma Nanyes 5/15
- Christine Stivers 5/15
- Justin Vail 5/18
- Rev. John C. Stennfeld 5/19
- Jimmy Westfall 5/22
- Jean Linderman 5/27
- Fran Ross 5/27
- Olivia Trueper 5/28



- Robert & Yogi Strait 5/23/2009
- Ron & Jo Kautz 5/25/1985
- Donald & Teresa Kirby 5/27/1978
- Monroe & Helen Karcher 5/28/1949
- Milton & Linda Ihlo 5/29/1965
- Joe & Maria Calvo 5/29/1960





May 7

**Flowers:** In honor of Betty Shaw’s birthday, given by her children  
**Tellers:** P. Bost/M. Moore  
**8:15am:** Lector: Clayton Pillack  
Acolyte: Justin Medina  
**10:45am:** Lector: Gary Lippe  
Acolyte: Adam Werchan  
**Communion Guild**  
**8:15am:** Alex & Christine Stivers

May 21

**Flowers:** Given by Olivia Trueper and family members  
**Tellers:** A. Moore/M. Moore  
**8:15am:** Lector: Lucille Herrera  
Acolyte: Justin Medina  
**10:45am:** Lector: Norma Nanyes  
Acolyte: Katherine Werchan  
**Communion Guild**  
**8:15am:** LeMorris Galbreath

May 14

**Flowers:** In memory of our mothers Ruby Decker and Else Hansigk, given by Gerald and Ellen Decker  
**Tellers:** C. Kanetzky/V. Kanetzky  
**8:15am:** Lector: Mark Herber  
Acolyte: Katy Herber  
**10:45am:** Lector: MaryLou Moore  
Acolyte: Seth Werchan  
**Communion Guild**  
**10:45am:**



May 28

**Flowers:** Given by Ron & Jo Kautz  
**Flowers:** In honor of Helen & Monroe Karcher’s 68th wedding anniversary, from Deborah & Jim Albers and Carol & Steve Lesem  
**Tellers:** A. Werchan/P. Mitchell  
**8:15am:** Lector: Mark Herber  
Acolyte: Katy Herber  
**10:45am:** Lector: Gary Lippe  
Acolyte:  
**Communion Guild**  
**10:45am:** Jared Juszcak

If you cannot serve as scheduled, it is YOUR responsibility to find a replacement. If you know a schedule change before 9:00 am on Thursday of the week you’re scheduled, please contact the church office (512-442-5844) to inform the secretary of the change. If a problem arises Sunday morning, please call the office and leave a message.

**\* Flowers will be donated**

