



Christ Lutheran Church

JUNE 2019



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**Happy Father's Day
Sunday, June 16th**



The People of Christ Sharing the Love of Christ

Pastor John

Dear Friends,

The old saying states: "April showers bring May flowers." But the question for us here in central Texas this year is this: "What do May showers bring?" I think the answer is going to be lots of mosquitos. I hope our city bats are good and hungry and are ready to go to work.

Something else May brings is the end of school and the start of summer vacations. We have many members traveling this summer. I will be praying for your safety as you travel on the roads, in the air, and on the sea.

Six of our young people will also be traveling to the National Youth Gathering this summer up in Minneapolis/St. Paul, Minnesota. On behalf of the young people I thank you for your prayerful and monetary support over the years which is making this journey of faith possible.

Although summer is a time for travel and recreation and the like, remember that our God never take a vacation from us. He is always with us, always watching over us, and will never leave us nor forsake us. Whether we are spending the day walking through the remnants of Auschwitz, exploring the streets of London, or photographing the Grand Canyon, our God is there beside us. May that truth of God's ever-present presence fill us with a sense of peace and comfort this summer as we and/or our loved ones journey away from home.

God be with you,

Pastor John



PASTOR JOHN STENNFELD

Letter from the President

Summertime! End of School! Graduations! Family vacations! The good life! A lot of us look forward to the summer when we can take it easy a little. Don't forget that here at Christ Lutheran, things will still be happening. We will have great worship and Bible Class every Sunday. The kids will get to go on a Miraculous Mission! as part of our Sunday Morning VBS. Make coming to Christ regularly a big part of your Summertime activities.

In May, a group met at the home of Phil and Sue Etter to discuss forming a new social group. Currently known as Christ's Friends, the group will hold periodic social activities primarily intended for adults.

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Letter from the President

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Certain events such as the June 29th trip to the Round Rock Express game are family-friendly and will be indicated as such. If you want more information about the group, feel free to contact the church office or ask the Etters or me.

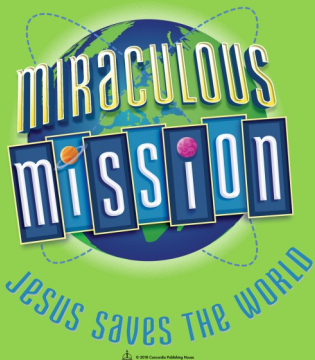
A big thank you needs to be expressed to Phil Etter who has agreed to become the Trustee chair in place of Charles Kanetzky. Having once been the Trustee chair, I know it is a difficult job. The Trustees are still moving forward on replacing our three air conditioning units and on repairing leaks in our sprinkler system. In addition, our sump pump drain line has become clogged. Phil and Charles are both working with our plumber to get that repaired.

As always, stay up on the latest activities or hear a sermon through our website (www.christaustin.org) or by following us on Facebook (look for "Christ Austin 78704") or Twitter (@ChristATX78704).

— Alan Werchan



Sunday Mornings this June, July, and August 9:30 am
Discipleship Hour for Kids/
Youth



Find out more on page 5!

Welcome New Member's to Christ Lutheran!



Stephen Anderson and Riley Franz



Mark & Toni Tolerico



Eunice Guild



This page is sponsored by the Women of the Eunice Guild.

St. Paul says in 2 Tim. 1:5, that Eunice, the mother of Timothy, was a woman of "sincere faith." She loved her Lord and Savior, and she lived her faith. It is our prayer that we may all be granted this same sincere faith. God be with you and bless you as you spend time in Meditation and in Cooking With Eunice.

Meditation — "My Daddy's Arms"

The man was preparing to mow the lawn when he saw his two little girls playing nearby. "Hey girls!" he called. "Come on over here. Daddy's got a story to tell you." And he knelt down as they came running with giggles. "I guess I was about your age - maybe a little older, and it was a hot day, just like today. I was mowing the lawn, and my little dog was napping under our big tree. You know the one by Merty's front gate?" "Merty" was the sisters' grandmother, and, they knew the tree well. "I had mowed quite a bit and needed to fill up the gas tank, but that little dog, all stretched out, looked so comfortable, so I thought I'd rest a minute or two with him. Well, I guess I dozed off, and when I woke up, I saw my dog over by the open coffee can where I had the extra gas, and he had just about finished lapping up all of the gas out of it! I hollered at him to 'get out of there!' He looked over at me and took off running. He ran, real fast, around and around Merty's big old house, and after he had been around maybe nine or ten times, he stopped right in front of me, looked up at me with great big eyes, and fell over." "Oh no, Daddy, was he dead?" the sisters gasped. "Why no! He had just run out of gas!" he said; and the girls fell giggling into his welcoming and loving arms. This was our Dad. He worked long hard hours to provide for our needs, first, rather than our wants. Our happiness came not from things money could buy, but from time spent with Dad and Mom. Most importantly, Jesus was, simply put, a member of the family. He was included in most everything we did, which was true for our entire family. I did not know how very blessed we were until the eighth grade when I first entered public school. I knew children who had limited, or no time with their dads due to divorce, or whose fathers had died, but, in public school, I met children whose dads were mean to them - who were abusive. How could this be?! For the first time, I actually met kids who did not know or believe in Jesus. My safe little world was shaken! My Dad, until he died, always had welcoming arms of love for me, and he instilled in me the knowledge that Jesus, with His loving arms, would always be there for me. My husband's loving arms came to be my primary source of needed hugs, and so when he died, I felt lost in my despair. It was then, my sister gave me the wonderful book, "Hope When Your Heart Breaks" by Michael W. Newman. The other day as I was thinking about Fathers and Father's Day - and my Dad, I recalled a sentence I had highlighted in Rev. Newman's book. He had reminded me that, "Today you can collapse into God's strong arms and let Him carry you." So often, when needing a hug, I've prayed, "Heavenly Father, I'm collapsing, thankfully, into Your arms." St. Paul says in Rom. 8:15, 16, "but you received the Spirit of sonship. And by Him we cry, 'Abba, Father.' The Spirit Himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children." God's children. By Jesus' saving grace - His death and resurrection, we have a Heavenly, but very present Father we can call "Abba, Daddy". We have His promise of Peace and Joy each day in our Savior's strong and unconditionally loving arms, and nothing can ever pry us from those dear arms. This Father's Day, I will thank our Lord for my Dad, his faith shared with me, and his loving arms; I will pray for fathers of children of all ages everywhere; and I will pray for the children who have yet to hear of Jesus, their Savior. I will begin by saying, "Abba, Daddy - thank You for Your loving arms."

With Joy in Christ! Duannah

Cooking With Eunice

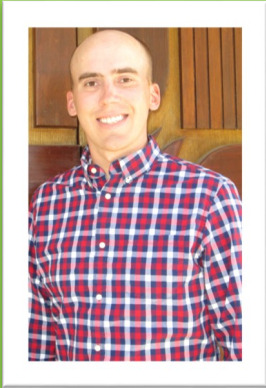
Make It Yours Salad Dressing

This is the most delicious and perfect light dressing for all of your summer salads. It pairs exceptionally well with a salad of sliced cucumber, bell pepper, red onion, and fresh tomato. If you like, throw in a handful of feta or bleu cheese crumbles. It's great on a salad of fresh spinach, strawberries, pears, or mandarin oranges, and sliced pecans, almonds, or walnuts. It also makes a delightful coleslaw almost everyone will like. Lightly dress your favorite slaw mix (thinly sliced cabbage, carrot, bell pepper, onion, raisins, etc.), and refrigerate overnight. It really goes well with any salad combination. Make it Yours - You will not be disappointed!

With a handheld (immersion) blender, or any blender, combine until well emulsified:

1/3 cup of your favorite neutral oil (canola, light olive, etc.)
1/3 cup of your favorite flavored light vinegar (apple cider, tarragon, etc.)
1/4 to 1/3 cup white granulated sugar (depending on your preferred sweetness)
1/4 to 1/3 cup minced fresh onion (do not leave it out!)
1/2 tsp. salt
1/4 tsp. white pepper
1/4 tsp. celery seed
1/4 tsp. dry mustard
1/4 tsp. sweet paprika

Store dressing for up to 2 weeks in the fridge to use on many other salad combinations!



JORDAN BOESSLING

**Minister of
Creative Communication &
Community Connections**



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and
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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.

Discipleship Classes at 9:30 am on Sunday Mornings

Pastor's Class – Mark

Discipleship Classes for All Ages

Our Nursery Room is available throughout the morning.

Loving Service Opportunities

Church Pictorial Directory

Church Pictorial Directories are available for pick up on Sundays, May 26 and June 2, or by contacting the Church Office. Additional copies are \$5 each.

Mobile Food Pantry

Volunteer with the Mobile Food Pantry of the Central Texas Food Bank (www.centraltexasfoodbank.org) on Saturday, June 15 at Science Hall Elementary School (1510 BeBee Rd, Kyle, TX, 78640) from 8:30 - 10:30 am. Only 7 volunteer spots; must be at least 8 years old to volunteer. Tasks include: setting up tables, assisting clients through the grocery line, wiping down tables and helping carry groceries to the car. Please contact Jordan for details and to sign up to serve.

Marbridge

We are making plans to volunteer again at The Ranch (assisted living) of Marbridge (www.marbridge.org) on Saturday, June 22 from 9:45 - 11:15 am, to lead/help with arts and crafts. The first activity will be for the residents to keep/give as a gift, while the second activity is going to be designed toward helping the residents with a project to showcase toward our plans to be a part of the 2019 Travis Heights Art Trail.

Marbridge is located at 2310 Bliss Spillar Road, Manchaca, TX 78652. Please contact Jordan for information, and to sign up to serve.

Travis Heights Art Trail

Join us on Saturday and Sunday, November 2nd and 3rd from 11am—5pm.

Stay tuned for more information!

Christ's Friends

Join our newly formed Christ's Friends group for their first scheduled activity on Saturday, June 29th. We'll be going to see the Round Rock Express at the Dell Diamond for a 7 pm game. It's "win a used car night", so you might even come home with a ~~clunker~~ excuse me- a gently used car!!! Please RSVP to Phil or Sue Etter at suetter@juno.com or 512-280-3811 by Sunday June 9th, as we need to have our ticket order in by Monday June 10th. This is a family friendly event, so feel free to bring the kids. Group reserved seat discount tickets are \$13 per person (if we are able to get 20 people). If you're interested in carpooling, let us know and we'll see what we can work out. Hope to see you there!

Take me out to the ball game...



Mission Statement

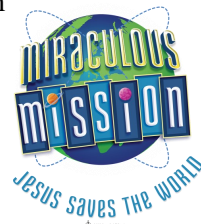
The mission of Christ Lutheran Church is to connect people to Jesus through:

✝ *Inspirational Worship* ✝ *Loving Service*
✝ *Caring Fellowship* ✝ *Relevant Education*

So that they may know, and grow in, his love.

Miraculous Mission! Vacation Bible School

Lift off on an intergalactic adventure to learn about God's plan of salvation from creation to the cross, and to study Jesus' miracles on Sunday Mornings this June, July, and August during the 9:30 am Discipleship Hour for Kids/Youth. There will be Bible Activities based on John 3:16 centered around an arts and craft project each Sunday. Offerings from our 2019 Vacation Bible School to be designated to Concordia Welfare & Education Foundation (Thailand Children's Mission; www.cwefthailand.org).



- ✝ God Made the Universe (God made me.)
- ✝ God Promises a Savior. (God keeps His Word.)
- ✝ Jesus the Savior Is Born. (Jesus came for me.)
- ✝ Jesus the Savior Is Risen. (Jesus saves me.)
- ✝ Jesus the Savior Reigns. (Jesus is coming for me.)

May we continue at Christ to give families opportunities to grow in Christ Jesus throughout the year!
Please contact Jordan for details.

Pumpkin Patch

Fifth Annual SoCo Pumpkin Patch at Christ!

Backyard of the Christ's Workshop



Help continue to provide something that our neighbors in Travis Heights, Bouldin Creek, and beyond, have come to count on from us each Fall. We will be receiving a shipment of pumpkins (40 percent of a truck load) on

Thursday, October 10th at 6 pm.

Opportunities to be a part of this labor of loving service include:

- ✝ letting others know that we are going to host a pumpkin patch again at Christ,
- ✝ decorating the patch in a welcoming way & bringing in wheelbarrows for us to borrow,
 - ✝ baking and cooking light food, and arranging things, for an unloading event,
 - ✝ joining in the line brigade to unload the pumpkins from the truck,
- ✝ placing the pumpkins on palettes & arranging displays of minis and gourds, etc.
 - ✝ lending a hand to keep the pumpkins dry (after there is inclement weather)
 - ✝ sitting/standing out at the patch to greet our guests & to sell the pumpkins!

For information please contact Jordan, or Deborah Bynum.



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Late Service Fellowship Refreshments



Eunice Guild Spring Luncheon



Hope Family Thrift Store



Happy Birthday Pastor John!



Men's Discipleship



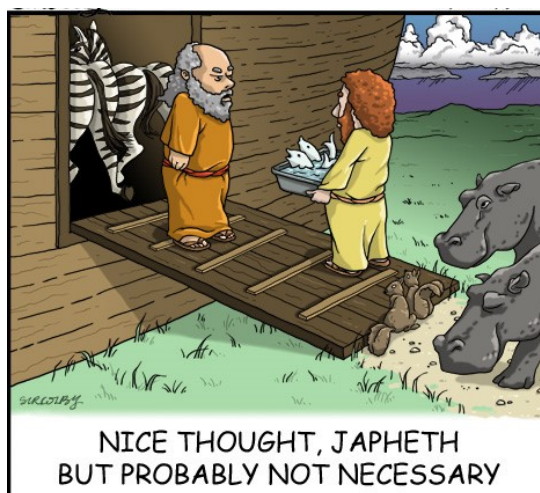
Stewardship

II Corinthians 8:7

But just as you excel in everything--in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in your love for us --see that you also excel in this grace of giving.



Marbridge



June Birthdays

Jaclyn Sermons	6/2
Ethan Castille	6/4
Pamela Herber	6/5
Juliana Ramirez	6/5
Katy Herber	6/8
Deborah Bynum	6/12
Aaron McInvale	6/14
Dolores Dunn	6/17
Paul Kern	6/18
Joe Cano	6/20
Gwendolyn Lewis	6/20
Pamela Hamil	6/21
Rosa Williams	6/22
Lucille Herrera	6/24
Jeremy Faulkner	6/26
Clyde Crow	6/27

June Anniversaries

Jimmy & Mildred Westfall
6/3/1961

Paul & Alicia Kern
6/3/2005

Jim & MaryLou Moore
6/7/1975

Andy & Shelbi Hentschke
6/13/2009

David & Kimberly Schaare
6/18/1994

Donald & Gwendolyn Lewis
6/21/0000

Mark & Pamela Herber
6/24/2000

Freddie & Dorothy Richter
6/25/1960

Jerome & Yolanda Faulkner
6/26/1993

David & Pamela Hamil
6/27/1998



Confirmation Sunday



JUNE 2

Flowers: Given by Mark Herber in Honor of Pam's (5) and Katy's (8) Birthday

Tellers: P. Hamil / J. Wiley

8:15am: Lector: Alex Stivers
Acolyte:

10:45am: Lector: Kevin Craig
Acolyte: Adam Werchan

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8:15am: Kimberly and Benjamin Schaare

10:45am Yolonda Faulkner

JUNE 9

Flowers: Given by Patty Brodbeck in Honor of Dale's Birthday

Tellers: P. Bost / S. Etter

8:15am: Lector:
Acolyte:

10:45am: Lector: Norma Nanyes
Acolyte: Ben Ristow

Communion Guild

8:15am: Felix and Louise Alexander

10:45am: Ronnie and Bryan Richter

JUNE 16

Flowers: Given by Ben Schaare in Honor of his mom and dad's wedding anniversary

Tellers: P. Bost / S. Etter

8:15am: Lector: Clayton Pillack
Acolyte:

10:45am: Lector: Divina Stennfeld
Acolyte: Emily Richter

Communion Guild

8:15am: LeMorris Galbreath

10:45am: Divina Stennfeld

Fellowship: Don and Gwendy Lewis

JUNE 23

Flowers: In Honor of Lucille Herrera's Birthday on 6/24

Tellers: J. Carrion / A. Carrion

8:15am: Lector:
Acolyte:

10:45am: Lector: Alan Werchan
Acolyte: Katherine Werchan

Communion Guild

8:15am: Kimberly and Benjamin Schaare

10:45am: Trinity Stennfeld

JUNE 30

Tellers: J. Carrion / A. Carrion

8:15am: Lector: Alex Stivers
Acolyte:

10:45am: Lector: MaryLou Moore
Acolyte: Seth Werchan

Communion Guild

8:15am: Felix and Louise Alexander

10:45am: Pachalin Stennfeld

ELDERS:

8:15am: Donn Trautner

10:45am: Tommie Craig

If you cannot serve as scheduled,
it is YOUR responsibility to find a replacement.
If a problem arises Sunday morning,
please call the church to let Pastor know.

* Flowers will be donated