



# Christ Lutheran Church

May 2019



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## The People of Christ Sharing the Love of Christ

### Pastor John

Dear Friends,

What a great Easter celebration we had this year! Thanks to all who volunteered in a variety of ways to make our worship services special. Remember that the whole Lenten sermon series on The Lord's Prayer, as well as the sermon on Easter, can be viewed online at our [www.christaustin.org](http://www.christaustin.org) website.



While we are still in the afterglow of **PASTOR JOHN STENNFELD** Easter we are also going to recognize some other special events in May. We will remember Mother's Day on May 12, have confirmation Sunday and a welcoming of new members on May 19, and we will take up a collection for Biblesticks for our military on May 26. Please note the special events and plan to be in worship for all of these special events.

May the news of Christ's past resurrection and the hope of our future resurrection continue to fill us with a very present joy and peace as we face our life's challenges. To God be the glory!

God be with you,

Pastor John

## Letter from the President

Christ is Risen! He is risen, indeed! Alleluia! As I write this, I am still basking in the afterglow of our Easter celebration. Our joyful worship celebration, along with the Easter breakfast and the annual Easter egg hunt were great successes. I am thankful for Jesus' death and resurrection and for all who helped make our celebration possible.

Our Spring voters' assembly was held March 31 st . The most significant decision made was an authorization for the Trustees to secure the replacement of three air conditioning units along with the associated roofing and electrical work.

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## Letter from the President

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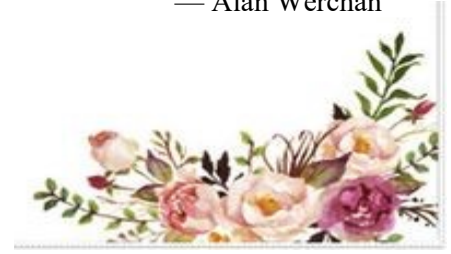


The voters also designated the Lenten Offerings to be split equally between the Thai Children's mission and A/C replacement.

Charles Kanetzky has secured a quote from our air conditioning contractor and is working to finalize the details. In addition, Charles and the trustees are working with our landscaping contractor to repair leaks in our sprinkler system. When I put stakes in the ground to secure portions of our nativity scene, it appears I hit a bullseye on some of the underground pipe. I want to give special recognition to Charles, who has tirelessly served as our Trustee chair for many years. Charles and Val will be leaving us shortly to join their children in California.

As always, to stay up on the latest activities or to hear a sermon, check our website ([www.christaustin.org](http://www.christaustin.org)) or follow us on Facebook (look for "Christ Austin 78704") or Twitter (@ChristATX78704).

— Alan Werchan



## Confirmation Sunday



Please note that we will have confirmation of 2 of our young people, Cassandra Nagy and Ryder Pagnini, on May 19 in the 10:45a.m. service. They will also go through the questioning during the discipleship hour at 9:30a.m. in the fellowship hall on that same day. Please plan to attend and support these 2 young people as they make a confession of their faith in Jesus.



## Auction Items for Youth Blind Auction

We have only 6 items this year for our youth blind auction. Bids will only be accepted in the bid box located in the narthex for 2 Sundays, May 5 and May 12. Items for bid this year are:

- 1) \$30 gift card for Magnolia Café
- 2) 4 skate rentals and admission to Chapparral Ice (\$60 value)
- 3) \$30 gift card to Hyde Park Grill
- 4) \$25 in gift cards to Five Guys Burgers
- 5) \$100 gift certificate to Austin Steam Train
- 6) 4 home run porch tickets for the Round Rock Express (Sunday—Thursday Games only)





## Eunice Guild

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”.



### Meditation— “Nature-Bathing”

Have you tried Nature-Bathing yet? Nature, or forest-bathing, is a Japanese practice begun in the 1980s as a way to improve one’s mental and physical well-being. There are articles and books written on the subject, and you can even join a nature-bathing group. To nature-bathe, one must turn off all devices, step outside and move slowly, paying close attention to all aspects of nature with all of one’s senses. The author of the book, “The Joy of Forest Bathing” said, “It’s all about awareness and connection. It’s all about turning in. It feels good, it feels healthy, it feels joyful.” Hopefully most of us nature-bathe on a regular basis. We pause to admire the intricate beauties of the Gerber daisy we’ve just planted in the musky rich soil as a cool breeze whispers through the trees. We taste the salt on our lips as we stoop to pick a smooth and damp inky black stone from the sands of a hot beach. We stop while walking across a parking lot and look up to watch the flight patterns and listen to the call of the sandhill cranes passing over on their way south. We quietly marvel at the magnificence of a large buck as his hooves crunch through the frosty early morning woods. Nature-bathing. There was a man of whom the Lord said, “There is no one on earth like him; he is blameless and upright, a man who fears God and shuns evil” (Job 1:8). His name was Job, and he was a man of great faith. Even when he had lost his family and his great wealth, and was suffering a horrible and painful illness, yet he trusted his Lord and refused to “Curse God and die!” (Job 2:9). In his deepest despair though, he came to feel that God was punishing him unjustly and with indifference, and he began to complain and even raged toward God. How much more must he endure? Why was God silent! Then his friend Elihu told him to try nature-bathing. He said, “God does speak—now one way, now another (Job 33:14). “Stop and consider God’s wonders” (Job 37:14). Job needed to stop his raging, to be quiet, to connect with the Lord he so loved. He needed to focus on and consider the Lord’s creation which shouts out the wisdom and power and love of God. Elihu said, “How great is God—beyond our understanding!” (Job 36:26). And the Lord reminded Job: “Where were you when I laid the earth’s foundation?” (Job 38:4). Just as for Job, it’s easy to wonder where God is when things seem so wrong all around us—and for us. But while we can scarcely see our small snapshot in time, God sees the big picture; and for His good and right purposes, and when His love and care for us, He does sometimes allow the suffering. Then like Job, we must stop, focus on our God and put our trust in Him. Over 1,000 years before Jesus was born, Job said, “I know that my Redeemer lives!” (Job 19:25). In reading the amazing Book of Job, it occurred to me that as people of Easter, we have an advantage over Job. We know who our Redeemer is in the resurrected Christ! The Son of God, by whom and through whom all things were created, became a part of His Creation. He was born to a woman and walked this earth. He knew and witnessed His Father’s wisdom, power and love in creation, and He exhorted us to do the same. “Consider how the lilies grow” (Luke 12:27). God gave His only Son to suffer and die in punishment for our sins, and then raised Him in victory over death. Such is His great love for us! So, nature-bathing, but rather than simply turning inward, we as believers turn to gaze fully upon our God in His Creation; and with Job we joyfully say, “now my eyes have seen You!” Doesn’t it make you feel so good!

*With Easter Joy, Forever! Duannah*

### Cooking With Eunice

#### Easy and Delicious Peach Cobbler

##### **Ingredients:**

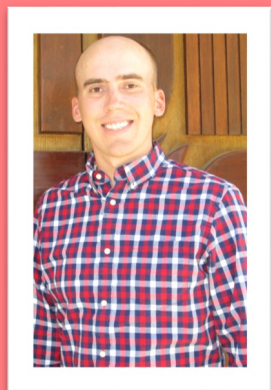
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| 1 Stick of butter                  | 1/2 tsp cinnamon |
| 3 (15.25oz) cans of sliced peaches | Pinch of salt    |
|                                    | Pinch of nutmeg  |
| 1 cup flour                        | 2/3 cup milk     |
| 1 cup granulated sugar             | 1/2 tsp vanilla  |
| 1 1/2 tsp baking powder            |                  |

Topping: 1/4 cup granulated sugar, 1/4 tsp cinnamon.

Preheat oven to 375°. Place the stick of butter in a 9X13 pan and place in the oven until the butter is melted. Pour in 2 cans of peaches WITH their juices. Drain the juice from the third can of peaches and add just the peaches to the pan. Sift together the flour, sugar, baking powder, cinnamon, salt and nutmeg into a mixing bowl. Add the milk and vanilla, and stir to blend. Spoon this batter over the peaches—DO NOT STIR. In a small bowl, combine the topping ingredients and sprinkle over the batter. Bake 40-45 minutes until crust is golden brown. This cobbler is so good just as is, but even better served with a dollop of whipped topping, vanilla ice cream, or simply add a little half and half.

## Eunice Guild Announcement

It’s finally here! And EVERYONE is invited! The Annual Spring Luncheon sponsored by the Eunice Guild, will be held on Tuesday, May 21st at 11:30a.m. at the Olive Garden Restaurant located in the Brodie Oaks Shopping Center on South Lamar. So that Olive Garden can plan appropriately, please sign up on the clipboard in the Narthex with your name and the number in your party on the Sunday’s of May 5th, 12th, or 19th. Your presence at this happy event will help to make our fellowship complete.



**JORDAN BOESSLING**

**Minister of  
Creative Communication &  
Community Connections**



**Creative  
Communication  
and  
Community  
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.

## **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**

### **Thrift Store Volunteer Opportunity**

We are looking forward to returning to Austin Disaster Relief Network's Hope Family Thrift ([www.hopefamilythrift.org](http://www.hopefamilythrift.org)) on Saturday, May 4 from 10:00 am - 12 noon to help out with a project toward the store continuing to be a resource for disaster survivors. Volunteers must be 10 or older. Only 12 volunteer spots available. Please also consider shopping at and bringing donations to the thrift store (1122 East 51st Street, Austin, 78723) on your own time in support of those who have affected by disasters like fires and floods. Please contact Jordan for details, and to sign up to serve.

### **Men's Discipleship Class**

Our "The End of Me" study will conclude for 2018-2019 on the first Tuesday of May, the 7th, at 7:30 P.M in the Christ's Workshop. Please contact Tim, or Jordan, for information.

### **Marbridge**

We are making plans to volunteer again at The Ranch (assisted living) of Marbridge ([www.marbridge.org](http://www.marbridge.org)) on Saturday, May 11 from 9:45 - 11:15am, to lead/help with arts and crafts. Marbridge is located at 2310 Bliss Spillar Road, Manchaca, TX 78652. Please contact Jordan for information, and to sign up to serve.

### **Mother's Day Collection Drive**

The Trotter House ([www.trotterhouse.org/](http://www.trotterhouse.org/)) offers specialized programs and services to assist women and families who find themselves in an unplanned pregnancy or difficult situation, and serves the community in excellence and unconditional love in building a culture of life.

We have the opportunity to compile items that Trotter House is in particular need of: diapers sizes 1-6, wipes, simlac formula, clothing newborn to 6T. Please check the Community Connections bulletin board for an entire donation list of items that Trotter House accepts. Please bring to Church on Mother's Day, May 12, any items you wish to donate for Trotter House. Please contact Jordan for more information about Trotter House.

#### ***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.***



## Camp Lone Star

On Friday-Sunday, May 24th—26th at Camp Lone Star (2016 Camp Lone Star Road, La Grange, 78945), join others in Christian fellowship while preparing Camp Lone Star for the arrival of over 2,000 children and adults for summer programming at CLS. Entire families are welcome to join in service, fellowship, fun and recreation that weekend. CLS staff will lead the youth and children in age-appropriate service projects and recreational activities.

The weekend kicks off Friday evening and lasts through worship on Sunday. Join CLS for any part of the weekend as your schedule allows. With limited housing space available, housing will be awarded in order of registrations received. Please visit [www.lomt.com](http://www.lomt.com) for details, and to register. Please let Jordan know if you register with CLS to attend. This is a free event.

## Faith Comes By Hearing

We will be taking a door offering for Faith Comes By Hearing ([www.militarybiblestick.com](http://www.militarybiblestick.com)) after both Worship Services on Sunday, May 26, the weekend of Memorial Day. Please consider giving a life-changing gift toward delivering Hope for Our Heroes, and providing service men and women with God's Word via Military Bible Sticks (the Audio Drama New Testament and selected Psalms).

## Church Pictorial Directory

The Christ Lutheran Church 2019 Directory will be available on Sunday, May 19. Please pick up your copy (one per family please) after Church in the narthex on Sundays, May 19, May 26, and June 3, or by contacting the Church Office. Additional copies are \$5 each.

## Miraculous Mission! Vacation Bible School

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

Go on a Miraculous Mission! (CPH), and lift off on an intergalactic adventure to learn about God's plan of salvation from creation to the cross, and to study Jesus' miracles

Bible Activities based on John 3:16

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!

Offerings from our 2019 VBS at Christ to be designated to CWEFT-Concordia Welfare & Education Foundation of Thailand ([www.cwefthailand.org](http://www.cwefthailand.org)).

## Pumpkin Patch

We are looking forward to hosting our 5th annual SoCo Pumpkin Patch at Christ. Providing our community with a pumpkin patch is a wonderful way that we get to be the people of Christ sharing the love of Christ with our neighbors in Travis Heights, Bouldin Creek, and beyond. Confirmation of the exact day/time (either Saturday, October 12 at 8 am or Thursday, October 10 at 6 pm) when we'll receive our shipment of pumpkins, and enjoy an unloading fellowship event, will come closer to autumn. Spread the word that we are going to have the pumpkin patch again in the backyard of the Christ's Workshop, and start planning to play a part in the process of selling the pumpkins! For information contact Jordan, or Deborah Bynum.





## Sharing the Love of Christ



The Quilters



Thrivent Action Teams and Voter's Meeting



Lenten Luncheons



Loving Service





## Happy Mother's Day Sunday, May 12th



LOOK, MOM! I CAN SEE  
YOUR FACE ON THIS BREAD!



Easter Egg Hunt

### Stewardship

#### I Corinthians 16:2

On the first day of every week, each one of you should set aside a sum of money in keeping with his income, saving it up, so that when I come no collections will have to be made.

## *May Birthdays*

Mark Herber	5/6
Teresa Kirby	5/6
Betty Shaw	5/6
Katherine Richter	5/7
Kasey Hentschke	5/13
Jena Carpenter	5/14
John Mitchell	5/14
Taylor Harrison	5/15
Norma Nanyes	5/15
Gilrena Rangel	5/15
Christine Stivers	5/15
Rev. John C. Stennfeld	5/19
Jimmy Westfall	5/22
Jean Linderman	5/27
Fran Ross	5/27
Olivia Trueper	5/28

## *May Anniversaries*

**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



Easter





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## May 5

**Flowers:** Nancy Wilson for Betty Shaw's Birthday  
**Tellers:** M. Moore/A. Moore  
**8:15am:** Lector: Alex Stivers  
Acolyte:  
**10:45am:** Lector: Norma Nanyes  
Acolyte: Ben Ristow  
**Communion Guild**  
**8:15am:** LeMorris Galbreath  
**10:45am** Debbie and Eric Harrison  
**Fellowship:** Mary Carrion

## May 12

**Flowers:** Given by Mary Karotkin and Gerald & Ellen Decker  
**Tellers:** C. Kanetzky/ V. Kanetzky  
**8:15am:** Lector: Charles Kanetzky  
Acolyte:  
**10:45am:** Lector: Gary Lippe  
Acolyte: Emily Richter  
**Communion Guild**  
**8:15am:** Kimberly and Benjamin Schaare  
**10:45am:** Jared Juszcak

## May 19

**Flowers:** Given by Jean Carpenter  
**Tellers:** C. Kanetzky/ V. Kanetzky  
**8:15am:** Lector: Clayton Pillack  
Acolyte:  
**10:45am:** Lector: Phil Etter  
Acolyte: Katherine Werchan  
**Communion Guild**  
**8:15am:** Felix and Louise Alexander  
**10:45am:** Doug and Deborah Bynum

## May 26

**Flowers:** Given by Ron & Jo Kautz;  
**Flowers:** In Honor of Helen and Monroe Karcher's Anniversary given by her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren  
**Tellers:** P. Hamil/ J. Wiley  
**8:15am:** Lector: Mark Herber  
Acolyte: Katy Herber  
**10:45am:** Lector: Bob Wiley  
Acolyte: Ryder Pagnini  
**Communion Guild**  
**8:15am:** LeMorris Galbreath  
**10:45am:** Mary Karotkin, Gerald & Ellen Decker  
**Fellowship:** Shirley Hoes

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

## ELDERS:

**8:15am:** Roy Pietsch  
**10:45am:** Tim Ristow