

# Christ Lutheran Church

September 2019

The People of Christ Sharing the Love of Christ



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## Pastor John

Dear Friends,

As we head into September I am reminded of one of the songs that was a favorite of my father. It was from the musical, "The Fantasticks," and it was entitled "Try to Remember." I think my Dad liked it because it kind of waxed sentimental to slower, easier, less-complicated and stressful time of life...and also because his birthday was on September 1st. Some of the lyrics are as follows:



PASTOR JOHN STENNFELD

"Try to remember the kind of September  
When life was slow and oh so mellow  
Try to remember the kind of September  
When grass was green and grain so yellow

Try to remember when life was so tender  
That no one wept except the willow  
Try to remember when life was so tender  
That dreams were kept beside your pillow"

## Fluttering into September....

Remembering is wonderful; our memories are some of God's greatest gifts to us. They are to be cherished and honored. But memories are about the past; they keep us looking backward instead of forward. And thus while we always want to hang onto memories, we can't let those memories dictate our future. You can't move forward by only looking in the rearview mirror. Ask companies such as Montgomery Wards, or Blockbuster, or Eastman Kodak about that. And so too for us in the church – our future is in front of us, not behind us. Are we ready for what that might look like? Are we prepared to minister in a future that looks very different from our past? If we do not want to go the way of Montgomery Wards or Blockbuster we must be prepared to enter our future without being controlled by our past. May God grant us the vision and the courage to be the people of Christ in our ever-changing present as we look into the future.

In Christ,  
Pastor John



## Letter from the President

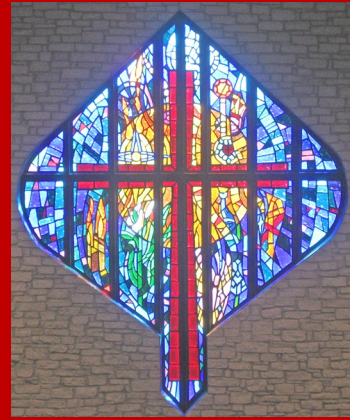
A voters' assembly was held August 25th immediately following late service. We heard an update on our air conditioners and reports from Pastor John, Jordan, and others. No major actions were taken. The Trustees continue to review options for the replacement of two of our rooftop units. The units continue to cool, so any work that will be performed is planned for the "off-season" when the potential installer is less busy and rates are cheaper.

Rally Day is scheduled for September 15th. Please help us plan by purchasing your tickets in advance. Also, the event cannot be successful without volunteers. There are MANY volunteer opportunities, so please sign up. Both the tickets and the sign-up sheet are available in the Narthex after each service.

Recently the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) warned of a scam where worshipers might receive an email, text or call from someone posing as the pastor or another church leader asking for gift-card contributions to some good cause. According to the FTC, "the imposter asks you to buy a popular gift card—frequently, iTunes, Google Play, or Amazon—and then asks for the gift card number and PIN on the back of the card. Those numbers let the scammer immediately get the money you loaded onto the card. And once that's done, the scammer and your money are gone, usually without a trace." If you receive a request like this, you should evaluate the email for typical warning signs. The FTC continues, "For example, the email address isn't the one normally used by the church, and the service provider is different, too. The message may begin with a simple 'Hi,' but doesn't include a recipient's name. There also may be spelling errors, including the pastor's name." It would be highly unusual for Christ Lutheran to issue an appeal for gift cards. If you ever have any questions about the legitimacy of a request, contact the church office before acting.

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

- Alan Werchan



Rally Day  
Sunday, September 15th



Pumpkin Patch  
Unloading Event—  
Thursday, October 10th



Patch Open  
Friday, October 11th—  
Thursday, October 31st  
(or until we sell out of pumpkins)

Travis Heights Art Trail  
Saturday and Sunday,  
November 2nd and 3rd



## Men's Discipleship

We will begin a study for 2019-2020 led by Tim Ristow and based on the book "Navigate Your Faith: A Christian's Field Guide to Not Getting Lost" (by Ron Pratt) on the first Tuesday of September, the 3rd, at 7:30 P.M in the Christ's Workshop. Please contact Tim, or Jordan, for information.

### *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.*



## 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 — "The "Dash""

We enjoyed watching "The Middle", a TV sitcom about a family humorously struggling through common, but exaggerated, dilemmas. Each episode ended in poignant moments that showed their true love for each other. In one episode, Mike, the dad, gave a toast at his brother's wedding, ending with this: "We're all gonna die, and we're all gonna have a gravestone with a dash on it. 1942 - 2016, 1963 - 2038. And that dash represents your life. And the thing I know for sure, because of these four people here - my family - that dash will have meant something." Of the episodes I watched, this bit of "wisdom" is what I remember best - the "dash" represents one's life and what gave it meaning. Our uncle, a Missouri Synod Lutheran Pastor, wanted no eulogy to be read at his funeral. He felt the way he had tried to live his life would speak for itself. Of course, eulogies are a personal choice. Over the last three months, I've been selecting and purchasing a grave marker (the funeral home gentleman said they are now called "memorials"), for my deceased husband and myself. In this techno age, everything I wanted, or wanted changed, was drawn and a color picture of the memorial almost immediately emailed to me. As my sister and I sat at my kitchen table reviewing the various options, she asked me how it felt to look at my name on a grave marker. Well, um, I had not thought about it until then - thank you! But what jumped out at me was the "dash" after my birth year, just hanging there . . . waiting. King Solomon, in his great wisdom wrote, "the day of death [is] better than the day of birth . . . for death is the destiny of every man; the living should take this to heart" (Ecclesiastes 7:1-2). Hmmm . . . maybe he was thinking about the "dash," because in Chapter 9:7, he added, "Go, eat your food with gladness, and drink your wine with a joyful heart, for it is now that God favors what you do." That "now" is our "dash" - a life in faith. God "favors" it. It matters to God! Moses wrote about the "dash" in a prayer, Psalm 90, and our Pastor John paraphrased it this way: "Teach us to count our days aright that we might wisdom gain, to follow You in all we do, and from sin may abstain." The other night as I read my Bible, I took a second look at some verses from St. Paul in Galatians: "The life I live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me" (2:20). And, "You are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus" (3:26), . . . "baptized into Christ" (3:27). WOW! I live in and am defined by my Savior! In His great love, HE gives my life its meaning. I am a Child of God! (Sometimes I wonder if I truly realize how awesome that is!) Well, in the end, the memorial I chose will not have a visible dash - just two dates, and, I don't know if anyone will want to read my eulogy. It really doesn't matter. For now, I am so blessed, so happy to know that every moment of my "dash" is a gift from my Heavenly Father, and a chance to serve Him by serving others - to glorify Him by living as His child. No matter how long my "dash" will be, I have His purpose, a job to do, and so I can pray without fear, "May the favor of the Lord our God rest upon [me], [as He] establishes the work of [my] hands" (Ps. 90:17). The thing I know for sure, because of Christ, my Savior, my "dash" will have meant something. Also, my eulogy, spoken or not, will be awesome. Here's a preview - what do you think? "She is a Child of God! And to God belongs the Glory!"

With JOY in Christ! Duannah

### Cooking With Eunice

#### Troy Aikman's Chocolate - Cherry Cake

This recipe is from our church's "The 50th Anniversary Cookbook 1946 - 1996."

1 (18 oz box) chocolate fudge cake mix  
1 (21 oz can) cherry pie filling  
1 tsp almond extract  
2 eggs, beaten

Preheat oven to 350°. Use solid shortening to grease a 9 X 13 baking pan, and dust with flour. In a mixing bowl, combine all ingredients, stirring until well blended. Pour into the prepared pan. Bake 25 to 30 minutes or until cake tests done. When cakes comes out of the oven, begin making the frosting.

#### Frosting:

1 cup sugar  
5 Tbsp. margarine  
1/3 cup milk  
1 (6 oz) package semi-sweet chocolate morsels

In small saucepan, combine sugar, margarine and milk. Boil for 2 minutes stirring constantly. Remove from heat. Add the chocolate morsels and stir until melted and smooth. Immediately pour over partially cooled cake.





**JORDAN BOESSLING**

### **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.

### **Thursday Morning Bible Class**

The Thursday morning adult Bible Class, so graciously and wonderfully led by Rev. Ziehr for the last number of years, will be led by our Minister of Creative Communication and Community Connections, Jordan Boessling this fall. Jordan holds a bachelors degree in teaching from Concordia Wisconsin, a DCE Certification from Concordia Texas, and a Masters Degree in Theology from Concordia Seminary in St. Louis, thus he is amply prepared to lead one of our adult studies. Jordan will be using the Lifelight Bible Study on the book of Joshua. This will be a 9-week course beginning on Thursday, September 19th. The cost is \$10/person for the workbook. All participants should recognize that there are weekly/daily assignments in preparation for each class. Those interested should sign-up on the sheet in the narthex. Payments can be made by using the specially marked envelope in the narthex (located next to the class sign-up sheet) and placing them into the offering plate. For further information contact Jordan or Pastor John.



### **Rally Day—Sunday, September 15th**

On Sunday, September 15, worship with us as we start a new ministry year as the people of Christ sharing the love of Christ.

Make a day of it and enjoy a BBQ Meal at 12 noon (\$8/adults, \$4/children 5-12 years old), and an afternoon of fun and games.

Indoor activities to include bingo, cake walk, and country store, and there will be some outdoor activities also.

Meal tickets can be purchased starting today after both services, and there is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex to team up to coordinate bringing items like homemade and handmade goods, and helping with the things (like preparing/cooking the BBQ and sides) that make this tradition one we look forward to each year.

The food menu will be pork and sausage, green beans, potato salad, and cole slaw.



**Well Done Christ Lutheran!** - A big thank you to all who participated in the food drive for Bread For All. A total of **1,499 pounds of food and water were collected**. With the temperature at 103° Monday the water was a welcome addition as well as all the food.

Thank you to everyone who helped carry the food to the cars waiting to be loaded. We also want to thank Caitlin, Haylee and Daniel for helping with the extra car and then on Monday helping unload, weigh, check dates and then store the food. Mildred and I thank these young people and their needed assistance.

On Monday evening we served **82 families**. A family unit being 1 to 9 people. So a lot of people were delighted with the food available.

Thank you to all and God Bless.



## 5th Annual SoCo Pumpkin Patch at Christ Lutheran Church



Backyard of Christ's Workshop  
212 East Monroe Street, 78704

Hours of Operation from October 11-31 (or until we sell out of pumpkins)

M-F 11 am - 7 pm

SAT 10 am - 7 pm

SUN 12 noon - 7 pm

\*Cash or Checks Only

All church proceeds from this year's pumpkin patch will be split between two wonderful non-profit organizations:

- 1) Water to Thrive, <https://www.watertothrive.org/> – an organization which builds wells and helps to bring clean water to those living in rural parts of Africa, and
- 2) CWEFT (Concordia Welfare and Education Foundation of Thailand), <http://cwefthailand.org/> – an organization which has been serving the children, women, and families in the Bangna Slum region of Bangkok, Thailand for the past 30 years.

For more info, please call 512-442-5844, or visit [www.christaustin.org](http://www.christaustin.org)

There will be a pumpkin unloading event at 6 pm on Thursday, October 10.

With arts and crafts available on Saturdays and Sundays,  
and featuring a zoo of farm animals on Sunday, October 20 from 12:30 - 2:30 pm

## Travis Heights Art Trail – Saturday, November 2nd and Sunday, November 3rd

Just a few miles south of Austin, 265 adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities live and work on the Marbridge campus. Each unique community, The Ranch, The Village, and The Villa provide a different level of care, support and guidance ranging from independent living to assisted living to skilled nursing care. Here adults with intellectual disabilities are given unparalleled opportunities to learn, experience, and achieve a whole new life.

Since 1953 Marbridge has provided training in independent living skills, academics, and even job skills training. They currently offer over 150 training opportunities for the residents. Residents are placed into a specific community based on physical, emotional, and social needs. Marbridge also offers a number of week-long summer camps for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities. For more information go to <https://www.marbridge.org>

Marbridge will be one of the non-profits that Christ Lutheran will host during the Travis Heights Art Trail, November 2 and 3, 2019. Not only will they bring information about their marvelous work, but they will also exhibit the art of some of their residents.

Each of the entities that will be hosted by our church will provide visitors and members with the opportunity to connect with our community in new and exciting ways. We strongly encourage you to take some time that weekend to get to know these wonderful agencies. We also encourage you to volunteer to help us host visitors to our church that weekend. For more information on how you can help, contact Donn Trautner or Jordan.





## Sharing the Love of Christ



Happy 30th Anniversary  
Pastor John and Pachalin!



Bread for All Food Drive



Loving Service



Sundays at Christ



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## Books of the New Testament

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Acts  
 Colossians  
 Corinthians  
 Ephesians  
 Galatians  
 Hebrews  
 James

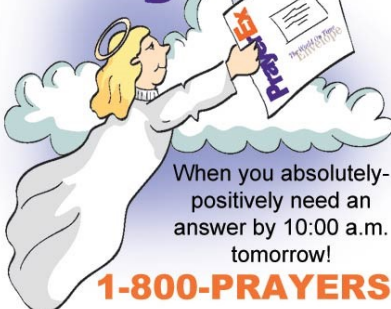
John  
 Jude  
 Luke  
 Mark  
 Matthew  
 Peter  
 Philemon

Philippians  
 Revelation  
 Romans  
 Thessalonians  
 Timothy  
 Titus

## September Birthdays

Matias Reveles	9/4
Irene Flores	9/5
Chuck Cazzola	9/6
Harold Hoes	9/6
Debbie Harrison	9/8
Bert Stuenkel	9/9
Sandy Van Velthoven	9/13
Gracie Cano	9/14
Mary Ellen Karotkin	9/17
Joe Calvo	9/18
Peyton Rangel	9/19
Vera Little	9/20
Sue Etter	9/23
Adam Werchan	9/23
Katherine Werchan	9/23
Seth Werchan	9/23
Yogi Strait	9/25
Jeremy Magruder	9/27
Connie Ziehr	9/27
Margaret Cano	9/28
Sophie Werchan	9/28
Cindy Zieschang	9/29

## PrayerFx



When you absolutely-  
 positively need an  
 answer by 10:00 a.m.  
 tomorrow!

**1-800-PRAYERS**



"Since we now have a leaking roof problem, it might  
 be a good time to schedule baptisms."

## September Anniversaries

Charles & Val Kanetzky  
 9/2/1972

Harry & Sandy Van Velthoven  
 9/20/2004





### September 1

- **Flowers:** Given by Mary Karotkin in honor of Family Birthday's
- **Tellers:** J. Carrion / A. Carrion
- **8:15am:** Lector: Alex Stivers
- **10:45am:** Lector: Kevin Craig
- **Communion Guild:**
- **8:15am:** Kim and Ben Schaare
- **10:45am:** Debbie and Eric Harrison
- **Fellowship:** Jean Linderman

### September 15

- **Flowers:** Given by Benjamin Schaare
- **Tellers:** M. Moore / A. Moore
- **8:15am:** Lector: Paul Kern
- **10:45am:** Lector: Taylor Harrison  
Acolyte: Emily Richter
- **Communion Guild:**
- **8:15am:** LeMorris Galbreath
- **10:45am:** Divina Stennfeld
- **Fellowship:** Gerald and Ellen Decker

### ELDERS:

**8:15am: Donn Trautner**  
**10:45am: Tim Ristow**

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**

### September 8

- **Flowers:** \_\_\_\_\_
- **Tellers:** J. Carrion / A. Carrion
- **8:15am:** Lector: Mark Herber  
Acolyte: Katy Herber
- **10:45am:** Lector: Norma Nanyes  
Acolyte: Ben Ristow
- **Communion Guild:**
- **8:15am:**
- **10:45am:** Ronnie and Bryan Richter
- **Fellowship:** Patricia J. and Stella C.

### September 22

- **Flowers:** Given by Sophie Werchan in honor of Adam, Seth and Katherine's Birthday
- **Tellers:** M. Moore / A. Moore
- **8:15am:** Lector: Jessica Engs
- **10:45am:** Lector: Alan Werchan
- **Communion Guild:**
- **8:15am:**
- **10:45am:** Trinity Stennfeld

### September 29

- **Flowers:** Given by Patty Brodbeck in honor of her Dad's birthday and the anniversary of her Mom's passing
- **Tellers:** M. Tolerico / T. Tolerico
- **8:15am:** Lector: Clayton Pillack
- **10:45am:** Lector: MaryLou Moore
- **Communion Guild:**
- **8:15am:** Felix and Louise Alexander
- **10:45am:** Pachalin Stennfeld