



Christ Lutheran Church

August 2019

The People of Christ Sharing the Love of Christ



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Pastor John

Dear Friends,

After a very busy July I am finally back in the office. I thank Jordan and Maria for keeping the office together while I was gone, and thank Donn Trautner, Mark Ziehr and the Elders of Christ for leading/managing worship, discipleship classes, and member communion calls and visitations in my absence. I am grateful for such capable and willing servant leaders here at Christ.



I went from the highs of the faith-filled, joy-filled youth of our LCMS church body at the National Youth Gathering in Minneapolis, MN ... to the politically charged, not-so-hope-filled delegates of our LCMS church body in convention in Tampa, FL.

PASTOR JOHN STENNFELD

Can you tell which I preferred to be at?

But here is the reality, Jesus is Lord of the church. And whether we are engaged in praise or mired in political divisions, Jesus still reigns and the church still belongs to him. It is upon that truth that I draw my hope and comfort for the future of both the LCMS, and the entire Christian church on earth. In spite of our faults and failings, despite our selfishness and outright sin, Jesus is still in charge...and not even the gates of hell can overcome it. May we look to a brighter future for the church, for the LCMS, and for us here at Christ Lutheran also, always remembering to whom it is that the church belongs.

In Christ,

Pastor John

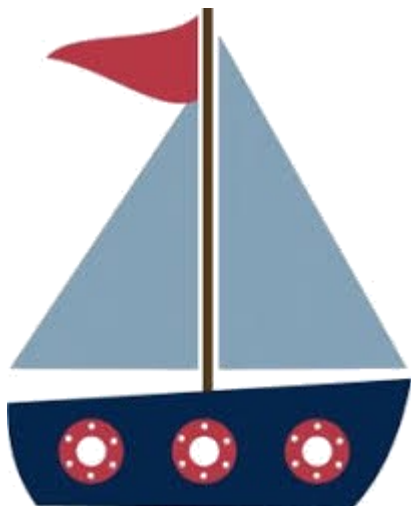
Letter from the President

A voters' assembly has been set for August 25th immediately following the late service. There will be no lunch prior to the meeting. At this time, there appear to be no major issues on the agenda, but we will consider some smaller issues that require a member vote as well as hear an update on replacing some of our air conditioners and reports from Pastor, Jordan, and others. Please attend to stay informed and to help conduct the business of the church.

In July, our youth and chaperones attended the LCMS Youth Gathering in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Themed "Real. Present. God." Attended by 21,000 youth and adults, the Gathering provided the opportunity to come together to learn more about

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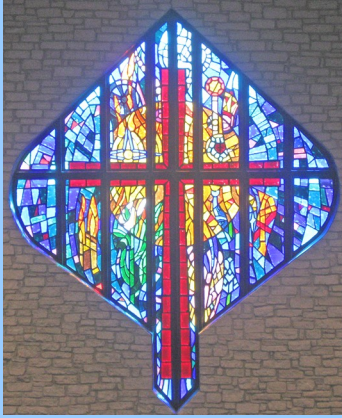
Sailing into August!





Letter from the President

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Christ's Friends at
Round Rock Baseball



Jesus, the Christian faith and being Lutheran. Highlights included the servant activities, smaller breakout sessions, and the mass events at U. S. Bank Stadium (home of the Minnesota Vikings) featuring worship, music and inspirational speakers. A favorite in my household were the breakout sessions with speakers who helped the youth explore real-world issues that they face and Christian ways to address them.

Although he wasn't physically present with us for a couple of the Sundays in July, rest assured Pastor John was working on our behalf. One week he attended the LCMS Youth Gathering as a chaperone for our church youth. The following week Pastor John attended the LCMS national convention as the pastoral delegate representing our church as well as others in our circuit including Hope, Jesus Church of the Deaf, Our Savior, Redeemer, St. Paul, Trinity and University Lutheran. Having been to a Synodical convention before, I can tell you Pastor definitely had plenty to do. Volunteer opportunities will abound this fall with plans for Rally Day, the Pumpkin Patch, and the Travis Heights Art Trail. We need your help with all of these activities.

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

9:30 am Discipleship Hour Planning Meeting

- Sunday, August 18 from 12 noon - 1 pm in rooms 7 & 8
- Returning and new volunteers team up and prepare for the 2019-2020 year of connecting kids/youth/families to Jesus through Relevant Education
- Shepherds/Teachers; Puppeteers; Special Projects Help
- Bring your own lunch
- Activity for children attending with parents
- Please contact Jordan for more information, and to RSVP

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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 — "Always Find A Song"

My brother, Nathan, and I knew the day would finally arrive - and it did. It was as if someone flipped a switch and the skies around our house, were suddenly silent. Oh - we go through this every year, but each time it occurs, we are never fully prepared emotionally. On July 13th, our colony of purple martins began leaving on their long migration journeys south. After almost all of the fledglings were out of their nests, we counted over 80 martins on our electric wires, with many more soaring through the skies. They are very clean birds and carry off their "waste," they eat millions of mosquitoes, and they fill our skies with their beautiful songs - sweet two note whistles, a pleasant clicking, and pretty trills. Their happiness at being here and starting their families seems enough to make them burst into song! When we pay attention, when we really listen, God's Creation is filled with the songs of the music He created. Whether a bird's twittering, the chirrup of a tree frog, the melody of farm animals, the rustle of leaves, the rumble of thunder and crack of lightning - even the silent melody in the brilliant colors of a sunset - there are songs being sung. My sister, Yvette, told me of an old Swedish proverb: "Those who wish to sing, always find a song." How true - yet, too often, we just don't want to sing - we are silent, and isn't that a shame. As God's people, we especially have something, or rather "Someone" to sing about every moment of our lives. Martin Luther said, "Next to the Word of God, music deserves the highest praise." Absolutely! Throughout the Bible, singing is referenced over and over again. God's Word tells us to "Sing to the Lord, you saints of His" (Ps. 30:4). Not just on good days or only with pleasing voices, but just to SING! The Bible even includes an entire book of songs and prayers, the beautiful "Book of Psalms." Moses and the Israelites sang a song after God delivered them from the Egyptians and safely through the Red Sea. Mary sang a song of praise at knowing she would be the Mother of the Messiah, God's own Son. After being severely beaten and thrown into prison, Paul and Silas sang "hymns to God." Our Savior, Jesus, sang a song with His disciples knowing that in just hours He would die, nailed to a cross. And, if we need more proof of the importance our Lord places on singing, hold onto your socks! Zephaniah 3:17, "The Lord your God is with you, He is mighty to save. He will take great delight in you, He will quiet you with His love, He will rejoice over you with singing." WOW! In His boundless Love for us, our Almighty God has a song to sing with joy! His Word remains, His Kingdom is everlasting! Christ, our Savior, has a song to sing! He has saved us (vs. 17), and we are His! No matter what life brings, Jesus loves us, He cares deeply for us, He is ever present, and when we really listen for Him, His peace will sustain us. How can I ever sit quietly when my Savior has given me so much for which to sing, and then, He asks me to join Him in song? As Zephaniah told Israel, so our Lord tells us, "Sing..., shout aloud...! Be glad and rejoice with all your heart" (vs. 14). Our yard is not really quiet by any means. There are still the songs of other birds. It's just not as glorious as when the martins complete the chorus. But we know they will return next February, to again fill our skies with their sweet songs. We also know, with all certainty - someday, our Savior will return to take us home with Him to Heaven. There, we will join with all the saints - and our Lord - in song. And, Oh! What a glorious song, that Song of Heaven will be! With JOY-Filled SINGING in Christ! Duannah

Cooking With Eunice

Quick and Easy Salmon Patties

Sometimes retro recipes are absolutely the best, and this one does not disappoint!

1 can (14 to 16 oz) pink salmon
1 egg
1/3 cup minced onion
1/2 cup flour
1 1/2 tsp. baking powder
black pepper, dill, cayenne (optional)
1/2 cup shortening (for more modern tastes, substitute canola oil)

Drain salmon, but set aside 2 Tbsp. of the juice in a small bowl. In a medium sized mixing bowl, combine salmon, egg and onion until sticky. Stir in the flour. Add the baking powder to the 2 Tbsp. of salmon juice (this will bubble up like a science experiment!). Stir this into the salmon mixture. Add seasonings to taste. Form into small patties (8) and fry until golden brown, about 3 - 5 minutes per side, in medium hot shortening. Serve with tartar sauce or Caesar salad dressing. Or, try topping the patties with this wonderful retro Egg Sauce:

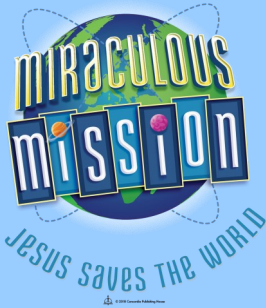
1/3 cup butter
3 Tbsp. flour
1/8 tsp. each: dill, celery salt, garlic powder, dry mustard, and black pepper
1/2 tsp. salt
Pinch cayenne (optional)
1 1/2 cup milk
1 or 2 hard-boiled eggs, diced

Melt butter in a medium skillet over medium high heat, and then whisk in the flour. Cook for 3 minutes. Add the seasonings and cook for another minute or two. Gradually add the milk, whisking to combine while bringing to a low boil, and until sauce thickens. Stir the diced eggs into the milk mixture. Top salmon patties with sauce.



JORDAN BOESSLING

"Sundays in August"



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.

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.

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

Please contact Jordan for more details regarding these opportunities for loving service in August around the greater Austin, and to sign up for respective ones.



Saturday, August 3 - Marbridge: A Whole New Life

2310 Bliss Spillar Rd, Manchaca, 78652 from 9:45 am - 11:15 am
Spend time with residents making arts and crafts



Saturday, August 10 - Goodwill Central Texas Greenworks: Empowering People to Work

8965 Research Boulevard, Austin, 78758 from 10 am - 12 noon
Volunteers must be 6 or older
De-manufacture computers



Saturday, August 17 - Hope Family Thrift Store/ADRN: Provide Disaster Relief (TBD)

1122 E 51st St, Austin, 78723 from 10 am - 12 noon
Volunteers must be 10 or older
12 volunteer spots
Help with thrift store tasks



Saturday, August 31 - Bookspring: Launching Children into a World of Reading

2006 Greenbrook Pkwy, Austin, 78723 from 10 am - 12 noon
Volunteers must be 10 or older
4 volunteer spots
Sort and label books

The American Council of the Blind of Texas is having their state convention in Austin, TX from August 15th through August 18th and needs volunteers for various 3-4hr shifts. Contact Jordan for more info.

Thrivent Financial Seminars

- *Savvy Social Security Planning!*
 - *Parents, Teens and Money Matters*
- *See bulletin board in office hallway



Rally Day

Sunday, September 15

Help on Saturday morning, September 14 to prepare for the meal and our fellowship

Starting Sunday, August 18 after both Worship Services - Purchase Meal Tickets: (\$8/adults; \$4/children 5-12 years ago) Sign up for shifts: Meal, Bingo, Cake Walk, Carnival Games, Country Store,

Bread for All Food Drive – During the month of August we will have our food drive for Bread for All. The food will be blessed on August 25th and delivered on August 26th.

Foods always needed and in short supply are: stewed, diced or canned whole tomatoes, Raman Noodles, or other soups, canned pinto beans or refried beans. Of course, any food items are a blessing to receive.

If you have any questions feel free to contact Jean Linderman at 512-280-5024 or Mildred Westfall at 512-385-6609.

Sponsored by: Thrivent Action Team



5th Annual SoCo Pumpkin Patch at Christ Lutheran Church



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

Hours of Operation from October 10-31 (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

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

North of the city of Elgin, there is a ranch with a special ministry to 42 adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD). These folks live at Down Home Ranch, a working ranch that fosters community, fuels social enterprise and inspires joy for people living with IDD.

Down Home Ranch is a working farm and ranch, founded in 1989 by parents of a young daughter born with Down syndrome four years prior. The Ranch supports their mission through a day program, summer camps, respite programs and various styles of residential homes. Residents are provided vocational skills training and paid employment, both on and off the Ranch. One area of specialized training includes plant care in the eleven commercial greenhouses on the Ranch. Flowers are produced for sale seasonally, especially in the late fall, when they produce poinsettias for many Austin-area churches and other organizations. Another important program at the Ranch is an art expression program.

Down Home Ranch 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. For more information about Down Home Ranch, please see www.downhomeranch.org.



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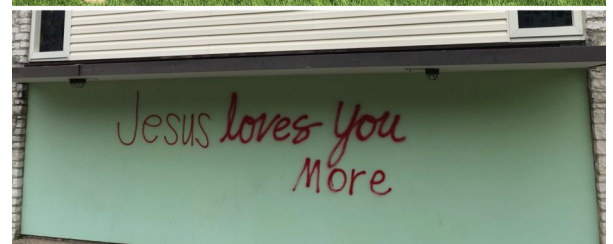
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2019 LCMS Youth Gathering



Youth Gathering 2019



Jesus loves you more!

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.



Stewardship 1 Corinthians 7:23-24

You were bought at a price; do not become slaves of men. Brothers, each man, as responsible to God, should remain in the situation God called him to.



YOU HAD ME AT "VACATION"
BUT LOST ME AT "SCHOOL".

Our Spiritual Compass

But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all truth. John 16:13a (NIV)

Based on John 16:12-15 (NIV)



W C H D X O P L L O P O A K X
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U B A C Z L Y B J Y U M O R E
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SAY	KNOWN	BELONG	TELL	HEARS
GUIDE	COME	BEAR	FATHER	TRUTH
SPEAK	MUCH	GLORY	SPIRIT	MORE

August Birthdays

Fred Frieling	8/3
Scott Mitchell	8/5
Dexter Juszczak	8/6
Caitlin Rowlette	8/7
Bob Wiley	8/11
Sara Calvo	8/13
Sherri Shadrock	8/13
Lindsey Sermons	8/15
Mark Ziehr	8/16
Tyler Hentschke	8/18
Micka Ziehr	8/18
Belinda Reveles	8/19
Tracy Ristow	8/19
Clayton Pillack	8/23
Dana Magruder	8/24
Kevin Craig	8/28
LeMorris Galbreath	8/29
Mehkiya Batts	8/31

August Anniversaries

Bob & Jean Wiley
8/11/1979

Rev. John & Pachalin Stennfeld
8/13/1989

Michael & Cindy Zieschang
8/15/1987

Frank & Joyce Veloz
8/16/1968

Harold & Shirley Hoes
8/18/1962

Albert & Jane Carrion
8/20/1988

Richard & Connie Ziehr
8/25/1957



AUGUST 4

- Flowers: Harold Hoes
- Tellers: P. Hamil / J. Wiley
- 8:15am: Lector: Mark Herber
Acolyte:
- 10:45am: Lector: Norma Nanyes
Acolyte: Ben Ristow
- Communion Guild:
- 8:15am: LeMorris Galbreath
- 10:45am: Debbie and Eric Harrison
- Fellowship: Stella and Patricia J.

AUGUST 18

- Flowers: In Honor of Albert & Jane Carrions Wedding Anniversary
- Tellers: P. Bost / S. Etter
- 8:15am: Lector: Jessica Engs
Acolyte:
- 10:45am: Lector: Phil Etter
Acolyte: Katherine Werchan
- Communion Guild:
- 8:15am: Felix and Louise Alexander
- 10:45am: Doug and Deborah Bynum
- Fellowship: Don & Gwendy Lewis

ELDERS:

8:15am: Roy Pietsch
10:45am: Tommie Craig

AUGUST 11

- Flowers: Duannah Ashmore
- Tellers: P. Hamil / J. Wiley
- 8:15am: Lector: Paul Kern
Acolyte:
- 10:45am: Lector: Gary Lippe
Acolyte: Emily Richter
- Communion Guild:
- 8:15am: Kimberly and Benjamin Schaare
- 10:45am: Jared Juscak
- Fellowship: The Stennfelds

AUGUST 25

- Flowers: Given by Clyde Crow in memory of his wife, Lavern Larson Crow
- Tellers: P. Bost / S. Etter
- 8:15am: Lector: Clayton Pillack
Acolyte: Katy Herber
- 10:45am: Lector: Bob Wiley
Acolyte: Seth Werchan
- Communion Guild:
- 8:15am:
- 10:45am: Mary Karotkin, Gerald and Ellen

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**

