

Christ Lutheran Church

The People of Christ Sharing the Love of Christ



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Pastor John

Dear Friends,

As we head into a new month we do so with some major expenses before us as a congregation, expenses we will discuss and vote upon at our special voters' meeting to be held on Sunday, February 16, directly following the 10:45am worship, in the Sanctuary. The two major expenditures to be discussed and voted upon are the bids for fixing our ever leaking roof (over our classrooms, office, conference room, and conference room hallway), and the bids to replace/fix our broken audio/visual system in the sanctuary.

We need your input, and your commitment, to make these projects happen. As members of the body of Christ at Christ Lutheran Church, we have been entrusted with this house of worship and this place of learning/fellowship. It belongs to the Lord, but its care and usage He has entrusted to us. Thus it is important for all of us to be involved in the decision making process of how to best care for and use these facilities, and it is up to each of us to help pay for it as we return offerings to the Lord in a way that truly honors Him and honors the magnitude of His blessings given to us. And so I encourage you to come be a part of this decision making process to care for our facilities on February 16, and I also encourage you to be a part of the ongoing process of paying for the care of our facilities through your tithes and offerings.



PASTOR JOHN STENNFELD

May God continue to bless us that we might continue to be a blessing.

In Christ,
Pastor John

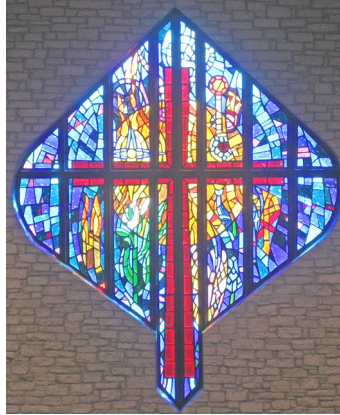


Happy 20th Anniversary at Christ, Pastor!

Special Voter's Meeting

On Sunday, February 16th directly after the 10:45am worship service in the sanctuary to discuss major capital expenditures for the roof and the sanctuary sound system. Please plan to attend this very important congregation meeting.

Thank you



Join Us!

Hey all, Christ's Friends is looking for some folks to host an activity for one of the months in 2020 (except for March, it has already been spoken for). If you would be willing to think of an activity and to be our host for the month, or if you have any questions, please contact Sue Etter at 512-280 3811, suetter@juno.com, or suetter1@gmail.com. Please note that Sue's gmail address in the church directory is not correct. Christ's Friend's is open to all, though some activities are more geared toward adult fellowship while others are more family friendly. Come join us (or host an activity and we'll come join YOU!) Also, please note that Christ's Friends maintains an informal email list, so if you'd like to be on that email list, please make Sue aware of that also. (It makes it easier for her to nag everyone at once!!!)

Dear Christ Lutheran Church,

Your gift of 40 gifts for the Angel Tree project to Foster in Texas (FIT) provides initiatives and resources designed to help build a brighter future for thousands of Texas Children.

Thanks to friends like you, we are making a positive impact in the lives of children and families across the state of Texas. Last year, we connected more than 1,750 children with loving foster families through our 14 FIT offices.

We could not accomplish our mission to break the cycle of child abuse by empowering children, families and communities without your help.

With my deepest gratitude,

Loren Riemer

Vice President, Development Operations Upbring

Letter from the President

This past January we celebrated Pastor John's 20th anniversary of his installation here. We are so blessed to have him as our Pastor and we look forward too many more years of service to Christ Lutheran. A video honoring Pastor John is posted on the church's website, I suggest if you have not seen it you should check it out. One of our congregation's great fellowship opportunities is the annual Super Bowl-of-Chili Cook-off on Sunday February 2nd beginning at 5 pm. Even if you don't want to enter the cook-off, come watch the game, share some snacks, and be a chili judge. I encourage you to participate along with the Kingdom Quest kids in our Souper Bowl of Caring food drive supporting the Bread for All Food Pantry which serves our neighbors. We will be collecting food through Sunday, February 2nd. Finally, don't forget to regularly check our website or follow us on Facebook (look for "Christ Austin 78704") for the latest information or to watch one of Pastor's sermons. We are also on Twitter (@ChristATX78704).

- David Schaare



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 — "A Love Letter to A Church"

My Dear Church, it is with joy and love that I type this letter to you. Yes, I am writing to you - a property, a building with walls and doors, a roof and floors - but there is an aura about you that speaks of something more. There is a welcoming strength, a peace about you. So often on Sunday mornings as I walk under the majestic oaks which shield your portico, your front door swings open and someone greets me with a smile! Inside, there are almost too many hugs to be had - and given - and kind words of greeting, leading to a last-minute dash to a pew as the prelude ends and the Pastor rises! I prepare for worship with a prayer and raise my eyes to gaze upon your magnificent stained-glass window which silently tells of the Unfailing Love of God. Your walls hold so much beautiful work by artists in various media. If I only pause to look and listen, it whispers the many names of my Savior. Even your kitchen speaks to my senses with the many fellowship meals lovingly served by faithful women and men - many now only memories in my heart. In your halls, I hear voices of those seeing to administrative needs, of Sunday School teachers and children, of a Pastor in his office with someone in need, of a choir rehearsing. There's a comfort in all of this that cannot be found anywhere other than right here, in you, my dear church. Forgive me, but too often it is easier to simply stay away from you. Oh, I have many excuses: I'm tired, it's too cold and rainy, I have other plans, I won't be missed, so-and-so hurt my feelings, my needs are no longer being met, I can find God anywhere. This past Sunday morning, most of your welcoming pews did remain empty. We began our worship by singing "Songs of Thankfulness and Praise," and it struck me how very vulnerable we are when singing next to someone, which creates a beautiful intimacy. As I responded to Pastor's call for the "confession of our sins to our gracious heavenly Father," I heard us tell each other, as we told God, that "we have not always been good friends, and our thoughts are not always pure." Did I really admit this to my fellow worshippers? As I confessed my belief in the Triune God with those same people, I felt drawn into something much larger than myself. I looked toward your pulpit to receive my Savior in the Word and then consumed my Savior's body and blood in the bread and wine - all in communion with the People of Christ. The People of Christ! Yes, my sweet church, I love you, but it is the people within you that makes you so dear, for you see, they are all important parts of one body - the Body of Christ, The Church with Christ as its Head. We are told, "in fact God has arranged the parts in the body, every one of them, just as He wanted them to be" (1 Cor. 12:18). This body is a living organism made up of people of different shapes and sizes and color, with singing voices good and not so good, with talents to make music, to read lessons, to make coffee, to usher, to Elder, to light the candles, to teach, to . . . to forgive, pray for and love each other. These people "were all baptized by one Spirit into one body" (1 Cor. 12:13) to encourage and build each other up even as the Holy Spirit strengthens and prepares them to be reflections of the Savior's Love to everyone they meet! My dear church, you are a blessing, a gift from the Heavenly Father. Each time I come to you, I experience the "something more" within you. It is reflected in the faces, the voices, and the touch of my sisters and brothers in Christ - God's people, united in the Savior's Love, and - I am reminded of how important and precious they all are to me. With love, Duannah

Cooking With Eunice

♥ The Recipe for last month, January 2020, was printed incorrectly, so we are including it again. It's that good and definitely worth making! Sorry for any problems this may have caused you.

Mom's Milk Rice

1 1/3 - 1 1/2 c. white rice

1 tsp. salt

1 Tbsp. butter

3 c. water

2 Tbsp. butter

1 (12 oz.) can evaporated milk

1/2 c. sugar

1/4 tsp. cinnamon (or more to taste)

1 stick butter

Put the first 4 ingredients (rice, salt, 1 T. butter, water) into a large pot & bring to a boil. Cover & lower heat. Simmer 15 mins. Fluff with a fork.

Add the next 4 ingredients (2 T. butter, canned milk, sugar, cinnamon). Stir to combine, cover & continue to simmer - folding gently & often to keep from burning. Do not over stir. Do this until milk is absorbed (about 10 minutes). Remove from heat. In a separate small frying pan, brown 1 stick of butter. Watch closely so it does not burn. Turn milk rice out into serving dish. Sprinkle it with additional cinnamon & sugar - do not stir. Pour hot browned butter over the top. (You may gently poke a few holes into the rice so the browned butter can infuse it nicely.)



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.



Happy New Year 2020

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

Our Lifelight Bible Study on the book of Judges began on January 16th, and ends on March 12th. We meet at 10 am on Thursday mornings in Room 7 & 8. Please contact Jordan for more information.



Thursday Morning Bible Study

Volunteer with Down Home Ranch

On Saturday, February 8 from 9 am - 12 noon, we'll be helping Down Home Ranch (downhomeranch.org) with a spring planting event in their greenhouse located at 20250 FM 619, Elgin, TX, 78621. The project will be a large assembly line with unique jobs, such as: Fill pots with dirt; Push carts thru the line; Put plant in pots; Watering station; Attach hangers; Set pots on tables; Arrange pots in a given pattern; Insert waterlines. We are in need of 10 or more volunteers. We'll also hear from the Head Grower about the mission of the Ranch - "Empowering the lives of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities through social, educational, residential and vocational opportunities." Please contact Jordan, or Pastor John, for more information, and to commit to serving there that morning.

Volunteer with Texas Ramp Project

Building Freedom for the Homebound

Saturday, February 22nd at 8 am - 12 noon

Build a wheelchair ramp

Volunteers must be 16 or older

www.texasramps.org

Please contact Jordan for details (including regarding location in Manor), and to sign up to serve.

Volunteer with Bookspring

Launching Children into a World of Reading

Saturday, February 29 (Leap Day!)

9 am - 11 am

2006 Greenbrook Pkwy, Austin, 78723

Sort and label books

Volunteers must be 10 or older

7 volunteer spots

www.bookspring.org

Please contact Jordan for details and to sign up to serve.

Eunice Guild

All ladies are invited to be with other Women of Faith in a time of loving devotion sponsored by the ladies of the Eunice Guild, on Tuesday, Feb. 18th, at 12:00 Noon, in Rms 7/8. It has been awhile since we gathered, so please remember to bring any mites you may have collected. It will be so good to spend time in this sweet fellowship again!



15th Annual Austin & Central Texas Senior Fest!

Date: Saturday, February 1, 2020 - 8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Location: Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church (ELCA), Austin
Keynote Speaker: The Rev. Michael Newman, President of the Texas District, LC-MS
Keynote Topic: "Getting Through It: Facing an Uphill Life with God's Gifts."

Seniors, come join other area Lutheran seniors in February for a fun-filled day of joy, learning, and inspiration! Brochures are available in the narthex and the church office. For additional information, to download a PDF version of the brochure, or to register online, visit our new secure website, <https://sites.google.com/view/austinseniorfest/home>—for more information or questions, contact David Austin at 512-939-4010 or my e-mail at austinseniorfest@gmail.com

Super Bowl-of-Chili Cook-off Party

Come join us Sunday, February 2nd, at 5 pm, for our annual Chili-Cook-Off held in the Fellowship Hall. Bring a snack to share and try your hand at cooking a pot of the red stuff (chili). We'll be watching the big pro football game, and snacking/eating/judging chili entries during half-time. There will be a prize provided for the winner of the chili cook-off, and with no obligation for the winner to host the event the next time around. Soda/lemonade/tea will be provided. Contact Jordan with questions. We look forward to seeing you all there for this fun fellowship event.

Souper Bowl of Caring

The Sundays leading up to the big pro football game present an opportunity for us to collect cans and containers of soup for the Bread for All Food Pantry. Chip in during the last "quarter" of our food drive: 4th Quarter—February 2 by bringing these items to the metal soup container, and table, that will be outside the Tree House Room 1&2 that Sunday of the big pro football game.



Lenten Soup Schedule

All lunches will be served with a salad, cookies, and tea/water.

Please consider donating cookies for the noon meals. Label them with, "For Lenten Soup Lunch".

Ash Wednesday, February 26th, 2020 - David and Kim Schaare Chicken Noodle
Wednesday, March 4th, 2020 - Louise Alexander TBD
Wednesday, March 11th, 2020 - Pach Stennfeld Asian Soup
Wednesday, March 18th, 2020 - Ellen Decker Goulash Soup
Wednesday, March 25th, 2020 - Cindy Z Beef Stew
Wednesday, April 1st, 2020 - Mildred Westfall Chicken Corn Chowder
Thursday, April 9th, 2020 - Donn Trautner Sloppy Joes



Men's Discipleship

We will continue 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 Tuesday, February the 18th, at 7:30 P.M in the Christ's Workshop. Please contact Tim, or Jordan, for information.



Men's Discipleship Study



Sharing the Love of Christ



Marbridge Ranch



Winter time



Late Service Fellowship Refreshments



Reception honoring Pastor John



Holy Baptism



Holy Matrimony





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Stewardship

Malachi 3:8-10

"Will a man rob God? Yet you rob me.

"But you ask, 'How do we rob you?'

"In tithes and offerings. 9 You are under a curse-the whole nation of you-because you are robbing me. 10 Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this," says the LORD Almighty, "and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that you will not have room enough for it.

February Birthdays

Tommy Taylor	2/1
Valerie Kanetzky	2/4
Donn Trautner	2/7
Richard Fletcher	2/8
David Schaare	2/8
Justin Medina	2/9
Nora Juszczak	2/10
Davis Magruder	2/10
Phil Etter	2/11
Sonny Mitchell	2/11
Freddie Richter	2/11
Maria Calvo	2/14
Lisa Castille	2/14
Albert Carrion, Jr	2/15
Joyce Veloz	2/15
Matthew Ristow	2/16
Frank Veloz	2/16
Michael Zieschang	2/20
Joe Albert Aguilera	2/21
Jean Cano	2/21
Barbara Craig	2/22
Jo Kautz	2/26
Joseph Calvo	2/27
Kimberly Schaare	2/27
Sarah Zieschang	2/29



With Grateful Hearts for Pastor John's 20 Years
Shepherding the People of Christ

February Anniversaries

Chuck & Jena Cazzola
2/13/2012

Alan & Alice Werchan
2/17/1996



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February 2020

February 2nd

Flowers: Given by Ben Schaare in honor of David Schaare's Birthday

Tellers: M. Moore / A. Moore

8:15am: Lector: Mark Herber

10:45am: Lector: Norma Nanyes

Acolyte: Ben Ristow

Communion Guild:

8:15am: Kimberly and Benjamin Schaare

10:45am: Daniel Albers

Fellowship: Patricia Jaimes & Stella Campos

February 9th

Flowers: Given by Jenna Carpenter

Tellers: M. Moore / A. Moore

8:15am: Lector: Paul Kern

10:45am: Lector: Gary Lippe
Acolyte: Emily Richter

Communion Guild:

8:15am: Felix and Louise Alexander

10:45am: Donald and Gwendy Lewis

Fellowship: Pachalin Stennfeld

February 16th

Flowers: Given by the Zieschang Family

Tellers: M. Tolerico / T. Tolerico

8:15am: Lector:

10:45am: Lector: Phil Etter

Acolyte: Matt Ristow

Communion Guild:

8:15am: LeMorris Galbreath

10:45am: Yolanda Faulkner

Fellowship:

February 23rd

Flowers: Given by Ron & Jo Kautz

Tellers: M. Tolerico / T. Tolerico

8:15am: Lector: Clayton Pillack

Acolyte: Katy Herber

10:45am: Lector: Divina Stennfeld

Communion Guild:

8:15am:

10:45am: Ronnie and Bryan Richter

Fellowship: Don and Gwendy Lewis

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.



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.

ELDERS:

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

*** Flowers will be donated**