

# Christ Lutheran Church

The People of Christ Sharing the Love of Christ

November 2020



Dear Friends,

As God's people were in their Babylonian captivity, Jeremiah wrote to them to give them words of hope and courage from God. In the 29th chapter of his prophecy, we read the words: "This is what the LORD says: 'When seventy years are completed for Babylon, I will come to you and fulfill my gracious promise to bring you back to this place. For I know the plans I have for you,' declares the LORD, 'plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.'"

As we spend these days and weeks and months (I hope not years but who knows) in our Covid-19 captivity, I believe that God would have us to believe the same thing that his people in Babylon were told to believe . . . namely that God has plans to give us "peace and a hopeful end" (the literal translation of the Hebrew text).

And thus as we approach Thanksgiving, we still have so much for which to be thankful . . . both as a church family and as individual Christians. Though some of our freedoms and joys and activities have been taken away from us, yet we are still so blessed in so many ways, if for no other reason than that we still have Jesus and the promise of his peace that passes all understanding. May we all thus have a very blessed and gratitude filled Thanksgiving season. Please remember that our special Thanksgiving service will be on Wednesday, November 25th, at 7:00 p.m. I hope to see you there.

To God be the Glory,  
Pastor John

## Confirmation

Please note that on November 15 we will be performing the Rite of Confirmation for Matthew Ristow, the son of Tim and Tracy Ristow, during our 9:30 a.m. worship service. Matthew will also be presenting a statement of faith that he has prepared to the congregation as a witness of his readiness to be confirmed. I hope that many of you will be able to join us for this worship so that we, as a body of Christ, can warmly welcome Matthew into our adult community of faith.

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**Marbridge Volunteer  
Group of the Year**



**PASTOR  
JOHN  
STENNFELD**

## WHAT'S INSIDE

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*Please view back page for  
guidelines on returning to  
the sanctuary for service.*

## Stewardship

Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God--this is your spiritual act of worship.  
Romans 12:1





## Letter from the President

As we enter November, we are still under the guidelines of social distancing and very limited activity at church. It is nice to see that more members are starting to attend church in person, but there is still room for more to attend. As we enter the month of November, we should all stop and take some time to reflect on how grateful we are for our countless blessings. Too often we take for granted how blessed we are to live in a nation where we are free to worship – many are not as lucky. Also, despite the current events and circumstances that are occurring in our nation and world, we should take time to thank God for the many blessings that he has provided to us personally as well as Christ Lutheran church.

In November, the council will meet to develop the proposed budget for 2021. We will also be looking at who will be on the church council. If asked to serve, please prayerfully consider doing so. It takes the combined efforts of all of us to keep Christ Lutheran moving forward, loving, and serving. Approval of the budget and election of officers will take place at a yet-to-be-determined December voters' assembly.

Please continue to keep Christ Lutheran Church in your prayers as well as Pastor John and Jordan as they continue to bring the word of God to us every Sunday. One final note, even though the way we attend church might have changed, the financial needs have not, so please continue to contribute to the church so that we can continue to bring the word of God not only to the members of Christ Lutheran Church, but to those that might find our website or our YouTube channel.

David Schaare  
President

### Angel Tree Project

We are blessed to partner with Upbring once again this Christmas season on the Angel Tree Project. This is a tradition at Christ where we have the opportunity to buy and bring in wish list gifts for the children living in foster homes served by Upbring. We'll have the angel tree displayed with ornaments starting Sunday, November 15th, and we'll be collecting the presents thru the morning of December 6th. More details to follow. Please contact Jordan with questions. Thanks for your support!

### Paul's Missionary Journeys |

The Men's Study Group continues our study on Paul's Missionary Journeys on November 3rd at 7:30 pm. We will continue our study via Zoom online. We are using "Bringing the Gospel to the Ends of the Earth: Paul's Missionary Journeys" from CPH's online video bible study series and also "Which Way, Lord?" by Rob Fuquay as resources. We will continue where we left off after our first session. Being Election Night, we'll keep our session at an hour for those who want to break away to watch election results. Contact Tim Ristow or Jordan to receive details on how to get connected via Zoom.

### Christ Lutheran Social Media

- ✚ Go to Facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/Christ-Austin-78704-121095017909219/> especially to tune into Facebook Live streaming of our Worship services, and Pastor's Discipleship class
- ✚ Go to Twitter - <https://twitter.com/ChristATX78704> especially to read Bible verses that also get posted on Facebook during the week
- ✚ Go to [www.christaustin.org](http://www.christaustin.org) - click on 'YouTube' for videos of Pastor John's sermons and hymns from the previous Sunday; and be encouraged by "Songs of Our Faith"



### 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.*

### Creative Communication and Community Connections



Please contact Jordan for more information ...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.



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## Eunice Guild

November 2020

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.

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Eunice Guild.



### Meditation —

#### THE "GUARANTEE"

Our Dad was a storyteller. Some of his stories were absolutely true, some were stretched a bit, and some were sheer foolishness, but he had a way of bringing them to life. More importantly, each one had a lesson to tell. We loved his stories which he continued to share until the day he died. Dad was in the Army Air Corps during the final years of WWII, stationed at Ardmore Army Airfield in Oklahoma. There, men with specialty training, were assembled into B-26 and B-17 aircraft combat crews to finish their training before being shipped to Europe. Dad was a Master Sergeant mechanic in a unit that maintained and repaired the planes. He especially loved the B-17 Flying Fortress. He spoke very little of those years, but he often told us how he took great care to be sure any plane he worked on, left the hangar ready to fly, all the way to Europe and beyond if necessary. He said that after he had released a plane, he knew it wouldn't be long until he heard, "Alright Sergeant, let's go!" He'd grab his flight gear and run to a waiting jeep, or peddle his bike as fast as he could, out to the tarmac. Up into the B-17 he'd swing himself and into the nose gunner's bubble where he loved to ride. By this point in the story, Dad was in full motion, and we could feel the shaking of the plane's engines roaring to life, the way the propellers began to turn, the banking of the wings in flight. We flew with him in his memories over the sprawling Arbuckle Mountains and rolling plains as the magnificent plane soared! "But Dad, why did you have to be in the plane?" "Well," he answered, "I was the pilots' guarantee. They figured if I knew I'd have to fly in their plane, I'd make sure it was prepared, and safe!" St. Paul told the Corinthians about another "guarantee," saying "Now it is God who . . . put His Spirit in our hearts as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come" (2 Cor. 1:21, 22). And he said, "He who has prepared us for this very thing is GOD; who has given us the Spirit as a guarantee. So we are always of good courage. We walk by faith, not by sight" (5:5-7). Greater than my Dad's B-17's, these beautiful verses make my heart soar! In my eyes, Dad was a great man, and I know, a great mechanic - but he was only a man. Yet, the pilots put their trust in the work he did. They did the job to which they were called - to serve and protect their country. They climbed into those planes with great courage and flew! My Heavenly Father and Creator, the One who says, "I am GOD, and there is no other!" (Is. 46:9), has prepared me for the job to which I have been called, that is to be His Child, and to glorify Him. In my Baptism, He placed in me the best Guarantee - His Holy Spirit. I trust the work He does through the gift of my faith in the work my Savior did! And, the Spirit's maintenance is powerful! I am "being renewed day by day" (2 Cor. 4:16)! I am prepared! In Christ, I can rise every morning, step out into the day, and "soar" with great courage no matter what may come! Every November 11<sup>th</sup>, we observe Veteran's Day, a day to honor all of those who have served in the U.S. Armed Forces. This November 11<sup>th</sup>, I will think of my Dad, the pilots' "guarantee," and give thanks to God for the gift of my Dad and all Veterans who serve to protect us and our freedoms. I will thank God for my Guarantee, His Holy Spirit, who gives and maintains my faith and sets me free to live this life with courage and to serve in love. And, I will praise Him for His Guarantee that He is present in my life every day, all the way and beyond, even to the eternal glory I will know with my Savior!

*With Joy in Christ! Duannah*

### Cooking With Eunice

#### No-bake Pumpkin Cheesecake

*Thank you to my sister, Yvette, for cutting this out of a magazine and sharing!*

#### Ingredients:

1 package (11.1 oz) no -  
bake cheesecake mix  
1/3 cup butter, melted  
2 Tbsp. sugar  
3/4 cup milk  
3/4 cup canned pumpkin  
1 tsp ground cinnamon  
1/4 tsp ground cloves  
Whipped topping (like Cool Whip)  
Additional cinnamon, optional

#### Directions:

1. Set aside filling mix packet from cheesecake. Combine the contents of the crust mix packet with butter and sugar. Press onto the bottom and up the sides of a 9-inch pie plate. Refrigerate for at least 10 minutes.
2. While crust chills, combine the contents of filling mix packet, milk, pumpkin, cinnamon, and cloves in a large bowl. Beat on medium speed for three minutes.
3. Pour filling into the crust. Chill at least one hour. Top with whipped topping and sprinkle with cinnamon if desired.







## November Birthdays

Dorothy Traugott	11/1
Jerry Decker	11/2
Bryan Richter	11/4
Yolanda Faulkner	11/6
Joe Campos	11/7
Berrick Juszczak	11/8
Andy Hentschke	11/9
Linda Ihlo	11/9
Mildred Westfall	11/12
Pete Fay	11/15
Ron Kautz	11/16
Christina Juszczak	11/17
Elizabeth Chapman	11/18
Felix Alexander	11/20
Alice Werchan	11/20
David Cano	11/23
Ronnie Richter	11/25

## November Anniversaries

Gary & Vicki Lippe  
11/25/1994

## November Flower Chart

Given by...

November 1

Mary Karotkin

November 8

Dorothy Traugott

November 15

Ellen Decker

November 22

In honor of Betty Shaw  
by her children

## Guidelines for In-Person Worship at Christ

We ask all those who plan to attend the worship service or discipleship class to:

- † Avoid all handshaking, hugging, or touching of any kind with those outside their family.
- † Bring a mask and wear it at all times within our facilities (except when receiving the Lord's Supper).
- † Maintain social distancing at all times while entering/exiting/attending our worship and/or discipleship class.
- † Please do not touch/handle/use any of the hymnals for any purpose (hymns/liturgies will be printed in the bulletin).
- † Please wash and/or sanitize your hands often while in attendance at Christ (i.e. entering the sanctuary, prior to Holy Communion, leaving the sanctuary).
- † Please do not gather in the narthex, sanctuary, or hallways to talk before or after worship.
- † Please wait for your row to be dismissed at the end of worship and proceed to exit the building (unless you are attending the discipleship study or using the restroom).
- † Please do not attend worship if you have any signs of illness (i.e. elevated temperature, sore throat, coughing, body aches, etc).
- † Err on the side of caution – be respectful of others' fears and precautions
- † Come prepared to praise and thank God for bringing us back together, and continue to ask God to protect us as we once again gather for worship.

## Sunday Morning Schedule (until further notice)

### Worship at 9:30 am

(For in-person attendance & streamed via Facebook Live)

### Pastor's Discipleship Class at 10:45 am

(For in-person attendance & streamed via Facebook Live)

