

Christ Lutheran Church



The People of Christ Sharing the Love of Christ

September 2020

Dear family of Christ,

As we enter into September, we do so in a whole new way. Generally, this time each year, we see our children head back to school and our roads head back to full capacity. Generally we kick off the new year of discipleship classes with a wonderful Rally Day full of faith, food, and fun. Generally, by September, we are knee deep in preparations for our yearly neighborhood pumpkin patch and making plans and reservations for our fall servant activities.

Generally we enter this season of the year with great excitement and a calendar full of activities. But not this year. This year the kids have not “gone” back to school. This year there will be no Rally Day, or Pumpkin Patch, or servant activities. This year our campus sets empty through the week and our sanctuary is largely empty on Sunday. A lot has changed for us this year.

But one thing has remained the same, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Hebrews 13:8 states: “Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, and today, and forever.” He is still our Savior from sin. He is still our shelter from the storm. He is still the solid rock upon which we can build our lives. He is still our ever present help in time of trouble. He is still our good shepherd, our mighty fortress, and the stronghold of our lives. Nothing about him or his care for us or his protection over us has changed, can change, or will change. He and his sovereignty over this world and our lives will always be the same. Thus no matter how much our lives, and even our ministry here at Christ, have changed, our Lord Jesus is, and always will be, the same.

May we each move forward in faith knowing that the rock upon which we have built our lives is as strong and immovable today as ever, and always will be. To God be the glory.

In Christ,
Pastor John



**PASTOR
JOHN
STENNFELD**

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



July 26, 2020





Letter from the President

The Coronavirus continues to keep activities at church limited to worship and Discipleship class. It is great to see more of our members start to attend church in person. I would like to let everyone know there is still room for more in person attendance. As a church we have strict guidelines in place for those in attendance to keep everyone safe. We also continue to offer church and discipleship class via Facebook live. In Discipleship class we continue to study the book of Mark. Feel free to join us in person or via Facebook live.

Please continue to keep Christ Lutheran church in your prayers as Pastor John and Jordan 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 Church Lutheran, but to those that might find our website or our YouTube channel.

David Schaare

Paul's Missionary Journeys - The Men's Study Group will resume on September 8 at 7:30 pm. We will begin the study meeting via Zoom online once again. This allows more of our men to join us and participate. Our study this year will use "Bringing the Gospel to the Ends of the Earth: Paul's Missionary Journeys" from CPH's online video Bible study series. In addition we will use "Which Way, Lord?" by Rob Fuquay as an additional resource. We will examine finding purpose and meaning in our lives using events from Paul's journeys (and, of course, God's Word) and relate them to the journeys our own lives are taking today. Join us online! Zoom invite instructions will be sent out prior to our first meeting. Please contact Tim Ristow, or Jordan, with any questions.

Stewardship

Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share.

1 Timothy 6:17-18

Christ Lutheran Social Media

- ✚ Go to [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/Christ-Austin-78704-121095017909219/) - <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) - <https://twitter.com/ChristATX78704> especially to read Bible verses that also get posted on Facebook during the week
- ✚ Go to 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

September 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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by the Women of the
Eunice Guild.



Beginning in 2015, I went through over a year of intense specialized therapy. I was blessed to have an extraordinary occupational therapist who showed me how to live - not with limitations, but in spite of them. Shortly after his high school graduation, he was in an automobile accident which left him paralyzed from just above the waist down. He sat in a wheelchair, powered only by his strong arms. The gym where we worked was surrounded by busy streets with few parking spaces, and even fewer handicap accessible for the modified vehicle he drove. One day, I saw him flying down the sidewalk in his chair (he was a few minutes late). Around the corner he sped perfectly in control, across the parking lot, and through the automatic doors into the building. So, during our session, I asked him why he did not have an assigned close and safe parking space. He answered, "Those should be kept for people who really need them!" That's the kind of guy he was. He was also a very happy dad and husband as "cellphone picture time" proved. He told me his little girl was a strong and accomplished swimmer, but grinning, he said he had a bit more training to do. He had noticed something funny about the way she swam in their pool, and watching more closely, he realized she was swimming by using only her arms - no leg paddling! Daddy was her example. She watched and wanted to be like him! Over our months together, he became an example to me also. You see, he lived his life not as a slave to his disabilities, but as a person freed to the potentials of his abilities. In this respect, I desired to be more like him. In the August 2020 "Lutheran Witness," there is an article titled "Social Media Politics, Speaking as A Christian In the Chaos," written by Peter Slayton, the LCMS social media manager. There were a few lines that gave me pause - well, they brought me to a screeching halt! See what you think: ["Who am I? I am a Christian - a little Christ."](#) WOW! "A little Christ?" I guess I never really thought of myself that way. The writer finishes his thought with, "Baptized, justified, sanctified and awaiting His return, I am Christ's own. That's who I am." "A little Christ" is not about what I do, but rather about what Christ has done for, and in, me! It's ALL about His suffering, death and resurrection - His great LOVE. Paul told the Corinthians, "The Lord Almighty says, 'I will be a Father to you, and you will be my sons and daughters'" (2 Cor 6:18). Through the Water and Word of Baptism, God is my Father, and in love, I do want to be like Him. So, how do I do that? Through faith by the power of the Holy Spirit! And, I have the most amazing Example to follow! At Jesus' Last Supper with His disciples, He told them, "I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you" (John 13:15). He also said, "Anyone who has seen Me has seen the Father" (John 14:9). If I want an example of how to be "a little Christ," I only need delve into God's Word to see my Savior's life of humility, service, and great love for others. Truthfully, those qualities are not always easy, especially in troubling times, but I think that's when it's most important to strive to live as "a little Christ." It is then that others - the world - are more likely to watch how Christians react. What contentment, joy and hope does our God have to offer? How great is He really? Oh, my! What amazingly wonderful things about my Savior there are to share with others! And prayerfully, my life can be an example! Everything I do and say is a reflection of who I am, and knowing this, I loudly proclaim, "Who am I? I am a Christian - [a little Christ!!](#)" *With Joy in Christ! Duannah* .

SAUERKRAUT CORN RELISH

The taste of this simple, simple relish is AMAZING! Serve it on hot dogs or at your next bar-b-que. It's a topping, or even a side, that goes great with almost anything! My sweet sister, Yvette, adapted this winning recipe from the Texas Co-op Power magazine to reflect our family's favorite tastes, and recommended including it in this month's newsletter. You will thank her for this one!

1 can (14.5 oz) sauerkraut
2/3 cup sugar
1/2 cup vegetable oil
1/4 cup apple cider vinegar
1/2 tsp. celery seeds
1 can (15.25 oz) whole kernel corn, drained
1/3 cup chopped red and/or green bell pepper
2 Tbsp. chopped onion
1 tsp. diced fresh jalapeno, or to taste (optional)
1/2 tsp. each of salt and pepper, or to taste

Drain sauerkraut well, pressing out all excess liquid. Whisk together sugar, oil, vinegar, and celery seeds until sugar is dissolved. Stir in remaining ingredients except for the salt and pepper, and mix well. Add salt and pepper to taste. Cover and chill for at least 8 hours for best taste. Makes 2 pints.



September Birthdays

Matias Reveles 9/4
Irene Flores 9/5
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

September Anniversaries

Charles & Val Kanetzky
9/2/1972

Harry & Sandy Van Velthoven
9/20/2004

September Flower Chart

Given by...

September 6
BJ Zamora

September 13
Mitchell and Taylor Teeters

September 20
Sophie Werchan
In honor of Grandchildren

September 27
Mary Karotkin

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)

