

Christ Lutheran Church

The People of Christ Sharing the Love of Christ

October 2022



Dear Friends,

As we enter October we enter a month in which we will not only be busy putting on a pumpkin patch for our community, raising money to bring clean water to those in other parts of the world, but we will be celebrating the 75th anniversary of our beloved church also. I hope and pray that you will be able to be a part of these two activities, both of which are so important to our congregation.

For 75 years, God has blessed us as a congregation, and I trust that He will continue to bless us on into the future, because He is a God of blessing. That's who He is and what He does. He blesses those whom He loves. Those blessings in the future may take on many forms, as they have in the past, but they will all be designed to grow us in our faith and further enable us to love others. He blesses us so that we might bless others. And that's why we put on a pumpkin patch, to bless others:

- with a fun activity for families
- by befriending them when they come to visit
- by raising money for worthy projects
- by sharing Jesus when the Holy Spirit opens the door for us

Blessed to be a blessing. That's why we are here. Or in other words, we are here to be the people of Christ sharing the love of Christ.

To God be the Glory,
Pastor John

**PASTOR
JOHN
STENNFELD**



WHAT'S INSIDE

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Special Prayers in September Worship Services for Our sick family members and friends

Milton Ihlo... Milton is having back surgery
Dorothy Richter and her daughter, Brenda - tested positive for Covid
Ginny Haapoja (sister of Cindy Zieschang) - ICU with pneumonia
Katherine Richter (as well as her daughter Nancy and granddaughter Kelley) - COVID
Steve Bailey (Cindy's husband) - hip surgery
Freddie Richter - hospitalized with covid.
Larry Monn (Pastor's uncle, mom's brother) - hospitalized with some heart issues
9-11 survivors and their families
Danielle (friend of Pachalin) - husband committed suicide
Lucille - (grandmother of Taylor Teeters, mother of Debbie Harrison) - hospitalized for infection
Virginia Leybas (Bj Zamora) - surgery

Prayers of thanksgiving,

Amanda (Moore)Ogwuegbu has been hired for a new job with Apple

Pumpkin Patch - We will host an unloading fellowship event on Sunday, October 16. At 6:00 p.m., we will form a pumpkin brigade to unload around 500 bulk pumpkins. Sign ups have begin to register to serve in various ways with the patch, including for shifts to sell pumpkins thru October 31st. All church proceeds from this year's pumpkin patch will benefit the wonderful non-profit organization, Water to Thrive, which builds wells and helps to bring clean water to those living in rural parts of Africa. Please contact Jordan, or Deborah Bynum, regarding this year's pumpkin patch.

Stewardship Verse

Now about the collection for God's people: Do what I told the Galatian churches to do. On the first day of every week, each one of you should set aside a sum of money in keeping with his income, saving it up, so that when I come no collections will have to be made.

1 Corinthians 16:1-2



Letter from the President

I want to thank everyone for attending and helping with our Rally Day event. It was great to see everyone that attended and enjoyed the fellowship.

Our 75th anniversary celebration is coming down to our final celebration. We will be having a worship service on October 23 at 10:00 a.m. with the Texas District President, Rev. Michael Newman, as our guest preacher. Following the service, we will have a catered BBQ meal.

As we enter October, I want to remind everyone that we will be once again hosting a Pumpkin Patch. Please consider volunteering either to help with the unloading, or in covering a shift to sell. This is a great opportunity for outreach to the community.

The month of October is also Pastor Appreciation month. I encourage the congregation to reach out to Pastor during the month of October to show him appreciation for all the hard work and effort that he has put in this year. Some suggestions are an email, phone call, a handwritten note or simply give a heartfelt thank you. Of course, one of the most important ways to show you care is by attending the services and discipleship classes regularly.

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. Reminder that all of Pastor John's sermons are available on our website, so if you ever want to relisten to one of our pastor inspiring sermons, they are always available. 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



Mission Statement

The mission of Christ Lutheran Church is to connect people to Jesus through:

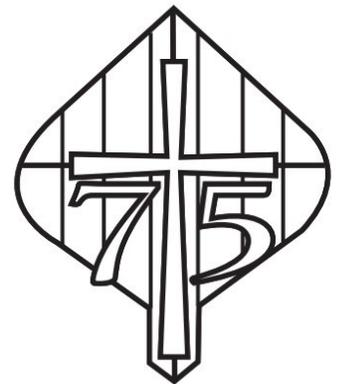
- ✝ *Inspirational Worship*
- ✝ *Loving Service*
- ✝ *Caring Fellowship*
- ✝ *Relevant Education*

So that they may know, and grow in, his love.

75th Anniversary Update

We are taking orders for the 75th anniversary t-shirt. Sunday, October 2, will be the last day to place your order. For more information and to order please see David or Kimberly Schaare, or contact via email schaarehome@gmail.com

As a final celebration and culmination of our 75th anniversary, we will be having an anniversary worship service on October 23 with the Texas District President, the Rev. Michael Newman, as our guest preacher. Following the service, we will have a BBQ catered meal. Meal will consist of BBQ brisket, smoked turkey, pinto beans, macaroni and cheese, and jalapeno cornbread casserole. Tickets for the meal will be \$10/person and are on sale now.

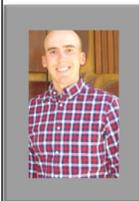


75th Anniversary Cookbooks

\$15 each. Orders are being taken now through Sunday, October 9th. Orders will be ready for pickup starting Sunday, October 23rd. Please see Barbara Craig or Amanda Moore after church services to place your order or contact Barbara via email at bcraig9@austin.rr.com

Lutheran Witness Magazine - It is that time of year again, time to place our order for the 2023 Lutheran Witness magazines. The cost for the subscription to this monthly magazine is \$14.50 for the 2023 calendar year. If you would like to receive a subscription for the coming year please submit a check to the church office by **October 6th**, made payable to "Christ Lutheran Church", with the words "Lutheran Witness" in the note section of the check. If you have any questions please contact the church office for further information.

Creative Communication and Community



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.



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.

This page is sponsored by the Women of the Eunice Guild.

Meditation —

"OUR PASTORS – OUR SHEPHERDS"

What is a "pastor"? Easy answer - he's the guy in the pulpit each Sunday! With all the pastors there have been in my life, a more definitive definition should come easily to mind from memories. Let's see. My uncle, an LCMS pastor, bounced up and down, loudly singing "From Greenland's Icy Mountains" as he tried to teach a very young me on our home organ, how to lead congregational singing. There was Pastor Studtmann who baptized me, but I was only one month old. Pastor Wickham of our church, who baptized my sister and brother, but, still too young for memories. Jesse at St. Paul who taught and confirmed me. I remember him with awe and love – and a bit of fear which was probably a good thing for me. Bohrer, of our church, who patiently allowed 17-year-old me to become an organist, taught Lutheran confessions to and confirmed my fiancé, Bill, and then performed our marriage. Linderman, who taught me the value of contemporary worship. A whole host of vacancy and associate pastors, vicars, and retired pastors who together, mostly taught me that pastors are not formed from the same cookie cutter. And of course, our Pastor John, who buried our parents and my husband, and whose principled teaching is a work in process for me. No definition yet, but the word "teach" stands out. My NIV Bible uses the word "pastor" only once. In Ephesians 4:11, Paul wrote, "It was He who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers". I don't think it's by accident that "pastors and teachers" is written as one entity. Pastors must be, and are teachers, because Paul added in his definition, "to prepare God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up (Eph. 4:12). Or, from my ESV Bible: "to equip the saints for the work of ministry." WOW! We have a job to do, and with God's help, our pastors must prepare us for it. But there's more. In the ESV Bible, the word "shepherds" is used instead of "pastors." Paul told the pastors of Ephesus to "Keep watch over yourselves and all the flock", and to "Be shepherds of the church of God" (Acts 20:28-29). Jesus, as the Good Shepherd, taught His disciples with compassion and understanding, preparing them for their work of ministry, and so are our pastors to shepherd us. But we must remember, pastors don't have the power of angels, and they aren't angels. They are human sinful men with needs: food, clothes, sleep, time to study, time to relax, families and friends, encouragement and support – just like me. I've seen their impatience, rudeness, and anger, their disappointment and despair – just like me. I've witnessed when emotions led them to say or do something regrettable – just like me. Knowing all of this, well, I may too often have unrealistic expectations of them, and I've come to the conclusion that pastors aren't just the guy in the pulpit. With God's help, they must strive to lead us along the path of salvation as our patient teachers, understanding counselors, and compassionate comforters. They are God's voice and hands as they baptize, confirm, marry, and bury us. They pray for us, and bring Christ to us in the bread and wine, and in His Word. AND, I am not just a person in a pew! I must somehow be present and do my God-given job of serving others and sharing Christ. I must treat my pastor, as well as all members of our church, with heartfelt patience, understanding, and compassion, always loving and praying for them. By the way, this is our pastor's personal mission statement: "My purpose is to glorify God by challenging and instructing others to help them grow toward their fullest God-given potential." This October, Pastor Appreciation Month, I will remember our pastors as God's precious blessings, thank Him and ask Him to bless them all, and especially mine, Pastor John. Thank you, Pastor, for all you do – always to the glory of God. *In Christ, Duannah.*

Pasta Fagioli

An easy, hearty fall soup.

- 1 lb. lean ground beef
- 1 slice bacon, diced
- 1 Tbsp. olive oil
- 2 medium carrots, grated or small dice
- 2 stalks celery, small dice
- ½ medium onion, diced
- 3 garlic cloves (1 Tbsp.) minced garlic
- 1 can (14.5 oz) crushed or petite diced tomatoes
- 1 can (15 oz) red kidney beans, drained
- 1 can (15 oz) Great Northern beans, drained
- 2 cans (14.5 oz) chicken broth (low-sodium)
- 1 jar (24 oz) spaghetti sauce
- 1 tsp. black pepper
- 1 tsp. Italian seasoning
- ¼ tsp. red pepper flakes
- 8 oz (1 cup) ditalini pasta, or small elbow macaroni
- Freshly grated parmesan cheese, fresh chopped parsley

In skillet, brown ground beef, drain and put into a crock pot. In same skillet, cook bacon in olive oil until crisp. Remove bacon and add to crock pot. In same skillet, cook carrots, celery, onion and garlic until beginning to soften. Add to crock pot along with tomatoes, beans, broth, spaghetti sauce, and seasonings. Cook on low 4 – 5 hours. About 20 minutes before ready to serve, cook pasta, drain, and stir into soup. If too thick, add some pasta water to crock pot. Allow to cook an additional 10 minutes. Adjust seasonings. Top bowls of soup with parmesan and/or parsley if desired.





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October Birthdays

Ellen Decker	10/1
Mitchell Teeters	10/1
Louise Stuenkel	10/2
Chandler Mitchell	10/5
Shelbi Hentschke	10/9
Richard Ziehr	10/12
Mary Ann Triesch	10/20

October Anniversaries

Randy & LeMorris Galbreath	10/1/1976
Bryan & Ronnie Richter	10/03/2003
Jared and Lisa Castille	10/06/2017
Eric & Debra Harrison	10/10/1992
Phil & Sue Etter	10/14/1989
Kevin & Barbara Craig	10/21/1989

Lectors

10/2/2022	Taylor Teeters
10/9/2022	Gary Lippe
10/16/2022	Alan Werchan
10/23/2022	Micah Stennfeld
10/30/2022	Taylor Teeters

October Flower Chart Given by...

October 2

Karotkin
Ellen Decker's Birthday

October 9

Duannah Ashmore

October 16

Kevin Craig
In Honor of Kevin & Barbara's Anniversary

October 23

75th Anniversary of Christ Lutheran Church

October 30
Dorothy Traugott

Online Giving -- A word of thanks to all of you for your continued support of our ministry here at Christ Lutheran Church, and a special note of thanks to all of you who have chosen to give online through our website with the Vanco portal. In a time of less volunteerism due to Covid-19 and such, the online giving is less cumbersome and more streamlined for our Financial Secretary to manage. That being said, we would ask those of you giving through this online way to consider giving through your bank accounts (savings or checking) as opposed to using a credit/debit card. We are charged a 2.75% transaction fee whenever a credit/debit card is used, and while that may not seem like a lot for a \$25 offering (\$0.69 fee), for a \$500 offering (\$13.75 fee) those fees become quite significant. Again, we are grateful for any and all offerings and gifts to Christ Lutheran, but in order to be the best stewards of what God has entrusted to us we do kindly ask all of you credit debit card givers to consider using one of your bank accounts instead. Thank you.

Fellowship after Worship - We have a Fellowship after our worship service each Sunday. A signup sheet is posted in the narthex that has a list of Sundays available for you to choose from to bring some type of snack. Fellowship committee will provide coffee and juice and paper products. Please consider hosting one of our Sunday Fellowships.

New Flower Chart - If you sign up for a particular date on the flower chart, please remember to send/turn in your payment for your flowers, \$45 per arrangement (in advance of that Sunday).

Men's Discipleship Study (monthly) continues a study of the Armor of God on Tuesday, October 4 at 7:30 pm in Workshop.

Travis Heights Art Trail—Christ Lutheran will once again serve as a stop along the Travis Heights Art Trail Saturday and Sunday, November 5 & 6 from 11 am to 5 pm. We will host several non-profit agencies that will display newly created art for sale during the Trail. Our involvement in the Art Trail gives us the chance to be active in our local community. Members of Christ are encouraged to assist with the trail and to participate by stopping at the fellowship hall and by visiting Travis Hts. artists.

This year we will host the following non-profits: **Marbridge**, **Art From the Streets**, and **Austin Adventurers Academy of Lifelong Learning**

For further information contact Donn Trautner or Jordan.

What is Lutheran Hour Ministries?

A Christian outreach ministry supporting churches worldwide in its mission of *Bringing Christ to the Nations—and the Nations to the Church.*

LHM produces Christian radio and TV programming for broadcast, as well as Internet and print communications, dramas, music, and outreach materials, to reach the unchurched in more than 30 countries.

LHM's flagship program, **The Lutheran Hour**, is the world's longest-running Christian outreach radio program. It airs Sunday on KHCB (90.9) at 12:30pm; KLBK (590 + 99.7) at 7:04 am; KTXW (1130) at 6 pm; or on the website.

Currently, our congregation is using Bible study material developed by LHM in the adult discipleship class on Sunday mornings.

For more information, visit www.lhm.org or call 1-800-876-9880.

Braille is planning to meet on the third Tuesday, October 18, at 9:00 a.m. at Hope Lutheran Church. Car pool from Christ @8:30. Let Mildred Westfall (512) 385-6609 know if you plan to go.

Quilting will be the second and fourth Thursdays (October 13 and October 27) at 11:00 a.m. in rooms 7 and 8.

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