



Christ Lutheran Church

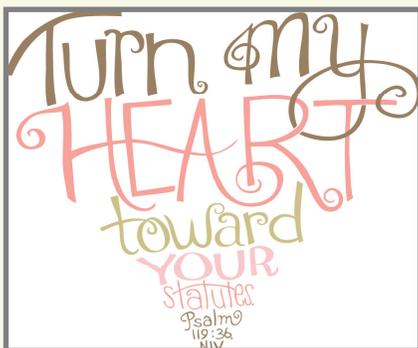
February 2018

The People of Christ Sharing the Love of Christ



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available in the Narthex

Pastor John



Dear Friends,

We are only a few weeks into the new year and already we are gearing up for lent. Ash Wednesday begins the season of lent and is held this year on February 14, St. Valentines Day. It seems peculiar for us to talk about “love” on the day that we wear crosses of ash

PASTOR JOHN STENNFELD

on our foreheads symbolizing our worthlessness because of our sin, and yet those ashes are placed on our forehead in the shape of a cross precisely because of love. As Jesus told us, “For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son.”

Throughout our midweek Lenten services we are going to explore the changes that exist in our lives because of Jesus’ sacrificial death and resurrection under the theme of “Out with the Old, and In with the New,” based upon II Cor. 5:17: “If anyone is in Christ he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new is come.” I hope that you will be able to join us each week for our noon-time worship service, or via the internet, to listen in on how God takes us from worthless to treasured, from storms to still waters, from flammable to fireproof, from weak to strong, from naked to clothed, and from meaningless lives to purposeful lives.

Have a blessed month as we enter into the Lenten season and begin to reflect both upon our sin and upon God’s salvation.

To God be the glory,

Pastor John



Letter from the President

People often make New Year's Resolutions at the start of a new year. If you are still looking for one, a great resolution would be to regularly introduce yourself to someone here at Christ that you don't know. Another great resolution would be to try one of the Discipleship Classes. Each Sunday brings Kingdom Quest for the younger kids, the Lutheranism 101 middle school/high school class, and Pastor's "Fresh Look at Luther's Small Catechism" adult class. You can also try Rev. Ziehr's "Book of Daniel" Bible Class on Thursday mornings or the monthly Men's Discipleship group working on "Every Man's Story" led by Tim Ristow.

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 4th.

One of the traditions of our congregation is the annual Super Bowl-of-Chili Cookoff held this year on Sunday, February 4th, beginning at 5 pm. Even if you don't want to enter the cookoff, come watch the big game, share some snacks, and be a chili judge.

If you notice it is a little colder than normal in the narthex, it's not just the weather. The air conditioning unit has non-repairable issues with the heat exchanger. The trustees are working with our service provider to find a solution.

Finally, don't forget to regularly check our website (www.christaustin.org) and follow us on Facebook (look for "Christ Austin 78704") or Twitter (@ChristATX78704).

— Alan Werchan



Feed My Lambs

The sack lunch program handed out 31 lunches in December and 21 lunches in January. *We continue to make fresh sandwiches on the last Thursday of each month.* Please contact the church office with any questions.

Midweek Worship and Lunch Schedule for Lent

During the Lenten season, the Fellowship Committee invites you to enjoy a soup lunch immediately following the Noon MidWeek Worship Services (*excluding Good Friday*). Your cookie donations are also welcome – please label them with, "For Lenten Soup Lunch". *Free-will offerings will be collected to help defray cost.

Date	Worship Time (s)	Soup Luncheon following Noon Worship
2-14 Ash Wednesday	12pm* & 7pm*	Chicken Noodle Soup with Salad
2-21	12pm	Taco Soup with Salad
2-28	12pm	Vegetable Soup with Salad
3-7	12pm	German Goulash with Salad
3-14	12pm	Tortilla Soup with Salad
3-21	12pm	Baked Potato Soup with Salad
3-29 Maundy Thursday	12pm* & 7pm*	Sloppy Joes
3-30 Good Friday	12pm & 7pm	<i>No meal on Good Friday</i>

*services include Holy Communion





Cooking with Eunice



Preheat oven to 450°. Cut away wing tips & reserve.* Separate wing drumettes from the wing joint. Place the wing pieces on a rack in a foil lined sheet pan and bake in oven until almost done, about 10 -12 minutes. (If desired, deep fry in oil instead of baking.) While wings bake, prepare the sauce by combining all sauce ingredients in a small pot. Simmer on the stove until oleo is melted and all ingredients are well combined. Keep warm until wings are ready. Remove wings from the oven and place in a large bowl. Pour the warm sauce over the wings and toss to coat. Place the coated wings back on the rack and return to the oven for a few minutes to finish cooking and to crisp slightly. Put your elbows on the table and dig in!

*Don't waste those wing tips! Put them in a pot with about 5 cups water, 2 chicken bouillon cubes, 1 carrot, 1 stalk celery, 1/2 of a medium onion, 1/4 tsp tarragon, 2 sprigs thyme (or 1/4 tsp dried thyme), 1/4 tsp Turmeric, 1 Tbsp butter, and 1 bay leaf (optional). Bring to a boil, lower the temperature and simmer for at least 1 1/2 hours. Strain the broth out, cool it, and freeze in a quart sized freezer bag. This is the perfect start to your next pot of homemade soup!

My Bill's Hot Wings

10-12 whole chicken wings

Sauce ingredients:

6 Tbsp Louisiana Hot Sauce

(do NOT use Tabasco)

1/4 cup oleo (do NOT use butter)

1/4 tsp garlic salt

1/4 tsp black pepper

1/2 tsp Worcestershire sauce

7 WORDS (a meditation)

This column is lovingly sponsored by the Eunice Guild. God bless you as you cook "with Eunice".

On the night of Nov. 9, 2017, a woman who identified herself as being with the APD Victims Services, entered our home, sat across from me at our dining table, and uttered "7 Words" that abruptly changed forever, the life I had known for 44 of my 63 years. Those words were, "They found Bill, and Bill is dead." There were no useless preparatory words - no unnecessary modifiers. Mercifully, just those "7 Words." I sat looking at her - no words, not even a tear. Thinking back, I guess my reaction was from a state of shock? It doesn't matter. With "7 Words", my Bill was gone.

A few weeks later, I began reading a book from Bill that had sat mostly unread on a shelf for several years, "Bonhoeffer", by Eric Metaxas. On page 28 of this powerful book, I found an old bookmark I had made and forgotten. I had written on it the first line of a German hymn, "Was Gott Tut, Das Ist Wohlgetan", which was sung at the funeral of Bonhoeffer's brother, Walter, killed in war. Having been an organist, I love my hymnal second only to my Bible, and sometimes I turn to hymns for my personal devotions. So, I opened my hymnal to "Was Gott Tut", #760 in our Lutheran Service Book - "What God Ordains is Always Good." Oh my! Such an amazing hymn of hope and trust in God, and mostly, of our Lord's unfailing love and compassion for us! It is a hymn of praise while in peaceful acceptance of God's Will. I read and reread the Bible references assigned to the hymn and discovered that the Holy Spirit had so much to tell me.

In Deut. 32:4, "He is the Rock, His works are perfect, and all His ways are just. A faithful God who does no wrong, upright and just is He." I read Lam. 3:19-26, and in vs. 22-23, "Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for His compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is Your faithfulness." Hmmm. I kept reading. In vs. 33 I found, "For He does not willingly bring affliction or grief to the children of men." But, my Bill still died! The Bible notes took me to Eze. 18:32, "For I take no pleasure in the death of anyone, declares the Sovereign Lord." Which led me to Eze. 16:6 - the Lord said, "Then I passed by and saw you kicking about in your blood, and as you laid there in your blood I said to you, 'LIVE!'" There it was! Our Lord did not want Bill to die. He wants His children to LIVE! Death and its heartbreak is the "result" of Satan and sin; and yet our compassionate and loving Savior allows it. It is not necessary to know His reasons. He only asks that I fully trust His perfect Will with every aspect of my life. With the help of His Holy Spirit, I will.

It took only "7 Words" for the Devil to 'temporarily' wrench my Bill away. At our Baptisms, the Holy Spirit gave us the true reward, a forever life with our Heavenly Father through the life and death and resurrection of our Savior. In Ezekiel 16:6, He sums up the eternal certainty of it in only "1 Word" - "LIVE!"

With joy in Christ — Duannah



JORDAN BOESSLING

Minister of Creative
Communication
&
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.

R&R Social Event

Relaxed and Retired ... but always "Rarin' to Go!" It's time again for Game Day – POKENO – Mardi Gras style! Thursday, February 1 in classrooms 7/8. Bring your lunch – and a friend or two – and join us around 11:15 for Food, Fun & Fellowship!! Dessert will be provided. Wear your purple, green or gold and be ready to party!!



Eunice Guild February Gathering

All women are invited for a time of discipleship and fellowship sponsored by the Eunice Guild on February 20th at 12:00 noon in Rms 7/8. How wonderful it is to be together as Women of Faith in a comfortable and loving atmosphere centered around the Word of God! Please set aside some time to be with us during this first full week of Lent - and, mark your calendars!

Men's Discipleship Group

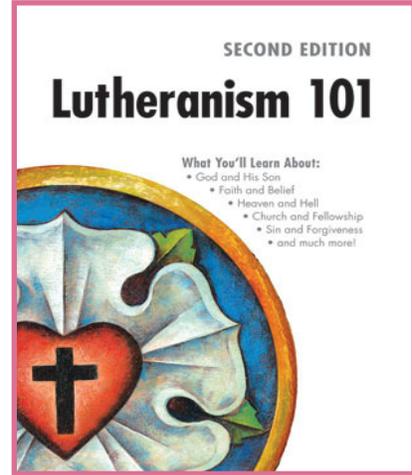
On Tuesday, February 6, at 7:30 pm in the Christ's Workshop, we will resume our monthly Men's Discipleship Class, led by Tim Ristow. We are continuing our topic of "Every Man's Story," and getting started on the process of each having the opportunity to write a devotion based on a theme Bible verse or passage. *For more information contact Tim*



MEN'S GROUP

Visual Arts Camp

Our summer community art camp for 2018 will be June 25-29 for children just finishing K-5th Grade. The schedule for the week will be Draw Monday, Sculpt Tuesday, Paint Wednesday, Teamwork Thursday, and Finale Friday with sessions from 9 am - 12 noon daily at the CLC Workshop. Limited number of participant spots. *Sign-ups start Sunday, February 11, when registration forms will be available at the Church and via www.christaustin.org.* Cost is \$50 (for supplies) for the first child in a family, and \$35 for each sibling. Please contact Jordan for more information about our 2018 Visual Arts Camp at Christ.



Kingdom Quest & Lutheranism 101

Sunday Morning Discipleship Classes at 9:30 am

Kingdom Quest for Kids:

We are in the beginnings of art mural projects, to help us see how the people, places, and events of The Bible connect us to Jesus. Who He is, what He does for us, and how He wants us to live for Him as we wait for Him to return.

Lutheranism 101 for Teens:

We continue to study the foundations of the Christian Faith, focusing on what implications those teachings have on our lives today.

Join us on Sundays at 9:30 am as we start the week by reading God's Word, and praying together, and preparing for the week of serving others, and sharing God's love.

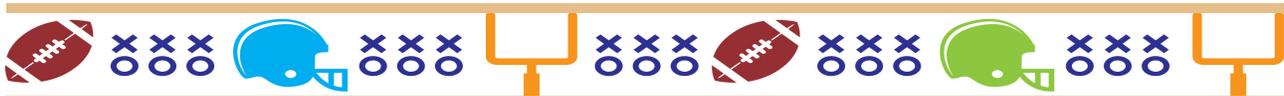
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Souper Bowl of Caring

Each year on the Sundays leading up to the big pro football game, our children support the Souper Bowl of Caring in service learning during Kingdom Quest. It's a congregational wide effort to collect cans and containers of soup for the Bread for All Food Pantry, and to serve the residents living in the nearby 78741 zip code. The 4th, and final, "Quarter" of our food drive is Sunday, February 4. Thank you for supporting Bread for All.



Super Bowl-of-Chili Cookoff

Come join us Sunday, February 4, 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 game, and snacking/eating/judging chili entries during half-time. The Ristow Family will be hosting. Soda/lemonade/tea will be provided.

*We look forward to seeing you all there for this fun fellowship event.
Call Tim at 512-799-0450 for questions.*





Sharing the Love of Christ

Fourth Sunday in Advent & Christmas Eve



Christmas Day





*In January
we prayed for...*

**Family of Ester
Martinez**—at her passing

Dexter Juszcak – son of
Jared and Christina, healing
from pneumonia



FAITH



CAN MOVE
MOUNTAINS.



ASH WEDNESDAY



A NEW COMMANDMENT

In John 13:34, Jesus offers important instructions for his followers.

Directions: Figure out the pattern in each vertical line of letters. Then add the next letter in the sequence to the blank underneath, completing John 13:14, NIV.

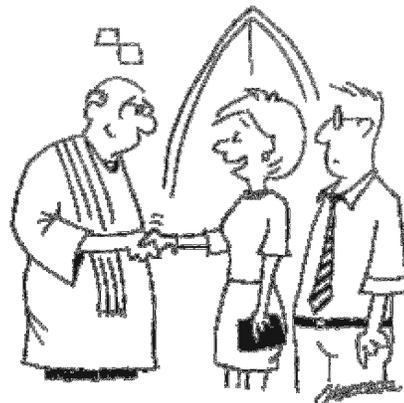
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J N U C L M C Z K M S F B Q W P H

E X M B C L M B U V F R P L V F R
F Y P C F M P C X W I S Q M W I S
G Z S D I N S D A X L T R N X L T

A R J Q C C S B F K Y X H L Q B Y I
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JOHN 13:34, NIV



"The heart-shaped communion wafers were a nice touch for Valentine's Day."

February Anniversaries

- Chuck & Jena Cazzola
2/13/2012
- Alan & Alice Werchan
2/17/1996

February Birthdays

- Tommy Taylor 2/1
- Val Kanetzky 2/4
- Donn Trautner 2/7
- Richard Fletcher 2/8
- David Schaare 2/8
- Brett Egge 2/9
- Davis Magruder 2/10
- Phil Etter 2/11
- Sonny Mitchell 2/11
- Freddie Richter 2/11
- Helen Karcher 2/12
- 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 Aguilera 2/21
- Barbara Craig 2/22
- Isela Liana Martinez 2/24
- Jo Kautz 2/26
- Joseph Calvo 2/27
- Kimberly Schaare 2/27
- Sarah Zieschang 2/29





February



2018

ELDERS:

8:15am:
Sonny Mitchell

10:45am:
Jesse Bennight

February 4

Flowers: Phil & Sue Etter

Tellers: P. Bost / B. Egge

8:15am: Lector: Charles Kanetzky
Acolyte: Justin Medina

10:45am: Lector: Phil Etter
Acolyte:

Communion Guild

8:15 am Alex & Christine Stivers

10:45 am Jared Juszczak

Fellowship: Phil & Sue Etter

February 18

Flowers: In recognition of
Barbara Craig's birthday (2/22)

Tellers: M. Moore / A. Moore

8:15am: Lector: Mark Herber
Acolyte: Katy Herber

10:45am: Lector: Divina Stennfeld
Acolyte:

Communion Guild

8:15 am Felix & Louise Alexander

10:45 am Mary Karotkin,
Ellen & Gerald Decker

Fellowship: Stennfeld family

February 11

Flowers: In celebration of Helen Karcher's
90th birthday, from Jim & Deborah Albers,
Steve & Carol Lesem and all the
grandchildren & great grandchildren

Tellers: P. Bost / B. Egge

8:15am: Lector: Alex Stivers
Acolyte:

10:45am: Lector: Gary Lippe
Acolyte: Ben Ristow

Communion Guild

8:15 am Kimberly & Benjamin Schaare

10:45 am Douglas & Deborah Bynum

Fellowship: Doug & Deborah Bynum

February 25

Flowers: Chuck & Jena Cazzola,
in celebration of their Anniversary (2/13)

Tellers: M. Moore / A. Moore

8:15am: Lector:
Acolyte: Justin Medina

10:45am: Lector: Phil Etter
Acolyte: Ben Ristow

Communion

8:15 am LeMorris Galbreath

10:45 am Bob & Jean Wiley

Fellowship: Carrion family

If you cannot serve as scheduled, it is YOUR responsibility to find a replacement. If you know a schedule change before 9:00 am on Thursday of the week you're scheduled, please contact the church office (512-442-5844) to inform the secretary of the change. If a problem arises Sunday morning, please call the office and leave a message.

*** Flowers will be donated**