

Christ Lutheran Church

The People of Christ Sharing the Love of Christ

February 2022



Dear Friends,

Happy February. With each passing month we slowly, but surely, are trying to return Christ Lutheran Church back to a pre-pandemic look. I think most of us have kind of realized that Covid is just going to be with us, but that we can't stop living our lives or stop being the church. As such, we are once again having Thursday morning Bible class, and our monthly men's study, and our fellowship after worship, etc. and so on. And we are once again going to have our Super Bowl-of-Chili cookoff and fellowship gathering on February 13 during the Super Bowl. I hope you will consider joining us. I, for one, missed the celebration last year and am really looking forward to this year's event.

God Bless you and have a great month,
Pastor John

75th Anniversary of Christ

The planning for our 75th anniversary celebration has begun. If you have any input, or any ideas for a possible theme, please share your ideas with Pastor John or one of the other planning committee members (Jordan Boessling, David and Kim Schaare, Tommie Craig, Barbara Craig, Deborah Bynum, Milton Ihlo, Bob Wiley, Caitlin Rowlette).

Communion Guild

Since the beginning of Covid, Pastor John has been setting up the elements for Holy Communion, and taking them down also. He would like to surrender that activity back over to our communion guild. If you would be willing to help out with the preparation for and clean up from Holy Communion, please contact Susan in the church office so that you might be added to the schedule. Thank you in advance for your willingness to play a part in serving the other parts of this body of Christ at Christ Lutheran by tending to the elements of this precious sacrament.

**PASTOR
JOHN
STENNFELD**



Special Prayers in January Worship Services

Family of Gabe Juliano -cousin of BJ Zamora - who lost his battle with brain cancer
Daniel - boyfriend of Caitlin Rowlette, emergency surgery for burst appendix
Ruth Heath - daughter of Ed and Betty Joyce Stephens - Covid
Bert and Louise Stuenkel—Aunt Ann and Uncle Foster passed away
Jewel Anderson – hospitalized after a fall
Kelly Foster, cousin of BJ Zamora, - breast cancer
Lucille Herrera - birth of her great, great grandchild - Javier Ricardo Gomez

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Stewardship Verse

Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much, and whoever is dishonest with very little will also be dishonest with much.

Luke 16:10



Letter from the President

“Caring Fellowship” is part of our church’s mission statements, At Christ We Are One Church Family. It is nice to see that those who attend church are sticking around to enjoy the fellowship time after the service. Also, we would like to thank those that have signed up to bring refreshments, there are still dates available so feel free to use the sign-up sheet to pick your date. The committee for the 75th church anniversary met the last week of January to discuss plans on how to celebrate through out the year.

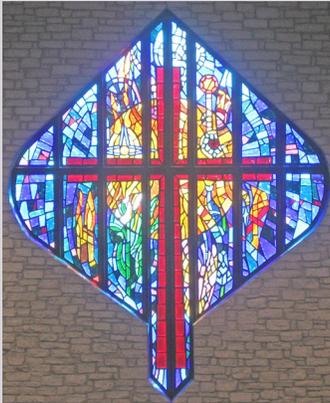
One of our congregation’s great fellowship opportunities is the annual Super Bowl-of-Chili Cook-off on Sunday February 13 beginning at 5 pm. Even if you don’t want to enter the cook-off, come watch the game, share some snacks, and be a chili judge. I encourage you to participate in our Souper Bowl of Caring food drive supporting the Bread for All Food Pantry which serves our neighbors. We will be collecting food through Sunday, February 13th.

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. On a final note, even though the way we attend church might have changed, the financial needs have not. 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

Lenten Soup

The Fellowship Committee is looking for a few people to help out with the Lenten Soup after the Noon Service during Lent. We have about 50 people that stay and enjoy the soup provided with a small salad and dessert. We schedule the person with the type of soup that they will be providing and try to have a variety of soups. If you have a soup that you like to cook and can make it for 50 people then let me know at schaarehome@gmail.com with the name of the soup and the date you want. I need to know by February 15, 2022 thank you. The dates of the Lenten Soup are the following Wednesdays: March 2, March 9, March 16, March 23, March 30, and April 6.



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



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.

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”



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.

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Eunice Guild.

Meditation —

All I Need

Riding in our truck on the way to buy donuts the other day, our family of four was chatting about something I can't recall, that led my brother to declare, "Duannah needs me!" I was at a loss for words and did not respond although I believe my sister did wisely say "yes, she does." Several weeks before, my brother and I had a tiff - or more like a shouting match. We had worked together all day preparing for the next day's late Christmas celebration. With his strength and mobility, he was my arms and legs. As I chopped vegetables and planned the next task, I was his thought and organizational process. We truly had fun, but by the end of the day, I think we were tired of each other, and just - tired. I'm sure we've all had those "I'm not so proud of" moments in life. We apologized, prayed for God's forgiveness, and moved on. I do remember saying to him during our spat, "I need you and you need me, like it or not, that's the way it is!!!" Our disabilities make this very true, but I could have said it in a kinder way. In thinking about this, I wondered about the word "need," and how it fits into my life. Is it more important to acknowledge that I need others, or to know I am needed? Maybe the answer is "both," . . . or maybe, it's "neither." In my Bible studies, I often read the Lord's exhortations to serve others in love. He made us for each other, and we are to gladly sacrifice our own needs for the needs of others in response to the Savior's great compassion, mercy and LOVE. But sometimes I wonder how I am to serve, or if I'm really needed since I need help to do most of my own daily tasks. My husband's aunt had a roommate at a nursing facility who was fully cognizant, intelligent, soft-spoken and nice. One day, she asked us to please find her shoe. From her bed, she could see only one, and her daughter was coming soon to take her to the doctor. She then told us, with no bitterness, that she had been in that bed seven years. She was almost totally in need of help from others, but she seemed content and in want of nothing. As I meditate on the word "need," familiar Bible verses pop into my head. David sang "The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not be in want" (Psalm 23:1). Paul told the church in Corinth of Jesus' words, "My grace is sufficient for you" (2 Cor. 12:9). And from prison, he wrote, "I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation" (Php. 4:12). Then he said, "*my God will meet all your needs according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus*" (Php. 4:19). The answer to my question is that "need" is not really about me! It's not about whether I need help, or whether I need to feel needed. It's all about Christ and my salvation through faith in Him! God knows all my needs and promises to provide according to His good purposes. In response, I trust Him, and well, I have work to do! For as long as God grants me breath, His Holy Spirit is working on and through me. He tells us to "encourage one another and build each other up," "be joyful always," and "pray continually" (1 Thess. 5). I can do that! I can worship with my family of faith at Christ Lutheran, or phone someone to simply listen in support, or send a note of encouragement, just smile, be content, share my Christian joy, and of course, pray. And, I can put aside my prideful needs to let someone I love very much, feel so very needed. Even if someday, I must live out my days in a bed, I will want for nothing because in my Savior I have all that I will ever need.

In Christ, Duannah

Our Favorite Southern Cheesecake

This deliciously tall and creamy cheesecake is easy and almost foolproof - a perfect treat for your favorite Valentine. In a blender, puree 1 cup strawberries (frozen works great), 1/3 cup sugar and a little lime zest for a wonderful drizzling sauce. Or, drizzle cake slices with caramel or chocolate sauce! The cake freezes very well, so go ahead and splurge!

Preheat oven to 375°. Lightly spray cooking oil on bottom of a 9-inch springform pan. Cut parchment paper to fit onto bottom only of pan. Place into pan and spray again. Wrap large sheet of foil around bottom of pan and up the sides (to keep water out). Set aside.

Prepare crust: Mix 1 1/2 cups chocolate wafer crumbs with 5 Tbsps. melted butter, and press onto bottom only, of the prepared pan. (Or, use 1 1/2 cups graham cracker crumbs, 1/3 cup sugar and 5 Tbsps. melted butter.)

Filling: In a stand mixer, beat 4 blocks (8 oz. each) of room temperature cream cheese until very smooth. Add 4 eggs, 1/4 cup cornstarch, 1 2/3 cup sugar, 1 Tbsp. vanilla, and mix until well blended. Lower speed and gently add 16 oz. sour cream just until combined. Pour batter into prepared pan. Put pan into a larger pan with sides about 3 inches tall, and place in heated oven. Fill the lower pan with hot water to halfway up sides of springform pan. Bake cake about 55 - 65 minutes (it can jiggle slightly). Then turn oven off, open door slightly, and leave cake in oven for 1 1/2 hours. Remove springform pan from the pan with water and transfer to a rack. Carefully run a warm knife around the edge of the cake to loosen. Allow to cool. Cover and refrigerate at least 8 hours, or overnight.



February Birthdays

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| Valerie Kanetzky | 2/4 |
| Donn Trautner | 2/7 |
| David Schaare | 2/8 |
| Davis Magruder | 2/10 |
| Nora Juszczak | 2/10 |
| Freddie Richter | 2/11 |
| Sonny Mitchell | 2/11 |
| Phil Etter | 2/11 |
| Maria Calvo | 2/14 |
| Lisa Castille | 2/14 |
| Joyce Veloz | 2/15 |
| Albert Carrion, Jr | 2/15 |
| Matthew Ristow | 2/16 |
| Michael Zieschang | 2/20 |
| Barbara Craig | 2/22 |
| Jo Kautz | 2/26 |
| Joseph Calvo | 2/27 |
| Kimberly Schaare | 2/27 |
| Sarah Zieschang | 2/29 |

February Anniversaries

Alan & Alice Werchan
2/17/1996

Lectors

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| 2/06/2022 | Donn Trautner |
| 2/13/2022 | Alan Werchan |
| 2/20/2022 | Taylor Teeters |
| 2/27/2022 | Clayton Pillack |

February Flower Chart
Given by...

February 6
Fred Herber
Myrna Herber's Birthday

February 13
Brenda, Mark & Dorothy for
Fred Richter's birthday

February 20
Kevin Craig
Recognition of Barbara's birthday

February 27
David Schaare for
Kim Schaare's Birthday

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.

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

New Flower Chart

The flower chart for the 2022 calendar year is now posted in the narthex. Sign up early to get your preferred dates. If you sign up for a particular date, please remember to send/turn in your payment for your flowers, \$45 per arrangement (in advance of that Sunday).

Men's Discipleship Study - Our next Men's Discipleship Study will meet on Tuesday, February 1st at 7:30 pm in-person in the Christ's Workshop. Our topic is the CPH book and FaithCourse "Callings for Life: God's Plan, Your Purpose" by Jeffery Leininger. We are studying the book of Philippians. Please contact Jordan for details.

Thursday Morning Bible Class - Our study from January 13th through March 11th will be the CPH LifeLight Bible Study called "Proverbs." Please contact Jordan for more information.

Super Bowl-of-Chili Cook-off Party - Come join us February 13th at 5 pm, for the return of our Chili-Cook-Off held in the Fellowship Hall. Bring a snack to share and try your hand at cooking a pot of 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.

Super Bowl-of-Chili Cook-off Party - Save the date of Sunday, February 13 for our annual fellowship with our Church family at Christ around food and football. We'll huddle together in the Fellowship Hall at 5 pm for some snacks and to get good seats for kick-off. Please stay tuned at Church in mid-January for how to get involved in competing in our chili cookoff contest.