

Christ Lutheran Church

The People of Christ Sharing the Love of Christ

August 2022



Dear Friends,

I have heard it said that something needs to be heard several times, as many as 7, before it really takes hold in one's mind. If that is true, it makes sense that reading a great quote or hearing a good sermon still doesn't assimilate into our thoughts and actions having heard them only once. To that end, we have a wonderful library of messages on our website dutifully created and updated by Jordan, organized by books of the Bible, and by text, and by series, and by date, going all the way back to 2012. Some of them are videos, others we just in audio form, but all are easily accessible. I hope you will make use of this library of messages to grow and inform and fuel your faith, and also to fill you with daily doses of God's precious Gospel.

Yours in Christ,
Pastor John

Special Prayers in July Worship Services

Our sick family members and friends

Pete Fay – cancer
Dorothy Richter – stroke
Alice Werchan – injured/broken foot
Harriet Stennfeld (Pastor John's Mom) – healing from a fall
Joseph, Erica & Chloe Calvo – Covid
Jewel Anderson – a fall
Edward (a friend of the Herbers) - vocal cord surgery
Rick (father of a friend of the Herbers) - as he begins chemotherapy
Marvin Gohlke Jr., (cousin of the Bynums) - leukemia.
Terry Lawrence (friend of the Werchan family) - aggressive form of bone cancer
Bill (son-in-law of BJ Stephens) - spot was found on his right pelvis
Laci Miller – carbon monoxide poisoning
Richard & Connie Ziehr – covid
John Robbins (husband of Alice Werchan's cousin, Debbie Robbins) – emergency knee surgery

Rain - in central Texas and the hill country of Texas.

**PASTOR
JOHN
STENNFELD**



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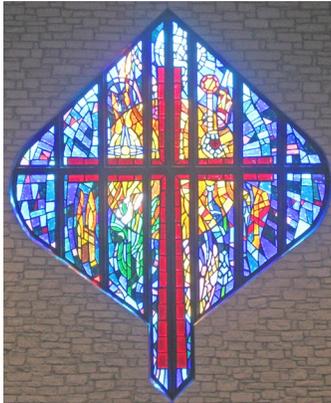
Stewardship Verse

"To the Lord your God belong the heavens, even the highest heavens, the earth and everything in it."

Deuteronomy 10:14



Letter from the 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.

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.

Pastor John continues his summer sermon series based on some of today's contemporary Christian music. This is proving to be a wonderful series and is introducing everyone to some of today's contemporary Christian music. If you have missed any of these sermons, they are available on our website.

Reminder that we will have our next voters' meeting on August 21 @ 10:45am in the sanctuary, following our Sunday worship. Please plan to attend to help take care of some of the business of the church.

Our fellowship after worship continues to be an enjoyable time for our members. We are always in need of volunteers to host this time of refreshments and fellowship. Please consider signing for one Sunday to bring refreshments. A big "thank you" to all those who have graciously hosted this fellowship for the benefit of our members and guests.

Mr. Donn Trautner is currently leading our Sunday morning adult discipleship class to help Pastor John rest and heal his voice. Donn present study is one on prayer, a study developed and written by Lutheran Hour Ministries. Please join us for this time of growth and encouragement. A special "thank you" to Donn for taking on this task.

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. A reminder for all also, that all of Pastor John's sermons are available on our website, so if you ever want to relisten to one of our pastor's 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 also to those who might find our website or tune in to our YouTube channel.

Your servant in Christ, David Schaare

75th Anniversary Update

As part of our 75th anniversary celebrations, we are using the months prior to our big anniversary service/meal to recognize those that have been part of the four methods of connecting people to Jesus outlined in our mission statement here at Christ Lutheran Church. For August, we are using "Relevant Education" to acknowledge the people and groups that have contributed, or still contribute, to the "Relevant Education" in our congregation. Please join us on August 7th to be recognized and join us in our time of fellowship after worship. For the month of September, we will be recognizing those that have been involved in the "business side" of the church, those who have served on boards, committees, council members, etc.

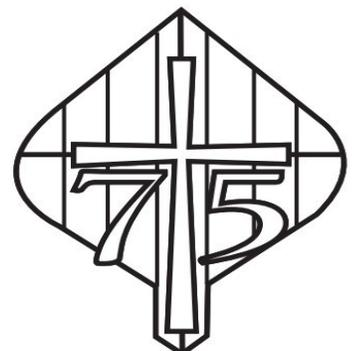
On Sunday September 11 we will be hosting our "Rally Around Christ" picnic in the Christ workshop backyard after worship. This will be a Thrivent event in which we will ask members to bring can goods to donate to the food bank, in place of selling tickets. More details to come.

We will be selling t-shirts to celebrate the 75th anniversary. Please look forward to more details on this to come.

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. Tickets for the meal will be \$10/person.

Relevant Education

On August 7th, as part of our 75th anniversary year celebration, we will recognize and thank those who have been involved with the "Relevant Education" aspect of our congregation's mission statement. This means that we will recognize anyone who has been involved with our Sunday School and/or Kingdom Quest (both teachers and helpers), Men's group leaders, Women's group leaders, VBS Leaders, Thursday morning Bible class and Special class leaders (Parenting, Financial Peace, Crossways), etc. Please join us to celebrate and say "thank you" to all of our members that have been a part of our "Relevant Education".





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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by the Women of the
Eunice Guild.

Meditation —

"Sincere Faith"

A small dot of blue-red light flashed across my work papers. "Huh?" I wondered, but didn't really care, "probably sunlight bouncing off a passing car." But then, another dot, and another, and another. My curiosity was piqued. I looked out the window and around the room, hunting for what could grab the sunlight and make such a show! By now, beautiful sparkling multi-colored dots were dancing all around and on me! It was magical! I giggled out loud as I looked up and found the source of my delight! There it was – the funny, overly glittered cardboard space shuttle, dangling from the center of an over-sized mobile, turning slowly in the quiet breeze of my ceiling fan. I giggled again. My husband, Bill, enjoyed making unique themed centerpieces for our church's annual Eunice Guild Spring Luncheons. Made of old cardboard boxes, they were large, colorful, and a bit comical as they moved in the slightest breeze. All of this "luncheon artwork" still hangs in my little room. The mobile I watched that day has twelve cardboard stars surrounding a purple space shuttle with red and yellow flames shooting out the back – and tons of glitter! Glued onto the sides of the shuttle are 21 rounded pictures of ladies' faces copied from church directories. I watched the dearly familiar smiling faces slowly dancing around, carrying me back to blessed gatherings. The Eunice Guild ladies no longer meet as some have moved away or now rest in Jesus' arms, or for other reasons, but this writing is not about loss. Nope, it's about growth! You see, in 1947, seven ladies of our church began a women's organization they called the Eunice Guild, and what a wise name choice they made! Eunice, and her mother, Lois, were Jewish women who believed in God, and Eunice and her Greek husband, who was not a believer, had a son, Timothy. St. Paul wrote in his second letter to Timothy, "I am reminded of your *sincere faith*, a faith that dwelt first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, dwells in you as well" (2 Tim. 1:5). "Continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus" (2 Tim. 3:14-15). From infancy, Timothy was taught by Eunice and Lois about God and a Savior. Paul taught him even more about his Savior, Christ Jesus. As Timothy grew and matured, he watched these three people he loved go about their daily lives, and he learned what it means to have *sincere faith*. He witnessed what living in forgiveness looks like - the freeing peace, joy, contentment and hope it gives. Paul saw this *sincere faith* in Timothy. He knew that Timothy would follow him well in spreading the Gospel. As Christians, we learn God's Word from parents, Sunday School teachers, pastors, etc. When we interact with other Christians, we learn about *sincere faith* – about living our faith! When I joined the Eunice Guild, I gained more from the experience than I could have ever imagined. I listened to the ladies' laughter, to their conversations, and as they read God's Word. I saw their smiles and tears, their heads bowed in prayer, and felt their hugs. I watched them place their Mission Mites, stamps, offerings and snacks on a shared table, and heard their reports about service projects. My faith grew and evolved by simply being with the women of those smiling faces in the glittered space shuttle - by witnessing their *sincere faith*. (You know who you are, and I am forever grateful to you!) When Christians are together, God speaks to us through each other. His whispers teach us how to live in Christ's forgiveness and love. How precious is God's gift to be able to be with other believers in Christ! I pray I may always, like Eunice and our Guild ladies, be an example of *sincere faith* even as I continue to learn, and to grow.
In Christ, Duannah.

Egg Salad Tortilla Wrap

This recipe idea is from a credit union, and a perfect summer meal.

2 Hard-boiled eggs, peeled and chopped
Green onion, chopped
Jalapeno, chopped (optional)
Mayonnaise
Mustard
Salt and pepper
Tortilla
Provolone cheese (sandwich slices)
Lettuce
Avocado

Combine eggs, green onion, and jalapeno. Stir in mayonnaise and mustard. Add salt and pepper. Set aside. Lay a tortilla flat and cover with cheese slices. Add a lettuce leaf. Spread egg salad onto lettuce. Top with avocado slices. Loosely fold or roll up and enjoy with fresh fruit.



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August Birthdays

Caitlin Rowlette	8/7
Bob Wiley	8/11
Sara Calvo	8/13
Sherri Shadrock	8/13
Lindsey Sermons	8/15
Mark Ziehr	8/16
Tyler Hentschke	8/18
Micka Ziehr	8/18
Belinda Reveles	8/19
Clayton Pillack	8/23
Dana Magruder	8/24
Kevin Craig	8/28
LeMorris Galbreath	8/29
Mehkiya Batts	8/31

August Anniversaries

Bob & Jean Wiley	8/11/1979
Rev. John & Pachalin Stennfeld	8/13/1989
Michael & Cindy Zieschang	8/15/1987
Harold & Shirley Hoes	8/18/1962
Albert & Jane Carrion	8/20/1988
Richard & Connie Ziehr	8/25/1957

Lectors

8/7/2022	Taylor Teeters
8/14/2022	Clayton Pillack
8/21/2022	Alan Werchan
8/28/2022	Gary Lippe

Note from Jordan - Our Thursday Morning Bible Study and Men's Discipleship Study will begin new studies in September. Please stay tuned to the Sunday announcements for more details.

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).

Communion Set-up Assistants Still Needed

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 laity. 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.

August Flower Chart
Given by...

August 7 - Available

August 14

Michael & Cindy Zieschang

August 21

Betty Joyce Stephens for
Clayton Pillack's birthday

August 28 - Available

Lutheran Hymn Festival 2022 - Our congregation is d to attend the Lutheran Hymn Festival at the Morton H. Meyerson Symphony Center in Dallas on September 18 at 4:30 p.m. The festival will be led by guest organist Kantor Kevin Hildebrand, with support from brass, tympani, adult and children's choirs. Under the theme, "O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High" we will celebrate the 11th festival at the Meyerson. For ordering tickets go to www.lutheranhymnfestival.org/tickets. Cost of the tickets are \$20.00 each (Orchestra floor, Terrance 3rd & 4th floor boxes) and \$15.00 each (Dress Circle and Grand Tier). You will be able to select your exact seat location! All ticket subscribers must bring a printed ticket to the Meyerson. For help or more information contact Adam Hengeveld at 972-646-0905 or email at tickets@lutheranhymnfestival.org. This will be an inspiring and exciting event.

Braille will be on the third Tuesday, August 16, 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 (August 11 and August 25) at 10:00 a.m. in rooms 7 and 8.

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