

Christ Lutheran Church

September 2018

The People of Christ Sharing the Love of Christ

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Pastor's Summer Sermon Series

"Essential Memory Verses Every Christian Should Know"

Concludes Sunday, Sept. 2

Dear Friends,

One of my Dad's favorite songs, that always comes to mind at this time each year, was the theme song from the Broadway musical, "The Fantasticks." The song was entitled "Try to Remember." It states in the opening lines: "Try to remember the kind of September when life was slow and, oh, so mellow." The song goes on to wax sentimental about how wonderful things use to be.



PASTOR JOHN STENNFELD

I think we have a tendency to do that in the church also, to long for the good old days when Sunday was truly a day of rest, when families placed worship as a priority over other activities, when our Sunday School was full of children and our committees were full of volunteers. But in so doing we get stuck looking to the past instead of living in the present and preparing for the future.

The fact of the matter is that the world in which we live has changed, and the church has changed, and people have changed... but the Gospel has remained the same. Our challenge as the church is to find a winsome way to present the changeless message of the Gospel to a rapidly changing culture. And we can't do that by longing for what used to be; we can only do that by dealing with what is.

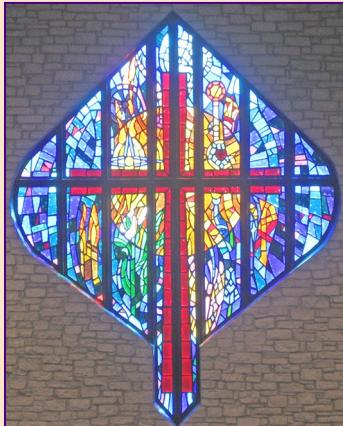
May we, as the people of Christ, continue to bloom where we have been planted. May we continue to be creative in our approach to ministry in the 78704 neighborhood of Austin. And as always, to God be the glory.

~ Pastor John



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An overview of our community initiatives was featured in the July issue of the magazine, **Life in Travis Heights**, a social publication for the residents of our neighborhood.

Pastor John wrote an article highlighting the sack lunch ministry that we help out with on Thursday mornings for the homeless in our community.



THANK YOU on behalf of the clients, staff and Board of Directors of Texas Advocacy Project for your donation on 4/11/18 in the amount of \$180. Every day we hear from families in need, and every day, we deliver answers that make a real impact on their lives. Your donation makes this work possible.

Letter from the President

On August 12th, we held a potluck lunch and our periodic voters' assembly. We had a great crowd! Thanks to everyone who attended. At the meeting we heard reports from Pastor John and Jordan, elected some replacement officers, and made some membership changes related to inactive members.

On Sunday, September 9th, we will have our annual Rally Day, celebrating our new year of discipleship and education. There will be a barbecue meal (\$8/adults, \$4/children 5-12 years old) followed by fun activities for kids and adults alike. Please consider volunteering in some capacity to help make the day a wonderful event and remember to bring a little extra cash for bingo, the cake walk, and the country store.

As always, check our website (www.christaustin.org) and follow us on Facebook (look for "Christ Austin 78704") or Twitter (@ChristATX78704) to get the latest information or to watch Pastor John's sermons.

— Alan Werchan

**DRAW NEAR
TO GOD,
AND HE WILL
DRAW NEAR
TO YOU.**
JAMES 4:8

Financial Peace University

What is Financial Peace University? *Financial Peace University* is a proven program that will show you how to master budgeting, save for emergencies, pay off debt, plan and invest for the future, and live and give like no one else. This 9-week course will be offered here at Christ Lutheran Church on Wednesday evenings, from 6:30 – 8:30 pm, beginning on September 12. The course is being led by our own Jared and Christy Juszczak. The cost for each person, couple, or family is \$109, and that cost gives you a lifetime membership to the class and online resources. An incentive to complete the course, Christ Lutheran will reimburse \$50 to each person/couple/family from Christ who attends at least 6 of the 9 sessions. For more information, or to register, please contact Pastor John via phone or email.

Stay connected

You can now watch videos of Pastor John's messages from the previous Sunday online! (*visuals added in*) Our website links to YouTube to help us stay connected to Jesus throughout the week.



Stay connected with our social media pages to get the latest information.

Website

www.christaustin.org

Facebook

look for "Christ Austin 78704"

Twitter

@ChristATX78704





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



Read this! ASAP!

When I told my sister, Yvette, that I had to hurry and pick a meditation topic, she said, "It should be about ASAP!" Being older and, well, "wiser," I quickly told her that ASAP is on my list of topics. She said, "No - not that ASAP." She knew my first thought would be of the American SM/CM Alliance Project and how God has blessed me through these neurological disorders. So, I said, "Oh! Of course. It would be better to write about folks being in such a hurry to get things done As Soon As Possible." "No," she said again. My mind raced to find other words that fit the acronym, ASAP! I didn't want to appear uninformed, but - she knew I did not have a clue. "Du," she said, "it stands for 'Always Say A Prayer,' and that's what you should do." She was right. The need for speed and the need for prayer were the perfect match for a meditation topic – and, for my own study as in my prayers, I often cry to my Heavenly Father to "Help me!!!" And, in desperation for a quick answer, I say it with at least three explanation points. In our beautiful Matins (and Vespers) Liturgy, we pray, "Make haste, O God, to deliver me; make haste to help me, O Lord." These words echo David's prayer in Ps. 70:1, "Hasten, O God, to save me; O Lord, come quickly to help me." He even ends his prayer with an ASAP! - "O Lord, do not delay!" (vs 5). But what am I to learn from this? And - my time is short! So, I took Yvette's advice and said a prayer. I thanked God for the opportunity to write this meditation and asked Him for some quick guidance; and, the Holy Spirit reminded me that God waits anxiously to hear my prayer, and He listens to every word, to every thought, to every silent whisper of my heart. I don't know the way in which the Lord will answer my prayers, but I must trust His will. It is when I have no time to pray, that I MUST take time to pray, for in prayer, I am changed by God. In prayer - close conversation with the Lord, He shows me the depth of my immediate and constant dependence on Him, and thus, the magnitude of His love and grace! In prayer, the Holy Spirit gives me strength to say, "Thy will be done," and "do not delay!" David must have felt the same way because he prayed, "You are my help and my deliverer; O Lord, do not delay!" (vs 5). St. Paul certainly knew of the strength and grace gained in prayer, writing only two words in 1 Thess. 5:17, "pray continually." Our Savior wants us to reach for His loving hands as we walk each step through every moment of our lives. And – so we pray, "Make haste to help me, O Lord!" It is our confession of the truth that He, alone, is our help and strength, our deliverance, our salvation. The Heavenly Father does not invite us to pray ASAP - as soon as possible. No. His will is that we look to Him ASAP – always saying a prayer, always in close contact with Him. Our Savior has already and forever delivered us, and He now remains always and forever in our hearts - listening.

— with JOY in Christ! Duannah

Chili Mac 'n Cheese

$\frac{3}{4}$ lb. hamburger	$\frac{1}{4}$ tsp. cayenne (or to taste)	2 Tbsps. butter
$\frac{1}{2}$ c. diced onion	1 tsp. paprika	1 c. milk
$\frac{1}{2}$ c. diced green bell pepper	1 can (16 oz.) pinto beans	2 Tbsps. flour
3 cloves garlic, minced	2 c. small elbow macaroni, uncooked	1 tsp. mustard
1 tsp. salt	1 Tbsp. tomato paste	
1 tsp. pepper	2 c. sharp cheddar cheese, grated	
2 tsp. cumin	1 can (14 $\frac{1}{2}$ oz.) fire roasted diced tomatoes	
2 tsp. chili powder	4 oz. processed cheese (Velveeta)	
1 tsp. oregano	corn chips, diced jalapeno, minced green onion	



In a large skillet, brown hamburger with onion, bell pepper and garlic. Continue to cook until veggies are soft. Add the salt & pepper, cumin, chili powder, oregano, paprika and cayenne. Stir. Add the tomato paste, fire roasted tomatoes, and pinto beans with juice. Stir well and simmer for 20 to 30 minutes. While this simmers, cook the elbow macaroni according to package directions, and drain. In another skillet, melt the butter and then stir in the flour. Cook for 3 minutes. Add the milk and cook until it begins to thicken. Add the cheeses, mustard and a little salt and pepper. Stir until cheeses are melted and well combined. Add the macaroni. Pour the mac 'n cheese into the meat mixture, and stir to combine. Put a handful of corn chips in the bottom of a bowl, top with the chili mac 'n cheese. Top with jalapenos and green onion, optional. (Do not skip the corn chips as they add to the overall taste!) To use this recipe as a dip and keep warm in a crock pot, add an extra cup of milk to the cheese sauce. Serve with scoop shaped corn chips. The absolute perfect snack for watching your favorite football team!



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.

Travis Heights Art Trail

**Saturday and Sunday
November 3&4
11am-5pm**

Contact Donn Trautner or Jordan to get involved.

Rally Day Festivities

On Sunday, September 9, worship with us as we start a new ministry year together at Christ of sharing our lives together in Christ through discipleship and fellowship. Make a day of it and enjoy a BBQ Meal at 12 noon (\$8/adults, \$4/children 5-12 years old) and an afternoon of fun and games. Activities to include bingo, cake walk, carnival games, country store, face painting, farm animals, and spin art. Meal tickets are available after both services along with a sign-up sheet in the Narthex to team up to coordinate bringing items like homemade and handmade goods, and helping with the things (like preparing/cooking the BBQ and sides) that make this tradition one we look forward to each year.



September Food Drive

During the month of September we will have a food drive here at Christ for "Bread for All Food Pantry". This will be a Thrivent Action Team sponsorship and we need everyone's help. Please leave your donations in the Narthex next to the barrel. Each month we assist from 175-200 family units. Some have 1 in the family and some have 15. If you have any questions please ask Jean Linderman 512-280-5024 or Mildred Westfall 512-385-6609 or speak to them at church.

Bread for All Food Pantry

The Bread for All Food Pantry is in need of egg cartons (1 doz. Size) and newspaper plastic sleeves. Can you help? Please place these in the Narthex next to the barrel.



Pumpkin Patch

Our shipment of pumpkins has been confirmed to arrive to the backyard of the Christ's Workshop on Saturday morning, October 13, at 8 am. Please consider helping out to unload the pumpkins, to gather with us for fellowship, and to get the patch started that morning with hours of operations thru October 31 (or until the pumpkins are sold out). It will take all of us again for the fourth year in a row to pray for and to tell others about our patch, to decorate it, and to staff it in Loving Service for our community. Our profits this year will be donated to two wonderful ministries 1) Water to Thrive, and 2) CWEFT-Concordia Welfare & Education Foundation of Thailand. Please contact Jordan, or Deborah Bynum, to get involved in this year's patch.





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Be sure to check out Pastor John's class, where the Bible becomes relevant as we study the New Testament book of II Timothy. Our nursery room is available for families throughout Sunday mornings.

Discipleship Hour for Kids and Teens

On the Sunday (September 16) following Rally Day, we will begin discipleship classes for 2018-2019 afresh geared toward providing our kids and teens, and families, opportunities on Sunday mornings at 9:30 am, and throughout the week, to grow in knowing, loving, and following our Savior, Jesus. Please join us as we grow together in Christ.

Eunice Guild Announcement

Let's get together again! All women are welcome at the annual Eunice Guild's Cool Down from a Hot Texas Summer with an Ice Cream Social on Tuesday, Sept. 18th, at 12:00 noon, in Rooms 7/8. Ice cream will be provided, but please bring your favorite topping or "go-with" to share. Let's have some fun beginning with a little reminiscing. So, have in mind a favorite memory of the "good 'ole Eunice Guild days", or if you have a piece of memorabilia, bring it along. And if you are new to the Guild, just please come! It will be such a wonderful time to be together as Women of Christ, sharing fun, hugs, and most importantly, a Savior!

Thursday Morning Bible Class

The Thursday morning Bible Class will resume the weekly sessions starting at 10:00 am on **September 13**. Rev. Richard Ziehr will lead the study of the Book of Galatians. In this series we will study Galatians first, to be followed by the book of James. These two books are often seen as being at odds with each other, however, we will aim to show how they both emphasize the exercise of Christian faith in Christian living. After our Pastor's sermon series on Bible verses everyone should know by memory, the study of Galatians and James will add to the core of essential Bible teachings for Christian living. All are invited to attend, especially congregation leaders. Sessions are only one hour. Come join us! Bring your own Bible.

Lutheran Fall Festival

Saturday, September 15th, 9 am to 5 pm, is the Lutheran Fall Festival at Fredericksburg Marktplatz benefiting Camp Chrysalis and Ebert Ranch Camp. Fun for the whole family. For more information, see the poster on the bulletin board or visit www.CrossTrails.org.

Camp Lone Star — Father & Child Weekend

Dads, bring all of your children and make lasting memories at Camp Lone Star, September 21-23. At this family-fun retreat, you and your child(ren) will participate in classic camp activities, devotions, and much more. See the posting in the hall bulletin board. Register online at www.lomt.com.

R & R (Relaxed & Retired) Group

The R & R Group will meet on Thursday, October 4, following the Thursday Morning Bible Class. Bring a sack lunch. Dessert will be provided. At 11:30 we will have a presentation about the Comfort Dog Ministry and meet a Comfort Dog. Monetary contributions for the Comfort Dog Ministry of Lutheran Church Charities will be appreciated. There will be a short 'fun quiz' afterward about things we all know. Questions? Call Dorothy Traugott or Sophie Werchan. See you there!



Sharing the Love of Christ



Steel Guitar Guest



20-Somethings



Marbridge House

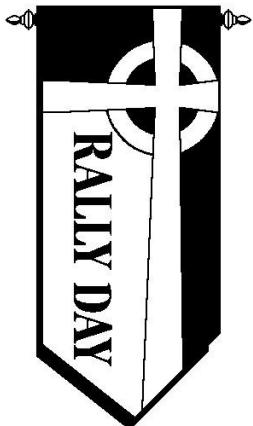
Pastor's Discipleship Class





Stewardship Word for the Month
Luke 16:10

"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."



Sunday September 9th

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"At last, a pastor who fits our job description."

PUZZLE

IT'S A MIRACLE!

Jesus performed many amazing miracles during his earthly ministry.

Directions: Match the words and pictures of different healings, from one column to the other. Then fit the word pairs in the blanks below to complete Matthew 11:5, NIV.

blind	hear
leprosy	walk
lame	raised
deaf	sight
dead	cleansed

The _____ receive _____, the _____, those
who have _____ are _____, the _____
the _____ are _____.

MATTHEW 11:5, NIV

Answer: The blind receive sight, the lame walk, those who have leprosy are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised ... Matthew 11:5, NIV

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Matias Reveles 9/4

Irene Flores 9/5

Chuck Cazzola 9/6

Harold Hoes 9/6

Debra Harrison 9/8

Bert Stuenkel 9/9

Townes Goble 9/12

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

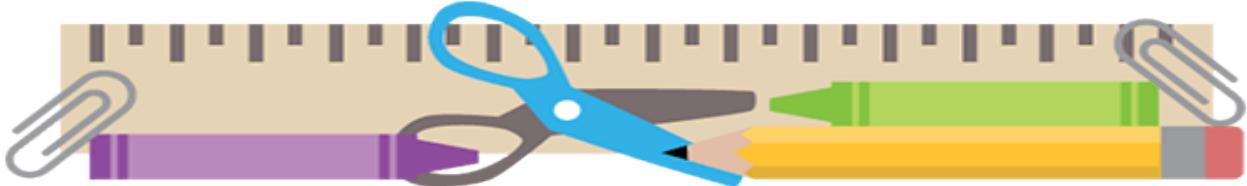
Margaret Cano 9/28

Sophie Werchan 9/28

Cindy Zieschang 9/29



Charles & Val Kanetzky 9/2





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Flowers: In honor of Harold Hoes' Birthday

Sept 2

Tellers: J. Wiley / P. Hamil

8:15am: Lector: Alex Stivers
Acolyte:

10:45am: Lector: Fred Frieling
Acolyte: Emily Richter

Communion Guild

8:15 am Alex & Christine Stivers
10:45 am Belinda Reveles

Fellowship:

Flowers: Cazzola family in memory of Jesse Bennight

Sept 9

Tellers: Patty Bost /

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

10:45am: Lector: Alan Werchan
Acolyte: Katherine Werchan

Communion Guild 8:15 am Kim & Ben Schaare
10:45 am Daniel Albers

Fellowship: n/a - Rally Day

Flowers: Gerald & Ellen Decker

Sept 16

Tellers: M. Moore / A. Moore

8:15am: Lector: Lucille Herrera
Acolyte:

10:45am: Lector: MaryLou Moore
Acolyte: Seth Werchan

Communion Guild

8:15 am Felix & Louise Alexander
10:45 am Don & Gwen Lewis

Fellowship:

Flowers: Sophie Werchan for Adam, Seth & Katherine's Birthdays

Sept 23

Tellers: M. Moore / A. Moore

8:15am: Lector: Gracie Cano
Acolyte: Katy Herber

10:45am: Lector: Phil Etter
Acolyte: Katherine Werchan

Communion Guild 8:15 am LeMorris Galbreath
10:45 am Bob & Jean Wiley

Fellowship: Jena Cazzola

Flowers: Cazzola family in memory of Jesse Bennight

Sept 9

Tellers: Patty Bost /

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

10:45am: Lector: Alan Werchan
Acolyte: Katherine Werchan

Communion Guild 8:15 am Kim & Ben Schaare
10:45 am Daniel Albers

Fellowship: n/a - Rally Day

Flowers: Mary Karotkin

Sept 30

Tellers: C. Kanetzky / V. Kanetzky

8:15am: Lector: Clayton Pillack
Acolyte:

10:45am: Lector: Gary Lippe
Acolyte: Emily Richter

Communion Guild

8:15 am Gracie Cano
10:45 am Debbie & Eric Harrison

Fellowship: Deborah Bynum

Elders:

8:15 am: Donn Trautner

10:45 am: Tim Ristow

If you cannot serve as scheduled,
it is YOUR responsibility
to find a replacement.
If a problem arises
Sunday morning,
please call the church to
let Pastor know.



* Flowers will be donated

In August we prayed for...

Carl Mensing — cancer

Freddie Richter — healing

Sarah (& Brett) Egge — pregnancy