

# Announcements

Announcements need to be turned in no later than 12 noon every Thursday

**For Week of May 2, 2021**

Attendance last Sunday – 53

**Prayer Chain:** If you have a concern you want to give to the members on the Prayer Chain to pray about, please contact the church office at 512-442-5844 or office@christaustin.org; or to be added to the NEW group (this will be replacing the former group email and you must request to be added.)

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## 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.

## Financial Stewardship at Christ

Weekly/monthly offerings at Christ may be placed in the offering plates located by the sanctuary entrance doors, mailed in via U.S.P.S., or given through the online portal (“Online Giving”) accessed through our website at [www.Christaustin.org](http://www.Christaustin.org). Thank you for your continued stewardship of God’s blessings and for your support of our ministry here at Christ.

## Paul’s Missionary Journeys

The Men’s Study Group concludes our study on Paul’s Missionary Journeys on Tuesday, May 4 at 7:30 pm. We’ve had such a great response and good group of participants that we will be continuing our study via Zoom online throughout this study. We’re using “Bringing the Gospel to the Ends of the Earth: Paul’s Missionary Journeys” from CPH’s online video bible study series and also “Which Way, Lord?” by Rob Fuquay as resources. Contact Tim Ristow or Jordan for details on how to get connected for these upcoming sessions via Zoom.

## Guidelines for “In-Person” Worship

We ask all those who attend the worship service or discipleship class to:

- Avoid all handshaking, hugging, or touching of any kind with those outside their family.
- Bring a mask and wear it at all times within our facilities (except when receiving the Lord’s Supper).
- Maintain social distancing at all times while entering/exiting/attending our worship and/or discipleship class.
- Please do not touch/handle/use any of the hymnals for any purpose (hymns/liturgies will be printed in the bulletin).
- Please wash and/or sanitize your hands often while in attendance at Christ (i.e., entering the sanctuary, prior to Holy Communion, leaving the sanctuary).
- Please do not gather in the narthex, sanctuary, or hallways to talk before or after worship.
- Please wait for your row to be dismissed at the end of worship and proceed to exit the building (unless you are attending the discipleship study or using the restroom).
- Please do not attend worship if you have any signs of illness (i.e., elevated temperature, sore throat, coughing, body aches, etc).
- Err on the side of caution – be respectful of others’ fears and precautions.
- Come prepared to praise and thank God for bringing us back together, and continue to ask God to protect us as we once again gather for worship.

**THIS WEEK'S PRAYER REQUESTS:**

*(Please advise the Church Office of any changes that need to be made to the following lists)*

**Our sick family members and friends**

**Freddie Richter** – in rehab facility  
**Geneva Mensing** – in rehab facility following hip surgery  
**Bert and Louise Steunkel** – a number of health issues

**For our military, police, and all first responders**

Sherri Shadrock

**World Mission:** Thailand Children's Mission.  
This week's child: Kantarutak Hittet - Girl (New)

**Christ Lutheran Church** – that God would grow His kingdom in us and through us and add to our numbers those who are being saved.

**Those Celebrating Birthdays:**

Julian Campos           5/2  
Yvette Emmrich        5/4  
Betty Shaw               5/6  
Teresa Kirby             5/6  
Mark Herber            5/6  
Katherine Richter      5/7

**Living Abroad**

Micah Stennfeld – Thailand  
Lindsey Sermons – Israel  
Ryan Rash - Overseas

**Our Shut in Members**

Fred Frieling  
John & Delores Dunn  
Harold Derenberger  
Jewel Anderson

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Flowers –May 30 is still available.

	<b><u>THIS WEEK</u></b>	
<b>TODAY:</b>	Worship Service	9:30 A.M.
	Adult Discipleship	10:45 A.M.
<b>NEXT SUNDAY:</b>	Worship Service	9:30 A.M.
	Adult Discipleship	10:45 A.M.