

Christ Lutheran Church

The People of Christ Sharing the Love of Christ

October 2021



Dear Friends,

Happy Autumn! What a great time of year October is. The temperatures have cooled off a bit, the pumpkin patch at Christ comes to life, and the Reformation of the church is remembered and celebrated. As many people throughout our nation and world will be celebrating October 31 as Halloween, we will be remembering the Lutheran Reformation and celebrating the re-discovery of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. For had it not been for the Lutheran Reformation there is no telling how long the news of God's grace and mercy would have remained hidden beneath the veil of the church's laws. But God used Martin Luther, and the entire Lutheran Reformation, to reveal the good news of God's unmerited forgiveness accomplished for all people through the sacrifice and victory of Jesus. And now, God uses us, to keep that Gospel message alive in the church and in the world. May we never take this responsibility and privilege for granted. To God be the glory.

Have a great month.
Pastor John

Homeless Sack Lunches: It is time to refresh our supply of items to serve the homeless community. As you purchase items, please be mindful of the expirations dates. Items needed are:

Chips—individual bags Breakfast/granola bars Fruit—raisins, fruit cups
Dessert—pudding, jello cups Gum/mints

To help not have an abundance of one item, please email (office@christaustin.org) or call the church (512-442-5844) to let us know what you would like to bring.



**PASTOR
JOHN
STENNFELD**

WHAT'S INSIDE

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Special Prayers in September Worship Services

Martha Herrera, B.J. Zamora's Aunt, who is currently in the ICU. She is in her 80's and quite frail.
Fran Ross - took a fall and hit her head, and also as she goes in to the hospital next week for a heart catheterization
Joyce Seltz, Alice Werchan's 92 year old Aunt, fell and broke a number of bones.
Family of Fred Frieling at his death
Dale, father in law of Steven Richter, Covid
Robert Herrera, brother of B.J. Zamora, Cancer
Onyema and Amanda Ogwuegbu on their honeymoon cruise
Doug, brother of Susan Sermons, melanoma
David & Margaret Cano, Covid
Donn & Phyllis Trautner, Covid
Sennfeld family at the loss of family's 17 year old dog, Toby
Carole Laurenzi, mother of Sue Etter, hospitalized
Bob & Susan Crone, death of their son, Stephen

Stewardship Verses

Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.

II Corinthians 9:6-8



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 Connections

Jordan Boessling



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.

I want to thank everyone for attending and helping with our Rally Day, "Home Coming" event. It was great to see everyone that attended and enjoyed the fellowship.

As we enter October, I want to remind everyone that we will be hosting the Pumpkin Patch. Please consider volunteering to either help with the unloading or covering a shift to sell. This is a great opportunity to be an outreach to the community.

The month of October is also Pastor Appreciation month. Every month we should show our appreciation for our pastor but this month we should make a more conscious effort to show it in more tangible ways. We all know that Pastor John has been working very hard during this pandemic. As members of the congregation, I encourage the congregation to reach out to Pastor during the month of October to show him appreciation for all the hard work and effort that he has put in this year. Some suggestions are an email, phone call, a handwritten note or simply give a heartfelt thank you. Of course, one of the most important ways to show you care is by assuring that you attend the services and discipleship classes regularly. For Pastor appreciation month, the fellowship committee will be hosting a Pastor appreciation event on October 17, with a reception after church service. Please join us to help us show appreciation to Pastor John.

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. One finally note, even though the way we attend church might have changed, the financial needs have not, so 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

Quilting

Quilting will be the second and fourth Thursdays (October 14 and 28) at 11:00 a.m. in rooms 7 and 8.

Men's Discipleship Study Fall 2021 - Will meet on the First Tuesday of each month through May 2022. We'll continue on October 5 at 7:30 pm in-person in the Christ's Workshop. Our topic will be the CPH book and FaithCourse "Callings for Life: God's Plan, Your Purpose" by Jeffery Leininger. If you wish to order the book (optional) on your own, and read about the sessions ahead of time, please go to cph.org. We are studying the book of Philippians. Please contact Jordan for details, and to sign up.

Thursday Morning Bible Study - Our study for Fall 2021 is the CPH Life Light Bible Study called "Selected Psalms." We meet on Thursdays at 10 am in the dining area of the Fellowship Hall through November 11th. Please contact Jordan for more information.

Pumpkin Patch - We will be having an unloading fellowship event on Friday, October 15, beginning at 6:00 p.m. by forming a pumpkin brigade to unload around 500 bulk pumpkins. Sign-ups have begun to serve in various ways, including advertising and decorating the patch, helping with the unloading fellowship event, and staffing the shifts across 16 days of operation. Our pumpkin patch will take place from Saturday, October 16th thru October 31st (or until we sell out of pumpkins).

To sign up to help, please go to <https://www.christaustin.org/soco-pumpkin-patch/> (for a link to a "Sign Up Genius" online sign up form), or talk with Jordan to find out which shifts are available and to be added to those you are able to volunteer for. Here is the link which goes directly to the "Sign Up Genius" web page: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0f4fa5a82daaf4c43-2021>.

We are planning to do some decorating of the patch, and arranging the pallets, on Sunday, October 10, following the 9:30 a.m. worship service.

All church proceeds from this year's pumpkin patch will benefit the wonderful non-profit organization, Water to Thrive, which builds wells and helps to bring clean water to those living in rural parts of Africa. Please contact Jordan, or Deborah Bynum, regarding this year's pumpkin patch.



Eunice Guild

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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.

Meditation

"Chosen"

One Sunday before worship, I noticed anew, the little diamond-shaped windows set into the north wall of our sanctuary. Their richly colored glass blocks were unusually illuminated by the morning sun, beautifully highlighting striking black outlines of symbols. They are symbols which represent the twelve disciples chosen by Jesus to be His Apostles. Peter's symbol in the window nearest the altar, is keys on an inverted cross. Jesus said to him, "I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven" (Matt. 16:19). It is thought he died by crucifixion on an inverted cross. Next is Matthew who was a tax collector. His symbol is three money bags. The next symbol, a serpent in a chalice, is John's. Legend tells of an attempt to poison John with communion wine. He blessed it, and the poison came out as a snake. Andrew is depicted in the next window by an X-shaped cross, the type used to crucify him. He brought his brother Simon (Peter) to Jesus, saying: "We have found the Messiah" (John 1:41). Two loaves of bread and a cross, symbolize Philip in the next window. He told Jesus, "Eight months wages would not buy enough bread" (John 6:7), to feed the 5,000. He may have been crucified. Bartholomew, faithful to God's Word, is depicted by a knife over a Bible. A peaceful man, it is said he was skinned to death by flaying with knives. Next is James, who was preparing nets in a boat with his brother John when Jesus called them. He traveled far preaching the Gospel, and his symbol is three shells, often used to scoop drinking water. He was the first to be martyred when Herod ordered his death. Thomas' symbol is a carpenter's square and a spear. It is thought he built a church in India, and was killed there by a spear. A saw is easy to spot in the next window. It depicts James the Minor who was martyred and his body sawed to pieces. Next, Jude, sometimes called Thaddeus, is depicted by a ship because he traveled far on missionary voyages. A fish on a Bible symbolizes Simon the Zealot as a "fisher of men." The window furthest to the back, is that of Judas Iscariot, symbolized by a money bag and coins. This window is included to remind us all of our human weakness and our need for God's forgiveness. These are the twelve ordinary, sinful men - fisherman, tax collector, carpenter, etc. - chosen by Jesus to enter into a closer relationship with Him and commissioned for an extraordinary purpose - to be His Apostles. By the power of the Holy Spirit, they established His church on earth, spreading the Gospel by believing and testifying to what they had learned and witnessed in Jesus - the redemptive power in His life, death and resurrection! The Apostle Peter, devoted to Jesus and a courageous and bold preacher, said, "You are a chosen people, a royal priesthood . . . belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His wonderful light!" (1 Peter 2:9). This is us!! Luther said, "Faith alone is the true priestly office." "We must . . . believe that we receive everything from Him and that He is our God. Then out with it, and freely and openly confess this before the world - preach, praise, glorify and give thanks! This is the real and only worship of God." Look upon the Windows of the Apostles as examples of Christian character - of life lived in Christian faith. Read and study the lives of the Apostles in the Gospels as they walked with Jesus, and then after the first Easter and to their deaths, continued to share the Good News of forgiveness through faith! And learn, because Jesus has also chosen us - ordinary, sinful people - to enter into a close relationship with Him, and He commissions us for an extraordinary purpose - to boldly, by lives of service and love, with praise and thanksgiving, believe and testify to forgiveness and Salvation freely received through faith in Jesus Christ our Lord! To God alone belongs all glory! *In Christian love, Duannah*

ROULADEN

Thank you to Mildred Westfall for this delicious German recipe!

- 2 1/2 lbs. lean beef round steaks (look for thin sliced)
- 8 Tablespoon yellow mustard
- salt and pepper to taste
- 4 slices bacon (chopped)
- 1/2 cup onion (chopped)
- 1/4 cup dill pickle, finely chopped (may use drained dill relish)
- 1/4 cup oil for frying
- 3 1/2 cups hot water to cover (or hot beef broth)
- 1 bay leaf
- 1/3 cup flour
- 1/4 cup fresh parsley minced

TO MAKE GRAVY

Add the flour to 1 cup of water in a large measuring cup, whisking briskly with a fork to blend. Pour the flour mixture all at once into the hot broth, using a wire whisk to blend. Use a wooden spoon to scrape up any brown bits from the bottom of the pan, and stir them into the gravy. Increase heat to medium-high and bring gravy mixture to a boil, stirring constantly. Continue to whisk while boiling for two to three minutes, until gravy thickens. Reduce heat to low and remove the bay leaf. Adjust seasoning to taste. Return rouladen to gravy, or spoon gravy over rouladen to serve.

Cut meat into about 8 steaks and pound thin (about 4X6 inches and 1/4-inch thick). Spread 1 tablespoon mustard evenly on one side of each pounded steak. Sprinkle salt and pepper over mustard. Evenly sprinkle chopped bacon, onion and pickles over mustard side of each steak. Roll up firmly, jelly roll fashion (with filling to inside, starting at narrow end) and secure each roulade shut (so filling stays in) with wooden toothpicks, cooking twine or white sewing thread. In a large Dutch oven, heat the cooking oil over medium-high heat. When hot, carefully add the rouladen. Fry until nicely browned, turning once (about 7 minutes each side). Add enough hot water or broth (may add red wine) to almost cover the rouladen. Add bay leaf. Increase heat to high and bring to a boil. Cover and reduce heat to low. Simmer covered for 1 1/2 hours on low heat. Check about halfway through cooking time, add hot water as needed to cover meat, stir, replace lid and finish cooking. With a large slotted spoon carefully remove the rouladen from the hot broth to an oven proof dish, cover





Birthdays

Ellen Decker	10/1
Mitchell Teeters	10/1
Louise Stuenkel	10/2
Seth Mendoza	10/4
Chandler Mitchell	10/5
Shelbi Hentschke	10/9
Richard Ziehr	10/12
Mary Ann Triesch	10/20

Anniversaries

Randy & LeMorris Galbreath	10/1/1976
Bryan & Ronnie Richter	10/03/2003
Jared and Lisa Castille	10/06/2017
Eric & Debra Harrison	10/10/1992
Phil & Sue Etter	10/14/1989
Tim & Tracy Ristow	10/14/2000
Kevin & Barbara Craig	10/21/1989

Lectors

10/03/2021	Clayton Pillack
10/10/2021	Alan Werchan
10/17/2021	Gary Lippe
10/24/2021	Alan Werchan
10/31/2021	Pachalin Stennfeld

Flower Chart

Given by...

October 3

Karotkin family birthdays

October 10

Duannah, Nathan, Yvette, Pete

To the Glory of God, and in loving memory of Bill

October 17

In Honor of Kevin and Barbara Craig's
32nd anniversary

October 24

Jordan and Kristen Boessling

October 31

Sunday Morning Schedule (until further notice)

Worship at 9:30 am

(For in-person attendance & streamed via Facebook Live)

Discipleship Classes at 10:45 am (For in-person attendance only)

Pastor's - Fellowship Hall

Children's Discipleship Classes at 10:45 am

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 started to have Fellowship after church service each Sunday. We will have a signup sheet posted in the narthex that will have 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.

Children's Discipleship Class - Classes for children on Sunday mornings have resumed. They meet in the Puppet House room to begin each Sunday. Class will go from 10:45 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. We hope to see your children there.

Marbridge - We have the opportunity to write cards of encouragement and to design crafts for the residents of Marbridge to enjoy amid the pandemic. You can provide your own stationary or pick up supplies provided by the church for an "at home" service project. We will be collecting these cards and crafts in the narthex thru Sunday, October 10, to then deliver/send to Marbridge. Please contact Jordan with any questions.

Thank you - Phyllis and Donn Trautner want to thank the members of Christ for all the prayers, cards, calls and well-wishes during our recent bout with COVID. We very much missed being with you and are glad to be back worshipping Christ together.

Senior Care Resources in Texas - Here is a website resource from Assisted Living Research Institute. <https://www.assistedliving.org/texas>

"AssistedLiving.org is dedicated to enhancing the lives of older adults by compiling comprehensive research, the latest studies, and real-world insight from experts, caregivers, and seniors into easy-to-understand, actionable guides and resources."

Christ Lutheran Social Media

✠ **Facebook** - <https://www.facebook.com/Christ-Austin-78704> - 121095017909219/

(Facebook Live streaming of our Worship services)

✠ **Twitter** - <https://twitter.com/ChristATX78704>

✠ **www.christaustin.org** - click on 'YouTube'

(Videos of Pastor John's sermons and hymns from the previous Sunday)

