

# Christ Lutheran Church

The People of Christ Sharing the Love of Christ

November 2021



Dear Friends,

Happy November! This is a wonderful month in the Church year. We start off the month with All Saint's Day, a holy day in which we remember the faithfully departed, those saints of God who rest from their labors on this earth and who now sleep in death awaiting the great day of resurrection. We then move to the last Sunday of the Church year, a day in which we celebrate the return of Christ, our heavenly king, coming back to this earth in bodily form to raise us from the dead and to take us to our heavenly home. And finally, we gather together with our church family for Thanksgiving, to praise and worship God for His many blessings given to us through the past year. And while this is technically a national holiday, for us in the church it is a holy day also, for whenever the body of Christ gathers to worship and thank God, God is in our midst, and that day and place becomes holy.

May God bless us through this month as we come together to worship Him and give Him praise for watching over our loved ones in death, for coming back one day to raise us from the dead and bring us home to heaven, and for all the blessings of this life, especially for the blessing of Jesus. 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 expiration 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](mailto: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 October Worship Services

Bill Martin and his family—Bill's brother, Joe, passed due to respiratory failure.

Kara - friend of Cory Rabitoy, diagnosed with breast cancer,

Lucille Herrera - back pain and swelling.

Fidel Gonzalez Jr. and Lydia Gonzalez, parents of Liz Martin— both struggling with a number of health issues.

Betty Lewis, mother of Donald Lewis—high blood pressure.

Carole Laurenzi, the mother of Sue Etter—health issues

Mark Ziehr - suffered a heart attack.

Joseph - friend of Cory Rabitoy, spinal fusion surgery.

Jena Carpenter—in rehab facility

## Stewardship Verses

So then, men ought to regard us as servants of Christ and as those entrusted with the secret things of God.  
Now it is required that those who have been given a trust must prove faithful.

I Corinthians 4:1-2





# Letter from the President

In October, the people of Christ came together to join in a brief reception to honor Pastor John and to operate the SoCo Pumpkin Patch for our neighbors and friends. As a reminder the proceeds from the patch will go to Water to Thrive.

In November, the council will meet to develop the proposed budget for 2022. We will also be looking at who will be on the church council. If asked to serve, please prayerfully consider doing so. It takes the combined efforts of all of us to keep Christ Lutheran moving forward, loving, and serving. Approval of the budget and election of officers will take place at a yet-to-be-determined December voters' assembly.

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 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

**Pumpkin Patch** - A big "thank you" to all of our volunteers. You did a great job!

**Blessing of the Quilts** - The Christ Lutheran Quilters would like to thank Thrivent for their financial support, the Quilter's from Redeemer, Fort Worth, for donation of quilt tops, and our Christ families and friends for donations of sheets, fabrics and thread. The quilts will be delivered to a Lutheran World Relief ingathering to be delivered to people in need worldwide. The quilters will take a break until January and would welcome anyone to join us at that time.

**Men's Discipleship Study Fall 2021** - Will meet on the First Tuesday of each month through May 2022. We'll continue on November 2 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. 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.

**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.

### **Poinsettias**

The poinsettias are \$12.00/plant this year. Please fill out the cut away portion at the bottom the announcement sheet starting November 14 or use the envelopes in the narthex and return in the offering plates or by mail to the church office ASAP. We only have 40 poinsettias for purchase (first come, first served/paid), so please be sure to get your orders in quickly. Please make sure you write legibly, fill out the form completely, and include payment for the proper amount.



### **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.



## Eunice Guild

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the Women of the 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.

### Meditation

#### The Chancel Lamp

My sister, Yvette, told me to write a meditation about a particular little candle in our sanctuary. This sounded a bit boring. What is there to write except, "This is the 'chancel lamp,' the ever-burning candle symbolic of the everlasting light, the eternal flame that is Christ, our Savior." It's the dim little candle that is sitting out of the way in a dark red glass sconce on a high ledge to the right and behind the altar. When my husband was alive and active around the church, he paid attention to it, as others in our church family do, changing the candle when necessary to keep it burning. But it's only a candle, and on occasion it goes out. So, why is it there, and more importantly, what can it possibly mean to me and the faith God has given me? In the Book of Exodus, God told Moses, "Then have them [the Israelites] make a sanctuary for me, and I will dwell among them. Make this tabernacle and all its furnishings exactly like the pattern I will show you" (Ex. 25:8,9). One of those furnishings for their sanctuary, the Holy Place of the Tabernacle, was an elaborately detailed lampstand of pure gold (Ex.25:31), to hold seven lamps that were to be tended to and kept burning every night. As I read God's directives for building and furnishing the Tabernacle, I was reminded of these beautiful words in John 1:14, "The Word became flesh and made His dwelling among us. We have seen His glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth." With this, our church's little chancel lamp began to take on a profound significance for me. Wow! Over 1400 years before the birth of Jesus, God the Father designed, and had Moses build, a Tabernacle where everything, even a lampstand, pointed directly to that very "One and Only," His Son Jesus, the Christ! The lamps on the lampstand were the sanctuary's only source of light - Jesus is our only true source of light! Consider John 1:9, "The true light that gives light to every man was coming into the world." And, in John 8:12, Jesus said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." Then, in 2 Corinth. 4:4, Paul speaks of "the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God." Think of it! When we look into the light of Christ, we see into the very face and heart of God the Father! My sister also told me the lamp reminds her of these hymn words: "Eternal are Thy mercies Lord, Eternal truth attends Thy Word," (*From All That Dwell Below the Skies, LSB 816*). The hymn is based on Psalm 117, "For great is His love toward us, and the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever. Praise the Lord!" So, why is this significant? Because everything within our sanctuary must, by God's example in the Tabernacle design, proclaim His Glory - His mercy and love, His faithfulness, and His plan of salvation in Christ! As we gather in fellowship each Sunday to receive Him in His Holy Word and Communion, and to praise Him for taking us out of darkness and into His marvelous light, the Holy Spirit renews and strengthens that light within us. In Matthew 5:14-16, Jesus tells us, "You are the light of the world," and that people do not "light a lamp and put it under a bowl." Instead, we are to "let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven." Luther said, "shining is the real job of believing . . . by which we help others to believe." We must not only profess our faith, but live our faith. Oh, there is so much in the flickering flame of our little chancel lamp that silently proclaims God's Glory, pointing to the hope found in our Lord and Savior, the everlasting true light, who dwells in us now, and forevermore!  
*In Christ's Light! Duannah (and, Thank you, sweet Sister)*

#### Sausage Balls

*Thank you to my sweet neighbor for this "O So Good," quick and easy recipe. The perfect addition to your Thanksgiving table.*

- 1 lb. bulk pork sausage (hot or mild), at room temperature
- 8 ounces sharp cheddar cheese, grated, at room temperature
- 2 1/2 cups Bisquick™ (all-purpose baking mix)
- Milk or water, as needed

Preheat oven to 350°F.

In a large bowl, use your hands to combine sausage, cheese, and Bisquick. Add milk or water, one or two tablespoons at a time, to bring dough together. Roll into golf ball-sized balls (a 1 1/2-inch dough scoop works well). Bake on ungreased baking sheets for approximately 15 - 18 minutes (or until cooked through and golden brown). The biscuits should have a dry, doughy texture that's similar to biscuits or muffins (they will not have the consistency of a traditional meatball). Serve warm or at room temperature.





## Birthdays

Dorothy Traugott	11/01
Jerry Decker	11/02
Bryan Richter	11/04
Yolanda Faulkner	11/06
Joe Campos	11/07
Berrick Juszczak	11/08
Andy Hentschke	11/09
Mildred Westfall	11/12
Pete Fay	11/15
Christina Juszczak	11/17
Elizabeth Chapman	11/18
Felix Alexander	11/20
Alice Werchan	11/20
David Cano	11/23
Ronnie Richter	11/25

## Anniversaries

Gary & Vicki Lippe  
11/25/1994

## Lectors

11/7/2021	MaryLou Moore
11/14/2021	Clayton Pillack
11/21/2021	Taylor Teeters
11/28/2021	Gary Lippe

## Flower Chart

### Given by...

#### November 7

Ihlo Family

In memory of Linda Ihlo

#### November 14

Michael and Cindy Zieschang

#### November 21

Gerald & Ellen Decker

#### November 28

Dorothy Traugott

## 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.

**Bread For All** - As the holidays approach, we have an opportunity to provide Bread for All Food Pantry with some items that they cannot get from Central Texas Food Bank. Bread For All could really utilize corn meal, sugar, flour, oil, spices (salt, cinnamon), cake mixes and icing. Please bring in these items (and any other nonperishable food donations for Bread For All) by Sunday, November 7 to the red bin located in the narthex. Bread For All continues to share food with our neighbors on Mondays from 5:00-6:30 pm at 1314 East Oltorf.

**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."

## Angel Tree Project (tentative plan)

We are blessed to partner with Upbring once again this Christmas season on the Angel Tree Project. This is a tradition at Christ where we have the opportunity to buy and bring in wish list gifts for the children living in foster homes served by Upbring. We'll have the angel tree displayed with ornaments starting Sunday, November 14th, and we'll be collecting the presents thru the morning of December 5th.

**Travis Heights Art Trail** - This year's neighborhood Art Trail will take place from 11 am - 5 pm on both Saturday & Sunday, November 6 & 7. For more information, please be sure to go to <https://travisheightsarttrail.org/>. There are booklets in the Narthex regarding the 2021 Art Trail.

