

# Christ Lutheran Church

The People of Christ Sharing the Love of Christ

June 2022



Dear Friends,

In some of my closing words to my former congregation in San Francisco, I told them that the greatest testament to my 10+ years of ministry among them would be their ministry going on just fine without me. The last thing in the world I wanted to create was a congregation dependent on me. My hope and goal was always to build always and only on Jesus. I wanted the people to see and follow Jesus, not see and follow me.

And so it is also with the Holy Spirit. As we prepare to celebrate Pentecost, and as we focus on the work of God's Holy Spirit in and among us, there is a tendency among many churches and Christians to build their ministries and lives upon the Holy Spirit. But that is not the Holy Spirit's work or desire. His work and desire is always to elevate Jesus, to showcase Jesus, and to build peoples' lives on Jesus. Just as Jesus worked to glorify the Father, so the Holy Spirit works to glorify Jesus. The greatest testament to his work is a life built on the foundation of Jesus.

May we all have a Spirit filled, Jesus focused month.

In Christ,  
Pastor John

**PASTOR  
JOHN  
STENNFELD**



### Special Prayers in May Worship Services

Jewel Anderson – in rehab facility after a fall  
Pete Fay – cancer  
Onyema Ogwuegbu's mom – healing from knee replacement surgery  
Norma Nanyes - healing from back surgery.  
Beto Rodriguez (friend of BJ Zamora's daughter) - advanced cancer.  
Richard Ziehr - healing from muscle injury  
Bill Martin - healing

### Loss of loved one

Mitch Teeters at the passing of his father

### Peace

The people of Ukraine

### Rain

### Traveling

Jim & MaryLou Moore  
Betty Joyce Stephens

### Thanksgiving

Aimee Carrion (daughter in law of Albert & Jane Carrion)- pregnancy and baby due in October  
Chelsea Bailey (Daughter in law of Cindy Bailey) - pregnancy and baby due in August  
Yolanda Faulkner retiring after 42 years of teaching.  
Emily Richter graduating from Bastrop High School  
Lauren Chapman graduating from the University of Texas – Austin.  
Holly Herber on the occasion of her confirmation

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## Stewardship Verse

For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.  
Matthew 6:21



# Letter from the President

On Sunday 5/15/22, we held confirmation for Holly Herber. So, we say congratulations to Holly on this great accomplishment.

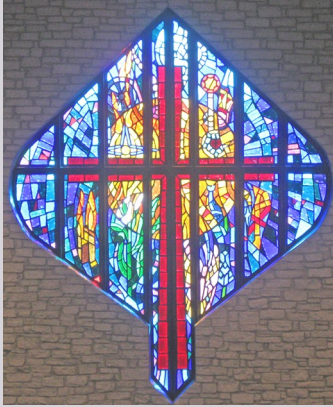
In May, Pastor John's discipleship class finished the study of the parables of the Bible. We will now be studying the book of Galatians. I encourage everyone to consider attending these highly informative classes.

The 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary continues this month with a recognition for our members who have been part of "Loving Service" which is one of our mission statements.

Our fellowship after church continues to be an enjoyable time for our members. We are still in need of people to sign up to provide refreshments after our church service. Please consider signing up for one Sunday to bring refreshments.

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



### 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.*

### 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.

### Christ Lutheran Church 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Cookbook

For the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Christ Lutheran Church, we will be creating a cookbook similar to the ones created for past church milestones. We are collecting recipes now to get the cookbook ready for distribution this fall.

Submit recipes by **August 1, 2022** to Jordan by email [jordan@christaustin.org](mailto:jordan@christaustin.org) or drop them off at the church office.

Please see the Announcement sheet for the required information template.

### 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.

### Loving Service

As part of our 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary year celebration we are recognizing those that have been part of the four mission statements of Christ Lutheran Church. To continue our recognition in June we will feature our members who have been involved in "Loving Service". On June 5<sup>th</sup> anyone that has been involved with Braille Workers, Quilters, Pumpkin Patch, Art Camp, Art Trail, Marbridge, Texas Ramp Project, Food Bank, Stephen's Ministries, Blue Santa, a mission/servant trip, a local service outing, and art mural will be asked to rise at the end of service to be thanked. Please join us to celebrate and say thank you to also of our members that were part of "Loving Service."





## 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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Eunice Guild.

### Meditation —

#### "SO GREAT!"

Our large West-facing window has old shades which are pulled to fully open almost every day. The Spring view is across a tree studded yard sprinkled with wild flowers and a patch of rustled cacti, through a barbed-wire fence, over a one-lane road, and into dense woods. No matter the weather, it's a view kissed by God. We can tell the month of the year by simply watching the sunsets. In December, the sun sets just past the large mountain laurel and over the prairie ridge toward the southwest. As days pass, the sunset moves up the road - behind Mom's red rose bush, then the Ash tree and the trunk of the large Live Oak. For a while, it moves across the yard, shielded by the woods but occasionally breaking through to brightly blind us for a few moments as we watch television. During May, it once again peeks in and out of our trees, and by mid-June it will be at our gate and ready to begin its trek back down the road to the large mountain laurel. I take comfort in knowing this sun that rises every day to provide for life on earth, will mark time across our yard and set without fail. So Great is our God! The night of May 15<sup>th</sup>, my brother and I were blessed to watch a most spectacular total lunar eclipse in a jaw-dropping starlit sky! We never tire of God's awesome wonders! I am reminded of a loved gospel hymn's text of praise, "How Great Thou Art," by Swedish pastor, Rev. Carl Boberg: "O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder consider all the worlds Thy hands have made . . . Thy power throughout the universe displayed!" Absolutely! "How Great!" does not begin to describe our God! King David knew this, singing: "His greatness no one can fathom" (Ps 145:3), "He determines the number of stars and calls them each by name" (Ps. 147:4). WOW! I get so excited thinking of our Great God the Creator and His Love for us, and I am at peace. St. Paul wrote, "For by [Christ] all things were created; things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible . . . all things were created by Him and for Him" (Col. 1:16). Christ is our Creator - He speaks to us - but how can we hear Him with all the "noise" in our lives? My sister told me of a devotion she read with a story about a boy and a watch. A worker in an icehouse lost his watch there. He and his co-workers searched for it without success, and gave up. A boy who had been watching, went in for a few minutes and then came out with the watch. He told them, "I just kept quiet until I heard its ticking and followed it." We can take a lesson from this boy. We have nothing to search for as God is always with us, but we must put aside our scheduled busyness and be still to hear God's voice. When we do, we will hear Him - in every worship service, whenever we read His Word, even in our prayers if we only pause for a moment before our "Amen," to listen. So, grab your Bible and go sit outside or by a window with open shades, read Psalms 145 - 147 (or your favorites), listen, and hear. Quietly look upon and consider the loving work that is the Savior's Creation - the shade of a tree, falling rain, the setting sun. Let His Word soak in and follow it to His Greatness! Know that He loves you and cares for you. The *immeasurable LOVE* that is the Savior, who through His death and resurrection claimed us for His own, is our only true source of peace. His promise of life everlasting with Him is so much greater and more certain than the rising and setting of the sun. David said, "The Lord is faithful to all His promises and loving toward all He has made. Let every creature praise His holy Name forever and ever" (Ps 145:13, 21)! *In Christ, Duannah*

#### Summer Squash Casserole

This recipe is sure to please, a delicious way to prepare those extra yellow squashes you have growing in your garden or those you could not resist buying at the farmer's market. It's one of those dishes you simply cannot stop eating!

6 cups cubed yellow squash (about 6 or 7 medium squash)  
1/4 cup onion, chopped  
2 eggs, beaten  
3/4 cup bread or cracker crumbs (divided)  
1/4 cup butter, melted  
1/4 cup sugar  
1 tsp salt  
1/2 tsp pepper

Preheat oven to 350°. Cut squash in half lengthwise. Scrape out larger seeds with a spoon and discard. Cube squash and boil in salted water for 5 minutes. Drain for 10 minutes. Sauté onion in a little butter until translucent. Put drained squash in a mixing bowl and mash with a potato masher. Add onions, eggs, 1/2 cup crumbs, melted butter, sugar, salt and pepper. Mix well. Place in a greased 1 1/2 qt. casserole dish. Sprinkle remaining 1/4 cup crumbs on top. Cover and bake for 20 minutes. Uncover and bake an additional 10 minutes.



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## June Birthdays

Ethan Scott Castille	6/4
Pamela Herber	6/5
Juliana Ramirez	6/5
Paul LaGrone	6/6
Dale Brodbeck	6/8
Katy Herber	6/8
Liz LaGrone	6/10
Deborah Bynum	6/12
Paul Kern	6/18
Joe Cano	6/20
Gwendy Lewis	6/20
Pamela Hamil	6/21
Lucille Herrera	6/24
Jeremy Faulkner	6/26
Clyde Crow	6/27

## June Anniversaries

Jimmy & Mildred Westfall	6/3/1961
Paul & Alicia Kern	6/3/2005
Jim & MaryLou Moore	6/7/1975
Andy & Shelbi Hentschke	6/13/2009
David & Kimberly Schaare	6/18/1994
Onyema & Amana Ogwuegbu	6/19/2021
Don & Gwendy Lewis	6/21
Mark & Pamela Herber	6/24/2000
Freddie & Dorothy Richter	6/25/1960
David & Pamela Hamil	6/27/1998

**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** - The flower chart for the 2022 calendar year is now posted in the narthex. Sign up early to get your preferred dates. If you sign up for a particular date, please remember to send/turn in your payment for your flowers, \$45 per arrangement (in advance of that Sunday).

## Lectors

6/05/2022	Gary Lippe
6/12/2022	Alan Werchan
6/19/2022	Micah Stennfeld
6/27/2022	Taylor Teeters

## June Flower Chart Given by...

### June 5

Mark & Holly Herber  
Pam & Katy's Birthdays

### June 12

Deborah & Douglas Bynum  
Deborah's birthday

### June 19

Brenda & Mark Richter  
Fred & Dorothy Richter Anniversary

### June 26

Lucille Herrera

**Marbridge**—Marbridge ([www.marbridge.org](http://www.marbridge.org)) has a particular need for a Training and Education volunteer to help regarding Art classroom with instructor – Monday 8:30-11:15a.m. and Thursdays 10:00-11:15 a.m. (summer only: late May through September) weekly commitment. For more details, please contact Marbridge's Volunteer Coordinator Haley Koop [hkoop@marbridge.org](mailto:hkoop@marbridge.org) or (512) 282-1144.

**Braille** will be on the third Tuesday, June 21, 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 (June 9 and June 23) at 10:00 a.m. in rooms 7 and 8.

## Christ Lutheran Social Media

[www.christaustin.org](http://www.christaustin.org)

**Facebook** - <https://www.facebook.com/Christ-Austin-78704-121095017909219/>  
(Facebook Live streaming of our Worship services)

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

**You Tube** - @ChristAustin78704 (Videos of Pastor John's sermons and hymns from the previous Sunday)