

Christ Lutheran Church

The People of Christ Sharing the Love of Christ

November 2022



Dear Friends,

On November 23rd, Wednesday, at 6:00 p.m. we will have our annual Thanksgiving service. I hope you will attend. It is one of the most beautiful services of the year thanks to the hymnody. And many of the thanksgiving hymns we sing only at Thanksgiving, so if you love good singing, you won't want to miss this service.

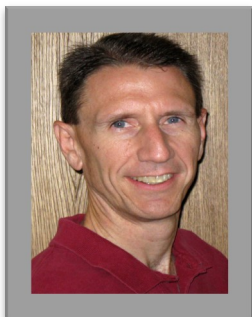
I, however, will not be singing with you as I will be having surgery on my vocal cords on November 11 and will be on strict silence for about a month following the surgery. We will have a guest preacher/pastor on November 13, then I will pre-record the sermon for the following Sundays of my silent convalescence. The elders will lead the worship services November 20—December 4, and then the sermon will be my pre-recorded videos. If everything goes well I should be able to preach again by December 11, God willing. Donn Trautner will continue to lead our adult discipleship class on Sunday mornings during my healing period. Please keep me in your prayers.

Whether you come to Thanksgiving Eve worship or not, worship with us online or not, remember to take time by yourself, or with your loved ones, to thank God for His goodness. We are all so blessed in so many ways. We can never repay God for His goodness to us, but we can honor His goodness by expressing our heartfelt gratitude.

Oh give thanks to the Lord, for He is good, and His mercy endures forever.

In Christ's Love,
Pastor John

**PASTOR
JOHN
STENNFELD**



WHAT'S INSIDE

2-3 Around the Church

Special Prayers in October Worship Services for Our sick family members and friends

Milton Ihlo – healing from back surgery
Freddie Richter – healing from Covid
Betty Shaw - healing from infection
Ginny, (sister of Cindy Zieschang), - pneumonia
Barb Schuchman (relative of Caitlin and Haylee Rowlette) - head/brain injury.
Cheryl Rowlette, (grandmother of Caitlin and Haylee Rowlette) - cancer.
Martha Price (cousin of BJ Zamora) – back surgery

Prayers of thanksgiving.

Justin & Nori Vail – pregnancy with baby due in April
Mark (son of Albert and Jane Carrion) and his wife, Aimee Carrion at the healthy birth of their son, Bowen "Bo" Isaiah Carrion

Protection

Nori Vail (Justin Vail's wife) – pregnancy with baby due in April

Prayer of loss

Marvin Twenhafel family (uncle of Duannah, Yvette & Pete, and Nathan) - who passed away

Stewardship Verse

But just as you excel in everything--in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in your love for us--see that you also excel in this grace of giving.

II Corinthians 8:7



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



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.

In October, the people of Christ came together in one final celebration of the church's 75th anniversary. I want to thank all the members of the anniversary committee that helped make this a great celebration.

A big thank you to those that helped with 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 2023. 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.

Our fellowship after church continues to be an enjoyable time for most our members. We are still in need of people to sign up to provide refreshments for after our church service. Please consider signing for one Sunday to bring refreshment. A big thank you to those that have signed up to bring refreshments.

Thank you, Donn Trautner for leading discipleship class to help Pastor John to allow him time to heal his voice. I hope those that attend found the classes that he led helpful and inspiring.

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. Reminder that all of Pastor John's sermons are available on our website, so if you ever want to relisten to one of our pastor inspiring sermons, they are always available. 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

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

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 13th, and we'll be collecting the presents thru the morning of December 4th.

Poinsettias The poinsettias are \$12.00/plant this year. Please fill out the cut away portion at the bottom the announcement sheet starting November 13 or use the envelopes in the narthex and return in the offering plates or by mail to the church office ASAP. We only have 35 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.

Candles - Using the eternal light candles that have graced our sanctuary for the last couple of years, we have created a remembrance of the 75 years that God has blessed our congregation and the people that have grown in faith within its walls. Please feel free to take one you will find in the narthex for your family. If they are all gone, please let us know and we will provide one for you. To God be glory, great things HE has done!

Braille is planning to meet on the third Tuesday, November 15, 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.

75th Anniversary T-shirts—We have some 75th anniversary t-shirts still available. For more information, please see David or Kimberly Schaare, or contact via email schaarehome@gmail.com



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.

This page is sponsored by the Women of the Eunice Guild.

Meditation —

"LETTERS"

"Grace and peace to you." In elementary school, a teacher gave to me the name and address of a girl in Germany who wanted an American pen pal. I don't recall why, maybe a school project, or extra credit? But I do remember feeling excited and a bit apprehensive. We were told to begin by writing a letter of just a few sentences about ourselves, which I did, and then it was mailed for me. I was so excited the day an envelope with the most beautiful stamps, all the way from Germany, appeared in our mailbox! Someone had written a letter and mailed it - to me! I was hooked. I love writing letters, but even more, I love receiving letters from others telling me about their days, their surroundings, their successes and disappointments, their thoughts and hopes, their likes and loves. Letters are personal and intimate, and can be kept to be reread. Just knowing someone took the time to write a letter touches my heart in a special way. My life has been richly blessed to have had several dear relatives and friends who share a love of letter writing. Perhaps this is why I am drawn to the letters of St. Paul in the New Testament. Wow! What an amazing letter writer! He wrote to specific congregations or specific people to answer their questions or to address problems he was aware of, and he wrote to stay in touch with them and to encourage and support them. His writings were also very personal. He wrote of his activities, where he'd been or was going, his successes and disappointments, his hopes, his needs, and always asking for prayer. He did not hold back! When I read his letters, I hear a man who loved Christ above all else, who cared about and loved fellow Christians, and seemed to feel an urgency in spreading the message of "Jesus Christ and Him crucified" (1 Cor. 2:2). Holy Scripture at that time was basically our Old Testament, but Paul's letters were now about the promised Christ who had indeed come and completed His acts of redemption, and they gave instruction on living in response to that Good News. Many were kept and read over and again in church services and other gatherings, and shared and passed down through the years. His letters to the churches in Galatia and to the Thessalonians became the oldest of our New Testament books - our first Christian scriptures! They predate the Gospels! So, what does any of this matter, and why meditate on it? Well, I find it very interesting - and even more! These letters, found in my Bible, were fervently written by someone inspired by God, cherished and passed down through the ages by God's Hand - all from God, for me. They were written to people like me with problems and questions, and they are important to my life as a Christian! As I read them, I hear the Heavenly Father's very Word spoken by my Savior's Holy Spirit, guiding, encouraging and supporting me through this life even as He prepares me for my Heavenly life. Paul's writings are not always easy for me to understand as he often seems to race from one thought to another, but they are obviously heartfelt and genuine. They touch my heart and become even more meaningful each time I read them. Paul began his letters with, "Grace and peace to you," and that is exactly what I know - what I am blessed with when I spend time reading the Biblical letters - God's Grace and Peace. And I will close this meditation with these beautiful words from St. Paul in his letter "To the church of God in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus and called to be holy, together with all those everywhere who call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ - their Lord and ours" (1 Cor. 1:2); "The grace of the Lord Jesus be with you. My love to all of you in Christ Jesus. Amen" (1 Cor. 16:23, 24).

In Christ, Duannah

Homemade Cranberry Sauce

1 ½ cups sugar
¾ cup water
¼ cup orange juice
Pinch salt
16 oz. package fresh or frozen cranberries
2 tsp. orange zest

- In medium saucepan over high heat, bring sugar, water, orange juice and salt to boil. Stir to dissolve sugar.
- Add cranberries and return to boil.
- Lower heat and simmer for 10-12 minutes until most of the berries burst. Turn off heat.
- Mash with potato masher, or if desired, puree with immersion blender.
- Add orange zest, and other ingredients if desired: raisins, blueberries, pineapple, chopped pecans, cinnamon, nutmeg, etc.
- Let cool completely.
- Transfer to covered container to chill in refrigerator.
- Will keep in fridge for 10 days or in freezer for up to 2 months.
- Makes about 2 ½ cups.



Birthdays

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

Anniversaries

Gary & Vicki Lippe
11/25/1994

Lectors

11/06/2022	Clayton Pillack
11/13/2022	MaryLou Moore
11/20/2022	Gary Lippe
11/27/2022	MaryLou Moore

Flower Chart Given by...

November 6

Karotkin

Jerry Deckers Wesley Kerotkin's birthdays

November 13

In memory of Linda Ihlo

By the Ihlo Family

November 20

In Memory of Ron Kautz

By Jo Kautz

November 27

Vacant

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 - If you sign up for a particular date on the flower chart, please remember to send/turn in your payment for your flowers, \$45 per arrangement (in advance of that Sunday).

Men's Discipleship Study (monthly) - continues a study of the Armor of God on Tuesday, November 1st at 7:30 pm in Workshop.

Travis Heights Art Trail—In recent Adult Discipleship classes we have discussed the concept of being “bridges” to those who may or may not know the Lord, Jesus Christ. Though the Holy Spirit calls people to faith, God has called us to be his voice, hands, feet, and heart in serving and loving our neighbors as we create bridges with them. Through the annual Travis Heights Art Trail, we have the opportunity to “bridge” our congregation with those in our community, and at the same time “bridge” other non-profits with our congregation and with our neighborhood.

The Art Trail will be held on Saturday and Sunday, November 5 & 6 from 11 am to 5 pm. We again are hosting several non-profit agencies that will display newly created art for sale during the Trail. Members of Christ are encouraged to assist during the trail and to participate by stopping at the fellowship hall and by visiting Travis Heights artists.

This year we will host the following non-profits:

Marbridge

Art From the Streets

Austin Adventurers Academy of Lifelong Learning

For further information contact Donn Trautner or Jordan or go to our website page: www.christaustin.org/travis-heights-art-trail.

What is Lutheran Hour Ministries?

A Christian outreach ministry supporting churches worldwide in its mission of *Bringing Christ to the Nations—and the Nations to the Church*.

LHM produces Christian radio and TV programming for broadcast, as well as Internet and print communications, dramas, music, and outreach materials, to reach the unchurched in more than 30 countries.

LHM's flagship program, **The Lutheran Hour**, is the world's longest-running Christian outreach radio program. It airs Sunday on KHCB (90.9) at 12:30pm; KLBK (590 + 99.7) at 7:04 am; KTXW (1130) at 6 pm; or on the website.

Currently, our congregation is using Bible study material developed by LHM in the adult discipleship class on Sunday mornings.

For more information, visit www.lhm.org or call 1-800-876-9880.

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