

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

8-2-20

Stuff to know about Christ Lutheran during the pandemic

STARTING  
ON SUNDAY:



## Engaging the Holy Mysteries

a summer series exploring  
Baptism and Communion

Christ Lutheran Church

Wichita, Kansas

August 2 Sept 6



### WEDNESDAY BOOK STUDY

We recently started a new book study on Wednesday nights at 7:00pm via Zoom. This is for anyone in the congregation and we are studying the book, “Dear Church: A Love Letter from a Black Preacher to the Whitest Denomination in the US” by Rev. Lenny Duncan (an ELCA pastor). To fully participate, you’ll want to have access to your own copy, either on

an e-reader or hard copy. We have a handful of hard copies still available at church on a first come first serve basis, and they are in the dropbox outside the front door.

Each Monday, Pastor Chad will send out a Zoom invite to the entire congregation, so be watching for that. We’ll be discussing a couple chapters each week. This coming Wednesday, we’ll be looking at chapters 5-6.

If you’ve never used Zoom before and want to participate, let Pastor Chad know and we’ll try to get you set up for it. If you have a smartphone, tablet, or computer, it should be able to work just fine for you. We’d love for you to join us!

### *Filling the Gap*

This month Christ Lutheran Church is collecting food for Partners for Wichita’s “Filling the Gap” program. These snack items can be placed in tubs in the main entry way to the church. If you don’t have a key, please call to make sure someone can let you in. This is a listing of items requested by Partners for Wichita:

- individually wrapped healthy items that don’t need refrigeration including individual fruit, pudding, or applesauce cups
- beef sticks, beef jerky, Slim Jim’s
- snack bars, granola bars, Chewys,
- cheese & crackers or cheese dippers
- fruit roll ups, dried fruit, raisins packets
- individual goldfish packets or pretzels.

To learn more about the “Filling the Gap” program you may check out this link to Partner’s for Wichita - <https://www.partnersforwichita.org/filling-the-gap>. We are also designating \$100 from Noisy Offering to purchase fruit at sites staffed with Christ Lutheran volunteers.

**Filling the Gap food items will be distributed August 31– September 5.**

Thanks to all of our friends at CLC and Pastor Chad for your prayers, concern, and support at the loss of our mother, mother-in-law, grandmother, and great grandmother Reba Raleigh. She was 96 and is now at peace, no longer in quarantine in a nursing home, and in her heavenly home. ~Joe and Sandra Raleigh



### UPCOMING WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Per the recommendation of the COVID-19 Task Force and because of rising case numbers in our area, the Church Council made the decision to continue with Online Only Worship services through August 9<sup>th</sup>. The Task Force will be meeting on August 10<sup>th</sup> to make some decisions regarding the rest of the month. But for right now, here's the schedule:

**August 2: 9:00 & 10:30am Facebook Live**

**August 9: 9:00 & 10:30am Facebook Live**

### OFFERING

If you would like to give an offering, there are 4 ways to do that:

1. Text GIVE to 833-613-0706 and follow the prompts.
2. Visit our website [www.christ-lutheran.org](http://www.christ-lutheran.org) and click the tab: Give Online.
3. Download the app called "Tithe.ly" and follow the instructions.
4. Mail your offering to 5356 N Hillside, Wichita, KS 67216.

Thank you for your continued generosity during these times!



### BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

*for all students, teachers & school personnel*

Blessing of the Backpacks will look a little different this year. If we are able to gather in-person for worship at some point before school starts, we can do this tradition as a group as we have in the past. But in the meantime (& in addition to any possible group gathering), we will be offering individual & personal blessings.



On Sunday, August 16, from 5:00 – 7:00pm, Pastor Chad will be at the Outdoor Sanctuary at church for the Blessing of Your Backpack. You can just come up to church any time during that window and have your backpack personally blessed at the Outdoor Sanctuary behind the building. It will involve a very short time of conversation & prayer, and you'll get a couple goodies that will help you through the school year as well. (If the weather is bad, we'll just do the Blessing under the awning near the front door.)

If you are not available or cannot make it to church during that time, simply text Pastor Chad whenever you are available and arrange a time to meet at church that way (636-699-8747). We would love to get everyone's backpacks blessed for what will likely be a strange and challenging school year.

