

The Messenger

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July 2020 Newsletter

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Welcome to our Newest Members! Steve & Jeannene Schweitzer

Steve & Jeannene are officially joining Christ Lutheran on July 5, 2020. They have been worshipping with us for several months and have enjoyed being part of our congregation. Steve is a lifelong Wichitan who is retired from doing some defense contracting. He really enjoys astronomy & reading, and has done some volunteering for Partners for Wichita. Jeannene works part-time consulting for early childhood development centers, has many years of teaching experience, and has also volunteered for Partners for Wichita. She really enjoys traveling, cooking, baking, and knitting. They've been married for 38 years and have cared so deeply for neighborhood children that those kids have become family to them. If they look familiar, it's because they have been very active members of St. Paul's Lutheran and just felt like it was time for a change. We are so thankful to have them as part of our congregation! Please be sure to say hi and welcome them if you see them.



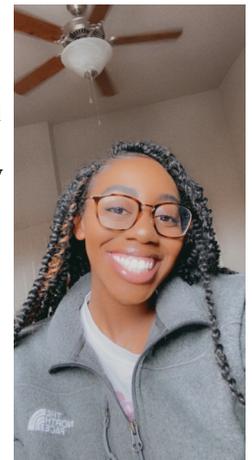
Welcome to our New Secretary! Danielle Chapman

On June 29, we welcomed Danielle Chapman onto our staff as our new church secretary. She was the top candidate out of a wide variety of applicants and we are so thankful to have her. She will be working 10 hours/week in the office. Based on Pastor Chad's vacation schedule and her own pre-planned vacation, we won't have a set schedule for her until August. But once August rolls around, we will publish her regular office hours.



Hello everyone,

I am so excited to be welcomed here at Christ Lutheran Church! I recently just graduated from Wichita State with my Bachelor's in Business Administration, General Business. I am originally from Amarillo, Texas and ended up moving to McPherson, Kansas right after graduating high school. I ended up transferring to Wichita State going into my junior year as McPherson ended up not being the right fit for me. I am hopefully going to jump right back into my Master's degree this fall for Business Administration as well. My eldest brother also currently lives in McPherson, Kansas with my sister-in-law, along with my two nephews. My middle brother is currently pursuing his second Master's in Baltimore at John Hopkins University. I enjoy making crafts, baking, travelling, and of course watching hours of Netflix / Hulu whenever I get the chance to do so! If you have any questions or if you just want to stop by the office sometime to say hello, please don't hesitate! Thank you!



Summer Worship Schedule

9:00 AM - Outdoor Worship at CLC - led by Praise Band
10:30 AM - Facebook Live (Virtual) Traditional Worship

Men's Breakfast & Quilt Day

Men's breakfast & Quilt Day for June are cancelled.

Summer Parades

Christ Lutheran has decided that we will not participate in any Parades in 2020.

2020 Bookkeepers Report

Respectfully Submitted, Alan Wondra



	May 2020	YTD 2020	Rolling 12 Months YTD
Receipts	\$17,978.03	\$77,527.78	\$246,523.92
Expenses	\$14,934.65	\$84,454.29	\$210,678.67
Variance	\$3,043.38	(\$6,926.51)	\$35,845.25

Building Fund Update



May Giving: \$2,290.00
Year 2020 Total: \$16,879.38



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For any medical questions or concerns please contact **Mary Garrelts** at mbgarrelts@cox.net

Women's Bible Study

The Women's Bible study will not meet until further notice. Please keep the March issue of the Gather magazine for when we meet again. For questions contact **Rosie Harder** 200-3233 or ma28rr77@cox.net. Take care!



Council Meeting

There will be a Council meeting on **July 27, 2020** at 6:00pm.

Meet Rachel (again)!

Rachel Griffard (aka Griff-Dog) is a counselor at Camp Tomah Shinga this summer and Christ Lutheran is sponsoring her again, for the 2nd year in a row. We have been asked to pray for her, send her cards, letters and care packages throughout the summer in order to encourage her in her ministry. Rachel is from Ballwin, MO (a suburb of St. Louis), and a member of Good Shepherd Lutheran in Manchester, MO. She just finished up her sophomore year at KU and was very involved in KU's Lutheran Campus Ministry. She is an important part of LCM's praise band, and her major is Behavioral Neuroscience. Rachel has a passion for children and youth and is currently considering a future in professional ministry. She got connected to Tomah Shinga through her involvement with Lutheran Campus Ministries.



Camp Tomah Shinga will look very different this summer. They are not able to offer a normal summer program for children throughout Missouri & Kansas. They are open, however, for families to rent out the cabins and participate in various camp activities. They will also be offering a "Backyard Camp" experience, which is some kind of virtual camp experience that the staff will put together and that anyone can participate in. Rachel is an excellent photographer & videographer and will be putting together most of these online experiences.

Rachel loves chocolate and gummi bears. But more than that, she says, she loves getting words of support and encouragement. If you would like to send her a note or care package, it can be mailed to:

Rachel Griffard
Camp Tomah Shinga
7821 E. Lyons Creek Rd.

DEAR CHRIST LUTHERAN,

NOW, CAN YOU BELIEVE IT IS SUMMER TWO? I AM ONCE AGAIN SO GRATEFUL FOR YOUR SUPPORT AND SPONSORSHIP OF ME AND CAMP TOMAH SHINGA AS A WHOLE.

LAST SUMMER, ALL YOUR LETTERS AND LITTLE PICTURES AND PACKAGES WOULD BRING SUCH A HUGE SMILE TO MY FACE. YOU ALL BROUGHT (AND STILL BRING) ME SO MUCH JOY. I EVEN KEPT ALL OF THEM IN A BOX AND TAKE THEM OUT TIME TO TIME.

EVEN IF I AM NOT A DIRECT CHILD OF YOUR CHURCH, YOU HAVE ENVELOPED ME WITH THE SAME LOVE, COMPASSION AND SUPPORT. I AM LUCKY TO HAVE BEEN BROUGHT TO YOU ALL.

GOD'S BLESSINGS ON YOU, AND I HOPE THIS LETTER REACHES YOU ALL SAFE AND WELL

GOD'S LOVE,
RACHEL GRIFFARD
CAMP TOMAH SHINGA

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY CHANGES COMING!

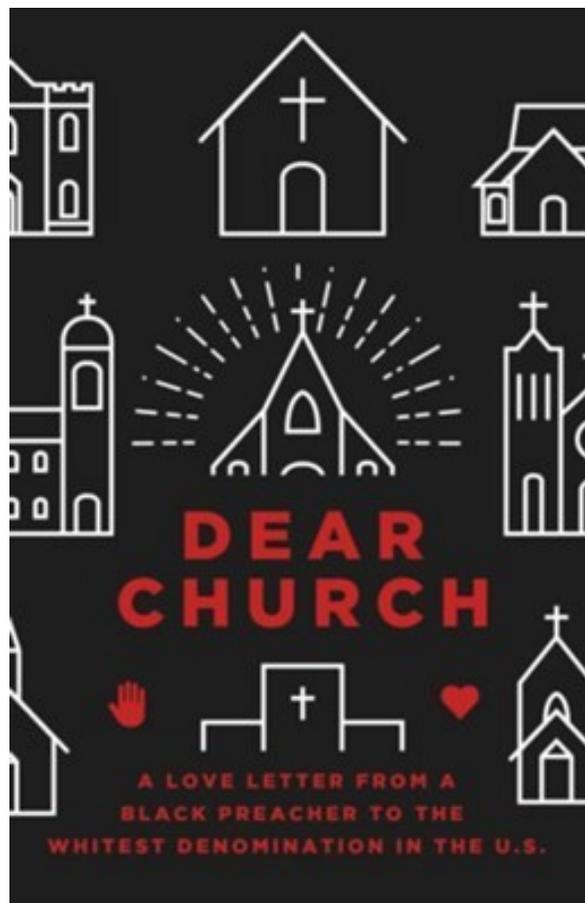
Beginning July 22, our Wednesday night Bible study will take a different form temporarily. We will be shifting from Facebook Live to a Zoom format for 6 weeks (July 22 – August 26). This change will allow us to have actual conversation about what we will be studying. It will also look a little bit less like a Bible study and more like a book study. I would like us to spend these 6 weeks studying & discussing the book called “Dear Church” by Rev. Lenny Duncan (an ELCA pastor).

In worship during these weeks, we will be shifting from our focus on mental health to a focus on the Sacraments: Baptism & Communion. We will be talking a lot about identity, forgiveness, and the Body of Christ during this time, and the book “Dear Church” will be a great supplement to that. As you get into the book, you’ll realize that it is very timely given what is going on in the world. And I would really rather do this study by Zoom so that we can have some real conversation about the book’s main topic: race. I realize that by doing a Zoom call, we will necessarily be limiting the conversation to our congregation (rather than the non-CLC people who often drop into our Facebook Live Bible studies), but I also think this will be helpful. The conversations and our reactions to this book may be difficult, and I think it best to treat it like a close, family discussion rather than a public discourse by one person.

As the date gets closer, I will be sending out a Zoom invite to the entire congregation, so be watching for that. In the meantime, I’ve ordered 15 copies for distribution to whoever wants them on a first come-first serve basis. It has become very popular recently and is currently sold-out in several online distributors (you probably cannot get it at any local bookstores), but you can also get it on Kindle. We’ll be addressing about 2 chapters each week.

And if you’ve never used Zoom before and want to participate, let me know and we’ll try to get you set up for it. If you have a smartphone, tablet, or computer, it should work ok for you. Watch the emails & bulletin for more announcements.

~Pastor Chad



THANK YOU!

Dear Church Family,

Thank you for your continued support in our journey. You have been our rock through good and bad. I cannot express how much love you all have given us. Christ Lutheran is an amazing church. I can only pray our family can share the love of God to others that you have given us. Thank you for all the memorials also. God bless you.

~ Juanita, Jacob, Sydney & Caleb
Freed



Human Needs Update COVID 19 July Edition

FILLING THE GAP

This month Christ Lutheran Church is collecting food for the Partner's for Wichita "Filling the Gap" program. With our church building being restricted we will be taking food collections only on Sunday mornings during our 9 AM worship time. These snack items will be placed in the main entry way to the church. We are unable to accept donations at any other time. This is a listing of items requested by Partner's for Wichita:

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

MISION SAN JUAN DE DIOS

Mision San Juan de Dios has some exciting things happening. They have taken over responsibility for the used clothing program nearby their church. They will be accepting clothing for the store, shoes and kitchen items such as cups, plates for distribution. If you wish to donate items for them here at the church you may do so only on Sunday mornings at the 9 AM service in the entry way to our church. In addition, we will donate \$200 from the Noisy Offering fund for purchase of bus passes assist the congregation. To view information about Mision San de Juan watch this YouTube video (which is on their Facebook Page and was linked to our Facebook page on June 26): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QDcOroFfG9c&feature=youtu.be&fbclid=IwAR0m9BPDHMR9sTTGNNNA8EkNpmOX-0H-DLh2r6Mw3Ne8-IamxpdzZ4UTJ9IA>

SUPPORT FOR TEACHERS

If you are teaching school this fall please be aware that Human Needs Committee will be splitting \$500 among all the teachers at Christ Lutheran to assist in setting up their classrooms. This year the schools will have less resources available to the teachers. Typically, teachers utilize their personal funds to supplement those provided by the school, and we would like to help out this year.

Hello Friends,

Thank you for all of your thoughtful cards that you sent for our 60th anniversary! We were overwhelmed and immensely happy with all of the love that was sent our way. We got married in April of 1970, and along with a happy marriage we have so many memories that we could include, but we would like to recognize the marriage of Robin and Brian and the baptisms of our four grandchildren. Thank you for being our caring and loving church family.

Carol and Gordon Jones

Happy Anniversary

HELP WANTED FOR A SPECIAL PROJECT

Pastor Chad would like to explore creating an Outdoor Prayer Labyrinth near the Outdoor Sanctuary. He plans to set up a small committee to design & construct it.

WHAT IS A PRAYER LABYRINTH?

A labyrinth is simply a place to walk and pray. There is nothing mystical about it. It gives you the freedom to walk around while focusing your mind on God – and not worry about getting lost.

A labyrinth contains a single walking path to the center and then back out again. It has many turns but, unlike mazes, does not have dead ends. Labyrinths come in a variety of forms: you may walk through them inside on a canvas mat or outside on grass, tile, or a stone-laid path. There are also finger labyrinths and even an online labyrinth. Labyrinths have a long history, both inside and outside the church, and can be found all around the world.

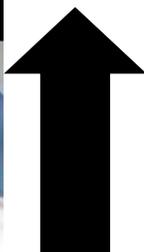
In Christian usage, the purpose of the labyrinth is personal and spiritual transformation. One way to pray a labyrinth is to worship and praise God as you walk to the center, then intercede for people and concerns as you walk back to the outside. Today there are churches from many different denominations that encourage people to use labyrinths as part of their devotional practices.

CHRIST LUTHERAN'S (POTENTIAL) PRAYER LABYRINTH

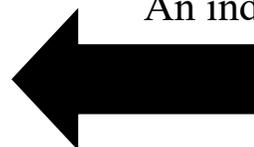
Some features we could include:

- Using stone borders or paving stones to mark the path
- Using small rock, gravel, or rubber playground filler as the primary surface so that we would not have to mow this area
- Having a sign near the entrance that would explain it and offer instruction for how to use it

There are already some funds set aside for construction, but depending upon the design and materials, we may need to solicit more funds for this project. If you would like to help contribute either financially or with your gifts, talents and tools, please contact **Pastor Chad**.



Outdoor Prayer Labyrinth examples... Pastor Chad could see us creating something similar near the Outdoor Sanctuary.



An indoor example

July
Birthdays (b.), Anniversaries (w.), and Baptisms (bap.)

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
			1 Judy Smith (b.) Thomas Vingerud (b.) Brittany Garrelds (bap.) Karley Luper (bap.)	2 Margaret Dietz (b.)	3 Jon Stiebner (w.) Julie Stiebner (w.)	4 Larry Cross (bap.)
5 Alan Wondra (w.) Karen Wondra (w.) Korinna Lechner (bap.) Frances McNeal (bap.)	6 Lois Jensen (w.)	7 Michael Clouse (b.)	8 Wes Nelson (b.) Lily Ensminger (bap.) Ariannah Halle (bap.)	9 Harper Gibbs (b.) Julie Evans (bap.)	10 Eugene Moravec (b.) Sandra Raleigh (b.) Mallory Fowler (bap.) Clara Miller (bap.)	11
12 Buddy Martin (w.) Mary Martin (w.)	13	14 Caitlyn Haynes (b.)	15 Darla Steinert (w.) Terry Steinert (w.) Stephanie Nolt (bap.) Aspyn Stucky (bap.)	16 Christina Henzen (w.) Larry Zabel (w.) Sandra Zabel (w.)	17 Jeffery Garrelds (b.)	18 Jean Knappenberger (b.)
19 Jack Smith (b.) Cynthia Thompson (w.) Ted Thompson (w.)	20 Gloria Peacock (b.) Erica Ballard (w.) Ryan Ballard (w.) John White (w.) Kathryn White (w.)	21 Barbara Apps (b.)	22	23	24 Michael Lechner (b.) Dick Hahn (bap.)	25 James McMullin (w.) Lauren McMullin (w.)
26 Morgan Barnhill (b.) Beth Wenner (w.) Bill Wenner (w.) Taylor Cook (bap.) Alleigh Stucky (bap.) Ryan White (bap.)	27 Brian Rader (b.) Margaret Kaufman (b.) Freyja Carlstedt (w.) Kimberly Foster (w.)	28	29 Nancy Christensen (b.)	30 Ted Balzer (b.)	31 Phoenyx Flowers (b.)	

Virtual Worship

Here is a list of links for Pastor Chad's virtual worship videos:

Pastor Chad Langdon's Facebook:
<https://www.facebook.com/chad.langdon.92>

Christ Lutheran Church Facebook:
<https://www.facebook.com/CLCwichita>

Sandwich Saturday

- Our next date to provide sack lunches is Saturday, July 25. We will need help on Friday, July 24 at about 5:00pm to make the PB&J sandwiches and put together the rest of the lunches. We will practice social distancing and do everything as safely as possible.