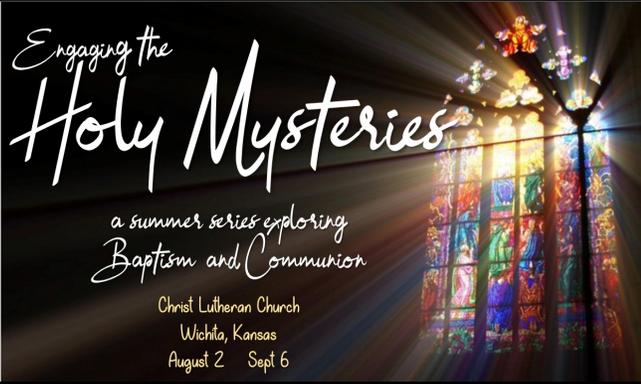


ANNOUNCEMENTS

8-9-20

Stuff to know about Christ Lutheran during the pandemic



CONFIRMATION MEETING

There will be a Zoom meeting for all Confirmation students & parents on Tuesday, August 18 at 7:30pm. (You'll receive an invitation in your email.) This will be primarily for 6th-8th graders, but if other people (older or younger) are interested in participating in this mostly-self-paced confirmation program, please let Pastor Chad know.

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.

ST. PAUL'S BREAKFAST

Our next date to serve St. Paul's Breakfast is Saturday, August 22. Because people are still hungry during this time, we will still be serving this meal to our community. There will be no preparation on Friday night and everything will take place on that Saturday morning at St. Paul's. We will need about 8 people who are willing to meeting down at St. Paul's at 7:00am on Saturday, August 22 to prep and serve the meal. We'll be doing biscuits & gravy, along with some other sides. Please contact Donn Bischoff if you are willing and able to help. Please watch the weekly announcements for further details & donation needs.

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 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



INDIVIDUAL CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

As part of our series on *Engaging the Holy Mysteries*, this Sunday evening, August 9th, Christ Lutheran will be offering a time for **Individual Confession & Forgiveness** from 6:00 – 8:00pm. This will be an opportunity for you to come to church, meet with Pastor Chad one-on-one, confess those sins which trouble you, and hear an individual word of forgiveness and assurance. It will be a drop-in type event and you can come any time between the 6:00 and 8:00pm window. Due to the confidential nature of Confession and because of the pandemic, only one person will be allowed in the building at a time. Please know that you may need to wait outside the building if someone is ahead of you. Because this is likely a new experience for most of us, here are some instructions, guidelines, and what to expect:



- There is a short liturgy that we will follow. Please look over the bulletin ahead of time because it gives you an idea of what our time together will look like. It also gives an explanation of which sins a person is to confess during this time.
- This is for individuals only. If a child or young adult wants to participate, their parent may wait in the lobby until they are finished with their Confession.
- We will do this rite in the sanctuary and there will be a short time afterwards for you to remain in the sanctuary alone for prayer.
- We will be practicing pandemic protocols, including wearing masks and social distancing. After each person finishes their Confession, Pastor Chad will wipe down & clean the area that was used before the next person is allowed in the building
- When you arrive, please follow the signs.

The Lutheran Confessions speak of the Sacrament of Repentance. While we typically participate in this sacramental practice together during Sunday worship, this particular event is designed for you to experience God's grace in a slightly different way – by confessing your sins aloud to your pastor and hearing an individual word of absolution & forgiveness for those sins. Nowhere do Lutherans require this. However, we have kept Individual Confession & Forgiveness as part of our tradition and this is an opportunity for you to try it out, if you would like. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Chad.