

# THE MESSENGER



## DETAILS:

- Sunday, October 31st on **HALLOWEEN!**
- Trunk-or-Treating is from 5:30-6:30pm-ish. Come & go as you want.
- Set Up for trunks begins at 5:00pm.
- Event will be outside in the field behind church.
- Award for **BEST TRUNK & OTHER GIVEAWAYS!**

## WANT TO BE A TRUNK?

- Mark the Tear-Off or email Pastor Chad at [pastor@christ-lutheran.org](mailto:pastor@christ-lutheran.org) to reserve a spot.  
Thank you! **We need you!**
- Be creative & decorate your trunk (see Pinterest).
- Use only pre-packaged candy or goodies—no homemade goods. Crafts or small toys are good too! Have at least 100-150 pieces to give away.
- Maybe think of a creative way to give away treats by staying at least 6 ft away.  
Clear signage & little tables can help.
- Wear a mask & dress up yourself!

## DON'T WANT TO BE A TRUNK BUT STILL WANT TO HELP?

You can donate candy. Just bring it to church and we will give it to others to distribute.  
You can run a Games Station, Craft Station or Photo Booth.  
You can pass out flyers & invite your neighbors.  
Mark the Tear-Off if you have other ideas!





The 2022 ELCA Youth Gathering is approaching! It is called ***Boundless: God Beyond Measure*** and it is open to all current 8<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> graders. Pastor Chad recently held a meeting to explain what to expect, but if you would like to know more or are just curious about how our church seeks to support young people in their faith journey, please visit [www.elca.org/youthgathering](http://www.elca.org/youthgathering). More information and the registration forms are located at the Opportunity Table.

**The deadline for registering at Christ Lutheran is October 10.** Here's a bit more about theme:

*14 I kneel in prayer to the Father. 15 All beings in heaven and on earth receive their life from [God]. 16 God is wonderful and glorious. I pray that [God's] Spirit will make you become strong followers 17 and that Christ will live in your hearts because of your faith. Stand firm and be deeply rooted in [God's] love. 18 I pray that you and all of God's people will understand what is called wide or long or high or deep. 19 I want you to know all about Christ's love, although it is too wonderful to be measured. Then your lives will be filled with all that God is. 20-21 I pray that Christ Jesus and the church will forever bring praise to God. [God's] power at work in us can do far more than we dare ask or imagine. Amen. Ephesians 3:14-21*

We are bound. Bound by our sin, by the expectations of others, by poverty, by -isms that try to divide us, and by so much more. In a life that often feels as if it has young people in a suffocating grip, we want them to imagine the boundlessness of God: boundless love, boundless mercy, boundless freedom, boundless creation, boundless strength. All offered from a gracious and loving God who knows and adores them. All so abundant and endless it cannot be measured.

What are the stories of God's people, both in Scripture and modern-day, that share the awe and wonder of just how vast our God is? What does it mean, what does it look and feel like to live a life "filled with all that God is"? How can young people find themselves within the boundlessness of Christ's love?

MYLE, the tAble and the Gathering are unique opportunities to invite young people into a deeper relationship with a God whose possibilities are boundless. Through one-of-a-kind experiences, this ministry stretches and affirms young people's gifts and calls. They experience the power of the Spirit within them, that frees them to live in the grace of God's boundless love in Jesus Christ.

Finally, we are excited by the connections this theme offers to our host city of Minneapolis and the surrounding area. Known as the "City by Nature," Minneapolis is an earth-minded city in many ways. The Minneapolis Area Synod also names advocacy around care for creation as a top priority, which would allow us to learn from and support the local expression of the church.

**October  
Human Needs  
Collection and  
Noisy Offering  
benefits  
Stepstone  
Ministries**

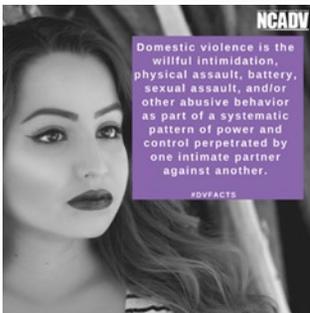
**Our Mission**

StepStone responds to the critical needs of the survivors of domestic violence by providing supportive services and transitional housing to nurture lives of stability and hope. Our staff and volunteers are motivated by the God-given dignity of each person. StepStone is a collaborative ministry of the Sisters of St. Joseph and the Adorers of the Blood of Christ.



**Requested items by  
Stepstone Ministries include:**

- Toilet Paper**
- Paper towels**
- Laundry detergent/dryer sheets**
- Dish soap for dishwashers**
- Body Wash**
- Shampoo/conditioner**
- Lotion (for sensitive skin and regular)**
- Toothpaste and toothbrushes**
- Feminine hygiene items**
- Combs/brushes**
- Deodorant for women and men**
- Cleaning supplies**



Domestic violence is the willful intimidation, physical assault, battery, sexual assault, and/or other abusive behavior as part of a systematic pattern of power and control perpetrated by one intimate partner against another.

#DVFFACTS

**DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH**

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month and in recognition of this the CLC's Human Needs Committee has selected StepStone (<https://www.stepstoneks.org/stepstone> or on Facebook) to receive items from our monthly collection. Please join StepStone in knowing more about Intimate Partner Domestic Violence. 1 in 4 women and 1 in 7 men will experience this in their lifetime. Help is available.

StepStone offers counseling, advocacy, safety planning and more.

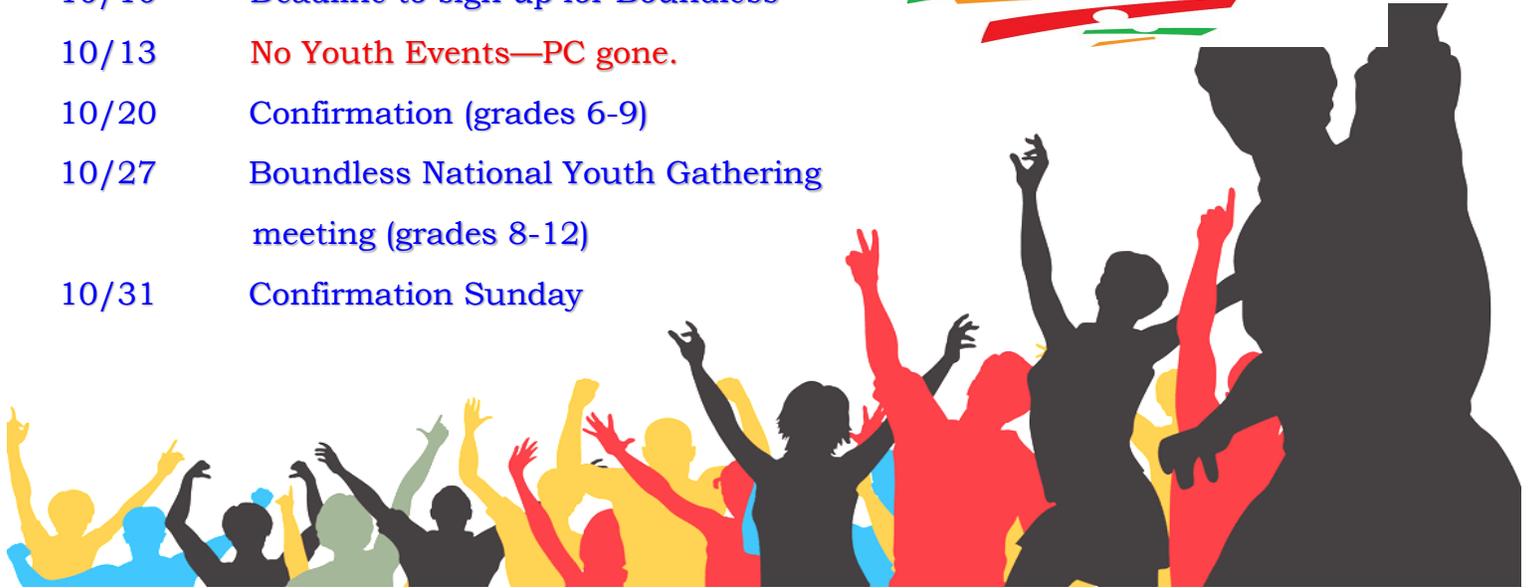
For more information about their free and confidential services, please call (316) 265-1611 or visit their web page. If you are in immediate danger call 911.

# GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS



## Other youth stuff:

- 10/6 Confirmation (grades 6-9)
- 10/10 Deadline to sign up for Boundless
- 10/13 **No Youth Events—PC gone.**
- 10/20 Confirmation (grades 6-9)
- 10/27 Boundless National Youth Gathering meeting (grades 8-12)
- 10/31 Confirmation Sunday



Brittany Garrelts last Sunday with us will be on October 10. We will be doing a Farewell and Godspeed for her at the early service as she leaves us to go spend a couple years out in the mission field



on Mercy Ships. Please continue to keep her in your prayers.

You also might feel compelled to support her mission financially. Gifts and donations really sustain her while she is overseas. We can't all travel, live in those conditions, do that important work, and participate hands on in the ministry that Mercy Ships does. But we can all directly support Brittany in her work & ministry as she represents Christ Lutheran Church in the world. If you would like to donate and support her, you can make those donations to church, mark them for Brittany, and we will make sure that they get passed along to her.



WANT TO (OFFICIALLY) JOIN CHRIST LUTHERAN?

Christ Lutheran will be welcoming new members in October. If you would like to officially join our congregation, please mark the Tear-Off and Pastor Chad will contact you. There are no membership classes or rigorous requirements. Most new members just have a sit-down meeting with Pastor Chad so they can get to know each other better and answer any questions that you may have about the church. You'll receive a New Member



packet that gives you more information about Christ Lutheran. If, after meeting with Pastor Chad, you decide you're not ready to join, that's ok too. But if you are at all interested in joining, mark the Tear-Off and PC will be in touch.



I wanted to thank the church for the money for my classroom. I used it to buy sunglasses that we call our "special reading glasses" to encourage kids to read. I also bought some more lap desks so kids could sit on the floor to work with me in a small group instead of always being in their seats. Thank you again for thinking of teachers.  
Dionne.



QUILTERS!

Quilting group is going to meet again on Tuesday, October 5<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am. You are encouraged to bring your own lunch.

This group of quilters is open to anyone who wants to join them. Sewing or quilting skill is not necessarily required. They meet once a month and you can come and go as your schedule allows. The morning is filled with conversation, laughter, encouragement, and by doing the important work of creating quilts for Lutheran World Relief.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL IS BACK!

Every Sunday, our Sunday school schedule looks like this

10:10am      Opening Songs in the Sanctuary  
10:20am      Learning Time

We do not have strict age/grade classes. Whichever class you feel more comfortable attending is the one you can attend. Parents are welcome & encouraged to sit in with their children if they want. Here's what we have lined up

- **Pre-K– Lower Elementary** – This class helps our youngest children explore the same story that we hear on Sunday in worship. This class is mostly designed for those children who cannot read or are just starting to learn. It is being teamtaught by Jamie Gibbs, Kelsey Helmick, Beth Baker & Jeannene Schweitzer. They meet in Room #6, just past the nursery.
- **Upper Elementary** – This class is full of energy & wonder as they explore in further depth the same story that we hear in worship on Sunday. This class is mostly designed for children who can read. It is being teamtaught by Janet Miller, Shannon Barta, and David & Laura Lechner. They meet upstairs in Room #8.
- **Middle & High School** – These young adults discuss and think about what their faith means to them and how they will live it out once they get out on their own. Lynde Langdon leads the discussion. Instead of going to Opening Songs in the Sanctuary, the middle & high school kids can just go straight to their classroom which is upstairs in Room #7, the Youth Room
- **Adult Class #1 will be tackling the topic of Universalism in September.** John Snow is leading a discussion exploring questions like: What is universalism? Is universalism biblical? Is it Lutheran? Is it dangerous or is it comforting? John leads the class in Bible study and explores answers to these and other questions. They meet in Room #1.

### **Adult Class #2: Potluck Theology**

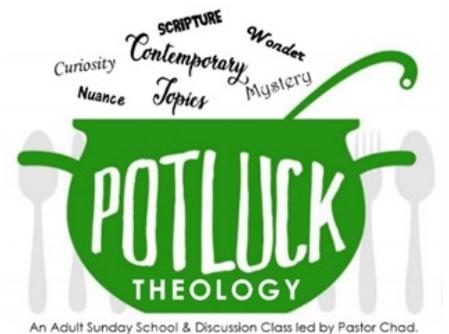
For the next few weeks, the Potluck Theology class will be discussing the topic of **CONFLICT**. In addition to scripture, Pastor Chad will be utilizing a book called "*High Conflict: Why We Get Trapped and How We Get Out*" by Amanda Ripley. This topic will probably take 3–4 weeks to talk about, and the rough outline of our discussion will look like this:

*How to recognize high conflict in the world and what are some of the causes*

*How to recognize high conflict in ourselves and what do we need to be aware internally so we don't get swept up into it*

*How to prevent high conflict and what are some tools we can use to make our way out*

This class is always open to anyone who wants to attend and you are welcome to pop in or pop out at your convenience. They meet in classroom #4.



**October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2021**

9:00 am

<b>Ushers</b>	Justin & Landon Clouse
<b>Greeters</b>	Wes Nelson
<b>Power Point</b>	Noah Miller
<b>Soundboard</b>	Alan Wondra
<b>Worship Assistant</b>	Need One
<b>Reader</b>	Shawn Meier
<b>Goodies</b>	Kari Clouse

11:00am

<b>Ushers</b>	Ben Gibbs & Kids
<b>Greeters</b>	Becky Dykstra
<b>Power Point</b>	Paige Gibbs
<b>Soundboard</b>	Kenny Tauer
<b>Worship Assistant</b>	Donn Bischoff
<b>Reader</b>	Melissa Stanton
<b>Goodies</b>	Kelsey Helmick
<b>Counters</b>	Donn Bischoff & Becky Dykstra

**October 17<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

9:00am

<b>Ushers</b>	Justin & Landon Clouse
<b>Greeters</b>	Shawn Meier
<b>Power Point</b>	Noah Miller
<b>Soundboard</b>	Jim Garrelts
<b>Worship Assistant</b>	Warren Miller
<b>Reader</b>	Need One
<b>Goodies</b>	Mary Garrelts

11:00am

<b>Ushers</b>	Ben Gibbs & Kids
<b>Greeters</b>	Taylor Cook
<b>Power Point</b>	Abby Banta
<b>Soundboard</b>	Kenny Tauer
<b>Worship Assistant</b>	Donn Bischoff
<b>Reader</b>	Jean Beal
<b>Goodies</b>	Deb Bischoff
<b>Counters</b>	Donn Bischoff & Bonnie Johnson

9:00 am

<b>Ushers</b>	Justin & Landon Clouse
<b>Greeters</b>	Wes Nelson
<b>Power Point</b>	Andrew Clouse
<b>Soundboard</b>	Jim Garrelts
<b>Worship Assistant</b>	Robin Pressnall
<b>Reader</b>	Julie Stiebner
<b>Goodies</b>	Jo & Audry

**October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

9:00am

<b>Ushers</b>	Andrew Clouse & Kids
<b>Greeters</b>	Need One
<b>Power Point</b>	Justin Clouse
<b>Soundboard</b>	Alan Wondra
<b>Worship Assistant</b>	Robin Pressnall
<b>Reader</b>	Warren Miller
<b>Goodies</b>	Jo & Audry

11:00 am

<b>Ushers</b>	Paul Shaw & Kids
<b>Greeters</b>	Deb Bischoff
<b>Power Point</b>	Casey Dykstra
<b>Soundboard</b>	Courtlynn Dykstra
<b>Worship Assistant</b>	Donn Bischoff
<b>Reader</b>	Jamie Gibbs
<b>Goodies</b>	Kelsey Helmick
<b>Counters</b>	Paul Shaw & Becky Dykstra

**October 24<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

9:00 am

<b>Ushers</b>	Andrew Clouse & Kids
<b>Greeters</b>	Landon Clouse
<b>Power Point</b>	Justin Clouse
<b>Soundboard</b>	Jim Garrelts
<b>Worship Assistant</b>	Alan Wondra
<b>Reader</b>	Robin Pressnall
<b>Goodies</b>	Kari Clouse

11:00am

<b>Ushers</b>	Donn Bischoff & Kids
<b>Greeters</b>	Paul Shaw
<b>Power Point</b>	Paige Gibbs
<b>Soundboard</b>	Courtlynn Dykstra
<b>Worship Assistant</b>	Bonnie Johnson
<b>Reader</b>	Need One
<b>Goodies</b>	Jamie Gibbs
<b>Counters</b>	Donn Bischoff & Cindy Thompson

11:00 am

<b>Ushers</b>	Paul Shaw & Kids
<b>Greeters</b>	Kelsey Helmick
<b>Power Point</b>	Casey Dykstra
<b>Soundboard</b>	Kenny Tauer
<b>Worship Assistant</b>	Need One
<b>Reader</b>	Ben Gibbs
<b>Goodies</b>	Bonnie Johnson
<b>Counters</b>	Donn Bischoff & Kenny Tauer

**October 31<sup>st</sup>**

# October

## 2021 CALENDAR

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1	2
3	4 Worship Meeting	5 Quilters 9:00am Worship @ Shepherds Crossing 9:30am	6 6-8pm Confirmation	7	8	9 Henry Harding Baptism
10	11	12	13 6-8pm Youth Group	14	15	16
PC to Bishops Convocation						
17	18 Council Meeting 6pm	19	20 6-8pm Confirmation	21	22	23
24	25	26	27 6-8pm HS Boundless	28	29	30
31 Confirmation Sunday  Trunk or Treat						

### SUNDAY BIBLE READINGS

**October 3**    **Exodus 2:23-25; 3:1-15; 4:10-17**

**October 10**    **Exodus 16:1-18**

**October 17**    **1 Samuel 3:1-21**

**October 24**    **1 Samuel 16:1-13; Psalm 51:10-14**

**October 31**    **1 Kings 5:1-5; 8:1-13**

# October Baptism Birthdays

- 5<sup>TH</sup> CALEB FREED
- 5<sup>TH</sup> BILL WENNER
- 9<sup>TH</sup> CAROL DOOLEY
- 12<sup>TH</sup> CHARLIE HENTZEN
- 13<sup>TH</sup> MARCENE CARSTENSEN
- 18<sup>TH</sup> BARBARA APPS
- 21<sup>ST</sup> BREANNA FOSTER
- 30<sup>TH</sup> GERARDO NARANJO

# October Birthdays

- 1<sup>ST</sup> BEAU KETCHUM
- 2<sup>ND</sup> CAROL DOOLEY
- 2<sup>ND</sup> SCOTT GARRELTS
- 4<sup>TH</sup> ASPYN STUCKY
- 4<sup>TH</sup> JANET CLARK
- 5<sup>TH</sup> ALINA SERIO
- 5<sup>TH</sup> STEPHANIE HAILE
- 12<sup>TH</sup> HELEN FELZIEN
- 13<sup>TH</sup> JEANNENE SCHWEITZER

- 14<sup>TH</sup> VICTOR HARDING
- 16<sup>TH</sup> NANCY MUTHER
- 18<sup>TH</sup> ROSALINEDA LANGDON
- 20<sup>TH</sup> MITCH NEUENSCHWANDER
- 21<sup>ST</sup> CHERYL SHAW
- 21<sup>ST</sup> JODY NELSON
- 21<sup>ST</sup> MARY MARTIN
- 23<sup>RD</sup> RYAN BALLARD
- 24<sup>TH</sup> KIMBERLY FOSTER

- 25<sup>TH</sup> LAUREN MCMULLIN
- 26<sup>TH</sup> PATTI DURHAM
- 27<sup>TH</sup> PAUL SHAW
- 28<sup>TH</sup> STEVE SCHWEITZER
- 29<sup>TH</sup> TUCKER CLOUSE
- 29<sup>TH</sup> BETH WENNER
- 30<sup>TH</sup> JEANETTE HARDING
- 30<sup>TH</sup> NOAH BECKER



13<sup>TH</sup> EUGENE & RHONDA MORAVEC  
27<sup>TH</sup> SCOTT & EMILY GARRELTS

# October Anniversaries

Please tell us if we missed your special day!





## 2021 Leadership & Staff

### Church Council

President	Dwight Boyce
Vice President	Bonnie Johnson
Secretary	Jean Beal
Treasurer	Carol Dooley
Worship	Melissa Stanton
Human Needs	Rosie Harder
Resource	Brian Miller
Property Care	Russ Banta
Parish Education	Tara Brown
Outreach	Deborah Bischoff
Youth	Chandra Entwisle

### Staff

Organist	Margaret Dietz
Custodians	Ivan & Judith Gonzalez
Bookkeeper	Alan Wandra
Parish Nurse	Mary Garrelts

### Staff Relations Committee

Council	Mallory Fowler
Staff	David Lechner
Pastor	Scott Schul

# Christ Lutheran Church

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## October 2021

### Parish Office

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### Pastor Chad Langdon

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### Secretary Maria Contreras

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### Secretary Office Hours

Monday & Thursday: 9:00am-2:00pm

	August 2021	YTD 2021	Rolling12 Months YTD
Receipts	\$16,924.10	\$156,629.74	\$220,606.16
Expenses	\$20,587.43	\$138,701.75	\$207,568.58
Variance	-\$3,663.33	\$17,927.99	\$13,337.58

