

# THE MESSENGER



Want to reconnect to God?  
Feeling distant or spiritually drained?  
Facing some transitions in life?  
Want to learn some new ways to pray?

## Prayer & Spiritual Renewal Retreat

Friday evening, September 24  
to Saturday evening, September 25  
at Camp Tomah Shinga

Ignatian Examen Prayer \* Lectio Divina \* Centering Prayer \* Journaling  
Spiritual Direction \* Prayer Stations \* Prayer Beads \* Prayer Labyrinth  
Anointing \* Intercessory Prayer \* Campfire Prayer \* Fasting  
Praying the Catechism \* Hymns & Psalmody \* Contemplation \* Silence



Deadline to register is Sunday, Sept 5.  
Contact Pastor Chad Langdon  
with questions or to register.

Childcare provided at minimal extra cost.

# GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

## ST. PAUL'S BREAKFAST

Our next date to serve St. Paul's Breakfast is Saturday, September 25. We will be preparing & serving breakfast burritos for this meal. We need some volunteers to help with preparation at church on Friday, September 24 about 5:30pm. We'll be cooking eggs, sausage & rolling the burritos. We also need a larger crew of people willing to finish and serve the meal on Saturday morning about 7:00am at St. Paul's Lutheran (925 N Waco). Please contact Donn Bischoff or Rich Harder if you are willing to help at either time (and of course, you can also just show up last minute...but it really helps to have a headcount beforehand).

There will be a list of supplies we need donated, so keep checking the bulletin for that. Thank you!

**On Sunday, August 22,  
Pastor Maurice Evans (Pastor Moe) was our guest  
preacher and he taught us about FAITHFULNESS.**



Maurice W. Evans, "Pastor Moe"  
Church & Ministry Developer

- Believer since 1995, Serving since 1997, **Leading since 1999**
- Certified **John C. Maxwell** Speaker, Coach & Trainer
- Certified Jay Conrad Levinson **Guerrilla Marketing** Speaker & Coach
- Master Trainer Powernality™ (**Personality As Superpowers** Assessment)
- **Church Planting & Ministry Leadership** Developer
- **Evangelism, Missions & Team Building** Trainer
- **New Believer/Disciple-making** Trainer
- **Church Growth** Trainer
- **New Visitor Acquisition and Retention** Trainer
- **Small Group** Developer
- **Church** systems, processes, procedures and structure **designer**
- **Multi-Ethnic** Strategy Consultant
- Worldwide ministries, Speaker, Best-selling Author



# GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS



**In August, we played kickball against our friends at Reformation Lutheran and Resurrection Lutheran. Here are some pics from those fun evenings!**



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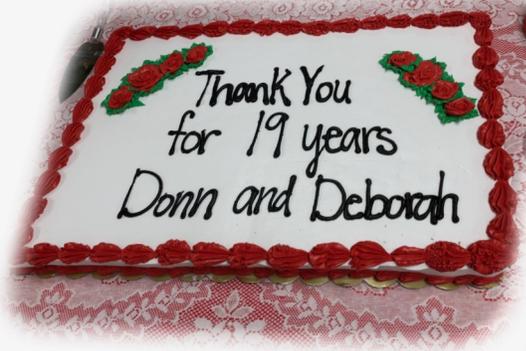


On August 8, we had to say goodbye to our longtime choir director, Darla Steinert, and her husband, Terry.

Here are some pictures from their going away party.



On August 22 we surprised Donn & Deborah with a thank you party for their 19 years of service as our custodians. Thank you!!!!



## GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

# SUNDAY SCHOOL IS COMING BACK!

We will be starting Sunday school on Sunday, September 12! We have some awesome teachers & helpers that have volunteered to engage in faith formation for people of all ages. Our Sunday school schedule will look like this:

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

We will not have strict age/grade classes. Whichever class you feel more comfortable attending is the one you can attend. We recognize it might take a couple weeks to find the right fit. And parents are welcome & encouraged to sit in with their children if they want. Here's what we have lined up:

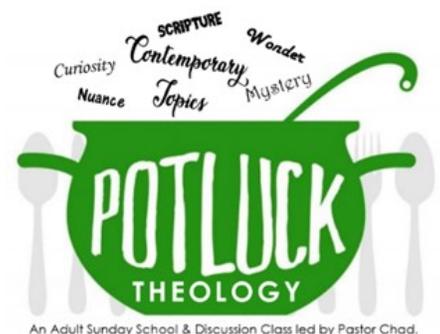
**Pre-K - Lower Elementary** - This class will help our youngest children explore the same story that we hear on Sunday in worship. This class is mostly designed for those children who cannot read or are just starting to learn. It will be team taught by Jamie Gibbs, Kelsey Helmick, Beth Baker & Jeannene Schweitzer. They will be meeting in Room #6, just past the nursery.

**Upper Elementary** - This class will be 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 will be team taught by Janet Miller, Shannon Banta, and David & Laura Lechner. They will be meeting upstairs in Room #8.

**Middle & High School** - These young adults will be discussing and thinking about what their faith means to them and how they will live it out once they get out on their own. Lynde Langdon (& hopefully some others) will be leading the discussion. Some of our middle & high school students will also be serving as mentors in the younger classes. Instead of going to Opening Songs in the Sanctuary, they will 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 will be leading a discussion exploring questions like: What is universalism? Is universalism biblical? Is it Lutheran? Is it dangerous or is it comforting? John will lead the class in Bible study to explore answers to these and other questions. They will be meeting in Room #1.

**Adult Class #2: Potluck Theology** - Pastor Chad will be leading biblical & theological discussions on a variety of topics. Each week we'll look at something different based on what the class is interested in, what's on the news, or whatever pops up. Some topics may take several weeks to cover & we'll advertise those as best we can. Like a potluck dinner, you might not like everything...but also like a potluck, some of topics may surprise you. PC's goal is to help us approach the world theologically with curiosity, nuance, and wonder as we explore the mystery of how God works & reveals himself in the world. They will be meeting in Room #4.



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### Central States Synod Women of the ELCA Convention Coming September 10-11

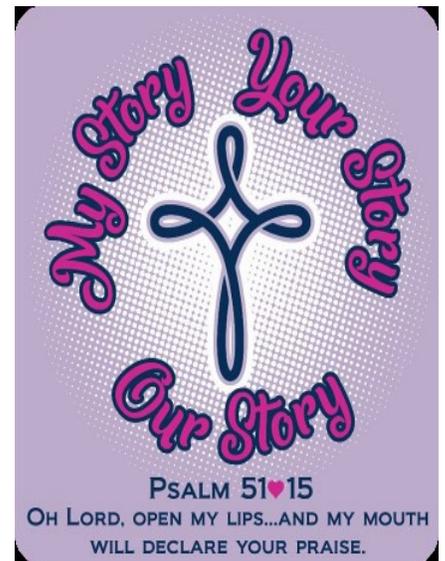
My dear Sisters of the WELCA

“My Story, Your Story, Our Story” Convention Packet has been mailed to each church. More information is available on our website <https://www.css-elca.org/welca-convention>.

You can go there for the entire packet that includes forms and the agenda Items to Note:

We will be electing Board positions for both 2020 and 2021. Nomination forms (page 6 of packet) need to be **submitted ASAP** to Carolyn Olson at 785-272-6428, email [colson3958@yahoo.com](mailto:colson3958@yahoo.com); or Carolyn Bauer at 660-829-2597, email [carolyn1501@hotmail.com](mailto:carolyn1501@hotmail.com)

- Registration is FREE, but please REGISTER so a Zoom link can be sent to the participant’s email.
- Voting Member registration is due August 15.
- Participant/Guest registration is due August 31. We encourage you to meet as a unit if you like to view and enjoy the convention together! Alice Burnett, President, Central States Synod Women of the ELCA



### CSS Women of the ELCA Virtual Convention “Live”

**Resurrection’s** Women of the ELCA is hosting a live gathering to view the virtual Central States Synod Women of the ELCA Convention together at their church in Haysville September 10—11. This will make possible a more “real convention feel”. Resurrection’s women invite ALL Area 5 women to come to Resurrection and “attend” the convention. With refreshments in hand, we can meet together yet attend the convention virtually. The Goal is to gather everyone together! Resurrection is located at 3850 W. 71st St. S. in Haysville. Phone is (316) 522-1091. Convention T-Shirt is —Wear Your Favorite T-Shirt from a Past Convention!

**Registration is free.**

Friday, September 10 6:50 – 8:45p.m. Opening – that’s right, after the 8-5 work day!

Saturday, September 11 8:30 a.m. – 12 noon -- Speakers (including Bishop Candea) and educational sessions.

Saturday, September 11 1 p.m. – Business Meeting for the Voting Members  
The Goal is to gather everyone together!

## GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS



On Sunday, August 15, Brittany Garrelts was our guest speaker and she shared with us her experiences on Mercy Ships. It was a wonderful example of the fruit of the Spirit of GOODNESS.



### Support for Brittany Garrelts

After hearing Brittany's message recently, you might feel compelled to support her in her ministry. 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.



### Human Needs

The July & August noisy offering was designated for gift cards for teachers and paras who are in our congregation. This will enable them to obtain some school supplies that are not covered by school budgets. We thank them for caring for children and youth!

Looking ahead: The combined human needs/outreach meeting has been postponed until Sept 12. Rich will grill hamburgers for a potluck meal after second service for people attending the meeting and we can eat while we plan for the next 12 months. Please bring a dish to share if you are able! If you are not able to attend please let me know about ideas you have.

The August collection of items went to school supplies for Lutheran World Relief. The most recent Gather magazine had a one page plea for school kits. "The coronavirus crisis has not slowed down the need for school kits. In fact, we can't keep up with demand."

For questions contact Rosie Harder 200-3233 or [ma28rr77@cox.net](mailto:ma28rr77@cox.net)

# GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

## ANOTHER TRIP THROUGH THE BIBLE

Every fall Christ Lutheran begins a journey through the Bible in chronological order. We use a tool called the Narrative Lectionary. It is a set of assigned readings for Sunday mornings that runs from just after Labor Day through Memorial Day. Over those 9 months, we will hear highlights & stories from the Bible in the order that they happened throughout history, and we will basically cover the entire story of Bible from start to finish. This fall we will be working our way through the Old Testament. We will celebrate Christ's birth at Christmas and then spend the winter & early spring hearing Jesus' story from the gospel of John. After Easter we will hear stories from the early church in Acts and Philippians.



The Narrative Lectionary is based on a 4 year cycle of readings & each year we focus on a different gospel and highlight slightly different sets of stories from the patriarchs, kings, and prophets. These are also the stories that the children will be learning & working with in Sunday school. Hopefully, by the end of the school year, you'll have a deeper and richer understanding of the entire biblical narrative, how it all fits together, and you'll discover all the places where your story fits into God's story.

We begin again on Sunday, September 12. Join us!



### Confirmation Class



Confirmation begins this week on Wednesday, September 1! We will be meeting from 6-8pm. Dinner will be provided. It is for grades 6 – 9.

Youth Group begins on Wednesday, September 8, from 6-8pm. Dinner will be provided and we'll be playing the classic (but really messy) EGG ROULETTE! It is for grades 6 – 12.

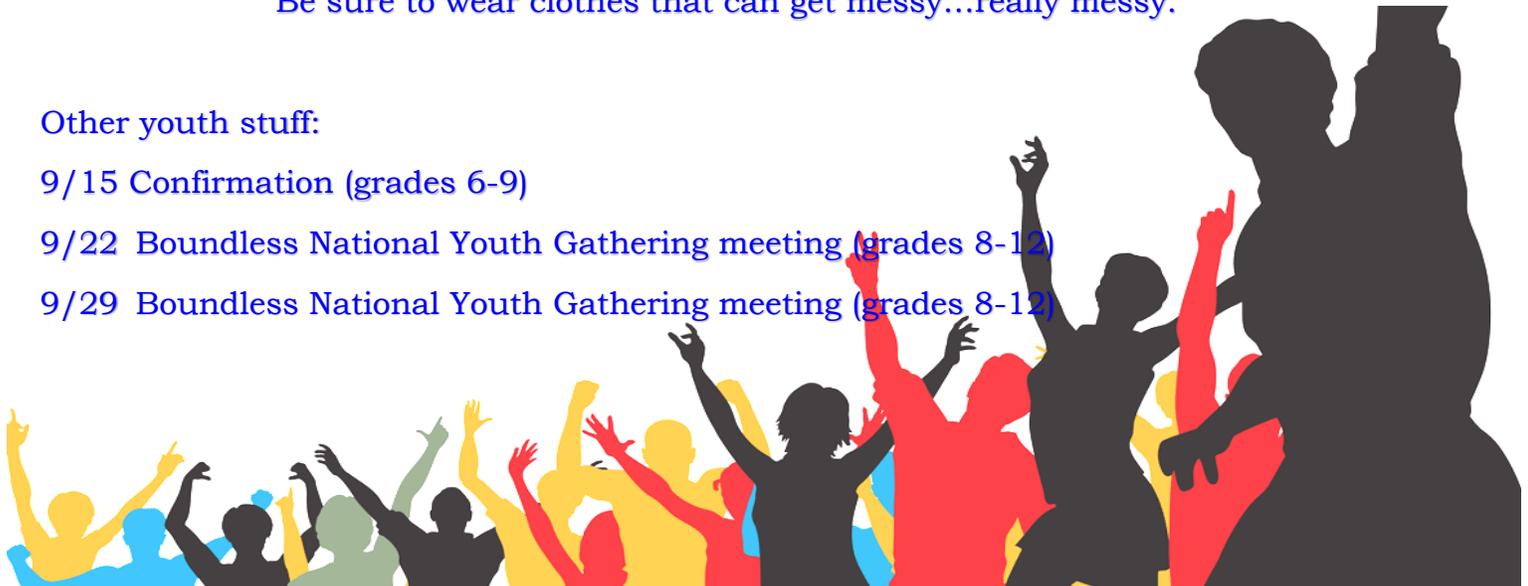
Be sure to wear clothes that can get messy...really messy.

### Other youth stuff:

9/15 Confirmation (grades 6-9)

9/22 Boundless National Youth Gathering meeting (grades 8-12)

9/29 Boundless National Youth Gathering meeting (grades 8-12)



## GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

### WANT TO (OFFICIALLY) JOIN CHRIST LUTHERAN?

Christ Lutheran will be welcoming new members in September. 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.

### Funeral Committee Now Forming

We are putting together a funeral committee to help coordinate funeral meals in the future. A well-organized (& well-stocked) funeral meal can provide a huge comfort for grieving families. Mary Garrelts has offered to help in the formation of this team. This team will coordinate and divvy up responsibilities for the meals (calling people, decorating, setting up, serving, cleaning up, etc.). They are currently identifying people who would like to serve on this committee. If you would like to be part of this planning & coordinating team, please contact Mary Garrelts ([mbgarrelts@cox.net](mailto:mbgarrelts@cox.net), call or text 316-640-7009).

Thanks

### QUILTING IS BACK!

After a year of hiatus, the Quilting group is going to begin meeting again on Tuesday, August 31<sup>st</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.

### COOKBOOK DEADLINE

The Christ Lutheran Cookbook sale will end on Labor Day weekend. After that, we collect all of the money and send it to the family of Kyle, Lindsay & Nolan to help with their long term medical bills. We do have the ability to print the cookbook ourselves, so if you want copies in the future we can arrange that in the office. But we need to close the current sale at Labor Day so that we can help this family and pass along the proceeds. Thank you to Kelsey Helmick for putting this wonderful cookbook together and organizing this project!

## September 5<sup>th</sup>, 2021

## September 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021

9:00 am

<b>Ushers</b>	Andrew Clouse & Kids	Justin Clouse & Landon Clouse
<b>Greeters</b>	Wes Nelson	Bradlee Howell
<b>Power Point</b>	Mary Garrelts	Andrew Clouse
<b>Soundboard</b>	Jim Garrelts	Jim Garrelts
<b>Worship Assistant</b>	Warren Miller	Robin Pressnall
<b>Reader</b>	Alan Wondra	Warren Miller
<b>Goodies</b>	Jo & Audry	Lantana Howell

10:30 am

<b>Ushers</b>	Donn Bischoff & Kids	Ben Gibbs & Kids
<b>Greeters</b>	Taylor Cook	Paul Shaw
<b>Power Point</b>	Paige Gibbs	Casey Dykstra
<b>Soundboard</b>	Kenny Tauer	Courtlynn Dykstra
<b>Worship Assistant</b>	Maynard Peterson	Donn Bischoff
<b>Reader</b>	Carol McDaniel	Melissa Stanton
<b>Goodies</b>	Jamie Gibbs	Kelsey Helmick
<b>Counters</b>	Donn Bischoff & Cindy Thompson	Donn Bischoff & Bonnie Johnson

## September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2021

## September 26<sup>th</sup>, 2021

9:00 am

<b>Ushers</b>	The Howells & Kids	Andrew Clouse & Kids
<b>Greeters</b>	Landon Clouse	Caden Howell
<b>Power Point</b>	Noah Miller	Justin Clouse
<b>Soundboard</b>	Jim Garrelts	Jim Garrelts
<b>Worship Assistant</b>	Alan Wondra	Mary Garrelts
<b>Reader</b>	Justin Clouse	Landon Clouse
<b>Goodies</b>	Kari Clouse	Mary Garrelts

10:30 am

<b>Ushers</b>	Paul Shaw & Kids	Donn Bischoff & Kids
<b>Greeters</b>	Kelsey Helmick	Connie Schlatter
<b>Power Point</b>	Maynard Peterson	Abby Banta
<b>Soundboard</b>	Kenny Tauer	Courtlynn Dykstra
<b>Worship Assistant</b>	Bonnie Johnson	Maynard Peterson
<b>Reader</b>	Rosie Harder	Ben Gibbs
<b>Goodies</b>	Deb Bischoff	Bonnie Johnson
<b>Counters</b>	Donn Bischoff & Paul Shaw	Donn Bischoff & Jamie Gibbs

# September 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 6-8pm Confirmation	2	3	4
5	6	7	8 6-8pm Youth Group	9	10	11
12 Human Needs Outreach Meeting After 2nd service Sunday School Begins	13 Worship Meeting 6:30pm	14 9:30pm Worship at Shepherds Crossing	15 6-8pm Confirmation	16	17	18
19	20 Council Meeting 6pm	21	22 6-8pm HS Boundless	23	24 St. Paul Breakfast Prep. Prayer Retreat	25 St. Paul Breakfast
26	27	28	29 6-8pm HS Boundless	30		

## SUNDAY BIBLE READINGS

**September 5**

**James 3:1-12; 4:1-8a**

**September 12**

**Genesis 1:1-2:4a**

**September 19**

**Genesis 21:1-3; 22:1-14**

**September 26**

**Genesis 27:1-4, 15-23; 28:10-17**

## September Baptism Birthdays

1<sup>ST</sup> MARGARET DIETZ  
1<sup>ST</sup> SCOTT SCHUL  
5<sup>TH</sup> LUCY GARRELTS  
5<sup>TH</sup> PAIGE GIBBS  
5<sup>TH</sup> ALEX SCHUL  
6<sup>TH</sup> NATHANIEL BECKER  
22<sup>ND</sup> JOAN BOWEN  
28<sup>TH</sup> BEN GIBBS  
28<sup>TH</sup> HENRIK VINGERUD  
30<sup>TH</sup> DONN BISCHOFF  
30<sup>TH</sup> JEFF GARRELTS  
30<sup>TH</sup> KENZIE MASON

## SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

2<sup>ND</sup> CONNIE SCHLATTER  
4<sup>TH</sup> CAROL JONES  
6<sup>TH</sup> JOHN WHITE  
7<sup>TH</sup> NICHOLAS LECHNER  
7<sup>TH</sup> NORA CALLISON  
12<sup>TH</sup> BUDDY MARTIN

13<sup>TH</sup> BREANNA FOSTER  
13<sup>TH</sup> BRITTANY LECHNER  
13<sup>TH</sup> KEVIN DYKSTRA  
16<sup>TH</sup> LANTANA HOWELL  
17<sup>TH</sup> CHRIS WARD

## September Anniversaries

7<sup>TH</sup> STEPHANIE & MARTY ALBRIGHT  
9<sup>TH</sup> TED & JANET BALZER  
17<sup>TH</sup> MARCENE CARSTENSEN &  
JEFF CHRISTENSEN  
27<sup>TH</sup> KIM & TARA BROWN

17<sup>TH</sup> GRANT STUCKY  
23<sup>RD</sup> COURTLYNN DYKSTRA  
25<sup>TH</sup> MATTHEW STEINERT  
29<sup>TH</sup> DAVID LECHNER  
30<sup>TH</sup> SHANNON BANTA

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 Wondra
Parish Nurse	Mary Garrelts

### Staff Relations Committee

Council	Mallory Fowler
Staff	David Lechner
Pastor	Scott Schul

# Christ Lutheran Church

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## September 2021

### Parish Office

[www.christ-lutheran.org](http://www.christ-lutheran.org)

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### Pastor Chad Langdon

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### Secretary Maria Contreras

E-mail: [office@christ-lutheran.org](mailto:office@christ-lutheran.org)

### Secretary Office Hours

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

	July 2021	YTD 2021	Rolling12 Months YTD
Receipts	\$18,171.55	\$139,705.64	\$220,247.26
Expenses	\$18,130.64	\$118,114.32	\$200,575.56
Variance	\$40.91	\$21,591.32	\$19,671.70

