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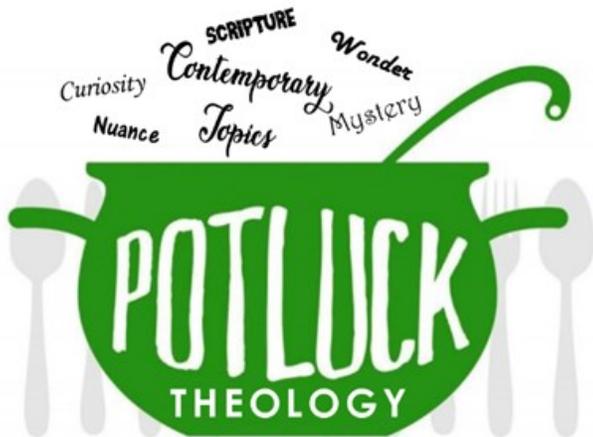
Christ Lutheran
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September 2022 Newsletter

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SUNDAY SCHOOL IS COMING BACK!



An Adult Sunday School & Discussion Class led by Pastor Chad.

We will be starting Sunday school on Sunday, September 11! We have some awesome teachers & helpers that have volunteered to engage in faith formation for people of all ages. Sunday school will begin at 10:15 each Sunday morning.

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 & 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 Jamie Gibbs. 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. They will meet upstairs in Room #7, the Youth Room.

Adult Class #1 will be tackling the topic of “After the Rapture” in September. Although the rapture isn't a Lutheran idea, this class will utilize a book by David Jeremiah called “After the Rapture” to explore what people think might happen in the end times. This class will be led by John Snow and 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.

New Fall Worship Schedule beginning Sept 11:

9:00 AM - Contemporary Worship
 11:00 AM -Traditional Worship

Men's Breakfast

We will be back to our usual location, Auntie C's at 61st and Broadway at 8:00 am on Saturday, September 10th for some good food and fellowship. If you have any questions, contact Donn Bischoff at 316-209-2138.



Quilt Day

Quilt day will be on **September 6** at 9:00 am. Our regular schedule is the first Tuesday of the month.

For questions, contact: Janice Cross 260-4282 (h) or 519-4776 (c)

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.



2022 Bookkeepers Report



	July 2022	YTD 2022	Rolling 12 Months YTD
Receipts	\$21,204.92	\$131,196.70	\$218,817.75
Expenses	<u>\$21,470.42</u>	<u>\$131,777.23</u>	<u>\$231,174.45</u>
Variance	(\$265.50)	(\$580.53)	(\$12,356.70)

Respectfully Submitted, **Alan Wondra**



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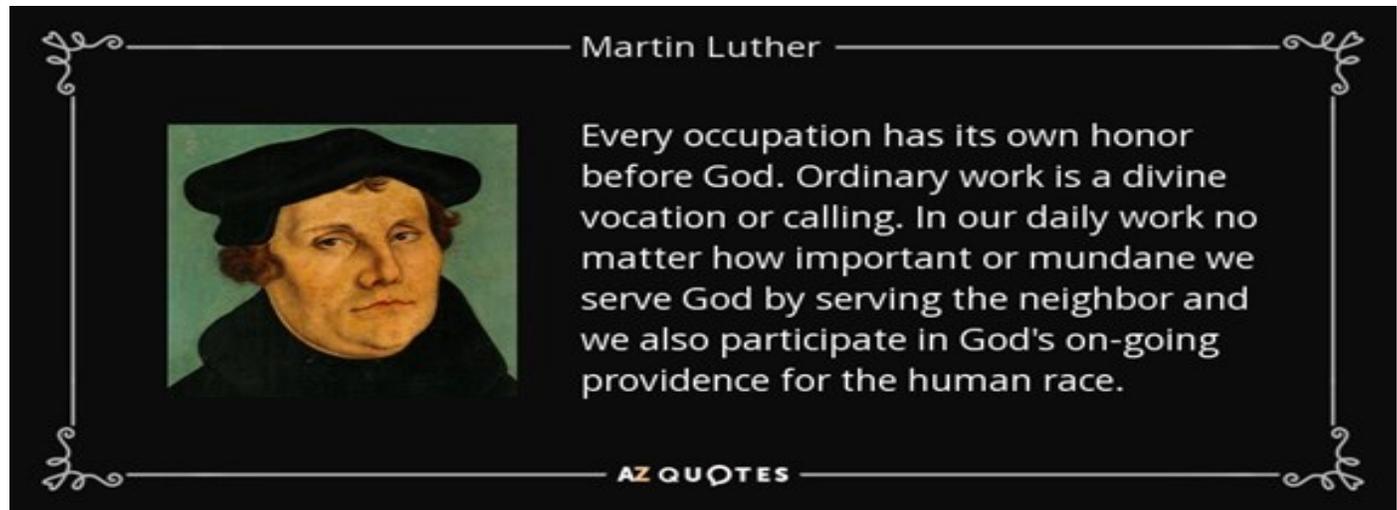
For any medical questions or concerns please contact **Mary Garrelts** at mbgarrelts@cox.net

Little Free Farmers' Market

Gardens are starting to produce, so it is time to once again open Christ Lutheran's Little Free Farmers' Market. In the past folks have just left bags of produce on the table. This year we are slightly more organized. There is a box! Yep, we have a box in the fellowship hall for people to place their extra produce. Please take as much as you'd like from the box, and leave whatever extra your garden might've produced. But please do help by taking some home...otherwise it will just go bad.



HAPPY LABOR DAY!



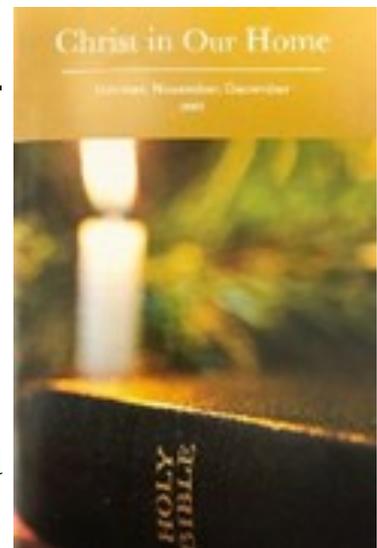
ANOTHER TRIP THROUGH THE BIBLE

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 Matthew. After Easter we will hear stories from the early church in Acts and Romans.

The Narrative Lectionary is based on 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 11. Join us!

CHRIST IN OUR HOME

There are new Christ In Our Home daily devotions available. These new booklets cover October, November and December. They are located in the rack under the bulletin board (near the front door). They are free, so please take one to help remind you to have daily quiet time with the Lord.





Join us to celebrate God's gifts of animals & pets. As we commemorate the life of St. Francis of Assisi and his love of animals, we expect some holy chaos and lots of fun. All people and critters are welcome to participate, and each pet will receive a special prayer of blessing.

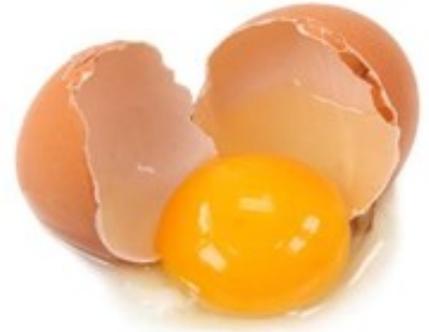
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2
5:30pm

This Blessing of the Animals will take place in the Outdoor Sanctuary behind the church, so you can park by the Prayer Labyrinth. Please bring your pet on a leash, in a cage, or in a bowl. Animal lovers & non-pet owners are also welcome to join in the fun.



YOUTH STUFF

Youth Group begins this week! We'll be gathering on Wednesday, September 7, 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. This Wednesday is also the deadline to sign-up for the Summer Mission Trip. There is more info about this on the Opportunity Table. Confirmation begins this week on Wednesday, September 21! We will be meeting from 6-8pm. Dinner will be provided. It is for grades 6 – 9.



Other youth stuff:

- 9/14 No Youth Events – PC on vacation
- 9/28 Youth Group, grades 6-12
- 10/5 Youth Group, grades 6-12



ST. PAUL'S BREAKFAST

Our next date to serve St. Paul's Breakfast is quickly approaching. Our plan is to prepare breakfast burritos. We will need 8-10 volunteers to help prepare the burritos on **Friday, September 16, from 5:30-7:00pm** here at Christ Lutheran. We will then need 8-10 volunteers to help on **Saturday, September 17, from 7:00am – 9:00am** down at **St. Paul's Lutheran (925**

N Waco). We will be serving & packaging the meals into to-go boxes for people experiencing hunger and homelessness. Please mark the Tear-Off if you are willing and able to be there on Friday to prepare or Saturday morning to serve. This is a great ministry for new folks to get involved with and it is easy for kids to help serve as well. Thanks!

*****Assembled School Kits*****

On Sunday August 28 we assembled school kits for Lutheran World Relief in the fellowship hall after second service.

Last fall Paul & Kenny Shaw and I delivered quilts and kits to another church in Wichita for shipping to Lutheran World Relief. We were told at that time that they would no longer be participating in being an ingathering church. I have been communicating with LWR throughout the past year to volunteer our church as the next host church. My last communication was that the truck hired by LWR will be in Kansas most likely early in November.

I asked my contact at LWR which kits are most needed and she replied that the school kits and personal care kits are requested most often. The following is from the LWR Quilt and Kit Ministry Guide: "Education is one of the strongest tools a community has for breaking the cycle of poverty. Ensuring that girls attend school, especially in places where their access is deprioritized, has even stronger results. School kits contain essential supplies to help children--and in some cases, adults--continue learning in the face of serious obstacles. That learning leads to a better life for them, their families and their communities."

Thanks so much to everyone who donated supplies!

~Rosie Harder, Human Needs Chair





ICTSOS

End Human Trafficking

ICTSOS is honored to partner with local agencies that serve victims of exploitation as well as at-risk youth. When one of these agencies comes in contact with a victim/survivor, they are oftentimes in serious need of basic necessities. As a community, one of the simplest things we can do is to organize and provide those resources so that they are on hand and easily accessible in a moment of crisis.

The collection on the Human Needs table for September will be for ICTSOS. We are collecting requested items to fill a "fresh start" bag, and/or items ICTSOS informed me that they are low on. Please see the human needs bulletin board and select a tag of something you would like to contribute. We are collecting female clothes as requested in size large (darker colors work well) All donations should be NEW--to help the individual receiving them to feel that they are WORTH nice, new things.

For more information see [ICTSOS.org](https://www.ictsos.org) (you may buy things from their wish list on Amazon)

For questions please contact Rosie Harder

FAMILY PROMISE GALA

You are invited to the Family Promise Gala, which will be held in October. This is their primary fundraiser of the year and they would love to have as many people there as possible. Tickets are \$85 and available on their website:

www.familypromisewichita.org

On their website, you can also read a lot more about what this amazing organization does and other ways to support them.



September 2022

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4	<p>5 LABOR DAY</p> 	<p>6 9:00 AM QUILTERS</p>	<p>7 6-8 pm Youth Group Egg Roulette</p>	8	9	<p>10 8 AM Men's Breakfast</p>
<p>11 Grandparents Day! 10:15 am 1st Day of Sunday School!</p>	<p>12 Pastor Chad on Vacation</p>	<p>13 Pastor Chad on Vacation</p>	<p>14 Pastor Chad on Vacation</p>	<p>15 Pastor Chad on Vacation</p>	<p>16 Pastor Chad on Vacation 5:30PM St. Paul's breakfast prep</p>	<p>17 Pastor Chad on Vacation 7:00 AM St. Paul's Breakfast</p>
18	<p>19 6:00 PM Church Council</p>	<p>20 6:00 PM Willowbend HOA</p>	<p>21 6-8 PM Confirmation</p>	22	23	24
25	26	27	<p>28 6-8 PM Youth Group</p>	29	30	



September Birthdays

Friday, September 2 - Connie Schlatter	Sunday, September 4– Carol Jones	Tuesday, September 6– John White
Wednesday, September 7– Nicholas Lechner	Wednesday, September 7– Nora Callison	Monday, September 12– Buddy Martin
Tuesday, September 13– Kevin Dykstra	Tuesday, September 13– Brittany Lechner	Tuesday, September 13– Breanna Foster
Friday, September 16– Lantana Howell	Saturday, September 17– Grant Stucky	Friday, September 23– Courtlynn Dykstra
Sunday, September 25– Mathew Steiner	Thursday, September 29– David Lechner	Friday, September 30– Shannon Banta
Friday, September 30– Christopher Harris		

September Anniversaries

Wednesday, September 7– Marty & Stephanie Albright	Friday, September 9– Ted & Janet Balzer	Saturday, September 17– Marcene Carstensen & Jeff Christensen
Tuesday, September 27– Kim & Tara Brown		



September Baptism Anniversaries

Thursday, September 1– Margaret Dietz	Thursday, September 1– Scott Schul	Saturday, September 3– Paul Shaw
Monday, September 5– Alexander Schul	Monday, September 5– Paige Gibbs	Monday, September 5– Lucy Garrelts
Tuesday, September 6– Nathaniel Becker	Thursday, September 22– Joan Bowen	Wednesday, September 28– Benjamin Gibbs
Wednesday, September 28– Henrik Vingerud	Friday, September 30– Donn Bischoff	Friday, September 30– Jeffery Garrelts



Christ Lutheran Church

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Staff

Church Council

President: Bonnie Johnson
 Vice President: Donn Bischoff
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 Treasurer: Carol Dodley
 Worship: Melissa Stanton
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 Resource: Melanie Barnhill
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 Parish Education: Kelsey Helmick
 Outreach: Deborah Bischoff
 Youth: Chandra Entwisle

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 Cantor: Jared Pector
 Custodians: Ivan & Judith Gonzalez
 Bookkeeper: Alan Wondra
 Parish Nurse: Mary Garrelts
 Secretary: Kali Mills



Staff Relations Committee

Council Staff Pastor

Mallory Fowler
 David Lechner
 Forrest Ehrke

September Worship Volunteers

Date	Time	Usher	Greeters	PPT	Soundboard	Leader	Reader	Goodies	Altar Guild	Tellers/Offering
9/4	9:00	Bradlee Howell	Justin Clouse	Landon Clouse	Jim Garrelts	Mary Garrelts	Warren Miller	Kari Clouse	Janet Miller	Donn Bischoff & Paul Shaw
	11:00	Ben Gibbs	Deb Bischoff	Paige Gibbs	Courtlynn Dykstra	Bonnie Johnson	Steve Slipsager	Kelsey Helmick	Entwisles	
9/11	9:00	Andrew Clouse	Shawn Meier	Justin Clouse	Jim Garrelts	Landon Clouse	Robin Presnall	Mary Garrelts	Barnills	Donn Bischoff & Cindy Thompson
	11:00	Donn Bischoff	Taylor Cook	Maynard Peterson	Dwight Boyce	Bonnie Johnson	Jean Beal	Deb Bischoff	Carol Dooley	
9/18	9:00	Wes Nelson	Landon Clouse	Noah Miller	Jim Garrelts	Robin Presnall	Andrew Clouse	Jo & Audrey	Janet Miller	Donn Bischoff & Jamie Gibbs
	11:00	Paul Shaw	Connie Schlatter	Casey Dykstra	Courtlynn Dykstra	Maynard Peterson	Melissa Stanton	Jamie Gibbs	Bischoff	
9/25	9:00	Landon Clouse	Wes Nelson	Mary Garrelts	Jim Garrelts	Alan Wondra	Julie Stiebner	Elaine Miller	Barnhills	Donn Bischoff & Bonnie Johnson
	11:00	Donn Bischoff	Bobby Smyser	Abby Banta	Dwight Boyce	Bonnie Johnson	Jamie Gibbs	Deb Bischoff	Schweitzers	