

The Messenger

Christ Lutheran
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May 2024 Newsletter

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2024 NEHEMIAH ASSEMBLY

Justice Together is answering the call to do justice in Sedgwick County and we need your help! We are calling for broad-scale improvements to local systems alongside and on behalf of our neighbors experiencing *mental health crises* and/or *homelessness*. One person can't change a system. One faith community can't change a system. But when 35+ faith communities work together for justice, we'll have a voice so big it can't be ignored.

Like Nehemiah, we will join our voices to present our local leaders with well-researched solutions to the root causes of these community problems. Christ Lutheran's goal is to get 100 people to the Nehemiah Assembly on May 9th. We hope you'll be part of this effort!

JUSTICE TOGETHER
Bringing faith into action

NEHEMIAH ASSEMBLY

Thursday, May 9th 2024
6:00 PM (Doors open at 5:30PM)
Century II Convention Hall
225 W. Douglas
Wichita, KS 67202

We will present well-researched, community driven proposals addressing the issues of mental health care and homelessness and ask our local officials to take action on them.

SEE YOU THERE!
For more information, contact
Laura@thedartcenter.org

Please check out the “*You’re Invited: 2024 Nehemiah Reference Guide*” located at the Opportunity Table. In that pamphlet, you can read about the justice process, the countless hours of research & work that have been done over the past 18 months, and the specific solutions that we will be asking our community leaders to implement on May 9th. You can also check out Justice Together’s new website: www.dojusticetogether.org or find them on Facebook.

Christ Lutheran has always done good mercy ministry through things like St. Paul’s Breakfast & Sandwich Saturday. This is now our chance to address some of the root issues so that in the future, these mercy ministries may not have to serve so many people. Wouldn’t that be great?!? This justice ministry is a chance to speak and act on behalf of those in our community who do not have a voice. ***Will you come out on May 9th and spend one evening in pursuit of justice?***

Spring Worship Schedule

9:00 AM- Contemporary Worship
 10:15 AM- Sunday School
 11:00 AM- Traditional Worship

Men's Breakfast

We will be at our usual location, Auntie C's at 61st and Broadway. We will be there at 8:00 AM on Saturday, May 11th for some good food and fellowship. If you have any questions, please contact Donn Bischoff at 209-2138.

Quilt Day

Our next Quilt day will be on May 7th at 9:00 am. 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.



2024 Bookkeepers Report



	March 2024	YTD 2024	Rolling 12 Months YTD
Receipts	\$24,142.07	\$80,554.03	\$233,543.77
Expenses	\$19,897.90	\$60,309.28	\$236,970.94
Variance	\$4,244.17	\$20,244.75	(\$3,427.17)



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SENIOR SUNDAY

Every year we recognize and celebrate our graduating high school seniors. This year we have one senior, Jack Smith. We will be celebrating Senior Sunday on May 10th. Congratulations, Jack! We're so proud of you!



Some Upcoming Worship Notes:

**May 12 Senior Sunday –
Come celebrate with Jack
Smith at the early service as
he graduates from high
school!**



**May 19 Pentecost – Wear red as we celebrate the
birthday of the church with the coming of the Holy
Spirit! This is the last day of Sunday school!**

**May 26 Memorial Day - ONE OUTDOOR SERVICE AT
10:00am with our friends from the other Lutheran
churches in town. We are hosting! You'll want to bring
a lawn chair or blanket to sit on.**

**June 2 Bring Your Bible to Church Sunday – We'll
have a special day dedicated to learning about the
Bible – how it came to be, different types of Bibles,
what's in the Bible, and some tips for how to read your
Bible.**

Donations for St. Paul's Breakfast Guests

Our church is scheduled to provide breakfast at St. Paul's a couple of times this summer. Gina Christensen is organizing donations to bring to the breakfasts. This is the list given to us by Elaine Harvey. Please remember that their guests are mostly men.



- Men's clothing--jeans, shorts, t-shirts, new underwear, new socks, shoes. Baseball caps against the sun also help.
- **Women's clothing--jeans, shorts, t-shirts, new underwear, new socks, shoes, baseball caps**
- Various bags from reusable grocery bags up to gym bags are very helpful.
- **Blankets**
- Scrunchies were donated a while back--those elastic bands for pony tails and they went really fast

Please place donations in the marked gray bin under the human needs table. Thank you!

BOOK CLUB!

The Book Club will be gathering on June 13th at 6 pm to discuss "Accidental Saints: Finding God in all the Wrong People" by Nadia Bolz-Weber. She is an ordained Lutheran Pastor, founder of House for All Sinners & Saints in Denver, Co. and has written 3 New York Time bestsellers. She is so thought provoking that some might even call her controversial. We will be having a potato potluck dinner. Bring your favorite toppings, the potatoes will be provided. We hope you'll join us!



Creation Care Update:

A big thanks goes out to Kelsey & Aspen Helmick for planting flowers on April 21st in remembrance of Earth Day! They planted in the raised bed behind the church along with Emily Pector and Alisa, Zoey & Alex Baden.



Rich & I purchased pollinator plants at the Dyck Arboretum during their spring sale on April 25th. Thank you, Bonnie, for the gift card! Planting is in progress & we are learning as we go. Rich & I are also watering as needed.

-Rosie

Vacation Bible School

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

VBS this year will be June 3rd - 7th. Please fill out the tear off if you are able to help! We will be having a VBS teachers meeting on May 19th following late service. It

will be very quick, we'll need to pass out agendas and give teachers their curriculum for the week. We are using a different company for VBS than in years past. So please do not hesitate with any questions you might have. Our theme is "Created to Care." It is about how we care for God's creation (the world and all that lives within it).

BBQ for Heights Teachers

We have been asked by the administration at Heights if we would grill some hamburgers & hotdogs for all of the teachers & staff for a Teacher Appreciation event. This will take place on Friday, May 10 during lunchtime. They will provide the meats, we just need some folks to grill and package the hamburgers & hotdogs. If you're willing to help, please mark the Tear-Off. Thanks!



Teaching



YOUTH ACTIVITIES

Here are the upcoming youth events:

5/8 6:30 Dinner & Confirmation,
Grades 6-8

DON'T FORGET TO
REGISTER FOR
CHURCH CAMP!



Thank you to everyone who came out to attend the Justice Together Solutions Rally. We joined 35+ other congregations and over 450 people as we heard the solutions that our Research Committees put together. We will be presenting these solutions to our city & county leaders on Thursday, May 9th at the Nehemiah Assembly. We gather 52 times a year to worship God. Let us all gather together with other people of faith at least one time per year for justice!



Some of our confirmation kids recently packed up college finals care packages and we mailed them our Christ Lutheran's college kids. Thank you to everyone who donated to this effort!



THANK YOU!

Thank you to everyone who helped with our Heights' lunch/snack program this past year. We just have a couple weeks left!



NEW MEN'S BIBLE STUDY FORMING!

If you're a guy & you've got some time during the day, you're gonna want to get in on this!

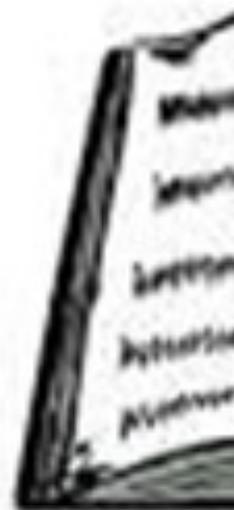
There is a new Men's Bible Study that is forming and will be meeting twice/month. They plan to meet at church on the 1st & 3rd

Tuesdays of every month at 10:30am. The plan is to meet

for about an hour or so and take a look at the passages that will be used in the upcoming worship services. This study is being put together by Alan Schmidt, Jim Garrelts & Alan Wondra, and they are welcoming any and all guys who'd like to join in the conversation & study. **The next meeting will be on Tuesday, May 21st at 10:30.** You can just show up and/or mark the Tear-off if you're interested. Hope to see you there!



MEN'S
BIBLE STUDY



YOUR NEIGHBORS NEED YOUR HELP.

MENTAL HEALTH

People experiencing mental health issues in Sedgwick County are often unable to access timely and appropriate crisis care and often end up in Emergency rooms, or interacting with the criminal justice system which is costly and robs them of the opportunity to receive the support they need to lead productive and positive lives.

HOMELESSNESS

When we fail to provide adequate housing and supports, unhoused people are unable to exit homelessness into safe, stable housing and those experiencing poverty are more likely to undergo evictions and unstable housing situations.

Further, people experiencing housing insecurity and homelessness are often lacking photo identification, which are essential to securing critical services and basic necessities, i.e. benefits, assistance, library cards, and employment.

IT'S TIME WE ACT FOR CHANGE.



We will talk with one another about:

- Why is talking about sexuality and gender identity in the church so difficult? And why do we need to keep talking about it?
- What are the premises for our various understandings - a lifestyle choice or part of God's created diversity?
- How do we interpret Scripture as both law and gospel?
- Why isn't saying, "All are Welcome" enough? Why do we have to be explicit and name various groups?
- What does it mean to be a Reconciling in Christ Synod? How does that designation impact our congregations?
- How do we travel together with Jesus in ways that do not exclude those who hold differing views?

Recognizing that among people of faith, there are a variety of opinions, perspectives and feelings regarding sexual orientation and gender identity, Bishop Candeia will be hosting conversations prior to synod assembly:

Can We Talk About This?

There will be two opportunities to engage in these conversations:

Tuesday, May 7, 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

Thursday, May 16, 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

Zoom

Meeting ID: 869 0743 3878

Passcode: 911723

Voting members to the assembly as well as other members of the synod are invited to participate.



LET'S

TALK

May Human Needs Collection: **Lutheran World Relief (LWR) Baby Kits**

In honor of Mother's Day, the human needs collection for May will be for



baby care kits for Lutheran World Relief. These kits go to families in need around the world. For example: according to LWR, our faithful quilters and kit makers have comforted thousands of people with their handmade gifts due to the war in the Ukraine. These have been distributed far and wide, from

hostels for refugees in Poland to heavily shelled villages near the Russian border.

- 63,340 Personal Care Kits
- 60,492 Mission Quilts
- 10,960 School Kits
- 6,720 Baby Care Kits

We saved some of the extra donated items from last year so were able to trim the list of requested items for the baby care kits. Noisy offering donations are appreciated to help buy the warm blankets I found on Amazon. I will put an example of a kit on the human needs table with one of these blankets.

Thanks so much for all donations!

-Rosie Harder

Needed in sizes 6-24 months

- Long or short sleeved gowns or sleepers without feet (or pajama sets, or tops and pants)
- Blankets between 36"-52" square
- Hand towels (dark color recommended)
- Gentle soap such as Ivory or Dove 8-9 oz

CHURCH CAMP!



It's time to register for Church Camp at Camp Tomah Shinga. There are camps for 1st graders all the way up through seniors in high school, including Family Camp for all ages. Church Camp at Tomah Shinga includes:

- **Air-conditioned cabins & buildings**
- **Miles of hiking trails**
- **High ropes & low ropes**
- **Canoeing & creek-walking**
- **Bible studies & faith-based activities**
- **Less than 2 hours drive from Wichita**
- **An incredible staff of energetic counselors**



Christ Lutheran believes strongly in the ministry of Church Camp, and because of that, the church is willing to pay most of costs associated with attending Tomah Shinga. You pay the \$100 deposit, Christ Lutheran pays the rest. To register for camp or for more information, schedules, descriptions of the various camps, activities, etc. please visit their website:

www.camptomahshinga.com. If you have questions, please talk to Pastor Chad. (And please let us know if you do register so we can pay the rest of the fees.)

Christ Lutheran Church

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Staff

Church Council

Organist: Margaret Dietz
 Cantor/Choir Director: Jared Pector
 Custodians: Ivan & Judith Gonzalez
 Bookkeeper: Alan Wondra
 Parish Nurse: Mary Garrelts
 Secretary: Kali Mills

Council Staff: Mallory Fowler, David Lechner, Forrest Ehrnke



President: Brian Miller
 Vice President: Jim Garrelts
 Secretary: Mitch Neuschwander
 Treasurer: Alan Wondra
 Worship: Juanita Freed
 Human Needs: Rosie Harder
 Resource: Nick Baden
 Property Care: Bobby Smyser
 Parish Education: Kelsey Helmick
 Outreach: Becky Dykstra
 Youth: Emily Pector

Staff Relations Committee

May Worship Volunteers

Date	Time	Usher	Greeters	PPT	Soundboard	Leader	Reader	Goodies	Altar Guild	Tellers/Offering
5/5	9:00	Landon Clouse	Justin Clouse	Andrew Clouse	Jim Garrelts	Mary Garrelts	Alan Wondra	Kari Clouse	Juanita Freed	
	11:00	Bobby Smyser	Maynard Peterson	Paige Gibbs	Entwisles	Bonnie Johnson	Shannon Banta	Bonnie Johnson	Entwisles	Becky D & Paul S
5/12	9:00	Andrew Clouse	Landon Clouse	Justin Clouse	Jim Garrelts	Caden Howell	Lantana Howell	Mary Garrelts	Barnhills	
	11:00	Ben Gibbs	Connie Schlatter	Maynard Peterson	Gibbs	Casey Dykstra	Steve Slipsager	Kelsey Helmick	Carol Dooley	Donn B & Jamie G
5/19	9:00	Bradlee Howell	Justin Clouse	Landon Clouse	Jim Garrelts	Alan Wondra	Robin Pressnall	Jo & Audry	Juanita Freed	
	11:00	Paul Shaw	Becky Dykstra	Abby Banta	Matt Becker	Bonnie Johnson	Jean Beal	Deb Bischoff	Schweitzers	Donn B & Paul S
5/26	10:00	Justin Clouse	Landon Clouse	Combined Service	Combined Service	Combined Service	Combined Service	Kari Clouse	Barnhills	Donn B & Cindy T

May 2024

Sun

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Sat

			1 Youth Group 6:30 PM	2 National Day of Prayer 	3	4
5 Memorial Fund Committee 12:00pm	6	7 Quilters 9 AM 	8 Confirmation 6:30 PM	9 Justice Together Nehemiah Action Assembly 6:00 PM @ Century II	10 Grilling for Heights Teachers 10:00 AM 	11 Men's Breakfast 8 AM 
12 Senior Sunday 	13 Council 6 PM 	14 Worship @ Shepherd's Crossing 9:30 AM 	15	16	17	18
19 VBS Meeting 12:00 PM Pentecost! Last day of Sunday School	20 Worship Meeting 6:00 PM	21 Men's Bible Study 10:30 AM 	22	23 Last Day of School for Heights	24 Sandwich Saturday Prep 5:30 PM	25 Sandwich Saturday 11:00 AM 
26 One Outdoor Worship Service 10:00 AM	27 Memorial Day 	28	29	30	31	



May Birthdays

Saturday, May 4– Ruby Garrelts	Sunday, May 5– Paula Rader	Sunday, May 5– Pastor Chad
Sunday, May 5– Catherine Patry	Tuesday, May 7– Janet Miller	Tuesday, May 7– Jennifer Axman
Thursday, May 9– Matt Helmick	Monday, May 13– Alleigh Stucky	Tuesday, May 14– Kathryn White
Wednesday, May 15– Julianne Evans	Thursday, May 16– Twila Medlock	Thursday, May 16– Jacob Freed
Thursday, May 16– Nathan Becker	Sunday, May 19– Ben Gibbs	Sunday, May 19– Mallory Fowler
Sunday, May 19– Spenser Callison	Tuesday, May 21– Shawn Meier-McFerren	Wednesday, May 22– Korina Lechner
Friday, May 24– Maynard Peterson	Saturday, May 25– Larry Zabel	Tuesday, May 28– Ken Knappenberger
Wednesday, May 29– Laura Storrie	Wednesday, May 29– Steve Slipsager	Wednesday, May 29– Lynde Langdon
Wednesday, May 29– Charlize Hentzen		

May Anniversaries

Sunday, May 12– Spenser & Nora Callison	Saturday, May 18– Morgan & Melanie Barnhill	Wednesday, May 22– Alan & Sylvia Schmidt
Saturday, May 25– Forrest & Catherine Ehmke	Tuesday, May 28– Rich & Rosie Harder	Wednesday, May 29– Pastor Chad & Lynde Langdon
Thursday, May 30– Michael & Kari Clouse	Thursday, May 30– Nick & Alisa Baden	



May Baptism Anniversaries

Wednesday, May 1– Janice Cross	Friday, May 3– Beth Wenner	Sunday, May 5– Joe Raleigh
Saturday, May 11– Kinley Thompson	Tuesday, May 14– Jacob Callison	Tuesday, May 14– William Callison
Wednesday, May 22– Brian Miller	Thursday, May 23– Heather Boyce	