

Welcome to Worship

July 14, 2024

After filling this out, please tear off this entire page and place it in the offering plate.

Check the reverse side to sign up for ministry opportunities.



Members and Regular Attendees

Name(s): _____



Guests & Visitors

If you are visiting with us here at Christ Lutheran, we would love to get some information from you!

Name(s): _____

E-mail: _____
Address: _____

Phone: _____

Please check what applies to you:

- Just Visiting I want to be a member of Christ Lutheran.
 I would like to know more information, please contact me.

Any change in contact info? (Email, address, phone, etc.)



Ministry Opportunities
to **SERVE & GROW**

*Check all that apply. Newly added items are in **BOLD**.
If there are multiple people in your family,
please let us know who is signing up. Thanks!*

___ **I can help with Sandwich Saturday**

___ **Friday 5:00pm Preparation**

___ **Saturday 10:30am Delivery**

Please include the following request to be emailed out to the Prayer Chain:

Have a Special Need/Question:



Hearing Assistance Available. You can pick up a receiver near the sound booth.

New Christ in Our Home daily devotionals are ready and in the lobby for you to have. They cover July – September. Feel free to take one or share with a friend to help your daily walk with the Lord.



Take Home News



WEEKLY CALENDAR

This Sunday:

July 14th 9:00am Contemporary Worship
 10:30am Traditional Worship
 Depart for National Youth Gathering

Tue 7/16 10:30am Men's Bible Study

Sun 7/21 9:00am Contemporary Worship
 10:30am Traditional Worship
 National Youth Gathering Returns



Worship Notes:

- **Communion:** All are welcome to participate & receive the grace of God! The bulletin has further instructions & information.
- **Children:** Young people are always welcome and encouraged to participate as much as possible. There are worship jobs available for the children to do during the service. They can just pick any lanyard & it explains how they can serve today. There are also Activity Bags in the lobby. We have a nursery/cry room available in Room #5 and you can watch the service from a TV in there.
- **Cell phones:** Leave them on, just turn off the ringer.
- **Wi-Fi:** Church Net **Password:** Christmas1225
- **Social Media & Livestream:** Christ Lutheran is on Facebook and we use #CLCWichita. We livestream both of our services each week. Feel free to text, tweet, share, etc. during or after the service to let your friends know what is happening in worship and to invite them to join you next Sunday.
- **Website:** www.christ-lutheran.org or just scan →
- **To give electronically:** Scan & then scroll down →



Mission Opportunity! Help Wanted!
SANDWICH SATURDAY

FRIDAY: LUNCH ASSEMBLY

On Friday, July 26th, we will be gathering in the Fellowship Hall to put together sack lunches to give to the hungry & homeless of Wichita. We will be meeting on Friday evening at 5:00pm. We will be making peanut butter & jelly sandwiches and loading up the sack lunches with all kinds of other goodies (fruit, water, cookies, crackers, etc.).

SATURDAY: LUNCH DISTRIBUTION

On Saturday, July 27th, we will be distributing the lunches in downtown Wichita. We will meet at Christ Lutheran about 10:15am. We'll load up the cars with the lunches & coolers and then caravan downtown to St. John's Episcopal. At 11:00am, we'll hand out the lunches to all of the people gathered there. We'll return to church before noon.



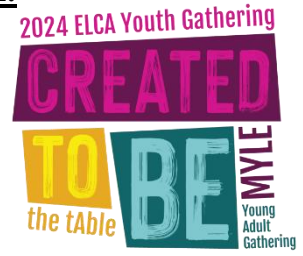
WHO CAN HELP?

This is a great job for people of all ages & abilities. You can just show up either Friday evening or Saturday morning or both, and we'll put you to work. More help is needed on Friday than on Saturday, and many hands make light work. It is a relaxed, informal way to make a big difference in the lives of people who really need it. If you have any questions, you can contact

Becky Dykstra (dykstra73@hotmail.com). Please mark the Tear-Off if you plan to help, and we hope you can join us!

2024 ELCA Youth Gathering – THIS WEEK!

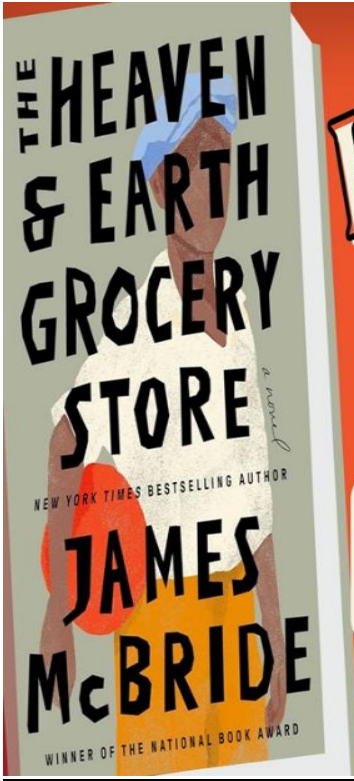
Please pray for our youth who will be attending the 2024 ELCA Youth Gathering in New Orleans. They leave Sunday night, July 14, and will return in very early morning hours of Sunday, July 21. In between, they will be gathering with 15,000 other high school youth from around the country under the theme, “**Created To Be.**” They will learn how God has created us to be “**brave, authentic, free, disruptive disciples**”. They will also get to explore the city of New Orleans, including the National WWII Museum, taking a swamp tour, tasting beignets, and doing a scavenger hunt to learn the history of the city. Our youth attending are: Abby Banta, Andrew Clouse, Annabel Entwisle, Casey Dykstra, Chris Naranjo, and Tucker Clouse. They will be led by adults: Emily Pector & Pastor Chad. Please pray that God meets them along the way and stirs up the Holy Spirit in their hearts.



Jeanie is Turning 90!

The congregation is invited to an open house celebrating **Jean Knappenberger’s 90th birthday!** The family has requested no gifts, but your presence or card is enough. The open house is **Thursday, July 18th from 1:00 – 2:30pm at Legend of Hutchinson** (2416 Brentwood St, Hutchinson, KS 67502). The party

will be held in their Country Kitchen area. If you’re unable to attend, she loves receiving cards! Cards can be sent to: Jean Knappenberger, PO Box 277, Haven, KS 67543.



Book Club

**August 29th
@ 6 pm**

We will be having a taco bar.
Bring some toppings, meat is
provided!

Sympathy Cards

If anybody is wanting to send a sympathy card to Patti Durham's family, you can send them to:

Stan & Melanie Durham-Chase

13929 W. Onewood

Wichita, KS 67235



Memorials are suggested to Christ Lutheran Church.

**God's Love
Made Real**

A conversation with Bishop Eaton

Speaker
Presiding Bishop
Elizabeth Eaton

Host
Bishop Susan Candeia,
Central States Synod

Join us for a live online event for your region!

WEDNESDAY, JULY 31

7 P.M. CENTRAL TIME

lovemadereal.elca.org

ELCA

Presiding Bishop Elizabeth A. Eaton will join congregations in Arkansas, Kansas, Louisiana, Missouri, Oklahoma, Nebraska and Texas on July 31 at 7 p.m. Central time for a regional conversation on [God's Love Made Real](#). The Rev. Susan Candeia, bishop of the ELCA Central States Synod, will host the online conversation.

God's Love Made Real is a movement encouraging the ELCA to create a world experiencing the difference God's grace and love in Christ make for all people and creation.

During this discussion the presiding bishop will share why God's Love Made Real is meaningful to her and the future of the church. Participants will have the opportunity to share experiences and ask questions.

"The Spirit is calling us to move together as one church to share the grace and love we experience every day," said Eaton.

Whether you are active in a congregation, are a pastor in the ELCA or haven't been to church in months, your voice is valuable. This conversation seeks to activate **every one of us** so that more people might know the way of Jesus and discover community, justice and love.

What are the next steps for those who participate in the conversation?

- **Learn more** about God's Love Made real at lovemadereal.elca.org.
- **Simply pray**. Pray that God will show you who in your relational circle needs to hear about God's love. Watch and listen for who that is. Offer to listen to those people. Offer to pray with and for them.
- **Invite someone** you know into your faith community. Talk to them about how we experience God in our lives.
- Find ways to **share your gifts and talents** — demonstrate God's Love Made Real — by serving the community around you.

[Join](#) the discussion! You can learn more about God's Love Made Real at lovemadereal.elca.org.



This coming Tuesday, July 16th at 10:30 am, the Men's Bible study will discuss "Jesus Teaches in Parables" If you have a guide book, it is in the Small Group Guide #2-18. If you need materials contact Alan Schmidt at 316 304-8943. All are welcome!



2025 Bishop Election

Reflecting Together in Mindful Preparation

What is God calling the Central States Synod to do to further God's kingdom?

How is God calling the Central States Synod to minister in the coming years?

What gifts will our next Bishop need to help us fulfill that ministry?

These are important questions as we prepare to elect our next Bishop at the June 2025 Synod Assembly.

The Synod's Discernment Team has scheduled several opportunities for you to join the conversation, recognizing that all our work begins and ends in God's love and the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Please register for one of the following sessions as we listen to discern how the Holy Spirit is leading us into future mission:

Wednesday, July 17 at 10:00am

Thursday, July 25 at 7:00pm

Saturday, July 27 at 10:00am

Thursday, August 1 at 2:00pm

Friday, August 9 at 10:00am

Monday, August 12 at 7:00pm

Sunday, August 25 at 2:00pm

Space is limited for each conversation, so register early to secure your place. You can register for your session and learn more about the discernment process at www.css-elca.org/discernment

What does it mean to be Lutheran in a crucial election year?

As our faith informs our day-to-day lives, Lutherans recognize that “faith is active in love [and] love calls for justice in relationships and structures of society” (ELCA, Social Statement on Church in Society, 1991). We also know the church is called to be a community that prays, deliberates, and acts together when it comes to complex social issues. In this election year, how might our Lutheran faith shape our thinking, acting, and voting on major issues? Join United Lutheran Seminary to learn and ponder timely social teachings of the ELCA and to learn tips for leading discussions in your own community.



**United
Lutheran
Seminary**

Kindling Faith
Learning Never Ends

- **August 27: Corporate Social Responsibility**
Rev. Kaari Reiersen, Director of Corporate Social Responsibility for the ELCA
- **September 10: Abortion**
Dr. Caryn Riswold, Professor of Religion/McCoy Family Distinguished Chair in Lutheran Heritage and Mission at Wartburg College
- **September 24: Faith, Sexism and Justice**
Dr. Mary Streufert, Director, Gender Justice and Women's Empowerment, and Heather Dean, Program Coordinator, Theological Discernment, ELCA

- **October 8: Earth's Climate Crisis Study Guide**

Dr. Ryan Cumming, Program Director, Theological Ethics, Education, and Community Engagement

- **October 22: Freed in Christ: Race, Ethnicity, and Culture**

Dr. Richard Perry, emeritus faculty, Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago

Online Zoom classes will take place live from 6:00 – 7:30pm (Central Time) on the dates mentioned and are recorded for later viewing. Cost is \$20 per individual or \$80 per congregation). To register, scan this QR code:



New Summer Series on the Way...

Next week we are beginning a new summer series on the book of First Corinthians. This is an interesting, complex book of the Bible that addresses

a messy, complicated congregation in the city of Corinth. Paul writes to them to help solve some of their problems (notably, quarreling with and disrespecting each other). Time and time again

Paul calls them to value each other and build up the body of Christ. In chapter 3, verse 10, he even talks about being a “master builder” himself (maybe this is where Legos got their idea from?). Paul consistently calls them to remember Jesus Christ crucified and build on the foundation of the cross that he laid down.



Starting Jand for the remaining weeks of the summer, we will be hitting some of the highlights of First Corinthians, maybe playing with some Legos, and hopefully learning how to become *Master Builders for Jesus* and build every day for the Kingdom of God.





Justice Together Update:

Justice Together had a magnificent turn out at our May Nehemiah Assembly. Over 1,300 people attended and saw the Local Officials and State Official agree with our findings in the areas of mental health and the homeless. The Officials agreed to work and get the 5 findings we proposed addressed. We are now meeting with them monthly to get updates and help push the 5 findings to completion. In just the first month, significant progress has been seen. We will keep you all posted. As with any nonprofit, funding is needed to help pay the expenses of the nonprofit to keep it moving forward. The work of the nonprofit cannot be done without financial support. In June we kicked off the fund-raising drive to help meet the needs of our expenses for this next year. During our Investment Drive, Justice Together is raising funds using three different methods.

- First method is Congregational Investments. Each congregation that has signed the charter is being asked to invest in the nonprofit. Christ Lutheran voted and agreed to invest \$6,000 in 2024. These funds are coming from our Designated Fund – Development Account.
- The 2nd method of raising funds is our Corporate Investment drive. The Corporate Investment drive is going on right now. The maximum we will have any one company invest in Justice Together is \$10,000. These investments are capped at \$10,000 so no one company can make a large investment and then influence the work being done by the nonprofit.
- 3rd method of raising funds is from you, our congregational members. Christ Lutheran had over 65 individuals representing our congregation at the Nehemiah Assembly. As you will remember from the listening sessions last fall, we asked each participant to become a congregation member of Justice Together. Justice Together is now asking for individual congregation member investments in the nonprofit. Justice Together is asking for a \$200 investment from each of our congregation members. This includes all of you who have participated in the work this last year and any

congregation member who would like to simply support Justice Together's mission financially. Payment can be made in total or made in increments. Less than \$17 a month would meet the \$200 threshold. If \$200 cannot be given, please give what you can. Every dollar helps. Checks can be made out to Justice Together and collected by our tellers on Sunday's, and I will take them to the Justice Together office. If you'd prefer to make the check out to Christ Lutheran, you will need to document in the memo section of your check that it is being given for Justice Together. If you have questions or concerns, please contact Alan Wondra

Thank you!
-Alan Wondra

S'MORES

On Sunday Evenings in
August

Want s'more church?

*Want some s'mores around a
campfire?*



On the Sunday evenings in August, we'll be offering a chance for anyone, especially young families, to gather around a campfire, maybe sing a few songs, cook some s'mores, and most importantly, build friendships & community at church. Kids can play, adults can talk... or maybe the adults will play and the kids will talk, who knows? But it will be an informal, mostly unplanned gathering for about an hour of campfire, conversation, and connection. And the stuff for s'mores will be provided. We hope you can join us!

6:30 – 7:30pm each Sunday in August

SOME OUTDOOR UPDATES

There's been some recent updates & improvements to our property recently. You may notice a whole plethora of beautiful flowers around our building in the front, back, and even way back by the prayer labyrinth. These flowers have all been planted by our Creation Care Team, led by Rosie Harder, and are meant to serve & provide sanctuary for all the pollinators in nature – the bees, bugs, butterflies, and even hummingbirds. They also provide a lot of beauty for us to enjoy.



And maybe not quite as beautiful, you'll notice a large shipping container now resting where the old white shed used to be. This is a project still in the works, but it was started a couple months ago. Our old shed was having lots of problems, including being very attractive to students skipping class and hiding from



administrators. Because the shed wasn't doing a lot for us anyways, the Property Team & Council decided to replace it with a more secure and less-attractive-to-students shipping container. The new container will be able store everything we need, including our mower, and should be much more secure. A very special thanks to Paul & Kenny Shaw who have systematically dismantled the old shed to make way for the new container. And less you fear, there are plans to paint the container and make it look good as new, but we must wait for the proper weather to do that.

Thank you to everyone who has helped with these important outdoor projects!!!!

July Human Needs Collection:

Lutheran World Relief: School Kits



Thanks to everyone who contributes to noisy offering and the table collections for human needs! Rich & I delivered some of the diapers from the June collection and a new baby crib donated by Connie Schlatter to the IRC. The warehouse was about 1/2 full and we learned of some of their current needs.

The July/August collection for human needs will be for Lutheran World Relief for school kits. Today, I watched a 1 minute video from Lutheran World Relief. A shipment is currently on the way from the Minnesota warehouse (where our contributions go) to Lebanon. It is to provide hope, support, and comfort to people who are seeking refuge from the ongoing conflict in Israel and Gaza. The shipment includes school kits, personal care kits, baby care kits, and 18,000 quilts. Thanks to everyone at CLC who donates to human needs so we can be a part of this!

Creation Care Update:



We finished planting milkweed and black eyed susans. Now, we will be weeding and watering as needed. Please let me know if you are willing to help with weeding and watering. I would like to point out which plants are the native Kansas plants as they may be unfamiliar to you and look like a weed. The native plants are perennials and should come up on their own next spring. These are plants that will tolerate the heat and wind in July & August and bloom and produce pollen then.

I was concerned that the native plants did not seem to be thriving so I obtained soil samples and took them to the Sedgwick County extension office. The sample will be sent to K-State and results will be available in about 6 weeks with recommendations. The soil close to the church has a lot of clay and rocks. Though we removed some of the clay and added garden topsoil, sand, and composted manure, it may need additional work. I also was able to talk to a master gardener and she told me that the native plants might be putting down deep roots now. She recommended wildflowers to aid in assisting butterflies. **-Rosie**

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS FOR NEXT WEEK,

JULY 21:

	<u>EARLY</u>	<u>LATE</u>
Usher	Justin Clouse	Ben Gibbs
<i>Greeter</i>	<i>Landon Clouse</i>	<i>Taylor Cook</i>
PowerPoint	Noah Miller	Casey Dykstra
<i>Soundboard</i>	<i>Jim Garrelts</i>	<i>Courtlynn Dykstra</i>
Worship Leader	Mary Garrelts	Maynard Peterson
<i>Reader</i>	<i>Julie Stiebner</i>	<i>Jean Beal</i>
Goodies	NEED ONE	Kelsey Helmick
<i>Altar Guild</i>	<i>Janet Miller</i>	<i>Emily Pector</i>
Counters		Donn & Jamie G

ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY: 70

Scripture reading for July 21:

1 Corinthians 1:1-10

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