

The Messenger

*Christ Lutheran
Church
5356 N. Hillside
Wichita, KS
67219*



September 2026 Newsletter

Contact us at office@Christ-Lutheran.org

Welcome Pastor Jessica Molina!

Call Committee and Church Council are excited to announce Pastor Jessica Molina will be our Synod Authorized Minister after she signed a covenant with Church Council. She will begin her work with us on September 1st and become a member on Sunday, September 6th. She will be working 3/4 time to allow her to continue her studies to become Lutheran. Please help us give her a proper Lutheran welcome!



Fall Worship Schedule (Begins September 13th)

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

Men's Breakfast

We will be at Auntie C's, located at 61st and Broadway. We will be there at 8:00 AM on Saturday, September 12th 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 October 6th at 9:00 am. For questions, contact:
Rosie Harder 316-200-3233
Rosieharder14@gmail.com

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.



2026 Bookkeepers Report

Respectfully Submitted, Alan Wondra



	July 2026	YTD 2026	Rolling 12 Months YTD
Receipts	\$14,148.08	\$135,027.73	\$241,170.38
Expenses	\$11,403.61	\$78,497.73	\$155,822.47
Variance	\$2,744.47	\$56,530.00	\$85,347.91



Secretary: Kali Mills

5356 N. Hillside, Wichita, Kansas 67219

Phone: 316-744-1242 Fax: 316-425-8875

www.Christ-Lutheran.org

E-mail: office@Christ-Lutheran.org

Parish Nurse - Mary Garrelts



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

**THERE WILL BE A
COMBINED
WORSHIP SERVICE
THIS SUNDAY,
SEPTEMBER 6TH AT
10 AM.**



THANK YOU!!

PMA Jody Helton and Pastor Dave Fulton have been fulfilling pulpit supply since our pastoral vacancy last August. PMA Jody has also fulfilled many other pastoral duties outside of Sunday services. For this, Christ Lutheran Church is sincerely grateful. As they prepare to step away from these duties in September, please take a moment to thank them!!



Thanks to all who assisted in moving furniture in order to do the floor waxing and carpet cleaning. This appears to be a significant improvement in our Church!

-Alan Schmidt Property Care

Remember Crop Walk? We had a long history of supporting this ministry which benefits local & distant food needs. We will not be spearheading an effort this year, but if anyone would like information & just want to show up & walk that day (bringing your own \$ donations – they will also be accepting peanut butter as usual – here are the details:

Crop Walk
Sunday October 4th, 2026 at
2:00pm
Sedgwick County Park – Horse-
shoe Shelter



Walk check in starts at 1:00pm – those who raise \$50 or more get a t-shirt!

<https://events.crophungerwalk.org/chw/event/wichitaks>

Questions? Check with Mary Garrelts

THRIVENT POLICY

Do you have a Thrivent Policy of any type? This is just a reminder to apply for up to 2 Thrivent Action Grants each year – which can benefit any number of volunteer opportunities you select. Heights Lunch Ministry or Falcon Fellowship are always grateful for

thrivent®

the support. Contact Donn Bischoff or Mary Garrelts if you need help in applying. The process is done online & takes only a short time. These grants can each be \$250 & you can apply each year for two!

Falcon Fellowship is hosting their 9th **Trivia Night Fundraiser** on **Saturday, October 3, 2026**. Trivia Night will be held at Christ Lutheran Church, across the street from **Heights High School**. Doors will open at 6:30 p.m., and trivia will begin at 7:00 p.m. The cost is \$120 for teams of eight people, or \$15 per individual (who will be placed in potluck teams). The price of admission includes a fun-filled night of trivia and laughs, soda, water, and table snacks. Please feel free to bring your own snacks, but please no alcohol.

What is **TRIVIA NIGHT**?

Teams of eight people compete against other teams through ten rounds of t. a. Each round will have ten questions, and the team works together to answer the questions. At the end of the night, the team with the most correct answers wins a prize. There is plenty of time between rounds for conversation, laughter, and fun. Trivia categories can vary greatly. Throughout the evening, we'll play other fun little games, such as a 50/50 raffle, etc., as well as have attendance prizes), trying to raise as much money as possible to support **Wichita Heights High School Ministry**.

What is **HEIGHTS MINISTRY/FALCON FELLOWSHIP**?

This is a ministry reaching out to the students at **Heights High School**. Each day Christ Lutheran welcomes about 80-120+ students into their doors during the lunch period. The kids get free snacks and a safer, quieter place to hang out during lunch. This school year we are restarting a monthly event dubbed "**Falcon Fellowship**" in which the church cooks an entire meal for the students, and they get to hear a gospel message given by a local youth pastor. It may be the only time that some of these students hear about Jesus. This outreach ministry has been going on for over 28 years and has reached thousands of students in that time.

Feel free to call or email Donn Bischoff 316-209-2138 or Mary Garrelts at 316-640-7009 with any questions. Thank you in advance for your support of **Falcon Fellowship**.

To reserve your table, please fill out the registration portion on the flyer on the opportunity table and send with cash or a check to: Christ Lutheran Church

5356 N. Hillside

Wichita, KS 67219

Make checks payable to *Christ Lutheran Church*. Or you can email ***dhbisch@yahoo.com*** & then pay at the door with a credit card. Seating is limited, so sign up early!



TRIVIA NIGHT FUNDRAISER



La la la la la!
Calling all late service congregants to share their favorite hymns and song requests. We will be selecting music soon for services after Labor Day. We would love to hear from you—and your singing voices!! Let's make a joyful noise together :)

Worship Volunteers Needed

We are in desperate need of weekly worship volunteers. Our list of available volunteers to choose from keeps dwindling down, making it hard to make a monthly schedule. If you are interested in volunteering, please e-mail

Kali at office@christ-lutheran.org to get on the schedule. You can volunteer to be: Usher, Greeter, Powerpoint, Soundboard, Worship Assistant, Reader, or Goodies.



September Human Needs collection benefits:

ICTSOS

End Human Trafficking in Wichita

Freedom. Hope.
A new beginning.

For victims of human trafficking these may seem like unrealistic concepts. But there is help, and there is hope because people in Wichita are aware of the problem of sex trafficking and they want to help. Christ Lutheran Church is supporting this organization by collecting items for Fresh Start bags for youth in need.



ICTSOS Wish List Items:

- . Duffel bags
- . Hairbrushes
- . Combs
- . Hoodies-Women's XL,
Men's L, XL
- . Sweatpants-Men's S, M, L, XL
& Women's L
- . T-Shirts-Men's L, XL
Women's Large
Youth Girl's M
- . Pajama Set (Top and Bottom)
Youth Boy's XL

Shop their Amazon List:

<https://a.co/0cNzcFCr>



The Central States Synod is offering Confirmation Classes online this year. Church Council is recommending this and will cover any fees. Classes began on September 3rd, the link to the synod website for registration and details is <https://www.css-elca.org/confirmation>.

I'm told the instructor is a familiar face.

From the Synod newsletter:

Synod-wide Confirmation **classes began on September 3rd**. Classes meet on Zoom the 1st & 3rd Thursdays from September 3 through April 15, 6:30 – 7:45 pm. Classes will follow a two-year cycle; the first year will be a Catechism year, and the second will be a Bible year.

Anyone of any age can participate. (It's not just for students) There will be some in-person retreats and/or camps offered along the way to connect with the other students.



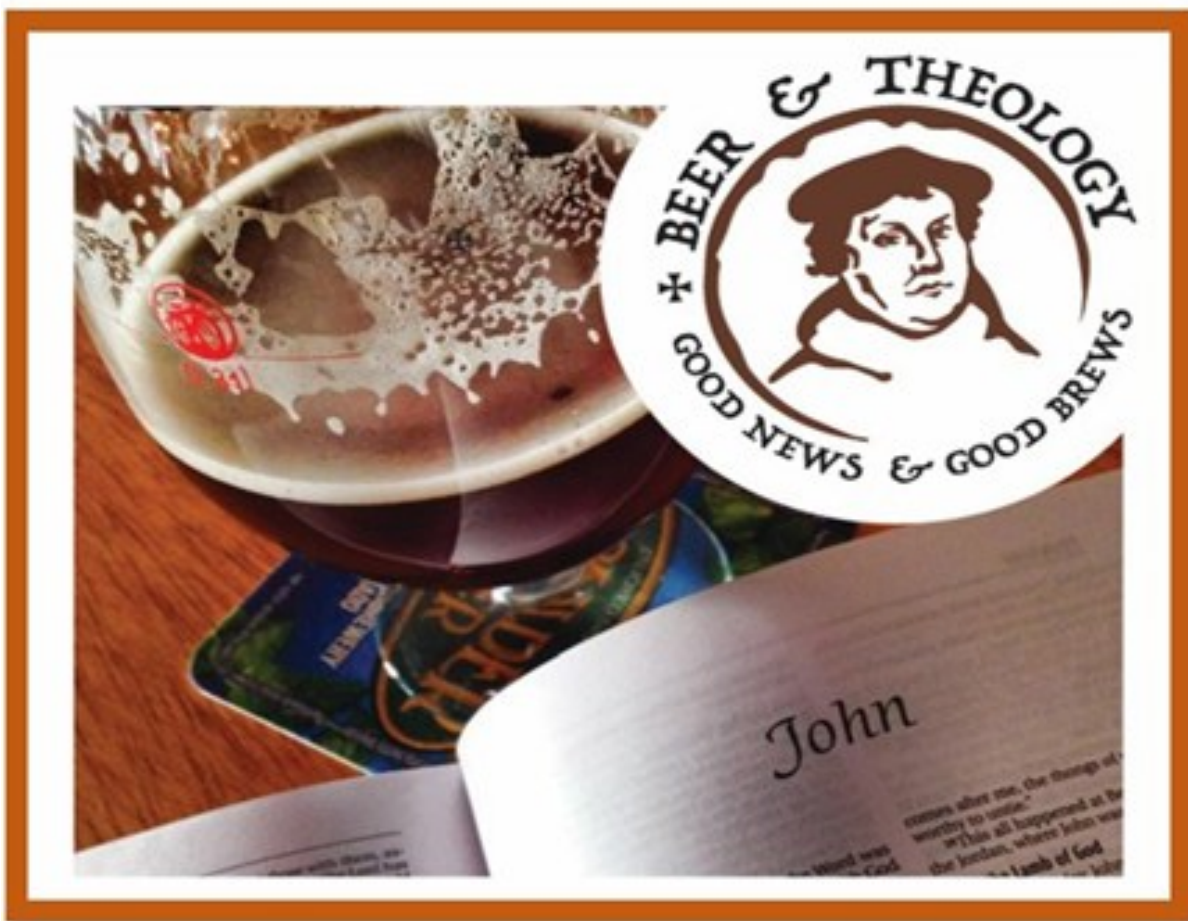
Mark your calendars now for the 3rd Monday of the month!

Beer & Theology has been a great hit! Pastor Andrew Beers is offering this event every 3rd Monday evening of the month. Bring your own questions to ask the group! From there, we open the floor for discussion & exploration. Bring your own curiosity for learning and exploring! As a topic is brought up, we will explore how it impacts our lives today, and how it is impacted by our culture. Lots of great food available to purchase and any drink you prefer to drink.

Beer & Theology

September 21st (Monday) 6pm - 8pm

Location: "The Depot Pizza & Taps" 711 E. Douglas Ave #105, Wichita, KS 67202 (Upstairs Room Reserved)



Heights Lunch Volunteer Program

We're looking for volunteers for our Heights Lunch

Snacks Ministry - to be restarted in late August or early September. We need background checks on everyone - so we need to start now. We attempt to provide an alternate place for junior & senior students to spend their lunch hour where they can feel caring, respect & safety. Heights HS has been our neighbor since this church was built - & I feel we are reaching out to this community in need in a way which creates mutual trust. Our plan is to re-establish our Falcon Fellowship meals once a month this fall. We hope that students at Heights will once again initiate the Holiday Share Fair that we provided the space for this past Christmas (which provided FREE items to families struggling to provide for their loved ones for the holidays.) In many ways - we've only scratched the surface in our ability to improve & embrace our relationship with Wichita Heights High School.

Contact:

Mary Garrelts - call or text - 316-640-7009 or Donn Bischoff - call or text 316-209-2138 for questions, more information or to sign up to volunteer!



FORGIVE AND FORGET

YOU WAKE UP EVERY MORNING AND YOU SHOULD ASK YOURSELF-- "WHAT IS THERE IN MY PAST THAT IS BOTHERING ME? THE WRONGS I'VE DONE? THE RIGHTS I HAVE NOT DONE? WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY ABOUT FORGIVENESS? HOW DOES THE HEBREW PEOPLE DEFINE FORGIVENESS? DOES GOD REALLY FORGIVE AND FORGET????

THE ANSWER IS YES THERE ARE TWO WORDS THE HEBREWS USE FOR FORGIVENESS "NASA" (WITH ACCENT ON THE SECOND SYLLABLE) WHICH MEANS "THE TAKING AWAY, FORGIVENESS OR PARDON OF SIN. SIN CAN BE FORGIVEN AND FORGOTTEN BY GOD BECAUSE HE HAS "TAKEN UP AND CARRIED AWAY OUR SINS". PSALM 103:12- "AS FAR AS THE EAST IS FROM THE WEST, SO FAR HATH HE REMOVED OUR TRANSGRESSIONS FROM US." ISAIAH 43:25- "I, EVEN I, AM HE THAT BLOTTEH OUT THY TRANSGRESSIONS FOR MINE OWN SAKE, AND WILL NOT REMEMBER THY SINS". 1 JOHN 1:9- "IF WE CONFESS OUR SINS, HE IS FAITHFUL AND JUST TO FORGIVE US OUR SINS, AND TO CLEANSE US FROM ALL UNRIGHTEOUSNESS." HEBREWS 8:12- "FOR I WILL BE MERCIFUL TO THEIR UNRIGHTEOUSNESS, AND THEIR SINS AND THEIR INIQUITIES WILL I REMEMBER NO MORE."

THE SECOND WORD IS "SALAH" (WITH ACCENT ON THE SECOND SYLLABLE) IS USED OF GOD'S OFFER OF PARDON AND FORGIVENESS TO THE SINNER. MICAH 7:19- HE WILL TREAD OUR INIQUITIES UNDER FOOT. YES, THOU WILT CAST ALL THEIR SINS INTO THE DEPTHS OF THE SEA. 1 PETER 2:24- "HE HIMSELF BORE OUR SINS" IN HIS BODY ON THE CROSS, SO THAT WE MIGHT DIE TO SINS AND LIVE FOR RIGHTEOUSNESS; BY HIS WOUNDS YOU HAVE BEEN HEALED"

TO OFTEN WE READ THINGS THAT ARE REPETITIVE EVERY WEEK IN THE BULLETIN, AND WE DON'T THINK ABOUT THEM AT ALL, WE JUST SAY THEM, WITHOUT COMPREHENSION--- FOR EXAMPLE --- THE CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS--- BLESSED BE THE HOLY TRINITY, ONE GOD, WHO FORGIVES ALL OUR SINS, WHOSE MERCY ENDURES FOREVER. WE CONFESS THAT WE HAVE SINNED AGAINST YOU IN THOUGHT, WORD, AND DEED, BY WHAT WE HAVE DONE AND BY WHAT WE HAVE LEFT UNDONE, WE HAVE NOT LOVED YOU WITH OUR WHOLE HEART; WE HAVE NOT LOVED OUR NEIGHBORS AS OURSELVES. FOR THE SAKE OF YOUR SON, JESUS CHRIST, HAVE MERCY ON US. FORGIVE US, RENEW US, AND LEAD US, SO THAT WE MAY DELIGHT IN YOUR WILL AND WALK IN YOUR WAYS, TO THE GLORY OF YOUR HOLY NAME.

LAMENTATIONS 3:22-23 SAYS-- THROUGH THE LORD'S MERCIES WE ARE NOT CONSUMED, BECAUSE HIS COMPASSIONS FAIL NOT. HIS MERCIES ARE NEW EVERY MORNING.

EVERYDAY WE CAN FORGIVE AND FORGET, THE LORD SAYS SO!!!!!!

BLESSED BE THE NAME OF THE LORD

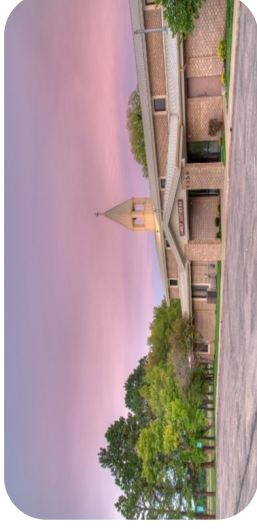
-JOHN SNOW

Christ Lutheran Church
SINCE 1951

Church Council

Staff

President	Julie Stiebner
Vice President	Kari Clouse
Secretary	Carol Dooley
Treasurer	Alan Wondra
Worship	Bonnie Johnson
Human Needs	Beverly Krasselt
Resource	Nick Baden
Property Care	Alan Schmidt
Parish Education	Monica Spicer
Outreach	Mary Garrelts
Youth	Chandra Entwistle



Pastor	Jessica Molina
Organist	Amy Webb
Cantor/Choir Director	Jared Pector
Custodian	Patty Wheeler
Bookkeeper	Alan Wondra
Parish Nurse	Mary Garrelts
Secretary	Kali Mills
Parish Ministry Associate	Jody Helton

Staff Relations Committee

Council	Mallory Fowler
Staff	David Lechner

September Worship Volunteers

Date	Time	Usher	Greeters	PPT	Soundboard	Leader	Reader	Goodies	Altar Guild	Tellers/Offering
9/6	10:00	Rich Harder	Taylor Cook	Justin Clouse	Entwisles	Mary Garrelts	Julie Stiebner	Jamie Gibbs	Juanita Freed	Donn B & Cindy T
	9:00	Justin Clouse	Landon Clouse	Mary Garrelts	Alan Wondra	Alan Wondra	Robin Pressnall	Kari Clouse	Janet Miller	
9/13	11:00	Ben Gibbs	Deb Bischoff	Casey Dykstra	Matt Becker	Donn Bischoff	Shannon Banta	Deb Bischoff	Becky Dykstra	Donn B & Paul S
	9:00	Landon Clouse	Justin Clouse	NEED ONE	Landon Clouse	Mary Garrelts	Kari Clouse	Mary Garrelts	Derek Farris	
9/20	11:00	Paul Shaw	Becky Dykstra	Paige Gibbs	Gibbs	NEED ONE	Rosie Harder	NEED ONE	Chandra Entwisle	Donn B & Jamie G
	9:00	Justin Clouse	Landon Clouse	Mary Garrelts	Jim Garrelts	NEED ONE	Lantana Howell	Jo & Audry	Janet Miller	
9/27	11:00	Donn Bischoff	Paul Shaw	NEED ONE	Courtlynn Dykstra	NEED ONE	Jean Beal	Jamie Gibbs	Dionne Becker	Donn B & Becky D

September 2026

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

		1 Quilters 9 AM 	2	3	4	5
6	7 Falcon Falls HOA 	8	9 Women's Bible Study 10:30am 	10	11	12 Men's Breakfast 8 AM 
13	14 Church Council 6 PM 	15 Men's Bible Study 10:00am 	16 Women's Bible Study 10:30am 	17	18	19
20	21	22 Men's Bible Study 10:00am 	23 Women's Bible Study 10:30am 	24	25	26
27	28	29 Men's Bible Study 10:00am 	30 Women's Bible Study 10:30am 			



September Birthdays

Wednesday, September 2– Connie Schlatter	Sunday, September 6– John White	Monday, September 7– Nicholas Lechner
Monday, September 7– Nora Callison	Sunday, September 13– Kevin Dykstra	Sunday, September 13– Brittany Lechner
Sunday, September 13– Breanna Foster	Wednesday, September 16– Lantana Howell	Thursday, September 17– Grant Stucky
Wednesday, September 23– Courtlynn Dykstra	Thursday, September 24– Mallory Helton	Tuesday, September 29– David Lechner
Wednesday, September 30– Shannon Banta	Wednesday, September 30– Christopher Harris	

September Anniversaries

Monday, September 7– Stephanie Albright	Monday, September 14– Wanda Unruh	Thursday, September 17– Marcene Carstensen
Thursday, September 24– Shawn Meier-McFerren	Sunday, September 27– Kim & Tara Brown	



September Baptism Anniversaries

Thursday, September 3– Paul Shaw	Saturday, September 5– Paige Gibbs	Saturday, September 5– Lucy Garrelts
Sunday, September 6– Nathaniel Becker	Monday, September 28– Ben Gibbs	Monday, September 28– Henrik Vingerud
Wednesday, September 30– Donn Bischoff	Wednesday, September 30– Jeff Garrelts	

