

# Christ Connection

Empowered by God's love and following in the ways of Jesus Christ, we LIVE, GROW and SHARE AS Disciples of Christ.

For the Week Beginning August 9, 2020— Tenth Sunday After Pentecost



Dear Church,

In the 22 weeks since we were last able to gather in person, we have deeply missed seeing and connecting with you all. Many of you have shared similar grief and frustration. We wish to assure you that CLC's leadership remains deeply committed to both your physical safety and your spiritual nourishment.

As such, many people have been working very hard behind the scenes to prepare for CLC to host an outdoor worship service. Please join us in thanking the COVID Resiliency Team, the Worship Team, staff members, and other volunteers who are making this possible. CLC will host an **Outdoor Worship Service** on **Sunday, August 16** at **9:00am**. This service also includes CLC's annual **"Back to School" worship blessing**. The rain date will be Sunday, August 23 at 9:00am. Should there be threat of rain, Pastor will robo-call you at 6:00pm the night before to let you know the August 16<sup>th</sup> service will be online.

For those who do not want to worship outdoors, the service will be concurrently available on Facebook Live, via CLC's Facebook page. This video will remain available. There will also be a 'regular' Zoom service at 12 on the 16<sup>th</sup>, for those who prefer that format or need to call in.

Because your physical safety remains an important priority, those attending the worship gathering must adhere to the following guidelines:

- ✝ To ensure the best visibility for all present, you must pre-register on Eventbrite.com (invite will be emailed) or call the church office to register. This information will be retained for contact-tracing, should that become necessary.
- ✝ Please ensure that you bring with you everything which you might want for the service: printed or digital worship aid, lawn chair(s), juice (not alcohol) and bread for communion, hand sanitizer, water to drink if it's hot, etc.
- ✝ A restroom will be available for emergency use only. This restroom will be the former 'women's' (presently 'all-gender') restroom on the south side of the building, near the Sunday School wing.
- ✝ For safety, the parking lot will be one-way. All cars must enter the parking lot from the frontage road off Holmes Avenue (the south side of the church). Following the service, all cars must exit the parking lot onto Sheridan Road (the north side of the church.)
- ✝ When you enter the parking lot, people will be there to assist you. You must park where the attendant directs you. Cars will be parked socially distanced.

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## Sunday Worship

9:00 a.m. & noon  
Instructions at  
[www.yourchrist.org](http://www.yourchrist.org)

## Faith Formation

2nd and 4th Mondays  
6:00PM

## Christ Lutheran Staff

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- ✝ Passengers from each car will set up lawn chairs to the driver's side of their car.
- ✝ Parking attendants will also direct cars as they leave the parking lot.
- ✝ Should you wish to bring an offering, a parking attendant will receive these in an offering basket or plate as you exit the parking lot.

- ✝ While we realize that we all miss each other, the primary purpose of this gathering is worship - not socialization. Please maintain a physical distance between yourself and others of at least 6 feet. Should this be impossible, or should you need to use the emergency rest room, you must wear a mask.
- ✝ All participants are expected to follow CDC guidelines for health and safety, including social distancing, mask wearing, hand washing/sanitizing, etc.
- ✝ Even at these distances, congregational singing and speaking are not considered safe activities. The service will be modified to follow appropriate health guidance.

Please understand that this will be our first attempt at an outdoor service. There will almost certainly be hiccups. Please be patient and grace-filled with all of the staff, volunteers, and Pastor as we work towards making this hope a reality.

We look forward to gathering with you on Sunday, August 16<sup>th</sup>. Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact either of us.

God bless you with health and hope!

Erin Clausen, Pastor

Maggie Swiss, Council President

## CLC Social Media



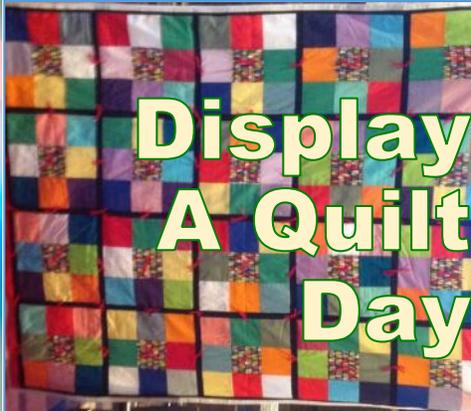
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## Display A Quilt Day

Sunday, August 9th, the Quilt Ministry of CLC is participating in a project that was originated on the east coast. It is called "Display a Quilt Day".

The purpose is to hang a quilt outside and display on social media.

What a wonderful way to share "God's Work - Our Hands" and our Lutheran World Relief quilt project with those traveling Route 83. As they look to the hillside of CLC they will see quilts completed during COVID-19. The work and needs continue for World Mission and through CLC's Quilt Ministry.



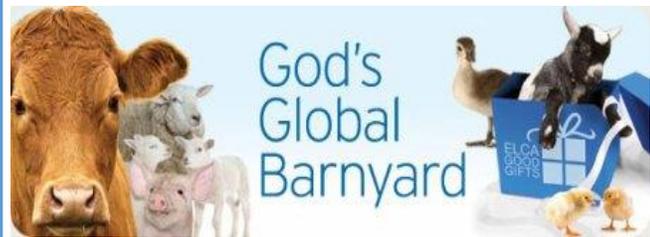
# The Virtual Bible Study

Schedule Change

There are a number of people who would like to engage in the Dialogues on Race Bible Study but are unable to participate on Wednesday mornings.

Therefore, the decision was made to hold this study on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month at 6:00 p.m. It will be a ZOOM meeting. The information below will help you to log on to the bible study.

<https://zoom.us/j/277247648?pwd=K0t4N3VqRzlsclTNYajlxMHNPM08yQT09>



The Christian IMPACT Team would like to finish up the God's Global Barnyard (piggy bank) fundraiser that we began at the beginning of Lent. Unfortunately, we are not able to collect everyone's banks filled with change at this time. If you would like to participate, we are asking you to write a check to Christ Lutheran Church and put "God's Global Barnyard" or "Piggy Bank" in the memo line, and we will make sure the money goes to our Lenten Mission. Hang on to the bank until such time as we are able to gather in person again. The deadline for donations will be **September 15th**.

We have also had a button (*ELCA World Hunger*) added to our Tithely (online giving) platform for this purpose for those who do their giving electronically on our website at [yourchrist.org](http://yourchrist.org)

## DIALOGUES

— ON —  
RACE

Dialogues on Race is one in a series of "Dialogues on" studies intended to help Lutheran Christians respond faithfully to real-life questions. It's not news to anyone that we are living in a time of conflict, division, and disagreement. In politics, in religion, in education, in relationships and communities and churches, we are becoming people who can't seem to find our way out of the "us vs. them" pit of divisiveness. It doesn't matter who you think is "us" and who is "them." We all feel stuck.

And yet we know it doesn't have to be like this. In the face of cracking communities and strained family dynamics, the church is uniquely equipped to bring healing, hope, and wholeness to a hurting world. Ours is a faith built on hope, on the belief that we are all created in the image of God, on the assurance that no person or situation is beyond redemption. We believe faith is not only believing in God, but also doing the work of God in the world. We are the shining city on a hill, and the world needs our light now more than ever. One small group resource isn't going to change everything, but it can be a catalyst for new models of relational repair and social action. It can give participants a set of tools they can use to have bridge-building conversations rather than explosive arguments. It can serve as a model of peacemaking for a community struggling with strife. In other words, it can help the church be the church. Learner Guides are available through Augsburg Fortress for \$9.99 each and can be purchased through the following link: [Dialogues on Race Bible Study](#) *They are not necessary in order to participate in the Study.*



**Do you want to be a "virtual" Assisting Minister in Zoom Worship?** Contact the Church Office if you would like to record a reading for use on Sunday mornings. All it takes is a Smart phone with a camera. We will provide instructions.

Be a part of the  
Communion  
Slide Show

Send Us  
Your Photos!



Send photos to [office@yourchrist.org](mailto:office@yourchrist.org).

Annual  
Rummage  
Sale



Because of the uncertainty in the current climate as it relates to gathering in large groups, we regret that we will have to cancel the Rummage Sale this year.

For those of you who have faithfully gathered items to donate and have been storing them, thank you.

**As we try to help everyone dispose of items they may have collected, we will be sharing information as we gather it:**

**Amvets 708-388-7800**  
**[www.ilamvets.org](http://www.ilamvets.org)**

- AMVETS needs **clothing** donations (for men, women, and children), electronics, small appliances, kitchenware, lamps, curtains and drapes, books, bicycles, bedding, and more.
  - Boxes and bags only (no loose items)
- Books limited to novels and children's storybooks
  - No baby gear or baby furniture

## *Connections*



One of my favorite Bible passages is from Ecclesiastes. The adaption of this passage is also one of my favorite songs. I read it often when things don't always make sense to

me. When I feel that my path is not crystal clear, I turn to this passage and pray for clarity and guidance to help me identify what season I must embrace. This passage gives me great hope, especially when things may look so desperate. I find it so appropriate given the world we live in today. It is my constant reminder that God has a plan. I may not know the details, but I do know that there is a time for everything that happens in my life. Even when the darkness of midnight takes over your spirit, the sun will rise, there will be a time to sing and dance and heal. Have faith, trust in God and know in your soul that it is always darkest before the light.

### Ecclesiastes 3

*There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens: a time to be born and a time to die, a time to plant and a time to uproot, a time to kill and a time to heal, a time to tear down and a time to build, a time to weep and a time to laugh, a time to mourn and a time to dance, a time to scatter stones and a time to gather them, a time to embrace and a time to refrain from embracing, a time to search and a time to give up, a time to keep and a time to throw away, a time to tear and a time to mend, a time to be silent and a time to speak, a time to love and a time to hate, a time for war and a time for peace.*

God's grace and peace be with each of you,

Maggie Swiss