

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 October 18, 2020—Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost



FROM THE
PASTOR'S DESK

As we consider God's generosity to us, we have looked at the generosity which we call blessing. However, God's nature extends generosity in *many* ways. We call God's generosity grace when we receive good

things that we don't deserve - like forgiveness for hurting someone, or **more than enough** food or money or anything else, or children or friends who take care of us. God gives us grace because of who God is, not because of who we are or what we do. God provides grace in our lives without requiring that we do anything (even say thank you!). And yet...

God created people in God's image and likeness. That means that God created people to be 'like' God - generous and filled with grace. When we respond to God's generosity by being thankful and generous in return, we live into who God created us to be. When we offer grace to other people (and remember, by definition, that means offering that which other people don't deserve!), we are living into the image of God in us. Giving grace opens space within us to receive even more grace.

What is one good thing you've received (from God or from someone else) that you didn't deserve this week? What goodness can you offer to someone else this week, which they don't deserve? This week, practice saying thank you to God and others for the things you receive that you don't deserve. This week, practice offering grace to others - offering to others good things that they may not deserve. See what happens when you live into the image of God in this way.

Pastor Erin

On Sunday, November 1st we will be celebrating All Saints' Sunday; the day in the church year where we remember those loved ones who have passed.

We are planning our Communion Slide Show that day to honor our departed loved ones and we are asking for you to share your photographs.

If you would like to submit photographs, please email them to the church office at www.yourchrist.org.

Sunday Worship

9:00 am and noon on ZOOM
www.yourchrist.org

Faith Formation

October 26
November 9 & 23

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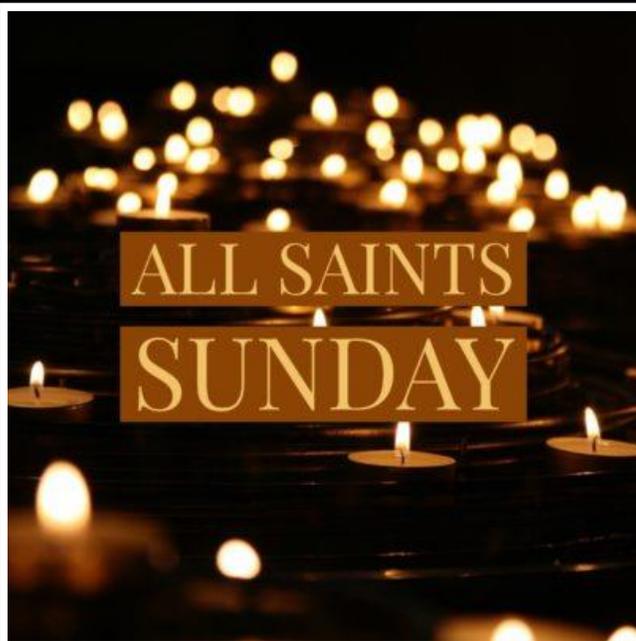
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ALL SAINTS
SUNDAY



Safety Concerns Cancel Trunk or Treat

Christ Lutheran Church staff and council remain committed to the safety and spiritual nurture of our congregation's families and the wider community. As we monitor CDC and local guidance regarding the COVID 19 pandemic as well as our congregations families' comfort levels, we have concluded that this event will not work for our congregation at this time. Keep a lookout for further youth ministry opportunities!



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The outdoor services this fall have reminded us all how much we miss seeing each other in person. It has been so nice to be able to visit with each other, even socially distanced and sporting masks. We seek connection; it's a huge part of what makes us human.

In early Spring when COVID hit and we began worshipping remotely, we updated our church roster. We sent it out to everyone via e-mail so that people could easily reach out to each other via a phone call, email or text message and stay connected. Back then, we did not expect that in the fall we would still be separated, but here we are . . .

This is an encouragement to all of us to make those phone calls to each other in our church family. Say hello, check in, find out if someone has a need that we might be able to help with or pray for. If you have misplaced your roster, we are happy to email or mail you a paper copy. Just let us know in the church office.



The Monday evening Bible study will resume meeting on Monday, October 26. The rest of the schedule for that study is:

10/26 - Chapter 5

11/9 - Chapter 6

11/23 - Chapter 7 (final)



Pastor Erin and the CLC Worship Team would like to hear from you with feedback relating to worship; whether it's about our regular Zoom services or worship outdoors on the hill. What are your thoughts? Is there something you would like

to see implemented? Music you would like to hear? Please take a moment and send us an email (with Worship Feedback in the subject line) so that we can share your input. The Worship Team meets on the first Monday evening of each month. Send emails to office@yourchrist.org or you may reach out to Pastor Erin directly at Pastor@yourchrist.org.



Youth & Family Ministry is sponsoring a Holiday Tree at the Brookfield Zoo this year. Mark your calendar for **Sunday, November 15th** for the Brookfield Zoo Community Tree Trim. This year there is a lot of planning that has to go into this due to

COVID. Please email Ms. Kristina at KristinaDickens15@gmail.com as soon as possible if you would like to join us! **Deadline to register is Sunday, October 11th, 2020.** If you have your own zoo membership, you do not need to reserve tickets with me, but you will need to obtain your time slot through your membership online. Please email me and let me know you are joining us. Christ Lutheran Church's day to decorate is Sunday, November 15th, 2020. You may only decorate on this day. More details on the event will be emailed to those who are attending this holiday event. We have 8 tickets available!

If you would like to carpool with another family with COVID safety, please email Ms. Kristina.