

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 September 6, 2020— Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Pastor's Message



Many people understand this weekend to be the "official end of summer," with the Labor Day holiday coming on Monday. This national holiday invites the country to celebrate the work that people

across the United States do every day, work which enhances the economic stability of the country. Depending on your relative economic status and the work you are doing, this day may be a day you stay home and grill, enjoy a parade or festival (in non-pandemic years, anyway), or even take one last (socially distanced) vacation or camping trip. On the other hand, it may be a day where you work long hours to support the consumers excited about shopping holiday sales.

Either way, this weekend is also an opportunity to consider and thank God for the meaningful work you find yourself doing, as well as to implore God on behalf of those who do not have meaningful work.

Martin Luther wrote about vocation - calling from God - as the place in which we live out our faith. For Luther, vocation includes all of the roles to which God calls us - as spouse, parent, child, church member, citizen, worker... In all of this work, we serve God by serving our neighbor. Thus, in each moment of our day, the 'work' of a Christian is to love and serve others. In my family, my 'work' has suddenly increased to include caring for children throughout the school day. I know that is true for many of you as well. There are moments I'm frustrated by this (and by the resulting late nights). However, this weekend, I hope to step back and thank God for the gifts of this work as well - for my children, for our family's health, for my congregations which enable me to work mostly from home, and for the quality time we spend together in between the chaos - or maybe even during it!

No matter what work you do, you live your faith when you love and serve others. I've expanded my work to love and serve my children throughout the day. When I think of this as God's work in the world, my frustration becomes easier for me to manage. Even if you are retired from civic work, you still have a vocation - and you still live your faith through loving and serving those you meet each day.

We also know that some people do not have meaningful work. Although God also calls them into a variety of roles, they may not be able to find work that sustains them or their families. While we celebrate work that sustains us, we also love and serve our neighbor when we provide for them and call out to God on their behalf.

I hope that you will enjoy this weekend and the Labor Day holiday. I also hope you will spend some time thanking God for the work that you're called to do - even when it's challenging. And, I hope that we all will continue to work and pray for a world where all people can find meaningful work.

Pastor Erin

Sunday Worship

9:00 a.m. & noon
Instructions at
www.yourchrist.org

Faith Formation

2nd and 4th Mondays
6:00PM

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Communion
Slide Show

Send Us
Your Photos!



One of the ways we keep connected is through our Communion Slide shows. Not only do we get to view it on Sunday morning, but it also gets sent out to our home-bound in printed form and they absolutely love seeing the pictures.

Send photos to:
office@yourchrist.org

Weekly Social Media Posts for September



Motivational Monday

Thoughtful Tuesday

Wednesday Wisdom

Traditional Music Thursday

Praise Band Friday

Sermon Sneak Peak Saturday

Sunday Shine

Connections

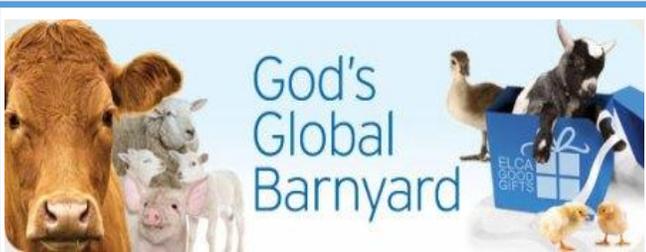


Tuesday & Thursday



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.



September 15th is the final day to donate to the Lenten Piggy Bank project to help support God's Global Barnyard. Checks can be made out to Christ Lutheran Church and mailed in (with God's Global Barnyard in the subject line), or donations can be made through our website on the Tithe-ly app.

Piggy banks can be returned when we are worshipping together again.



Do you have a favorite pumpkin recipe? Share it with us! Through September we'll be collecting pumpkin recipes to share on Facebook in October. Email your recipes to christlutheranmarketing@gmail.com. Send pictures too!



The Need Continues...

As you know, Christ Lutheran Church made a commitment to the under-resourced families of Hinsdale South High School over the summer. Students who would normally have access to school breakfasts and lunches no longer had that available to them over the summer months, The Christian IMPACT

Team was able to purchase \$800.00 worth of Target and WalMart gift cards for these families for the months of May, June, July and August, to help make their summers a little more manageable. Some of their comments . . .

"The gift cards helped my family with groceries. Being a single mother of 3 growing teenagers we welcome assistance whenever it's available. And it was great to receive gift cards because we were able to buy exactly what we really needed. Thank you so much for the donations."

First and foremost I want to say thank you to the sponsors of the summer Gift cards . They helped me and my kids so much. With all this craziness and no income it was an incredible help. I am still not getting unemployment so it was great help in getting grocery and toiletries. God bless you all ."

"I enjoy the gifts cards for my daughter. She use them for food, clothes, and hair items. It help so much. Thanks"

"Good morning, I was so grateful; it helped me a lot with grocery which allowed me to put more towards my light bill; the air is killing that bill but, what can we do . Thank U All so much and may your blessing continue as U Bless others."

With District 86 going to "remote learning" because of COVID, these families will continue to struggle. If you would like to help out, you may make a donation by either mailing a check to the church with "District 86" in the memo line, or on Tithe-ly at www.yourchrist.org. Thank you.

The Christian IMPACT Team



Thank you to everyone who provided feedback to the Worship Team about the recent outdoor service that was held on the front lawn. **Based on the positive feedback, we are delighted to announce that we will be holding our next outdoor worship service on**
Sunday, September 13th
at 9:00 a.m.

Please use the link below for tickets

<https://www.eventbrite.com/o/christ-lutheran-church-of-clarendon-hills-30894044023>

TICKETS: Printed tickets should be displayed on the driver side windshield. Online tickets must be displayed on the driver side at check-in.

ARRIVAL: Please plan to arrive at least 10 minutes early. The only entrance is on Frontage Road.

PARKING INSTRUCTIONS: All vehicles must enter through the Frontage Road off Holmes Avenue and exit through the back of the parking lot. You will be directed to a parking spot when you arrive.

You may sit outside your car on the driver side only.

MASKS: All parking lot attendants and worship participants will wear masks for your protection. Wearing masks outdoors is highly recommended.

"BYOE" COMMUNION : Bring Your Own Elements for Communion. Juice is recommended to substitute for wine, as no alcohol of any kind is permitted for this event.

RESTROOMS: Only available for emergency use.

RAIN DATE: You will receive a robocall in the evening on SATURDAY, September 12, 2020, in the event of a rain cancellation. Your ticket will be valid automatically for the Rain Date of September 20, 2020. If you cannot attend on the Rain Date, please cancel your ticket so another family may enjoy the service.



Welcome Back Youth & Family Ministry! It is time to register for the 2020-2021 Youth Ministry Year. Be on the lookout for an email from Ms. Kristina later this week to register! All families must register each child ages 0 - 18 whether or not the child will be attending the Nursery, Sunday School, Confirmation Class, or Youth Group. This is to ensure correct ordering of materials, staffing of volunteers, and for emergency plans. All children are welcome to register for Youth & Family Ministry.

Sunday School and Confirmation Class begin on Sunday, September 13th, 2020. **Stay tuned for details on this coming Youth Ministry Year!**



You may have noticed a few extra emails lately from your Spiritual Growth Team! We hope you are enjoying the Blessings of our increased connection through common prayer and shared Bible verses. If you think that you might not be receiving these emails, and would like to,

please contact the church office to make sure you are on our list.

The team also wants to invite, and encourage you, to participate in these connections. We would love to hear your favorite verses and why they have special meaning for you. Also short prayers, or topic suggestions for prayers are most welcome. You may send those to the office also, along with any comments or suggestions you might have.

As we negotiate these difficult days, we hope and pray that our shared faith will bring us all closer to God and to each other; that we may find Grace and comfort in our community; and that we will be guided by The Holy Spirit and our love for each other. Blessings from the Worship Team.

Rob Sorensen