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# Christ Alive!

Sharing Mission, Ministry,  
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## TAKING TIME FOR THE SIMPLE MOMENTS!

Matthew 6:34 says, "So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today's trouble is enough for today." As I read this verse I found myself thinking how true and fitting it is for our current situation. We are seeing the infection rate of Covid-19 rise daily. Each day seems to be filled full of worries. In the book *Spiritual Practices for the Brain*, Anne Kertz Kernion reminds us that "In being mindful, we are simply present to the moment God has given us, here and now." I find it all too easy to get caught up in the craziness of each day and I don't take the time to notice the moments God has given me.

Over the last few days, I took a few minutes of each day to pay attention to the simple moments God has given me. I took a walk around my house and noticed the vibrant yellow leaves on the hickory trees. I noticed the red head of the

woodpecker enjoying the bird food in our feeder. I noticed the squirrels running around my yard burying nuts for the winter. Each of these simple moments reminded me of the beautiful gift of God's creation.

I also took time to be with my family. I savored the conversations at the dinner table. I enjoyed the moments of laughter while watching a movie. I have also enjoyed the moments of quiet early in the morning as I watched the sun slowly rise.

I encourage you to take a few minutes and just be present in the moment. Take a walk or a drive to look at the beautiful fall colors. Enjoy a cup of hot chocolate, coffee, cider, or tea with a loved one, even if it is virtually. Reread a book you love. I wonder what moment God has given you today?

God's peace and love,  
Vicar Katrina Steingraeber



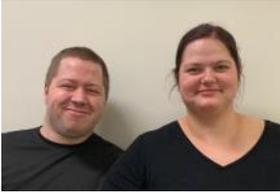


## IN THE CHRIST LUTHERAN FAMILY

We extend our sympathy to the family of Rick Carlson who died on September 24. May light perpetual shine on him. +

## WELCOME NEWCOMERS!

Christ Lutheran is delighted to welcome the following new members to the Christ Lutheran family.



Michael & Stacey Cave



Rev. Dr. Mark Hagen

Be sure to give them a hearty, socially-distanced, greeting when you meet them!



## IT'S NOT TOO LATE!

Thanks to so many of you who have made your financial generosity pledge early, on-line, or via mail. If you haven't pledged yet, it's not too late. Pledge online at [www.makingChristknown.org](http://www.makingChristknown.org) (click on the "Give" tab), at the in-person

pledging station in the CLC gathering space, or via mail.

## WORSHIP AT CHRIST LUTHERAN

**As of October 11, Christ Lutheran returned to offering on-line worship only.** This comes as a result of increasingly disquieting COVID metrics and the resulting new restrictions which have been placed on Region 1. We assure you that, once the restrictions have been lifted, we will return to in-person worship. Our Alternate Virtual worship is emailed Saturday evening.



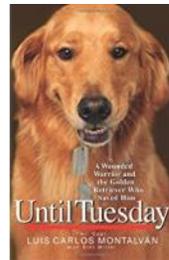
## GROUNDS CLEAN-UP GRATITUDE

Thanks to the following for doing our annual fall grounds clean-up and clearing of the flower

beds: Tom Schuepbach, Shari Warmoth, Karen Glavin, John Borchers, Tammy Ferrin, Sharon Bramel, and Jim McGinnis.

## STAFF CHRISTMAS GIFT

Our Council President, Al Francik, has invited any who wish to make a contribution to the Staff Christmas Gift to do so by December 15. Contributions may be sent in (labelled "staff gift") or dropped off in the gift box at the church.



## CHRIST IN LITERATURE

Will be meeting at Christ Lutheran on **Mon, November 2** at 3 pm. Our book selection by Luis Carlos Montalván and Bret Witter is *Until Tuesday: A Wounded Warrior and the Golden Retriever Who Saved Him*. All are welcome!

## THANKSGIVING AND PIE FEST (Pandemic Style)

Unfortunately, due to the pandemic, we will not be able to gather in person for the traditional Thanksgiving Eve worship and pie fest. Instead, look forward to our Thanksgiving worship to be posted on Thanksgiving Eve. And what about the pie? Instead of sharing a piece of pie with your friend, we are inviting you to send your favorite pie recipe to [Valerie@makingChristknown.org](mailto:Valerie@makingChristknown.org) by Monday, November 23. All pie recipes will be included following our on-line worship service!

<u>November 1, 2020</u>	<u>November 8, 2020</u>	<u>November 15, 2020</u>	<u>November 22, 2020</u>	<u>November 29, 2020</u>
Micah 3:5-12	Amos 5:18-24	Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18	Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24	Isaiah 64:1-9
Psalms 43	Psalms 70	Psalms 90:1-8 [9-11] 12	Psalms 95:1-7a	Psalms 80:1-7, 17-19
1 Thessalonians 2:9-13	1 Thessalonians 4:13-18	1 Thessalonians 5:1-11	Ephesians 1:15-23	1 Corinthians 1:3-9
Matthew 23:1-12	Matthew 25:1-13	Matthew 25:14-30	Matthew 25:31-46	Mark 13:24-37



## PATHWAYS OFFERINGS

There are many of us who are suffering and longing for hope, connection and peace in the middle of loss, chaos and confusion. In these tumultuous times, the question “Where is God?” flows easily from our lips. This five-part series is meant to

help restore meaning, healing, peace, hope and joy in this time.

### NOVEMBER ZOOM SESSION(S) with Dr. Kadi Billman

**Nov. 11, 6:00 pm-7:30 pm—Finding Peace in Anxiety**

**Nov. 18, 6:00 pm-7:30 pm—Finding Solace in Grief**

Please register for Zoom session(s) at:

[www.makingChristknown.org/where-god](http://www.makingChristknown.org/where-god)

*Dr. Kadi Billman is the Professor of Pastoral Ministry, Pastoral Theology and Director of the Master of Divinity Program at the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago*

### DECEMBER BLUE ADVENT VESPERS

(at Christ Lutheran Church or online)

**Dec. 2, 5:30 pm—Finding Healing in Separation**

**Dec. 9, 5:30 pm—Finding Hope in Despair**

**Dec. 16, 5:30 pm—Finding Meaning in Emptiness**

## REJOICING IN GOD’S SAINTS: A Daily Prayer Calendar for November

All Saints’ Day falls on November 1 of each year. On that date or on the first Sunday in November, many churches memorialize members and loved ones who have died the year prior. In keeping with the spirit of All Saints’ Day and of Thanksgiving, below you will find daily prompts to express gratitude to God for a now-departed saint who has influenced your life. - *Written by Laura Stephens-Reed*

**NOV. 1:** Mentored you in your profession

**NOV. 2:** Helped you grow in faith

**NOV. 3:** Gave tangible help during a difficult time

**NOV. 4:** Founded an institution or movement that is important to you

**NOV. 5:** Showed tough love

**NOV. 6:** Coached you as you grew in skills and confidence

**NOV. 7:** Led a group that was significant in your formation

**NOV. 8:** Treated you like a sibling

**NOV. 9:** Introduced you to grief by their loss

**NOV. 10:** Wrote something that deeply moved you

**NOV. 11:** Died before you could reconcile or reconnect with them

**NOV. 12:** Introduced you to a group/community

**NOV. 13:** Reminded you how to see the world like a child

**NOV. 14:** Advocated for you

**NOV. 15:** Showed you something key about your self/your values by being your adversary

**NOV. 16:** Gave you a tangible object that continues to inspire you

**NOV. 17:** Parented or grandparented you

**NOV. 18:** Governed in a way that fostered trust and cooperation

**NOV. 19:** Took you somewhere life-changing

**NOV. 20:** Made you feel seen in a time/place that you felt invisible

**NOV. 21:** Trusted you with difficult but important knowledge

**NOV. 22:** Created art that speaks to your soul

**NOV. 23:** Let you ask your questions

**NOV. 24:** Pointed out your gifts

**NOV. 25:** Introduced you to a hobby

**NOV. 26:** Prayed for you

**NOV. 27:** Embodied the values you aspire to

**NOV. 28:** Disagreed with you but still loved you

**NOV. 29:** Supported you emotionally through a low point

**NOV. 30:** Did something for others in death that they couldn’t have done in life



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