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COMMUNITY OF CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

Making Jesus Known



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from Pastor Lohrmann

October/November 2021

UPCOMING **EVENTS**

**Join us on
Facebook Live or
in person!**
Worship &
Sacrament
Sunday 8am &
10:30am

Adult Choir
Wednesday's 7pm

Bell Choir
Thursday's 7:30pm

Council Meeting
October 12 &
November 9

Ladies Bible Study
Tuesday's 8:30am

Book Club
October 19 &
November 16

Ladies Lunch
October 22

Office Closed
November 24-26
Happy
Thanksgiving

Worship Services
Available on the net
www.commofchrist.org

**Church Office
Hours**
8:30am-3:30pm
Monday – Friday

Dear Friends at Community of Christ,

Isn't it a joy to be able to begin to resume activities that we once took for granted before the pandemic? I thank God for the gradual, safe reopening that enables those who desire to be present for in person worship and Bible studies. I thank God for the ability to bring God's promises to bear in person as we gather for worship and a meal of fellowship after the death of a loved one. I thank God for the ability to gather with teens for conversation, laughter, and pizza. I thank God for the growing number who are assisting with Sunday morning worship and visiting those who are ill or otherwise "shut in". I thank God for tenacious leadership that seeks to be faithful in challenging days, including attending a Saturday morning Retreat designed to strengthen healthy, faithful leadership. I thank God for you who support the ministry of Community of Christ through your participation in worship (physically present or online!), your prayers, your generous contribution of time in support of specific ministries, your financial support and your grace and good humor. The other day our Administrative Assistant Michelle sported a shirt with the word, "Gratitude", emblazoned on the front. Amen! Regardless of the specifics of our circumstances we have much for which we get to be grateful. Sometimes it's particularly important to remember that.

Two Bible Classes Offer

At 9:15 am, on Sunday mornings, I have begun a class, *A Lutheran Welcome*, designed to provide a review of the Lutheran understanding of the Christian faith. Those who may be interested in becoming a part of Community of Christ certainly are invited as well as those who may have forgotten some of what they learned in Catechism Class. Know that there is/will be plenty of stimulating conversation. The class is offered in the library.

On Thursday afternoons, 1pm, I am leading a class which is reviewing the Scripture lessons appointed for the next week (as well as pursuing other fascinating conversations to which the lessons may direct us!). If you are available, please come!

A Combined October/November Newsletter

During the next weeks our Administrative Assistant Michelle Gebhart will need to address some health concerns and so will be unable to be present in the office. Carol Wiemken graciously has agreed to provide office help during this leave. As we prepare for Michelle's absence, we are making some adjustments for the next weeks, including combining the newsletters for October and November. We are grateful to Michelle for her attentiveness to initiating/completing necessary tasks for the next months and assure her of our prayers for her and her family. In case of emergencies, please contact the church office where voice messages will be daily monitored or contact me directly (419-344-4200).

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Visitation Ministry and Assisting Ministers

We are delighted by the cadre of folk who have agreed to serve in Visitation Ministry, including bringing Holy Communion from the Table in Worship to those who for whatever reasons are not able to attend Sunday morning worship. We commissioned this group of visitors on Sunday, October 3. If you or someone you know would be open to a visit by a lay visitor, please do not hesitate to notify the church office so we can arrange that. Typically, a pastor will make such calls every 3-4 months.

Beginning in October we also are re-introducing Assisting Ministers. Typically, they will assist with the Readings and Prayers. Like the pastor an Assisting Minister will wear a white alb which serves to remind each of us of our baptism and that we have been clothed with the righteousness of Christ. We welcome confirmed youth to also serve as Assisting Ministers and children to serve as Readers. Contact Pastor Lohrmann or the church office if you wish to serve in this capacity!

Welcoming Children

The Gospel lessons in recent Sundays remind us of the manner in which Jesus welcomes children. Can we do anything less? What is more precious than impacting the life and faith of a child or youth? Lainie Davis, Lorri Britsch, Lori Malicoate and Kristen Schuchmann are among those who are reimagining how the congregation might strengthen its ministry to children and youth. The youth activities for the next months are one result. A shared catechism class for youth together with Zion (Waterville), Christ (Dowling) and St. Paul (Haskins) is another emerging activity. Do your gifts include the possibility of working with youth? If so, consider the possibility of embracing this ministry.

Our welcome of children includes affirming those who were confirmed during 2020. Because of the pandemic, our youth were not able to participate in a public affirmation of their baptisms on the day of their Confirmation. *We would like to offer such recognition on Reformation Sunday, October 31, in the 10:30am Service.* We ask youth and their families to indicate their planned presence by contacting the church office by Monday, October 25, 419-877-0607.

Sharing Generously

Sharing generously is characteristic of a Christian's life. Consider the words of St. Paul: "For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich." It is a joy when a congregation reflects that spirit. Such was the case on September 11, *God's Work, Our Hands* weekend. Under the leadership of Sarah Rockwell, a group from Community of Christ travelled to the Tarta Bus Station to give sack lunches and engage in conversation as a part of the *Food for Thought* Ministry.

At our Friday evening, September 24, Synod Assembly (attended via Zoom by Kevin Swagler, Sarah Rockwell, and myself), Bishop Daniel Beaudoin encouraged our synod to engage in a year end effort to provide significant financial support to the *Lutheran Disaster Response Fund* to enable a strong ELCA national and international response to disasters. Lutherans have a reputation for staying around when everyone else has gone home. You may share generously by writing a check or otherwise making a gift to Community of Christ and designating it, *Lutheran Disaster Response*.

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In November, you will be invited to reflect on the manner in which you will support the ministry of our Lord Jesus through this congregation in the year. As we prepare to do so, we will invite the sharing of stories with respect to how the Holy Spirit has used this congregation to impact your life and the lives of so many others. By the grace of God, we together will experience what it means to share generously.

Another Step in the Time of Transition

During the 10:30 am worship service in September 19, the Transition Committee, chaired by Kim Jones, was recognized as its work draws to an end. At the same time, the Call Committee, consisting of Brian Jones, Bea Ludwig, Lisa Alleman, Jeff Baden, Amanda Reisner, Cammie Abraham, and Matt Britsch, was commissioned. The Call Committee will take the substantive work of the Transition Team and complete the work of developing a Congregational Profile. The Profile will shape subsequent conversation and interviews with potential pastoral candidates. We invite your continued prayers for this process! As we engage in this process, we can be confident that God is giving us what we need to be a church *Making Jesus Known!*

Thanksgiving Eve Service

One of the best ways of celebrating Thanksgiving is by joining in worship with siblings in Christ. On Thanksgiving Eve, Community of Christ will meet for worship with Hope United Methodist, Whitehouse and Zion United Methodist, Whitehouse. Save the date and watch for details in terms of specific time and place.

And Finally...

For what are you thankful? How about if we create a list, including pictures, and create a bulletin board which will provide a visual reminder of all that for which we offer and thanks and praise to God? The Holy Spirit surely will use such thankfulness to shape generous hearts.

Know that I am thankful for you!

Together with you in Christ,
Pastor Marcus Lohrmann





Worship Life in October/November

Sunday, October 3

19th Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, in Person 9:00 a.m.

Sunday, October 10

20th Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, in Person 8:00 a.m. & 10:30a.m.
FACEBOOK LIVE 10:30a.m.

Sunday, October 17

21st Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, in Person 8:00 a.m. & 10:30a.m.
FACEBOOK LIVE 10:30a.m.

Sunday, October 24

22nd Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, in Person 8:00 a.m. & 10:30a.m.
FACEBOOK LIVE 10:30a.m.

Sunday, October 31

Reformation Sunday
Sunday, in Person 8:00 a.m. & 10:30a.m.
FACEBOOK LIVE 10:30a.m.

Sunday, November 7

All Saints Sunday
Sunday, in Person 8:00 a.m. & 10:30a.m.
FACEBOOK LIVE 10:30a.m.

Sunday, November 14

25th Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, in Person 8:00 a.m. & 10:30a.m.
FACEBOOK LIVE 10:30a.m.

Sunday, November 21

Christ the King Sunday
Sunday, in Person 8:00 a.m. & 10:30a.m.
FACEBOOK LIVE 10:30a.m.

Wednesday, November 24

Thanksgiving Eve Service 7pm

Sunday, November 28

First Sunday of Advent
Sunday, in Person 8:00 a.m. & 10:30a.m.
FACEBOOK LIVE 10:30a.m.



***PLEASE NOTE **you can go directly to our website at www.commofofchrist.org to pull up the weekend bulletins.**

All bulletins can be found under the "Sermon Live" section of our website. Thank you 😊

Worship Life

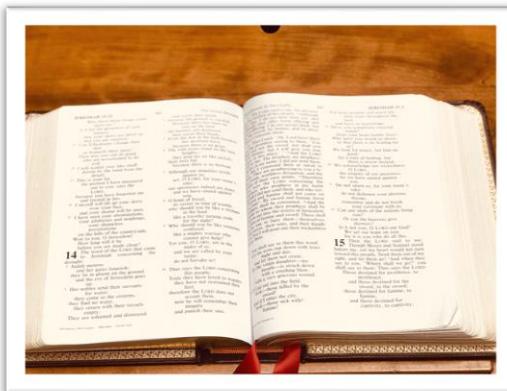


Assisting Minister/Lay Assistance will resume!

If you are interested in serving as an Assisting Minister during worship service, please contact Michelle at the church office secretary@commofchrist.org or 419-877-0607. We would like to see confirmed members of all ages! This includes teens and college students!! Training will be provided 😊



We Welcome ALL AGES to assist in with Door Greeting, Bulletin Distribution! To volunteer simply go to www.commofchrist.org, click on “Volunteer for Worship”, select the tab for which you’d like to volunteer, click on the “sign up” box in the date you are available, scroll to the bottom & click on the “Submit and Sign Up” button and follow the steps from there!



We Welcome You to assist in reading of the scriptures & prayers or sharing your musical gifts on Sunday mornings for our 8a.m. & 10:30a.m. worship services If interested, simply go to www.commofchrist.org, click on “Volunteer for Worship”, select the tab for which you’d like to volunteer, click on the “sign up” box in the date you are available, scroll to the bottom & click on the “Submit and Sign Up” button and follow the steps from there!

Worship & Choirs



All Saints Day, Nov 7th

Join us for a holy remembrance of family and friends who rest in the Kingdom of heaven. Pastor Lohrmann will share the names of those you have provided for us. White roses and photographs of members who have passed in the last twelve months will be respectfully displayed on the altar. We will toll the bell in remembrance as we celebrate the Saints of faith! We will respectfully include each name in the prayer of the church.

Betty Dick

Paul Kegg

Sue Kegg

Ruthann Ortner

Jerry Petrell



Come One! Come All!

A FRESH start of Choir
on Wednesday's @

7:00 p.m. & Bell Choir
Thursday's @ 7:30 p.m.

Both groups could use
NEW MEMBERS so
don't be shy! Contact
Eric @

music@commofchrist.org
or just show up!

We would love to
welcome you!



Activities

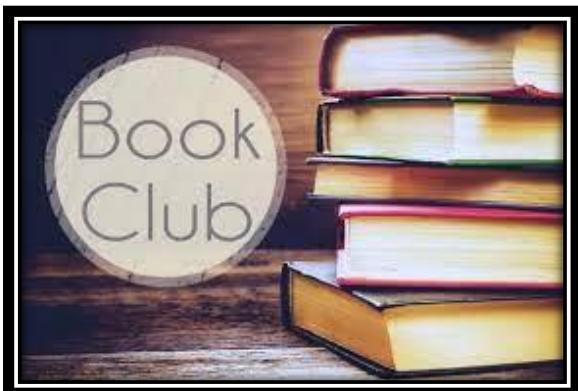


Shawn's in Waterville October – 22nd 11:30am
Please contact Becky King for reservations 419-349-7319



Women's Fall Bible Study

Our ladies are gathering for inspiration, education, and conversation on **Tuesdays at 8:30 a.m.** The topic for the fall, "Kingdom Disciples. A book by Tony Evans will guide our study. Our leader is Becky King, please call if interested....419-349-7319



October 19 - The Dutch House by Anne Patchett
November 16 - Meet Me at the Museum by Ann Youngson
January 18 - Postscript Murders by Elly Griffiths
February 15 - The Tender Land by William Kent Krueger
March 15 - The Underground River by Martha Conway
April 19 - The Four winds by Kristin Hann
May 17 - The Brilliant Life of Eudora Honeysett by Annie Lyon
June 21 - The Madness of Crowds by Louise Penney

Alternates:

The Midnight Library-Matt Haig
Perestroika in Paris by Jane Smiley
The Scorpion's Tail-Preston and Child
The Splendid and the Vile by Eric Larson

1:00pm

Youth Ministry



"Sunday, October 10th & November 14th, 9:15-10:15am, Sunday School hour with Miss Lainie. Bible lessons, a craft, games, and a treat! Look for the sign up on the church website to rsvp."



Sunday, Oct. 17 5-7 @ church - "Trash Talk" & McDonald's for dinner, please bring enough \$\$\$ to cover your meal!



Sunday, Nov. 14 - 5-7 Retreat Lucas & Parker Ray's home; dinner provided; details to follow.....



Sunday, Dec. 5 5-7 @ church - Christmas photo scavenger hunt with dinner at Buffalo, Wild Wings, please bring enough \$\$\$ to cover your meal & a tip!

Ministry Opportunities



Altar Flowers! Please see the bulletin Board in the hallway for Sunday morning signups! Altar flowers are **\$35.00**, envelopes can be found in the hallway as well. Please make checks payable to Community of Christ. Place your check in the envelope in the offering plate or office. Thank you!



Believe it or not.....it's time to order your **Christmas poinsettias!** We would love to fill the Lord's house beautiful poinsettias! Please use the order envelope to order yours today!

Absolute last day to turn orders in is Nov. 10th!



Genacross—'ADOPT A GRANDPARENT'

We will continue to provide the NAMES of those who do not have family and reside in our care facilities throughout Toledo. This outreach will begin in November! Once available, we will have the resident's names on the large bulletin board in the gathering space!



Stewardship

2021 OFFERING ENVELOPES

Our offering envelopes for the 2021 year are still available! Boxes will be available on the long tables in the hallway. Our weekly offering envelopes includes weekend offering, Lenten Wednesdays, Holy week, Easter, Thanksgiving, Advent services and more! If you have questions as to how to complete your weekly offering, please contact the church office.

PLEASE REMEMBER ---we offer an [electronic offering](#), (**Simply Giving**) that will withdraw your support automatically from your account. THANK YOU FOR GIVING TO THE LORD'S WORK AT COMMUNITY OF CHRIST AND THE ENTIRE CHURCH!



Helping people make a difference

SIMPLY GIVING PROGRAM

a regular electronic withdrawal that supports your congregation when you are out of town.

Let us be cheerful givers to the Lord!

Funding the Mission 2021

| 2021 Building Loan Fund | | | |
|-------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| | Income | Expense | Diff. |
| Aug | \$9,871 | \$12,563 | (\$2,692) |
| YTD | \$120,331 | \$100,504 | \$19,827 |
| 2021 General Fund | | | |
| | Income | Expense | Diff. |
| Aug | \$26,742 | \$24,719 | \$2,022 |
| YTD | \$254,091 | \$213,540 | \$40,551 |

Exciting news from our Church in giving you more giving options to support our church financial needs. Council and Finance Committee (as well as the Synod) have recommended the use of a new on-line safe and secure tool to be able to give on-line electronically. The program is through Tithe.ly company used by many other churches and organizations. It has several options to be able to give as noted below:

- Your donations are recorded for your giving records, and confidential to the financial secretary.
- When you donate, you can choose the fund you would like to designate your monies to go toward i.e., building, general, thank-you, or other.
- You can give through 4 methods.
 - 1. On the church website - link provided <https://tithe.ly/give?c=2746426>
 - 2. Online (through tithe.ly website, search for Community of Christ)
 - 3. By text: simply text the word **give** to the phone number to get started. Phone number is specific to our church. **Community Of Christ Lutheran Church: (833) 985-2568**
 - 4. Download the app and give.



Notes:

- The app and the web link allow you to input credit/debit card information, the text method will charge through your existing cell phone bill.
- There is a fee for this service for the convenience that it offers:
 - You can choose to cover this fee in addition to your donation, OR if you don't the fee is deducted from the donation to the church.
 - This fee is a percentage typical with this type of service.

We are grateful for those offerings that are received. Your gifts to the mission of the church keep us strong and able to meet the costs of our ministries. Thank you for sharing your faithful offering with your congregation!



**Church
Council**

Our next meetings: **Tuesday, October 12 & November 9**

Minutes of Council Activity & Decisions Once the previous month's minutes are approved, copies are available for congregation. The minutes are available on the web site www.commofofchrist.org. You may always contact any council member regarding recent decisions. Stay informed each month.

Our 2021 Council Members

Include:

President, Kevin Swagler

Vice President, Matt Dewitz

Secretary, Michael Abraham - Fellowship Liaison

Membership

Nicole Baden - Social Action Liaison

Lainie Davis - Education and Youth Liaison

Jeanette Druschel - Social Action Liaison

Jerry Jones - Property Liaison
Jill Kohntopp - Worship & Music Liaison

Lori Malicoate - Education and Youth Liaison

Sarah Rockwell - Finance Liaison

Kristen Schuchmann - Outreach Liaison

Zach Weber - Outreach Liaison

Treasurer, Joseph Perkins

Advisor: Pastor Marcus Lohrmann

Appointed Financial

Secretary, Michelle Gebhart

Dear Church Family

Thank You so much for all your prayers for Larry & I. Both of us having cancer at the same time was not easy but with prayers and support from family & friends we made it through.

Blessings to all of you!

Brenda & Larry Druschel





Blessings & Prayers

Praying for God's People



Please remember the following members who are ill, shut in, or recently hospitalized:

Brenda & Larry Druschel

Joanne Gottwald

Anna Heinz

Bob Longnecker

*Please remember them in your daily prayers.
Thank you.*



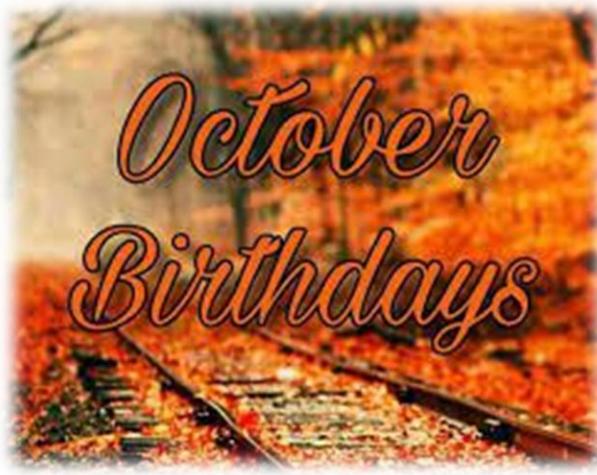
**May our Lord grant the family of
Paul & Sue Kegg peace in their
hearts in the days ahead.**

Memorial Funds & Gifts

Community of Christ is grateful to receive funds in memory or in honor of loved ones. You may select from the following funds:

Building Reduction Fund
Music Fund
Landscape & Ground Fund
Youth Ministry Fund





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| Brian Smucker | 10/01 | Megan McKee | 10/08 | Luke Rardin | 10/19 |
| Jillian Dewitz | 10/01 | Matthew Davis | 10/09 | Natalie Dewitz | 10/19 |
| Karen Schroeder | 10/01 | Emily Steinman | 10/11 | Andrew Carman | 10/20 |
| Linda Ayres | 10/01 | Jill Bocian | 10/11 | Mike McSurley | 10/20 |
| Lydia Smucker | 10/01 | Alicia Lipinski | 10/14 | Zoe Spilker | 10/20 |
| Vicki Keil | 10/01 | Dawn Ray | 10/14 | Doris Disher | 10/22 |
| Debbie Warner | 10/02 | Joshua Hartbarger | 10/14 | James Matthews | 10/22 |
| Marie Sheets | 10/02 | Neil Nutter | 10/14 | Ellen Nowak | 10/23 |
| Mary Jo Bright | 10/02 | Richard Knight | 10/14 | CJ Moser | 10/26 |
| Amy Bartley | 10/03 | Sara Boehly | 10/14 | Evonne Johnson | 10/26 |
| James Fischer | 10/03 | Melanie Moser | 10/15 | Flo Hannum | 10/29 |
| Elizabeth Brenneman | 10/04 | Teegan Winkelman | 10/15 | Pat Lutz | 10/29 |
| Keith Carpenter | 10/04 | Dean Nofzinger | 10/16 | Greg Brenneman | 10/30 |
| Kyle Ruhe | 10/05 | Brandy Outly | 10/18 | John Cedargren | 10/30 |
| Nadine Wise | 10/07 | Kraig Keil Jr. | 10/18 | Autumn Gebhart | 10/31 |
| Robyn Spilker | 10/07 | Maggie Meyers | 10/18 | Will Malohn | 10/31 |
| Kyle Gebhart | 10/08 | Carol Heuerman | 10/19 | | |

October Birthday Fun Facts!

October babies get not one, but two birthstones — opal and tourmaline. Rumor has it that if a non-October baby were to wear an opal, it would crack in half. Those born in October are known as the “Peacemakers” of the world and are always striving to bring justice and peace to people.





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| Jerald Nemire | 11/01 | Matthew Britsch | 11/08 | | |
| Lisa Boltz | 11/01 | Dave Rockwell | 11/10 | | |
| Kevin Gebhart | 11/02 | Erin Esterhuizen | 11/10 | Gracee Pitchford | 11/22 |
| Anna Rasmussen | 11/04 | Liz Uhlik | 11/10 | Sally McEwen | 11/22 |
| Erika Brenneman | 11/04 | Kenneth Terveen | 11/11 | Al Lipinski | 11/23 |
| Stephen Eberly | 11/04 | Todd Metcalf | 11/11 | Michelle Graceffo | 11/23 |
| Vickie Geha | 11/05 | Haylee Verhoff | 11/12 | Bob Longnecker | 11/24 |
| Dennis Dohse | 11/06 | Scott Boltz | 11/12 | Mallori Pollock | 11/24 |
| Shelby Phillips | 11/06 | Kari Hagemeyer | 11/13 | Avery Rozick | 11/26 |
| Tammy Myers | 11/06 | Brooklynn Stout | 11/14 | Josie Heilmann | 11/26 |
| Terrie Knight | 11/06 | Rita Wagoner | 11/14 | Rebecca Myers | 11/26 |
| Brittany Holliker | 11/07 | Zach Weber | 11/14 | Pamela Davis | 11/27 |
| Charlie Johnson | 11/07 | Ken Outly | 11/16 | Rick Korb | 11/27 |
| Mark Pitchford | 11/07 | Marie Archer | 11/16 | Brian Mruzek | 11/29 |
| Parker Ray | 11/07 | Michael Karg | 11/16 | Ashley Peters | 11/30 |
| Anne Greenhagen | 11/08 | Don Archambeau | 11/17 | | |
| Austin Nofzinger | 11/08 | Melissa Deacon | 11/19 | | |

November Birthday Fun Facts!

They are great friends to others *** They are more likely to be left-handed *** November babies have two birthstones, citrine and topaz. They are both known for their calming energies.



Notes



EXTRA! EXTRA! READ ALL ABOUT IT!!

Did you know our church has great resources for Daily Devotions, Health and Wellness and so much MORE?! Consider picking up your FREE copy today!!

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Living Lutheran

We are a church that values and encourages diverse voices and lively dialogue in our faith and life. *Living Lutheran* is an opportunity for church members to express individual perspectives, and does not necessarily reflect official positions of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.



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Christ in Our Home

July, August, September 2021



Christ in Our Home is a quarterly Christian devotional that brings you a daily message of God's amazing grace. Reflections and prayers are based on scripture readings from Revised Common Lectionary Daily Readings

Pay attention!

Look at what is before your eyes. (v. 7)

Lately I've been paying special attention not just to things like deadlines, traffic lights, and people with whom I'm talking, but to little things like the side view of an ant crawling across the cement or the way leaves and branches move in the woods near my house.

For the early Christians known as desert mothers and fathers, the discipline of paying attention known as "practicing the presence of God" was vital to their prayer and community life. Prior to practicing this aspect of prayer myself, I sometimes missed out on aspects of God that were right in front of me.

Today Paul reminds us to notice what is right before us: that we belong to Christ, and so do our neighbors. When we pay attention to and live in confidence that all belong to Christ, it affects what else we pay attention to: what we prioritize, decisions we make, and opportunities to reach out in love to serve others.

God, open our senses to see that all belong to Christ.
Help us live out of this grace-filled truth. Amen.

Notes



4th Sunday---“Clean & Feed!”

We will begin again setting aside the **fourth Sunday** of the month for us to share love offerings with Whitehouse Food Pantry! Please bring bars of soap and food for those who have needs here in Whitehouse. Baskets are placed under the long table in the hall. Thank you for your generous offering of support!

“A People of Hope: Until All Are Fed” You’re invited to [celebrate World Food Day](#) with “A People of Hope: Until All Are Fed,” featuring Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton and guidebook author and travel TV host Rick Steves. This online benefit for ELCA World Hunger will take place on Thursday, Oct. 14, at 7:30 p.m. Central time. Special guests include the Rev. David Beckmann, who is being honored for his lifelong service to end hunger; the Rev. Rebel Hurd; Willie and Anne Langdji; and the Rev. Rafael Malpica Padilla. There will also be performances by Rachel Kurtz, Peter Mayer and the St. Olaf Choir.

As a church, we remain focused on supporting our neighbors near and far as the pandemic continues disrupting and impacting lives. At this event, you will learn about the ways ELCA World Hunger is responding. [Register today](#) or go to <https://community.elca.org/online-registration/a-people-of-hope-ELCA-World-Hunger>.



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