

# Weekly Newsletter



## Community Thanksgiving Service

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 22ND @ 6 PM

*Christ Lutheran Church (1 Selma Avenue, Webster Groves)*



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# *A Message from Our Pastor*

## GIVING THANKS TOGETHER

In the little country church of my childhood, it was part of our annual calendar to gather for Thanksgiving Dinner in the Church Fellowship Hall the Sunday before Thanksgiving. All the farm neighbors, the churched and the unchurched, were invited to join us for the best hot dinner ever with every spot on the table stacked with delicious offerings.

Before we came to the table, we would move to the edge of the room, and take hands, forming a giant circle. Our pastor would offer thanks for the harvest, the love in the room, and the many blessings we had experienced in the year.

As my eyes took in all the faces around the circle, I remember the power of seeing neighbors and friends, hand in hand, connected in prayer and thanksgiving. For just a moment, we were in worship, giving thanks together.

The Holy Spirit can do a lot with a moment like that. During the following year, when a neighbor needed help, a relationship nurtured in that moment of worship made it easier for us to bear one another's burdens. Worshipping together created a community of more than just people living in close proximity. It created a family of neighbors who were stronger together than they would have been apart.

Webster United Methodist will be joining our neighbors again this year in our second Community Thanksgiving Service, this time at Christ Lutheran Church (1 Selma Ave), on Tuesday, November 22 at 6:00 pm. I hope you will come and join the Webster Groves family in praise and thanksgiving.

Offerings of groceries to support the food ministry at Emmanuel Episcopal Church and financial gifts to support indigenous ministries will be received.



**With a grateful heart,**

*Pastor Sharon*

# CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

## LIVING STONES

This program is for children, 4 years old to 6th grade, and is held during worship (10:30-11:30 am). Each Sunday in worship, the children will be called forward for a blessing and then will go to the Discovery Room to learn about God. There will be games, stories, snacks, and prayer. We look forward to seeing you!

Email [directorchildren@websterum.org](mailto:directorchildren@websterum.org)  
to connect with Shae.



# YOUTH MINISTRY

**November 20th - Potluck Family Meal!** Invite your friends and family to come to an old-school potluck. Bring a side dish or dessert to share. I'll provide a ham and a turkey! RSVP with which foods you are bringing so we don't have 500 macaronis (Although, I wouldn't be too upset).



## **Macaroni & Cheese Cook-Off!**

Do you like noodles? Do you like cheese? Do you like cheese AND noodles?! Well, the youth have a deal for you!

On December 18th immediately following church the youth will host a Macaroni & Cheese Cook-Off. This best-of-the-best competition will feature your famous recipes and new concoctions. Tickets will be available for purchase and used to vote for your favorite dish. For those who don't like Mac & Cheese, hot dogs will be available.

We hope to receive your support and try your dishes!!! If you wish to enter the competition please email [directoryouth@websterum.org](mailto:directoryouth@websterum.org).



## WRHM'S CHRISTMAS ADOPT-A-FAMILY PROGRAM

For many years, individuals and groups within our church have participated in the Adopt-A-Family programs at Webster-Rock Hill Ministries (WRHM). It is now two weeks past the application deadline for personal contact at Christmas with a participating family. Late application may be possible by calling WRHM's office at 314-961-5082 and identifying yourself or your group as coming from Webster United Methodist.

Alternatively, individuals or groups may participate by direct donation in the form of gift cards or checks made out to Webster-Rock Hill Ministries with "donation for Adopt-A-Family" written on the check's memo line. You may order gift cards through our church by contacting Paula Murphy at [pmathome@yahoo.com](mailto:pmathome@yahoo.com). The ordering deadline is November 18th. Online donations are also possible on the homepage of WRHM's website, [www.wrhm.org/holiday-programs](http://www.wrhm.org/holiday-programs).

Mailing either gift cards or checks can be risky, so hand delivery to WRHM's office (111 East Waymire Ave., Webster Groves) is recommended. The office is open daily from 9 am until noon. There is usually ample parking on the street or in WRHM's lot. Suggested guidelines for giving include \$25 per person for a holiday meal plus \$25 per person for each individual Christmas gift. All donations for this program are due by Friday, December 2. Please call Mary Taylor, our church's representative to WRHM, if you have questions or need assistance in participating.



## UWF CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3RD

Craft Circle Sale opens at 10:45 am

Lunch will be served at 11:30 am

Following lunch, The Shepherd's Center Executive Director

Betsy Solomon will present

*Divine Subjects: Images of Angels in Paintings*

Cost: \$10

Sign up on the Connection Card during  
Sunday worship or call Joan Ballam.



# Announcements from the Community

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR LIFEWISE StL'S HOLIDAY MARKET

Spread a little cheer during LifeWise StL's Holiday Market December 2-9, 2022.

Volunteer opportunities associated with this affordable holiday market include set-up (which includes transforming a gym into a retail space, complete with tables and clothing racks); filling the store with gifts (clothes, toys, books, bikes, etc.); and also serving as personal shoppers, cashiers, and someone to help participants out to their vehicles with their purchases.

Click [here](#) to sign up for a Holiday Market volunteer shift.

For Those Who Prefer In-Person Donations...

Click [here](#) to view a list of suggested gifts to be brought to Webster United Methodist by Wednesday, November 30th (delivery to LifeWise will be handled).

For Those Who Prefer Online Shopping...

Click [here](#) to view their Amazon Wishlist and click [here](#) to donate directly to LifeWise.



## OUR PRAYER CONCERNS

Family and Friends of Gayle Fields; Margaret Christensen; Becca Stevens; Kathy Linss (Beth Gewinner); Susan Smith (Marcia Kennon); Jen Ward (Connie Kroenung); Our city, our state, our country, our world; People affected by recent hurricanes; and People of Ukraine.



### NEWSLETTER ARTICLE DEADLINE

For next week, all articles and submissions must be sent to [secretary@websterum.org](mailto:secretary@websterum.org) by Saturday @ 9 am.

### CHURCH SPACE RESERVATIONS

If you want to schedule a space for your group, check the calendar and send your request to [admin.communications@websterum.org](mailto:admin.communications@websterum.org) to schedule all usage!