



# Christ Lutheran Church and School



July 2022

Dear Christ Lutheran Community,

Summer Greetings! Grace and peace to you from our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! As we look forward to the beginning of this new school year, we rejoice in our gracious God's faithfulness, provision, and abundant blessings! Our theme verse for this year is: "Guide me in Your truth and teach me, for You are God my Savior, and my hope is in You all day long." Psalm 25:5. We thank the Eighth Grade class for selecting Psalm 25, which affirms to us that God our Savior offers and fills us with hope, and will teach and guide us in His truth throughout each day of our school year and always.

The summer mailing packet that accompanies this letter provides you with important information that will help you and your children prepare for the start of the school year. Please especially read and review the Parent Handbook. We require that you sign and return the enclosed "Parent Handbook Confirmation" page for our records.

We will begin the year with New Family Orientation. Kindergarten – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade families new to Christ Lutheran are asked to meet in the sanctuary from 6:00 – 7:00 PM on Thursday, August 25. Important information about policies, procedures, and programs will be provided and explained. Following this presentation, new families are invited to visit their children's classrooms between 7:00 – 8:00 PM to meet with their teachers and to meet and connect with returning Christ Lutheran families. Returning Christ Lutheran families may visit classrooms any time between 6 and 8 PM.

At 6 PM on Wednesday, August 31<sup>st</sup>, Christ Lutheran Church and School will host a "Night of Prayer and Praise". Students and families are invited to attend this celebration event as we begin the new school year. There will be a "Blessing of the Backpacks" and Kindergarten tote bags that students bring that night. Each student will receive a "Backpack Blessing ID tag" to affix to their backpack or tote bag.

The first day of school is Wednesday, September 7<sup>th</sup>. Doors will open at 8:15 AM, and our amazing PTL (Parent-Teacher League) will be providing a breakfast for parents in the gym starting at 8:30 AM. Parents are welcome to join us for our opening chapel starting at 9:30 AM. Students are expected to be in dress code for the first day of school and the days thereafter. Dismissal on the first day of school is at 12:00 PM.

Students in K-4 exit through the glass church doors, and should be picked up at the church steps area, while students in Grades 5-8 should be picked up by the north gate.

On regular school days, students may enter via the glass church doors or the north gate at 8:15 AM, and should promptly proceed to their classrooms. Students who arrive after 8:30 are tardy.

K-4 students are dismissed at 3:05 PM and picked up at the church steps. Students in grades 5-8 are dismissed at 3:15 PM and picked up at the north gate.

On Tuesdays, K-4 dismissal/pick-up is at 2:05 PM on the church steps. 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade dismissal/pick-up is at 2:15 PM by the north gate. This provides teachers with the necessary time to meet together on Tuesdays for professional development and strategic planning.

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There are forms that we kindly ask you to complete and submit before the beginning of the school year. Please go to our website: [school.christpv.com](http://school.christpv.com). Scroll down and click on "Forms and Documents". You should see various forms on the green sidebar. Please fill out and submit the "Student Emergency Form", the "Permission for Use of Pictures", the Persons Authorized to Take Students From Campus, the "Scrip Program", and if necessary-- the "Medication Form".

Students are welcome to bring their own lunch to school. We plan to also provide a hot lunch program through Wholesome Food Services on designated days of the week. This company works with local food vendors to provide a wide variety of lunch options, and a percentage of the lunch sales is given back to Christ Lutheran. Stay tuned for more details! Fundraising through the sale of pizza lunches will continue on days when Wholesome Food lunches are not offered. For security reasons we do not allow outside delivery services such as Uber Eats and Door Dash to deliver lunch to campus.

The school supply list is also located on the green sidebar. Click on the link to see what supplies are needed for 1<sup>st</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grades. (You will not see a supply list for Kindergarten because supplies are provided by the school for that grade level.)

If necessary, there is a "Medication Form" on the website. Please fill this out if there are any chronic or acute conditions that require medications. If necessary, Christ Lutheran staff will administer medications based on the instructions from the pharmacist. Christ Lutheran does not have any over the counter medications available for students. If there is a need, parents are welcome to fill out a "Medication Form" and provide these medications for their student(s).

Every parent is welcome to be a part of our Parent Teacher League (PTL). Christ Lutheran is blessed in countless ways through you, our amazing parents, who donate time, talents, and treasures in support of programs and projects throughout the year.

Christ Lutheran School is a ministry of Christ Lutheran Church. If you do not have a church home, we welcome you to join us on Sundays! We have Bible studies for children and for adults at 9:15 AM. Our worship service is at 10:30 AM. Pastor Cal and our DCE Tasha Mahshi are also planning opportunities for midweek family events which offer you the opportunity to recharge, refresh, and connect spiritually and socially on Wednesdays. Please stay tuned for further details as they become available.

You are being lifted up in my prayers throughout this summer and will continue to be in the new school year.

Throughout this school year, you and your children will have opportunities to meet with me so I can personally pray with you and for you.

May the Lord bless and keep you this summer and always.

In Christ's love and service,

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