

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 April 14, 2019—Palm/Passion Sunday



Beginning today, Christians around the world immerse themselves in one of the most sacred weeks of the year - Holy Week. This week, we remember Jesus' final days living on earth. We join the story of Jesus' final entry into Jerusalem.

We partake of bread and wine, as Jesus' disciples did. We stand idly by as Jesus is tried and convicted in a rigged legal proceeding. We watch while Jesus is crucified and buried.

In all of this, we live in the tension of Jesus' message of salvation and healing for all. On the one hand, we know our own brokenness and desire healing and wholeness with God and neighbor. On the other hand, we like what we have and dislike change, and Jesus' message is all about changing what we know to embrace God's future. On the one hand, we acknowledge that we are sinners and would also crucify our Lord. On the other hand, we hope for changed lives and a different outcome *this* time, *this* year.

As we join this story, we live in tension and in hope. This week we lament our sin and the brokenness of the world. This week we pray for God's salvation. This week we yearn for God's healing and peace on earth. This week we are reminded that the hope of the world rests not on our shoulders but on God's. Perhaps only that hope keeps us in the tension, until Easter comes. This week, we join the story to remember, to participate, and to invite the hope that healing and salvation will come. They will come.

Sunday Worship

8:30AM

10:15AM

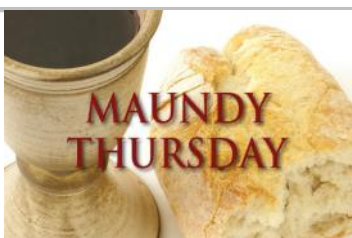
Sunday Faith Formation

Bible Study
7:30AM—Library

Christ Lutheran Staff

Rev. Erin Clausen, Pastor
Jon Ball, Dir. Contemporary Worship
Bonnie Bucholz, Interim Traditional Music Director
Jo Chiko, Interim Handbell Director
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Kristina Dickens and Micki Llewellyn Children and Family Ministries Co-Directors
Nancy Woodruff, Dir. of Communications;
Rachel Krohn, Pastoral Assistant
Richard Kochel, Organist
Nicole Claycomb, Nursery Attendant

Looking Ahead to Holy Week at Christ Lutheran Church



Thursday, April 18
7:00 p.m.

Communion will be served as we commemorate the day Jesus celebrated his final Passover with his Disciples. We will conclude with the Stripping of the Altar and Shrouding of the Cross.



Friday, April 19
Noon and 7p.m.

This powerful service will feature readings and music interspersed throughout, and will include the much-loved experiential stations of forgiveness, healing, prayer and anointing.



Sunday, April 21
10:00 a.m.

Celebrate the Risen Lord with a service of celebration featuring brass ensemble and concluding with the "Do-It-Yourself Hallelujah Chorus". Children's activities and fellowship follow.

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In Our Prayers this Week

New Prayer Concerns

- For **Lisa**, wife of Patrick, Carol Toman's cousin who lost his battle with cancer.
- For the family of **David**, Jon and Lori Ball's nephew who passed away
- For **Gene**, Carol Toman's brother.
- For **Rosa**, friend of Suzy Vandenbroucke

For our Homebound

- **Annette Armstrong, Kay Hedborn, Anita Olson, Rose Lynn Erdmann, Ty Johnson, Marge Kleist, Audrey Lowe and Jim Schneider**

Ongoing Prayer Concerns

- **Ed Borsuk**
- **Tom Bruckner**
- **Pastor Todd Napoli**
- **Joe Chiko**, Joe's dad
- The family of **Keith Groenwald**, friend of Jean Schwier who passed away.
- **Dolores Kondraschow**
- **Marcia Lung**, Rob Sorensen's aunt
- **Russell Orton**, Glen's brother.
- **Aly Claycomb** studying abroad for a semester
- **Chris Luby**, Carl Nodus' brother-in-law
- **Clemente Inga**, a close friend of Jeannette Tamayo
- **Joyce Nelson**, Phil Nelson's sister-in-law
- **Kathy**, Carol Toman's sister
- **Yvonne**, Pastor Bergmark's sister.
- Guidance for **Mike**, friend of Susan Charlier.
- **Max**, grandson of Jan Haas' friend
- **Alonso Tamayo**—Jeanette's uncle
- **Howard Beauchamp**;
- **Carol** — friend of the Charlier family;
- **Michael**—Luis Giron's nephew;
- **Bob Cox** — Tricia Giron's father;
- **Parker**—grandson of Bonnie Bucholz' neighbor;
- **Kayla**— Andrea Palm's sister;
- **Charlotte Grace**;
- **Colton** — child of a friend of Dan Cramer;
- **Pastor Melissa**;
- **Jackie** — Nancy Woodruff's mother.

Sustained Support and Encouragement

- **Brad Bucholz and Michael Sorensen**, deployed to Kuwait for one year ;
- For encouragement for **Jeff**.

If you would like to have someone added to the prayer chain, please call or email the church office. Please also remember to contact us when a prayer status changes.



The Common Life Table will meet this morning at 9:30 a.m. Grab a cup of coffee and a plate of pancakes and join in the conversation.

This is a wonderful opportunity to ask questions, make a suggestion or float an idea, but if you just want to go to listen to the group, there is value in that as well.

The Common Life Ministry staffs the table on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month at 9:30 a.m.



The Community Garden returns to Christ Lutheran Church! This year planting day will be Sunday, May 19th at 1:00 p.m. and plants and seeds will be provided by the Darien Dragons 4H Group that meets in our Fellowship Hall.

The Community Garden is located by the large CLC outdoor sign by the Nursery and we are in our 4th year. Volunteers water, weed and harvest throughout the summer, bringing the fresh herbs and vegetables to local organizations who provide under-resourced families with fresh, healthy produce. Watch for a sign-up after Easter!

CHURCH CALENDAR



Sunday, April 14 - Palm Sunday

Bible Study 7:30AM—Library

Contemporary Worship 8:30AM—Sanctuary

Middle School Ministries 9:30AM—Youth Room

Common Life Table 9:30AM—Fellowship Hall

Traditional Worship 10:15 AM—Sanctuary

Pub Church 12:30PM—Fremont Grill

Monday, April 15

Church Council 6:30PM—Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, April 16

Handbell Practice 7:30PM -Sanctuary Loft

Wednesday, April 17

Worship Band Practice 6:00PM—Sanctuary

Thursday, April 18

Maundy Thursday Worship 7:00PM—Sanctuary

Troop 51 Meeting 6:00PM—Fellowship Hall

AA 8:00PM—Fireside Room

Friday, April 19

Knitting Ministry 10:00AM—Study Lounge

Good Friday Worship 12:00PM—Fireside Room

Good Friday Worship 7:00PM—Sanctuary

Choir Practice 8:00PM—Choir Loft

Saturday, April 20

Bible Study 9:30AM—Library

Easter Eggstravaganza 10:00AM—Fellowship Hall

Transform Sanctuary for Easter 10:00—Sanctuary

Sunday, April 21- Easter Sunday

Easter Festival Worship 10:00AM

Easter Egg Hunt 11:00AM—Front Lawn

Tuesday, April 23

Handbell Practice 7:30PM -Sanctuary Loft

Wednesday, April 24

Worship Band Practice 6:00PM—Sanctuary

Choir Practice 7:30PM—Sanctuary

Thursday, April 25

Celebration Preschool Art Show 6:00PM—Building

Troop 51 Meeting 6:00PM—Fellowship Hall

AA 8:00PM—Fireside Room

Friday, April 26

Quilting Ministry 10:00AM—Study Lounge

Saturday, April 27

Bible Study 9:30AM—Library

SUNDAY, APRIL 28 ***Installation Service for*** ***Pastor Erin Clausen***

10:00 Service

Followed by Reception in the Fellowship Hall

PANCAKE BREAKFAST!



TODAY—PALM SUNDAY

Following Both Services

We Hope You're Hungry because the Men of CLC will be making breakfast!

Come and enjoy all-you-can-eat pancakes, sausage, coffee, tea and juice cooked and served by the men of our congregation. Two seatings; one after each service.

DINNER CHURCH

everyone is welcome to the table

Attention Mission Minded People: Local Missionary, Craig Felde, is looking for volunteers to help with the Dinner Church Launch Team. Whether you like cooking, cleaning up, or just eating, we need your help with this new expression of Church. Dinner Church is a new way of worship, centered around the sharing of a meal in Christian Fellowship. Music, conversation and proclamation are all part of this Pioneer Ministry. An informal informational gathering will be held after the 8:30 service on May 5th.



An Update from the Spiritual Growth Quadrant

Have you noticed how our Sanctuary and Worship style changes with the seasons? Of course you notice the changing colors of the Altar parament or the colored lights on the front wall, but what about some of the subtler things? We also change the parament arrangements on the balcony, and use our shepherd's hooks for hangings, too. Currently, we have our purple Lenten Banners made from repurposed old unused choir robes that were lovingly crafted by our sewing ministry. They are a new and beautiful addition to our worship space, and a wonderful link to our CLC heritage.

You may also have noticed changes in our services, especially at 10:15. We are using a rite of confession and a different liturgy. As always, our music is chosen with care to reflect our journey to the cross in Lent. And though we begin the service at the Baptismal font, we do not process the Cross or light the Paschal Candle during this somber season of reflection and repentance. And by now you have probably noticed that we have been using wafers for Communion during this Lenten season. All of this is very intentional and purposeful to highlight the unique season of Lent, and to prepare for our most holy time of the Church year.

We will process with palms on Palm Sunday, where our service will begin in the Narthex before entering the Sanctuary and hearing the Passion story. And we will feast at our pancake breakfast courtesy of our Men's Club! Maundy Thursday brings the return of bread for Communion and the end of our bread ministries' short vacation. After that service, we will strip the altar in preparation for Good Friday. Again this year, the Good Friday Service, both afternoon and evening will feature the stations for reflection that have been offered in years past. In addition to readings, music from the band and choir, and reflections, you will be able to visit stations for prayer, healing, forgiveness, and anointing. This unique worship service will end in darkness with the sealing of the tomb.

Then will come our most Holy day of the Year, celebrated with our glorious traditional Easter Service featuring Brass and Timpani, with our vocal and handbell choirs, followed by our "do-it-yourself" Hallelujah Chorus! Please come forward and join us for that. After the service, there will be an Easter egg hunt for our children!

Next time we visit, we'll be bringing you our plans for this year's Summer worship, and begin highlighting some of our Ministries and goals for your Spiritual Growth Quadrant.

See you in Church
Blessings,
Rob Sorensen and Debra Joslin
Council members for



April 20th at 10:00am
Easter Eggstravaganza

Calling All Kids! Come to the Easter Eggstravaganza at CLC the Saturday before Easter. We'll have a light breakfast, color Easter eggs, fill plastic eggs with candy for the Easter Egg hunt, and have a great time together.

We are taking donations of Easter Candy for the hunt. Please drop off in the church office.