

# 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 21, 2019—Easter Sunday



**Happy Easter! Celebrate the Risen Lord** with a festival service featuring a brass ensemble and concluding with the “Do-It-Yourself Hallelujah Chorus”. Children’s Easter Egg hunt and fellowship follow.



**Alleluia! Christ is Risen!  
Christ is Risen Indeed! Alleluia!**

This refrain will sing out around the world today, in hundreds of languages. Around the world, we celebrate the risen Christ, who was dead and now lives. For an entire Lenten season we have reflected and fasted, waited and repented. Now, today, we praise God and rejoice. Christ is risen and we are forgiven. Nothing can stop God’s love for God’s people - not even the worst that humans could imagine or do - killing God’s child Jesus, God’s manifestation of love.

Easter is the ultimate celebration of new life. Easter lifts up a new kind of life and living that comes from death, through death, in spite of death. For this reason, we also celebrate baptism on Easter. Baptism also lifts up a new kind of life and living that comes from death, through death, and in spite of death. Baptism heals the brokenness that tries to separate us from God. When we are baptized, we renounce our allegiance to death, the devil, and all forces that defy God. We promise to live a new, baptismal life. (Or a community makes these promises on our behalf.) The center of our lives is no longer us. Christ becomes our center, freeing us to live into our baptismal promises: to trust God, proclaim Christ through word and deed, care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.

Today we celebrate life in Christ, who has proven that not even murder or death itself can defeat God. We celebrate with Quinley that she has been claimed as a child of God, reclaimed from all that would pull her away from God. We celebrate with Carl as he affirms again the new way of living that is grounded in baptism. We celebrate our community, as we too again commit to live in this new way. We are not beholden to death, but to Christ.

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*Pastoral*  
**Installation**

**Sunday, April 28th  
10:00 a.m.**

Please come and celebrate with our church family as Pastor Erin Clausen is officially installed as the Pastor of Christ Lutheran Church. Pastor Sarah Stumme will be our special guest, and a catered breakfast will be held in the Fellowship Hall directly after the service.

## Sunday Worship

10:00 a.m.

## Sunday Faith Formation

Bible Study  
No Bible Study Today

## Christ Lutheran Staff

Rev. Erin Clausen, Pastor  
Jon Ball, Dir. Contemporary Worship  
Bonnie Bucholz, Interim Traditional Music Director  
Jo Chiko, Interim Handbell Director  
Rev. Craig Felde, Local Missionary  
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

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## In Our Prayers this Week

### New Prayer Concerns

- For the family of **Dolores Schwier**, Bob Schwier's sister in law who passed away.
- For **Suzy Vandembroucke** recovering from surgery.
- For **Lillian and Joe Munzenmay**.
- For **Beckie Ziemer**
- For **Judy Marxhausen**

### For our Homebound

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

### Ongoing Prayer Concerns

- **Gene**, Carol Toman's brother.
- **Rosa**, friend of Suzy Vandembroucke
- **Tom Bruckner**
- **Pastor Todd Napoli**
- **Joe Chiko**, Joe's dad
- **Dolores Kondraschow**
- **Marcia Lung**, Rob Sorensen's aunt
- **Russell Orton**, Glen's brother.
- **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**.
- **Aly Claycomb** studying abroad for a semester

*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.***

## *Thank you to our Easter Lily Donors*

*Ron and Ruth Bahr*

*Jon and Lori Ball*

*Ed and Ann Borsuk*

*The Charlier Family*

*Dan Cramer*

*Joe and Diane Emry*

*John and Linda Gerren*

*Ed and Pat Johnson*

*Dolores Kroeger*

*Cathy Krupp*

*Carl Nodus*

*Jim Rice*



## Toiletry Collections for Family Shelter Service

Over the summer months we will be collecting donations of toiletry items to fill blessing bags for Family Shelter Services. The idea is to fill these bags with items a woman might not have the foresight to bring with her if she had to leave her home in a hurry with children in tow such as toothpaste, shampoo, soap, a washcloth, tissues, feminine hygiene products, etc. Staying in a hotel? Bring home the small soaps, lotions and shampoos that they give away. The donation station will be in the Welcome Center.

# CHURCH CALENDAR



**Sunday, April 21- Easter Sunday**  
Easter Festival Worship 10:00AM  
Easter Egg Hunt 11:00AM—Front Lawn

**Monday, April 22**  
Building & Grounds Meeting 7:00PM—Library

**Tuesday, April 23**  
Handbell Practice 7:30PM -Sanctuary Loft

**Wednesday, April 24**  
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**  
Pastor Erin Clausen Installation Service 10:00AM  
Installation Reception 11:00AM—Fellowship Hall  
AMI Recital 12:00PM—Sanctuary  
Darien Dragons 4H Club 1:00PM—Library  
Bowling 5:00PM—Suburbanite

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

***10:00 Service***  
***Followed by Reception in the Fellowship Hall***

**Tuesday, April 30**  
Food For Thought 7:00PM—Satchwell Home  
Handbell Practice 7:30PM -Sanctuary Loft

**Wednesday, May 1**  
Worship Band Practice 6:00PM—Sanctuary  
Choir Practice 7:30PM—Sanctuary

**Thursday, May 2**  
Troop 51 Meeting 6:00PM—Fellowship Hall  
AA 8:00PM—Fireside Room

**Friday, May 3**  
Knitting Ministry 10:00AM—Study Lounge

**Saturday, May 4**  
Bible Study 9:30AM—Library

# Food For Thought

## Tuesday, April 30 7pm

### Satchwell Home



The women of “Food For Thought” invite you to be a part of their discussion as they review “Choose the Life You Want” by Tal Ben-Shahar PhD.

They will meet on Tuesday, April 30th at the home of Mary Satchwell. Bring an appetizer to share and join in the conversation!



## THANK YOU!

Dan Cramer, Ed Johnson, Tom LeMaster,  
Jane McDonald, Jim Nordloh, Glen Orton,  
Lida Portschy, John Portschy, Matt Ramirez  
Jim Rice

- Gutters cleaned (church and parsonage)
- Winter debris removed from planting areas and mulch spread
- Grassy area near north door raked
- Dirt moved from the community garden bed in anticipation of new soil
- Garbage picked up along the hillside near 55th street

A huge thank you to the 15 scouts and leaders that turned out to help.



Last week we piloted a slightly different format for the Common Life Table. For each topic raised we sought to answer four questions.

- ✚ What's happening?
- ✚ How does it affect you?
- ✚ How does this affect our community?
- ✚ What are some ideas that can be helpful in addressing this idea, question, concern?

The conversations have been rich and productive! Recent discussions at the Common Life Table include.

- Budget and Stewardship: Expressed support for narrative budgeting to ensure our financial resources are aligned with our ministry mission and goals. Discussion of desire to better capture self-supporting ministries in our budget documents. Expressed belief that people are most apt to support ministry areas they care about or are passionate about. Thus, the narrative budget needs to connect the general fund directly to the ministries that people care about.
- Annual Report - would be improved if it was organized around our congregational mission and goals, instead of by ministry quadrants.
- The desire to host another children/youth Common Life Table discussion.
- Youth and Family Ministry - need to expand communication beyond parents. Congregants and leaders without children also want to be in the communication loop about changes.
- Request for reminders about Common Life Table to occur in multiple communication venues.
- Ideas about growing the church through a publicity blitz after Pr. Erin returns from sabbatical.
- Ideas about preferred band music - a desire by some to have the band open with a song that lifts energy of the band and those worshipping in the pews.
- PADS - issues around donations and staffing, especially the desire to have more people involved. Two weeks of discussion led to a list of ideas about how to address the problems and recruit.
- Lawn mowing - a few new people are needed. Recruitment ideas were generated.

As is our practice, the content of all Common Life Table discussions is forwarded to the Church Council and related committees for consideration.

Each month, the Common Life Team will provide updates on the status of suggestions and topics discussed at the Common Life Table. This month, these updates are:

- The church council is learning about narrative budgeting and thinking through how we can more clearly communicate the alignment between Christ Lutheran Church's values, mission, goals, organizational structure, and ministries.
- A children/youth Common Life Table will be scheduled.
- Communication about when the Common Life Table will occur (2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays at 9:30 AM) is now regularly occurring.
- All other items are in process. If you have a question about one of them, please join us at the table. All are welcome!

We have two new volunteers to facilitate the Common Life Table discussions. And, we would like to find others - especially from those who regularly attend the traditional service. We are also looking for individuals who would consider being note-takers at the Common Life Table. Please let us know if you would like to be a Common Life Table facilitator or note-taker. We promise to train you. And, the discussions are so rich, you might not want to miss them!

We request that you pray for our common life at CLC - that our interactions as we live, work, and worship together through changes, celebrations, and challenges, reflect the love of Christ and the fruits of the Spirit.

*Katherine Burson*