

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 7, 2019—5th Sunday in Lent



Next Sunday (April 14) we will celebrate the Sunday of the Passion - also known as Palm Sunday. This day marks the beginning of Holy Week - the week that recalls Jesus' final journey into Jerusalem and toward the cross.

We begin the week in joyous celebration. We join the historical shouts of triumph as Jesus rides into Jerusalem. We become part of this parade with palm branches that we joyfully wave to symbolize our support for Jesus and his ministry.

This year at CLC, we will join this parade as an act of worship. We will gather in the Welcome Center before the service begins. We may notice that the atmosphere is excited, crowded, or confused - as it would have been when Jesus rode into Jerusalem. We too will have palm branches. The service will begin in the Welcome Center with a blessing of these palms. Then we will process together into the sanctuary, waving these palms, as though we follow Jesus himself.

We'll notice that the day grows quickly somber, though, as we hear the rest of the story. As the worship service concludes, we will exit with these palm branches still in hand, aware of the next part of the story. These branches will become the ashes we wear next Ash Wednesday.

Come next week prepared to enter into this holy journey. It will not be easy, but it will be sacred. We enter this sacred space together.

Sunday Worship

8:30AM

10:15AM

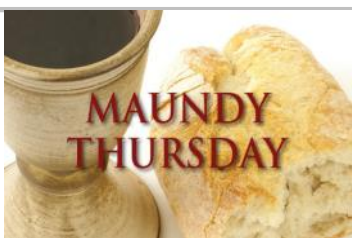
Sunday Faith Formation

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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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 fellowships 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** 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.



Don't forget to place your order for a beautiful Easter Lily to grace our chancel area for Easter services. These healthy plants will come from Goer's Greenhouse in Hinsdale and are \$13.00 each. Please sign up in the Welcome Center and make your check payable to Christ Lutheran Church. You may take your plant home following Easter Worship—plant it in your yard or bring it to a friend. If you would like us to bring your plant to a homebound member of CLC, please make Pastor Erin or Rachel aware.



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 7 - Pastor Nic presiding

Bible Study 7:30AM—Library

Contemporary Worship 8:30AM—Sanctuary

Middle School Ministries 9:30AM—Youth Room

Traditional Worship 10:15 AM—Sanctuary

Darien Dragons 4H 1:00PM—Fellowship Hall

Bowling 5:00PM—Suburbanite

Wolf Den 51 Meeting 6:00PM—Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, April 9

Handbell Practice 7:30PM -Sanctuary Loft

Wednesday, April 10

Worship Band Practice 6:00PM—Sanctuary

Lenten Mid-Week Service 7:15PM—Fireside Room

Cub Scout Den Leader Comm. Mtg. 7:30PM—Library

Choir Practice 7:30PM—Sanctuary

Thursday, April 11

Troop 51 Meeting 6:00PM—Fellowship Hall

AA 8:00PM—Fireside Room

Friday, April 12

Knitting Ministry 10:00AM—Study Lounge

Saturday, April 13

Spring Clean Up 9:00AM—Church Grounds

Bible Study 9:30AM—Library

Sunday, April 14 - Palm Sunday

Bible Study 7:30AM—Library

Contemporary Worship 8:30AM—Sanctuary

Middle School Ministries 9:30AM—Youth Room

Traditional Worship 10:15 AM—Sanctuary

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

Quilting Ministry 10:00AM—Study Lounge

Good Friday Worship 12:00PM—Fireside Room

Good Friday Worship 7:00PM—Sanctuary

Saturday, April 20

Bible Study 9:30AM—Library

Easter Eggstravaganza 10:00AM—Fellowship Hall

Transform Sanctuary for Easter 10:00—Sanctuary

PANCAKE BREAKFAST!



Palm Sunday—April 14 Following Both Services

Be sure to come to church hungry on Palm Sunday 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.

Guys—sign ups are in the Welcome Center and the Fellowship Hall.

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.



Update from the Facilities Quadrant

The Facilities team has been working hard to keep our building looking great. The electrical update project continues on the first floor. Most of the rooms have been inspected and the wiring brought up to code. Most recently, all the staff offices were completed.

We've been blessed with a generous donation from Judy Wolthausen to replace the florescent fixtures on the first floor. Thank you very much, Judy! When you have a moment, take a look at the new energy efficient LED light fixtures in the hallways as well as the rooms on the first floor. (Touch up painting has started around the new fixtures, and will be completed soon.)

In case you haven't noticed, the Fellowship Hall floor was waxed last week, during the preschool's Spring break. The money for this came out of the Facilities budget.

We look forward to the outdoor Spring cleanup on April 13th. This is our opportunity to get the building and grounds cleaned up and looking good for summer. The boys and parents from Scout Troop 51 will be helping again. Please come out and join us. We will have projects for all skill levels, from sweeping to trimming to picking up debris around the property.

In addition, we are working on many other projects around the property as we head towards summer. We are actively looking at quotes for seal coating our parking area and plan to have that work done early in the summer. Stay tuned for more information on that. Also, the Lawn Maintenance team is looking for a couple more volunteers to help with grass cutting and trimming.

If you have any questions, please see Jane McDonald or Joe Svoboda.

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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.