

Christ Connection

For the Week Beginning March 25 2018 Palm Sunday



Now we enter upon the holiest days of our calendar year as Christian believers. While the earth springs forth around us, schools dismiss for spring break, March Madness claims its winner, and soon "baseball season is underway..." we focus on the life

-transforming message of Jesus Christ crucified and risen from the dead. While all the accoutrements of this time of year call for our attention offering us great enjoyment, we turn together as the church to the guiding reality of our lives, this Good News.

*Because he lives, I can face tomorrow
Because he lives, all fear is gone;
Because I know he holds the future,
And life is worth the living,
Just because he lives!*

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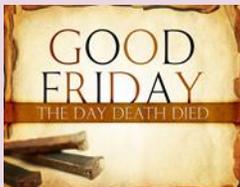
Palm Sunday

8:30 Contemporary with reading of the Passion.
10:15 Traditional begins in the Welcome Center with procession of palms. Featuring the Choir Cantata, "Colors of Grace". Pancake Breakfast following both services.



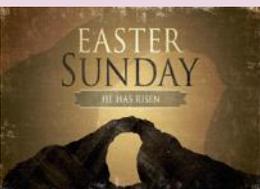
Maundy Thursday

7:00 p.m. Holy Communion with Stripping of the Altar.



Good Friday

12:00 noon and 7:00 p.m. Behold the Cross.
Experiential worship to renew our faith and discipleship.



Easter Sunday

9:30 a.m. Christ is Risen! Alleluia!
ONE FESTIVAL SERVICE
Followed by continental breakfast and Easter Egg Hunt.

Sunday Worship

8:30 Contemporary
10:15 Traditional

Sunday Faith Formation

Bible Study

Start your day off reading and discussing books in the Bible. The Sunday Bible Study begins at 7:30 am in the library.

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LOOKING AHEAD TO APRIL 8TH- CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

8:30 a.m. Full Breakfast
9:00 a.m. One Joint Worship Service

Breakfast, Worship and Congregational Meeting
ALL IN FELLOWSHIP HALL



In Our Prayers this Week

Answered Prayers

- For the birth of Cheyenne Noelle Hankey to Heidi and Matt Hankey on March 21st.

Health Concerns

- For Annette Armstrong
- For Kay Hedborn
- For Anita Olson
- For Patti, friend of Nancy Mizura, adjusting to a diagnosis of dementia.
- For Andrew, son of Jo Chiko's friend, diagnosed with ocular cancer and being treated.
- For Ruth, friend of Suzy Vandenbroucke diagnosed with breast cancer
- For Kayla, Andrea Palm's sister recently diagnosed with breast cancer, beginning treatment.
- For Jennie, friend of Suzy Vandenbroucke, diagnosed with breast cancer.
- For the mother of Lee, Jeannette Tamayo's co-worker, diagnosed with lung cancer.
- For Reese, Jeannette Tamayo's brother in law
- For Charlotte Grace, Debra Joslin's friend's granddaughter born with one lung who is still experiencing problems.
- For Barb, friend of Nancy Mizura healing from esophageal cancer treatments.
- For Tim Myrick, Dolores Kroeger's nephew diagnosed Pleuomorphic Adenoma
- For Jeff Homme, Kristina Dickens' uncle
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- For Colton Kash, child of a friend of Dan Cramer, diagnosed with Leukemia.
- For Pastor Melissa Kuemmerle of St. Peter & Paul Lutheran, Blue Island.
- For Jackie, Nancy Woodruff's mother, seeking a doctor willing to treat her illness, in her frail condition.

Sustained Support and Encouragement

- For healing for Q, peace and understanding for siblings, and strength for Mom and Dad.
- For Ed Llewellyn, friend of Debra Joslin and Hal Hancock who lives in Texas, in need of employment.
- For our Call Committee; Dan Cramer, Steven Dickens, Debra Joslin, Bonnie Bucholz, Jim Clark, Diane Emry, Lea Hotton, Matt Ramirez and Maggie Swiss.

Grief, Loss and Bereavement

- For the family of Lou Witte, former CLC member who passed away. Cards may be sent to:

Dolores Witte
2401 Sharon Drive
Cedar Plank, TX 78613

Please remember to keep the Church Office apprised of any changes in prayer status so that we can keep our prayer chain updated and relevant.

Serving in Worship Today

Presiding Pastor: Pastor Dale Ziemer

Sound: 8:30: Bob Krohn 10:15 Rachel Krohn

Projection: 8:30 Lori Ball 10:15 Rachel Krohn

Assisting Minister: 10:15: Craig Felde

Communion Assistants: Craig Felde and Dan Cramer

Communion Bread: Mary Satchwell

Post-Service Treats: Join us following worship for a pancake breakfast hosted by the men of CLC

Chancel Guild: Wendy Sanders, Lori Ball, Lida Portschy

Bible Verse of the Month

“For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous in order to bring you to God.”

1 Peter 3:18

TOP SERVING OPPORTUNITIES at Christ Lutheran Church

- Add my name to the mailing list for the Christ Connection.
- Help transform our Worship Space from Good Friday to Easter Sunday (Saturday morning beginning at 10:00 a.m.)
- Provide a ride to worship on Good Friday or Easter Sunday for a homebound member.
- Hang Spring Craft Fair posters in stores in the community.

The Congregational Meeting on April 8 will continue and complete the annual meeting that was held on February 18. Two remaining points of business will be conducted: The election of one person to the Council, and elections to the Endowment Fund Committee. The following three candidates are on the ballot for the remaining one Council seat. **Get to know your candidates:**

Rob Sorensen

1) Rob Sorensen, Chairperson for Worship Team (4 years). As such, was instrumental in maintaining, planning, and leading our worship during the void left by Pastor Hildner's sudden departure. Assistant Minister. Band Vocalist. I maintain the scheduling for all worship servers. I created our Bread Ministry.

2) As a graduate of Diakonia, I have completed a two year education and training that has uniquely prepared me for lay service in all areas of church life. I have served with 3 Bishops, at least a dozen Pastors, and been through 3 call processes. As a congregational deacon, I have participated in all areas of ministry, including leading worship and distributing communion in the absence of a Pastor.

3) I agreed to serve on Council at the request of many who feel that our Council leadership needs to be refreshed. I am strongly against spouses and family members serving together on council. I disapprove of having absentee or part-time members on council, especially in leadership positions. I am against secret meetings and agendas. I do not offer to join council on the basis of a single skill which I could easily volunteer. In fact, I have volunteered numerous skills and gifts to CLC over many years. I believe a council seat should be about quality of leadership. I believe in transparency and the inclusion of the opinion and will of the congregation, and I oppose secret manipulation and decisions. I believe we need a change of leadership culture if CLC is to survive and thrive. And that can only be accomplished through the Holy Spirit with fresh, bold, and innovative leadership. 4) Some hopes I have for CLC are a full-time pastor as a resolution to a call process that has already gone on much too long.

Rob Sorensen (Cont.)

A solar component for our roof. A re-design of our worship space to make it more comfortable, accessible, friendly, and to give us multi-use functionality - something I have advocated for over 3 years. I seek a return to the friendly, welcoming, loving congregation I joined years ago, that has been so terribly fractured by the loss of our long-time Pastor Hildner.

Yours in Christ, Rob Sorensen

Steven Dickens

Grace and peace to you in Christ! My name is Steven Dickens, and I am a rostered Word & Service Minister (Deacon) of the ELCA. I have been a member of Christ Lutheran Church since 1978. I grew up here, was confirmed here, married here, and will have my child baptized here.

As a leader, I bring knowledge of Lutheran theology, pastoral care, and church administration. I have a BA in English education, a M.Ed. in school administration, and a M.Div. in theology.

I said 'yes' to the nomination because I want to be a voice for the people who do not feel heard at CLC. I want to see this church grow to encompass families with children like my own so that one day my daughter may be baptized, confirmed, and married here as well.

My hope for Christ Lutheran Church is that we continue to be people of faith, proclaiming the Gospel and raising up others for service in the church and beyond our walls. It is my hope that we continue to serve God and continue to discern the direction for our future as a church family.

John Swiess

Married to Maggie for 19 years with two grown children, I am an attorney in private practice (for 30 years) in the areas of estate planning, banking law, real estate and finance, also a licensed Series 65 financial advisor/fiduciary, (for 20 years). I served in the Illinois Army National Guard and as a member of the Contemporary Band, I play drums, percussion and harmonica.

As I complete my first term on Council (Administrative Quadrant), I bring a specialized skill set to the table which has allowed me to help our church navigate the increasingly complex legal issues facing non-profit organizations such as ours. During my term I have handled legal matters for CLC, including drafting and reviewing contracts, facility agreements and leases, pro bono (at no cost to CLC) and I facilitated the financing of the church's loan for the new roof and parking lot from the ELCA Mission Investment Fund. I also serve as a member of the Finance Team.

I desire to continue my service to CLC as part of my faith journey. Formerly, I held the positions of assistant treasurer, council member and member of the stewardship team at my previous church, using my legal and financial skills to head a Financial Wellness Ministry.

My hope for Christ Lutheran Church is that we continue to have faith in God's promise of abundance and recognize the blessings of our congregation to help us coexist and further His kingdom.



Sunday, March 25

Bible Study 7:30AM—Library
Contemporary Worship 8:30 AM—Sanctuary
Sunday School 9:00AM—Growing Grove
Middle School Ministries 9:30AM—Youth Room
Traditional Worship 10:15AM—Featuring Cantata

Monday, March 26

Food For Thought 7:00PM—Satchwell Home

Tuesday, March 27

Handbell Practice 7:15PM—Sanctuary Loft

Wednesday, March 28

Worship Band Practice 6:00PM—Sanctuary
Choir Practice 7:30PM—Sanctuary

Thursday, March 29

Scout Troop Meeting 7:00PM—Fellowship Hall
Maundy Thursday Worship 7:00PM—Sanctuary
AA 8:00PM— Fireside Room

Friday, March 30

Good Friday Worship 12:00PM—Fireside Room
Good Friday Worship 7:00PM—Sanctuary

Saturday, March 31

Bible Study 9:30AM—Library
Sanctuary Work Day—10:00AM—Sanctuary
Richard Brijia Memorial—2:00PM—Sanctuary

Sunday, April 1

Easter Worship 9:30 AM—Sanctuary
Easter Egg Hunt—10:40 AM—Front Lawn
Easter Continental Breakfast 10:45AM—Fellowship

Monday, April 2

ROMEOS—8:00AM—Blueberry Hill
Scout Committee Meeting 7:00PM—Library

Tuesday, April 3

Handbell Practice 7:15PM—Sanctuary Loft

Wednesday, April 4

Christian IMPACT Team Meeting 4:00PM—Library
Special Council Meeting 6:30PM—Fellowship Hall

Thursday, April 5

Scout Troop Meeting 7:00PM—Fellowship Hall
AA 8:00PM— Fireside Room

Friday, April 6

Knitting Ministry 10:00AM—Study Lounge
JULIETS 12:00PM—Restaurant to be determined
Craft Fair Set-Up—4:30PM

Saturday, April 7

Crafter Set-Up—7:00AM
Spring Craft Fair—9:00AM—3:00PM



SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

The Congregation Council will have a special meeting on Wednesday, April 4, at 6:30pm.

The purpose of this special Council meeting is to explore what is involved in strengthening a climate of listening and understanding one another, and developing stronger working relationships especially when we disagree. This is to build on our recent successes and to become an even healthier congregation at CLC. Rev. Bill Blank, of the Lombard Mennonite Peace Center will be at this meeting. He will lead us in this discussion and explore possible next steps for continuing to develop ourselves as a congregation, council of church leaders, and ambassadors for Christ in our community. **All council meetings are open meetings, members of the congregation are welcome to attend.**