

CHRIST LUTHERAN TIDINGS

Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church

For the foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than human strength. 1 Corinthians 1: 25



April 2018

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Dear Friends,

Whether it be wisdom or foolishness, we only know one way, the way of the cross. The Holy Week festivities provide a pilgrimage of time and watching for that which God has done.

Many of you have grown up all your life knowing the story of Jesus of Nazareth. The celebration of Palm Sunday, the watchfulness of Good Friday and the jubilation of Easter Sunday provided a set pathway to guide your faith. These holy days provided a pilgrimage, not of distance, but of time, which connected you to the basic hope of our faith. And truth be told they still offer you a pilgrimage journey to engage your mind, body and spirit into the wonder of Jesus' victory over death and his everlasting hope.

Your pilgrimage begins Palm Sunday, when you remember that Jesus, the Son of God, had already won over the people before he died on the cross. That victory alone is worth celebrating every year. Instead of serving as a culmination, the victory won by Jesus on the Mount of Olives serves as the beginning of your pilgrimage.

Your pilgrimage continues with a series of four powerful moments on Maundy Thursday. The blessing of God touches your forehead with the blessing of forgiveness. Hands in service to God wash your feet. The Lord's Supper feeds your mind, body and spirit in the moment of the year closest tied to Jesus' Passover meal with his closest followers. And finally, the ladies of the church strip the altar of all its adornments as if preparing a body for burial.

Your pilgrimage goes dark and difficult with the passion narrative read on Good Friday. Where Jesus slowly and deliberately gives over his spirit for the sake of the world. On this evening we walk up hill and ask ourselves could we, had we been there, held vigil with the women on Golgotha.

And this year, as if straight out of the 1st Corinthians passage above, the celebration of the empty cross and the Easter victory happens on April Fool's Day. Your pilgrimage joins with the pilgrimage of millions of other Christians with laughter and hope. A million journeys come together to praise Christ for the hope won for us over the death and humiliation.

Walk with us, journey with us. Embrace the pilgrimage that journeys across time this Holy Week.

Blessings, Pastor McCarty

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Holy Week at Christ Lutheran Church



Maundy Thursday, March 29

6:00 P.M. – Covered-Dish Meal 7:00 P.M. – Worship

Good Friday, March 30

9:00 A.M. – 7:00 P.M. Sanctuary Open for Prayer 7:00 P.M. – Worship

Holy Saturday, March 31

7:00 P.M. – Easter Vigil

Easter at Christ Lutheran Church, April 1



9:15 A.M.—Breakfast in our fellowship hall. Served by the

Fellowship & Hospitality Committee.

9:30 A.M.—Children in Grade 5 and under! Bring your Easter Baskets on Easter Morning for our Annual Easter Egg Hunt!



10:00 A.M.—Bring freshly cut flowers with you to church to decorate the cross in the front yard.

10:30 A.M.—Worship and Celebrate the Resurrection of Our Lord!

From Your Director of Music

wanted to share it with others.

The first (annual?) Bach Around the Clock has come and gone, and what a day it was! We heard Bach on many different instruments – from organ to guitar to violin to banjo to piano and more! Such glorious music has not been heard in these walls for quite awhile! Some performers were local, and others came from a distance just to perform Bach!

I would like to thank all of those from Christ Lutheran who helped out on Saturday: Brenda Wollner came in on a day off to make sure programs were printed and that all office needs were met; Stacey Wolters, Tom Miller, and Pastor McCarty ushered for several hours and were very helpful in answering questions and leading people in the right direction; and Nancy Dahl came in the morning to usher for a few hours and stayed for all twelve! Kudos to these servants!

We do not have an accurate account of how many people were here during the day because some came and went, and several stayed for most or all of the twelve hours. But, there were over 200 people for the final concert! Some estimates put the total number of people at near 500. It is wonderful to see Christ Lutheran Church full of people enjoying themselves, listening to music which, according to Bach the composer, was written "Soli Deo Gloria" (To the Glory of God Alone). He put that at the top of every composition, even if it was not written specifically for the church, so we know that his faith was strong and that he

Thank you, especially, to all of the Christ Lutheran members who came out at 10:00 am to hear my recital. It means a lot to know that you are supporting me. If you did not get a chance to attend any of these concerts this year, I hope that we can do another festival in 2019, and that you will choose to see what the buzz is! Many people have already asked us if we will repeat the festival next year! My answer – I surely hope so! Florence Jowers

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"Vanishing Grace" Book Study to Continue

Our Christian Education book study of Philip Yancey's "Vanishing Grace" continues with two nights in April. The book study is part of our Tuesday night ministry at Christ Lutheran Church.

On April 3 we will hear about Pilgrims, Artists and Activists as *grace dispensers*. These people still have a voice that those outside of the church will listen to.

"Vanishing Grace" study will meet again on April 24. (Pastor McCarty is out of town on May 1.) It is not too late to join us for the first time.

A guest and program is planned for the evening of May 1 in Pastor McCarty's absence. This program, sponsored by our WELCA group, will be intended for our entire congregation. Watch for more details to follow.

Karl Protil to Entertain at Pleasant Memories

The Pleasant Memories group is expecting a good time, good food and a good program on Tuesday April 17, 12:00 Noon at Pleasant View Lutheran Church.

The fellowship offered by this group is always outstanding and everyone is invited to attend. The food is guaranteed to be good in as much as Jimmy Cox is preparing the lunch at a cost of \$12.00. Karl Protil, who is noted for his accordion playing, will present the program. Karl is a member of Christ Church and plays in the band at Edelweiss Restaurant.

Call Joe Price at 885-3749 or Lorraine Bosserman 886-1698 by Monday, April 9 for reservation.

Sunday School News: Children's Church!!!!!

We're looking for an adult and a teen member of the congregation that would be interested in helping with Children's Church. The intention is to hold class two Sundays a month until we've developed participation...but we need your help! Melanie Rhodes is heading this initiative, so if you're interested, please contact her by email at melanie.rhodes74@gmail.com, or you can approach her at church!

WELCA Meeting & Quilting Day

Our April WELCA Meeting will be held at the home of Evelyn Young. Please bring a light covered-dish to share with lunch and come join us for our fellowship beginning at 11:00 A.M. on Tuesday, April 3. Those who would like to carpool can meet at the church.

Our Quilting Group will meet on Tuesday, April 17 beginning at 9:30 A.M. in the downstairs Sewing Room. Please come join us and help assemble quilts for Lutheran World Relief.



Altar Flowers

Flowers for our altar are needed for several Sundays in April, May and June. If you would like to give flowers in honor of or in memory of a loved one, please contact the church office.

Flowers are usually ordered from Honey Bee's Florist in Staunton; however, you are welcome to use flowers from your garden this summer as well. The Flower Committee also suggests that two individuals or families could give one vase of flowers each and still have their dedication posted in the bulletin. This would considerably save costs. Take a look at the flower chart and sign up on a date you would like to contribute flowers, then contact the church office.

Flowers for the altar are needed!

Please use the signup sheet in the coatroom or call the

church office.

Thank you!

Save the Date!

A "Clutter Conversion" event will be held on

Tuesday, May 1, 7:00 P.M. at Christ Lutheran Church. EVERYONE is invited to attend (bring a friend or neighbor with you).

More information will follow in our weekly bulletin announcements.





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3 Jackson Kiger

4 David Armstrong

Ken Cox

5 Betty VanLear

8 Nick Walge

11 Maddie Collins

12 Connie Damschroder

13 Kathleen Shaner

15 Gary Firebaugh

16 Emily Dahl

19 Alex RosenJason Shaner

Lillian Walge

Michael Erskine

Miriam Handley

Mary Alice Wease

22 Katie Morris

24 Steven Blehm

27 Robert McCarty Sandra Rollason . _

16 Shelda & Jay Shaner (52 years)

19 Sandy & Brian Rollason (10 years)



Remember in Your Prayers

Alfred Berry Lynwood Craig Patricia Doyle

Laura Luzaich (King's Daughters Health & Rehab)

Jane Ruch

Bobby Schneider

Betty VanLear (Shenandoah Nursing

& Rehab)

Lillian Walge (King's Daughters Health & Rehab)

Winston Wine

Linda Youngblood

Friends & Family of Members:

Faye K. (friend of Lorraine Bosserman)

James (friend of Liz H.)

Loretta C. (niece of Lorraine Bosserman)

Jessie G. (brother of Jim Gibson)

Joy C. (friend of Jim Gibson)

Rachel (request made to Pastor)

Members Residing in Nursing Homes, Assisted Living or Retirement Homes:

Dorothy Briehl (The Legacy)

Virginia Gregory (Shenandoah Nursing & Rehab)

June Huff (Baldwin Park)

Laura Luzaich (Augusta Nursing & Rehab)

Sue Obenschain (Summit Square)

Mary Lou Parkins (Whispering Pines, NC)

Betty Van Lear (Brookdale)

Lillian & Herb Walge (Brookdale)

Esther Seltzer (Augusta Nursing & Rehab)

Those Serving in the Military

Timothy, Becky, Derick, Sean

Our prayer list will be updated on a monthly basis. Please let the office know if you would like to add a name to our list, or remove a name. Thank you for helping us to keep our list current and up-to-date.

Lunch & Paint

Saturday, April 21, 2018 11:00 A.M. – 2:00 P.M. Christ Lutheran Fellowship Hall Paint Instructors & Caterers – Brenda Wollner & Jody Opyoke



We will be painting flower pots you can use as gifts for Mother's or Father's Day, for a special person or yourself. All materials (flower pot, paint & brushes) will be provided, as well as a light lunch. The cost is \$10 per pot and you must pre-register with your payment (so we make sure to have enough supplies and food).

This is especially fun for children ages 4-12 and adults of all ages as well. Children must be accompanied by a parent or adult.

Use the registration form below.

Class size is limited. Register soon!

Questions? Call Brenda 885-4843





Flower Pot Paint Class & Lunch - April 21, 2018 - 11:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M. Christ Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall

Name:		Phone #:		
Number of pots:		Number attending:		
Cost: \$10 per pot	Number of pots:	Total:		



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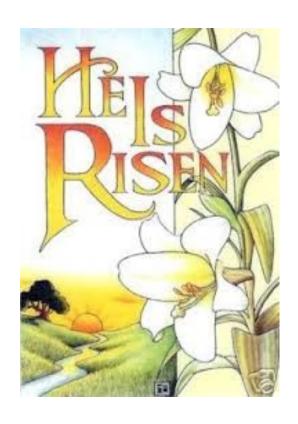
2017 Church Council:

Melanie Rhodes, President Judy Matthews, Vice-President Allyson Langston, Secretary Scott Langston, Property Barbara Shaner, Fellowship Gerald Wells Stacey Wolters, Worship Robbin Youngblood, Youth & Education



Our Mission Statement:

Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church: By God's grace, the Holy Spirit leads us to love and serve all.



April 2018 Worship Worksheet

Date	Lessons	Hymns				
April 1	Acts 10:34-43	Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds				
Resurrection of Our Lord	Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24	Jesus Christ Is Ris'n Today				
	1 Corinthians 15:1-11	At the Lamb's High Feast				
AM: Melanie Rhodes	Gospel: Mark 16:1-8	This Joyful Eastertide				
April 8:	Acts 4:32-35	Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain				
Second Sunday of Easter	Psalm 133	We Walk by Faith				
	1 John 1:1—2:2	The Peace of the Lord				
AM: Tom Miller	Gospel: John 20:19-31	Thine Is the Glory				
April 15	Acts 3:12-19	Christ the Lord is Risen Today				
Third Sunday of Easter	Psalm 4	Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia				
	1 John 3:1-7	Day of Arising				
AM: Phyllis Cox	Gospel: Luke 24:36b-48	Rise, O Church, like Christ Arisen				
April 22	Acts 4:5-12	Awake, My Heart, With Gladness				
Fourth Sunday of Easter	Psalm 23	Shepherd, You Supply My Need				
•	1 John 3:16-24	The King of Love My Shepherd Is				
AM: Scott Langston	Gospel: John 10:11-18	God Be With You Till We Meet Again				
April 29	Acts 8:26-40	We Know That Christ Is Raised				
Fifth Sunday of Easter	Psalm 22:25-31	Alleluia! Jesus is Risen				
-	1 John 4:7-21	Thine the Amen				
	Gospel: John 15:1-8	Christ is Alive! Let Christians Sing				
AM: TBA						



Those Serving in April 2018 Worship Services

Date	Ushers	Acolyte	Crucifer	Reader	Greeters
04/01	Jim Gibson, Woodie Cason, Gene Matthews	Madilynn Langston	Kendrick McCarty	Amy Kiger	Betty & Woodie Cason
04/08	The Langston Family	Jamison McCarty	Jackson Kiger	Same Rowe	Miriam Handley
04/15	Carolyn Haggerty, Wayne Huntley	Erin Trost	Rhiannon Wiseman	Melanie Rhodes	Sandra Weddle
04/22	Amy Kiger, Suzanne Lochner, Evelyn Young	Jamison McCarty	Blaze Parker	Phyllis Cox	Carolyn Haggerty
04/29	Jim Gibson, Woodie Cason, Gene Matthews	Madilynn Langston	Kendrick McCarty	Debbie Morris	Betty & Woodie Cason

Ushers: Please be at the church by 10:00 A.M. for usher duty on Sunday mornings. If you cannot serve as indicated, please contact our head usher, Woodie Cason 886-7907.

Altar Guild:

Maundy Thursday: Carolyn Haggerty, Evelyn Young, Phyllis Cox

Easter Vigil: Carolyn Haggerty, Evelyn Young

April 8 & 15: Kathy Bigelow & Allyson Langston

April 29: Allyson Langston

Flowers: Beth & Sam Rowe

Good Friday: Phyllis Cox, Allyson Langston Easter: Kathy Bigelow, Allyson Langston April 22: Carolyn Haggerty, Allyson Langston



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April 2018

	SUN	Mon	TUE	WED	Тни	FRI	SAT
ľ	1 9:15-Breakfast	2	3 11:00-WELCA Meeting	4	5	6	7
9: 10	9:30-Egg Hunt 10:00-Decorate Cross 10:30-Worship	7:00-Choral Society Rehearsal	Fellowship Hall reserved /YMCA 7:00-Book Study	7:00-Choir Rehearsal			
ľ	8 10:30-Worship	9	10	11	12	13	14
	6:45-Youth Group 12-5:00-Fellowship Hall Reserved	7:00-Choral Society Rehearsal	7:00-Council Mtg.	7:00-Choir Rehearsal			
2:00 anni	15 10:30-Worship	16	17 9:30-Quilting Day 7:00-Vanishing Grace	18	19	20	21 11:00-Lunch & Paint
	2:00-SACRA 35th anniversary celebra- tion at Covenant	7:00-Choral Society Rehearsal	12:00-Pleasant Memories at Pleasant	7:00-Choir Rehearsal		Caroline Furnace V	Event in Fellowship Hall Vork Weekend
	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
	10:30-Worship 6:45-Youth Group	7:00-Choral Society Rehearsal	7:00-Vanishing Grace				
	29	30	May 1 7:00-Clutter	2	3	4	30 Youth Sunday is
	10:30-Worship	7:00-Choral	Conversion Program				March 31
		Society Rehearsal	8				