

The Friendly Visitor *from* Christ Lutheran Church

1306 Wilcox Street

Menomonie, WI 54751

April 2023

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April @ Christ

- **2** PALM SUNDAY; Worship with Holy Communion at 8:30am; BRUNCH at 9:40am in the Fellowship Hall
- **3** Worship with Holy Communion at 5:30pm in the Sanctuary
- **4** Elections in Fellowship Hall from 7am - 8pm; ALL COMMITTEE NIGHT - Committees meet from 5:30pm - 6:30pm; Committees and Council meet together at 6:30pm and Council meets at 7pm
- **5** THE SPOT at 3:30pm; CLC FoodShelf from 5pm - 6pm; Wednesday's Table from 5pm - 6pm; CIA Youth Group at 5:30pm; Christ Time at 6:15pm; 6ths Only at 6:15pm; High School Youth at 6:15pm
- **6** MAUNDY THURSDAY; Worship with Holy Communion at 5:30pm
- **7** GOOD FRIDAY; Worship at 1pm
- **9** EASTER SUNDAY; Worship with Holy Communion at 8:30am
- **10** Worship with Holy Communion at 5:30pm in the Fellowship Hall
- **11** Mission Work Day at 9am;
- **12** THE SPOT at 3:30pm; CLC FoodShelf from 5pm - 6pm; Wednesday's Table from 5pm - 6pm; CIA Youth Group at 5:30pm; Christ Time at 6:15pm; 6ths Only at 6:15pm; High School Youth at 6:15pm
- **14** Red Cross Blood Drive from noon to 6pm in the Fellowship Hall
- **15** Cub Scout spaghetti fundraiser 4pm - 7pm
- **16** Worship with Holy Communion 8:30am; Faith Formation at 9:45am
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- **29** Synod Assembly at Bethany Lutheran in Rice Lake
- **30** Worship with Holy Communion at 8:30am; Faith Formation at 9:45am

Holy Week and Easter Worship Schedule

Palm Sunday, April 2

Worship with Holy Communion at 8:30am;
Brunch at 9:40am
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Palm Monday, April 3

Worship with Holy Communion at 5:30pm
In the Sanctuary
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Maundy Thursday, April 6

Worship with Holy Communion at 5:30pm
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Good Friday, April 7

Worship at 1pm
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Easter Sunday, April 9

Worship with Holy Communion at 8:30am

Easter Monday, April 10

Worship with Holy Communion at 5:30pm
In the Fellowship Hall

Please let the church office know if someone is in the hospital.

FROM THE Dear all,



Thank God that we are swinging into the spring season! But

with the amount of snow, we have on the ground, it doesn't look like spring so far! I have yet to see the colorful robin flying around to indicate the nearest end of the winter. May be some of us have seen or heard their cheery song! But I have seen the Canadian Geese flying back around the sky! Well, in any case, it is a season of rejoicing. It is also a time where we hope for a new life after the resurrection of Jesus. We are thankful for Jesus' purpose in his life: to fulfill God's plan of redemption for the world. Please join us for each and every step we take with Jesus through Holy Week during the first week of the month of April: Maundy Thursday's remembrance of the Last Supper; the arrest, trial and crucifixion of Good Friday; and the worship celebration of Easter Sunday.

I can't emphasize enough that the Easter Sunday on April 9th, 2023 is the biggest event in the Church life. We are celebrating the Resurrection of Jesus from the dead and we shout, ***Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!***

This is the central part of our faith and our hope because we have a God that is alive. We found in the four gospels that Jesus' resurrection happened on Sunday morning.

Therefore, Easter Sunday is a good time for us: to give thanks to God for the gift of faith, to give thanks to God for the ability not to understand the mystery of the resurrection but to be inspired to hope and believe that resurrection is true. May the Holy Spirit guide our journeys with Christ forever!

See you in church,

Pr. Mamy Ranaivoson

Easter Message from Bishop Laurie Skow-Anderson - April 2023

Matthew 28 After the Sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And suddenly there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it... the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here, for he has been raised, as he said... go quickly and tell his disciples."

Dear Northwest Synod of Wisconsin,

Join me and that great cloud of witnesses this Easter in the acclamation:
Christ is Risen,
He is Risen indeed, Alleluia!

The gospel reading for this Easter is from the book of Matthew. Matthew is the only gospel writer that records an **earthquake** on Easter morning. The women arrive at the tomb and are greeted by an earthquake, an angel rolling back the stone, and the news that their Lord and Savior wasn't there, JESUS HAD BEEN RAISED FROM THE DEAD. What? The women were filled with shock and fear. The aftershocks of this earthquake are still felt. The death doesn't win and is defeated by the power of God in Christ Jesus continues to shock and amaze us.



What if we imagined Easter not as a lovely spring ritual filled with pastel-colored eggs and candy but as the violent earthquake that it is? Few living in the Midwest have experienced an earthquake. A pastor born in California remembers her mother putting rubber bands on the kitchen cupboard handles so the china dishes wouldn't fall out when there was an earthquake. When has a death of a loved one shaken the foundation of your world? When have you realized how fragile life can be? Christ's resurrection from the dead, his victory over sin, death, and the devil shakes up everything. It is the good news that can even shake us loose from our grief.

What if we experienced Easter as a violent earthquake more like a fresh egg dropped to the floor than one hard-boiled and beautifully decorated? What if the Easter Earthquake shakes us awake, shakes everything out of the cupboards and closets so we are forced to do spring cleaning and decide what to put back and what to throw out? What if we get rid of stuff that doesn't work and give more space to what's important? What is really important? What is God's will for you? What are our Easter priorities?

What if this year the Easter Earthquake cracks open and rolls away the stone from our hearts, shakes loose old ideas, breaks down rock-hard prejudices, and opens us up to new ways to love our neighbor and to share this amazing good news that Jesus lives? What new life might rise up from the rubble? What new relationships might develop? Like a chick struggles to break free of the egg's shell, new beginnings are rarely easy, but they are worth it.

The good news is that Christ's resurrection from the dead and his victory over death is good news even to those who have experienced a literal shifting of tectonic plates beneath the earth. On February 6, 2023, a 7.8 magnitude earthquake hit Turkey and Syria leaving over 50,000 people dead and hundreds of thousands more wounded, displaced, or homeless. More than 10,000 aftershocks have been felt since February 6 leading to more deaths, fear, and trauma. The aftershocks will continue for a long time.

This Easter, in response to the earthquake that opened the tomb and to the good news that Jesus has been raised from the dead, I encourage you to give a gift to the Lutheran Disaster Response to help the victims of the Earthquake in Turkey and Syria. Here is a link to help you do that. https://community.elca.org/middle-east-crisis?_ga=2.89763675.1129066314.1679579365-256581953.1608055964

Suddenly there was a great earthquake...

In Christ, *Bishop Laurie Skow-Anderson*

Christ Lutheran Church Council Minutes February 7, 2023 Fellowship Hall

Members Present

Arla Graff, Steve Josephson, Vicki Kuester, Leslie Falkner, Curt Larson, Tim Lehman, Jeff Merritt, Linda Tylee, Dick Tyson, Kaye Wurm and Pastor Mamy Ranaivoson (ex-officio).

Members Absent

Kathleen Kjenslee

Call to Order

Council President Tim Lehman called the meeting to order at 6:53pm at the Church.

Vision Statement was read by KWurm.

Mission Statement was read by all.
Council Purpose was read by all.

Approval of Agenda

Discussed additions needed to the Agenda. Additions include: Dwelling in the Word, Pastor's report added to the Reports and request made by Pastor Cheryl Matthews for the use of the Fireside Room/Kitchen on 3/18/23 and tentative use of the Fellowship Hall/Kitchen on 4/22/23 to be added as an Action item to New Business.

[2-1] A motion was made and seconded to approve a revised agenda; KWurm/DTyson; motion carried.

Approval of January 15, 2023

Special Council Minutes

[2-2] A motion was made and seconded to approve January 15, 2023 Special Council Meeting Minutes; KWurm/JMerritt; motion carried.

Dwelling in the Word

Pastor Mamy Ranaivoson led us in a Word/Meditation Philippians 4:6-8.

New Business

1. Membership Action: Transfer of membership for Myrt LaCrosse to Peace Lutheran in Baldwin.

[2-3] A motion was made and seconded to approve the Transfer of membership for Myrt LaCrosse to Peace Lutheran, Baldwin, WI; LFalkner/VKuester; motion carried.

2. Discussion: Communion Cards: Discussed the definition of a voting member. The 2022 ELCA Model Constitution for Congregations (that all ELCA churches need to be part of theirs) says a member that is 1) Baptized, 2) Been Confirmed, 3) Communed once in the current calendar year or previous calendar year, 4) Made a contribution of record once in the current calendar year or previous year.

The Council decided to continue to use the pew cards. The cards also serve other purposes and are not

solely for communion. It was also discussed, a member can choose to not fill out a card every Sunday.

3. Discussion: Bylaw Changes: Discussed the grammar and wording errors provided by the Congregation at the Fall and Annual meetings. Tim Lehman is going to get copies of the proposed changes from former President Beth Hein and have them uploaded to our website for the Congregation to review. He should be able to have them uploaded by March.

4. Discussion: Application for Use of Facilities/Property on each group meeting at CLC: Discussed we should have an application for each group using the church on file for keeping record on who is using the church and when regardless if we are charging a usage fee. Tim Lehman is bringing this item back to the

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Administration Committee to get a list of the groups using the facility and will bring it back to the Council for approval at a later date.

5. Discussion: Covenant Fund: Discussed updating the signatures needed at the bank to the Executive Team.

[2-4] A motion was made and seconded to change the signatures needed at the bank for the Covenant Fund to the Executive Team; DTyson/KWurm; motion carried.

6. Action: Committee Assignments:

Exec Team: Tim Lehman, Vicki Kuester and Leslie Falkner
Administration Committee: Steve Josephson and Tim Lehman
Congregational Life Committee: Leslie Falkner, Kathleen Kjenslee, Linda Tylee and Kaye Wurm
Outreach Committee: Arla Graff, Vicki Kuester, Curt Larson, Jeff Merriitt and Dick Tyson

7. Action: Menomonie Singers Spring Retreat February 11 from 9am to 3pm: Discussed Vickie Kuester will be opening up the church to the group.

[2-5] A motion was made and seconded to allow the Menomonie Singers the use of the church on February 11, 2023 from 9-3, waving the usage fee. The group needs to fill out a facility usage form and clean up after themselves; KWurm/LTylee; motion carried.

8. Action: Worship Leader Compensation: Discussed an action from the Annual Meeting to compensate the Worship Leader.

[2-6] A motion was made and seconded to pay our Worship Leader \$25.00 per Sunday; KWurm/SJosephson; motion carried.

9. Action: Purchase Orders: After further discussion the item has been tabled until next month with Tim Lehman providing the Council with our current Purchase Order Policy.

10. Action: Request made by Pastor Cheryl Matthews for the use of the Fireside Room/Kitchen on 3/18/23 and tentative use of the Fellowship Hall/Kitchen on 4/2/23.

[2-7] A motion was made and seconded to approve Pastor Cheryl the use of the Fireside Room/Kitchen on 3/18/23 and tentative use of the Fellowship Hall/Kitchen on 4/2/23 and wave the facility usage fee; KWurm/JMerriitt; motion carried.

Old Business

1. Cash Flow: Discussed needing to add financials to the bulletin and Friendly Visitor.

Reports

A. Pastor's Report- Pastor Mamy verbally gave his report. His first Sunday was 2/6/23. He did two home visits. He will be helping with Confirmation after Lent. He will be in the church at 8am on Sundays before worship and B. Monday afternoons to meet the Congregation. The Council is to let him know if there is anyone

who may need a Pastoral visit.

B. Committee Reports/Actions/ Financial Reports presented to the Council.

Other

1. Installation of the Council Members will be on Sunday, February 12, 2023.

Adjournment

[2-8] A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting; VKuester/AGraff; motion carried.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m. and closed with The Lord's Prayer.

Leslie Falkner, Secretary

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Committee Night— April 4

All committees will meet individually on Tuesday, April 4, from 5:30pm to 6:30pm. Full committees and council then meet together in the sanctuary at 6:30pm, and the council meets at 7pm

CLCW News

Save the dates: May 5-6 for the Thrift, Bake, Plant and Quilt sale. Set up will begin when Wednesday's Table is done serving on May 3.

Dates to remember

April 11: Mission Work Day at 9am

April 25: Mission Work Day at 9am

Nancy Bourget and Arla Graff
CLCW Co-Presidents

The Chippewa Valley Conference

has set Saturday, April 22, 2023, for our Day of Renewal. We are thrilled that Central Lutheran Church, 28 E Columbia St. in Chippewa Falls, WI. 54729 will host this event. This opportunity to gather with other women of faith throughout our Conference will start with registration between 8am and 9am. Our theme is THERE'S MORE TO COME, presented by Cindy Tewalt. A sit-down luncheon is included, and we plan to finish by 1 pm. The cost has been set at \$15. Payment is required with your registration by April 8th. Sadly, we will not be able to

offer refunds, because our luncheon food will be based on the number of registrations received.

BAKE SALE - APRIL 4 at the church during the election. Baked goods and buyers needed.

Christ in Our Home

Devotional booklets (both regular and large-print) for April, May, June are available in the office wing hallway or in the narthex. Please take one! Envelopes are provided to help the CLCW cover the cost of approximately \$2 for each regular-print booklet.

Our sympathy to . . .

. . . The family and friends of Joan Labs who passed away February 17 and whose celebration of life was held at CLC on February 24.

. . .the family and friends of Beverly Waller who passed away March 2. A

graveside service is scheduled for June.

. . .the family and friends of Hank Lemon (Becky Link's uncle) who passed away March 18.

. . .the family and friends of Beatrice Jensen (mother of Debra Yeager and Barb Lande) who passed away March 23. Her memorial service will be held March 31 at 2pm at New Hope Lutheran Church, Downsville.

Spring Work Day at Luther Park is Saturday April 22 from 8am - 4pm at the camp in

Chetek. If interested, please call Luther Park at 715-859-2215 or email Scott at good2bike@gmail.com for more information and to sign up.





Fix the Parking Lot

The April Financial Spotlight is the Parking Lot.

If you have been to the church lately, you will notice the need to repair the parking lot. There are many cracks, crevices. It also needs to be restriped. Bids are currently being sought for patching, sealing and striping. Fund raising goal is approximately \$5500. This number will be updated when the bids are received.

DELEGATES ARE NEEDED
for the Synod Convention on April 29 at Bethany Lutheran Church in Rice Lake. If you are interested, please contact a member of the Executive Board or the church office. Deadline for registration is April 19.

Memorials/Honoraria

For the Radio Broadcast Fund in memory of: 3/26 - Garfield Lund whose birthday would have been 3/21 from his daughters, Arla Graff and Nancy Bourget

For the Radio Broadcasts in honor of: 3/19 - the birthday (March 17) of Kaye (Kuester) Olson from Larry, Vickie and Kyle Kuester.

For the General Fund in memory of: 3/5 - Joan Labs from Dick Tyson; from Kristy Binkley
3/12 - Joan Labs from Jeff & Mary Merritt; from James Litsheim; from Jerry & Jan Traxler; from Cheryl Lowery; from Lawrence & Janice Dahms; from Kathi & Tim Lehmann; from John & Paula Litsheim; from Arby Brown
3/26 - Garfield Lund from Arla Graff; Beverly Waller from Jan & Jerry Traxler

For the Furnace Fund in memory of: 3/5 - Bobby Browning from Dick Tyson; from Nancy & Rodger Bourget; from Kelly & Diane Stevens; Joan Labs from Dave & Ardith Jacobson
3/12 - Joan Labs from Kelly & Diane Stevens; from Shirley Browning; from Arlene and Sharon Mork;
3/19 - Joan Labs from Steve & Diane Josephson

For undesignated in memory of:
3/5 - Joan Labs from Dan & Leslie Falkner, Allison & Jack]

Did you know . . .

...The Spot is now a Scholastic Classroom! You can order gifts for the children in your lives and help The Spot continue to build the CLC Library with up-to-date literature. Shop Our Class Page: <https://orders.scholastic.com/YTMZ4>.

...Our congregation has successfully called a **new pastor**. His name is Stephen Hilding; he and his wife, Annie, come to us from Tucson, Arizona. Their plans are to be in the area in May to start getting oriented to the new surroundings and the new position. More information will be coming as it is available.

February 2023 Financials	
General Fund Income	\$18,545.60
General Fund Disbursements	<u>\$22,906.42</u>
Net	(\$4,360.82)



TROPICAL CYCLONE FREDDY

hit Malawi (and several other countries in the area) in late February and early March causing severe flooding and worsening the current cholera epidemic. Relief efforts are under way and the Northwest Synod of Wisconsin has two funds established on their webpage (one for Freddy relief and one for cholera). Contributions to the cyclone relief can be made at: <https://nswi.org/giving> (giving/ Malawi/ cyclone Freddie /amount....) or to CLC marked "Malawi". More information will be forthcoming when our partners in the ELC Malawi have had time to assess the full scope of the need.

– *The Outreach Committee*

SECURITY ALERT: to anyone who exits the church building using the door facing Wilcox Street – when using this door, please verify the door has **latched** after you are outside. **THANK YOU!**

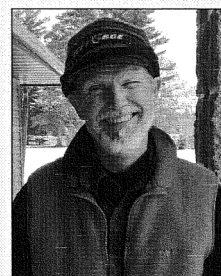


Join us as we



Dave in his first summer on staff.

RETIRE THE DEBT WITH DAVE



Dave, still smiling after 25 years!

Dave Dobbs, Property Manager at Luther Park Bible Camp for the past 25 years, will be retiring June 1. Join us for the April 22 Spring Work Day as we celebrate Dave's career in camp ministry. To honor Dave, we will be collecting gifts to retire the \$234,000 debt that remains on the new Ministry Center.

THE FIRST \$25,000 WILL BE MATCHED!

Send a check with "DAVE" on the memo line or give online at www.lutherpark.org



As the camp's largest climate-controlled meeting space, the Ministry Center is already seeing extensive use and is a key facility as Luther Park grows our year-round program.



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Blood Drive

Christ Lutheran Church

1306 Wilcox Street

Friday, April 14, 2023

12:00pm – 6:00pm

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YOUTH NEWS

Christ Time: make sure you let your mentors know that there will be a second **Mentor Night** on April 5 (date change).

Luther Park Spring Work Day: Saturday, April 22 8am-4pm. Josie is taking a group of youth to Luther Park Bible Camp for their **Spring Clean Up** day. This day is in place of our Retreat Weekend, so Christ Time attendance is expected. All others are welcome to join us. We will need to leave at 7am that morning. Please let her know if you're available to join us.

Christ Time Graduate Members: **Confirmation photos** are available. Please see Josie or the church office to pick yours up. Each child's prints are \$20.

Sunday Worship: 8:30am

Sunday School: 9:45am

Lenten Wednesday Worship: 5:30pm-6:15pm (March 29)

Christ Time Confirmation: 6:15pm

Palm Sunday Worship: 8:30am, Brunch 9:40am

Maundy Thursday Worship: 5:30pm with Communion

Good Friday Worship: 1pm

Easter Sunday Worship: 8:30am

Prayer Ventures for April

1 Arab American Heritage Month Remember in prayer the diverse gifts, stories and cultures of our Arab and Middle Eastern siblings in Christ, who remind us of the church's rich history and tradition. Ask God to bless the advocacy, witness, leadership development and ministry support provided by ELCA Arab and Middle Eastern Ministries and the Association of Lutherans of Arab and Middle Eastern Heritage.

2 Palm Sunday Pray for strength to follow Christ and the will of God, especially when fear of criticism or standing out discourages us from proclaiming and demonstrating our faith.

3 Give thanks for the chance to study, pray, reflect and give during ELCA World Hunger's 40 Days of Giving, joining partners, companions, friends and neighbors around the world in doing God's work.

4 "How precious is your steadfast love, O God! All people may take refuge in the shadow of your wings" (Psalm 36:7). Give thanks and praise for God's love and grace, which envelop all people and are never deterred by borders, divisions or regulations of our making.

5 Remember in prayer people who live in despair and yearn for hope, especially those recovering from natural disasters, incarcerated in prisons and jails, displaced by war and economic crises, or suffering poverty, hunger, unemployment or lack of shelter.

6 Maundy Thursday When we gather for communion with our siblings in Christ, we remember when Jesus gathered with disciples, friends and strangers around a meal. Give thanks for the bread and wine that remind us of God's abundant mercy and the sacrificial love of Jesus Christ, providing us the nourishment to live our baptismal call, walk in God's ways, serve our neighbor and share the gospel.

7 Good Friday Ask the Spirit to renew and strengthen our faith as we recall the suffering, death and resurrection of Jesus for the sake of the world. Pray that our hope will be stirred and our lives energized by God's grace, given despite our complexity, weakness and suffering.

8 Holy Saturday Give thanks that darkness and death no longer hold us captive — God's promise of forgiveness, freedom and new life has been fulfilled for us in the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

9 Easter Sunday "Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised" (Matthew 28:5-6). Praise God! Give thanks that our lives, purpose and hope are forever changed in the risen Christ, God's tangible expression of love and mercy for humankind.

10 Give thanks for musicians, choirs, cantors, music directors, orchestras and bands that give witness to our faith, draw us into worship and reflection, and help us express our joy and praise to God.

11 [Remember in prayer ELCA missionaries and Young Adults in Global Mission serving alongside our companions](#) in Germany, Austria, Belgium and the United Kingdom.

12 Give thanks for God's steadfast love and kindness, which are so often obscured by our daily activities, concerns and distractions.

13 Pray for students in our seminaries who, responding to the Spirit's call, explore opportunities for ministry and service wherever God is at work in the world.

14 Pray for the Peace Not Walls campaign as we work for justice, peace, human rights, reconciliation and healing in Palestine and Israel. Ask that our efforts might yield results as we accompany the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land and all Jews, Christians and Muslims working together for peace with justice.

15 Give thanks for teachers in our public schools and pray that God will sustain and renew their energy and commitment as they manage the challenges of their vocation. Ask the Spirit to grant them compassion, wisdom and skill to attend to the needs of students and parents, and promise to generously support their service.

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16 The story of Thomas, who was skeptical when Jesus first appeared to the disciples after his resurrection, is not unlike our own when we feel doubt and yearn for proof of God's presence and love. Ask God to forgive our uncertainty, and pray that our faith, like Thomas', will be renewed, so that we, too, might proclaim of Jesus, "My Lord and my God!" (John 20:28).

17 Pray for our presiding bishop, Elizabeth A. Eaton, that the Spirit will sustain her faith and wisdom and continue to equip her for guiding our church through the challenges of doing God's work in an ever-changing world.

18 Ask God to help us serve our neighbors in need, share the gospel, endure all hardships in this world and find comfort in the assurance of "an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven" (1 Peter 1:4).

19 Remember in prayer ELCA missionaries and Young Adults in Global Mission serving alongside our companions in Mexico, Bolivia, Colombia, Chile, Argentina, Uruguay, Honduras, Nicaragua, Costa Rica and Brazil.

20 Pray for God's counsel in how to be a positive, compassionate and healing influence in society and the world, following the path of life, light and truth.

21 Pray for the leaders, voting members and others gathering for the assemblies of the Western Iowa and Southwestern Texas synods, that the Spirit will strengthen, guide and inspire them as they reflect on the mission of the church, choose leaders and encourage one another to proclaim the gospel and serve our neighbors in need.

22 *Earth Day* Praise God for the diverse and abundant natural resources that sustain life, the interconnection of all that exists, and the wonders of creation that inspire and humble us. Pray that we will wisely steward what God has entrusted to our care and work diligently to restore what we have damaged and depleted — for the well-being of humanity and the honor of our Creator.

23 Pray that we might take advantage of opportunities to talk with one another about our faith, our questions, our thoughts and the challenges of following Christ.

24 Pray for farmers, ranchers and agricultural workers who, each spring, prepare, plant and tend fields, orchards and herds so that they will produce bountiful harvests and feed the world.

25 Rejoice in the good news that God has reclaimed us with the blood of Christ — Savior, Messiah and Teacher, the light of the world and the bread of life that sustains our spirit.

26 Remember in prayer musicians and worship leaders gathering online for the Music that Makes Community webinar "Composing Ourselves: A Laboratory for Creating Congregational Songs." Pray that the Spirit will inspire and nurture their skills for writing new worship songs drawn from diverse cultures and traditions.

27 Thank God for listening and responding to our prayers, both spoken and silent.

28 Pray for the leaders, voting members and others gathering for the assemblies of the Minneapolis Area, Northern Texas-Northern Louisiana and Alaska synods, that the Spirit will strengthen, guide and inspire them as they reflect on the mission of the church, choose leaders and encourage one another to proclaim the gospel and serve our neighbors in need.

29 Pray for the leaders, voting members and others gathering for the assemblies of the Northwest Intermountain Synod, the Northeastern Minnesota Synod and the Northwest Synod of Wisconsin, that the Spirit will strengthen, guide and inspire them as they reflect on the mission of the church, choose leaders and encourage one another to proclaim the gospel and serve our neighbors in need.

30 Pray that our faith might grow and mature as the Spirit guides and encourages us through worship, service, Bible study, involvement in a faith community, and the witness of our global companions.

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Pastoral Ministry

Ministers: All Members of the Congregation.
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Lutheran Campus Ministry Director: Sara Reed
(lcmstoutdirector@gmail.com)

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Youth Ministry

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Sunday School (COSMO)

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Accompanist: Mary Merritt

Maintenance

Custodian: Tom Surdick

Missionary Sponsorship

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Treasurer: Dick Rank/Tricia Rank-Larson
Office Hours: Monday through Thursday - 8:30am to 3pm;
Friday - office closed

Radio Ministry

Radio Broadcast on 880 AM Sundays at 9:30am

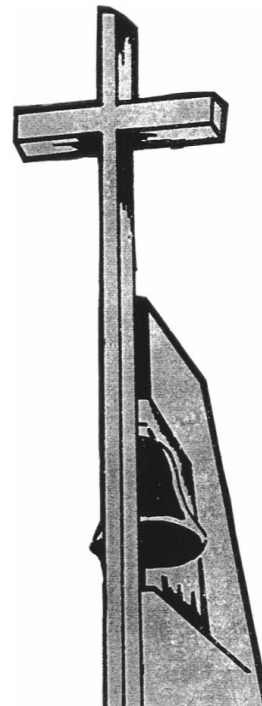
Livestream Ministry

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Internet Ministry

Sunday bulletins, newsletters, video of Sunday services, volunteer opportunities and much more may be found at www.Welcome2CLC.com

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April 2023 - Christ Lutheran Church

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2 PALM SUNDAY 8:30 AM Worship service (in-person and livestream) 9:40 AM Palm Sunday Brunch	3 Palm Monday 5:30 PM Worship with Holy Communion in the Sanctuary	4 ALL COMMITTEE NIGHT 7:00 AM -8:00 PM Election in Fellowship Hall 5:30 PM Committee Meet 6:30 PM Cmte's and council meet in sanctuary 7:00 PM Council	5 3:30 PM THE SPOT 5:00 PM-6:00 PM CLC FoodShelf 5:00 PM-6:00 PM Wednesday's Table 5:30 PM CIA Youth Group 6:15 PM 8ths Only 6:15 PM Christ Time 6:15 PM -7:00 PM High School Youth	6 Maundy Thursday 5:30 PM Worship with Holy Communion	7 Good Friday 1:00 PM Worship	1
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