



THE BEACON

April 2017

Christ Lutheran Church
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Sunday Divine Worship 8 & 10:30 a.m.
Sunday School & Bible Study 9 a.m.
Wednesday Morning Bible Study 10 a.m.
Wednesday Divine Service 6:30 p.m.

Midweek Lenten Series The Salutory Gift

April 5 (12:15 & 6:30 p.m.)
"Nuptial Feast"



Holy Week Schedule

Sunday of the Passion – April 9
(Palm Sunday with palm procession)
8:00 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion
10:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion

Maundy Thursday – April 13
(Note: There is no 12:15 service)
6:30 pm Divine Service with Holy Communion

Good Friday – April 14
12:15 p.m. Liturgy of the Cross
6:30 p.m. Tenebrae Service

Holy Saturday – April 15
The Easter Vigil – 6:30 p.m.

Easter Sunday – April 16
8:00 a.m. Festival Divine Service with Holy Communion
9:00 a.m. Easter Breakfast
9:45 a.m. Easter Egg Hunt
10:30 a.m. Festival Divine Service with Holy Communion

Easter Vigil Service – April 15

Commit to attending the 6:30 p.m. Service on **Holy Saturday** called **the Easter Vigil**, which is actually our first Easter service.

The Easter Vigil is one of the oldest, most unique of all Christian liturgies (definitely NOT "same ol', same ol'). In it we hear key Old Testament passages, waiting like the ancient people of God as they waited for the fulfillment of the promises. We wait in physical darkness as they waiting in spiritual darkness for God's faithfulness. But then breaks in the light and the glory, as "Christ is risen" breaks out and we celebrate the first remembrance of Christ's resurrection. It is a candlelight service, it may include baptism and will include the Eucharist. The Easter Vigil involves all of our senses and is very moving.

One of the fathers of the church, Chrysostom, issued an Easter proclamation that began with these words:

"Are there any who are devout lovers of God? Let them enjoy this beautiful bright festival! Are there any who are grateful servants? Let them rejoice and enter into the joy of their Lord! Are there any weary with fasting? Let them now receive their wages!"

The celebration of Christ's passion and resurrection is worthy of our time for it is the center of our faith and joy. Join us during Holy Week for as many of the services as you are able—and bring a friend!

Candidates (both infant and adult) for Holy Baptism at our Easter Vigil should immediately contact pastor or the church office to make arrangements.

Potluck Easter Breakfast

Each Easter we have a wonderful breakfast between the services. As always volunteers are needed to help out and bring the food, especially with clean up. The Easter Breakfast will start at 9 a.m. on Easter Sunday. It will be a potluck again. Please sign up on the office door. There are a lot of options to sign up for so please help out.

Easter Egg Hunt

Once again there will be an Easter Egg Hunt on Easter Sunday after the breakfast at 9:45 a.m.

Things to Watch for During Easter

We've celebrated a good Lent and used the 40 days to prepare. We've celebrated Holy Week as a time to walk with Christ in His passion. Now it is Easter, a Pentecost ("fifty") day celebration of new life.

Notice the *color* on the altar and pastor's stole is white reflecting the heavenly glory of Christ and summoning us to joy. The *paschal candle* is lit during all the services of Easter. It reminds us of the pillar of fire that led the Israelites through the Red Sea and He who led us out of death in the waters of Baptism. (In some congregations *water* is kept in the baptismal font during this season so people may visit the waters from which our life springs). The living *flowers* that adorn the chancel speak of that same life in Christ. The *celebration of Holy Communion* is yet another mark of the paschal (Easter) celebration. The new Passover which brings us a potent medicine of immortality in the holy Body and Blood of the Christ is offered to us by the Savior Himself through his called minister.

Easter Bunny: Are You For Real?

OK, I didn't come up with the title. Author Harold Myra penned some books to answer his own children's questions about Christian holidays and celebrations and how Santa Claus or the Easter bunny fit into the picture. In case you haven't read the book, "*Easter Bunny; Are You For Real,*" allow me to give you my abridged version:

"Michelle's" kindergarten class is making a large Easter bunny out of paper mache. When her little brother, Greg, sees their comical creation he exclaims "naughty!" Greg is too young to explain, so their father asks Michelle what he meant by the outburst. Michelle recalls that at church "someone said that it's a shame the way kids get all excited about the Easter bunny." When Michelle's other brother, Todd, says that he *likes* the Easter bunny Michelle asks her father, "Daddy, how'd the Easter bunny get into Easter anyhow?"

Their father sits down to tell the children about the tradition. "Let's go back to the beginning...back to Jesus' friends just before Easter. They had seen Jesus grabbed by soldiers. They saw him killed on the cross, then buried. All their dreams were gone. What a terrible day! Jesus was dead." "But three days later—that first Easter dawn—Jesus broke out of his grave. He was alive again! He walked and talked with his friends. He ate with them. 'See my hands and my feet,' Jesus told them. 'It is I, Touch me and see!'" "His disciples suddenly knew everything was different. Jesus would live forever. And they would too! Now they knew death was the beginning, not the end."

"But why did Jesus let those bad guys kill him in the first place?" Todd asked, "Especially if he's so powerful."

Dad explains. "Jesus could have destroyed them. But they were people he came to save. All of us are 'bad guys,' you know—we've all disobeyed God. But Jesus died and rose again so God would forgive us—so we could live forever with him."

Michelle persists. "But where'd the Easter bunny come in?"

Dad continues: "While the early Christians celebrated Easter, others were celebrating springtime. After a cold, dark winter, people were glad to see new leaves and flowers, and animals having babies—kittens and chicks and foals—and, yes, bunnies. Rabbit stories just grew out of that. Like the old story from Germany in which a poor woman put colored eggs in a nest. Just as her children discovered them, a rabbit leaped away. Soon kids said that the rabbit had brought the eggs. Even today, people are making up new stories about the Easter bunny."

"You mean," asked Michelle, "the Easter bunny has nothing to do with the real Easter?"

"That's right," said Dad, "He's part of celebrating spring—but that's all. Spring is nature coming back to life again—it's God's picture of Jesus rising from the dead."

Their mother calls from the kitchen where she is hard boiling some eggs to color. "Where do the eggs come in?"

"For the 40 days before Easter (what we call Lent) early Christians used to fast as they remembered Christ's sufferings. Fasting reminds us of dying with Christ. Then comes Easter—the sad time is over. Feast time arrives! Eggs remind us of new life. They were brought to the table colored red for Easter joy. We have new life in Christ, so eat and make merry," says Dad.

"I like that part!" Todd exclaims.

Christ is Risen! He is risen indeed! A blessed Easter to all!

Pastor Schield

Church Council Minutes

March 9, 2017

Members Present: Pastor Schoessow, Wayne Ploetz, Elisabeth Hannula, John Robinson, Don Hauser, Len Campbell and Sharyn Vengrin

Call to order: Don Hauser

Call for additional agenda items: None

Opening Prayer: Lead by Pastor Schoessow

Minutes from Council Meeting: Len made the motion to accept the February 9, 2017 minutes Liz seconded with correction. John Robinson added to Members Present. All in favor. Motion Carried.

Pastor's Report:

Ash Wednesday is March 12, 2017 Installation Service for Pastor Schield March 5, 4:00

Daylight Savings Time begins March 12, 2017

Reception of new members

Life in Christ/Life at Christ new member class

Palm Sunday April 9 begins Holy Week

Our 125th Anniversary Day June 6, 2017

Treasurers Report: Checking account balance: \$30,837.10 John made the motion to accept the report with correction. Len seconded. All in favor. Motion Carried.

BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Board of Deacons: No Report

Trustees Report:

1. Belknap P&H is adjusting the price of the circulation pump from \$2,042.20 to \$1,960.00.
2. Replaced the P-trap under the scullery sink in the kitchen. It was leaking.
3. Badger Storage and Excavating Co. Cut the brush on the west side of the drive way on 3/2/17. The unit broke down and is in for repair. Will finish as soon as it is fixed.
4. Changed the timers to daylight saving time.

Board of Stewardship & Evangelism: No meeting as of yet. We are providing soup supper. We are also in need of new members. Orphan Grain Train collection was \$296.00.

Board of Education:

1. Lutheran Island Camp Summer Program
 - a. Ken Erlandson met with us after church on February 26 to discuss the LIC summer camp.
 - b. We've tentatively scheduled a meatball dinner fundraiser for April 2 after the second service. Suggested donation: adults \$8, children 12 and younger \$4. Thrivent will offer a donation to offset the cost of the food.

- c. We may suggest that members of the congregation sponsor a needy child, if they wish. We also need to consider how much to discount families with more than one child.
- d. Lent Soup and Sandwich date: April 5
- e. Easter Sunday (April 16)
Roni will fill the eggs as usual. No Sunday school class on Easter Sunday.
- f. May activity: Bowling (no date yet)
- g. Youth group has resumed.

Memorial Committee: No Report

Endowment Committee: No Report

Memorial Garden: Same

Old Business:

Planning update

1. Youth Leader Discovery Group is Dissolved
2. Constitution Update: Tabled
3. Discuss Membership sections of Constitution and Bylaws

New Business:

- a. Special Voter's Assembly March 26th Kitchen Dishwasher
- b. Janitor Pay Discussed raise. Talk with Janitor to clarify wage hike. Liz made the motion to give wage hike (clarify wage hike) Wayne seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.
- c. 125 Anniversary was discussed.
- d. Annual Audit will be April 1, 2017-9:00 am

Request to use Fellowship Hall: None

Next Council Meeting: April 13, 2017 @ 5:00 pm

Adjournment: Lord's Prayer

Respectfully submitted by: Sharyn Vengrin

Special Voter's Meeting

March 26, 2017

Call to Order: Don Hauser

Opening Prayer: Pastor Schoessow

New Business

Choosing dishwasher for kitchen: Don explained all of the options

Selection of Option 2 was made. Motion was made and Vote taken.

Option 2: Champion DH-5000-VHR

Approximate cost: \$28,830.00

Sharyn made the motion that we accept Option 2-Champion-DH-5000-VHR

Millie seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

125th Anniversary Dinner: Kurtz Catering will be catering the Anniversary Dinner On June 4, 2017. Payment will be made out of General Savings.

Motion was made by Sharyn and Seconded by Mary to accept the proposal from Kurtz Catering.

Set to be on June 4, 2017. All in favor. Motion carried.

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Stewardship

Easter is a moveable feast. Easter isn't on the same calendar date every year in the way that Christmas is always celebrated on December 25. The date for Easter each year always falls on the first Sunday after the first full moon after the Spring equinox. And once you find the date of Easter, everything else finds its place—Good Friday and Maundy Thursday, Ash Wednesday and the Transfiguration, the Ascension of our Lord and Pentecost.

All this is a long way of saying that Easter determines everything. Easter defines everything. It orders not only the entire church year, but it orders our very lives. It defines and gives meaning to our lives, as well to the things that happen in them. And since Easter defines everything, that means it changes everything too. It redefines who we are and where we stand with God and with one another. Easter makes all things new.

Without Easter, Jesus would not be raised from the dead. Without Easter death would still reign, we would still be in our trespasses and sins, and our faith and hope would be in vain. But Jesus is raised from the dead. Easter changes everything. It makes all things new. Therefore, darkness is overcome with light, wrath with peace, fear with hope, angst with rest, sadness with joy, hatred with love, sin with righteousness, and death with life. Easter changes everything, redefines everything, determines everything. Easter makes all things new.

Thus, Easter also changes our attitude about giving. For if God gave us His own Son into death so that we will live, how will He not give us everything else we need? He will, and He does. He provides for us. He even gives us the gifts that we give back to Him for service in the church. Easter demonstrates that we have a God who loves us, a God who provides for us, a God who presses us into His service, a God who has made us new in the death and resurrection of His Son.

For when you give to the church, you pass along those things that God alone has given to you. You pass along the message to others that Easter changes everything and makes all things new, even as it has done this for you. This is not a burden, but pure joy. For God has given you a part in the administration of His kingdom. He provides for the needy through your hands. He ensures that the Gospel is preached and the Sacraments are given out through the work of your hands and in the gifts

that you give. And He honors and blesses this work and generosity as it redounds to those around you.

So when you sit down on the first day of the week to make your offering to the place where Easter is proclaimed and where the gifts of Easter are given out, remember: Easter changes everything. It makes all things new. More than that: Easter has changed you and made you new. Because Jesus who was crucified for our transgressions is raised for our justification.

Why? A Layman's Guide to the Liturgy Why are the candles lit from top to bottom and extinguished from bottom to top?

When the candles are lit for the service, the ones closest to the center are lit first, moving outward from there. This is to signify that the source of our life and salvation comes from the altar. The altar not only signifies the sacrifice of Christ for our sins, but is also the place from which the Holy Sacrament is given.

Christ, the light of the world, is truly given to us in the Holy Sacrament, from the altar. Therefore the light of the world truly shines forth from the altar. The lighting of candles outward from the altar (the topmost candles being also the innermost candle, and so forth) signifies this truth. Light goes forth from the altar at the close of the service, the candles are extinguished in reverse order, as a further signification of this: the light returns to the altar whence it came, that we might be reminded that it will come forth from there again and again, to the end of the world

The Time of Easter

This is a time God places special people in our lives--a time when the unchurched see the Christian community celebrate Easter. They see every Christian setting aside time to remember their baptism and practice their Christian lives in preparation for Easter with devotion and care.

It is at this time that you can invite the unchurched to learn about Jesus and to be active in the church. A Christian can take this time to really show an act of kindness which may disarm some of the skepticism, hurt feelings and mistrust some unchurched people might harbor.

***May Newsletter
Submissions are
due by***

CLC 125th Anniversary Apparel

On June 6th, Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church, established June 6, 1892, will be 125 years old. We are celebrating by offering for sale 125th Anniversary apparel and other items, including many clothing items, along with baseball caps, jute tote bags, and coffee mugs (logo on one side and Bible verse on the other). Final orders received by end of day of Sunday, April 16, and plan for May 14 as the distribution date.

There is a display in the Narthex. Order forms are available, along with samples, on the table in front of the display. A **personal check should be made out to: Hill Creek Marketing and should be attached to the order form and placed in the "Campbell" mailbox, or given to Roni.** If you have questions pertaining to the sale, **Len Campbell or Kathie Allen** will be around on Sundays or we can be contacted via phone at 218-391-5829 (Len) or 218-343-3421 (Kathie) for assistance

Rummage Sale

The board of Christian Education is having a rummage sale on Saturday May 20, 2017 from 8 a.m. until 2 p.m. As you start your spring cleaning projects keep us in mind and bring any of your clean and gently used (saleable) items and clothing. You may drop your items off in the fellowship hall the week of the sale.

Please DO NOT bring in: large appliances, microwaves, mattresses, doors, computer equipment, TVs, cell phones, rechargeable appliances, paint, oil or any hazardous waste. The items that remain after the sale go to Goodwill and they do not accept any of these things. Any questions at all please do not hesitate to call the church office 715-398-3680

This sale is another fundraising event to reduce the cost of the day camp in June. Thank you very much for your support.

LWML Spring Rally

Spring Rally will take place on Saturday, April 29 starting with registration 10 – 10:30 a.m. at Faith Lutheran Church in Silver Bay. Registration is \$5. "The Reformation–500 Years" will be presented by the Rev. Robert Franck. There will be a Grand Marais update. Ingathering will be for the Silver Bay Veterans Home, items needed; shampoo, toothpaste, toothbrush, deodorant, denture cream, soap, lotion, foot spray, aftershave/cologne, hairbrushes & Kleenex packs. Please join us, see your old friends, make a carpool!

Head Start

Head Start is now accepting applications for the 2017-2018 Head Start program years. Head Start serves prenatal women & children birth to 5 years of age and services to children with disabilities. Superior Head Start sites are authorized Community Preschool Sites (4k). Applications can be obtained at the administrative office at 1507 Tower Ave., Suite 312, phone 1-800-392-4473.

Or 1500 N 34th St. Suite 400, 715-392-6286 or 518 Grand Ave., 715-392-9848. Parents or guardians must provide child's birth certificate, proof of income such as income tax forms, W-2 forms or paycheck stubs when applying. Income eligibility is required.

Lutheran Island Camp

Brochures are out for the spring and summer camps offered by Lutheran Island Camp, you will find them on the tables in the narthex.

Youth Upcoming Events

All 7th – 12th grade youth are invited to attend any or all events! We study God's Word in a variety of ways – music videos with today's current Christian artists, creative Bible lessons, and issues that relate to the youth! Join us! Bring a friend!

Christ's Men

Men, Let's Do Lunch

Christ's Men will meet on Tuesday, April 4 at 12 noon at the Upper Deck Restaurant at the Bong airport. This is an opportunity to gain guidance and spiritual support from God's Word as well as an excellent opportunity for Christian friendship.

Defending the Faith, Teaching the Truth

Issues, Etc. is a talk radio show hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken and produced by Lutheran Public Radio. Recent topics include: Same-Sex Marriage, Reformation *Solas*, Depression, Radical Islam, What Boys Need, Pro-Life Women and more. Listen to what you want when you want at www.issuesetc.org.

Food for the Local Food Shelf

The first Sunday of every month is when you need to bring in your donations of non-perishable food items for the local food shelf. You may put your items under the table in the narthex. This is given to those in need and then to the local food pantry.

Do We Have Your Current Email Address?

Are you receiving email from Christ Lutheran? If not, you are missing important and timely information from your church. We will not flood your inbox or share your email address (addresses are always hidden when sent from church). Please help us keep you informed! Call the office at 715-398-3680 or send it to clcoffice320@gmail.com

Looking for something?

The LCMS staffs the "Church Information Center", which offers a great deal of help and resources on a variety of topics. To contact the CIC with your questions, you may write: infocenter@lcms.org or call toll free 1.888.843.5267

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

1 Jack Karpinen
Amy Kirchoff
2 Alvin (A.C.) Morin
4 Joann Erdman
Roni Hauser
April Rosedahl
5 Johanna Bennis
Mary Granstrom
David Manos
6 Anne Schultz
Johnathon Seboe
9 Jeffrey Austin
Dale Schumacher
Nicole Michalski
10 Bonnie Andersen
Kathleen Derick
11 Dan Filteau
Colleen Blomquist
12 Norman Derick
13 Jim Johnson
14 Dorinda Sorenson
15 Joye Bedard
Jessie Mullikin
17 Loudella Swanfeld
18 Jean Becken
19 Hannah Blomquist
20 Marvin Pitt
21 Helena Frost
Mark Anderson
22 Jeffrey Nestrud
26 Karen Ahola
Cole Mack
29 Eleanor Oexemann
Troy Filteau
Mary Ann Ross
30 Roger Dittbrender
Morgan Amundson