

The Crusader

Christ Lutheran Church
315 N Shipley Street
Seaford, DE 19973
Rev. Ray M. Rogers
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8:30 am Praise Worship
9:45 am Sunday School
11:00 am Traditional Worship



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Pastor's Portion—An Easter Surprise

Life is full of “surprises.” But not all of these unexpected events are good, such as a shocking turn for the worse as far as our health; a major car repair we had not budgeted for; or conflict with a family member or friend that had been simmering underneath the surface but suddenly erupts in the open.

Where do we turn when developments like these overwhelm us? We turn to our faithful God and Father and to His Son Jesus, who will “never leave us or forsake us” (Heb. 13:5). Our Lord and Savior will surprise us with His help!

No one was more “down in the dumps” than the disciples, when they gathered behind closed and locked doors that first Sunday evening after Jesus’ death. Though Jesus had told them at least three times that He must go to Jerusalem and there be betrayed into the hands of sinful men, be crucified, and rise again on the third day, they had forgotten both His warnings and His promises. They all forsook him and fled, when He, their Good Shepherd, was struck (cf. Matthew 26:31). They could not believe that this Good Shepherd, who was laying down His life for all the world’s straying sheep, would take his life back up again in the resurrection (John 10:17-18).

Jesus surprised the disciples by coming right where they were gathered in that upper room. He would appear more than once to them, overcoming even the doubts of someone like Thomas. He would breathe on them His Holy Spirit, both to comfort them and to empower them for His service. He surprised them by loving them with an everlasting love.

May Jesus surprise you during this season of Lent, leading up to Easter. May He surprise you by reassuring you of His love and forgiveness. May He surprise you by causing all things, even the difficulties and setbacks of your life, to work together for your good and God’s eternal glory (Rom. 8:28-30).

Please take note of all the special Lenten services remaining on Wednesdays at 12 and 7 p.m. We’ll save a place for you on Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter as well!

Love in Christ,
Pastor Ray

From the President

ALL HANDS ON DECK!

Chocolate Easter egg time is coming soon. This is our biggest fundraiser for LWML. Last year, they donated over \$8000 that was used to purchase new communion ware, sponsor mite projects, and choosing a missionary to sponsor. We sold about 2,000 large eggs! That means we need to make over 2,000 large eggs this year, plus probably an equal number of small eggs. Friday, March 15th and Saturday March 16th are the big days! We need everyone! We need everyone's friends and family. This is a great day for fellowship! Please join us! Don't wait to be asked I just did!

Dave Rose

CPR Training

There will be a hands-on training for CPR/AED on March 28th 1:00-3:00. The cost is \$10 to pay for the American Heart Association's card. The training is good for 2 years. There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex. The class size is limited to 8. Help save a life!

Dave Rose

THANK YOU

Michelle and I wanted to thank everyone for the overwhelming retirement celebration you all gave us. Your kindness and generosity, love and gifts are much appreciated. We love all of you. Thanks also to Carol Schreffler and her crew for the meal, cake and cupcakes shared with all.

Once again THANK YOU.

Pastor Dave and Michelle

MARCH FOOD SHELF MINISTRY REPORT

The floodgates have opened and God's blessings are overflowing!

Several opportunities to assist our neighbors with rent and electric bills were met in January/February. We were also able to provide Code Purple assistance for those experiencing homelessness during the winter months. Essential items such as several backpacks, thermal underwear, gloves, socks and boxes of hand and foot warmer packets were purchased and delivered. A monetary donation to support the overnight emergency shelters was given and a thank you note from Love, INC, Code Purple is posted on the bulletin board in the Narthex.

Two hundred sixty-five (265) non-perishable food items were donated in February and more than \$300 was raised by the LWML "Soup"er Bowl luncheon free-will donation. LWML increased this amount to \$500. Thanks to all for your generosity!

Malachi 3:10

Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this says the Lord Almighty, "and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that there will not be room enough to store it."

Blessings

Food Shelf Coordinator

Linda Boone

LWML Mission Highlight

National Grant

EXPANDING GOSPEL PROCLAMATION WORLDWIDE - CONCORDIA SEMINARY, ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI - \$100,000

Concordia Seminary is committed to furthering the Great Commission with its Graduate School's ongoing acceptance and preparation of highly qualified international students and addressing the significant shortage of well-formed pastors in most countries. Many of these students, after earning their advanced theological degrees, will become master's and doctorate level professors at their countries' seminaries. They will assume key roles in raising up the next generation of pastors to proclaim the Gospel among their people. They also will serve as leaders involved in further organizing and growing their church bodies, helping ensure that those living in every region of their nations will hear and learn of the wonderful message of salvation through Christ. This grant of \$100,000 will assist with the cost of education for these international students.

Chesapeake District Grant

LCMS INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS - \$6,000

Funding will provide direct support of missionaries Reverend Phillip and Deaconess Rachel Jaseph serving our Savior in Uruguay, South Africa. Reverend Phillip Jaseph is from our own LCMS Southeastern District.

January Mite Box Collection: \$416.50



Saturday, March 9, 2024

8:00am

Stargate Diner

23415 Sussex Hwy

Seaford, DE 19973

We hope to see you there

BSSP Article for March Newsletter

BSSP continues to collect food shelf items each Saturday morning for the Food Shelf program. We encourage our students in this effort to help those in our community by bringing in a canned good.

March Bible Stories

March 2 – Peter and John Heal the Lame Man

March 9 – God's Servant Stephen

March 16 – NO CLASS (Christ Lutheran Easter Egg Project)

March 23 – Phillip and the Ethiopian

March 30 – NO CLASS – Easter Break

Have a Blessed Easter.

Leona Tull and Donna Hassman

Co-coordinators



Upcoming Events

- Friends Supporting Friends—Mondays at 11 am
- March 3rd, 17th and 31st-Holy Communion at both services
- March 4th@7 pm Council Meeting
- March 6th, 13th and 20th-Lenten Services at 12 noon and 7 pm
- March 9th@8 am Breakfast at Stargate Diner, 10 am BSSP, 6:30 pm Bunco
- March 10th-Food Shelf Sunday
- March 15th from 2 pm to 4 pm Preparing for Easter Egg Making
- March 16th and 17th from 8 am to 4 pm Easter Egg Making
- March 17th-Mite Box Sunday
- March 19th through March 22nd from 9 am to 6 pm Easter Egg pickup
- March 19th@3 pm Lay Ministry Meeting
- March 28th@7 pm Maundy Thursday Service
- March 29th@7 pm Good Friday Service
- March 31st@8:30 am and 11 am Easter Sunday Services with Communion with Easter breakfast and Easter egg hunt in between services



March 3	Millie Kluckman
March 10	Larry Foster
March 17	Carol & Russ Taylor
March 24	Ruth Williams
March 31	Congregation

"Soup"er Bowl Luncheon Thank You

Our Christ Lutheran LWML (Lutheran Women in Mission) is so thankful for all the support our church members provided to help make our "Soup"er Bowl Luncheon a success. We had a wonderful opportunity to enjoy delicious food and fellowship with our friends. The soups and desserts were amazing. Thank you to our talented soup chefs and bakers. Our Luncheon raised over \$300 and collected several bags of nonperishable items for our Food Shelf Ministry. At our February meeting, our LWML decided to present the Food Shelf with a \$500 offering. Thank you so much for your generous contributions and support.

It's Easter Egg Time Again AND We Need YOU!!

Are you ready for Easter? Our LWML needs Easter Egg orders. LOTS of Easter Egg orders! Please help by telling your friends and neighbors. We have order slips available in the narthex if you would like to take orders and drop them off at church, or just grab a flyer and share the information, and your friends can call in their own orders. Our homemade chocolate covered eggs have peanut butter, coconut, or butter cream filling, and cost \$5.00 each. A variety pack of 6 mini eggs is \$10.00. Call our Church Office at 629-9755, or Shirley Jenkins at 629-3106, to order. Orders need to be made by March 13.

Would you like to help us make the eggs? We definitely need your help with that! Many hands make light work ... AND, it's really fun to join together and work on egg making. It's a great way to learn more about our church members and make new friends. We need mixers and molders, and dippers and boxers to make our awesome eggs. You might even learn several different jobs. We will be making about 2,000 large eggs, and 2,000 small eggs. That's why we REALLY need your help. Egg making begins Saturday, 3/16, from 8am to 4 pm, and continues Sunday 3/17, after church to 4 pm. Lunch is provided both days. Join us for the fellowship and fun on March 16 and 17. We are looking forward to seeing you!

Christ Lutheran LWML Upcoming Events

March 15, 16, 17 – Preparing for Easter Egg Making and Making Easter Eggs. Everyone is invited! Join us on Friday, 3/15 from 2pm to 4 pm, Saturday, 3/16, 8am to 4pm, and Sunday, 3/17, after church, to mix, mold, dip, and box our homemade delicious Easter eggs.

March 19 - 22 – Easter Egg Orders Pickup. Easter eggs can be picked up Tuesday through Friday from 9am to 6pm.

April 18 – LWML Meeting @ 2pm. Join us in the Conference Room for devotions & meeting.

April 20 – Spring DelMarVa LWML Zone Rally, 9am to 2pm. Join us as we carpool to Our Redeemer Lutheran in Newark, DE, for fellowship and fun with LWML Zone members.

May 16 – End-of-Year Dinner @ 5:30pm. All women are invited to dinner at Passwaters Restaurant at Heritage Shores on the veranda for an evening of fellowship and fun.

A Note From “The Flower Girl”

Easter flowers are now needed for the church altar! Please sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board that hangs outside Luther Hall. The flowers are \$9.00 each. You can choose from daffodils, white lilies, pink tulips or red tulips. Please make checks payable to **“JEFF’S GREENHOUSE.”** If you order flowers, please put your payment in the church office in the mailbox marked, “Flowers.” There are envelopes in that mailbox where you can place your money. Do not put your payment in the offering plate. Be sure to put your name on your payment. **Flowers must be paid for before the deadline.** The deadline for orders and payment is March 10th. If you want to take your flower(s) home, please be sure to pick it up after the **late** service on Easter Sunday. All flowers need to be picked up by the Tuesday after Easter. Thank you for your orders! The flowers look so beautiful on our Easter altar! Any questions call Melissa Cooper at 302-542-6424. Thanks for signing up!



March Birthdays

01 Maurice Bassler
02 Peg Farmer
06 Doug Halfmann
08 Carol Maben
13 Michael Dunn
14 Charles Wall
15 Lee Scriba
15 Fran Ash
18 John Hassman
21 Hilary Cooper
24 Carl Boone

March Anniversaries

04 Jim & Judy Bruhn
29 Roy & Kathryn
Lamberton



Easter falls on the last day of March. What a busy month this will be. There is no reason to feel alone. Come and participate in our Sunday worship services and Adult Sunday School. We also have worship opportunities on Wednesdays. You might consider Friends Supporting Friends on Mondays, and on Thursday nights you might want to join our Choir rehearsals. Perhaps you may want to volunteer with Bible School for Special People on Saturday mornings. Another great way to participate is our LWML Easter Egg Project. Look at all the ways to find fellowship!

As Stephen Ministers, we are concerned about our members who are struggling with their current situations. Do you need help finding resources to meet your current needs? We are currently updating our resource list.

Feel free to contact:

Aileen Watkins 302-930-7070 or Kathryn Lamberton
302-841-9622.

SAVE THE DATE



Bloom where you are planted.

Lutheran Women in Mission
Spring Rally

Saturday, April 20, 2024

Our Redeemer Lutheran Church
10 Johnson Road, Newark, DE

9am-2pm

More info to come!

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