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CLC NEWSLETTER

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Pastor Kenneth Lentz - 928-970-1313



March, 2023

On Wednesday, Feb. 22, we began to observe the season of Lent by receiving the ashes upon our foreheads as a sign of confession that we are sinners and have fallen short of the glory of God. But the ashes were also a visible sign of our confession of those sins and our desire to enter into a 40-day journey of contrition and repentance. Our Holy Week observances this year will begin with Palm Sunday on April 2 at 9:30 a.m. On Maundy Thursday, we will meet in the Fellowship Hall at 5 p.m. to celebrate and learn about the Seder, the Passover meal of our Jewish brothers and sisters. Pastor Linda Fernandez will lead us through the centuries-old observance of the exodus of the Israelites out of Egyptian bondage. The Seder meal is the precursor of our sacrament of the altar which Jesus instituted at the Passover meal in the upper room. The Seder celebration will be followed by a full meal. Our Good Friday service will take place at 7 p.m. on April 7. Easter services will take place at 9:30 a.m. on April 7. A short service of commemoration for those recently departed will take place at 9 a.m. at the gazebo in our Memorial Garden.

Many Christians, in one way or another, celebrate the season of Lent. The origins of this pre-Easter season are not entirely clear but it seems that they have to do with a day-long fast before Easter (the Pascha) in the primitive church. Also, the early church began to assign the weeks before Easter as a time to prepare candidates for baptism, which took place on Saturday night.

Eventually, in the western church, the Lenten season became 40 days (excluding Sundays), the time that Jesus took to prepare himself, in the wilderness for his earthly ministry. By the fifth century, all Christians observed Lent by fasting, breaking away from sinful habits, focusing on virtues, giving alms, getting right with their neighbors, and forgiving those who had offended them. But rightly understood, Christianity has always insisted that the most important observance of Lent is one's preparation for the celebration of Easter.

In other words, Lent is a season dedicated to a happy ending. The solemnities of Lent have no meaning apart from the joy to which its days advance. Easter is the solution of a problem. The satisfaction that comes from the discovery of a solution cannot be savored without an appreciation for the riddle.

Lent's intention is to give the Christian the opportunity to reflect upon the problem. Most of the time, we call it sin. The New England Puritan primer put it this way, "In Adam's fall we sinned all." Honest folk will recognize their state of separation from that which we call God, and if we put much stock in the Bible, then it is separation from a loving, caring, merciful God.

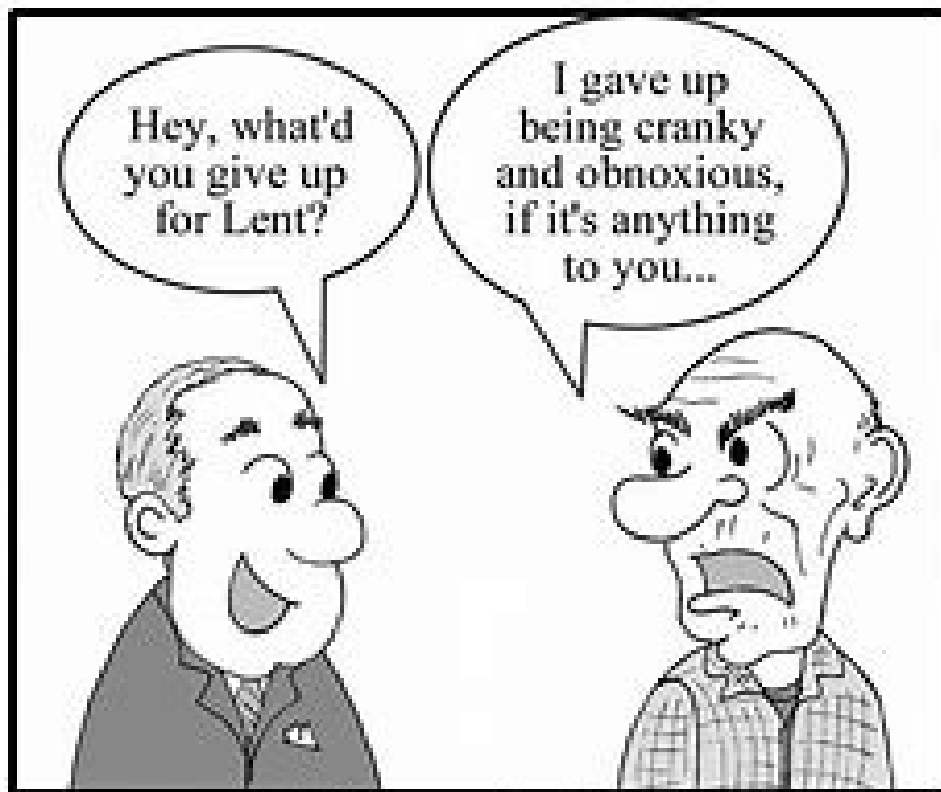
The days of Lent are days to reflect upon our need to be nourished spiritually, our need to give instead of to take, our need to ask God for sustenance, our need to anticipate the joy of His victory over our pride, self-reliance, apathy and the relentless search for the good life. The operating principle here is

the joy of giving, not the joy of taking. We do not **take** but we **receive** unmerited grace upon grace, what Paul calls the “abundance of grace.” (Romans 4).

Our season of Lent this year will be an opportunity to reflect upon the years of Christ Lutheran Church’s ministry and to re-dedicate ourselves to the task of proclaiming the gospel of Christ, and begin to put together a new vision of service to the Englewood community. In spite of the “bump in the road” called Hurricane Ian, our process of growth will not be interrupted and we look forward to CLC’s growing ministry. We hope to install our new hybrid organ in the fall and celebrate with a service and concert of inauguration. Blessings upon your Lenten journey.

Your fellow traveler,

Pastor Ken



www.catholiccartoonblog.blogspot.com

Music and Worship

The Music and Worship Committee met on February 1 and many issues were discussed as follows:

- ⌘ The piano in the sanctuary will be tuned on Feb. 24th.
- ⌘ A cover to protect the piano has been ordered.

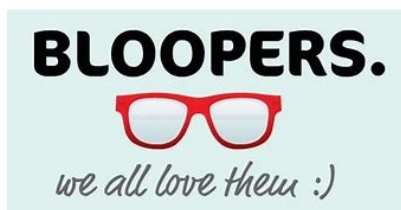
- ⌘ There will be no Hymn of Praise or Alleluia during Lent until Easter.
- ⌘ Ash Wednesday services were held at 7 PM with 30 in attendance.
- ⌘ Easter Lily donation envelopes will be distributed on March 12th.

- ⌘ We will dispense with the Passing of the Peace indefinitely.

HOLY WEEK:

- ⌘ Palms will be distributed at Palm Sunday Service (April 2ND) after which the altar will be stripped in preparation for the Maundy Thursday (April 6th) Seder service, which will be held at 5:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall with Pastor Linda Fernandez presiding. A celebratory dinner will be served at this gathering.
- ⌘ Good Friday, (April 7th) there will be a Vesper Service in the Sanctuary at 7 PM.

*Lois Greene,
Chair Music and Worship*



- ☺ The Rector will preach his farewell message after which the choir will sing "Break Forth into Joy."
- ☺ Irving Benson and Jessie Carter were married on October 24 in the church. So ends a friendship that began in their school days.
- ☺ Eight new choir robes are currently needed, due to the addition of several new members and to the deterioration of several others.

- ☺ A new loudspeaker system has been installed in the church. It was given by one of our members in honor of his wife.
- ☺ In the church bulletin during the minister's illness: GOD IS GOOD! Dr. Hargreaves is better.
- ☺ Lent is that period for preparing for Holy Weed and Easter.

ENGLEWOOD HELPING HAND

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THANK YOU for all the food and personal care items donated each Sunday and placed in our "Little Red Wagon". Our next time to serve will be W and TH, March 29 and 30. EHH is located on the campus of the Methodist church and is open on Wednesdays and Thursdays from 8-1, serving our neighbors in need. Thank you to Mary Anne and Tom DiGrazia, Roseanne and Larry Froemming, Brenda and Jim Sahlstrom, and Joyce and Bill Hanisits for their help in the pantry in February. Please see or call Carol Rice (941-475-1017) if you would like to volunteer with Englewood Helping Hand.



FAMILY PROMISE of SOUTH SARASOTA COUNTY Family Promise actively cares for homeless families by providing shelter, counseling, and meals, a week at a time in partnership with area churches. Whenever families are "at home" at Englewood United Methodist Church (EUMC), Christ Lutheran helps as a support congregation, assisting with meals, pantry items and hosting duties. Families were at EUMC February 5-12. Thank you to Paula Beehler, Peggy Elshoff, and Ellen Novotny for help with your help! If you would like to learn more about Family Promise or would like to assist in May, please talk with Carol Rice or Ellen Novotny. Also, check out the Family Promise website: info@familypromisessc.org



QUILTING AND KNITTING

Please join us for a time of Christian fellowship and service...no skills necessary. We are now meeting every Wednesday, from 9-Noon, in the Fellowship Hall. All willing hands and hearts are welcome. 47 Quilts were boxed and shipped to Lutheran World Relief in February, along with donations totaling \$500 for shipping costs. These quilts will bring warmth and signs of love to people around the world...people surviving disasters and those in war-torn areas. This has been a joyful ministry of our church for over 40 years. Thank you to all who participate!



KIDS' NEEDS of ENGLEWOOD

Kids' Needs has opened its new location at Heron Plaza on S. McCall Rd. For more information, please visit their website: kidsneedsenglewood.org





THRIVENT

Are you a Thrivent member? Please remember to direct your Choice Dollars each quarter. Christ Lutheran would feel blessed to receive these gifts. Also, please consider applying for a Thrivent Action Grant (value of \$250) to support a special project for our church and/or the community. Need a project idea? The Outreach Ministry Team will help.

TROSHUK FAMILY from UKRAINE

THANK YOU! The Troshuk family are grateful for all the LOVE, CARE, and GENEROSITY; for welcoming them to their new home in the USA. Please continue to pray for them and for PEACE for the people of Ukraine. AMEN!



*Our next Outreach Ministry Team meeting is on Thursday, March 9th at 11am. All are welcome on our team. Please share your ideas for reaching out into our community with Christ's love.

Peace and Joy!

Carol Rice for the Outreach Ministry Team



Victoria Roberts

"I'm giving up Google for Lent."

Bible Crossword Puzzle

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Bible Crossword Puzzle Clues

ACROSS

- 1 Assert
- 7 Junk e-mail
- 11 Air blower
- 14 Where we all want to end up
- 15 ___ hoop
- 16 Compass point
- 17 Number to be added
- 18 Heroic
- 19 Unrefined
- 20 Peak
- 22 Fire remains
- 23 Expert
- 24 Wicked city
- 29 River of Mesopotamia
- 31 Excessive interest
- 32 Turf
- 34 Holy person
- 35 Pig
- 36 Respects
- 38 Large weight unit
- 39 Boxer Muhammad
- 40 Ghost's greeting

- 41 Lode yield
 - 44 Robes
 - 46 Bridge
 - 47 Applaud
 - 50 Neither's partner
 - 51 San ___ (CA city)
 - 52 Baseball's Jackson
 - 54 Capital of Syria
 - 56 Serving of corn
 - 57 Compass point
 - 59 That woman
 - 60 Before, poetically
 - 61 Twin brother of Jacob
 - 63 Cats
 - 68 Time zone
 - 69 Made music vocally
 - 70 Uproar
 - 71 Affirmation
 - 72 Abel's brother
 - 73 Lands
- DOWN**
- 1 Expression of surprise
 - 2 Headed

- 3 Boy
- 4 Adam and ___
- 5 Aristocracy
- 6 A witch lived here
- 7 Her
- 8 Insect in a cocoon
- 9 List of highly desired guests
- 10 Male ego
- 11 Sports car brand
- 12 Bayer's competitor
- 13 Freshest
- 21 The suffering of Christ on the cross
- 24 Wind
- 25 National capital
- 26 Subatomic particle
- 27 Sphere
- 28 Fiery
- 30 Vapor
- 33 Prophetess
- 36 Shade tree
- 37 Aurora
- 39 Jauntiness

- 41 Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries
- 42 Prego's competition
- 43 Son of Seth
- 44 Cask
- 45 Cain fled to this land
- 46 Sister for short
- 47 Frightening
- 48 Funeral car
- 49 Herons
- 51 Persian king; the Mede
- 53 Result
- 55 Metric length unit
- 58 Covet
- 62 Good grief!
- 64 Time zone
- 65 Environmental protection agency (abbr)
- 66 Furrow
- 67 Compass point



Books of the Bible

B C Y N A H U M P Z
T F A M Y T I S A I A H U C
Z U N R O O E O B I C S G J O H N E
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V G N G P X G N C G

Every word listed is contained within the group of letters. Words can be found in a straight, horizontally, vertically or diagonally line. They may be read either forward or backward. Leftover letters reveal a quote from Albert Einstein

WORD LIST:

ACTS	GENESIS	JUDGES	PHILEMON
AMOS	HABAKKUK	KINGS	PHILIPPIANS
CHRONICLES	HAGGAI	LAMENTATIONS	PROVERBS
COLOSSIANS	HEBREWS	LEVITICUS	PSALMS
CORINTHIANS	HOSEA	LUKE	REVELATION
DANIEL	ISAIAH	MALACHI	ROMANS
DEUTERONOMY	JAMES	MARK	RUTH
ECCLESIASTES	JEREMIAH	MATTHEW	SAMUEL
EPHESIANS	JOB	MICAH	SONG OF SOLOMON
ESTHER	JOEL	NAHUM	THESSALONIANS
EXODUS	JOHN	NEHEMIAH	TIMOTHY
EZEKIEL	JONAH	NUMBERS	TITUS
EZRA	JOSHUA	OBADIAH	ZECHARIAH
GALATIANS	JUDE	PETER	ZEPHANIAH



Things you

need to know!



If you are planning to bring baked goods to church for fellowship after service, please text or call Angie Ziegler at 941-525-7829

Joyce Hanisits, council rep to Fellowship Ministry



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Christ Lutheran Church's Women's Circle has started meeting the First Monday of each month at 10:00 am. All are welcome. If you need a ride please let the office know.

Please join us for our next meeting on February 6th.



March

Sal Basile	03/10
Ingrid Dixon	03/11
Fran Kulak	03/15
Ella Santos	03/17
Macie George	03/18
Jenny Waring	03/20
Angie Zeigler	03/20
Aidan Egeland	03/23
David Perkins	03/29



Another year older and still a HOOT!
If your birthday is not listed, and you would like it to be,
please contact the office

(via e-mail at . . . office@christlutheranfleng.org) to share your special day.



& Attendance

Treasurer Report

February 05	98	\$ unavailable
February 12	78	\$2,529.00
February 19	101	\$2,504.05
February 22	30	\$ 197.00 Ash Wed
February 25		\$1,454.12 Rummage Sale
February 26	<u>99</u>	<u>\$6,299.31</u>
	406	\$12,983.48



ORGAN DONATIONS -

You are invited to make a contribution for our new organ to be installed by mid 2023. Please make checks to Christ Lutheran Church with "organ fund" in memo section.





1	Quilting 9-noon
2	Country Line Dancing 9-noon / Bridge Club noon - 5pm
3	Tai Chi 10-11am / Bridge Club noon - 5pm
4	Saturday - no activities
5	Lent 2 Service 9:30 / Bridge Club noon - 5:00pm
6	Women Circle 10am / Tai Chi 2-3pm/ Venetian Harmony 6:30-9:30pm
7	Bridge Club Class 9-noon / Bridge Club noon - 5pm
8	Quilting 9-noon / Church Council 1pm
9	Country Line Dancing 9-noon / Outreach meeting @ 11am
10	Tai Chi 10-11am / Bridge Club noon - 5pm
11	Saturday - no activities
12	Lent 3 Service 9:30 / Bridge Club noon - 5:00pm
13	Tai Chi 2-3pm / Venetian Harmony 6:30-9:30pm
14	Bridge Club Class 9-noon / Bridge Club noon - 5pm
15	Quilting 9-noon / Women's Tea 3:00pm
16	Country Line Dancing 9-noon / Bridge Club noon - 5pm
17	Tai Chi 10-11am / Bridge Club noon - 5pm
18	Saturday - no activities
19	Lent 4 Service 9:30 / Bridge Club noon - 5:00pm
20	Tai Chi 2-3pm / Venetian Harmony 6:30-9:30pm
21	Bridge Club Class 9-noon / Bridge Club noon - 5pm
22	Quilting 9-noon
23	Country Line Dancing 9-noon / Bridge Club noon - 5pm
24	Tai Chi 10-11am / Bridge Club
25	Saturday - no activities
26	Lent 5 Service 9:30 / Bridge Club noon - 5:00pm
27	Tai Chi 2-3pm / Venetian Harmony 6:30-9:30pm
28	Bridge Club noon - 5pm
29	Quilting 9-noon
30	Country Line Dancing 9-noon / Bridge Club noon - 5pm
31	Tai Chi 10-11am / Bridge Club

Member's Page

If you would like to submit an article for our newsletter, please e-mail to the church office. If it is of interest to you, almost certainly it will be of interest to someone else. Please enjoy this month's contribution.

An Airbus 380 is on its way across the Atlantic. It flies consistently at 800 km/h at 30,000 feet, when suddenly a Euro fighter with a Tempo Mach 2 appears.

The pilot of the fighter jet slows down, flies along side the Airbus and greets the pilot of the passenger plane by radio "Airbus, boring flight isn't it? Now have a look here!" He rolls his jet on its back, accelerates, breaks through the sound barrier, rises rapidly to a dizzying height, and then Swoops down almost to sea level in a breathtaking dive. He loops back next to the Airbus and asks: "well, how was that?"

The Airbus pilot answers: "Very impressive, but watch this!"

The jet pilot watches the Airbus, but nothing happens. It continued to fly straight, at the same speed. After 15 minutes, the Airbus pilot radios, "Well, how was that?" Confused, the jet pilot asks, "What did you do?" The Airbus pilot laughs and says: "I got up, stretched my legs, walked to the back of the aircraft to use the washroom, then got a cup of coffee and a chocolate fudge pastry."

The moral of the story is: When you're young, speed and adrenaline seems to be great. But as you get older and wiser you learn that comfort and peace are more important. This is called S.O.S.: Slower, Older and Smarter.

This is dedicated to all my fellow senior friends at CLC - it's time to slow down and enjoy the rest of the trip. We live in the best part of Florida. It's snowing in most of the U.S. But it's sunny here. See you in church!

Submitted anonymously

