

MARCH 2026

The Crusader

Christ Lutheran Church

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8:30 am Praise Worship

9:45 am Sunday School

11:00 am Traditional Worship



FOOD SHELF ARTICLE - MARCH 2026

Proverbs 19:17: "Whoever is kind to the poor lends to the Lord, and he will reward him for his deed."

In February, we delivered an emergency food box to one of our neighbors who was staying at a motel due to a house fire. We donated 1 comforter, 3 new pair of men's jeans, 12 new pair of heavy socks, 2 winter hats, 10 travel sized bottles of hand sanitizer, and 228 non perishable food items.

For Code Purple, we donated 3 large pump bottles of hand sanitizer, 100 pair of disposable gloves, 2 large canisters of coffee and creamer, and 30 pair of ear plugs.

GrabNGo lunch supplies (bread, lunch meats, cheese, peanut butter and jelly and apples) were also donated.

High priority items needed include: body wash, shampoo, soup with pop-top lids, canned meats, canned beans, canned fruit and vegetables, cereal, spaghetti noodles and sauce, instant potatoes and to-go peanut butter packets.

If you'd like to make a monetary donation, it can be placed in the offering plate with the envelope marked "Food Shelf". Checks can be written out to Christ Lutheran Church with "Food Shelf" on the memo line.

Thank you for your continued support. Every donation made blesses someone.

FOOD SHELF TEAM

Linda Boone
Carl Boone
Janet Moore

Women's Spring Retreat, March 14, 10 am to 2 pm

Our sister congregation, Immanuel Lutheran, in Easton, MD, is hosting a women's retreat for all women of our DelMarVa Zone on Saturday, March 14, from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. The theme of the retreat is "The Least of These." The retreat is free and includes lunch. Immanuel is asking everyone attending to bring a snack to share and full size toiletry items (shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, body wash, body sprays, soaps, toothpaste, & toothbrushes) as Gifts of Love for their mission service program located in their church called Mariah's House. Let's join Immanuel and the women of our zone for a day of fellowship, reflection, and renewal.

Upcoming Events:

- March 1st and 15th Holy Communion at both Services
- Friends Supporting Friends@11:00 am Mondays
- March 4th@7 pm Lenten Service, Choir Practice after
- March 5th@9 am covering boards & making flowers
- Tuesday, March 10th@1:00 pm Book Club
- March 11th@7 pm Lenten Service, Choir Practice after
- March 14th@10 am Ladies Spring Retreat, Immanuel Lutheran Easton
- Tuesday, March 17th@2 pm Lay Ministry Meeting
- March 18th@7 pm Lenten Service, Choir Practice after
- March 20th@2 pm—4 pm Fellowship Hall setup
- March 21st@8am—4 pm making eggs & boxing orders
- March 22nd@12 pm—4 pm making eggs & boxing orders
- March 23rd@9 am—4 pm boxing up orders
- March 24th—March 27th@9 am—6 pm order pickups
- March 25th@7:00 pm Lenten Service, choir practice after

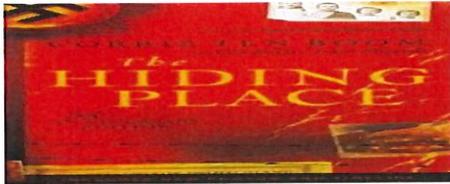


We will be playing CornHole on Saturday, March 7, 2026 at 9:30 a.m. in Friendship Hall. Feel free to bring a friend or neighbor to fellowship with us. Any questions, please call Aileen at 302-930-7070.



March 1 Sue Morris
March 8 Teresa Lineweaver
March 15 Debbie Lineweaver/Deanna Thomas
March 22 Ginny Gray
March 29 Ruth Williams

March Book Club, Tuesday, 3/10/26, 1pm
The Hiding Place
By Corrie Ten Boom



In darkness, God's truth shines most clear. *The Hiding Place* is the story of a remarkable family whose faith in God and his love remained true.

Corrie ten Boom was the first licensed female watchmaker in the Netherlands who became a heroine of the Resistance, a survivor of Hitler's concentration camps, and one of the most remarkable ministers of hope in the twentieth century.

In World War II, she and her family risked their lives to help Jews and underground workers escape from the Nazis. In 1944, their lives were forever altered when they were betrayed, arrested, and thrown into the infamous Nazi death camps. Only Corrie among her family survived.

This is her incredible true story--and ultimately the story of how faith, hope, and forgiveness triumphed over unthinkable evil. For 35 years, millions have seen that there is no pit so deep that God's love is not deeper still.

Join us in Luther Hall, Tuesday, March 10 @ 1 pm to discuss this amazing story.

March 2026 LWML News

Easter Egg Sales and Production Dates

Easter is coming and it's time to sell eggs. We need lots of egg sales and you can help. Share the information with your friends. Take orders or give your friends our church phone number and they can call the order in themselves. Our homemade chocolate covered eggs are made in peanut butter, coconut, and butter cream. Large eggs are \$5 each and a pack of 6 eggs are \$10. Money does not need to be collected. Eggs are purchased when they are picked up at church.

We will be making eggs on Saturday, March 21 & Sunday, March 22 after church. Every year, our entire church gathers together to mix, measure, mold, coat, and box the Easter eggs on those 2 days. Making eggs is a lot of work, but many hands make the work light, and it really is fun to work together. The profits from our egg sales are used to fund many mission projects in our community, as we reach out and share the love and mission of Jesus. Please come and join us! We can really use your support and help. Here is our schedule:

Now to 3/21 – Easter egg orders are taken

3/5, Thursday, 9am – Covering boards & making flowers

3/20, Friday, 2pm to 4pm – Fellowship Hall setup

3/21, Saturday, 8am to 4 pm – Making eggs

3/22, Sunday – 12pm to 4 pm - Making eggs & boxing up orders

3/23, Monday – 9am to 4pm – Boxing up orders

3/24 to 3/27, Tuesday to Friday, 9am to 6pm – Order pickups

Ladies' Spring Retreat – The Least of These @ Immanuel Lutheran, Easton, MD – Saturday, March 14, 10am to 2pm

The Spring Retreat is for all women in our DelMarVa Zone. The event is free for all ladies and includes lunch. Each group is being asked to bring snacks to share and Gifts of Love for Immanuel's mission project, Mariah's House, located at their church. Full size toiletry products are requested to make personal shower bags for women. Looks like a great opportunity for fellowship and fun. Let's plan on carpooling. Contact Jean Lohmeyer @ 302-569-4194 to register.

March 2026 LWML Mission Highlights

LWML National Grant #8 - 2025-2027 Biennium

Building a Place of Care - Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch, ND — \$60,000

Watch the video of this grant at www.lwml.org/2025-2027-mission-grant-8h.

Since 1952, Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch has touched the lives of more than 43,000 at-risk children and their families. They bring Christ-centered hope and healing to children who have experienced severe psychiatric, emotional, behavioral, and/or developmental challenges due to abuse, neglect, violence, and other heartbreaking traumas. The Ranch is planning to build the Zurcher Cottage, a psychiatric residential treatment facility, replacing the current cottages. Within the Zurcher Cottage, they plan to create the Reflection Room, which will serve as a safe and calming environment to support the emotional, spiritual, and psychological well-being of the children. Not only will this room benefit the children, but it will also directly support the staff during stressful work shifts and allow them to be more effective caregivers to the children in their care. This grant will help fund the construction and furnishing of the Reflection Room on the Ranch's Minot campus.

Chesapeake District LWML Grant #9 – 2024 -2026 Biennium

Y4Life of Lutherans for Life for Life Affirming Youth

Conference - \$6,000

This grant will provide funds for speaker and venue fees associated with Y4Life Youth Conference in Washington, DC bringing Lutheran youth from around our country to support and promote the life of all unborn children.

Mite Offerings

Thank you so much for continuing to support our LWML grants with your gifts through our mite boxes. Your gifts are so greatly appreciated and helping to spread the love and message of our Savior here and throughout the world!

December Mite Offerings – \$350.00

January Mite Offerings - \$171.00

February Mite Offerings - \$453.00

Happy Birthday Anniversary

- 01 Maurice Bassler
- 06 Doug Halfmann
- 08 Carol Maben
- 13 Michael Dunn
- 15 Lee Scriba
- 15 Fran Ash
- 18 John Hassman
- 21 Hilary Cooper
- 22 Ginny Gray
- 24 Carl Boone
- 28 Ray & Linda Rogers
- 29 Roy & Kathryn Lamberton

BSSP Article for March Newsletter

BSSP continues to collect food shelf items each Saturday morning for Christ Lutheran’s Food Shelf program. Each month the food that is collected is taken to Love, INC. We encourage our students in this effort to help those in our community who are in need by bringing in a canned good. There will not be class on March 21 or April 4.

March Bible Stories

- March 7 – Jesus Walks on Water
- March 14 – Jesus Heals a Blind Man
- March 21 – NO CLASS (Easter Egg Making)
- March 28— Jesus Preaches on the Mount
- April 4— NO CLASS-Easter Break

Leona Tull and Donna Hassman
Co-coordinators



The Lutheran Laymen's League

Hey Guys, you have heard of the amazing group called the LWML. Have you heard of LLL? While the ladies of Christ Lutheran may be 67 years ahead of us, there is no time like the present to get started with our own program. The Lutheran Laymen's League has been in existence for 109 years and we have yet to take advantage of their opportunities for outreach. While the Lutheran Women's Missionary League has a focus on Mite Box Missions, ours would be on promoting Lutheran Hour Ministries.

You might start with yourself. Try making contact at 800-876-9880, option 3 to listen to Mike Zeigler. Anytime, night or day, you can listen to a Gospel message for encouragement, education or just the enjoyment. It won't take long for you to realize that the message you heard needs to be shared with others everywhere. Give some prayerful thought to joining this mission program. If you have not already been contacted, you will be in the next few weeks.

Blessings Abound, Don Miller

Call Committee Update

More than 70 congregants cast ballots during our Call Worship Service on Sunday afternoon, February 22, 2026. After the ballots were tabulated and the results announced, the congregation moved that the results be unanimous. There were no dissenters.

Pastor-elect, Rev. Donn Woolweber, verbally accepted our extended call. Both the Call Committee and Pastor Woolweber are completing required paperwork. The Committee also informed the Southeastern District Office of the congregation's decision and withdrew our application for a seminarian from the Concordia Seminary - St. Louis. Plans for Pastor Woolweber's installation in March are in the process of being finalized and will be announced as soon as possible.

Respectfully Submitted,
Madeline Dunn, chair
Call Committee

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◀ Feb 2026		March 2026						Apr 2026 ▶
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat		
1 Dedication of candlelabrums 8:30 am Praise Service w/communion 9:45 am Adult Bible Study 9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Traditional Service w/communion Luncheon After Service	2 11 am Friends Supporting Friends	3	4 7:00 pm Lenten Service Choir Practice After	5 9 am Covering boards & making flowers	6 Office Closed	7 9:30 am CornHole 10:00 am BSSP		
8 8:30 am Praise Service 9:45 am Adult Bible Study 9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Traditional Service Food Shelf Sunday	9 11 am Friends Supporting Friends	10 1 pm Book Club	11 7:00 pm Lenten Service Choir Practice After	12 8:00 am – 5:30 pm Life Line Screening in Luther Hall	13 Office Closed	14 10:00 am BSSP 10 am – 2 pm Ladies Spring Retreat		
15 8:30 am Praise Service w/communion 9:45 am Adult Bible Study 9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Traditional Service w/communion Mite Box Sunday	16 11 am Friends Supporting Friends	17 2 pm LWML Meeting	18 7:00 pm Lenten Service Choir Practice After	19	20 2 pm – 4 pm Fellowship Hall Setup Office Closed	21 8 am – 4 pm Making Easter Eggs		
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29 Palm Sunday 8:30 am Praise Service 9:45 am Adult Bible Study 9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Traditional Service	30 11 am Friends Supporting Friends	31						