

The Crusader

Christ Lutheran Church
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8:30 am Praise Worship
9:45 am Sunday School
11:00 am Traditional Worship

APRIL 2021

April
SHOWERS
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May
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Pastor's Portion

April 2021

²⁵ *Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, ²⁶ and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?"*

John 11:25-26 ESV

In the past year we have been surrounded by so much that threatened to drain the life out of us all. Last year we weren't even in the building for worship at Easter; the COVID-19 pandemic was raging. Since then 543,000 people in the US have died from the virus. The pandemic threatened to kill our economy, our schools, and our social behaviors. It drove us away from our families and friends; as a Pastor I couldn't visit people in person so as not to spread the virus either from me or to me. It all felt like death!

The feeling of loss was overwhelming, like it was for Mary and Martha as their brother Lazarus had died and laid in the tomb. They felt so helpless, so hopeless; so do we sometimes. Where was Jesus in all of that? Where has Jesus been throughout? Jesus knew that His friend Lazarus had died and He knows the experiences that are "killing" us too. Does He care? YOU BET HE DOES! He came to the tomb of Lazarus looked death straight in the eye and made one statement to Martha and to us: *I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, ²⁶ and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die.*

And then He asked one question: *Do you believe this?"* That question is the most important question of all. Is Jesus who He says He is? Is He really the resurrection and the life? YOU BET HE IS! Jesus conquered death and Jesus has victory over the grave. Nothing could destroy Him and nothing can destroy us. The greatest news this Easter is: *"Fear not, I am the first and the last, ¹⁸ and the living one. I died, and behold I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of Death and Hades (Rev. 1).*

And like Jesus: *... in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. (Romans 8:37).*

So here's the question: **Do you believe that Jesus is the Resurrection and the life?**

Let's let Martha's response be ours this Easter and every day: *Yes, Lord; I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who is coming into the world."*

And with that trust; all that was once doom and gloom slowly, but surely goes away.

A blessed Easter to All,
Pastor Dave and Michelle

LWML Mission Highlight

National Grant: LWML Reaches 2019-2021 Mission Goal!

Sing the Doxology, "Praise God from Whom all blessings flow!" The LWML, by God's grace, has reached the mission goal of \$2.1 million set for the 2019-2021 biennium.

The Zone Delegates of the LWML will be meeting this June in Lexington, KY to vote on the 2021-2023 mission grants. Jean Lohmeyer will be attending as the Delegate for the DelMarVa Zone. What a joy and privilege it will be to pray, consider, discuss, and vote for those recipients!

Chesapeake District Grant – Faith and Works Enterprises, Baltimore, MD – \$5,000

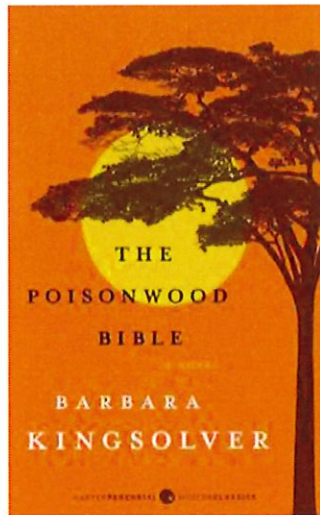
In support of the Southeastern District's vision of ministry to every zip code, Faith and Work Enterprises, Inc. was established in 2017 in partnership with Emmanuel Lutheran Church as an innovative nonprofit ministry around the mission of "Standing with local neighborhoods, building capacity for meaningful work and holistic wellbeing" to serve people in the 21217 zip code, and more specifically the inner-city neighborhood of Sandtown-Winchester in West Baltimore. The threefold ministry of Faith and Work Enterprises incorporates a Gospel-centered approach focusing on 1) Community Stabilization, 2) Workforce Development, and 3) Long-term Financial Literacy and Holistic Wellbeing. Community Stabilization helps people connect to supportive services for the essentials of daily living (ie: housing, food, transportation, drug treatment, and mental health services) to create stability in preparation for employment. The Workforce Development program will include classroom training and a practical working experience in the self-funded social enterprise of Pennsylvania Avenue Chocolates, deigned to provide the men with stipends and a venue to practice the lessons learned in the classroom. The Financial Literacy and Holistic Wellbeing component of the program is designed for graduates of the Workforce Development program as well as other residents in the community to provide training and support in the areas of social, physical, financial, community, and spiritual wellbeing. The long-term vision is to establish a mission church that will provide Christ-centered ministry to serve the people in the Sandtown-Winchester community for the long term, nurturing their holistic wellbeing with Christ as the foundation, and establishing relationships in a community that is slow to trust anyone from outside which takes a lot of time and consistent presence.

Paid Mission Grants – No new grants paid

February Mite Box Collection – \$292.10



will meet Tuesday, April 6th @ 7pm
in Luther Hall to discuss



Please note social distancing &
facemasks are required. For those wanting to join
but are not comfortable in meeting at church
we can Zoom you into the meeting.

See Michelle Nuss if you have any questions

Happy Birthday



April Birthdays

01 Margaret Wall
04 Don Miller
05 Dana Hiller
04 Carol Harris
11 Rosemary Horn
16 Jim Bruhn
18 Daryl Calhoun
22 Walt Moyer
23 Ray Williams
24 Steve Hoffman
26 Joan Shade
27 Joyce Chovan
28 Carol Schreffler
28 Sanna Foster
30 Linda Davis

April Anniversaries

02 Don & Carol Miller
07 Rick & Patrice Morris
30 Fred & June Tidwell

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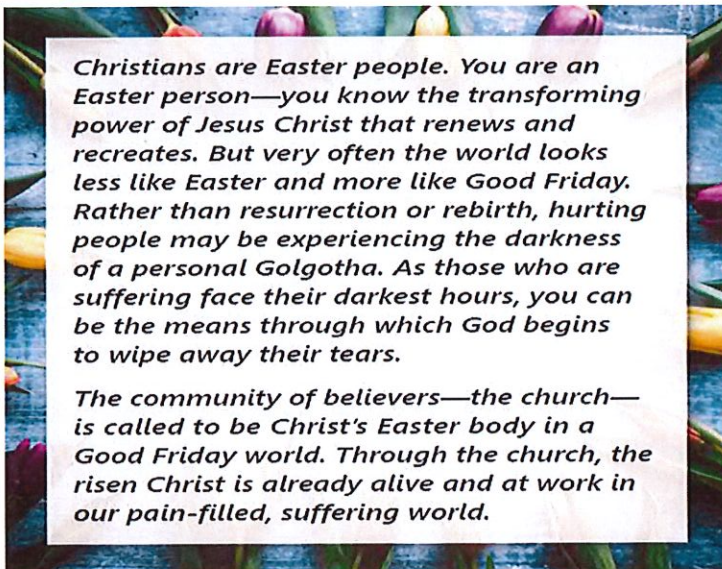
April 4th
April 11th
April 18th
April 25th

Congregation
Peg Farmer
Bonnie Rose
Judy Bruhn



Caring Center

In these difficult times, it can be hard to get into an Easter mindset, to celebrate the joy of the Resurrection while we are dealing with grief, loneliness, and so many health issues. But the suffering we're experiencing today isn't the whole picture. Recently, our Stephen Ministers discussed the following assurance from [*Don't Sing Songs to a Heavy Heart*](#):



If you need some reassurance please call us, we are here for you. Aileen Watkins 302-930-7070, Kathryn Lamberton 302-841-9622, or Call Pastor Dave at 302-629-9755.

Congregational Meeting - June 6, 2021 Time TBA

Agenda:

Revision of By Laws

Election of Officers:

- President**
- Vice President**
- Secretary**
- Stewardship**

Lay Ministry

Committee Reports

FOOD SHELF MONTHLY REPORT
3/1/2021 thru 3/22/2021

<u>Beginning Balance</u>	\$4889.58	
<u>Income</u>	\$922.00	
<u>Disbursements</u>	\$1549.61	
<u>Ending Balance</u>		<u>\$4261.97</u>

Income Detail

Contribution 3/8	\$ 700.00
Contribution 3/10	\$ 92.00
Contribution 3/17	\$ 60.00
Contribution 3/21	\$ 70.00

<u>Total Income</u>	<u>\$922.00</u>
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Disbursement Detail

Assist w/ rent	\$150.00
Assist w/DMV	\$ 92.00
Assist w/ elect	\$105.00
Assist w/ auto part	\$118.99
Assist w/ fed test req'mt	\$150.00
Assist w/ DMV	\$ 20.00
Assist w/ DMV	\$ 31.00
Assist w/ fed test req'mt	\$150.00
Assist w/ mortgage	\$581.24
Assist w/ gasoline	\$ 31.39
Assist w/ repair to house	\$119.99

<u>Total Expense</u>	<u>\$1549.61</u>
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Grief Support - Mondays at 11 am

April 1st - Maundy Thursday services @12 noon & 7 pm

April 2nd - Good Friday services @12 noon & 7 pm

April 4th - Holy Communion at both services

April 5th@ 7 pm - Council Meeting

April 6th@7 pm - Book Club

April 6, 13, 20, 27 - Bible Study @ 7 pm via Zoom

April 11th - Food Shelf Sunday

April 13th - Lay Ministry Meeting @3 pm

April 15th@7 pm - LWML meeting

April 18th - Mite Box Sunday

CHURCH DIRECTORY BEING UPDATED

The Christ Lutheran Church Picture Directory is being updated in order to have it ready for re-issue in June.

Please contact the Church Office with any updates that you have.

These updates could be any of the following.

- 1. Address changes.**
- 2. Telephone number changes and/or additions.**
- 3. Email Address changes.**
- 4. Updated pictures to replace your existing pictures.**

Thanks so much for your help and co-operation.

April 2021 BSSP News Article

BSSP classes resumed on March 13th. Attendance has been low but we are praying that it will get better so that we can fill Luther Hall with our students.

April Calendar and Bible Stories

April 3 - NO CLASS (EASTER)

April 10 - Jesus Calls Disciples

April 17 – Jesus Heals Many

April 24 – Jesus Heals a Man Who is Paralyzed

A Blessed Easter to everyone.

Leona Tull & Donna Hassman
Co-coordinators





Christ Lutheran LWML Highlights:

As you know, we have not been able to meet monthly and have had to put a hold on our yearly activities because of COVID-19. Unfortunately, again this year we will be unable to safely make Easter Eggs. Thank you for your support each month with your Monthly Mite Box Donations.

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News from the Hoech Family, our Missionaries son in Central Asia:

In February we gathered a team to translate the story of the Woman Caught in Adultery, John 8:2-12, into oral Dungan story form. It has been many years since our last translation project, and only one of our former Dungan translation team members is able to work with us now. But the night before we were to start, she and her children became sick.

We knew the other two Dungan teammates both have limitations. R. has lived in the multi-ethnic capital city so many years that his Dungan is rusty. On the plus side, he's a professional emcee and an excellent public speaker. On the other hand, Zu. speaks perfect Dungan, but she is shy and uneducated and has difficulty holding all the details of a two-minute story in her head. We decided to try this short, simple story with them and see how it went.

The first translation day was both exhilarating and exhausting! The highlight was three hours of oral "Bible study." We listened to several Bible versions, watched a video, acted it out, drew a storyboard and discussed every aspect of the story including application to our own lives. However, translating it into Dungan and then trying to record this first draft proved challenging. Good audio editing software helped us overcome. We finally put together an accurate, meaningful Dungan first draft. Now we were ready to test it with people who had never heard it before.

Visiting these testers individually and recording their insights helped us discover what was unclear or misunderstood. How encouraged we were to hear what these Dungan listeners learned in the process. They said:

Everyone sins, and we should not condemn each other!
No sin is too great for God to forgive!

Jesus is the Light, and people who follow him leave their darkness!

We met again to incorporate the testers' feedback and record our improved story in final form. It has already been shared dozens of times via cell phones. We plan to put it on a Dungan website along with dozens of our earlier stories and use social media campaigns to generate interest.

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Next meeting: Thursday, April 15th @ 7pm.



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◀ Mar 2021	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 12 noon Maundy Thursday service 7 pm Maundy Thursday service	2 12 noon Good Friday service 7 pm Good Friday service	3
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