

On our way rejoicing, proclaiming, teaching, and sharing God's love!



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 6:00 - Maundy Thursday Service - In person and Facebook Live	2 6:00 - Good Friday Service - In person and Facebook Live	3
4 9:00 Easter Worship - In person and Facebook Live 10:15 Easter Worship- In Person and Facebook Live	5	6	7	8 6:00 - Council Meeting	9	10
11 10:15 Worship- In Person	12 7:30 - Mission Trip ZOOM Meeting	13	14 6:00 - Virtual Talent Show	15	16	17
18 10:15 Worship- In Person and Facebook Live 11:15 - Mission Trip Meeting @ Sugar Creek Church	19	20	21 6:00 - Confirmation	22	23	24
25 10:15 Worship- In Person and Facebook Live	26	27 *Newsletter Deadline*	28 6:00 - Confirmation	29	30	

Christ Lutheran News

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A word from the Pastor

Signs of life are showing up. I think early spring might be my new favorite time of the year. It used to be late spring, but this year and last year, the little changes of early spring have been so meaningful to me. The grass is still muddy, and the trees are still bare. On many days, the wind has a sharp bite, but even so, in the morning, the birds are singing. The furnace doesn't run as much. When it snows, it disappears in a day. All the little changes lift up my spirits.

Easter always falls during early spring in the midst of these little changes. When you think about it, it makes sense. The celebration of Easter brings us little changes too. We don't suddenly become unafraid and totally joyful after hearing the story of the resurrection, but we experience small shifts within ourselves. Moving through Holy Week and Easter renews our faith. As we experience once again the surprise of the empty tomb, we remember how God works in our lives. We remember that beyond all the frustrations, losses, and endings, our hope is in something greater because God has power over death.

It feels to me that the slow return to a new normal after COVID is in early spring. Many fears still exist. Covid has been quite a winter. It was a winter that lasted over a year, and it's still not completely letting go. Like the birds singing in the morning, there are signs of hope. Our church building is becoming a little busier on Sunday. We have youth who will be attending a mission trip in July. People are starting to get vaccinated. Restrictions in our community are lifting. However, like April snowfalls, we are still weighed down with news reports of a new variant, existing restrictions, and the aftermath of everything that happened in the past year. In early spring, when the weather shifts from mild to fierce, it can feel like somebody is playing mean tricks on us. This virus has been tricky and mean, and it's not over.

What I love about the Easter story in the Bible is that it reflects the reality of what theologians call "the already and the not yet." Jesus had already risen, but what that meant, was not yet understood. The disciples still lived in the shadow of doubt and disbelief. Any of us would have doubted. Jesus' death had been horrific, and they were

afraid that they would soon face the same fate. They were filled with sorrow over all that had happened. Jesus may have risen, but they still lived in a mean and tricky world.

Jesus' appearances were momentary. He never stayed long, but his appearances were powerful. When he showed up, his purpose was not ultimately about proof that he wasn't dead. He showed up so that he could be with his friends and bring them peace, forgiveness, hope, and his loving, reassuring presence. He didn't need to stay long. The peace he gave was enough for his disciples to realize that even though they were still moving through the trials of life and trying to make sense of things, God had already won. Love had overcome death.

As I find myself in the already and the not yet, the Risen Christ keeps showing up for me through all these signs of hope, life, and community. The trials of life are not over. The virus is not done with us yet, but already, Love has overcome death. He is risen. He is risen indeed!

Peace,

Pastor Kalen Barkholtz

Holy Week Services

Thank you to everyone who filled out the Easter worship time schedule. The majority of respondents indicated that they would like to attend at 9:00 or 10:15. Only a handful preferred the 8:00 time, so we will be offering 9:00 and 10:15 service times on Easter. Maundy Thursday and Good Friday will be in person and on Facebook Live. Our online Easter service will stream on Facebook at 9:00 and 10:15.

Please note that the Good Friday service will now be held INDOORS.

Maundy Thursday: 6:00 p.m.

Good Friday: 6:00 p.m.

Easter: 9:00 and 10:15 (we will be in person and live on Facebook for both services)

April 11th Worship

Bishop Joy Mortensen-Wiebe of the South Central Synod of Wisconsin has recorded a sermon for pastors to show in their congregations on April 11th. Pastor Kalen will be showing the bishop's sermon during the April 11th in person worship service. Her sermon will be posted on the church Facebook page in place of livestreaming the in-person worship service. There will be no Facebook Live of our in-person worship that day.

Vacation Bible School

Due to Covid, plans for whether there will be VBS and what it will look like are up in the air. What we can share is that if we do have VBS this summer, it will be held during the week of August 9th-15th.

Christian Summer Camps

If your child is attending any Christian camp this year, camp scholarships toward a portion of registration fees are available. Even though we were not able to do our annual sub sale to support our children going to camp, there are funds remaining from other years. Lutherdale Bible Camp in Elkhorn, an ELCA affiliated camp, has many opportunities for children throughout the summer months. We have some elementary children from our congregation attending Lutherdale August 1-6th. Many other weeks are available as well. Please contact the church if you would like your child to receive a camp scholarship or have any questions about Lutherdale.

Second Sunday Offering

Our second Sunday Offering for April is Lutherdale. Lutherdale is located in Elkhorn, WI. The following information is from their website, <https://www.lutherdale.org/about/>

Lutherdale is a faith community, dedicated to building lives in Christ through the wonder of God's Creation and the study of God's Word. Sharing God's love since 1944, Lutherdale has grown in ministry from its humble beginning, currently serving over 240 ELCA congregations and other ecumenical faith



partners. Centrally located between Milwaukee, Madison, and Chicago, Lutherdale serves Southern Wisconsin and Northern Illinois as a summer camp and conference center for youth and adults. All are welcome to explore our beautiful 52-acres of rolling farmland, woods, and pristine shoreline. Lutherdale is an ACA-accredited outdoor ministry site that exists to serve our ministry partners through quality Christ-centered programs, providing a vibrant ministry of hospitality year-round for youth, families, and adults. Lutherdale is a place for spiritual growth, rejuvenation, learning, fellowship, and recreation.

Thank You!

This Lent, Cindy Wuttke led us through 5 excellent prerecorded midweek services. Her presence, prayers, and insights were a blessing to our congregation. Thanks to Cindy for sharing her time and gifts!

A Message From the Council

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Easter is upon us. How great it feels to be able to celebrate again together, the resurrection of Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. A much different feeling from a year ago. While we are back to in person, inside worship, with your understanding and cooperation, we are doing all we can to continue all measures to keep everyone safe. We hope that by having two Easter morning services we can achieve these goals while still celebrating Jesus's rise from the dead. The 10:15 service will be live streamed on Facebook as we have been doing. We also will have it available on the tv screen in the fellowship hall if we cannot accommodate all safely in the Sanctuary.

As a council, we increased our Sanctuary capacity from 25 to 30%. That means from thirty to forty people. In most scenarios this will work, depending on numbers in family groups. We have found that with small adjustments in seating, we can accomplish our goals of distancing and keeping all comfortable. Thank you all for your further understanding and cooperation.

A big Thank You to Cindy Wuttke for her outstanding job with her Reflections for the Lenten season this year. Her thoughts and perspectives were awesome and hopefully touched us all in some way.

Again, Happy Easter to all. HE IS RISEN, HE IS RISEN INDEED!

Dan Way

Council President

High School Mission Trip Fundraising

Four of our high school students, Jacob Schmig, Gianna Webster, Brendan Sief and Kaylee Fredrick, will be going on a mission trip this summer to Bemidji, MN to visit the Leech Lake Ojibwe reservation. They will learn about Ojibwe culture, meet new friends, volunteer in a children's center, do some service projects around the reservation, and worship.

There are three ways to support them financially:

- Purchase items from the Wunberg produce website.
 - A Message From Wunberg Produce: Wunberg Produce is so very excited to be a part of Christ Lutheran's high school mission trip. You can buy

products on our online store and a portion of the sale will go toward this mission trip. If you buy products on our online store all you need to do is put a note in the buyer notes stating that you are supporting the mission trip. Just put “mission trip” in buyer notes. You will receive no contact delivery service to your doorstep.

It is an honor that Wunberg Produce can give back where we live/farm/employ to support the mission of our loving Savior Jesus Christ. One of the greatest commissions we as Christians were given is outlined in Matthew 28:19 “Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and son of the Holy Spirit”

- Attend our Christ Lutheran ZOOM Talent show on April 14th. Share an act, or just enjoy the entertainment. There will be no cost for the talent show, but participants and viewers can make a free-will donation.
- Purchase stock in the mission trip. Invest in the students’ faith formation by purchasing shares in their mission trip for \$25 a share. Investors receive a stockholder’s certificate, a postcard from a student while on the trip, and an invitation to a stockholder’s dinner where students will give a presentation about their experience. In the case that a dinner is not possible because of COVID, we will provide investors with a take home meal and will find an alternative way for the youth to share their experience. If you wish to purchase stock, email the church at clcsharon1845@gmail.com Or fill out and mail the request form in this newsletter.

To purchase shares in the high school mission trip, please cut below the line and send a check to Christ Lutheran Church, P.O. Box 346 Sharon, WI 53585.

I would like to invest in the faith formation of youth at Christ Lutheran Church who will be attending the mission trip to the Leech Lake Ojibwe Reservation in Bemidji, MN this summer. I will receive a stock certificate in the mail, a postcard from a youth attending the trip, and an invitation to a stockholder’s dinner on Sunday, July 25th. If you are not able to attend the dinner, you can still purchase stock.

I would like to purchase _____ shares for \$25 each, totaling \$_____.

Name_____ Phone_____

Mailing Address_____

Checks can be made out to Christ Lutheran Church with “mission trip” written in the memo. Thank you!

LET'S celebrate

Birthday and Anniversary Celebrations This Month!

(If you or someone you know is not listed here, or if our information is incorrect, please let the Church Office know.)

Birthday Celebrations

4/15 John Rambatt

4/21 Kaylie Ruosch

4/24 Kelly Schmig

4/20 Erica Jacobs

4/22 Julie Huff

4/28 Caitlin Dowden

Wedding Anniversary Celebrations

4/21 Bill & Lonnie Teichen

4/22 Ronald & Elaine Maas

Baptismal Anniversary Celebrations

4/3 Reed Wuttke

4/15 Charlie Mizelle

4/27 AJ LaFrance

4/7 Travis Frederick

4/22 Mason Lawler

4/28 Janessa LaFrance

4/13 Mary Kline

4/23 Kaden Rambatt

April 14th Virtual Talent Show!

Calling all kids and grownups who sing, dance, tell jokes, juggle, play a musical instrument, write poetry, read aloud, do magic tricks, or have other fun and interesting talents to share! Christ Lutheran will hold a virtual talent show Wednesday April 14th at 6:00. It will be a ZOOM talent show, bringing us together from our homes. It is free to participate in or view the talent show. Those participating can support the high school youth mission trip this July if they wish. All are welcome to participate. We have some kids signed up, but we would love to see some adults share their talents, too! To register as a performer or an audience member, please e-mail the church at clcsharon1845@gmail.com.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.



Please remember these people in your prayers: Cindy Bangert, Orson Bangert, Ginny Bursh, the family of Briana Ehlen, Tom Fredrick, Denise Gibbons, Dan Hammett, Kim Jacobs, Erik Jelinek, Tom Kleiber, Mary Kline, Jean Kovarik, Marilyn Lowry, Ray Lowry, Bill Piculas, Janet Schilke, Joy Smith, Cynthia Ulshafer, and Flo Supay.

Please remember our members in care facilities:

Your cards, letters, and notes mean so much at this time.

Ginny Bursh is at Golden Years

Ginny Bursh
Golden Years
270 Ridge Rd.
Walworth, WI 53184

Tom Fredrick is at Delavan Health Services

Tom Fredrick
Delavan Health Services
905 Geneva St.
Delavan, WI 53115

Tom Kleiber is at Sunnyside Assisted Living

Tom Kleiber
Sunnyside Assisted Living
1 Eastown Manor
Elkhorn, WI 53121

Featured Family of the Month



The Way Family - Dan and Deb met in 1970 during homeroom while attending Big Foot High School. They dated for seven years before marrying in 1978. They became parents to Dani in 1986 and have been blessed with a wonderful son-in-law, Michael Lawler, and three beautiful grandchildren, Weston, Mason, and Alivia.

Deb worked at Big Foot High School for 40 years and Dan worked at Kikkoman Foods for 38 years. Both Dan and Deb are enjoying retirement but are keeping busy taking care of their moms and grandchildren. Deb enjoys reading, traveling, and playing the penny slots. Dan enjoys yardwork, watching westerns and sports, and is an avid golfer. Together, they enjoy Friday Night Fish Fries, traveling to Arizona for Cubs Spring Training, and spending time with family and friends.

Easter Lilies



In memory of Carl & Virginia Reiher
given by Sergio & Kelly Alicea.

In memory of our parents
given by Dennis & Carol Frederick.

In memory of Orville & Ora Bangert,
RW & Evelyn Engelkes,
Jeniffer Bangert Webber, Wesley
Engelkes & Gkrda Engelkes,
and Sandra Teichow
given by Orson & Cindy Bangert.

In honor of Stacie, Kenny, Sami & James
Sheppard and
Doris Wehrwein and in memory of
Dennis Wehrwein,
Tom Wehrwein, Richard Wehrwein, Joe
& Jeanette Gibbons,
Viola Yerk, and Freida Behrens
given by Jerry & Denise Gibbons.

In memory of Henry Schilke & Mark
Schikle
given by Tom & Sue Bottoms.

In memory of Wayne Hammett
given by Irene Hammett.

In memory of Everette & Cory
Christenson
given by Margie Christenson.

In honor of my family
given by Jean Kovarik.

In memory of Marvin "Babe" Greenlee &
Jeff Crump Sr.
and in honor of David, Josh, Kayla,
Lauren & grandchildren
given by Jeff & Marlo Crump.

In memory of Joe Lee
given by Sue Kragenbrink.

In honor of our family
given by Ray & Marilyn Lowry.

In loving memory of my mother Delores
Nichols and my
sister Penny Schieber
given by Mary DeYoung.

In memory of Doris Ferger & Tracy
Ferger
given by Deb & Rock Ulrich.

In memory of Dorothy Forsythe
given by Chet Forsythe.

In memory of LeRoy Way
given by Audrey Way.