

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



Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church

P.O. Box 346

228 Martin Street

Sharon, WI 53585

Phone: (262) 736-4757

April

2022

April 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3 9:00 Sunday School 9:15 Choir 10:15 Worship - In Person and Facebook Live	4 6:00 WELCA Meeting	5	6 6:00 Supper 6:30 Lenten Service	7	8	9
10 *Palm Sunday* 9:00 Sunday School 9:15 Choir 10:15 Worship - In Person and Facebook Live	11	12	13 6:00 Council Meeting	14 6:00 Maundy Thursday Service	15 6:00 Good Friday Service	16
17 *Easter Sunday* NO SUNDAY SCHOOL 8:00 Worship - In Person and Facebook Live 9:00 Easter Egg Hunt & Breakfast 10:15 Worship - In Person and Facebook Live	18 Pastor Kalen @ Continuing Education	19 Pastor Kalen @ Continuing Education	20 Pastor Kalen @ Continuing Education	21	22	23
24 NO CHOIR 9:00 Sunday School 10:15 Worship - In Person and Facebook Live	25	26	27	28	29	30

Easter Balloons

Anyone interested in helping decorate our sanctuary with Easter Balloons for Sunday worship can meet Stacie Sheppard and Dani Lawler at the church at 6:00 a.m. on Easter Sunday. If you have any questions, please e-mail Dani at danilawler22@gmail.com.

Christ Lutheran News

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

A Word From the Pastor

The first Easter had a much different feel than what is reflected in our worship in church. Our church service reflects all the joy we have in the Risen Christ. We understand the whole story. We know why the tomb was empty, but the first disciples didn't really know what was happening. All they knew was they were grieving and afraid. Their teacher, friend, and spiritual leader had been put to death by the Romans. Any of them could easily face the same fate. Their hearts were broken, and they didn't know what to do without Jesus. All this had happened over a holiday weekend. Sunday morning had arrived, and they were going about the tasks that needed to be done in the wake of Jesus' death. We go to the funeral home to make arrangements, prepare food for the bereaved, buy sympathy cards, make lots of phone calls, begin the process of going through the person's belongings, and take care of many other details. Jesus' friends were taking care of all those details. They were going to the tomb to take care of his body. They were not in a million years expecting to find the tomb empty.

The Gospel accounts tell us that some saw angels, some saw Jesus, but some of the disciples only had the surprise and shock of the empty tomb and the mysterious stories told by the others. Some had less to hold onto that first Easter day than others. That first Easter day was startling and bewildering. It was the beginning of hope, but resurrection joy didn't come into full view all at once. It took a long time to put all the pieces together. It took time for the Risen Christ to show up for each person in ways that would give each one the assurance he was still there in all of their lives.

I love our joyful Easter, but every Easter season, I make it a point to be honest about the emotions and experiences of the first Easter. For some people, that's the only Easter story that makes sense.

The first Easter was so much like life. Hope doesn't usually come to us in one undeniable revelation. God doesn't always seem clear. Grief hangs on, and we wonder if we'll ever feel joy again. But one encounter at a time, one story at a time, one angel at the right time, over time, brings resurrection into view.

If you need some hope in the midst of the realities of death and resurrection, read about how Jesus came to two of his friends on the Emmaus Road (Luke 24:13-35). It was Easter night, and Jesus appeared to some saddened, journeying companions who at first didn't recognize him. I recommend reading it on Easter evening, the same the time of night when Jesus would have met them on the road. I pray he meets you on the road too. He will come and walk with you, even if you don't recognize him at first!

Peace,

Pastor Kalen Barkholtz

Book Giveaway Committee



Want to help with a fun, joyful project? Christ Lutheran is going to host a children's book giveaway this summer funded by our endowment committee. We will be purchasing a variety of children's books, reading levels infant-high school in order to give them away to kids in the community. We will also offer a free meal that day. We'll need people to help publicize the event, plan, and choose books. If you would like to be part of the planning committee, please email the church at clcsharon1845@gmail.com

Faithful Innovation

Pastor Kalen is looking for a few people to be part of a group that will participate in Faithful Innovation. Faithful Innovation is a program offered by our synod to help congregations discover the unique story God wants to tell through their church. Congregations will receive ideas, inspiration, and tools for ministry. Participants will take part in three trainings (all on Sunday afternoons, tentatively in Elkhorn) May 22, August 21, and November 6. In addition to participating in the trainings, Faithful Innovation Team members will apply what they learn by trying some new things in their own congregations. Congregations will be asking the question, "As we listen to God, one another, and our neighbors, what future do we imagine God bringing forth in our midst?" If that question sounds interesting to you, you might enjoy being a part of the group. If you are interested or have any questions, contact Pastor Kalen at the church (262) 736-4757, or email: clcsharon1845@gmail.com

Calling all Readers, Communion Assistants, and Bread Bringers

Would you like to be a reader, help pass out communion, or bring communion bread? You can sign up on the church website clcsharon.com. Find the sign up under Volunteers or sign up on the sheet by the sanctuary door. Bread can be baked or bought. Please make sure it is an unsliced loaf and set it on the island in the church kitchen by 9:55 Sunday morning.



Holy Week

Please join us for Holy Week Services:

- Maundy Thursday - April 14th at 6:00 p.m.
- Good Friday - April 15th at 6:00 p.m. ***Please note this is a different time from previous years***
- Easter - April 17th with services at 8:00 a.m. **and** 10:15 a.m. with an Easter Egg hunt and light breakfast at 9:00 a.m.

Easter Lilies

We will be ordering Easter lilies to decorate the sanctuary. The cost is \$9.50 per plant. Forms can be found on the table by the entrance. You can give your completed form to Denise Gibbons or put it in her mailbox by April 10. All checks should be written out to WELCA.

Thank You!

Thank you to those who participated in our Lent skits this year. They were a hit, and we learned a lot about the Bible and God's grace! Thank you also to all who helped provide our simple suppers every Wednesday. They were delicious!

Congratulations!

Christ Lutheran Church has a new member! We would like to officially welcome Madison Dawn Dowden into the world.



She was born on Monday, March 21st at 12:41 p.m. She was 7 lbs. 12 oz. and 20" long. Congratulations to Mike, Caitlin, Kylie, Mia, Makenzie, and Karlie!

A huge congratulations to Kaden Rambatt who broke his own Big Foot High School record in the Pole Vault last week by jumping a whopping 15 feet!



Keep up the great work, Kaden!

Second Sunday Offering

This month's Second Sunday offering will go to Lutherdale Bible Camp. Lutherdale is an outdoor ministry facility located on the Lauderdale Lakes in Elkhorn, WI. Lutherdale provides summer camp and confirmation camp experiences for youth as well as opportunities for families and adults. Many of our youth at Christ Lutheran have attended events at Lutherdale and have come back excited about their faith. A gift to Lutherdale helps provide welcoming, Christ centered experiences for youth, and it supports the maintenance of a beautiful space for ministry.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.



Please remember these people in your prayers: Cindy Bangert, Orrin Bangert, Orson Bangert, Jacob Friesema, the family of John Holford, Kim Jacobs, Erik Jelinek, Tom Kleiber, Jean Kovarik, Marjorie Krause, Ray Lowry, Bill Piculas, Karen Ross, Janet Schilke, Joy Smith, Ike Strasser, Doris Wehrwein, and the family of Mike Whitlow.

Please remember our members in care facilities:

Thank you for your continued prayers and cards for those who are in care facilities.

Tom Kleiber
5277 N 29th St. Apt. 1
Milwaukee, WI 53209

Jean Kovarik
Golden Years
270 Ridge Road
Room 44
Walworth, WI 53184

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

4/21/1990 Bill & Lonnie Teichen

4/22/1972 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