



Christ Lutheran Church, Pascagoula, MS



Here we are in the middle of the Lenten season with Easter at the end of the month and spring bearing down on us! We are continuing to have our Wednesday evening soup suppers and lay-lead Lenten services. Please come out, enjoy the always-wonderful soups, and then join us for service afterwards.

I read an interesting article by Dr. Paul Grime in the 2023 winter edition of "For the Life of the World" an LCMS Concordia publication about Martin Luther and songs. It has made me pay more attention to the words we are singing and think about what the authors are trying to express to us. I hope that you will contemplate what the songs you sing during church are trying to convey to you as well. Especially, as we approach Easter and remember Jesus died for our sins.

Did you know at the dawn of the Reformation that local and regional news were sung by

guilds, known as Meistersingers? For pennies, they sang ballads of the news on street corners. Additionally, printed versions of the songs, called broadsheets, were posted in taverns and other places to help spread newsworthy events.

Martin Luther must have given the Meistersingers a good bit of business when he posted his Ninety-Five Theses. Many of their songs supported Luther's actions, but there was also songs in Roman Catholic areas that opposed him. Luther knew that the songs would be a better medium to translate his theological truths into simple expressions that the common folk would take to heart.

There was a sub-genre of the Meistersingers ballads known as execution songs. Used when a notorious criminal was put to death. One of Luther's first hymns, "Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice", has verses that reflect his feelings about two monks who had adopted Luther's

The Watchman



March
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Reformation teachings and were burned at the stake in Brussels on July 1, 1523. So, not only did Luther tell the story of these martyrs, but also proclaimed the Gospel and gave thanks to God for their faithful witness as death stared them in the face.

Blessing to each of you,

Kevin and Jay



**February Anniversary
& Birthdays**

Marilyn Trehern, Sylvia Feazell, &
Kathy Griffin



- 3 Shawn Robbins & Bobby Trehern (Donna K.)
- 10 Dave Griffin & Kevi Rademacher (Ruby D.)
- 17 Jay Torries & Roger Cox (Shawn R.)
- 24 Bobby Trehern & Shawn Robbins (Carl E.)
- 31 Kevin Rademacher & Dave Griffin (Elder)



- 1 Frank Feazell
- 2 Margaret Harrell
- 5 Carol Jacobson
- 9 Peyton Robbins
- 10 Brady Maggard
- 12 Abe Purdy
- 12 Joshua Hamilton
- 15 Robert Socha
- 17 Carl Erichsen
- 26 Ruby Dale
- 27 Cameron Linn
- 30 Susan Rademacher



- 3 Donna/Anna Krebs
- 10 Susan Rademacher
- 17 Crystal Robbins
- 24 Aletha Schollian
- 31 Debbie Schulte



Kyndel Torries & Crystal Robbins

March Scripture Readings

	Mar. 3	Third S. in Lent	Ex. 20:1-17	Psalm 19	1 Cor. 1:18-31	John 2:13-22 (23-25)
	Mar. 10	Fourth S. in Lent	Num. 21:4-9	Psalm 107:1-9	Eph. 2:1-10	John 3:14-21
	Mar. 17	Fifth S. in Lent	Jer. 31:31-34	Psalm 119:9-16	Heb. 5:1-10	Mark 10:(32-34) 35-45
HOLY WEEK	Mar. 24	Palm Sunday /	Zech. 9:9-12	Psalm 118:19-29 <i>or</i>	Phil. 2:5-11	Mark 14:1-15:47 <i>or</i> Mark

		Sunday of the Passion		Ps. 31:9-16		15:1-47 <i>or</i> John 12:20-43
	Mar. 28	Holy (Maundy) Thursday	Ex. 24:3-11	Psalm 116:12-19	1 Cor. 10:16-17	Mark 14:12-26
	Mar. 29	Good Friday	Is. 52:13-53:12	Psalm 22 <i>or</i> Psalm 31	Heb. 4:14-16; 5:7-9	John 18:1-19:42 <i>or</i> John 19:17-30
EASTER	Mar. 31	The Resurrection of Our Lord <i>Easter Sunrise</i>	Ex. 15:1-11	Psalm 118: 15-29	1 Cor. 5:6b-8	John 20:1-18
	Mar. 31	The Resurrection of Our Lord <i>Easter Day</i>	Is. 25:6-9	Psalm 16	1 Cor. 15:1-11	Mark 16:1-8

Mary Martha News



After a December break, the ladies of Mary Martha are back to business as we make plans for 2024. We meet after worship on the 3rd Sunday of each month and encourage all ladies to participate.

Mite Collection: Small donations do mighty work! So bring your spare change to church on the first Sunday of each month. The large Mite Box will be on the back pew for your contributions.

The ladies of Christ Lutheran will hold the Spring Rally for our LWML District on April 13, 2024 beginning at 8:30 and will host ladies from the area for breakfast, devotion, business meeting and lunch. All ladies of the congregation are invited to attend.

OTHER NEWS

- **NURSERY:** Nursery is provided for children during worship service.
- **MARCH BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES:** We will celebrate March's birthdays and anniversaries on March 3 after the service. Please join us for fellowship and cake.
- **SUGGESTION CARDS:** Suggestion cards are available in the Sanctuary for recommendations and/or complaints.
- **NEW CHURCH EMAIL:** The new office email is CLC1888@outlook.com
- **LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS:** Soup suppers for the Lenten Season: *March 6*-LWML, *March 13*- Congregation sign-up, *March 20*- Congregation sign-up
- **CHURCH CLEAN UP:** There will be a church work day Saturday, March 23 as we prepare the church for the Easter Celebration. Breakfast will be provided and will begin @ 8:00 a.m.
- **ATTENDANCE REGISTERS:** Please fill out the attendance register in the pew.
- **FACEBOOK:** We are currently looking for someone to help with the church facebook page. If you're interested, see Kevin Rademacher.
- **EASTER FLOWERS:** Don't forget to bring flowers for the Cross on Easter Sunday!

VBS

It's not too early to start thinking about VBS 2024. There's need for teachers, opening leaders, kitchen captains, arts & craft directors, decoration coordinators and others. If you are interested in working on this project, please contact Donna Krebs.



Christ Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes 2/19/2024

Call to order

Open with prayer: Donna Krebs

The previous meeting minutes were distributed and the reading was waived.

Pastor: Vacant

President Kevin Rademacher:

- The district secretary indicated we need to revise our bylaws and provided templates to use. Do we want to combine some committees, such as evangelism and stewardship? We will revise the bylaws once a new pastor is installed.
- Need to access the church office computer to submit annual congregation statistics and lay leaders to LCMS.
- Food Pantry: Researching plans to build a food pantry that are based on the Little Lending Library concept. Is there an ordinance on placement of the box? Do we need to set up an account for free food? Check with Feeding the Gulf Coast to determine food donation options.
- Or, we can find other ways to provide food assistance to the area, such as partner with other churches that provide this service or contribute to the Mayor's Challenge. Will discuss with the congregation during the next Voters Meeting.

Vice President Roger Cox:

- Continue to fill out the attendance register in the pews to aid in statistics

Elders: Jay Torries

- Continuing with services, we have been blessed to have visiting pastors provide worship
- Lenten Soup suppers: 2/21 - Elders, 2/28 - Council, 3/6-LWML, 3/13 & 3/21-congregation sign up. Discussed moving soup suppers to 5pm and worship service at 6pm. Will discuss at the Voters Meeting

Financial Secretary: Carl Erichsen:

- January deposits \$7343 + \$900 self-insurance
- February deposits \$6583.25 (including Mardi Gras cookout \$449.25) + \$1330 self-insurance
- YTD \$13,926.25 + \$2230 self-insurance

Treasurer Lin Jacobson:

- PayPal account- Lin will get the log in information for the PayPal account
- Checking account balance is \$11,370.67. This balance does not include \$5000 for CEF deposit (which will bring the balance to approximately 36K), \$500 for our quarterly LCMS deposit, and \$2k for landscaping.

Trustees: Dave Griffin:

- New freezer is in the storage room. Heater/ac breaker has been replaced.
- Landscaping plan is complete, and the committee is ready to purchase plants.
- Repairs/upgrades are in the works for the pastor's office. Let the trustees know if you would like to help
- Crystal Robbins has graciously taken on the church secretary duties. Thank you Crystal!
- The council voted to add a church secretary salary for the budget

Safety: Shawn Robbins:

- Security surveillance camera has been purchased and will be mounted on church property
- AED: Council voted to purchase a refurbished AED from Phillips

Evangelism: Vacant.

- Either recruit a new chairperson or combine this with another committee.
- We need an additional Facebook administrator.
- We need to develop a social media policy that will express LCMS views and limit personal opinion postings.

Mary Martha: Donna Krebs

- We will hold a mite box collection the first Sunday of the month to increase our mission contributions.

Education: Donna Krebs:

- Sunday school and adult Bible study are continuing

Social Ministry Kathleen Cox:

- Sent 4 birthday cards to retirees and corrected the master birthday list

Stewardship: Cathy Groff- no report

Old Business

- Mardi Gras cookout \$449.25 proceeds will be used towards food pantry items outreach.
- Need volunteer to answer alarm calls
- Need to post worship hours on the sign

New business:

- Dave Griffin suggested attending the movie Ordinary Angels as a group event
- Baptism Sunday Arrium Reeves
- Men's breakfast 3/23 Workday and breakfast
- Memorial garden Kathleen has a proposed area in the back for a bench

Respectfully, Susan Rademacher

Christ Lutheran Church Voter's Meeting Agenda

2/25/2024

25 members present

Vice President, Roger Cox, called the meeting to order

Donna Krebs opened with prayer.

Reading of the previous meeting minutes was waived

Pastor's Report: vacant

It is important to keep attendance & participation strong during pastoral vacancy. We are continuing with all services, events and traditions. Attendance at Lent services have been good.

President: Kevin Rademacher

Roger Cox reported for Kevin Rademacher that the 2005 Bylaws were never approved by District due to Katrina and not approved in 2022 as being too restrictive. Will need to revise after installation of new pastor. We have received templates for large and small congregations to modify to meet our needs. It has been suggested that we may want to combine the number of Council Committees (i.e. combine Evangelism & Stewardship; other ideas are

solicited). We need to update LCMS with annual statistics & lay leaders by the end of March. Appreciation expressed to the Schultes for their help with the office computer issues.

Vice President: Roger Cox

Sign up sheets for ushers and flowers are at the back of the sanctuary. Please fill out the attendance register each Sunday.

Elders: Jay Torries

Services continue during pastoral vacancy with a visiting Pastor each Sunday. Mid-week Lent services continue with lay leaders. The Call Committee will meet again soon. Work on the Prayer Chain continues.

Financial secretary: Carl Erichsen:

Total Deposits: \$13,926.25

Breakdown of funds:

General Fund: \$13,686,25

Building Fund: \$140.00

Memorials: \$100.00

Self Insurance Fund: \$2230.00

Total Deposits for 2023: \$120,830.00; Self Insurance: 411,350.00

Treasurer: Lin Jacobson

No report

Trustees: Dave Griffin

The Landscaping Committee continues their work/planning for the south side of the Sanctuary and are also considering options for a Memorial Garden. Plans are being made to paint and make repairs to the Pastor's office before a w pastor is installed. The new freezer is in place and the HVAC system has been repaired. Crystal Robbins has taken on responsibility as Church Secretary and council voted to add secretary salary to the budget.

Safety: Shawn Robbins

Continue to gather information for a AED: new versus refurbished. Security camera has been purchased and will be installed and will require installation electrical and Cat 5 cable.

Evangelism: vacant

A chairperson is needed. The Mardi Gras fund-raiser brought in \$449.25. Also needed is a Facebook administrator and poster to work with Jan Torries. A social media posting policy will be developed. Discussion on going about various ways to meet community needs as Salvation Army shelter and Our Daily Bread have closed. A supply of food is available in the kitchen to hand out as needed.

Mary Martha: Donna Krebs

Mary Martha continues to meet each month and will begin collecting Mites from the congregation on the first Sunday of each month. Christ Lutheran will host the Spring Rally on April 13, 2024.

Education: Donna Krebs:

Sunday School classes continue for adults and children. VBS 2024 is in the early planning stages.

Social ministry: Kathleen Cox are sending cards to retirees and monitors needs within the congregation. The needs of the Bobby & Marilyn Trehern are being monitored and a food chain will be developed to help with meals.

Stewardship: no report

Old Business:

We need a backup person for the alarm system. If you live in near proximity to the Church, please consider this service option.

New Business:

The hours of worship will be added to the sign in front of the church.

Singing River Art Association has been approved to use Memorial Hall as a backup location for their Spring show.

Ideas for fellowship gatherings are invited. Suggestions include a movie/dinner outing as well as another game night. Anyone interested in a movie/dinner outing should contact Dave Griffin on or before March 10.

March 23, 2024 is the usual Men's Prayer Breakfast but the congregation is invited to attend, eat breakfast and participate in a Church workday to clean the Sanctuary and Memorial Hall for the Easter celebration. Please let Jerold Shepherd, Jay Torries or Kevin Rademacher know if you plan to attend as they need a head-count for food.

The meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully,

Donna M. Krebs

for Susan Rademacher, Secretary

Visiting Pastor's Service Schedule

3/3/24 – Pastor Cooper

3/10/24 – Pastor Cooper

3/17/24 – Pastor Gilliland

3/24/24 – Pastor Weir

3/28/24 – Maundy Thursday – Lay Service

3/29/24 – Good Friday – Lay Service

3/31/24 – Pastor Gilliland

Soup Supper Schedule

3/6/2024 - LWML

3/13/2024 – Sign-up

3/20/24 – Sign-up

Holy Week & Easter Services



Maundy Thursday – 6:00 pm

Good Friday - 6:00 pm

Easter - 8:30 am breakfast/egg hunt, 10:00 am service

FELLOWSHIP / EVANGELISM EVENT

What: Movie (Ordinary Angels) and dinner at Olive Garden

Where: Grand Theater, D'Iberville

When: Sunday, March 10th @ 12:45

How much: \$9.75

Deadline to sign up: Let Dave Griffin or Kathy know you would like to attend by Sunday March 3rd. Dave Will Purchase tickets.
Please feel free to bring a friend.









Welcome to Christ Lutheran, Arrium



We celebrated the Baptism of Arrium Lee Reeves with a reception on February 25. Arrium is the son of Andrew and Haley Reeves and the grandson of Jay and Jan Torries.



MARCH 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Sunday School: 9:00 Holy Communion 10:00 Fellowship: 11:00 Birthday Celebration 11:00			 Mid-Week Lenten Worship Soup @ 5:00 Service @ 6:00			
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24	25	26	27	28	29	30
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Breakfast/Egg Hunt: 8:30 Holy Communion: 10:00 						

2024 Easter Lilies

Anyone wishing to place an Easter Lilly on the altar in honor of or in memory of a loved one, may purchase one for \$12.50. Please give the money to Tanya Hamilton or Rita Shepherd with your information for the bulletin on or before Sunday, March 25. The flowers may be picked up after the Easter Service or the following week.



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