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# CLC NEWSLETTER

## MARCH, 2024



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March will be a busy month at Christ Lutheran Church. Our midweek Wednesday Lenten Soup and Bread events in the Fellowship Hall at 5 p.m. will conclude on March 20 before Palm Sunday on March 24. We'll observe Maundy Thursday at 4 p.m. on March 28 followed by Good Friday services at 4 p.m. on March 29. This year's early Easter service will be celebrated on March 31.

Scheduled in the middle of this year's Lenten season will be the dedication of the organ on March 10. We've invited Pastor Khadar El Yateem from the bishop's staff to preach and dedicate the organ. Already we are enjoying the organ, a wonderful gift from Allen Dreyfuss. The new organ graces a renovated sanctuary glowing with a green sheen provided by our beautiful new carpeting (finally!) recently installed. A bountiful fellowship hour will take place in our newly-updated Fellowship Hall.

We have a lot to celebrate this year at Easter. Blessed in our efforts by God, we have weathered a pandemic and a hurricane and have managed to improve both our fellowship and our sanctuary in the process without having to draw (it now appears) from our \$200,000 line of credit. Thanks to the efforts of many of our members, our grounds and memorial garden have been restored to pre-hurricane condition and many small tasks left undone by our recovery contractors have been completed.

Our celebration at Easter will be abundantly joyous. The victory of Christ who overcame the cross will be reflected in our own victory over challenges of the past four years. Our Easter celebrations will be confirmed by our faith that God has blessed us in our endeavors to maintain our Easter witness at 701 N. Indiana Ave. in Englewood.

But, of course, there are some who will insist that God had nothing to do with it. But we believe that our efforts to maintain our witness and ministry is a confirmation that Jesus really did rise from the dead 2,000 years ago outside the walls of first century Jerusalem. Our conviction is not based upon historical proof but upon the witness of those who stood outside the tomb and gazed past the rolled-away stone onto the shelf upon which lay the funeral linens of Jesus.

God gives us the right to deny the resurrection. There was once a man who believed that his son was absolutely irrevocably terminally ill. The man was also an atheist who saw in his son's imminent demise the proof for the absence or nonexistence of a caring God. But there were those who cared enough for the boy to pray for him. The impossible happened. The boy was resuscitated, snatched from death. His recovery could only be understood as nothing less than a miracle! All who witnessed the event felt compelled to acknowledge the realm of the miraculous. What did the father do? Rather than even consider the possibility of divine intervention, he chose to reject his son. For him, it was easier to regard his living son as dead than to consider the possibility of God.

We have restored our temporal buildings, our witness in mortar and wood, because we believe in the victory of life over death because people of faith have passed their legacy on to us as those before shared it with them. The lives of faith are for us the decisive factor in the initiative of our own faith journey. We could have walked away from those symbols of our faith but we didn't because we wanted to share our hope to ourselves and also to those who drive quickly down 776. We want to show the world that God has acted decisively in history to bridge the gap between God and those who are tempted to enjoin despair. May the Sunday of the resurrection proclaim loudly and certainly our conviction that love conquers all.

Your fellow traveler along the way,

Pastor Ken

## Music and Worship

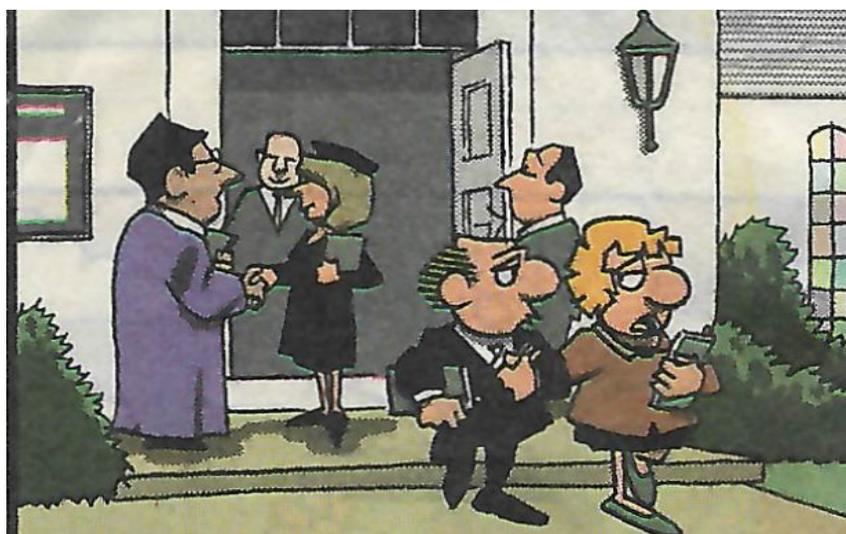
Music and worship did not meet in February. At the last meeting it was determined that we would have an Ash Wednesday service on February 14th at 3:00pm with communion to launch the Lenten season.

Tom Renaud played his guitar and sang on the first Sunday of the month as usual.

The sanctuary has been cleaned and all renovations completed in preparation for the new carpeting to be installed this month. When the carpeting is completed, the new pipe organ will be voiced appropriately.

The next Music and Worship Committee Meeting will be held on March 6th at 2:00 in the office.

*Lois Greene,  
Chair Music and Worship*



**You're not supposed to shout "Hallelujah"  
When the preacher says, "I'll be brief."**

# OUTREACH MINISTRY TEAM

## ENGLEWOOD HELPING HAND

With current grocery costs, you can imagine the need for food help has increased. As you are able, please continue to donate food and personal care items, placing them in our "Little Red Wagon". Thank you for donating to this awesome community nonprofit!



## HOMEBOUND MEMBERS

Please plan to join us for "Lilies and Praise", our Easter visits with our Homebound members. On Thursday, March 28th, we will meet at 10am in the office parking lot and carpool. After the visits, all are welcome to go lunch together at a local restaurant. These visits share Christ's love that shines in and through each of us.



## QUILTING AND KNITTING

Please join us for a time of Christian fellowship, fun and service...no skills necessary. We meet from 9-Noon, every Wednesday, in the Fellowship Hall. All willing hands and hearts are welcome. Most of our quilts are donated to Lutheran World Relief. Knitted and crocheted Prayer Shawls and Lap Robes are donated locally



## THRIVENT

Are you a Thrivent member? Please remember to direct your Choice Dollars each quarter. Christ Lutheran is blessed to receive these gifts. Also, please consider applying for a Thrivent Action Grant (value of \$250) to support a special project for our church and/or the community. Grant requests can be initiated by calling Thrivent or by going online. Need a project idea? The Outreach Ministry Team will help.

## KIDS' NEEDS of ENGLEWOOD

We continue to collect new and gently-used clothing for Englewood area elementary, middle and high school students (ages 5-18). Donations can be placed in the Kids' Needs collection box in the narthex.

## TROSHUK FAMILY

It was a joy to have the Troshuk family worship with us and sing again on Friendship Sunday. Tanya's sister, Julia, and her family joined us, too. They recently immigrated from war-torn Ukraine. She and her husband have 3 sons. Please continue to support all of them with your prayers.

\*Our next Outreach Ministry Team meeting is on Thursday, April 4, at 11am. All are welcome on our team. Please share your ideas for reaching out into our community with Christ's love.



Peace and Joy!

Carol Rice for the Outreach Ministry Team



**Things you need to know!**

*If you are planning to bring baked goods to church for fellowship after service, please text or call Angie Ziegler*

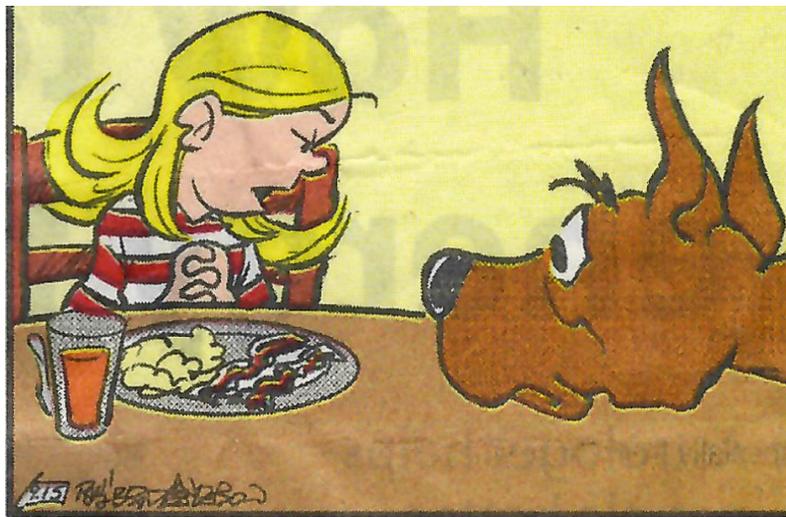
*at 941-525-7829*

*Joyce Hanisits, council rep to Fellowship Ministry*



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"I trust you, Marmaduke, but not enough to close my eyes while I'm saying grace."

# March



3/10	<i>Sal Basile</i>
3/11	<i>Ingrid Dixon</i>
3/15	<i>Fran Kulak</i>
3/17	<i>Ella Santos</i>
3/18	<i>Macie George</i>
3/20	<i>Jenny Waring</i>
3/20	<i>Angie Zeigler</i>
3/23	<i>Aidan Egeland</i>
3/29	<i>David Perkins</i>

*If your birthday is not listed, and you would like it to be,  
please contact the office*

(via e-mail at . . . [office@christlutheranfleng.org](mailto:office@christlutheranfleng.org)) to share your special day.

*The secret to staying young  
is to live honestly, eat slowly,  
and lie about your age.  
Lucille Ball*





## Treasurer Report

# & Attendance

FEB	Attendance	Giving
4	87	\$2,773.00
11 yard sale	95	\$3,880.00 \$1,545.00
14	35	\$164.50
18	139	\$3,271.00
25	99	\$2,336.00
	455	\$12,424.50



### **ORGAN DONATIONS -**

You are invited to make a contribution for our new organ. Please make checks to Christ Lutheran Church with "organ fund" in memo section.

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**ORGAN DEDICATION** - Pastor Khadar El Yateem, assistant to our bishop, will dedicate our new organ at worship on Sunday March 10. We will welcome pastor El Yateem to officially ask God's blessings and join us in giving thanks for the gift of music.

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YARD SALE TREASURES



ANOTHER VERY SUCCESSFUL SALE ... SEE YOU NEXT YEAR!



FELLOWSHIP SUNDAY  
WELCOMED 139  
MEMBERS AND FRIENDS  
TO WORSHIP  
SERVICE.

FOLLOWED BY A MOUTH WATERING BREAKFAST.





2024

CONCERT 2PM →



1	TAI CHI 10:00-11:00 <sup>AM</sup> / BRIDGE CLUB NOON - 5 <sup>PM</sup>
2	LEMON BAY PLAYHOUSE EVENT
3	WORSHIP SERVICE 9:30 <sup>AM</sup> / BIBLE STUDY-11 <sup>AM</sup> / SUNDAY SCHOOL-11 <sup>AM</sup> / BRIDGE CLUB NOON-
4	9:30 <sup>AM</sup> DANCE 2B FIT / CONF. CLASS - 6 <sup>PM</sup> / VENETIAN HARMONY 6:30-9:30 <sup>PM</sup>
5	BRIDGE CLUB NOON - 5 <sup>PM</sup>
6	QUILTING 9-NOON / MUSIC & WORSHIP 2PM / WED LENT SOUP & BREAD SUPPER 5PM
7	COUNTRY LINE DANCING 9-12 / MENS GROUP 9AM / BRIDGE CLUB 12-5 NOON-5 <sup>PM</sup>
8	TAI CHI 10:00-11:00 <sup>AM</sup> / BRIDGE CLUB NOON - 5 <sup>PM</sup>
9	SATURDAY - NO ACTIVITIES
10	WORSHIP SERVICE 9:30 <sup>AM</sup> / BIBLE STUDY 11:00 <sup>AM</sup> / SUNDAY SCHOOL 11 <sup>AM</sup> / BRIDGE CLUB 12-
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12	BRIDGE CLUB NOON - 5 <sup>PM</sup>
13	QUILTING 9-NOON / WED LENT SOUP & BREAD SUPPER 5PM
14	COUNTRY LINE DANCING 9-NOON / BRIDGE CLUB NOON-5 <sup>PM</sup>
15	TAI CHI 10:00-11:00 <sup>AM</sup> / BRIDGE CLUB NOON - 5 <sup>PM</sup>
16	SATURDAY - NO ACTIVITIES
17	WORSHIP SERVICE 9:30 <sup>AM</sup> / BIBLE STUDY 11:00 <sup>AM</sup> / SUNDAY SCHOOL 11 <sup>AM</sup> / BRIDGE CLUB 12
18	9:30 <sup>AM</sup> DANCE 2B FIT / CONF. CLASS - 6 <sup>PM</sup> / VENETIAN HARMONY 6:30-9:30 <sup>PM</sup>
19	BRIDGE CLUB NOON - 5 <sup>PM</sup> / CHURCH COUNCIL 1:00 <sup>PM</sup>
20	QUILTING 9 - NOON / WED LENT SOUP & BREAD SUPPER 5 <sup>PM</sup>
21	COUNTRY LINE DANCING 9-NOON / MENS GROUP BREAKFAST 9AM / BRIDGE CLUB NOON - 5 <sup>PM</sup>
22	TAI CHI 10:00-11:00 <sup>AM</sup> / BRIDGE CLUB NOON - 5 <sup>PM</sup>
23	SATURDAY - NO ACTIVITIES
24	<b>PALM SUNDAY SERVICE 9:30<sup>AM</sup></b> / BIBLE STUDY /SUNDAY SCHOOL 11 <sup>AM</sup> / BRIDGE CLUB 12-5 <sup>PM</sup>
25	9:30 <sup>AM</sup> DANCE 2B FIT / CONF. CLASS - 6 <sup>PM</sup> / VENETIAN HARMONY 6:30-9:30 <sup>PM</sup>
26	BRIDGE CLUB NOON - 5 <sup>PM</sup>
27	QUILTING 9 - NOON / WED LENT SOUP & BREAD SUPPER 5 <sup>PM</sup>
28	<b>MAUNDY THURSDAY 4PM</b> / COUNTRY LINE DANCING 9-NOON / BRIDGE CLUB NOON
29	<b>GOOD FRIDAY 4PM</b> / TAI CHI 10:00-11:00 <sup>AM</sup> / BRIDGE CLUB NOON - 5 <sup>PM</sup>
30	SATURDAY - NO ACTIVITIES
31	<b>EASTER SERVICE 9:30<sup>AM</sup></b> / BIBLE STUDY /SUNDAY SCHOOL 11 <sup>AM</sup> / BRIDGE CLUB 12-5 <sup>PM</sup>