

March 2020

Christ Lutheran Church Christ Chronicles

No Plastics For Lent

In August of 2019, the ELCA Churchwide Assembly gathered and called on the ELCA to get serious about the care of creation. #NoplasticsforLent is being led by young adults/youth across the Churches to remind us to care more for creation. They are challenging everyone to give up single use plastic for the 40 days during Lent.

Are you up for the challenge?

I know, we probably sound like a broken record by now talking about recycling and ditching plastic, but it is so very important!

Did you know that an average person uses about 200 pounds a year, varying from packaging to cups!? That is insane! Plastic is not biodegradable. Meaning that it doesn't decompose like food will, so it sits on our Earth for 100s of years. You may not even realize how much plastic you actually use. Single use plastic ranges from grocery bags to plastic utensils to your favorite coffee shops cups. Those things end up in landfills, and ultimately end up in our oceans. It is a vicious cycle that can only end with you. Bring reusable bags to the grocery store, ditch the plastic utensils, buy a reusable cup for your coffee. All of those minor things, can make a huge difference for our environment!

So I ask you to join our ELCA young adults, and ditch the single use plastic for these 40 days of Lent. You may not first handedly see a difference, but every little bit helps and our Earth will sure see the difference.

So go #NoplasticsforLent. The Earth will thank you!



March Events:

Lent Soup/Sandwich Dinners & Services:
March 4th, March 11th, March 18th, March 25th, and April 1st. Supper will be held at 6:00 pm and Service will start at 7:00 pm.

March 1st:
Contemporary Worship-8:15 am

March 8th (Daylight Savings Day)
Prayer Shawl-9:15 am
1st Communion Classes Begin-9:15 am

March 12th:
Worship Committee Meeting-7:00 pm

March 14th:
Free Community Dinner- 4:00 to 6:00 pm

March 17th:
Ladies Luncheon-12:00 pm
Council Meeting-7:00 pm

March 19th:
Pub Theology-7:00 pm

March 25th:
Men's Breakfast-8:30 am

March 28th:
Family Game Night-6:00 pm

WORSHIP SERVICES *Worship services are every Sunday at 8:15 am and 10:30 am. Every first Sunday of the month will be contemporary worship at the 8:15, and every third Sunday of the month will be contemporary service at the 10:30 am service.*

SUNDAY SCHOOL *Sundays at 9:15am beginning September 15th.*

From the Pastor's Desk:

Lent is upon us. Many of you know that I have personally been trying to stay away from the use of plastic in my life and especially single use plastic. This past year I also gave up meat for health reasons. The combination of the 2 has led me to see how much plastic is involved in our food packaging. Try to go grocery shopping without buying something wrapped in plastic. My personal Lenten disciple this year has Tracey going a bit crazy. I'm attempting to use only non-processed foods which can be purchased without plastic packaging. What can we do together? Check out the article in this Newsletter about No Plastics for Lent. Together, we can make a difference and care for God's creation.

*Go with God,
Pastor John*

Family Promise

From February 23rd to March 1st, Christ Lutheran housed three families with ten children. A big THANK YOU to the many volunteers that helped by preparing food, serving meals, providing fellowship and activities in the evening and serving as overnight hosts. The time and effort provided by Betty Shaffrick, Jim & Janet Nelson, Karen Brandis, Pastor John & Ehren Hassler, Sally & Harry Mann, Josiah Behrens, Steve & Linda Laudenslager, Denny & Pat Moore, the Girl Scouts troop, the Stauffers, and Clare & Emily Layden. Without each and everyone of you, our host week would not be successful! A huge thank you to Sally Mann and Betty Shaffrick for, as always, coordinating everything and assuring everything runs smoothly! Your help will be needed again May 17th-23rd to turn our Church into a temporary home.

February Attendance and Offerings:

02/02/2020: 8:15 attendance-32, 10:30 attendance-56, Offering- \$2,494

02/09/2020: 8:15 attendance-43, 10:30 attendance- 29, Offering- \$2,414

02/16/2020: 8:15 attendance-42, 10:30 attendance-29, Offering-\$1826

02/23/2020: 8:15 attendance 43, 10:30 attendance-36, Offering- \$2,807

Altar Flowers & Bulletin Sponsors

We thank the Pushaw's for sponsoring the flowers for March 1st in memory of loved ones. We are still in need of flowers for every Sunday in March at this time. If you would like to sponsor flowers for one Sunday, please sign up in the Narthex or call Lea in the office.

We also thank Alice Herbine for sponsoring the bulletins for the month of March. We also thank the Fosdick's for sponsoring bulletins for the month of April in memory of loved ones..

If you are interested in sponsoring bulletins for future month, please sign up in the Narthex or contact Lea in the office.

Bible Verses for Lent

Ecclesiastes 3:20

"All go unto one place; all are of the dust, and all turn to dust again."

1 Peter 1:3

"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,"

Matthew 6:21

"For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

Matthew 6:16-18

"When you fast, do not look somber as the hypocrites do, for they disfigure their faces to show others they are fasting. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward in full. But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, so that it will not be obvious to others that you are fasting, but only to your Father, who is unseen; and your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you."



What have our youth been up to?

This month the Sunday School kids learned about how tie dying shirts, is almost like being baptized. In tie dying shirts, you are permanently changing that shirt just like in being baptized, you are permanently filled with the Holy Spirit. We had the Sunday School kids dye the shirts so that they can now wear them whenever we do youth events to advertise our amazing Church!

We also held a family movie night this month! It was a great turn out, and loads of fun! Join us next month for family game night!



It's never too late to join Sunday School! If you are interested in enrolling your child, bring them to class at 9:15 on Sundays, or reach out to the office or Pam Bos at 570-249-1823.



First Communion Classes are starting this Sunday, March 1st, at 9:15 am. If your child is in 1st grade or older, and has not yet received communion, please join them!

Welcome New Members!

We had several new members join our Church family recently!

Please help us welcome Jeffrey, Natalie, Eva Lily, and Phoenix Madeira; Robin and Robert Fravel; Jenni, Benjamin, and Joselyn Hanitsch; Kathryn, Brooke, Ella, and McKeon Maria and Abby Jay Jardines; and John Strupcewski.

Monthly Challenge

Get involved in something new at Church. Whether it be attending a Prayer Shawl meeting, volunteering at the Community Dinner, or volunteering one Sunday during Service. Try something new, and give back to your community at the same time!

March Volunteer Schedule:

8:15 am	Ushers	Counters	Acolyte	Readers & Prayers	Comm. Assistant
March 1st	Jim & Darlene	Tara	Brooke	Warren	Cy
March 8th	Cy	Darlene & Bev	Stacey	Elizabeth	Needed
March 15th	Jim & Darlene	Tara	Gretchen	Pat M.	Cy
March 22nd	Cy	Darlene & Bev	Julianna	Cy	Needed
March 29th	Jim & Darlene	Tara	Brooke	Warren	Cy
10:30 am	Ushers	Counters	Acolyte	Readers & Prayers	Comm. Assistant
March 1st	Jerry	Sue H.	Abby J.	John	Needed
March 8th	Pat F.	Evelyn	Kyle	Tracey	Needed
March 15th	Jerry	Sue H.	Abbey K.	Josephine	Needed
March 22nd	Pat F.	Evelyn	Ehren	Sally	Needed
March 29th	Jerry	Sue H.	Shane	John	Needed

Meet the people of our Church Family!

The Hasslers



The Hasslers have been the heart of our Church for 22 years. Their children have grown up, right before many of our members eyes. Between Pastor John's heart of gold, Tracey's drive to get things done here and supporting her husband's mission with the Lord, all of the things Ilse has accomplished with the youth group, and Ehren's sense of humor and ability to make our members smile, they have certainly made this Church what it is today!

Pastor John Hassler has been serving our Church and surrounding community for 22 years.

Tracey has been a registered nurse for the past 18 years.

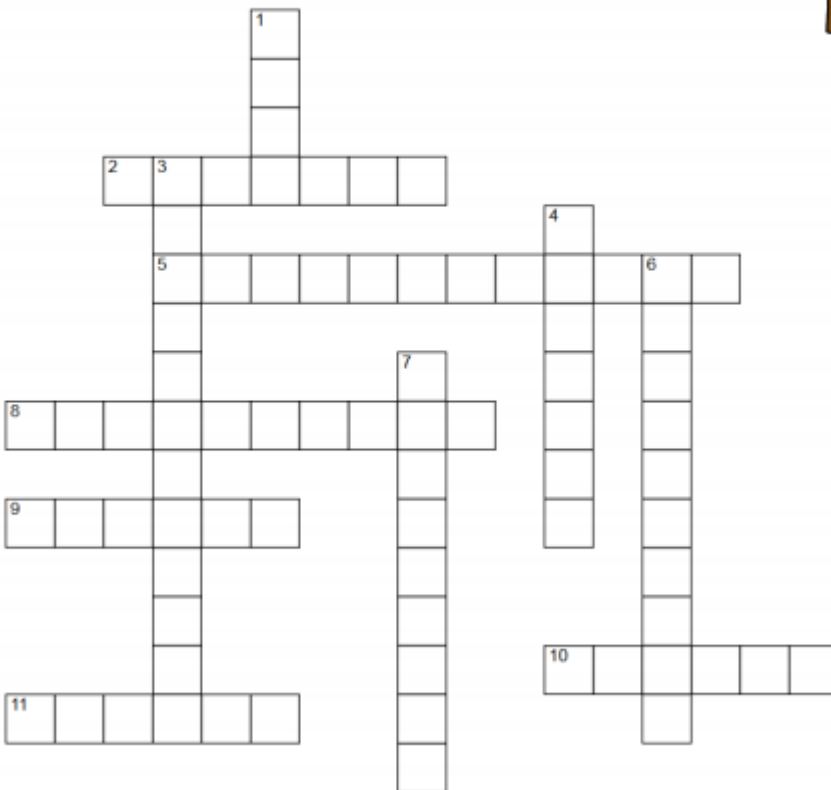
Their oldest child, Ilse, is currently completing her senior year in college to receive her degree in biology/ecology.

Their youngest child, Ehren, is currently in 7th grade and very active in Scouts and soccer.

Fun & Joke Corner



Lenten Crossword



DOWN

- 1 The 40 Day period of preparation before Easter
- 3 The first day of Lent
- 4 One day a week during Lent when we fast and pray extra
- 6 Giving of ourselves, money, time, or materials for those less fortunate
- 7 Offering/ giving up something 'good' on earth to focus on our relationship with God

ACROSS

- 2 Restricting the food that we eat
- 5 The last day of Lent
- 8 The day Jesus was crucified
- 9 On Ash Wednesday when you get your ashes: "_____ and know the Gospel"
- 10 Mini-feast days or days you do not have to fast or sacrifice during Lent
- 11 Talking to God or the saints

BRACE YOURSELVES



Answer Key For Lenten Puzzle
ACROSS #2-fasting #5-HolySaturday #8-GoodFriday #9-repent #10-Sunday #11-prayer
DOWN #1-Lent #3-AshWednesday #4-Fridays #6almsgiving #7-sacrifice