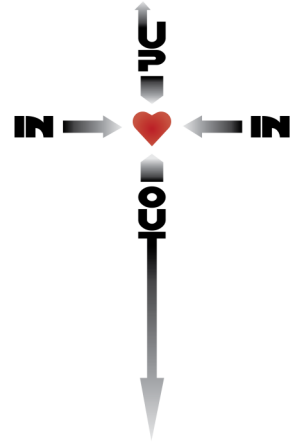




Christ Lutheran Connections



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Rain: A Gentle Reminder of God's Care

A rainy day can be many things ...
It can be moisture for the farmer's garden,
Or the picnic that has to be postponed;
It can be the replenishing of a stream,
Or the overflow of a flood;
It can be relief from a hot summer day,
Or the chill of an autumn wind.
The rotating cycle of clouds to Earth
Is part of Nature's plan



For stability throughout the
Universe,
As old as the hills,
And dependable as the
seasons.
Rain and sunshine are equal
partners
In the daily expression of God's
love.

— Jeanne D. Birrell



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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK-

Alleluia, He is Risen!! He is Risen indeed, Alleluia!!

We will be hearing this a lot this month, as we should. The highlight of our faith, life and future hinge on this wonderful event. The tomb is empty, alleluia. The author of following is unknown, but this little poem is wonderful as it speaks to us each and every one.

An Empty Tomb Instead

They came to the quiet garden.

In the early morning gloom,
And there in the shadowed darkness
They found an empty tomb.

They brought their scented spices
To anoint the hallowed dead,
But found, to their amazement,
The living Lord instead.

Their hearts were heavy laden –
Bowed down with deep despair-
But when they lifted tear-dimmed eyes,
Lo. Jesus was standing there.

They thought all hope had ended
With Calvary's dying breath,
But they found a powerful Savior,
Triumphant over death!

On that wonderful Easter morning,
In a garden sweet with dew,
He came from the grave – a world to save-
To live and reign anew.

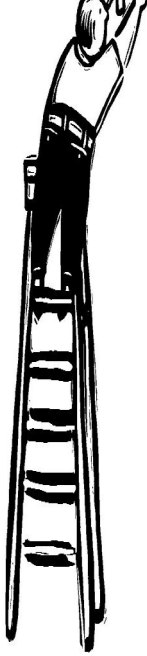
So oft in the midst of sorrows,
When hope seems could and dead.
With lifted eyes, we too may see
An empty tomb instead.

May the proclamation, "Alleluia, He is risen, He is risen indeed," fill your body, soul and mind with joy and comfort this month and every day of the year.

Pastor Dan



Here's what's happening!



Special Dates for April 2026

- Holy Week Continues, *March 29-April 5, 2026*
 - Maundy Thursday, *April 2, 2026*
 - Good Friday, *April 3, 2026*
 - Easter Sunday, *April 5, 2026*
 - Earth Day, *April 22, 2026*
- Administrative Professionals Day, *April 22, 2026*

Maundy Thursday Service

Join us for a reflective Maundy Thursday service as we remember the night Jesus shared a final meal with his disciples. We'll gather for Scripture, prayer and communion as we reflect on Christ's call to serve one another. All are welcome — bring a friend and share this meaningful start to Holy Week.

Good Friday Service: A Night of Quiet Reverence

Set aside time to pause and reflect during our Good Friday worship. Through Scripture, music and prayer, we'll remember the depth of Christ's sacrifice on the cross. This solemn service offers a powerful space to prepare your heart for the joy of Easter Sunday.

"Under-the-Bridge" Mission

Who: This Mission is near and dear to Mike Knarr, our brother-in-Christ, here at Christ Lutheran Church (CLC). The small group that he's a part of wants to make a difference by feeding the homeless in our area and sharing God's love with them.

What: Once a month the group sets up hot food, which is donated from businesses and different people. It usually consists of biscuits & gravy, pizzas, burritos, and chicken. The people come and get a warm plate of food. They also get a few pocket "snacks" for later which might be a granola bar, jerky, or cheese/peanut butter and crackers. If there are hygiene items or clothing they can see what they might need. They also distribute Spanish and English Bibles from the Gideons when available.

When & Where: On *April 7, 2026* around *12:00pm* they host their next "Under the Bridge" at *Rhodes Skate Park*. It is located at *1555 W Front Street, Boise, ID 83702*. The food usually lasts less than an hour. Please join them to help and/or see what this wonderful Mission is all about.

Save the Date!
Spring Tea will be held
on April 19, 2026



CHURCH INFORMATION

Celebrating Birthdays are:

- 10) John Krause
- 11) Nicholas Fietsch
- 24) Georgina Fietsch
- 29) Brittany Seibold
- 30) Rosie Pruitt-Jones



Caring Ministries APRIL 2026 Update



The Board of Caring Ministries is asking for help to greet everyone AFTER the service in the narthex with Andy Quisler. We feel it is important to greet everyone after service as well as before

the service. Please contact Mary Murray or Pam Quisler if you would be interested in helping. It is a good outreach to talk to visitors as well as members. It is on a rotating basis, not every Sunday.

Please consider joining us with this wonderful opportunity. You will be rewarded and get to know more visitors and members.

THANK YOU to everyone who took time to visit one of our shut ins. They all enjoy a visit. It is our way at Christ Lutheran to reach out to our members and let them know we care about them and miss them.

Quilt Fabric: If you have any cotton or flannel fabric that you no longer need or want, please consider donating it to Caring Ministries. We take all sizes of fabric. It can even be sheets. These items can be placed in the LWML room on the table. You can also talk to Rose Ann Gebert or Mary Murray with any questions.



Food Bank Donations: please see the article in this newsletter for donations to the worthwhile activity that Mike Knarr is leading.



Boise Rescue Mission

April through June we will be gathering food for the Rescue Mission. As they use these groceries to provide meals onsite for individuals, the larger sizes are needed. You can also make **monetary donations** to the Boise Rescue mission. Checks should be made out to **Christ Lutheran Church** and put in a “designated Offering” envelope or a plain envelope with the “Boise Rescue Mission” written on it. Money designated for the Mission will be put in a special fund and sent to the Mission quarterly.

Boise Rescue Mission Needs

Need the Larger sizes of the following items.

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|------------------------|----------------------------|
| Coffee | Tomato Sauce |
| Pasta | Vegetables (canned) |
| Cold Cereal | Canned Milk |
| Cooking Oil | Fruit (canned) |
| Cornstarch | Spices |
| Dish Soap | Salt |
| Bleach | Pepper |
| Rice | Sugar |
| Beans | Potato Flakes |
| Salad Dressings | |

Personal Items

- Toilet Paper**
- Hair Products**
- Disposable Razors**
- Feminine Products**
- Diapers & Baby Supplies**
- Paper Towels**
- Tylenol or Advil**
- Men’s T-Shirts, Socks, & Underwear**



**Lutheran
Women
in Mission**

Christ Lutheran Church's LWML met on **March 18, 2026** at 1pm.

We discussed more about printing a cookbook of favorite recipes and selling it at the Fall Bazaar. It was decided that the proceeds will go towards helping pay off CLC's mortgage.

Ladies have homework to vote on Mission Grants for the UT-ID District.

We will set another card-making/craft day when we know our leaders will be in attendance.

Easter shut-in visits are almost complete. If you are interested in the next time we do the visits or have questions, please talk to Pam. This is a very special ministry. They appreciate it so much.

We discussed the Spring Tea. The theme will be: Lead me to **"The Rock"** and based on the bible verse:

¹Listen to my cry, O God, listen to my prayer; ²from the end of the earth I call to you when my heart is faint Lead me to the rock that is higher than I, ³for you have been my refuge, a strong tower against my enemy. Psalm 61:1-3

Upcoming Dates:

- Next LWML meeting is **April 8, 2026 @ 1pm**. All ladies are welcome! J
- Western Zone Spring Rally** at Beautiful Savior in Boise will be held **April 18, 2026**
- Spring Tea** will be **April 19, 2026** from 1-3pm.
- Utah-Idaho LWML's 40th Biennial District Convention** will be held **May-1-3, 2026 @** Grace Lutheran Church and School in Pocatello, Idaho.

Respectfully Submitted by,
Pamla Quisler, President, CLC LWML



Christ Lutheran Preschool

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March is a short month for our preschoolers with Spring Break, but it definitely isn't short on fun! We had a field trip to Reptile Zoo in Boise, and as always it did not disappoint. It is a favorite of the kiddos every year. It is a super fun interactive learning experience. The weather has been great to getting lots of time out on our playground, which the kids really enjoy. We celebrated Dr Seuss week with fun/silly activities and focus on rhyming words. We spent time talking about lent. Learning how it is a season for getting our hearts ready for Easter by growing closer to Jesus.

We also started open enrollment for Fall. We have a handful of new families enrolled already as several returning families. Please keep us in mind if you come across anyone interested in a small Christian based preschool program for their children.

Thank you, Caroline Hussmann



Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it. Proverbs 22:6



PUZZLE

FIX YOUR EYES ON JESUS

Remembering Jesus' life, death and resurrection helps us live with gratitude every day.

Use the picture and number code to fill in the blanks for Hebrews 12:2-3, NIV

1. Jesus 2. weary 3. endured 4. opposition	5. cross 6. endured 7. scorning 8. shame	1. Jesus 2. lose 3. pioneer 4. sinners
5. perfecter 6. him 7. faith 8. hand	1. eyes 2. us 3. joy 4. heart	5. right 6. grow 7. God 8. throne

"... fixing our on , the and of . For the set before he the , its , and sat down at the of the of . Consider who such from , so that you will not and .

Hebrews 12:2-3 NIV



The butterfly reminds us of new life and the Resurrection. After three days, Jesus rose from the dead and brings us the hope of new beginnings. This simple craft helps children celebrate that joyful truth.

What you need:

- Light-colored construction paper
- Card stock
- Glue
- Paint
- Paintbrush
- Paper towel or baby wipe



What you do:

- Cut out a butterfly body from the construction paper.
- Glue the butterfly body onto the card stock.
- Use a paintbrush to coat the palm of one hand with paint.
- Press your painted hand beside the butterfly body to create a wing.
- Repeat with your other hand to make the second wing.
- Clean your hands with a paper towel or baby wipe.
- Optional: Add Luke 24:5-6 (NIV) around the butterfly or on its body:

"Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here; he has risen!"

Answer: "... fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart." Hebrews 12:2-3 NIV

Bible Quiz

According to Matthew's account, something remarkable happened to the earth on the day Jesus was crucified and again on the morning when Mary Magdalene and the other Mary visited the tomb. What occurred on both days?

A. There was a flood on both days.
 B. There was an earthquake on both days.
 C. There was a huge fire on each day.
 D. There was complete darkness on both days.

Answer: B (Matthew 27:51; Matthew 28:2)

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Worship Schedule:

Worship Service at 10:00am

Fellowship Time follows worship

Christian Education Hour at 11:30am:

Sunday School & Bible Studies for all ages

Church Office Hours:

9:00-2:00 Wednesday and Thursday

Pastor in office Tuesday-Thursday