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a message from our pastor

**Alleluia! He is risen.
He is risen, indeed! Alleluia!**

It just doesn't get old, does it? The thunderous proclamation of Good News trumpeted forth on Easter Sunday reverberates through the Church. Thanks be to God that Easter is not simply a singular event. The paschal candle so prominent at Zoe Miriam's baptism now stands beside the Altar. This graphically calls our attention to the Easter Proclamation and baptism into that proclamation.

For seven weeks we glory in the wonder of Eastertide. These are the weeks of Easter as we focus our attention upon the resurrection experiences of the Early Church with the living Jesus. Like good detectives, we read about the Who, What, Where, When and Why! This did not come in one fell swoop. The power and promise the resurrection takes time to sink into confused and confounded minds. This is a lot to take it.

And even when we finish the seven weeks of Easter, we find a new reality in place. Every Sunday is a "little Easter." Every Sunday is a celebration of the Resurrection and our baptism into the Resurrection. It is feast and celebration. Hence, Sundays (with)in Lent rather than of (belonging to) Lent. Sundays are feast days. We do not fast on those days and they do not "count" when figuring the 40 days of Lent. The only way the math works is to "skip" the Sundays in Lent. Then you get forty days.

We also do not worship on Sunday in order to meet legal requirements. Depending on how you number the commandments, it is either the third or fourth. "Remember the Sabbath Day to keep it holy." The Sabbath is from Sundown Friday to Sundown Saturday. We do not create a new type of Christian Sabbath where we check off a box to meet a requirement. We worship on Sunday because it is the day of Resurrection. Every Sunday is a commemoration of Easter!!

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May our proclamation ever be as joyous and profound and simple. Jesus lives. And because he lives, we shall live also. And maybe even more amazing..... it is not simple future directed. The Good News is lived here. There is nothing which can or will separate us from the love of Jesus Christ, resurrected and living, here and now. "For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. (Rm 8:38-39)".

God's Peace—

Pr. Groce

From our President.....

The start of 2024 has been an adventure. Our council has been challenged with some exceedingly difficult decisions, the most recent being having to deal with the outbreak of COVID here at CLC. In making decisions, we compile as many facts as possible, have numerous discussions and always keep the safety of this congregation as our priority. We know that not everyone will agree, and we acknowledge that everyone is entitled to his or her own opinion. I am always available to hear from you.

The Congregation Council met in March and agreed that the Handbell Choir would play on Easter Sunday and that the congregation would enjoy Coffee Hour with light snacks between the two services. We will always look at existing decisions with the option to make changes, using a commonsense approach.

I want to thank our Council for their support and availability to meet and work together. The best options for Christ Lutheran Church have been the only issues to resolve. Thanks also to you, the congregation, for your understanding and prayers.

I want to wish all a blessed and joyful Easter. Let us pray for the safety, health and well-being of our family and friends.

Christ has risen indeed! Hallelujah!

God Bless,
Gary Deierlein

READINGS APRIL 2024

April 6 & 7, 2024

Second Weekend of Easter

First Reading: Acts 4:32-35
Psalm: Psalm 133
Second Reading: 1 John 1:1—2:2
Gospel: John 20:19-31

April 20 & 21, 2024

Fourth Weekend of Easter

First Reading: Acts 4:5-12
Psalm: Psalm 23
Second Reading: 1 John 3:16-24
Gospel: John 10:11-18

April 13 & 14, 2024

Third Weekend of Easter

First Reading: Acts 3:12-19
Psalm: Psalm 4
Second Reading: 1 John 3:1-7
Gospel: Luke 24:36b-48

April 27 & 28, 2024

Fifth Weekend of Easter

First Reading: Acts 8:26-40
Psalm: Psalm 22:25-31
Second Reading: 1 John 4:7-21
Gospel: John 15:1-8

CLC/FGRS Golf Tournament

9/15/2024

Register 10:30 a.m.

Tee Off 12:30 P.M.

Great Diner 6:00 p.m. - CLC Fellowship Hall

Hole-in-One Contest; Win a New Car; Beat the Pro; Longest Drive; Closest to Pin. Opportunities to purchase Mulligans, Raffle Tickets, 50/50 Drawing and other events. Cost \$100 per player. This is a great opportunity to support organizations: FGRS and Friends of the Library (Sue Litman's favorite organization). Sign up now! Fun day of golf and fellowship!

Χριστός

In case you were wondering and, even if you're not, the squiggles above comprise the word "Christ" in Greek. I tell you this because people were asking about our new signs which replace the original ones front and back. Did you know there was a sign on the back of the building?

The first two letters of Christ in Greek are Chi and Rho. It looks like a capital X and a lower case p. For thousands of years, this has been and remains an accepted abbreviation for *Christos*... the X and p (chi and rho).

The original sign on the building was ravaged by woodpeckers and looked horrid. The new signs will be wood pecker resistant as well as holding up to wind, sunlight and rain. All things considered, an idea whose time had come!

And here is what it looks like today. However, there is still time to be impressed. The sign which will not feed about the presentation of our building and community. The stylized Chi and Rho and does so with an updated freshness!

While we are on the subject of Chi running misconception which deals Christmas is often seen as Xmas. letter "X" and the final three may be We are not "taking Christ out of and using an abbreviation.



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and Rho, let me address another long with letters. The Mass of Christ or Abbreviating Christmas by using the first mixing languages, but it is not sacrilegious. Christmas"... we are simply being a tad lazy

Here ends the Greek lesson for today. I hope this helps to clarify what is on the side of Christ Lutheran Church and why! As an added bonus, here is picture of the Columbarium at night. What a glorious sight and what a witness!! Happy Eastertide—

God's Peace-

Pr. Groce



Water to the Columbarium



BARREL MINISTRY for April Avalon Center for Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault

The mission of the Avalon Center is to end power based violence against men, women, and children within the counties that Avalon serves.

The Avalon Center and Emergency Shelter wishes to stock their temporary emergency shelter with full size toiletries, hygiene products, cleaning supplies, and paper products.

Please consider donating any of the following items:

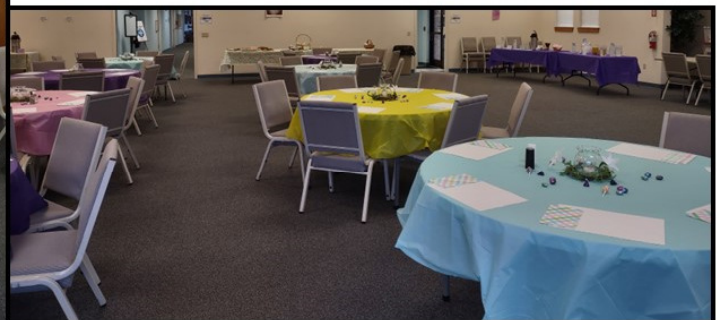
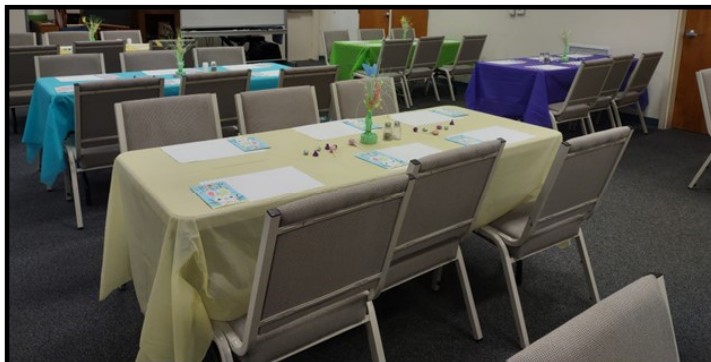
Shampoo/Conditioner/Body Wash
Pads and Tampons
Deodorant
Hairbrushes
Razors
Toothbrushes and Toothpaste

Toilet Paper
Paper Towels
Dish soap
Dishwasher Tablets
Sanitizing Wipes and Spray

Easter Early Service



Easter Coffee Hour





*Easter Sunday Baptism
of
Zoe Miriam Fierle
great-granddaughter of Beverly Olin*

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DAVID DENDY

A Summary of the Fairfield Glade Council of Churches

From its beginning after 1980, the Council of Churches was established to strengthen our community across denominational lines as well as to offer care to the members of the individual churches and to be a positive presence within the community of Fairfield Glade. Representatives from each congregation, along with the clergy of each church make up the Council.

We began by holding ecumenical worship services twice a year: Easter Sunrise and the Wednesday evening before Thanksgiving Day. A rotation of responsibilities for hosting, preaching and clergy participation of these events was established. At first Easter services were held at St. George Marina. However, weather issues became a problem and we began meeting in churches. For a time, we attempted to hold services at the Conference Center in an effort to bring more people from the community to the service. That did not bring in the hoped-for additional people and so we returned to being hosted at our churches. During this time, we moved the Thanksgiving service to Tuesday of Thanksgiving week instead of Wednesday.

The Council of Churches became a support to one another and the community at large. Around 2012 the Peavine Care Center Food Pantry to serve residents along the Peavine corridor who need food. We began by having a devotional given by one of the clergy or laity of the Council churches and distributing food to folks who came to the Center. Since COVID, the food distribution process had to change, however, the Center is still a vital source of outreach and support to many in our community.

Recognizing the growing needs of our community, the Council of Churches in 2012-2013 helped to establish what is now Resident Services. Because so many in our community have come from somewhere else, churches become the "family" who cares for folks during life transitions. Resident Services was born out of realizing that not everyone in our community is affiliated with a church.

After 2014, we began hosting the National Day of Prayer, held the first Thursday in May. This service began at Mirror Lake and in time moved to St. George Marina. There are specific guidelines that help frame the prayers of the clergy as we move through praying for governmental leaders, businesses, schools, homes, and communities.

When Good Samaritan Society began, there were members from each of the churches on the steering committee that helped to establish it. As such, each church donated funds toward the chapel and each church was given specific responsibilities for worship services. It was mandatory for staff to attend worship each day. Some services were lay led and others were clergy led. For instance: the Methodist church had clergy led worship every Thursday morning at 9:30 a.m. Then every fourth Saturday, the laity led worship. Laity from other churches divided up the worship services on other Saturdays. This was a schedule that was created by Good Samaritan Society that ran until everything shut down with COVID. Worship services resumed recently and Pastor Groce leads a Worship service on the third Wednesday of each month at 10:00 a.m.

In 2019 the Upper Cumberland Diversity Advocates (UCDA) formed to celebrate and educate our community about diversity of culture, religion, and race within our country. In 2022 the Council of Churches joined with the UCDA on there Day of Diversity, held the fourth Saturday of August. The purpose of the Council being a part of this day is to show our unity as well as our diversity within our denominations.

The most recent new event we collaborated on is the Autumn Choral Festival of 2023. The respective choirs and choral leaders worked together on selected pieces as well as showcasing the individual choirs. A part of this also included a "sing-along" of favorite hymns with the congregation. This is an event meant to offer fellowship to the community and the congregations of the Council.

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PRAYER CONCERNS

Please keep the following in your prayers.

- o **Betty Anderson**
- o **Hazel Bardash**
- o **Jude Dzibinski**
- o **Mac McFadden**
- o **Karla Miller**
- o **Richard Queen**
- o **Duane Schiller**, visitors welcome
- o **Jody Schuning**
- o **Paul Sloboda**
- o **ALL MILITARY PERSONNEL**
- o **Kiswahili Lutheran Mission Church**, Nashville, our mission partner
- o **ELCA Global Mission**
- o **Barbara Bejcek**, sister of **Kay Wode**
- o **David Corrado**, CLC Seminarian
- o **Katherine Corrado**, mother of **CLC Seminarian David Corrado**
- o **Darlene DeRe**, cousin of **Joan Teister**, has leukemia
- o **Jim & Nona Jensen**, Nona went into Brookdale Senior Living in Columbia, March 18; notes or cards can be sent to 5012 Camelot Drive, Columbia, TN 38401.
- o **Roz Kerr**, mother of **Bill Kerr**
- o **Christopher Lee & his wife, Corrina**, step-brother and sister-in-law; **Karol McCarthy**, step-mother, of **Kathleen McCarthy**
- o **Delainey Niec**, granddaughter of **Al & Cindy Love**
- o **Sandi Page**, friend of **Glen and Betty House**,
- o **Kathy Pulley**, friend of **Larry & Diane Camp**
- o **Connie Reagan**, Bread of Life
- o **Ben Welch III**, son of **Ben & Kathleen Welch**



Birthdays

1	Paul Sloboda
6	Katherine Pellek
7	Dick Jahn
8	June Seaver
10	Lourdes Dunaway
10	Paul Kronau
10	Donna McFadden
12	Marion Miner
13	David Irvin
13	Leroy Kibbel
13	Richard Queen
13	Carol Schultz
14	Deni Donovan
14	Bev Smith
17	Craig Christen
20	Jim Radcliffe
24	Laura Resh
26	Valli Flescher
27	Lowell Landrus
28	Linda Morgan
29	Mary Ann Brown



Anniversaries

2	Tom & Anne Dodge	30 years
5	George & Tamra Sengstock	24 years
10	Michael & Darby O'Hara	48 years
40	John & Sallie Garvey	42 years

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April 22 for publication in
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Items can be submitted
by email to Vickie at
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CLC UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

To view the current calendar of activities, please visit the church website at christlutheranchurchffg.org and click the calendar tab at the top of the home page.