



# ONE IN CHRIST

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## WORSHIP IN APRIL

### Lent

April 2 is the fifth Sunday in Lent. At the 10:30 service the Sunday School children will dramatize the Gospel featuring the raising of Lazarus. Karen Wood is the director of this piece and the props are made by Brent Wood. At this service, seven children will be taking their first communion. The event will be noted with a cake during the Fellowship hour.

On Wednesday, April 5, the Wednesdays in Lent continue with a fellowship supper at 6:00 p. m. and worship at 7:00 p. m. The series on Luther's Small Catechism will conclude with a focus on Confession, Absolution, and daily prayers.

### Palm Sunday

Palm Sunday, the Sunday of the Passion, is April 9. Weather permitting, the services begin outdoors at the Columbarium. Bearing palm branches we process into the church. During the service we hear our Lord's road to the cross and death read dramatically and interspersed with appropriate hymns.

### Maundy Thursday

Our worship on Maundy Thursday, April 13, will begin at 7:00 p. m. At the service individual forgiveness of sins is offered, as well as ritual washing, and Holy Communion. The altar is stripped at the conclusion to bring us into Good Friday.

### Good Friday

Two services mark the day of Good Friday, April 14. At noon we worship with our partner congregation, Emmanuel Episcopal, at their location at Bompert and Lockwood. With meditation we join the crowds who watched Jesus go through his trial, sentencing and crucifixion.

At 7:00 p. m. our two congregations meet at Christ Lutheran. We hear from Scripture of the death of our Lord. Our choir helps us meditate on the meaning of the death of Jesus as we hear it sing the cantata, "Requiem" by K. Lee Scott. The service ends in darkness illuminated with the return of the Christ candle.

### Easter

On Easter, April 16, worship is at the regular hours of 8:00 and 10:30 a. m. At both services the choir will sing Handel's "Hallelujah Chorus" and invite volunteers from the worshipping congregation to sing with them. Holy Communion will be observed on this festive day. There will be no Christian Education on Easter.

An Easter breakfast will be served beginning at 9:00 a. m. in the Fellowship Hall. The junior and senior high youth will serve the meal. Free-will donations will support the youth mission trips and their attendance at youth gatherings.

At 9:30 a. m. there will be an Easter egg hunt on the front lawn of the church. Children are to line up at the gate, and they will be admitted by age group. The community is invited to the hunt.

### Anniversary and Birthday Celebrations

April 9 is the Sunday of the month, when the April birthdays and anniversaries are celebrated. Join the fellowship time at 9:00 a. m. or 11:30 a. m. to give thanks and celebrate the years God has given.

### 95 Reasons We Give 2017 Pledge Drive

Join us in reflecting on all the reasons we give during the 2017 Stewardship pledge drive. "Nail" those reasons to the designated door in the fellowship hall as Luther nailed his 95 Theses to the Castle Church door 500 years ago. Pledge cards sent through the mail should be returned by April 30th in the designated envelopes or emailed to [pledge@christwg.org](mailto:pledge@christwg.org). If you have any questions, please contact Brett Bussler or Kate Hoerchler.

Replica of the doors at Wittenberg, made by Deanne Bussler are in the Fellowship Hall. Come post your blessings!



# LIFE AROUND CHRIST

## The Final Four The Semi-Final Games

Join Christ Lutheran members and friends on Saturday, April 1st at the Arden Mead Center to watch the Final Four games on the BIG screen. CLC will provide complimentary popcorn, hot dogs, water and soda, but feel free to BYOB and snacks. Other games and activities will be on hand as well. Doors open at 4:30 p.m., with the first game at 5:00 p.m. Invite your friends to join us!

## EGGSTRAVAGANZA APRIL 1

Participate in the delightful egg decorating workshop held by Nancy and Keith Lissant starting at 1:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall on Sat., April 1st! Children under the age of 10 should be accompanied by an adult. We will have projects for adults and children. This year Ukrainian wax resistance dying will be a highlight for the adults. Even if you haven't signed up, you are welcome to come and try your hand at one of the egg decorating forms available.

## Pew Cushion Refurbishing

We thank Larry Neeb and his team for refurbishing the pew cushions and hymnal racks in recent months. Larry had several of the pew cushions re-upholstered with new buttons and many spots were removed. The hymnal racks have been updated with new cushioning and hand sanitizer has been replenished. Thank



you Larry and your team!

## CALLING ALL MUSICIANS ...

...Young and old, accomplished and beginners, vocal and instrumental, solos and ensembles. Summer is a great time to share a piece of special music at Christ Lutheran. If you are interested (or even just willing), contact Rachel Helton at 217-491-4636, or RLHelton17@gmail.com.

## Adult Mission Trip to Rosebud Lakota Reservation

Do you like hands-on work, stepping out of your comfort zone, and answering God's call for us to share his love by serving others? Then mark your calendars for June 3-10, 2017! Once again, Christ Lutheran will be teaming up with

Emmanuel Episcopal for the Adult Mission Trip to Rosebud Lakota Reservation in Mission, South Dakota. It doesn't matter if you been 10 times or never...all that is asked for are willing hands and open hearts.

The work may involve fix up, clean up, or repairs. Normally a cultural experience is part of the week. Working and getting together with area residents is a strong plus.

The cost for the trip is \$250 per person. A \$50 deposit is due to the Emmanuel Episcopal office by April 5th for planning purposes. "Tripships" are available. If you have questions or are interesting in learning more, here are some options: 1) Check out the information and photos at the website: [emmanuelamt.blogspot.com](http://emmanuelamt.blogspot.com) 2) Contact the coordinator, Donna Erickson: [donna\\_erickson@tt.net](mailto:donna_erickson@tt.net) or 314-961-3896, Keith Lissant, or Pastor Keith.

Not able to go, but want to support the project? The Green Envelope collections from April will also be going towards this trip.

## Pastoral Acts

Dorothea (Dottie) Brockschmitt died in the Lord on March 2. Her funeral was at the Jay B. Smith Funeral home on March 7. May all who mourn the death of Dottie find comfort in the Lord.

James Gilliland was welcomed with Holy Baptism on March 26. James is the great-grandson of Roger Rose.

## Two Youth Meetings In April 2017

The March 2017 Cluster Senior High Youth meeting was re-set for Sunday, April 9th at 6:00 p.m. at St. Mark's Lutheran Church on Clayton Road

In addition, the Cluster Senior High Youth will also meet on Sunday, April 23rd at 6:00 p.m. at St. Thomas Holy Spirit Lutheran Church. Youth coordinator Aaron Elliott will be at both meetings.

# April Adult Education

## ADULT FORUM

*The Adult Forum meets on Sunday mornings during the Education Hour, 9:15-10:15 a.m., in the Fellowship Hall on the lower level of the church building.*

**April 2: Cyra Lohman, Executive Director of Humanitri**, will share the strategy Humanitri uses to move families from homelessness to a stable, safe and productive life. According to the January 2010 Homeless Census, there were 1,305 persons without homes in St. Louis. Of these, 575 were living in emergency shelters. Mrs. Lohman will share how Humanitri takes clients from homeless shelters and works with them to instill confidence and hope and give them new skills to become stable renters or homeowners.

**April 9: The Rev. Dr. Laurel Koepf-Taylor, Assistant Professor of Old Testament, Eden Theological Seminary**, will speak about families in the Bible, exploring how people thought about gender and childhood, what everyday life was like in the biblical world, how ancient families differed from the way we experience family relationships in our own lives, and what we can learn from these differences for our understanding of the Bible and the life of the church.

**April 16: No Adult Forum**

**April 23: Brett Bussler will speak on climate change.** Climate change will impact global food production regardless of whether world leaders agree on the factors driving this change. Crop planting patterns are already beginning to shift

and much larger shifts are yet to come. Join us at the adult education hour on April 23<sup>rd</sup> for a discussion on how climate change is expected to impact farming and the production of food.

**April 30: Anita Trautmann**, a long-time member, will speak on her experiences while living and raising a family in India, during the time her husband the Rev. Robert Trautmann was a missionary there.

## SMALL GROUP DISCUSSIONS

**Sunday Morning—9:15 a.m. Book and Film Discussion Group**, You are welcome to join us for fellowship, conversation and spirit-filled relationship building on Sunday mornings in the Conference Room. There is no meeting on the first Sunday of the month, but please drop in any other week. We will begin the DVD series "Really Bad Girls of the Bible" by Liz Curtis Higgs this month.

**Tuesday Morning, 10 a.m.—Fellowship Hall.** The Tuesday Morning Bible study group will begin the study of the book of Matthew, using the Study guide for *Matthew for Everyone* by the scholar N. T. Wright. Read the first four chapters of Matthew this month. Questions? Contact Carolyn at 314-277-2164.

**Wednesday Morning Bible Study.** This study meets from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. on alternating Wednesdays during Lent, beginning March 8, in the 3rd floor lounge of the Laclede Groves senior living community at 701 S. Laclede Station Road. The pastors lead a study on upcoming Sunday lessons.

### Youth Summer Activity Registration Deadlines

7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders and older youth who wish to attend are reminded that registration for Confirmation Camp is due to church on April 23. The camp at Camp Luther, Waterloo, IL, is June 19-23.

Youth grades 8-12 who plan to attend the FS Squared: Fun Summer Service Trip to the YMCA Camp Lakewood, Potosi, MO need to register at church by April 9.

### Vacation Bible School to be Held May 31-June 2

Vacation Bible School will be held jointly by Christ Lutheran and Emmanuel Episcopal congregations on Wednesday, May 31, through Friday, June 2. The location this year will be Christ Lutheran and the hours are 9:00 a.m. to noon.

## LET'S CELEBRATE!



### CELEBRATING APRIL ANNIVERSARIES & BIRTHDAYS

Congratulations and Best Wishes! Your Christ Lutheran family wants to celebrate you! *Every month we will honor anniversaries and birthdays with a special cake, party fun and decorations* after the service.

#### ANNIVERSARIES

04/13	Scott & Kirsten Glascock
04/14	Carolyn & Bob Crowe
04/21	Faith & Wayne Moore
04/23	John & Sue Zempel
04/27	Sarah & Matthew Ely

#### BIRTHDAYS

04/01	Anne Marie Kettler, Bradley Kuziel, Lucille Murray
04/02	Bill Griffith, Chris Zempel
04/03	Linda Griffith
04/04	Kaia Askew-Sunkara, Phil Hoerchler, Noah Hornbeck

04/05	Suzie McIntyre, Joan O'Brien, Katy Seabaugh, Michael Wachtman
04/06	Joe Zempel
04/07	Mattis Horn
04/08	Adrienne Christner
04/09	Katie Ciorba
04/10	David Fey
04/11	Steve Mitchler
04/13	Emily & Luke Bender, Kaylee Glascock, Sherri Swanson
04/14	John Zempel
04/15	Kim Donermeyer
04/16	Anne Marie Wischmeyer
04/17	Judy Wessler
04/19	Alex Cramer
04/21	Rachel Bruns
04/22	Erica Donermeyer Garth Stole
04/23	Ben Drollinger, Tom Hopper
04/26	David Hill
04/27	Tim Donermeyer, Paige Lauer
04/28	Melissa Allen, Cooper Fritzlen, Ella Knapp
04/29	Richard Emery, Seannah McCarty

## BLOOD PRESSURE AND BLOOD SUGAR SCREENINGS

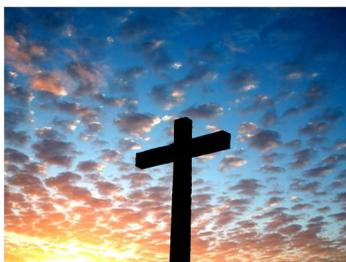


Carolyn Crowe, Faith Community Nurse and Director of Senior Adult Ministries, will do blood pressure and blood sugar screenings on Sunday, April 2nd. You can find her in the Fellowship Hall after the worship service. You can also make an appointment with Carolyn for a blood pressure or blood sugar check up, by calling her at either the church, 314-962-6011, or her cell phone 314-277-2164.

# WOMEN'S GROUP

*"WATCH NOW," the Lord of Hosts declares, "the day of judgment is coming" ...But for you who fear my name, the Sun of Righteousness will rise with healing in His wings." Malachi 4: 1,2.*

The prophet, Malachi, is giving hope to the believers that Jesus will come and rise up and save us from our sins. All the people of the time had to do, was believe. We have hope in eternal life because we know and believe that Jesus came, taught, died for us and rose again--the Easter blessing.



Our group does not have special plans for the month. If anyone has ideas to share with this group, please call Carolyn Lange at 764-2081 or Joan Rivas at 274-7181.

Enjoy the Easter feasts and the joy of the season, but also remember the reason for the season!

***See You in Church!***

# REFLECTIONS

## “Easter in Africa”

It started as a simple warning in the media that was easy to ignore with all the other, political news. And it used words I didn't really want to hear, like “humanitarian crisis,” “urgent” and “twenty million people facing starvation.” Still, when I sat down to write this reflection, intending to write about Easter, I was drawn to learn more about this warning.

I discovered that the United Nations has reported four countries, Nigeria, Somalia, South Sudan and Yemen, are on the edge of catastrophe if they don't receive billions of dollars in aid by July. Drought, aggravated by global climate change, has dried up their farms, killed their livestock and sent men, women and children walking miles to find food, and even more importantly, to get water. Adding to their misery are civil wars which prevent nonprofits from reaching the people with help.

My research left me with a sense of helplessness and also with a question: Where is Easter in all of this?

Strangely, then, the topic of this reflection has come back to Easter because Easter offers us guidance as we take seriously the plight of our sisters and brothers in faraway Africa and the Arabian Peninsula. Easter was Jesus' victory not only over sin and death but over all the forces of death in the world. At Easter Jesus won the victory over the brutal, Roman government which was powerless to end his influence of love and forgiveness. His resurrection empowered his followers to carry on his work in spite of Roman persecution and opposition by Jewish leaders.

We, too, are empowered by the Resurrection to respond to the plight of our sisters and brothers in Africa and Yemen. We can pray for those who suffer that they may get relief, for the civil and military leaders that they would seek peace before power, for the aid workers who risk their lives to bring help and

for the leaders of our government and other rich countries that they would release the funds to save thousands of lives. We can give to the ELCA International Disaster Response (PO Box 71764, Chicago, IL 60694-1764) which has already sent \$280,000 to Africa. We can e-mail or call our congress members and ask them to release more international aid to these countries. And we can care for the hungry in our own country, not forgetting those far away, but trusting that as we care for people here, Jesus will continue his Easter victory in Africa.

Concern for those in Africa is conveyed in this painting by Pastor Tom Schoenherr,



friend of many at Christ Lutheran and frequent preacher here. He was inspired by the experience of the Rev. Dr. Deborah Goldfeder, a deacon in the Episcopal Church. She was approaching a village in South Sudan which had been burned out by civil war and a woman emerged from the ruins holding out empty hands. “I'm hungry, I'm tired,” she said. The hands in Pastor Schoenherr's picture could represent her empty hands or the hands of God ready to share much needed food and water through our care. If you want to follow Pastor Schoenherr's reflections on world events and other topics go to his blog: [spiritualcompanioning.wordpress.com](http://spiritualcompanioning.wordpress.com).

—Pastor Penny



# THE SHARING TREE

from your Christian Service Ministry Team

## April Green Envelope: Adult Mission Trip to the Rosebud Lakota Reservation

For many years now Christ Lutheran and Emmanuel Episcopal have conducted an Adult Mission Trip to Rosebud Reservation, in Mission, South Dakota. The work has involved repairing and renovating homes, the ball field, a church building and many other areas of the reservation. Friendships have developed between the folks from St. Louis and the residents in South Dakota. To keep the costs down and to support the yearly projects, we are asking for donations this April to the Green Envelope fund, which will go into the funds for the Adult Mission Trip.

Make your checks payable to Christ Lutheran Church with "Adult Mission Trip" on the memo line.

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Below is the newly renovated "dugout" at the ball field on the reservation, completed in 2015.



**WE COLLECT:** Did you know Christ Lutheran has a number of ongoing collections to benefit local charities that you can participate in ANY time of the year?! Here is the list as a refresher, feel free to drop off items to the designated spots in refreshment hall anytime:

- Box Tops for Education – local schools
- Meal-A-Month food items – WRMH & Feed My People (see list printed in each newsletter)
- Gently used and new shoes - Get the Word Out



## GIVE-A-MEAL-A-MONTH

### APRIL, 2017

Canned turkey  
Instant mashed potatoes  
Canned corn, low sodium  
Applesauce in plastic, no sugar added  
Powdered milk or ground coffee  
**Return to Church by Sunday**  
April 9, 2017

### MAY, 2017

Canned tuna in water or olive oil  
Tuna Helper (your choice)  
Canned peas—low sodium/no salt  
Canned peaches (own juices or low sugar)  
Powdered milk or shelf-stable boxed milk or soy milk  
**Return to Church by Sunday,**  
May 14, 2017



Small, canned hams are often found at Walgreens, Walmart and Sam's Club. A meal a month for you, a meal a month for your neighbor. Please fill a yellow shopping bag or two (available in the Fellowship Hall) with food items and return them to CLC. Any donation is appreciated. Peanut butter, jelly, fruit rolls always welcome. And young families often appreciate the donation of disposable diapers. How about a box of tea bags for iced tea? Thank you for remembering your neighbors.

## Welcome New Members!

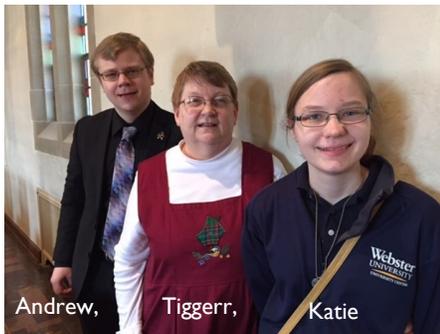
On February 5, seven people joined the Christ Lutheran community as new members. They will bless the congregation with their experiences and gifts and are seeking ways to serve the mission of Jesus Christ within and outside the congregation.

**Caitlin McMullen** grew up in St. Louis and was a member of Unity Lutheran Church in Bel-Nor. She is an occupational therapist with the St. Louis Public Schools. Caitlin enjoys reading, watching TV, cooking and sewing. Caitlin's husband, **Greg**



**McMullen**, also grew up in St. Louis and is an engineer at the Saint Louis Art Museum and an instructor at Ranken Technical College. In his spare time, Greg enjoys fixing up their older home in Lemay, playing with their dog and following Netflix programs on TV. They appreciate the traditional character of Christ's building and worship, the music and the sense of community and welcome at Christ. They would like to be involved with helping the less fortunate and will soon be busy as parents of a new baby.

**Tiggerr Schleicher** grew up in St. Louis and is a registered nurse and educator. She and her husband, Mike, have four children and three granddaughters. Their son, Andrew, and daughter, Katie, live with them in St. Louis city. Tiggerr enjoys sewing and cooking and looks forward to being involved in congregational activities. She appreciates the open and accepting nature of the congregation.



**Andrew Schleicher** works as an office assistant and has also served in volunteer positions in museums and at Saint Louis University, which is

his alma mater. In his spare time he enjoys watching YouTube and TV, especially documentaries, playing video games, and listening to orchestral and instrumental music. He appreciates both the accepting nature of the congregation and its traditional character. He may want to be involved teaching Sunday school.

**Katie Schleicher** is a student at Webster University and has enjoyed being a pet-sitter in the past. She enjoys writing, playing guitar and science. She was drawn to Christ Lutheran because of its acceptance of the LGBT community and its more open understanding of Biblical interpretation. Katie would like to use her talents for decorating and drama in the congregation and, in particular, would like to work with Chico, the large, monkey puppet who has appeared from time to time in children's sermons.

**Colleen Wagner** grew up in suburban Chicago and attended Saint Louis University where she met her husband, **Michael Wagner**. Colleen is a registered nurse at Saint Louis University Hospital, working in oncology and bone marrow transplant units. In her spare time, she is teaching herself to crochet. She spends a lot of time reading and enjoys cooking with Michael. She, Michael and their dog, Kaylee, live in Shrewsbury. Colleen and Michael find Christ Lutheran a good fit to blend their Lutheran and Catholic backgrounds. Michael grew up in Dayton, Ohio and is a software engineer for Boeing. In his spare time, Michael is a runner, currently training for his second marathon. He also enjoys sports, movies and TV. Michael will be looking for ways to serve the community through the congregation.



## March Council Highlights

At its March meeting the Christ Lutheran church council:

--**Discussed chapter one of the book, Crucial Conversations.** A chapter will be discussed at each forthcoming meeting.

--**Reviewed the treasurer's report.** Report showed income of \$73,603 through February with expenses at \$74,201 and Budget at \$79,833.

--**Christian Education reported** that VBS will be at Christ Lutheran this year May 31 to June 2 in the mornings, with the service project to be the following Sunday.

--**Christian Service noted** that the April Green Envelope Offering will support the Adult Mission Trip to South Dakota.

--**Outreach reported** on plans for the community Final Four viewing at the Mead Center with refreshments and other activities. Christ Lutheran branded water bottles, coffee mugs, and reusable bags are for sale. Welcome bags for visitors are being put together. An event schedule for 2017 including the 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration is being developed..

--**Property is taking up the issue** of outdoor signage at the Mead Center.

--**Brett Bussler reported** that Kate Hoerchler and Mark Rook are helping with a spring stewardship pledge drive. It will be kicked off in worship on March 26 with the goal of receiving pledges by April 30. A theme of "95 Blessings" will be accentuated by placing notes of blessing on a "Wittenberg door" replica. Recruitment continues for a committee chair.

--**Worship committee reported** on a recent committee meeting which considered Lent and Easter worship plans, began discussion of Reformation themes in worship, and began to discuss worship resources for worship variety.

--**Renovations committee reported** that it narrowed down the architectural firms being considered for the renovations and will be sending out Request for Proposals to the selected firms.

--**The pastors brought forward** a resolution being sent to Synod by Unity Lutheran, Bel-Nor, for consideration at synod assembly. More congregations are necessary to sign on to bring it forward. The particular resolution concerns study of becoming Sanctuary for Refugees and Immigrants. No action was taken.

--**Next meeting is April 18.**

## 2017 Council Members

The following are the council members serving Christ Lutheran for 2017 and the office/committees they chair.

Brett Bussler – Chair  
 Dave Austin – Vice President  
 Nancy Lissant – Secretary  
 Larry Hill – Treasurer  
 Rachel Helton – Worship Committee  
 Kersten Horn – Christian Education Committee  
 Peter Jordan – Property Committee  
 Jadee Lauer – Fellowship Committee  
 Jodi McCarty – Inreach Committee  
 Sherry Mitchler – Christian Service Committee  
 Susanne Reimer-Fey – Outreach Committee  
 Sherri Swanson – Youth Committee  
 Currently vacant – Stewardship Committee

## Synod Assembly Delegates

Each congregation of the Central States Synod-ELCA is eligible to send at least two delegates to the annual assembly. This year's assembly is June 8-10 at the Adam's Mark Hotel in Kansas City. "Growing in Hope" is the 2017 theme. ELCA Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton will be the keynote speaker and she will preach at the special closing worship on Saturday afternoon with a Reformation 500 theme at Atonement Lutheran, Overland Park. There will be workshops on the theme of the 500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the reformation and several service projects to select from. It begins on Thursday afternoon at 3:00 p. m. If you are interested in attending contact Pastor Penny or Keith.

## Reconciling in Christ

Stepping into the sanctuary on Sunday morning is one of the bright spots of my week. I am warmed and welcomed by the smiles and greetings from each of you. As a white, cis-gendered (someone who feels like my gender is aligned with the sex assigned to me at birth), straight woman, I have always felt welcomed in the church. However, this feeling of belonging has not been extended to all people in our community. People who identify as gay, lesbian, bi-sexual, transgender, or gender-non conforming (sometimes these identities are abbreviated as LGBTQ+; for more information on these definitions, please see <https://www.reconcilingworks.org/> have been told by many in the Christian community that they are not welcomed, that they are sinful, and that they need to change to be accepted.

Jesus radically welcomed and loved all people. Jesus' radical welcome and love inform our commitment to the Reconciling in Christ initiative to create an inclusive and affirming church. To reconcile, sometimes defined as restoring harmony, we need to have honest conversations, we need to learn, and we need to create a statement that affirms that people who are LGBTQ+, people with disabilities, people from different races and backgrounds, people with differing political ideas, and all those who have felt marginalized and shunned from the church are loved here.

While we consider ourselves a friendly congregation, having the RIC certification lessens the anxiety of folks who identify as LGBTQ+ who have not been here before and may have some fears about how they will be received. It

lets them know before they walk in the door that they will be welcomed and included in our community.

## How will we do this?

This spring, our adult education hour has focused on LGBTQ+ populations. We will continue to provide information to our church community in a variety of communication platforms. We want to have open hearted conversations with anyone who has questions or concerns about this process.

In May, the Inclusion Taskforce will present a draft affirmation statement for comment from the congregation.

In the fall, we will incorporate edits to the statement with a plan to bring the statement up for a churchwide vote at the Annual Meeting January 2018.

## What can you do?

Explore the Reconciling Works: Lutheran's for Full Participation website (<https://www.reconcilingworks.org/>). This website is a wealth of information with short videos answering, "clunky questions" about sexual orientation and gender identity, sample affirmations, and many more resources.

Prayerfully consider the Reconciling in Christ process and what you would want to see in an affirmation statement.

Reach out to a member of the inclusion taskforce for a conversation about your hopes and concerns regarding this process. Members include: Pastor Penny, Pastor Keith, Linda Griffith, John Hoffman, Flo Saeger, Katrina Lynn, Sherry Mitchler, Steve Mitchler, Katie Ciorba ([ciorbafamily@gmail.com](mailto:ciorbafamily@gmail.com)).

Join the inclusion taskforce.

Drop a question or concern in Katie Ciorba's mailbox at church—marked "Inclusion Taskforce" (in the hallway across from the offices).

--Katie Ciorba

## Gift of Baby Grand Piano Placed in Mead Center

We thank Erna Rog of Kirkwood for the donation of a lovely Chickering baby grand piano which sits now at the Mead Center. Erna, now in her 90's, has an interesting story about her migration from Latvia to the United States by way of Australia. Her husband, a physician, died some years ago.



## **Stephen Ministry Meeting Thursday, April 27th**

Mark Esker, Peer Support and Education Director for Burns Recovered, will be our speaker. Plan to join us for this informative presentation:

The mission of Burns Recovered is to assist burn survivors in their recovery, support medical facilities in the care of burns in Missouri and educate the public in burn awareness and prevention.

Burns Recovered (BRSG) was formed in 1983 by a group of burn survivors and members of the burn care team Mercy Medical Center.

Burns Recovered (BRSG) provides support for burn survivors and their families as well as community outreach to increase burn awareness and prevent burn injuries.

Our goal is to see every burn survivor live life to the fullest: without limitations, fear, or insecurity. Since 1983, we have provided hope and support for thousands of burn survivors and their loved ones through our peer support program as well as our residential camp for burn injured children. We are honored to partner with survivors, families, health care professionals, burn centers, fire departments, the business community, educators, and other support resources, to be an inspiring and liberating resource for burn survivors and their loved ones.

Working together, we help in the prevention and reduction of pain and suffering caused by burns and burn-related injuries. BRSG supports children and adults who have been injured by burns as they make the transition from burn victims to burn survivors.

Additionally, since 80% of burns are preventable (American Burn Association), we provide educational outreach to prevent further suffering, injury, and death from fire and burns.

## **Saint Claire & Saint Francis Ecumenical Catholic Community**

The Sts. Claire and Francis Ecumenical Catholic Community will begin using the Mead Center on a rental basis for worship in April. This group views themselves as Catholic, and upholds values which include male and female priests, open Communion, and shared priest and lay leadership. You can find out more about them at <https://scfecc.org/>

The Community has its office on Lockwood Ave. on the east side of Peace Evangelical Church, where they worship on Saturday evenings. They will be at the Mead Center on Maundy Thursday evening and Sundays at 9:00 a. m. starting on April 23 due to no space available at Peace Evangelical at those times. We welcome these fellow Christians to our Christ Lutheran space.

## **Lutheran Convalescent Home Auxiliary Annual Lenten Benefactor Appeal 2017**

The Lutheran Convalescent Home Auxiliary is currently conducting its annual Lenten Benefactor Appeal.

The Benefactor Fund assists in providing care for resident's living at the Lutheran Convalescent Home whose financial resources have been depleted. The Lutheran Convalescent Home is also known as the Laclede Groves Care Center. Gifts to this appeal are used 100% to help aging adults in need. An invitation to the annual Benefactor Luncheon will be extended to donors contributing \$100.00 or more per person by April. This elegant luncheon at the Greenbriar Country Club on Wednesday, April 20, 2017 is a "thank you" gift from an anonymous donor. As God enables and moves you, please send your contribution to: Lutheran Convalescent Home Auxiliary (Benefactor Fund), 723 S. Laclede Station Rd, St. Louis, MO 63119.

May God richly bless you and your congregation with joy in your ministry. Ken Fanger, President, The Lutheran Convalescent Home Auxiliary.

## **Easter Lilies for Sale**

A limited number of multi-bloom Easter Lilies are available for purchase for Easter Sunday display. Please make the number of lilies desired, enter the names of those you want remembered or honored, and note whether you will be taking the plants home after the Easter service. Place the completed form, along with your check (make 'Easter Lily' on the memo line) in the offering basket or return the form and check to the church office by Wed., April 12th. Cost is \$7.50 per plant.



## Lutheran School of Theology Spring 2017 Classes

Registration is now open for the Lutheran School of Theology, Spring 2017 Term courses for Laity and Clergy

“Being a Gospel-Centered Pastor in a Polarized World” One day workshop. Thursday, Apr 27, 9:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. Taught by the Rev. Dr. John Mann at Trinity Lutheran Church in Chesterfield, Mo. Tuition: \$37 by Apr. 13, \$42 after Apr. 13.

“The Impact of the Lutheran Reformation on Others” Four Tuesdays from May 2 to May 23, 7:00 – 9:30 p.m. Taught by the Rev. Dr. Warren Crews at Christ Lutheran Church in Webster

Groves, Mo. Tuition: \$59 by Apr. 18, \$64 after Apr. 18.

“Martin Luther and His Impact on Biblical Interpretation Today” One day workshop. Thursday, May 18, 9:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. Taught by the Rev. Dr. Matthew Becker at Aquinas Institute of Theology in St. Louis, Mo. Tuition: \$45 by May 4, \$50 after May 4.

Brochures with registration forms are in the LST poster in the narthex. For more information or for scholarship applications call the LST office at: (314) 918-2556 or email: registrar@lststl.org or call Penny/Keith Holste, Administrators at: (314) 962-0918.



## Save the date and invite a friend!

Join Christ Lutheran Church (CLC) members and friends

**Saturday, April 1st**

Indulge in the excitement of the men's college basketball semi-final games –

**LIVE on the BIG screen at the Mead Center.**

CLC will provide complimentary popcorn, hot dogs, water and soda, but feel free to BYOB and snacks. Other games and activities will be on hand as well.

More details and times to come! In the meantime, we encourage you to invite a friend and get excited for this unique and spirited Outreach event.



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## **APRIL 2017 Highlights**

- 04/01** 12:30 p.m.: **Communion** class—Fellowship Hall; 1:30-4:30 p.m. **EGGSTRAVAGANZA** egg decorating fun @Fellowship Hall ; 5:00 p.m.: **Final Four Party** at Mead Center Upper Room—Game times to be determine. Plenty of hot dogs & snacks, sodas and more.
- 04/02** 7:45 a.m.—12:15 p.m. Childcare available. 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.: Worship with Holy Communion. 1st Communion, Temple Talk, Dramatization of Gospel (10:30) 9:15 a.m.: Education Hour—Sunday School, Confirmation & Youth classes, Adult Forum , Book & Film Discussion. 9 & 11:35 a.m.: Fellowship time. 2017 7th & 8th graders Confirmation meeting (Stage area) ; Fellowship meeting.\ (Conference Room)
- 04/05** 6:00 p.m.: Lenten supper w/freewill offering. 7:00 p.m.: Midweek Lenten service. 7:45 p.m.: Christ Choir cantata rehearsal.
- 04/09** 7:45 a.m.—12:15 p.m. Childcare available. 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.: **Palm Sunday** Worship with Holy Communion. Procession from Columbarium.9:15 a.m.: Education Hour—Sunday School, Confirmation & Youth classes, Adult Forum, Book & Film discussion. 11:35 a.m.: Fellowship time .Celebrate April anniversaries & birthdays. 6 p.m.: Cluster Sr. Youth @ St. Mark's Lutheran.
- 04/13** **Maundy Thursday—7:00 p.m.** Lenten Service
- 04/14** **Good Friday—12 p.m.:** Service at Emmanuel Episcopal; 7:00 p.m.: **Service with cantata at Christ Lutheran.** .
- 04/16** **EASTER** 7:45 a.m.—12:15 p.m. Childcare available. 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.: Worship with Holy Communion—Easter Festival service. 9:00 a.m.: **Easter Brunch** in Fellowship Hall; 9:30 a.m.: **Easter Egg Hunt** for children in the Church Yard. 11:35 a.m.: Fellowship time.
- 04/18** 7:00 p.m.: Church Council meets—Conference Room
- 04/23** 7:45 a.m.—12:15 p.m. Childcare available. 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.: Worship with Holy Communion. 9:15 a.m.: Education Hour—Sunday School, Confirmation & Youth classes, Adult Forum & Book & Film Discussion. 11:35 a.m.: Fellowship time. 2:00—6:00 p.m. **Latvian Lutheran** Easter worship/fellowship. 6:00 p.m.: Cluster Sr. Youth @St. Thomas/Holy Spirit Lutheran Church.
- 04/30** 7:45 a.m.—12:15 p.m. Childcare available. 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.: Worship with Holy Communion. 9:15 a.m.: Education Hour—Sunday School, Confirmation & Youth classes, Adult Forum & Book & Film Discussion. 11:35 a.m.: Fellowship time.

## APRIL, 2017 "WHO-DO" LIST

### **DATE: April 2                      8:00 a.m.                      10:30 a.m. 5th Sunday in Lent**

<b>Key Person</b>	Jerry Kuziel	Joan O'Brien
<b>Assisting Minister</b>		John Hoffmann
<b>Acolyte</b>	John Hoffmann	Sam Allen
<b>Ushers</b>		Mike Hoyer / Bev Thompson
<b>Lector</b>	Susan Laughlin	Danielle Uy
<b>Presenters</b>	Sally & Jim Wachtman	Larry Neeb / Joan O'Brien
<b>Altar Guild</b>		Kathy Kuziel / Angela Bratcher
<b>Flowers</b>	Lent—No Flowers	
<b>Nursery</b>		Lynnae Tanner Ruff
<b>Counters</b>		Dave Austin / Joan O'Brien
<b>Refreshments</b>	Ellen Mead / Flo Saeger / Sharon Hornbeck / Carolyn Lange	

### **DATE: April 9                      8:00 a.m.                      10:30 a.m. Palm Sunday**

<b>Key Person</b>	Alan Richter	Keith Lissant
<b>Assisting Minister</b>		Carolyn Crowe
<b>Acolyte</b>	John Hoffmann	Hanna Lauer
<b>Ushers</b>		Jim Bennett / Ray McIntyre
<b>Lector</b>	Larry Hill	Jim Bennett
<b>Presenters</b>	Larry Hill / Susan Laughlin	Becca Jordan / Sylvia Rogers
<b>Altar Guild</b>		Keith & Nancy Lissant
<b>Flowers</b>	Palms	
<b>Nursery</b>		Lynnae Tanner Ruff
<b>Counters</b>		Jessica Gunther / Tore Stole
<b>Refreshments</b>	Carolyn Crowe / John Hoffmann / Sandra Hoyer / Katie & Tigerr Schleicher	

### **DATE: April 16                      8:00 a.m.                      10:30 a.m. Easter Sunday**

<b>Key Person</b>	Bill Scholle	Peter Jordan
<b>Assisting Minister</b>		Mark Roock
<b>Acolyte</b>	John Hoffmann	Paige Lauer
<b>Ushers</b>		Peter & Becca Jordan
<b>Lector</b>	Flo Saeger	Steve McCarty
<b>Presenters</b>	Flo & Vic Saeger	Donna Munger / Gale Nunn
<b>Altar Guild</b>		Janet Roock / Carolyn Lange
<b>Flowers</b>	Easter Lilies	
<b>Nursery</b>		Lynnae Tanner Ruff
<b>Counters</b>		Sarah Bender / Susan DeBusk / Judy Wessler
<b>Refreshments</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.: Easter Brunch served by Youth</b>	
	Suzie McIntyre / Janet Roock / Judy Wessler	

### **DATE: April 23                      8:00 a.m.                      10:30 a.m. 2nd Sunday of Easter**

<b>Key Person</b>	John Hoffmann	Mike Hoyer
<b>Assisting Minister</b>		Sandra Hoyer
<b>Acolyte</b>	John Hoffmann	TBA
<b>Ushers</b>		Mike Hoyer / Joan O'Brien
<b>Lectors</b>	John Hoffmann	Ed Mansour
<b>Presenters</b>	Sally & Jim Wachtman	Kristin & Mike Hill Family
<b>Altar Guild</b>		Sally Wachtman / Sandra Hoyer
<b>Flowers</b>	Easter Lilies	
<b>Nursery</b>		Lynnae Tanner Ruff
<b>Counters</b>		Joan O'Brien / Ed Mansour
<b>Refreshments</b>	Alena Horn / Jadee Lauer / Sarah Ringkor / Lynnae Tanner Ruff	

### **DATE: April 30                      8:00 a.m.                      10:30 a.m. 3rd Sunday of Easter**

<b>Key Person</b>	Bill Griffith	Matt Bender
<b>Assisting Minister</b>		Emma Austin
<b>Acolyte</b>	John Hoffmann	TBA
<b>Ushers</b>		Larry Neeb / Roger Rose
<b>Lector</b>	Larry Hill	Jodi McCarty
<b>Presenters</b>	Larry Hill / Susan Laughlin	The Bender Family
<b>Altar Guild</b>		Sarah & Matt Bender
<b>Flowers</b>		Sarah Bender
<b>Nursery</b>		Lynnae Tanner Ruff
<b>Counters</b>		Sarah Bender / Bev Thompson
<b>Refreshments</b>	Angela Bratcher / Harriet Scholle / Sally Wachtman	

# April 2017

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						<b>1</b> 12:30p Communion Class 1:30p Eggstravaganza egg decorating 4:30p Final Four Game Day, Mead Center
<b>2</b> 7:45a-12:15p Childcare 8 & 10:30a Worship 1st Communion., Lazarus drama 9 & 11:35a Fellowship & Blood pressure checks 9:15a Education Hour 11:35a Confirmation	<b>3</b> 11a Conscious Body Alignment 12p Senior Fellowship	<b>4</b> 10a Pastor's Text Study 10 Bible Study	<b>5</b> 11:30a Chapel Service @Provision Living-WG 6p Lenten Supper 7p Lenten service 7:45p Choir	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> 8a Crooners rehearsal 8:30a Choir cantata rehearsal
<b>9</b> Palm Sunday 7:45a-12:15p Childcare 8 & 10:30a Worship—Process in 9a Flower Team 9 & 11:35a Fellowship Celebrate anniversaries/birthdays 9:15a Education Hour 6p Cluster Sr. High @	<b>10</b> 11a Conscious Body Alignment 12p Senior Fellowship	<b>11</b> 10a Pastor's Text Study 10 Bible Study	<b>12</b> 10a Bible Study @Laclede Groves 7:30p Choir cantata rehearsal	<b>13</b> Maundy Thursday 6p Sts. Claire & Francis @Mead 7p Maundy Thursday service w/confession & ritual washing. Holy Communion	<b>14</b> Good Friday 12 noon Service @Emmanuel Episcopal 7p Service w/cantata,	<b>15</b>
<b>16</b> EASTER 7:45a-12:15p Childcare 8 & 10:30a Worship 9a Easter Brunch 9:30a Children's Easter Egg Hunt—church yard	<b>17</b> 11a Conscious Body Alignment 12p Senior Fellowship	<b>18</b> 10a Pastor's Text Study 10 Bible Study 7p Church Council meets	<b>19</b> 10a Bible Study @Laclede Groves	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>23</b> 7:45a-12:15p Childcare 8 & 10:30a Worship 9 & 11:35a Fellowship 9:15a Education Hour 9a Sts. Claire & Francis @Mead 2-6p Latvian Lutheran Easter worship 6p Cluster Sr. High	<b>24</b> 11a Conscious Body Alignment 12p Senior Fellowship	<b>25</b> 10a Pastor's Text Study 10 Bible Study	<b>26</b> 10a Bible Study @Laclede Groves	<b>27</b> 7p Stephen Ministers support meeting—Conference Room	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>
<b>30</b> 7:45a-12:15p Childcare 8 & 10:30a Worship 9 & 11:35a Fellowship 9:15a Education Hour						