



ONE IN CHRIST

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April Worship Schedule

Sunday worship is held at 8:00 and 10:30 am with Sunday School and Adult Forum at 9:15 am. Coffee fellowship follows the 10:30 am service.

Please take note of the continuation of the Lenten Journey services on Sunday and Wednesday coming up, and the Holy Week schedule planned as opportunities for your spiritual enrichment. This is also an excellent time to invite friends and relatives to join us.

Wednesday, April 3 6:00 pm Dinner; 7:00 pm Evening Vespers: *The Journey Continues... Becoming Agents of Reconciliation*, Phil Doeschot, preaching, Mark Roock, cantoring

Sunday, April 7 Fifth Sunday in Lent, 8:00 am & 10:30 am Worship: *The Journey Continues... Losing in Order To Gain*, Stephanie Doeschot, preaching, Mark Roock, presiding

Wednesday, April 10 6:00 pm Dinner, 7:00 pm Evening Vespers: *The Journey Continues... Recognizing God's Ways*, Stephanie Doeschot, preaching; Diane Drollinger, cantoring

Sunday, April 14 Sunday of the Passion, Palm Sunday - 8:00 and 10:30 am Worship: *The Journey Continues... Cultivating Humility*, Stephanie Doeschot preaching, Mark Roock, presiding

April 18 Maundy Thursday, 7:00 pm worship

April 19 Good Friday services: 12:00 pm Holy Eucharist and Reading of the Passion at Emmanuel Episcopal Church, 9 S. Bompart Ave, Webster Groves

7:00 pm Choral Cantata Tenebrae Service (jointly with Emmanuel Episcopal) at Christ Lutheran Church. The Christ Cantata Choir will sing "Suffering Servant" by K. Lee Scott.

Easter

Celebration services will be at 8:00 and 10:30 a. m. A breakfast to which all are invited will be served at 9:00 a. m. and an Easter egg hunt for the children will be held at approximately 9:30 a. m. Children will be admitted to the hunt by age group.

Sunday, April 21 Resurrection of our Lord, Easter Day services, 8:00 and 10:30 am, Stephanie Doeschot, preaching and presiding

Sunday, April 28 Second Sunday of Easter, 8:00 and 10:30 am, Stephanie Doeschot, preaching, Jim Bennett, presiding

Pastor's Word

Since this column is titled "Pastor's Word," I'll make Metamorphosis be the word for April. Change is all around us, most easily seen in the transformation of the trees, bushes and flowers leafing out and bursting into color. As we have been journeying through Lent and continue to do so for a few more weeks, we have hopefully been changed by God's Spirit to be more aware of our human frailties and need for God and also to more deeply appreciating the grace of God in Christ always present with us and providing the nourishment and companionship that we need on this journey of life.

Soon we will reach Holy Week with all of its sights, sounds, thoughts and feelings. May we again be changed during that time, as we move through the passion of our Lord from the sorrow of the crucifixion to the joy of Resurrection. These are not merely theological concepts but are rich signposts in our faith journeys to experience and appreciate anew the greatness of our God in providing for us forgiveness and an everlasting hope. I look forward to observing these sacred times with you as we seek to see how God brings metamorphosis into our lives and into the life of the congregation.

As you know, metamorphosis when observed in the life cycle of a monarch butterfly includes these stages: egg, larva, pupa and adult. Really only the final stage looks beautiful; getting there is one challenge after another. Similarly, we are all people at various stages of our spiritual development, struggling at times and celebrating at times, but fortunately always under our Creator's watchful care.

Even as change occurs around us and within us, I hope we can all remember that God's faithfulness endures from generation to generation. We may say that the only constant is change, but it's really true that there are two constants: change in circumstances AND God's faithfulness. In the midst of the changes we experience, God is always at work within us. We are daily being transformed as it says in II Corinthians 3:18: "All of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into God's image from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit."

Thanks be to God!
Pastor Stephanie



Adult Forum

April 7 Roger Rose and Janet Roock will facilitate a discussion of *"Inspired: Slaying Giants, Walking on Water, and Loving the Bible Again"* by Rachel Held Evans. Ms Evans, a memoirist, tells of her faith journey away from the fundamentalist biblical interpretation of her youth toward accepting the Bible as it is rather than what she—or others—want it to be. (Rescheduled from March 3)

April 14 How Orthodox Christian's Celebrate the Passion of Christ. Harriet Scholle will guide us through the Eastern Church's traditions during Holy Week. Their Easter is on a different day than ours, and that is only one of the differences. But similarities abound. How can our journey through the persecution, death and resurrection of Jesus be enhanced by seeing their practices?

April 21 Easter Sunday—No adult forum

April 28 Sherri Holzhausen of Lutheran Senior Services will tell us about the agency's effort to provide affordable Senior Housing and LSS services to those who need home health care, assisted living, or hospice.

Devotions for the Unemployed

In August of 2018, a book of devotions was published that is expressly related to unemployment. It is called How Long, O Lord, How Long? and is written by St. Louisan Dale Kreienkamp, a Human Resources executive and consultant. It is an easy-to-read, faith-based guide for responding to the emotions, fears and challenges that can accompany unemployment. Each two-page devotion presents examples from the author's own job loss experiences, along with relevant Biblical references and an account of the strength and hope he received from his faith. Also included are practical, reasonable suggestions for transitioning to new employment opportunities. At the following youtube link, the author shares a brief introduction to the book and his reasons for writing it: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yGKPfSe_DNk

"The same month this book came out, I learned that my department at work was to be partially outsourced and my position was one of several to be eliminated in the process. So, I have been reading it from the perspective of a soon-to-be-unemployed worker and have found it to be very helpful, encouraging and inspirational. I recommend it, if either you or someone you love is in an employment transition."

Susan DeBusk

CLC HIGHLIGHTS

Christ Lutheran First Friends Program

Interested in helping new members acclimate to Christ Lutheran? Have you been a First Friend in the past and want to remain so? Send an email to CLC.inreach@gmail.com for more information!

St. Patrick's Day Luncheon

Thanks to all who served us such a wonderful meal on March 17th, St. Patrick's Day. A special "thank you" goes to Keith Lissant who cooked the entire meal enjoyed by all in attendance. Another special treat was enjoying the Irish dancers from the Clark Academy of Irish Dance. Our own Megan Eftink (dancer on the left) danced beautifully and inspired us with her artisanship.



PARKING CHANGE AT CLC MAY 3rd & 4th

Dear Christ Lutheran Church

Webster Groves High School will be putting on the Jim Schoemehl Run, benefiting ALS, on May 4th, 2019 at 7:30 AM. The street your church is on has been selected for part of the race course, and will be blocked starting at 5:00 AM on the day of the race. We have reserved the Webster Groves School District Central Office parking lot for your staff and visitors convenience from May 3rd at approximately 5:30 PM until after the race concludes on May 4th at approximately 11:30 AM. If you have any questions please contact Parker Bont at jims5krun@gmail.com with the subject "Parking Arrangements."

Sincerely,
Public Safety Committee

Community Ministries



Creation Care Workshop

Saturday, April 27, 2019

\$15 per person includes materials, lunch and snacks

St. Andrew's Lutheran Church 914 West Blvd S.,
Columbia, MO 65203

Gathering at 9:00 am Workshop from 9:30 to 4:00 pm

Everyone is invited to attend the day-long Creation Care Workshop led by members of the *Central States Synod Lutherans Restoring Creation Mission Table*. Learn how to incorporate creation care into your congregation's

- **Worship life**
- **Educational programs**
- **Discipleship of members at home/work**
- **Buildings and grounds**
- **Public ministry and advocacy.**

For more information, contact Noni Strand,
LRC Mission Table Chair, at
nonistrand@gmail.com.

LRC WORKSHOP

<http://www.css-elca.org/lrc>

Saturday, April 27, 2019 • St. Andrew's Lutheran Church

The Lutheran Convalescent Home Auxiliary is currently conducting its Annual Lenten Benefactor Appeal. The Benefactor Fund assists those residents living at Laclede Groves Care Center whose financial resources have been depleted. With spiraling health care costs, the aim of this fundraiser is to contribute to the growing gap between the amount Medicaid pays for eligible residents and the actual cost of their care. One hundred percent of your gifts go directly to this Lenten Appeal.

An invitation to the annual Benefactor Luncheon on Wednesday, May 1st at Greenbriar Country Club will be extended to each donor contributing \$100 or more by April 25th. To ensure your gift goes to supporting our Laclede Groves Care Center residents, an anonymous donor sponsors this event.

Please make checks payable to: LCH Benefactor Fund and mail to
723 S. Laclede Station Rd., Webster Groves, MO 63119.

Thank you for your support,
Grace Truemper, President

Breakfast with the INN Crowd

Friday, May 10th, 2019 8-10a.m.
Renaissance St. Louis Airport Hotel

To benefit Room at the Inn-helping break down barriers for homeless women and families.

For more information: roomstl.org/events
maryk@roomstl.org, 314-209-9181

ANNIVERSARIES AND BIRTHDAYS!

Congratulations and Best Wishes! Your Christ Lutheran family wants to celebrate you! Every month we honor anniversaries and birthdays with a special cake, party fun, and decorations after the service. This month we will celebrate on Sunday April 7, 2019.

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
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
04/10	Lena Helton
04/11	Steve Mitchler
04/13	Emily & Luke Bender, Szu-Ching Fu, Kaylee Glascock, Sherri Swanson
04/14	John Zempel
04/15	Kim Donermeyer
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, Ella Knapp
04/29	Richard Emery, Seannah McCarty

APRIL 2019 "WHO-DO" LIST

April 7	8:00 a.m.	10:30 a.m.
Key Person	Alan Richter	Matt Bender
Assisting Minister		Sandy Hoyer
Acolyte	John Hoffmann	Hanna Lauer
Ushers		Brett Bussler/Annika Bartek
Lector	Larry Hill	Joe Bartek
Presenters	Jim & Sally Wachtman	Matt & Sarah Bender
Altar Guild		Matt & Sarah Bender
Flower Team		Lent
Nursery		Lynnae Ruff
Counters		Susan DeBusk/Joan O' Brien
Refreshments	Erin Eftink/Sarah Kiefer/Janet Roock/Judy Wessler	
April 14	8:00 a.m.	10:30 a.m.
Key Person	John Hoffmann	Mike Hoyer
Assisting Minister		Kersten Horn
Acolyte	Shalom Yee	James Gilliland
Ushers		Jim Bennett/Mike Hoyer
Lector	Flo Saeger	Roger Rose
Presenters	Linda Elkin/Mark Smith	Gale Nunn/Donna Munger
Altar Guild		Carolyn Lange/Janet Roock
Flower Team		Lillies
Nursery		Lynnae Ruff
Counters		Dave Austin/Susan DeBusk
Refreshments	Carolyn Crowe/John Hoffmann/Sandy Hoyer	
April 21	8:00 a.m.	10:30 a.m.
Key Person	Vic Saeger	Keith Lissant
Assisting Minister		Carolyn Crowe
Acolyte	John Hoffmann	Thomas Allen and David Ciorba
Ushers		Peter & Becca Jordan
Lector	Vic Saeger	Kersten Horn
Presenters	Larry Hill	Peter & Becca Jordan
Altar Guild		Kathy Kuziel/Angela Bratcher
Flower Team		Lent
Nursery		Lynnae Ruff
Counters		Joan O'Brien/Dave Fey
Refreshments		Easter Breakfast
April 28	8:00 a.m.	10:30 a.m.
Key Person	John Hoffmann	Mike Hoyer
Assisting Minister		Rachel Helton
Acolyte	Nesiah Yee	Isaac Helton
Ushers		Bob & Joan O'Brien
Lector	John Hoffmann	Sarah Bender
Presenters	Vice & Flo Saeger	Gale Nunn/Sylvia Rogers
Altar Guild		Matt & Sarah Bender
Flower Team		Ellen Mead/ Joan Rivas
Nursery		Lynnae Ruff
Counters		Joan O'Brien/Dave Austin
Refreshments	Alena Horn/Jadee Lauer/Sarah Ringkor/Lynnae Tanner Ruff	

Thank you to Dave Fey for designing and producing the posters we are now sharing with all who enter that we are a welcoming congregation.

All are welcome.

Welcome to Christ Lutheran Church!

We are a growing church community that welcomes, and affirms all who seek God's grace. The world is often an unloving place, but, as Christ has shown his love for us, we pledge to show love to one another. Members of Christ Lutheran humbly strive to create wholeness, inclusion, justice, understanding and healing in a world divided.

We affirm that in Christ,

**“there is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free,
there is neither male nor female (Galatians 3:28).**

Christ has made us one.

People of **ALL** sexual orientations, gender identities, ethnic and racial backgrounds, economic conditions, people who are differently abled, and all who feel excluded, are embraced and celebrated at Christ Lutheran Church.



A RECONCILING IN CHRIST CONGREGATION

We want to thank Sarah Bender for this beautiful arrangement she created. Although service was cancelled on Transfiguration Sunday we didn't want everyone to miss this masterpiece!



Sankofa is an opportunity to understand our racial history, acknowledging where we've been, and opening our hearts and minds to the reconciliation and healing God is calling us into.

The journey includes stops at sites relevant in St. Louis' racial story - from Mary Meachum's Freedom Crossing and the Old Courthouse to the Michael Brown Memorial on Canfield Drive. It's a time to learn about and discuss the racial past that has brought us into today. It's an opportunity for honest, vulnerable, authentic conversations between black and white, educating each other, understanding our shared history, and truly listening with the intention of moving forward, TOGETHER. It's not only a journey of historical relevance, but a journey for us to move head knowledge to heart action and make an impactful change in our world today.

The Journey will take place on Saturday, April 13, 2019 beginning at 8:30 AM. The cost for this event is \$30 and includes transportation around St. Louis, lunch at St. Louis Baptist Church, and dinner during our debriefing session at Renewing Life Church.

Please contact Pastor Stephanie at pastor@christwg.org for more information.

SAVE THESE DATES!

Choir practice will be held at 7:30 p.m. April 3, 10 and 17.

Wednesday, April 1– 7:00 p.m. Worship team meeting.

Wednesday, April 3 and 10– 6:00 p.m. Lenten supper and 7pm worship.

Sunday, April 7th and 28th – 4:00 p.m. Confirmation Class at St. Mark's.

Sunday, April 13th – 11:00 a.m. Celebration of Life service for Dave Hopper at Concordia Center, 505 S. Kirkwood Rd., Kirkwood, MO, 63122.

Sunday, April 14th – 6:00 p.m. HS Youth Cluster meet at Trinity in Kirkwood.

Tuesday, April 16th – 7:00 p.m. Church Council meeting.

Thursday, April 18th – 7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday service.

Friday, April 19th – Good Friday worship 12 p.m. Holy Eucharist & Reading of the Passion at Emmanuel WG, and 7pm Choral Cantata Tenebrae service at Christ Lutheran.

Sunday, April 21st – Easter services at 8 & 10:30am, 9a.m. Easter Breakfast and 9:30 a.m. Easter Egg Hunt. **No SS or adult forum.**

Sunday, April 28th – Middle and HS Youth bowling at Tropicana Lanes.



2018-2019 ELCA South Cluster Youth Schedule

Sunday, April 7th	St. Mark's	4pm	Confirmation class
Sunday, April 14th	Trinity in Kirkwood, MO	6-8pm	High School Youth
Sunday, April 28th	Bowling at Tropicana Lanes		Middle & High School

GIVE-A-MEAL-A-MONTH

APRIL, 2019

Canned turkey or chicken

Brown rice or plain instant mashed potatoes

Canned corn

No sugar applesauce in plastic container

Powdered milk or shelf-stable boxed milk or soy milk

Optional kid friendly food: Peanut Butter and fruit jelly, Macaroni & cheese, dried fruits.

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. Diapers, wipes, and formula are always welcome. Thank you for remembering your neighbors.



April 2018

Sun**Mon****Tue****Wed****Thu****Fri****Sat**

	1 12p Sr. Fellowship at Laclede Groves 6p Fitness Group 7p Worship Team meeting	2 10a Bible Text Study – Conference Rm 10a Bible Study	3 6p Lenten Supper 7p Lenten worship 7:30p Choir practice	4 6p Fitness Group	5	6
7 7:45a Childcare 8:00 and 10:30a Worship 9:15a SS (Mead), and Adult forum in fellowship hall. 11:45a Coffee Fel- lowship, BP Screen 4p Confirmation class at St. Mark's	8 12p Sr. Fellowship at Laclede Groves 6p Fitness Group	9 10a Bible Text Study – Conference Rm 10a Bible Study– Fellowship Hall	10 6p Lenten Supper 7p Lenten worship 7:30p Choir practice	11 6p Fitness Group	12	13 11am Celebration of Life Service for Dave Hopper at Concordia Center, 505 S. Kirkwood Rd, Kirkwood MO 63122
14 Palm Sunday 7:45a Childcare 8:00 and 10:30a Worship 9:15a SS at Mead, and adult forum. 11:45a Coffee Fel- lowship 6p HS Youth at Trinity in Kirkwood	15 12p Sr. Fellowship at Laclede Groves 6p Fitness Group	16 10a Bible Text Study – Conference Rm 10a Bible Study– Fellowship Hall 7:00p Church Coun- cil meeting	17 7:30p Choir practice	18 7p Maundy Thurs- day service 6p Fitness Group	19 Good Friday 12p Holy Eucharist & Reading of the Passion at Emman- uel 7p Choral Cantata Tenebrae Service at CLC	20
21 Easter 7:45a Childcare 8:00 and 10:30a Worship 9:15a No SS and Adult forum 9a Easter Breakfast in fellowship hall 9:30a Easter Egg Hunt	22 12p Sr. Fellowship at Laclede Groves 6p Fitness Group	23 10a Bible Text Study – Conference Rm 10a Bible Study– Fellowship Hall	24	25 6p Fitness Group	26	27
28 7:45a Childcare 8:00 and 10:30a Worship 9:15a SS (Mead), and adult forum. 11:45a Coffee Fel- lowship 4p Confirmation class at St. Mark's Youth Bowling at Tropicana Lanes	29 12p Sr. Fellowship at Laclede Groves 6p Fitness Group	30 10a Bible Text Study – Conference Rm 10a Bible Study– Fellowship Hall				



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WORSHIP SCHEDULE:
SUNDAY AT 8:00 A.M. AND
10:30 A.M.
CHILDCARE:
7:45 A.M. - NOON

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:
TUES/THUR 8:30-3:30.
WED/FRI 8:00-4:00

RESIDENT INTERIM PASTOR
PASTOR STEPHANIE
DOESCHOT OFFICE HOURS:
TUE-THUR 8:00-4:00, APPTS BY
ARRANGEMENT

COUNCIL PRESIDENT:
KEVIN DROLLINGER

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MARK ROOCK

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FAITH COMMUNITY NURSE:
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KELLY LAKIES

WEBMASTER:
PERRY YEE

Dear Friends in the Central States Synod,

An election for synod bishop is held every six years, which makes this summer's assembly especially impactful. This letter is to inform you, members of the Central States Synod, that I will not be a candidate for re-election to the office of bishop. Instead, I will retire at the conclusion of my current term, which is at the end of August.

We have carried out faithful and vital ministry together over these past almost-six years. Christ has been proclaimed. His liberating gospel of grace and forgiveness has taken flesh in your actions. Lives have been changed with his love.

I thank you for your faithfulness through these years. In the midst of all of the changes in our church and world, we remain strong in our commitment to one another and to the Christ who steadies us beyond our knowing. And more importantly, we are held in the strong embrace of God who loves us unconditionally. In that basic truth, we rejoice as people of hope.

Rev. Roger Gustafson, Bishop
Central States Synod
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

Christ Lutheran Church Mission Statement

**Deepening people's connection to Christ,
Bringing meaning to daily life, and
making a difference in our community.**